

# Krishnagar Women's College

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## **Best Practices of the College**

### **Title of the Practice: Energy Conservation Goal**

**Objective of the Practice:** To reduce the consumption of energy without compromising on quality and set an example in the field of Energy Conservation, in accordance with the national objectives.

**Context:** As detailed on the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, Government of India site, the efficient use of energy resources and their conservation assume tremendous significance in the context of curtailment of wasteful energy consumption and sustainable development. The UN Sustainable Development Goal no. 7, 'Affordable and clean energy' for all, envisages expansion of energy access. To expand access, it is important to enhance energy efficiency and to invest in renewable energy.

**The Practice:** The College buildings have thick brick walls that keep the interiors cool during the scorching summer. Rooms have ample windows and doors for optimal utilization of natural light. 'Save Electricity' campaigns are conducted throughout the academic year. Student volunteers of KWC have put up posters near the switchboards of classrooms urging users to switch off lights and fans on their way out. In classrooms and labs, lights and fans are switched on only in the occupied area. While purchasing air conditioners or refrigerators, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) star rating is checked. Students are urged to conserve every drop of water, so that in addition to conserving water, it is not necessary to switch on pumps frequently. The College observes Earth Day when lights in the academic block and administrative blocks are switched off.

The following practices have been adopted: Use of LED Lighting: In a concerted move, traditional lights which consume a greater amount of power have been substituted by LED's in the library, the classrooms and all the corridors of the Campus.

**Evidence of success:** This initiative has visibly brought down the electricity bills over the years. The College authority further seeks to install solar lamps and tap solar energy for various purposes, which will bring down electric consumption to a minimum in the coming years.

**Problems encountered and Resources Required:** The College is located in a sub-urban area, with its buildings and electric connections more than fifty years old. Though efforts are being taken to change the wirings, yet it requires a lot of funding to do the same. With its limited

resources and solely dependent on Government aids for infrastructural aids, changes are slow to implement.

### **Title of the Practice:- Social awareness initiatives by N.S.S. Unit.**

**Objectives of the Practices:** Making the local residents aware of the importance of education for girl child. The students of Krishnagar Women's College through various social activities carried out at an under privileged locality near the College Campus – Nicher Para, created an unique and unprecedented bond with the marginalized section of society. Our girls maintained consistency in conducting social activities and also to got desired results. It also sensitized our students for paying back to society; and developed organizational and communication skills.

**The Context:-** In the past few decades, the government has launched and implemented various welfare, upliftment schemes and awareness programs for the subaltern people. But due to lack of effective execution and result oriented mechanism, the desired goal couldn't be achieved. The overall progress of the underdogs living in depraved conditions is still restrained by various factors. Owing to lack of information, ignorance and outreach awareness programmes, life of these locals is still encircled by various problems. Illiteracy, health issues related to unhygienic living conditions, superstitious outlook, and suppressing the dreams and desires of girls etc. are some of the issues restraining the progress of suburban and rural Nadia. These factors compelled us to organize various awareness campaign specially targeting these issues to bring about a change in outlook of these localities. The primary focus was to make them aware, how far a girl can soar, if not constrained by glass ceiling.

**The Practice:-** The N.S.S. volunteers conducted series of surveys, sensitizing the residents to various social ills debilitating their growth in life. 'Beti Bachao! Beti Padhao!' was the motto of the year long activities; but help was extended to all in the form of organizing free health checkup camps, giving out blankets, study kits to needy students; sensitizing all regarding the Covid protocols, the use of getting vaccinated etc.

#### **Evidence of Success:-**

- A change in attitude towards cleanliness was clearly evident.
- Girls of that locality came out with stories of unprecedented exploitation, and parents became more wary of those problems.
- The organizational skill among the students appeared to be enhanced while organizing various programmes in that locality.

#### **Problems Encountered:**

- As majority of the residents of Nicher Para are engaged in menial jobs like that of domestic helps or labourers, money is always an excruciating problem for them, and without more Governmental aid, the dream of a clean and hygienic life can never be fulfilled.

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