BEST PRACTICES 2019-20

Best Practice I

Title of the program

Plastic free Pathanamthitta

Objectives

1. To sensitize the student teacher community regarding the responsibility of protecting nature

2. To create awareness about the ill effects of using plastics

Context

The ideals instilled in students on their campuses set the stage for the future we want to build. The corner-stone for your real-world values are campuses. In order to protect nature for sustainable development we should reduce the use of plastics and the student trainees should be part of awareness campaign organized for plastic free Pathanamthitta in collaboration with Pandalam muncipality.



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The practice

On 2nd December 2019 Monday, the club members have decided to participate in Plastic Free Pathanamthitta program by distributing cloth bags and paper pens to the public in order to create awareness about the ill effects of using plastics in collaboration with Pandalam municipality. On 28th January 2019, Sabari Nature Club participated in Plastic Free Pathanamthitta programme in association with Pandalam Muncipality. Members of Sabari Nature Club prepared placards related to "SAY NO TO PLASTICS" for creating awareness against the use of plastics among the public. Placards related to say no to plastics provided awareness to the public about the harmful effects of plastics our health as well as the health of our environment. Plastics are one of the major causes of environmental pollution. As part of Green Pathanamthitta Campaign, Sabari Nature Club along with Pandalam Municipality conducted an exhibition and sale of cloth bags and paper pens on February 06, 2020 at Pandalam Private bus stand premises. The programme was aimed at providing awareness to the people regarding the ill effects of plastic and the need of avoiding it. Cloth bags were introduced as an alternative for plastic carry bags. Paper pens also could reduce the plastic usage to a great extent. The members of Sabari Nature Club made 50 cloth bags and 25 paper pens by themselves and 5 members exhibited them at the stall provided for them. Almost 35 bags were sold and the public encouraged and congratulated the venture.

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Evidence of success

The Members of Sabari Nature club actively participated in these programs and they got valuable comments and suggestions from community volunteers.

Problems encountered

It was very difficult to organize such public program in the tight schedule of semester works. Similarly, collaboration with Pandalam Muncipality people was also difficult because of the time constraints.

Best Practice II

Title of the program

Awareness campaign on wetland conservation

Objectives

To provide awareness on wetland conservation for the people living near wetlands.

Context

Wetlands are vital for human survival. To sensitize the communities about importance of wetland to the environment and to increase advocacy at community level about wetland conservation and protection are of vital importance in the present day.

Practice

An awareness programme on wetland conservation was conducted on 27th January 2020. In order to give awareness for the people living near wetlands, the

students of Natural Science department went to Cherikkal village near Pandalam, distributed pamphlets to make them realize that they are actually living near a massive land which could be lifeline for a long time of life journey.

Evidence of success

As 'kidneys of landscape', wetlands receive flows of water and waste from upstream sources and they help stabilize water supplies, cleanse polluted waters, protect shorelines and recharge groundwater aquifers. The extensive food chain and biological diversity in wetlands make them 'biological supermarkets'. Our students were successful in pass this message to people of Cherikkal Panchayat.

Problems encountered

It was difficult to arrange a community meeting to have an awareness programme.

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