



Best Practice 1 :

Urban Forest (Nagarvan - नगर वन)

Best Practice 2 :

CO-PARENTING



**TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE
PUDUCHERRY**

BEST PRACTICE – I URBAN FOREST

- To create an 'Urban Forest' (Nagarvan) within the city limits.
- To improve the college ambience & eco-friendly.
- To create a serene teaching–learning atmosphere in harmony with the nature.
- To make the students understand that our very existence

4. The Practice

- Number of tree saplings were planted throughout the year.
- Imposing plantation on the notorious students as an act of punishment to impart discipline.
- Trees and plants have QR codes.
- Campus has 'Buddha Garden'
- In 'Shanthi Aaranyam' students sit for lunch, and study.
- There is 'Corona Memorial Garden' built for those who had lost their lives during Covid-19.
- 'Sangam Kulam' a beautiful pond of 60 × 45 ft. size was dug which can hold nearly 1.2 million litres of rain water and recharge the land.
- College campus is declared to be a 'Single Use Plastic Free Campus'.
- Dry withered leaves and solid wastes become bio-manure.

Evidence of Success

- 18 acres of barren land has now totally been transformed into a lush green reserve with more than 7000 plants.
- Ministry of Tourism has declared this college as an Urban Forest (Nagarvan).
- The Certificate of Appreciation was awarded by the Chief Minister, Puducherry on 15-08-2021.
- The Indian Express News Paper (30-01-2022) has lauded the campus as the 'Santi Niketan of South India'.
- The rate of 'Air Index' is 47.
- The Environment Audit Report has mentioned this campus as the 'Lungs of Puducherry'.
- As a result of the success, five villages are adopted for greenery.

The Head of the Institution has earned following titles and awards:

- Puducherry Green Award – 2021
- Green Man of Pondicherry – 2021
- The Tree Man of Puducherry – 2021
- Indian CSR Award for Environmental Initiatives for the year 2022 as well as 2023, held at New Delhi.
- People's representatives like MLAs, Ministers, Chief Minister, former Lt. Governor of Puducherry Dr. Kiran Bedi, the Lt. Governor of Puducherry Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Officials of higher rank like Collector and public have visited this green campus and planted trees and admired the efforts.

Temperature become 3 degrees lesser than city.
This success silently speaks the success of G20.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- **Procuring Saplings, maintaining water scarcity during summer was difficult**
- **Lack of local arborist to spot and treat tree pests and diseases early.**
- **Proper maintenance of an urban forest within the city limits demands man power.**
- **Limited funding.**

Serene Images of our Green Campus







Nature Walk

 A Joint Initiative of the

TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE

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AZIM PREMJI FOUNDATION

Date : 19.08.2023, Saturday, 9.30 A.M. Venue : Tagore Government Arts and Science College

 PLANT TREES ! SAVE ENVIRONMENT !!

TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE, PUDUCHERRY

ISHA OUTREACH

 (Isha Yoga Centre - Coimbatore)

DIVEY FOUNDATION, NEW DELHI

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

 Venue: Open Air Class Room, TGASC

 Date: 5th June 2023 Time: 10.00 a.m.

 Plant Trees! Save Environment!!



Sustainable Tourism India

 Issue 10

 Central Nodal Agency

 for Sustainable Tourism

Leading the Change

 A chat chat with the Responsible Travel Influencer of the month:

Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash

 Principal, TGASC, Puducherry

 NAGAR VAN - Tagore Government Arts and Science College



LG Visit (06-09-2021)

