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BEST PRACTICE I

- 1. Title of the Practice: Legal Empowerment of Women
- **2. Objectives:** To aware the girls about the laws and provisions for women mentioned in the Constitution of India
- **3. The Context:** Constitution has given legal protections to the women in various fields. However, most girls and women, though they are educated, are unaware about the laws as they are written in language is complicated. Because of the lack of knowledge, most of the time women become victim in various situations. To protect the women from such exploitation, it is necessary to empower the girls legally.
- **4. The Practice:** On 'International Women's Day' on 8th March 2022, the Women Education cell, and Cultural Department in collaboration with NSS department has organised one day video conference on 'Legal Empowerment of Women'. The resource person for this conference was Ms. Shivkanya Kadam, Assistant Professor & Head Department of Law, Government Institute of Forensic science, Nagpur. The programme was organised in both online and offline mode. Resource person Ms. Shivkanya Kadam guided the audience on various constitutional and legal rights and powers given to women. She explained constitutional empowerment of Women, Women empowerment under Family laws, Labour laws, and Criminal laws, right to property, Government Schemes for empowerment of women.
- **5. Evidence of Success:** As the programme was in offline and online mode, number of attendees were large. 60 girl students, 20 boys, all teaching and non-teaching staff participated in the conference. Few participants also joined on online platform. Girls asked their doubts which are very well answered by resource person.
- **6. Problems**: College is situated in remote area where there is internet network is poor. As the resource person joined through video conferencing, at few moments technical problems occurred due interrupted internet connection.

BEST PRACTICE II

- 1. **Title of the Practice**: Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register of Dhanora town
- 2. **Objectives of the Practice**: The objective of this practice is to conserve the biodiversity of the area and associated knowledge, facilitate its sustainable use and ensure that benefits accruing from use of biological resources are fairly and equitably shared with those who have been involved in their conservation, use and management.
- 3. **The Context:** People's Biodiversity Register is the need of an hour. This is because it is a kind of long-lasting document. On this basis the next life process gets the right move .This type of project is useful for solving the problem of the future by getting the right impetus. At the same time, it is very important to spread the awareness about biodiversity and sustainable use of available natural resources in the future. And in that direction rural development and overall environmental development and balance can be achieved.

With the focus on above context the Nagar Panchayat Dhanora and S.J.S.P.M. Arts, Commerce & Science College had started a joint venture of Preparation of People's Biodiversity Register of Dhanora town.

- 1. **The Practice:** Through this practice the data were collected regarding available Natural resources, crops cultivated, fruits, diverse plant and animal species of etc. present within the boundaries of Dhanora town. For this purpose, the five departments of the college were involved to collect this diverse data. These departments are Botany, Zoology, Geography, Political Science and Sociology. The department heads are assigned with the responsibility of collecting the required information related to their departments. Students of each department were involved in this group project activity. The data of crops, fruit plants, fodder crops and species, medicinal plants, wild varieties of crop plants, ornamental plants, timber plants and other important plant species of the area is collected by Department of Botany. The information of about various pests on crops, market sold animals, pet animals, animal market, aquatic animals, fisheries and fishes etc. is collected by Department of Zoology. Geography department had the responsibility of collection of data about soil and soil types of the area, land structure, water resource availability etc. Whereas, Sociology and Political Science department collected the information about various local markets of fishes, animals and other important information about the town. Finally, all data is collected and compiled as per the required format of Biodiversity register and submitted to the Nagar Panchayat Dhanora.
- 2. **Evidence of Success:** As a result of joint efforts of the various departments of the college, the People's Biodiversity Register of 220 pages was prepared consisting of all the information about available natural resources, plant and animal species diversity of the area, local information regarding market and economy, human life and culture. This book has lots of importance as it specifies the present status of availability of natural resources in the area with special focus on sustainable ways for the utilization.
- 3. **Problems encountered and Resources Required:** This practice is based on the survey method of research. The student of all the department were actively involved in the project. Problems encountered related to survey in dense forest area near by the Dhanora town.