

### SONARI COLLEGE

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#### **Best Practice 1:**

**Title of the Practice: Environmental Consciousness** 

**Objectives**: The primary goal of this initiative is to establish a green, clean, and eco-friendly campus that promotes health and well-being for all. Additionally, it seeks to instill environmental and social responsibility among students and staff, encouraging them to act as responsible citizens.

**Context**: Environmental protection is a crucial issue in today's world, and Sonari College is committed to addressing it. The college not only engages in proactive environmental practices but also aims to raise awareness among students and the wider community about the importance of conservation.

**Practice:** Sonari College has adopted a Green Campus Policy, which includes an annual green audit to monitor resource usage, identify sustainable practices, and ensure environmental stewardship. This audit helps track the campus's natural resources, guiding eco-friendly and sustainable operations. Through the initiatives of the Eco Club, Environment Cell, Swachhta Action Plan, and NSS unit, the college conducts regular plantation and conservation drives, engaging both students and faculty. Events like World Environment Day and Ozone Day are celebrated each year, featuring awareness campaigns, tree planting, and campus clean-up activities. The college has designated the campus as a plastic-free zone, with designated dustbins for waste segregation and a vermicomposting unit that converts organic waste into compost for the gardens. Solar and wind-powered street lights, LED lighting, and rainwater harvesting systems contribute to energy and water conservation efforts, fostering a self-sustaining environment.





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**Evidence of Success:** The campus now features a rich green environment with gardens, orchids, and a medicinal plant area. Regular plantation drives have cultivated native and endemic plant species, contributing to local biodiversity. The college conducts annual green, energy, and water audits, affirming its commitment to sustainability. LED lighting and solar street lights help minimize energy consumption, and the rainwater harvesting system successfully irrigates the gardens and serves other purposes. These efforts have enabled Sonari College to maintain a "No Plastic Zone", reinforcing its commitment to an eco-friendly campus.

Challenges: The transition away from single-use plastics remains challenging, as many products still rely on plastic packaging. Additionally, the busy and demanding CBCS curriculum often limits students' availability for extracurricular environmental activities. Organizing events during college hours also requires some class time adjustments, which can disrupt regular academic schedules. Despite these obstacles, Sonari College continues to adapt and improve its environmental practices.

#### **Best Practice 2:**

#### Title of the Practice: Awareness of books in the neighbour rural areas

**Objectives:** The main objective of organizing book fairs in rural areas is to promote awareness of books and cultivate reading habits among communities with limited access to educational resources. These fairs aim to bridge the knowledge gap by providing affordable and diverse books, fostering a love for learning, and empowering individuals through access to information. By engaging people through interactive activities, storytelling sessions, and cultural programs, the initiative seeks to inspire curiosity, support education, and contribute to the personal and community development of rural populations.









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Context: Book fairs in rural areas are powerful tools for promoting book awareness and fostering a culture of reading among communities with limited access to educational resources. Colleges can play a significant role by organizing such events in collaboration with local authorities, NGOs, and publishers. These fairs can feature diverse books, including academic texts, skill development guides, and children's literature, catering to various age groups and interests. Interactive sessions, storytelling, and cultural activities can make the events engaging and inspiring. Affordable pricing, book donation drives, and mobile libraries can ensure books reach economically disadvantaged individuals. By hosting these fairs, colleges contribute to bridging the urban-rural knowledge gap, empowering communities through education and nurturing lifelong learning habits.

**The Practice**: A bookfair was organized by Totto Chaan Child Library and Pothor Library in collaboration with Charaideo District Administration and Sonari College from 24th -27th November, 2023 in Kanu Bhogbari High school.





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