மாவுட்டங்கள்

கல்லூரியில் கரோனா நினைவு பூந்தோட்டம்

ஆளுநர் தமிழிசை திறந்துவைத்தார்



பூந்தோட்டம் தொடங்கி அதன் மூலம் கல்லூரி மாண்புமிகு கல்வி அமைச்சர் தலைமையில் உறுப்பினர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டிருந்தனர். ஆளுநர் தமிழிசை கரோனா நினைவு பூந்தோட்டம் திறந்துவைத்தார். மேலும் திருச்செங்கல் கிராமிய கல்வி கல்லூரிக்கு பூங்கா அமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் குறித்து ஆளுநர் தமிழிசை கல்வி அமைச்சர் சி.வி.வேலுமணி மற்றும் மாண்புமிகு கல்வி அமைச்சர் சி.வி.வேலுமணி ஆளுநர் தமிழிசை சேர்ந்தோடு பேசினார். இவர்களால் கற்றல் நடைமுறை உள்ள பூங்கா திட்டம் கல்வி அமைச்சர் சி.வி.வேலுமணி மற்றும் மாண்புமிகு கல்வி அமைச்சர் சி.வி.வேலுமணி ஆளுநர் தமிழிசை சேர்ந்தோடு பேசினார். இவர்களால் கற்றல் நடைமுறை உள்ள பூங்கா திட்டம் கல்வி அமைச்சர் சி.வி.வேலுமணி மற்றும் மாண்புமிகு கல்வி அமைச்சர் சி.வி.வேலுமணி ஆளுநர் தமிழிசை சேர்ந்தோடு பேசினார்.

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L-G urges youth to embrace environmentalism

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUDUCHERRY

An 'Open Air Classroom' where learning happens in the midst of nature and a 'Corona Memorial Garden' have come up at the Tagore Government Arts and Science College, Lawpet.

Launching the facilities and a Green Puducherry mission, Lt. Governor Pambai Swandarajan urged youth to adopt environmentalism in life.

Addressing the students of the college, the Lt. Governor recalled that one of the first schemes she had discussed with the Chief Minister while planning events for the year-long 75th anniversary Independence Day celebrations was to undertake planting of 75,000 saplings across the Union Territory.

Foodness for nature
Mentioning her fondness for trees and plants, Ms. Swandarajan, who also serves as Telangana Governor, spoke about the home of poet and freedom fighter Sarojini Naidu in Hyderabad which had a fully bloomed mango tree that had sprouted from a seed planted by none other Mahatma Gandhi. It is said that Gandhi brought the seed to Hyderabad after eating a mango while in detention at the Yerawada Central Jail, and planted it while rejoining the freedom struggle, she said.

"There is an important lesson in this... that each small seed contains in it a large tree. Like every seed, each of you should blossom to your full potential," she told the students.

She also advised them to develop the reading habit and extra curricular talents that come their way.

Often switching to an interactive mode, the Lt. Governor asked students whether any of them had planted a sapling and to share their experience of nurture.

Tree Plantation by EM (17-09-2021)



ORGANISED BY PUDUCHERRY
TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE
LAWPET, PUDUCHERRY

Celebration of "Aardra Ka Amrut Mahotsav" - Aardra Vriksha Plantation Drive
Poojya Welcome To

HONBLE HOME & EDUCATION MINISTER
Thiru. A. Namassivayam

Inauguration of
Buddha Garden
In the Presence of
Thiru. P.M.L. Kalyanasundaram

HONBLE MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
PUDUCHERRY
Thiru. Ashok Kumar I.A.S
Secretary to Government (Education)

Thiru. P.T. Radha Goud
Deputy Director of Higher Education

on 17th September 2021 at 10:00 AM

THE PRINCIPAL, STAFF & STUDENTS
TAGORE, PUDUCHERRY

PLANT TREES SAVE LIVES



Tree Plantation by CM (14-09-2022)



Shankuntala Shakthi Award (01-09-2022)



Indian CSR Award (2022)



Job Fair with Zero Waste (26-11-2022)



CM Relief Fund (20-12-2022)



Open-Air Classroom





 Puducherry, Puducherry, India

 Tagore Government Arts and Science College Puducherry, 605008, India

 Lat 11.963555° Long 79.812343°

NSS Garden Inauguration (17-02-2023)

Mangalam School Visit (31-03-2023)

Best Practice – 2

1. Title of the Practice: Co-Parenting

Objectives of the Practice

- The main objective of co-parenting is to ensure that the education of no student suffers and make the students feel comfortable that the Institution is the counterpart of their home and the teachers are of their parents and make them feel free to express themselves and get elevated to a higher level with the guidance of their Institution and their teachers.
- To reduce the number of drop outs.
- To co-parent the students who lost either of their parents or both.
- To co-parent the needy students who have parents and yet are not able to continue their education due to the financial condition or worn-out condition of their family.
- To co-parent the students who are not able to continue their higher education due to health reasons (physically / mentally (of the student himself / herself or of the members of their family).

