

Continuity of Environment Related Activities and Gardening

Objective: The authority of college intends to provide congenial environment and soothing garden of flowers to learners, so that learners can pursue academic activity in refreshed mood and hygienic atmosphere.

Context: Environment plays a vital part in life and it is necessary to keep the environment of college clean and hygienic. Since plants assist in maintaining healthy environment, the arrangement has been for maintaining a garden in college. Learners not only feel easy and comfortable to stay in hygienic atmosphere at college, they also realize the importance of pollution-free environment and the value of gardening. Hence the authority and other stakeholders have promoted the environment related activities and maintained a garden in the premises of college.

Description: The premises of college and the large playground remain well-maintained and command beautiful view due to maintenance of cleanliness and proper upkeep of garden. Some devoted members of non-teaching staff and the volunteers of NSS work hard regularly to keep the campus clean. Different kinds of plants and trees have been planted in college. Some plots in the premises have been marked for gardening. The plants of flowers and some medicinal plants have been specially planted. Most of them have been purchased and some procured. Along with the volunteers of NSS, students of some departments also take part sometimes in cleaning program and plantation. As **Environment Studies** become a part of undergraduate curriculum, all the learners get involved in environmental projects and engage themselves in practical activities, along with acquiring theoretical knowledge about environment. A proper arrangement has been made to collect and dispose all kinds of waste materials for cleanliness. Learners and the members of teaching and non-teaching staff are cautious and make effort to discourage the use of plastic and remove the plastic waste from the premises. An awareness program on Global Warming has been organized as an extension program by the stakeholders of college to make schoolchildren and the local people conscious of the threat to environment.

Evidence of success: The clean premises of college and the presence of garden bear proof to the success of the environmental venture undertaken by the stakeholders of college. The regular programs related to environment have successfully made learners conscious and encouraged them to involve voluntarily in activities of cleaning and gardening. The **Global warming Awareness Program** proved to be great success.

Problem Encountered and Resources Required: It is certainly a challenge to motivate a large number of learners of college to keep the premises of college clean and discard the use of plastic materials. However, the problem has been solved due to the collective effort of all stakeholders. Some problems have come in the way of organizing the awareness program on global warming, but everything has been set right. Some difficulties have come up in course of procuring plants and maintaining garden properly. The requisite resources for environmental venture have been made available by the college authority, whenever required.

