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INSTITUTIONAL BEST PRACTICES

Title of the practice: Restoration of Historical Site at Narastan Tral

Objectives:

- i) To conduct a cleanliness drive in and around the famous historical site.
- ii) To educate the local populace regarding the importance of such sites in identifying our past.
- iii) To clean the nearby springs/ streams as a symbol of awareness among the local populace.

Context:

Narastan lies in North-East of Awantipora, 16 Km from Tral town towards famous Aripal. The place of Narastan is famous for its ancient temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. This stone is distinguished for its architectural works. An interesting feature of this site is that it has no ceiling. There is a stream of water that gushes down in front of the temple. However, the site was badly affected. Grass, weeds and sedge had overgrown in the stones. Plastic and filth and empty containers were strewn all around. There was garbage piled everywhere- thus making the whole monument susceptible to annihilation. Keeping in view the importance of archeological site, the college administration decided to conduct a cleanliness drive in and around the historical site so as to restore its original sanctity.

The Practice:

On 14th of September 2018, both the NSS units of the college led by Programme Officers conducted a cleanliness drive in and around the site. Almost all the departments of the college co-operated the NSS teams and volunteered to be a part of the programme. To make the event a success, the college administration issued orders for procurement of following items;

1. Refreshment for volunteers
2. Polybags for carrying trash
3. Rubber Gloves for volunteers

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4. Petrol/ Gasoline for brush cutter
 5. Brooms

The garbage collected was disposed off safely in an eco-friendly manner. The act was appreciated by the local population.

Evidence of Success:

The NSS volunteers under the supervision of POs and other staff helped to restore this archeological site. The noble act proved to be an elevating experience for the students. It infused a spirit of love, brotherhood and social service among them. In community members, it imbibed a new spirit in their otherwise dead hearts for preservation of such historical sites in our valley.

Problems Encountered

No problem encountered.

Title of Practice: Preservation of Walnut trees in the campus

Objectives:

- I) To preserve endangered Walnut trees from extinction.
- II) To generate revenue for the College.
- III) To maintain the ecological balance in the Campus.
- IV) To encourage the students for planting such trees in their local areas.

The Context:

Walnut trees enjoy a special status in Kashmir as it is unlawful to cut these trees without informing the authorities as these trees are at the verge of their extinction. In order to safeguard these plant species, College administration has taken an initiative in this direction. GDC Tral campus harbours near about fourteen walnut trees of different varieties. These plants in their natural habitat are preserved from every anthropogenic invasion. This serves two purposes to the college. One, after the walnuts are harvested, they are sold, which fetches college an appreciable revenue and second is that they add to the scenic beauty of the college campus. College teachers continuously encourage the students to plant these trees in their local areas by highlighting the numerous advantages of walnuts as well as walnut trees.

The Practice:

Walnut trees are extremely resistant to pests, thus they don't need any pesticide sprays. However to ensure good health of these plants, the college at the onset of every spring season deweeds the area around the walnut stems. Then fertilizers are added to the soil which provides important nutrients to the walnut trees. At the time of harvesting College conducts on the spot auction of walnuts and they are then sold to the highest bidder. The revenue so obtained is deposited into the government account against the proper receipt.

Problems Encountered:

No major problem encountered.