



**VASANTA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**  
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## **BEST PRACTICES**

### **1. PROJECT PRAKRITI**

#### **OBJECTIVE :-**

Project Prakriti has been initiated in the college with a vision and intention of bringing various practices, being carried out to develop a sense of environmental social responsibility among college staff and students under one umbrella. At the same time, to manage the waste for beneficial purposes is another objective of this initiation.

#### **THE CONTEXT :-**

Vasanta College is situated at the banks of river Ganga and the greenery in the college premises and surrounding areas needs to be maintained.

Secondly, since the use of paper in the form of answer sheets, practical files, and office files etc is unavoidable in the college, there was a need to deal with the problem of bulk of paper waste.

Thirdly, the adjoining localities are underprivileged, and therefore, reusable items could be donated for their use.

#### **THE PRACTICE :-**

Project Prakriti encompasses following activities-

1. A waste segregation centre works in the campus, where solid waste is used to prepare compost and green waste is used as fodder in KFI farms.
2. Paper waste is collected and shredded in the college, collaboration is sought with an NGO Wonder out of Waste (WOW) which took the shredded paper from us and in return gave registers which are made of recycled paper. The college will give these register to students at subsidized rates (due to COVID and online mode, registers could not be used in this session).

3. Collection of reusable items like clothes, books etc are donated to needy people in nearby localities with the help of NSS units of the college.
4. More tree plantation and taking care of trees planted earlier at the banks of Ganga and medicinal plants are also planted in college premises at large.

### **EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:-**

Quite a large amount of success is achieved in waste segregation, paper recycling, increase in the use of reusable items and caring the plants and trees by the college staff. The college has also constructed a compost pit in the college premises itself where lots of leaves are easily available that used to get wasted earlier.

### **PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED :-**

The biggest problem which was faced after the first lot of recycled paper received was unavailability of paper as the college was totally in online mode. Secondly, a bell press machine was required to compress the paper so that it becomes convenient to load and unload the shredded paper. The machine has to be purchased in future.

## **2. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)**

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE PRACTICE :-**

#### **Information and Communications Technology (ICT)**

The main objectives of introducing ICT are

- To create, manage, store, and disseminate information and knowledge.
- To train the stake holders of teaching-learning process (teaching & non teaching staff and students) on the use of different online modes to assess, work, store and communicate necessary information.
- To familiarise students with different online platforms.
- To motivate the students to register in various MOOC portals like SWAYAM, SWAYAMPURABHA, INFLIBNET
- To digitalize teaching-learning process, library, administrative jobs (Admission, Finance, Hostel allotment and procuring various goods).
- To make each member of the campus techno-savvy.

## **THE CONTEXT :-**

This ICT introduction in our campus is helping the members in

- Conducting online classes, assignments, tests, webinars, web workshops, online presentations, Quiz, Brainstorming sessions,
- Collaborating with various Institutions,
- Mentoring,
- Giving Guidance and counselling,
- Creating Awareness programmes,
- Providing Individualised instruction,
- Managing group projects.
- Conducting Formative and Diagnostic evaluation
- Admissions
- Fees collection
- Doing all Administrative jobs
- Creation of OER (Use of Youtube Chanel)

## **THE PRACTICE :-**

In the context of Higher Education, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is indeed beneficial for the growth and development of young minds as well as institution in totality. There is a constant emphasis laid on the usage of ICT and as the times are moving ahead, problems of network and connectivity issues too are gradually warding off, giving space to a number of students for learning and equipping themselves with the changing times and its norms. All the teachers are using Synchronous Learning Management System like Google and different Asynchronous LMS. Teachers are using various Quiz makers to make their teaching learning more effective. Our library is almost digitalized with various barcode and scan codes. Our Administrative block is also updated with recent office softwares. Our campus too is Wi-Fi.

## **EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS :-**

In the last two years, there has been a constant improvement in usage of ICT tools and more and more new practices are being employed under its umbrella for making the teaching learning process easier and accessible for all. ICT committee has been working to bring more awareness to it and organize more activities to train the staff and students of the college. The office of our institution is also constantly getting more and more equipped with various tools of

ICT which can ease the process relating to money transfers, transactions, fees payment, hostel allotment etc.

### **PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED :-**

Initially usage of ICT was a bit challenging as many students who were in remote areas of the country were unable to access the resources because of network issues, but with the passage of time, things relating to network improved at their ends and the teachers also recorded the lectures for students which they later attended as per the availability of internet on their ends.

## **3. CLUBS**

### **OBJECTIVES:-**

The college has created a few clubs to provide students a podium where they can indulge into variety of activities and enhance their personalities in a versatile manner, unveil their hidden talents and voice their unheard ideas. The clubs have been designed as to take students into a space which is not purely academic yet is an aid to academic enhancement and overall development of their selves.

### **THE CONTEXT:-**

Vasanta College for Women is situated on the banks of river Ganga and its pious ambience is quite suitable to the budding minds who aspire for extraordinariness in life. Therefore, it was realized that there must be some platforms for the students where they can excel in co-curricular activities.

### **THE PRACTICE:-**

The college has following clubs for the students:

- 1) **PITARA-** The club of nascent minds has been active since 2018, is a platform for all the emerging artists to showcase their talents. The members are students who conduct various events in online and offline mode to bring forward their creative quotient and at the same time learn to build relationships through art.
- 2) **ENVIRONMENT CLUB-** This club was established in 2020-21 and is a group of ecologically conscious faculties, non-teaching staff and students who are committed to create awareness on environment issue and also reduce negative environmental impact

as far as possible. The aim of the club is to conduct various student-oriented activities like-field work, workshops/conferences and awareness programme.

- 3) **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB-** A very intriguing club was created in 2020-21 to render a supportive environment for students interested in the field so that they can share their creativity and display their passion for it. The club also aims to train the budding photographers who have it in their dreams and gives them a perspective to capture and create beauty.

### **EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:-**

A lot of students have enthusiastically joined these clubs and participated in it fully. Pitara club is now on instagram and facebook for students and other professionals who are away from the college campus during COVID-19. All types of artworks like poetry, dance, music, photographs, acting have been published on social media. The members of the club have remained connected virtually and have made it a big success. Recently a book review section has also been started by the club. The Environment Club too is active since its inception and has organized a couple of talks by the eminent environmentalists to cater to the needs of the club. This club has organized Story Writing Competition on “Visualizing the City through Stories” as a part of regular event titled Nature on Centre Stage 2.0 in collaboration with the Department of English.

### **PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND RESOURCES REQUIRED:-**

The biggest problem faced was the availability of network for the students residing in remote and also those who are not much techno savvy so as to connect themselves on social media or in virtual talks. Many students do not own cameras or good-quality smartphones to become part of the Photography Club. The college is planning to provide them all such facilities by allocating a fund to these clubs to execute their activities in a better manner. Besides, since the commencement of online mode of teaching and learning many physical activities could not be conducted due to Covid constraints especially in Environment and Photography clubs.