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1. **Title of the practice:** Empowering the community through the College Initiatives

2. Objectives of the Practice

- Identifying the community resources and empowering the underprivileged of the area.
- To constantly work for an inclusive atmosphere in terms of ethos and heritage of the place.
- To make the community people aware of the local social issues through workshops, seminars etc.
- To take initiatives on gender equity and women empowerment.

3. The Context

The College was established at Hajo with a vision to empower the rural masses, with contribution of every individual of the locality. Therefore, the college has made constant efforts to fulfill this vision of those noble souls through its set missions.

A society thrives when harmony and inclusiveness exist. Hajo, a meeting place for Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam, epitomizes communal harmony and mutual existence. The college aspires to become a catalyst for such communal harmony.

4. The Practice

- As a mark of our commitment to the society, the Principal of the college, Dr.Hiranaya Kumar Sarma, donated 31 no. of *Koth*(traditional seats for devotees prepared from dried Banana stems) to the HayagrivaMadhava Temple authorities of Hajo on 05/11/2023 and 13/11/2023.
- The college has adopted the Kaibartatola village of Hajo. An Extension activity was done by the students of the Dept. of Education at V.P. Kaibartola L.P. School to enrich with various teaching skills.
- Two numbers of schools in the locality were adopted where various activities were undertaken.
- World Environment Day, 2023 was jointly celebrated by the Geography Department, Suren Das College, Hajo and HajoAryabhata Science Centre at Hajo Boys' Sr. Basic School on 5/6/2023.
- A survey was conducted on the topic entitled “**Status of Women of Kumarpara Village in the Pottery Industry of Hajo**” was carried out jointly by the Geography Department and IP Cell on 29/04/2024.

- The Department of Physics organized an extension activity in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) at Hajo Adarsha Vidyapith High School.
- The college library has a good stock of books. The community people are also allowed to avail the library facilities when required.
- To promote an inclusive environment, every year, the college celebrates different festivals with community people. The college also offers cooperation to the programmes organized by the community. The Principal of the college was invited to hoist the Flag of *Brihattar Hajo Rongali Bihu Sanmilani, 2024*.

5. Evidence of Success

- Community-centric activities carried out by the college have grown a healthy relationship between the College and the community people.
- The community people have always encouraged the students to enroll this college instead of choosing any other college in the neighborhood.
- The programmes conducted with community people have helped them to understand the issues of present day world.
- The two-storied science building of the College donated by No.1 GaonPanchayat Samabay Samiti shows the deep attachment of the community to the College.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- Lack of adequate strength of teachers in organizing various programmes during working days. Community centric programmes may therefore be organized at the College.
- Lack of sufficient funds to organize programmes. Support from the Govt., local Govt. bodies and NGOs are necessary.
- Low participation of the community people in the programmes conducted by the college. So, motivation among them is a must.

1. Title of the Practice: Eco-Friendly Green Campus

2. Objectives of the Practice

- Organization of environmental awareness programmes in the college and locality to raise awareness of environmental sustainability.
- Plantation of perennial, seasonal and medicinal plants in the campus.
- Focus on making the college campus a tobacco and plastic-free zone and proper disposal of various wastes.
- Promoting the use of bio-fertilizers in the campus.
- Encouraging the use of alternate and eco-friendly sources of energy.

5. The Context

Human beings are destroying the earth's natural resources to fulfill their ever-growing demands. As a result, today, we are facing several environmental problems. The green campus concept helps to improve the environmental condition of the college. In this context students, faculty and other staff are encouraged to work together to foster an eco-friendly environment along with a culture of self-sustainability. Besides, the college has taken the necessary steps to ensure a cleaner and greener environment.

4. The Practice

The College authority has formed a Green Campus Committee which is adopting various steps to protect the college environment as follows.

- Various medicinal and seasonal plant species are planted and maintained in the college campus. Plantation drives are conducted inside and outside the college.
- The college strictly prohibits chewing tobacco and pan-masala and usage of single-use plastics in campus. The College is declared as a "Plastic Free Zone" and "Tobacco Free Zone".
- Solar panels are installed within the campus.
- A vermicomposting unit is also set up for biodegradable waste management.
- Dustbins have been segregated for biodegradable, plastic and hazardous wastes.
- The college authority issues Notices to create awareness of green campus initiatives.
- Seminars and workshops are organized relating to eco-friendly campus.
- In addition to regular cleaning, special cleanliness drives are also conducted.
- A yearly celebration of World Environment Day. Environment awareness meetings are also organized inside and outside the College.
- Environmental study tours are arranged to various places.

5. Evidence of Success

- Sustainable environmental awareness among the students has increased.
- Chewing of tobacco and pan-masala among the students has considerably decreased.
- Records of campus plants are being maintained for green audit.
- Installation of the Solar street lights, LED bulbs and tubes has saving power consumption.
- Water from the rainwater harvesting unit is used for different purposes.
- Ban on plastic items, along with the promotion of vermicomposting and proper disposal of wastes have made the campus clean and green.
- Digitalization has minimized the use of paper.

6. Problems Encountered and Resource Required

1. There is a financial constraint to appointing a regular caretaker. So, government initiative is required.
2. Intermittent power cuts compel the college authority to use diesel-powered generators leading to air pollution. Hence, the support of the Government and NGOs is required regarding finance.

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