

## चेंबूर कर्नाटका संघा CHEMBUR KARNATAKA SANGHA'S CHEMBUR KARNATAKA COLLEGE OF LAW

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## Best practice- 01

## LET'S GO GREEN: THERE'S NO PLANET B!

The institution not only conducts theoretical classes on environmental concepts and provisions, but also practically pledges to conserve and preserve the environment by implementing and adhering to the core principles of *Sustainable Development*.

## **Objectives of the Practice:**

- Protecting and conserving ecological resources
- Ensuring sustainable utilization of environmental resources
- Integrating environmental concerns into outreach programmes
- Collaborating with stakeholders and the local community
- Promoting environmental awareness and advocating for eco-friendly practices
- Prioritizing efficient energy and water utilization
- Striving for a plastic-free campus
- Reducing paper consumption in administrative activities

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## **The Context:**

The Institution is conscious of the Fundamental Duties envisaged in the Indian Constitution and tries to incorporate best practices to minimize adverse impact on the environment to ensure sustainability in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It strives to reconcile institutional activities with environmental conservation for a safe and secure future.

## The Practice:

The institution is committed to efficient water management, employing strategies to minimize wastage and ensure purity, including tracking usage, prompt leak repairs, and implementing a Rainwater Harvesting System. Plastic ban enforcement is prioritized, replacing plastic with degradable/reusable items. Waste is segregated into wet and dry categories, with dedicated E-waste disposal. The 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) are followed, promoting paperless activities and recycling waste paper. Environmental sustainability is emphasized through initiatives like tree plantation and afforestation efforts, supported by collaborations with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). Transportation initiatives include a monthly "No Vehicle Day" and strict no-smoking policies. Sustainable energy practices are encouraged through the installation of energy-efficient appliances, and outreach programmes promote green campus initiatives, and water management policies.



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## **Evidence of Success:**

- Students participated in Swachch Bharat Abhiyan under the guidance of faculties and/ or CSOs.
- The neighbouring societies were encouraged to plant more trees, use garbage bins appropriately by segregating dry and wet waste, and save energy by switching to energy-efficient lighting systems and appliances.
- Clean Campus Drive is an ongoing initiative; the college strictly adheres to the segregation of waste into dry and wet categories.
- E-waste is managed as per government rules.
- The institution discourages burning of leaves and waste papers.
- The institution presents plants to its guests, instead of flower bouquets.
- Restricted use of elevator to students and faculties of law college and night college.

## **Challenges faced and resources required:**

The institution encountered challenges in implementing sustainability initiatives, like behavioral resistance to new practices of waste segregation, and financial constraints for infrastructure upgradation. Cultural inertia within the institution and local communities, along with monitoring difficulties, added further hurdles. Despite these obstacles, sustainability efforts were initiated and practiced by all the stakeholders. The institution's Go Green initiative encompasses measures like rainwater harvesting, plastic prohibition, E-waste management, waste segregation, energy-efficient lighting and paperless activities.



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## Notes:

The institution promotes a "Go Green" ethos, fostering environmental awareness among students to protect plants, conserve water, save energy, and maintain eco-friendly practices.

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# BEST PRACTICE- 02 HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE RULES THE WORLD

"Woman is our tomorrow.

Woman is the eye of the nation...

Woman is the perfect architect of the society.

Woman empowerment can make the society powerful."

A woman is an integral part of mankind; yet, she is not safe, free and independent in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This is the concern of every government, thus various laws and policies are introduced, and awareness programmes held to empower women.

## The objective:

- Upholding Women Empowerment through Legal Aid Committee (LAC) and Women Development Cell (WDC).
- Focusing on uplifting women of all ages.
- Creating awareness about their rights; like, educational, health, workplace, marital, and financial rights.

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- Conducting awareness programmes involving all stakeholders along with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).
- Offering vocational courses and distributing necessary articles for skill development.

## **The Context:**

The institution focuses on community involvement in promoting and enhancing women empowerment through awareness programmes. Through its WDC, it champions the cause of women empowerment by raising consciousness about educating girls/women, advocating for gender equality, promoting physical and mental health, and fostering financial independence to empower women to contribute to an equitable society.

## The Practice:

The institution, through its WDC, visits nearby areas like Ghatla, Govandi, Shivaji Nagar, Mankhurd, etc., on the 2nd/4th Saturday every month, often with collaborating CSOs such as Stree Mukti Sangathna, Vacha Charitable Trust, etc. Students, guided by faculty and these organisations, raise awareness on women related issues and facilitate essential documentation of Aadhar and PAN cards. Collaborating with Stree Mukti Sangathna, the institution provides basic life skills training and identity recognition for women, while with Vacha Charitable Trust, it supports education and vocational training for adolescent girls. Volunteers emphasize the importance of education, nurture talents, and distribute sanitary napkins to promote menstrual hygiene and educate about STDs. They also advocate against early marriage, promote widow remarriage, and raise awareness about marital rights and child protection, including the campaign "NO MEANS NO" in collaboration with local authorities.



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## **Evidence of success:**

- Highlighted the importance of education through LAC and WDC.
- Gradual growth of female admission/enrolment in its sister institutions.
- Empowered women through vocational training leading to entrepreneurial ventures.
- Success stories of women who ventured into homemade papad and pickle business, beauty salon, tailoring, and mainstream employment with Urban Company (home services company).

## **Problems Encountered and Resources Required:**

The institution faced issues relating to logistics, monetary constraints, interaction and engagement with target communities, distribution of essential articles among the needy, and training, monitoring, and coordinating with the target communities. Effective engagement with stakeholders and sustained commitment from faculties and students were challenging for the initiative's success in promoting gender equality and empowering girls/ women.

#### Notes:

Despite challenges, the institution's commitment to empowering women through its LAC and WDC has led to tangible successes. From raising awareness about women's rights, to providing vocational training and facilitating entrepreneurial ventures, it has made significant strides in empowering women of all ages, and creating a more equitable society where they can thrive freely and independently.

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