2. The Context

- Majority of the students of this college are from very poor background as their parents are mostly coolies and run their life on a day-to-day basis where they see the money only when there is some labour work.
- Many of the students of this college are the first graduates of their family.
- Majority of the students of this college are working in part time to meet their educational expenses as the income of the family is insufficient to meet the expenses of the education of the student.
- This being the case, students dropping out is seriously a major problem faced by the Institution.
- The spread of corona and lockdown worsened the situation in a more drastic manner.
- Some students are not serious about their studies after the Corona hit the world and concentrate on seeking a job immediately to meet their family expenses.

3. The practice

- Students those who were struggling to continue their education due to very poor economic background were identified and co-parented with financial assistance by the college.
- Students who were working in part time were identified and co-parented with the aid of the financial assistance of by the college as it severely affects their academic activities.
- Financial support was provided to the needy students during pandemic time as most of the students are from below poverty line.

- Financial help was provided to some students who want to meet their medical expenses like neuro surgery.
- Financial help was provided to some students who lost their parent due to Corona.
- Financial assistance was provided to students who lost their house in the fire accident.
- Students who were in need of financial assistance for their preparation for competition examinations were given financial assistance.
- Students were asked to apply for different scholarships provided by the Government of Puducherry for educational purpose.
- Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship, students belonging to different categories – OBC, SC, ST, Minorities and students with disabilities benefited every year.
- Under the Central sector scheme of scholarship for College and University students, some of the students benefited every year.
- Admission Fee was waived for the Puducherry Resident students by the State Government during 2018–2019, 2019–2020, 2020–2021, 2021–2022 and 2022–2023.
- A strength of 2062 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 6,71,900 (2019–2020)**, 2972 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 10,11,900 (2019–2020)**, 3853 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 29,95,350 (2020–2021)**, 4158 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 20,69,100 (2021–2022)** and 3687 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 15,14,700 (2022–2023)**.
- Out of the Institution Scheme, 8 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 82,500 (2020–2021)**, 4 had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 30,000 (2021–2022)** and 6 students had benefited a total sum of **Rs. 22,500 (2022–2023)**.
- Students admitted during the academic year 2023–2024 will also be benefiting out of the Government Scholarships under different schemes and out of the Institution Schemes.
- Students were motivated for sports activities and winners of trophies and medals were awarded by the Institution with cash prize or kind.
- Apart from the financial assistance, students who were under mental stress in general and during the time of Covid-19 in particular, were given due counselling by the Pondicherry Counselling Centre (PCC) from the Psychology Department teaching faculties.

4. Evidence of Success

- **As a result of the practice of co-parenting, the dropout rate of the students has reduced from 10% in 2014 to 1.4% in 2023.**
- Students who were working in part-time at the cost of their academic career could be seen regular to the classes as they were able to meet their financial problems of their family.
- The academic performance of the students, in particular, those who had received financial support through various schemes – Governmental and Institutional, has increased.
- **Students could be seen getting the opportunity of pursuing their higher studies.**
- The academic results of the students could be seen having an impact in getting an employment opportunity after the completion of their undergraduate Degree.
- Financially assisting the needy students bears a positive impact on their education and future and is very vivid.

- The relief in their face with a small act of this type of co-parenting cannot be expressed in words.

5. Problems encountered and resources required

- Determining eligibility criteria and ensuring that the most deserving students receive support is a complex process.
- Finding out the students who were in need of financial assistance during the Covid-19 was really a herculean task.
- With the limited funding resources, the Institution was able to help some students out of its sheer interest in the betterment of the students' future prospects alone.
- It was heart breaking when the students who lost their parents due to Corona, who lost their house in fire accident, whose parents were sick and were unable to finance the family received the financial assistance given by the Institution. Literally they did not know what to do next.

Photos of Evidence for Co-parenting

Flood Relief



Financial Assistance for student whose House was on fire

