

INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

The Oxford College of Pharmacy has sensed the societal requirements and provided excellent opportunities that are responsive to the needs of the community in order to create a vibrant and supportive community by significantly increasing opportunities to connect and explore ideas for the benefit of the nation and its people. Our educational institutions support students in overcoming economic, social, creative, and environmental obstacles so they can take an active role in determining their own futures. Each person is given plenty of room by the institutes to think about and reflect on the numerous information portals in the library. Our best practices will guarantee the opening up of higher order thinking and problem-solving frontiers to inculcate and ignite creative sparks that lie in the young aspirants through the delivery of a variety of programmes. The actions/initiatives taken by our institutes encourage the coordination of ideas and deeds by learning through the sharing of knowledge, skills, and best practices.

Title of the Practice:Green Campus

Objectives:

The modern educational system is increasingly incorporating green campus activities, and the institutions can lead the way in advancing these ideas throughout society. A sustainable and climate-friendly atmosphere is supported through our college's green campus initiative. The utilization of sustainable energy sources and energy-saving techniques, extensive recycling and composting, and campus beautification with greenery were the key goals of these programmes.

The Context:

To ensure that there will be enough water, materials, and other resources available for our children's generation, the sustainability of this Green Campus initiative is our key concern. The greatest difficulty, however, lies in effectively putting the education for sustainable development into practise in order to increase its effectiveness. The involvement of all staff and students is crucial for each new development to keep the correct balance of economic, social, and environmental factors in mind. Our college has made an effort to put this programme into action by planning conferences and staff and student training sessions. In order to continue and maintain the green practices, more emphasis is being placed on the development of the proper infrastructure.

The Practice:

Numerous initiatives have been supported by our college to safeguard the environment and preserve its natural resources. Our college has a plastic-free campus that is only partially smoke-free. On campus, distinct trash cans have also been placed in various locations to separate biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. On the college campus, there are signboards and banners promoting the notions of a plastic-free campus, reduced noise pollution, and environmental awareness. The college hosts a programme to raise awareness of environmental issues. To save electricity, LED bulbs have been installed in college buildings. The paper waste generated by library and offices are given to recycler. The broken glass wastes generated in laboratories are disposed for recycling after thorough washing. Maintenance department regularly checks water supply systems and also attend the complaints for any repair required. For reducing water consumption, „self-closing time-delayed taps“ are installed in all taps.

Evidence of Success:

Through the following actions, the effectiveness of this best practise has been demonstrated:

1. Solar energy is used to meet a portion of the overall electrical power consumption.
2. A plastic-free campus was established through a public awareness campaign using signboards and display boards
3. Students are made aware of environmental issues through the awareness programme.
4. The campus is regularly and periodically subjected to energy and green audits.

Title of the Practice: Rural Outreach Programme

Objectives

- To provide awareness of students, children, teaching and non-teaching faculties about keeping the environment clean and safe from pollution.

The Department of Pharmacognosy organized the field visit on “World Environment Day” along with M.Pharm students of Pharmaceutics and Pharmacology. We visited Government School of Hongasandra with the posters for the awareness of students, teaching and non-teaching staff about keeping the environment clean and safe from pollution. There was total around 100 participants which included faculties, post graduates, school children, teaching and non-teaching staff of above-mentioned school. Students carried few charts presentation with good messages to plant more trees to purify the air and make the earth green. This was an amazing event and students participated and celebrated world environmental day enthusiastically. They were also asked to plant a sapling to create a green corner. A lot of enthusiasm was seen in the students. The event was conducted successfully with whole hearted participation and awareness about plants.

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Evidence of Success: The success of the program was evident from the feedback obtained from the students. The programme was helpful for the participants to understand the importance of mother earth how to keep our surroundings clean and green.