

Best Practice A: 2019-20

1. Title of the Practice: Tree Plantation Drive (Go Green)

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- i. To beautify the college through tree plantation and conservation.
- ii. To create environmental awareness among students.
- iii. To make growing and nurturing of plants a day to day practice.
- iv. To share the green practices adopted by the world community in order to save nature and the environment.

3. The Context: Plants are the lifeline of all living beings of this world. Trees replenish oxygen of the atmosphere, provide food, maintain ecological balance, produce valuable building materials, and are a source of medicine preparation and many more. It is an undoubtedly a fact that until and unless we care for nature we will not be cared or cherished in return. Keeping these points in mind, the college has been adopting plantation drives since years back.

4. The Practice: The College has been conducting various activities within and outside the college campus. A good number of plants, having medicinal value or otherwise, are grown and nurtured within the campus, like amla (Indian Gooseberry), jamun (Java Plum or Black Plum), hilika (Haritaki), Arjun trees, etc. It is worth mentioning that “Aastha” the CKB Commerce Women’s Cell, has been playing a very active role in these plantation drives. In the year 2015, it had initiated a plantation programme to plant 22 “Bakul” (Spanish Cherry) saplings in the approach road of the College to serve the twin purpose of beautification as well as preservation of nature. The “Bakul” being a rare variety and having great value, the College Women Cell embedded its saplings on 4th June, which is observed as the Foundation Day of the Cell. Since then, those plants are nurtured not only by the members of the cell but also by the student community. Special appreciation goes to the students belonging to the “Parivartan Group” who, despite the heat and rain, take care of them like their young siblings. Credit further goes to the college gardener who make the effort to regularly monitor their growth. The College authority also provides the resource and materials whenever required. Any programme organized by the Women Cell such as Foundation Day celebration starts with a tree plantation programme. Special guests and Resource Persons invited to the programs are felicitated and gifted with a sapling alongside the traditional gamusa.

The NSS unit of the College is also working for the protection of environment and preservation of nature. Its members take the lead in growing plants within the campus on Environment Day and other special occasions like celebration of Women’s Day in the Girls’ Hostel. The Guava tree near the gate of the Girls’ Hostel is one such tree grown thus. The college authority also leads from the front in this endeavour. The beautiful arrangement of potted plants of different

varieties in the courtyard and corridors are a sight for sore eyes. It not only enhances the beauty of the Campus but also retains the green environment within the campus.

Evidence of Success: The long approach road of the College looks very green and beautiful. The fruit trees that are thoughtfully grown in the campus like amla (Indian Gooseberry), jamun (Java Plum or Black Plum), hilika (Haritaki), etc. often provide the much needed sustenance to students, teaching and non-teaching staff to consume them during recesses. The huge Arjun tree inhabiting the space between the college canteen and college playground is serving a dual purpose:

- a) It has medicinal value and is used for treating fractures, ulcers, high blood pressure, etc. It has various medicinal properties and acts as antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial.
- b) The Arjun tree also offers the much needed shade and shelter to the cows who often loiter around in the campus when the gates of the college are open. During the sweltering summer months, students are also noticed sitting underneath the canopy relaxing and delighting in the beauty of the surrounding.

5. Problems encountered and Resource required:

During dry season some trees that are planted die due to lack of proper watering. There are plants that need frequent re-plantation. Moreover the young Bakul Trees planted outside the College campus are eaten by street animals like cow, goat, and re-plantation had to be done in some places.

The college authority has directed to make a netted shield and barricade around each plant up to a certain level, giving the plants space to bask in air, water and sunlight. With this measure, the plants are also safe from the four-footed marauders.

Best Practice B: 2019-20

1. Title of the Practice: Inspirational Awards to Students

2. Objectives of the Practice:

- i. To acknowledge the sweat and toil of students.
- ii. To inspire them to persist in the same spirit in the future.
- iii. To motivate junior students to work hard in the same way so that they too achieve such honours.

3. The Context: In today's fast paced-world and escalating social media interactions, people especially young students seem to be caught in the vicious circle of existence. The need of motivation has magnified. Young students require extrinsic motivation like external rewards and

recognition to give wings to their dreams. Inner zeal and passion alone does not suffice nowadays as there are a lot of pull and push factors. Inspirational Awards can provide the much-needed motivation and push to stretch their learning capacities. An award based on merit can inspire the recipient student to continue doing well in future.

4. The Practice: Keeping in view the above points, Mr. Bimal Chandra Saikia, who retired as Vice-Principal of the college, had pioneered this noble initiative of giving monetary awards to meritorious students of the college. In 2004, B. C. Saikia started by gifting a cash award of Rs. 5000/- (from his modest earnings) to every student who got First Class in Accountancy Major in the B. Com. Final Examination. The flow of awards continued till his retirement in 2012. The Teachers' Unit of the college continued the trailblazing example and thus, two Inspirational Awards are funded by the teachers annually. In addition to the above two awards, two more Memorial Awards are given. These Inspirational Awards are:

a) Teachers' Inspiration Award to the College Overall Topper in any Speciality Subject in B.Com. Final Examination conducted by Dibrugarh University.

This award includes a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and a Certificate of Appreciation.

b) Teachers' Inspiration Award to the College Overall Topper in the General Course in B.Com. Final Examination conducted by Dibrugarh University.

This award includes a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and a Certificate of Appreciation.

c) Late Chinmoy Saikia Memorial Award: This annual award, consisting of a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation is given to the College Accountancy Topper in the B. Com. Final Examination conducted by Dibrugarh University. Conferred every year in the memory of Late Chinmoy Saikia, who was an equally brilliant ex-student of the college, the award is handed over by Mrs. M. Saikia, wife of Late Chinmoy Saikia.

d) Late Rupak Dutta Memorial Award: This annual award, consisting of a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation, is given to the College Business Management Topper in the B. Com. Final Examination conducted by Dibrugarh University. Conferred every year in the memory of Late Rupak Dutta, who was an exceptional and dynamic teacher of the college, and who passed away while in harness, the award is handed over by Mrs. M. Dutta, wife of Late Rupak Dutta.

Awardees from 2017-2020:

Year	Teachers' Inspiration Award (Major)	Teachers' Inspiration Award (General)	Chinmoy Saikia Memorial Award	Rupak Dutta Memorial Award
2017	Priya Baheti	Priyanka Das	Jyoti Sahu	Priya Baheti
2018	Akash Jyoti Borah	Afsana Khatun	Akash Jyoti Borah	Semim Hazarika
2019	Soni Kumari	Amit Ghosh	Khushbu Kumari	Anuska Rathi
2020	Parindita Roy	Sanghamitra Phukan	Purabi Saikia	Parindita Roy

Further, students who are exceptionally talented in sports are also rewarded by the institution. Dashrath Kumar, a National level Cricketer (bowler), and current student of the college was awarded Rs. 10,000/- and a Certificate of Appreciation.

5. Evidence of Success: A good number of meritorious students have been awarded so far with these motivational incentives and awards. The deserving students are usually felicitated during the Annual Freshers' Social as such an occasion will stimulate and inspire them in emulating the winners. The happy acknowledgement speeches of the award winners speak volumes about the success of the endeavour.

6. Problems encountered and resources required: As these awards are given to recently passed-out students, a few are unable to receive the awards during the felicitation ceremony organized by the authority. So, it is handed over in absentia. Further, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, announced since March 2020, the felicitation ceremony of 2019 and 2020 was clubbed together and the awards distributed in early 2021 when there was a hiatus in the lockdown period.