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Best Practice 1:

- 1. Title of the Practice: Environmental Consciousness.
- 2. Objectives of the practice:
- To make the campus green, clean, eco-friendly and healthy and hygienic for all.
- To encourage and aware students and staff to become socially and environmentally responsible citizens.
- **3. The Context:** Protection of environment is a vital issue of the present era and the institution pays attention to this issue and responsibly works for the protection of the environment as well as create awareness about environment among the students and the community.

4. The practice:

Sonari college has adopted a Green Campus Policy. Green audit has been performed systematically since 2021 year which helps to monitor, identify, and document the natural resources of the College and also helped to determine whether the institutional practices are environment friendly and sustainable. It helps to ensure that the campus is greenish and rich in biodiversity.

In order to create an eco-friendly campus, the students and teachers are engaged in plantation and conservation drives through the initiatives of the Eco Club, Environment Cell, Swachhta Action Plan and NSS unit, Sonari College. These programmes engage the young generation in conservation of nature and its resources, involve them in planting and caring the saplings and thus make them responsible citizens, protecting the environment and working for its sustainable development. Plantation drives, cleanliness drives and other awareness programmes are organized time to time viz. World Environment Day and Ozone Day etc.

The College avoids and bans the use of single use plastics and has declared the campus as plastic free zone. There is arrangement of dust bins all-round the campus. The organic solid waste is collected and converted to compost in the vermicomposting unit and used to manure plants in the college gardens. The non-biodegradable waste is collected and

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dispoded off by town municipality. Incinerators are present in the common room of girls and lady teachers.

Solar and wind energy powered street lights, LED lights helps in energy conservation. Rain water is harvested and used to water the plants or other purposes.

5. Evidence of Success:

- ✓ A lush green campus prevails in the college with a medicinal plant garden, orchids and flower gardens.
- ✓ Plantations of local and endemic plants are conducted during different plantation programmes and they are taken care of.
- ✓ Vermicompost produced is used to manure the college gardens.
- ✓ Successful green, energy and water audit is performed every year.
- ✓ LED lights, solar and wind energy powered street lights and other energy efficient equipments are used.
- ✓ The college avoids use of plastics and has declared the campus "No Plastic Zone."
- ✓ Rain water harvesting plant has been working successfully and water harvested is used to water the gardens and different other purposes.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- ➤ People are habituated with single use plastics
- ➤ Most food items are wrapped with plastics.
- ➤ Due to busy and hectic CBCS system of education and continuous evaluation process, students have less time to engage themselves in environment related activities outside the college.
- Organizing various programs during college working hours results in sacrificing classes.

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Best Practice 2:

- 1. Title: Bihu Adoroni (Traditional Cultural Programme on the eve of spring season)
- 2. Objectives of the practice:
 - To gather people of different communities, caste, racial background, **establish positive attitude and sensitizes them** for communal harmony and exchange of culture.
- **3. The Context:** The College Authority and the Assamese Department jointly organises folk culture Bihu Adarani on the eve of Rongali Bihu, in every year in a stipulated day for cultural exchange and promote harmony among different communities and students.

4. The Practice:

In Bihu Adoroni programme all different communities and indigenous, ethnic groups residing in the area are invited to participate, share their views and cultural identity. special cultural programmes to be focussed among the people Majority of the surrounding people are of Tea garden community. So, they are requested to perform their specific cultural identity as to be energised all community of the locality. Likewise,. The people of the area who are working as cultural activists take part and exchange their views for the integrity among the communities and they are felicitated on the event.

5. Evidence of Success:

The practice and the event create awareness among all the community regarding cultural exchange and communal harmony. This area carries a rich cultural heritage and this type of programmes help to maintain, promote and protect the culture and social harmony.

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6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

As per observation and evidence, this cultural event is under threat due to globalisation. It is noted that due to globalisation small ethnic groups and their cultural identities are on the verge of extinction. It is our sincere effort to sensitize, protect and promote their folk culture. Despite the financial constraints, the active participation of all students and staff, make the programme successful.

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