

ACADEMIC YEAR 20-21

7.2.1 - Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual.

BEST PRACTICE - 1

Title of the Practice:

Nazareth Sapling Centre- Leave behind a legacy to the future generation.



Objectives of the Practice:

Planting trees fight climate change and a simple way to soak up carbon emission. Post pandemic the number of trees has considerably reduced in Avadi because of improper maintenance during covid 19 lockdown. The Nazareth sapling center was initiated in the year 2022 to distribute free saplings to all. SDG 15 aims to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial eco systems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

The Context:

The process involves a range of activities to collect sampling planting trees had many benefits improves habitat, protects water quality, increase species diversity, enhances the attractiveness. Youth are growing in a world of gadgets and importance of conserving trees has to be instilled in them. This is both an opportunity to conserve trees and make Avadi a green zone because trees are essential for healthy communities and people.

The Practice:

- 1.To grow saplings form seeds inside the campus
- 2.To collect saplings from the students
- 3.To distribute the saplings to students, faculties and any guests visiting the campus for events.
- 4.To create awareness on the importance of tree conservation through workshop
- 5.To help Avadi Municipal Corporation in covering empty spaces with small dense forests.
- 6.Creating dense forests in small spaces for communities.

Evidence of Success:

1. Total of more than 5000 tree saplings grown on campus.
2. Students collected 500 saplings from their home.
3. Total of 3000 saplings distributed to visitors and public.
4. Awareness programme conducted for the students (NSS & NCC).
5. Tree sapling plantation in the neighborhood community.
6. Created dense forest for the University of Madras, Vice Chancellor Residence.

Problem Encountered:

1. Resource mobilization was a major problem.
2. Public uprooting the tree was also a disadvantage.
3. Cattle grazing by damaging tree guard.
4. Tree guard being stolen by public.

BEST PRACTICE – 2

Title of the Practice

Feed the Need - Nazareth Community Food Box



Objectives of the initiative:

Sustainable Development Goal 2 is about creating a world free of hunger by 2030. There are many people going hungry and suffering from food insecurity. The main objective of this initiative is to serve hot, fresh food to the homeless. This is an initiative involving the students and staff who are trying to help homeless who suffer from hunger.

The Context:

“If you can’t feed a hundred people then feed just one” said Mother Theresa, the students and faculty are encouraged to bring food for the Nazareth Community Food Box to feed **not one but many**. When cooking at home for family the students and faculty are encouraged to cook some extra food that can serve 1 person extra and pack it neatly and deposit in the NCFB. About 1 in 50 people worldwide are suffering from hunger and this small initiative will help vulnerable and homeless people in Avadi Municipal Corporation.

The Practice:

1. To collect fresh home cooked food from students and faculty on every Wednesday
2. To distribute the food to the homeless and poor near Avadi
3. To distribute the food every Wednesday
4. To spread awareness in the neighborhood on wastage of food

Problems Encountered:

1. The major problem encountered was that the people who are not homeless demanded the food packets and the students were unable to refuse food.
2. The homeless requested non vegetarian food.

Evidence of Success:

This initiative was launched in the year 2019 and has completed a year of feeding the hungry in Avadi Municipal Corporation. More than 2000 food packets have been distributed to the homeless. This initiative has also given us a larger scope to convert it into a community food box at gated communities in Avadi.

Problem Encountered:

1. The public also requested food
2. Homeless started demanding money and specific food choices