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Best Practices -

1. Green Campus

Govt. Pt. Madhav Rao Sapre College, Pendra Road is situated in an area well known for its beautiful green cover and favourable weather. Forest land abounds in the region that falls under the Satpuda-Maikal range and is rich in a variety of flora and fauna. In a time when the world is witnessing the wrath of nature due to deforestation and subsequent loss of green cover and global warming, the pristine beauty and sylvan surroundings of the area marks it out as a place of formidable worth.

Keeping in view the invaluable wealth that the region has in its essence, the college has adopted the practice of conserving and preserving this green cover. Our students are the future of the nation and it is in their capable and conscious hands that the future of our environment and ecology stands. In order to make them more conscious and aware towards their role as the guardians of their environment, the college has initiated several activities related to the protection and conservation of the environment.

Activities that are being conducted in view of this objective of the college include:

- i. Tree plantation programme every academic session that has an equal and enthusiastic participation of both the students and the college staff.
 - ii. A garden is maintained in the college campus that includes ornamental as well as medicinal plants.
 - iii. The students are encouraged to nurture the hobby of gardening as a part of their Environmental Studies project under which they donate a potted plant to the college, which they undertake to care for during the course of their degree programme in college.
 - iv. Regular weeding and cleaning is done by the students with the help of the college staff as part of maintenance and nurturing of the green campus.
 - v. The college has a water harvesting system that ensures the conservation of rain water.
 - vi. To inspire the students to adopt natural and environment friendly methods in cultivation, a compost pit has been dug in the campus that functions as a source of natural manure for the plants.
 - vii. Eco club has been formed under the Gardening committee of the college that actively engages the students in keeping the college campus green and eco friendly by ensuring the campus is free of plastics.
 - viii. As part of the green initiative, students are also motivated to be more compassionate and empathetic towards the plant and animal life.

2. Health and Hygiene

Located in a tribal region wherein there are villages that are situated in far flung areas, Pendra Road is a place that cannot boast of an advanced and well equipped medical infrastructure. Many students of Govt. Pt. Madhav Rao Sapre College, Pendra Road hail not only from economically challenged backgrounds but also from places that are situated in the distant hinterlands. Owing to scarce resources and low mobility of the people living in these areas, health is one factor that gets negatively affected. The prevalence of such diseases as typhoid, malaria and dengue among the general population in the region makes it imperative that health and hygiene be given its due importance.

The college recognizing this issue of prime significance has decided to include the practice of generating awareness about health and hygiene as one of its best practices. In accordance with this decision, several initiatives are taken by the college to

promote awareness about health and hygiene amongst its students through the various programmes and events organized by the college Red Cross committee.

Some of the health initiatives undertaken by the committee includes:

- i. Blood donation camps conducted by the college Red Cross Committee.
- ii. Free blood test of students organized in college.
- iii. Aids awareness programme.
- iv. Presentation on health and hygiene.
- v. Presentation for girl students on menstrual hygiene.
- vi. Awareness lecture on health and nutrition.
- vii Declaration of the campus as a 'No Tobacco Zone'.