



Internal Quality Assurance Cell

Best Practice

- **Title of the Best Practice:** Institutional Commitment towards Sustainable Development Goals

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals by its resolution A/RES/70/1 of 25th September 2015. Sustainable Development Goals aim at ending all forms of poverty, fighting inequalities, tackling climate change and granting peace and prosperity by 2030. All the higher education institutions have their duties beyond the boundaries of their campuses too. The institution has been successfully shouldering its social and global responsibilities by navigating its activities in the direction of these Sustainable Development Goals.

- **Objectives of the Practice:**

- To develop in students the understanding and awareness of complex global issues
- To strengthen the sense of togetherness by working towards the same objective
- To strive for the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- To help carry the promise of a better world forward.
- To make the students sensitive human beings aware of their responsibilities at various levels

- **The Context**

One of the missions of the institution is “To develop in students the understanding and awareness of complex global issues and the core competencies to overcome them.” In pursuance of our mission, the college has been orienting its activities towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals. Although, modest in substance, our efforts propagate our belief in ‘*Vasudhaiv kutumbakam*’ and give us a sense of fulfilment. The activities conducted within the campus and outside the campus support our steps towards these goals. The activities carried out by the two units of NSS, two wings of NCC, Swami Vivekananda Career Counselling Cell and Eco Club have given a new impetus to it. The activities are also supported by students and teachers furthering the cause in collaboration with a number of government and non-government organisations.

▪ **The Practice:**

A brief overview of some of the activities conducted within and outside the campus will validate our claim of institutional commitment to these goals.

Goal 1: No Poverty



Goal 2: Zero Hunger



Institutional aim “to provide holistic education capable of developing employability” contributes to the goal of No Poverty and Zero Hunger. A large number of skill development programmes, short term job-oriented training programmes and the incubation centre develop the skills of the students, enhance the employability of the students and thus aim at reducing poverty and hunger. Various scholarships are given to students coming from ESDGs. Sometimes the faculty members pay the admission fee and the examination fee of the poor students. Faculty members along with the students visit remote villages and slum areas, donate clothes, books, food items and other items of daily use.

Since profitable agriculture, economic self-dependence and improved nutrition are directly related to one another, during the seven day camps of NSS units and during the visits to adopted villages, the welfare policies of government are disseminated to the villages to help them start self-employment and adopt resilient and sustainable agricultural practices.

Goal 3 Good Health and Well-being



Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation



Keeping the dictum of ‘Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body’ in mind, the college gives equal importance to the good health and well-being of students and staff. Clean water and sanitation are essential components for good health and well-being, so cleanliness is ensured in the campus and the nearby villages. Yoga and Meditation, sports and games are regular activities of the institution. Doctors are invited to conduct medical check-up for both students and staff. Programmes such as ‘*Shudhhake Liye Yuddha*’, ‘Nutrition Week’ ‘Fit India Campaign’, ‘AIDS Awareness Programme’, ‘Hair Donation for Cancer Patients’,

‘Vaccination drives’, ‘Cleanliness Drives’ ‘Blood Donation Camps’, ‘Awareness about Family Planning’, ‘Awareness for Sanitation’ ‘De-addiction Campaign’ are conducted.

‘Anti-tobacco Day,’ ‘Traffic Security Week’ are celebrated to safeguard the lives of the human beings.

Mental Health Workshops, Yoga and Meditation, Mentor-mentee Scheme and Counselling facility are there for stress management. Visits to Anganwadi centres and old age homes also provide first-hand knowledge of the burning issues of malnutrition and well-being along with the understanding of their solutions.

The vaccination centre established in the institution, during the COVID-19, ensured the vaccination of thousands of people and achieved the goal of hundred percent vaccinations of the college staff and students. The volunteers of NSS served incessantly during the pandemic without caring for their lives, distributing essentials such as masks, clothes, eatables, medicines and spreading awareness through various ways against the fatal disease.

Goal 4 Quality Education



With the introduction of NEP-2020, eight vocational, sixteen elective, a number of certificate, add on, value added, courses have been started to provide inter-disciplinary options and academic flexibility. The college has opened its Local Chapter on SWAYAM NPTEL. To promote research culture in the institution, the IQAC motivates the advanced learners and faculty to register for PhD, write research papers and participate in seminars and conferences. Experiential, participative and, collaborative learning is ensured through Field Project, Internship, Apprenticeship and Community Engagement. Study tours, field trips, expert lectures, classroom seminars, peer teaching, problem solving, group discussions and many other methods have enriched the learning experience of the students. Teachers use ICT to make learning more individualised, creative and dynamic. The teachers have participated in the FDP on E-Content Development and have developed e-content for the LMS of DHE, Go MP.

