

Best Practices for Academic Year 2017-18

(i) Eco- friendly campus :

- Goal - Bringing environment consciousness among the students and staff.
- Education-in-nature environment
- Context - The college is located at the periphery of Imphal city and lies in a rural setup. However new offices and government/ non-governmental construction are coming up during the last few decades around the college. The rural setup is being slowly transformed into an urban one. Issues about ecological imbalance due to degradation of green zones and reduction of wasteland have become apparent. People around the campus, the hinterland of the college, have their own consciousness about effects of environmental degradation. Resulting from continuous awareness and lecture programmes about the importance of saving environment by way of afforestation and proper management of wastes and sanitation, students and staffs of the college have become well aware of physical context in and around the college. There is ample opportunity for developing eco-friendly environment to be extended by experts and organisations working on this issue.

Practice and innovation - The college already has an Eco-Club of 110 students. It organises and undertakes various activities relating to environmental consciousness in and around the college campus.

Tree planting programmes are being held at least once every six months. Many species and varieties of trees and plants including fruit bearing ones grow linearly along both sides of the college campus roads and pathways. An Eco- Demonstration Park has been developed in front of the College Administrative Block. Green meadows roll in between the college building blocks. There develops a pond in the middle of the campus where rain water is harvested and reserved for perennial use of the college. The College has drawn up a plan to develop a Botanical garden adjoining this pond near the Science Block.

The College uses renewable energy by installing a solar energy power plant of 9 KVA under the funding of the UGC. All the incandescent electric bulbs inside the college have been replaced by eco- friendly LED bulbs. Waste collecting dustbins are installed at proper points. The college has started plastic-free zone campaign with displays at proper places. The Eco-Club in collaboration with NSS volunteers of the college also regularly conducts cleanliness programmes within the college campus.

Evidence of success - There is marked positive transformation in the behaviour of the students and staff in the context of their attitude towards the maintenance of a neat and clean campus. Many teachers and students have readily volunteered to bring saplings and plant them in the college campus and also look after their maintenance and growth.

Constraints - Paucity of funds have been a big constraint on the effort towards achieving an eco-friendly campus in spite of the dedicated will of the stakeholders.

(ii) Opening of IT course:

Goal	- To keep pace with the changing trends in higher education where ICT based teaching and learning, e-governance and information management system. The core objective is to give IT skills to the learners of the college which will help them in pursuing higher learning and enhancing employability.
Context	- Only traditional subjects in B.A. and B.Sc. undergraduate level are taught in the college. New trends in teaching and administration of higher education requires IT skills and student also need to be imbued with the same skill at the undergraduate level so the college is planning to introduce a course in IT like Computer Sc. Or B.C.A. The college have got the opportunity to open initially a certificate in IT and ITes under RUSA scheme. The college has drawn up a plan to open B.Sc Computer Sc. And B.C.A in the near future taking the opportunity of the existing foundation.
Practice and innovation :	The college has already a computer centre with 7 functional computers. 15 more have been added during the year. Initially only 30 students are enrolled in the certificate course whose capacity has now increase to 40 in the 2 nd enrolment. The curriculum is design by Manipur state RUSA. The course is conducted in collaboration with SYNAPX, and IT services firm. Classes are arranged in the early morning shift to enable the student to attain the normal classes of B.A. and B.Sc. programme. Thus the college working hour extend from 7 to 9 hrs.
Evidence of success:	The student demand for admission to the course has been high. The selection procedure is by draw of lots.
Constraints:	Infrastructural demands of the course has remained deficient due to shortage of budget allocation.