

## **Best Practice of the Institution**

### **Green Diwali**

#### **1. Title of the Practice:** Green Diwali

Due to pollution, environmental smoke is converted into smog. During the time of Covid- 19, a drastic change in nature took place. Every human activity ceased, including transportation, which had a significant impact on the atmosphere. The way of celebrating festivals also changed. In this situation, Green Diwali is a way of celebrating the festival of lights with minimum damage to the environment. The idea is simple; we have to save the environment and mother Earth, which provides us all the natural resources. The bursting of firecrackers not only causes pollution but is also detrimental to the health of elderly people, children, and animals. Many people suffer from pollution-related ailments during the festive season due to poor air quality.

#### **Duration: (Year of Inception- Year of Discontinuation):**

Year of Inception: 2020

Year of Discontinuation: Still continue

#### **2. Goals:**

- To reduce environment pollution.
- To spread awareness regarding safe and Green Diwali.
- To enhance the greenery of the institution.
- To increase survival rate of animals and birds.
- To abate the diseases caused by the crackers.
- To maintain and balanced environment.

#### **3. Context:**

The institution used to celebrate Diwali in its premises by conducting various activities. The threats caused by burning of crackers have an adverse effect on the environment. Due to fire crackers, after Diwali elevation in smoke cause many dreadly diseases which affect people of all ages. It has been also noticed that cracking fire also causes death of birds which are found on the roads. Being a B.Ed. college where would be teachers are students, it is our significant responsibility to spread awareness regarding the environmental protection. We discussed in our IQAC meeting about reducing the pollution in the environment and other ill effects of cracking crackers and various ways to celebrate Diwali. The suggestions of Green Diwali were forwarded

by the staff to make the students, teachers and society cognizant about the prominence of Green Diwali. Moreover in the Covid-19, it was a little initiative taken by the institution to make the environment cleaner and greener.

#### **4. The Practice:**

To accomplish above stated goals, various activities are organised to celebrate Green Diwali in an effective way. Members of the community, journalists of different news papers are invited in the event. Following are the practices taken out by the institution on Diwali:

- a) **Salad preparation:** On the occasion of Diwali we consume sweets which are prepared in the market. Due to many reasons, people fall ill after consuming the market made products. To cease this practice and emphasize healthy food, students of four houses prepare and arrange salads according to their nutritional value as it serve the purpose of eco-friendly Diwali.
- b) **Use of Diyas and Candles for decoration:** Use of electricity lights for the decoration is shunned to reduce the power consumption. The message is conveyed that we should avoid using electric lights to illuminate our home by dispersing earthen lamps and candles. Diya and candle making competitions, rangoli making competition are conducted on this occasion.
- c) **Tree Plantation:** To make the environment green and clean tree plantation drive is taken out in the campus. Plants of different medicinal properties, decorative and shrubs are planted on the event. The guests of the event are honoured by presenting pots and plants to spread this ritual in the society too.

At this time students of first semester celebrate Green Diwali in the college premises and students of third semester who are in their internship period take this ritual to their teaching practice schools. 100 student interns in more than 10 schools teach the students and other members of community to celebrate Green Diwali.

#### **5. Evidence of success:**

The main objective of this celebration is to disseminate the significance of Green Diwali. As it is mentioned above that the students of the college take this practice in the schools also by celebrating Green Diwali there. Thus it works as a chain which starts from the college to

teaching practice schools to the community and individual student's home. Principals and faculty of mother and sister institutions are also invited on this event to bring it into practice at their institution also.





#### **6. Problems encountered and resources required:**

We have taken steps to conserve environment by following these practices. The change is not possible only with our efforts. The other government and Non- government agencies also have to give their contribution in the promotion of Green Diwali. Tax or fine can be imposed on the burning the crackers.

#### **7. Notes ( Optional):**

- Awareness rallies on the Green Diwali can be taken out by the institution.
- Drama/ play can be presented in the society.