**Goal 5
Gender Equality**



**Goal 10
Reduced Inequality**



**Goal 16
Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**



The vision of the institution is to serve humanity through inclusive, equitable, value-based quality education. The college ensures equal access for all to affordable quality education.

Implementation of reservation policy in admission, provision of various scholarships to students, books and stationery to the students from SC, ST category, *Awaz Yojana* and many other scholarships and welfare schemes of state and central government help in providing equal access to education and reduce inequality.

- Community service programmes on the themes such as '*Beti bachao, beti padhao*', POSCO Act, dowry, child marriages, human trafficking and violence against women ensure public access to rules and regulations and help in reducing gender-based and other forms of inequalities.
- Celebration of days such as International Women's Day, Human Rights Day, Aids Awareness Programme and committees such as Anti-ragging Committee, Internal Complaint Committee, Discipline Committee, Anti-sexual Harassment Committee, Human Rights Cell promote equality and ensure peace and justice in the institution.
- Youth as Champions of Child Protection, Intuition training programmes for visually-challenged students national webinar on disability rights.
- Promotion and enforcement of non-discriminatory laws and policies are helpful in reducing corruption, ensuring responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making, and developing accountable and transparent institution.

Goal 13: Climate Action



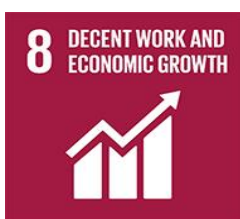
Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy



Steps for the achievement of goals:

- Green Audit, Energy Audit and Environment Audit, roof water harvesting, installation of solar panels, use of energy efficient appliances and bulbs
- Plantation drives, cleanliness drives, signage for energy conservation, campaigns for polythene free society, 'BoribandhaN' programme, mounting earthen water pots for birds on the trees in summer season, celebration of Earth Day, Sparrow Day, Water Day
- Waste management and reduction of their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment
- Reduced waste generation through reduction, recycling and reuse through various ways such as the competition on "best out of waste"
- Workshops, seminars, invited lectures and competitions on climate issues such as biodiversity, environment pollution, soil conservation, water conservation, energy conservation, global warming, efficient use of natural resources, disaster management etc.

Goal 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth



Goal 9 Sustainable Cities and Communities



The institution has been contributing to these goals by following steps

- Skill development courses, short-term job-oriented courses, vocational courses, field visits, study tours and industrial visits help in creating job opportunities and entrepreneurship. The alumni of our college are holding prestigious positions across the country.
- Augmentation of resilient infrastructure with access to ICT including affordable access to the internet provides effective learning environment to work and grow for all.
- Activities are conducted for eradicating child labour, forced labour and human trafficking.

Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals



- Effective partnership through MoUs and collaboration with institutions, small scale industries, government and non- government organisations such as Art of Living, Lions Club and Youth Hostel mobilise and share knowledge, expertise, technology and other resources to support the achievement of these SDGs.

- **Evidence of Success:**

The augmented infrastructure, increased facilities, adopted policies, innovative curricular and cocurricular activities, self-less community services during seven days' NSS camps and summer internships, adoption of villages, collaborative activities through MoUs, field projects, internships, apprenticeships and community engagements have been the stepping stones towards the direction of most of the SDGs. The institution has spread awareness about multiple essential issues. The outcome is perceived in increased economic self-dependence, literacy and awareness as well as in decreased diseases, abstention from alcoholism and eradication of social evils. The innumerable campaigns carried out by the institution during the elections and the pandemic have resulted in notable increase in voting percentage and reduced cases of COVID-19. Service to humanity is engrained in the ethos of the institution. Institution's efforts to perform activities with the aim of doing its responsibilities for the attainment of SDGs have left an indelible impact on the the society which constitutes a small unit of the world. The institution is committed to continue this best practice till the achievement these goals. The institution dreams of a world where there will be no poverty, no inequality, no climate hazards and when there will be love, compassion, happiness, prosperity and serenity all around.

- **Problem Encountered and Resources Required:**

- While students from nearby villages can easily adopt practices for sustainable development goals, time constraints sometimes pose challenges.
- A large number of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers are needed to bring the change.
- Financial support is also an essential requisite.
