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Best Practices of Our Institution: II

The Title of the Practice:

Green Campus Initiatives for Making Mother Earth into Safe and Liveable Place

The Context:

The greatest threat to the liveability of all the breathing species on the mother earth is posed by humans. Nature has plenty to offer for the need of the man but not for the greed of man. Hence the conservation of natural resources and their judicious usage is an aspect of paramount importance. Educational institutions particularly higher educational institutions (HEI's) have important responsibility to shoulder to propagate inculcate and practice the green initiatives for the making the earth liveable place at present and in future too.

Keeping in view of this scenario, our institution has given prime importance to environmental preservation activities through various action plans and programmes. Our institution has ample land and usually water resources to plant, to preserve and protect the flora and fauna. There is proper land and water management, usage of green energy, cycling to work place, housing and protection of variety of birds' species and proper management of wastage.

The Objectives of the Practice:

- Sustainable development without eroding into the natural life of the flora and fauna.
- Commitment for pure and clear water and air for healthy longevity.
- Meeting the power energy demands with solar power energy.
- Inculcating among the students the knowledge of hazards of natural disasters.
- Promoting and practicing of zero usage of polythene materials on and off the campus.
- Practicing of the usage of LEDs for energy conservation
- Proper e-waste management.

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Our College Campus



The Practice:

We feel proud of more than 30 acres of sprawling lush green, ambient campus with thousands of trees, some bearing fruits and some sheltering different species of birds. There is lush evergreen lawn spread across the area measuring around 450 sq. mts. fenced with ornamental plants and to give better learning atmosphere for the learners. Under the vigilant supervision of Board of Management, Mudalgi Education Society and staff, the greenery of the campus is being maintained by the NSS, Scouts and Guides and YRS volunteers. The **Environmental Forum** which is the brain child of Department of Geography is igniting and activating the young rural minds to participate practically in sustaining and enlightening the environmental benevolence.

The **Vanamahostava Programme** is the grand occasion to plant, protect, preserve and propagate the planting activities on and off the campus. Our main agenda of the **NSS Annual Special Camp** in the adopted villages is creating awareness among the villagers about the cleanliness and pollution free environs by planting saplings. The **World Environment Day** and **World Ozone Day** celebrations also help to encourage the young minds to contribute for the sustainability of life system.

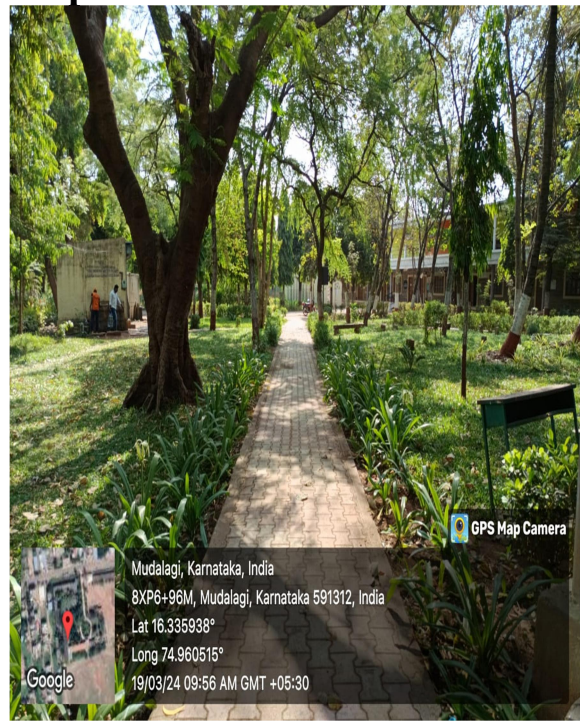
Renowned Environmentalists are invited for inspiring and engaging the green initiatives on and off the campus. Most of the students come from the agrarian background. They are made aware of the hazardous effects of the burning of sugarcane and wheat residue. The **vermin compost** which is the product of mulching of weeds, dry leaves and other waste is applied to plants creeps' trees. The sensitizing of the young youths sensitive minds is done to avoid any harm to flora and fauna. Most of the requirements for wooden furniture are met out by supply from the age old trees on the campus. Making students aware of the benefits of the **solar energy** and the government schemes for the promotion of solar energy usage to protect environment. The involvement of all the stakeholders in the green campus initiatives is of vital importance. There is a plan for marking a special area for the plantation of medicinal plants and fruit garden for monitory benefits as well as concern for the environment. **Banners and Slogans** displaying the following slogans are displayed at the prime places.

- Green Campus and Clean Campus
- Plant Tree for Pollution Free Life
- Each One and Plant One
- Save Energy for the Bright Future

Landscaping with Trees and Plants of College Campus



Green Campus



- Save Water Save Life
- Cut Down the Use of Papers in daily life, use more of ICT devices
- Nature Never Betrays the Heart that takes Care of Her.

Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them:

- Scanty rain sometimes
- Deteriorating water bed level
- pests and insects
- Sometimes excess rain
- Deteriorating soil health due to chemical combined water

To overcome these obstacles a feasible plan is chalked out. The water is brought from some farm houses during the scanty rain season. Proper drainage is prepared for the easy flow of the excess water. Menial staff including the gardener are trained to tackle the problems causing loss to the greenery and scenery of the campus.

Impact of the Practice:

The significant impact of this practice is creating the awareness among the students about the importance green, pollution free learning ambience. Most of the academic visitors/peers are highly impressed and appreciate the green campus initiatives of our institution. The appreciation of the “GLOBAL ECO TECH SOLUTIONS BELGAUM-16 (ISO [UKAI-GLHV-23-169178])”. The lush green campus of the college is the centre of attraction. Varieties of Plants are available rare plants such as **Rakta-Chandana, Rakta-Honne**, bring value addition to flora of campus. The college has enough potential to grow **Mahagoni** trees (10 to 15 acres), which will fetch higher income to institution in future. It is speculated as “**OXYGEN LUNG FOR MUDALGI**”.

Resources Required:

- Commitment, will power and concern for nature.
- Timely attention to any mishap.
- Financial input by alumni and management, students’ participation, faculty advice and good management practices.

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LETTER OF APPRICATION

Mudalgi Education Society's **Art and Commerce College, MUDALGI** Ta: Mudalgi Dist: Belagavi PIN: 591 312, was established in 1984 to cater higher educational needs of people in and around Mudalgi. The college is located in Mudalgi taluka head quarter.

It is a UGC recognized Institute under 2(f) and 12(B) UGC act 1956 and is affiliated to RCU Belagavi.

The college is housed in 42 acres of lustrous green campus with all basic educational amenities. The infra structure is suitably built to felicitate the academic developments. There are various independent academic blocks. Main block, Computer Science Dept, Gymnastics, Library, NSS, NCC, with 400 meter x 6 track run felicity. The Library facility is elevated to its own glittering standard by the support of many NGOs.

College is powered by diesel run electric generator. The utilization is made in needy hours only. The energy sensitization among the staff and students is appreciable

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The College is fit with all academic standard under the visionary support of management and with a eminent teaching faculty.



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