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## **Best Practice 1**

# 1. Title of the Practice Riddlers - Library Club

2. Objectives of the Practice

A library is a house of knowledge, information and facts stored in the form of different resources.

### **Objectives:**

- 1. To identify the role of library and its significance in the enhancement of knowledge among the learners.
- 2. To preserve the culture and show reverence to the source of knowledge.

### 3. The Context

A Library is an important wheel to make education operational. A library is the soul of the college. It is the one of the most important components of an educational institution, a component where knowledge grows continuously. A Library involves continuous process of knowledge acquisition and dissemination. Riddlers – Library Club takes initiative to create interest among students to read diverse books in order to develop their knowledge and at the same time exhibit their knowledge in various diversified field by participating in debate, discussion and other activities.

#### 4. The Practice

Activities conducted under Riddler's - Library Club

a) Inter collegiate Quiz Competition (E – Quiz)

The objective of the event is to evaluate the knowledge of the participants within academics as well as beyond academics and make them familiar with the prospects of quizzes.

b) Inter Collegiate Book Review Competition

The event was organized to motivate the students to read diverse genres in addition to their academic books.

c) Navaratri Pooja

As the embodiment of Knowledge and wisdom, Goddess Saraswathi is associated to Library, education, writing and other related disciplines. In this regard Riddler's-Library Club organized Navaratri pooja from 15<sup>th</sup> October, to 24<sup>th</sup> October where Goddess Saraswathi was decorated and performed pooja for all 10 days.



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d) National Library Day

Session on "Leading a sustainable life through reading" was organized on National Library Day. The purpose of the session was to create awareness among the students about the significance of library.

# 5. Evidence of Success

Students actively participate in organizing activities under the club and thereby develop leadership skills and team work among them. Total 48 students participated in inter collegiate quiz competition. 15 students participated in inter collegiate book review competition.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The major challenge faced by the college is motivating students to participate in extracurricular and Co-curricular activities apart from the academics.

Majority of the students participating in the library activities are from the club only. In order to encourage participation of other students an award can be instituted to motivate them.

Addition of non-academic books in regional languages like, Hindi, Marathi etc. can motivate students to read and participate in more activities.

7. Notes (Optional): NIL

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1. Title of the Practice ECO Club

# 2. Objectives of the Practice

The institution is committed to adhere the principles of protection of environment and sustainability.

- 1. To create awareness on various days related to environmental issues.
- 2. To initiate Electronic Waste management in the College campus by students.
- 3. To conduct workshop and activities to conserve the environment.

### 3. The Context

Eco-club is formed specifically to encourage activities related with Environmental Awareness and Conservation.

#### 4. The Practice

Activities conducted under Eco-club

a) Best out of waste exhibition cum competition:

Participants made models on Best out of waste to show the creativity about waste things and converted them into usable models

b) Addressing and managing garbage dumping outside SIA college and spreading awareness in the college:

Students along with the teacher-incharge observed waste lying outside our college, prepared reports and approached KDMC sanitary inspector Mr. Kismat Rao and Nagarsevak Mr. Mahesh Patil to get garbage bins installed outside the college. A session on waste management was organised on 8th August 2023 at 11 am in the auditorium, where KDMC officials and Nagarsevak were invited to solve the problem.

c) Eco-friendly Ganesh idol making (with साहू मिट्टी):

Eco-friendly ganesh idol made up of Sadu mati does not pollute natural water sources. The main purpose of the workshop was to generate awareness and also train the students in eco-friendly idol making.

d) No Vehicle Day:

No Vehicle Day was observed on 9th December, 2023. Students were not allowed to enter with petrol and diesel vehicles in the campus on this day.

e) Vruksha Bhandara:

Eco-club in association with Hariyali NGO took the initiative to organize the sapling distribution activity called Vruksha Bhandara on Republic Day i.e 26 th January 2024 at 8 am in the college ground. Hariyali (NGO) distributed 362 saplings of various types to the citizens. Management members and trustees of the SIA College, Principal Dr. Padmaja Arvind and authorities from Hariyali were present for the activity. They also distributed one kg of organic compost per sapling free of cost.



## f) Electronic Waste (e-waste) collection Drive:

Students participated in this community outreach programme and collected e-waste from their neighbors, friends, relatives, and family. After collecting e-waste, Students brought collected e-waste at the e-waste collection point located at the Ground floor where a large drop box was kept accumulating all the e-waste items collected.

Through this community outreach program, students became aware and shared with the community about the hazards of e-waste recycling by the unorganized sector and educated them about alternate methods of disposing their e-waste.

### g) World Water Day:

World Water Day was observed on 22nd March, 2024. On this occasion, students were

reminded of the importance of freshwater and the need for sustainable water management techniques. Because currently water shortage remains a global concern. Students of The S.I.A. College of Higher Education took pledge for sustainable use, conservation, and reuse of water.

### 5. Evidence of Success

Role of Eco club along with the Haryali NGO is instrumental in creating cleaner and greener college campus. College has composting pit where dry waste and wet waste along with cow dung is inserted and within 6 months manure is processed and used as a manure for plants.

E-waste collection drive initiated by Eco club has created awareness among students and community about recycling and disposing of hazardous, end-of-life electronic products in an environmentally sustainable manner to conserve and protect our environment. This drive generated revenue of Rs.17832/- which was deposited in college fund.

### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Due to the nature of the soil very few varieties of plants can be grown. So, efforts are required to make the soil suitable for growing different plants

Many of the plants were seasonal and they wear out after the season hence constant monitoring is required to upkeep the garden which needs additional financial support.

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