

Annexure-III

Title of the practice: “Climate Ambassadors”

1. The Context:

Climate change is a widely discussed environmental issue on the national and international platforms. The drastic changes in climate caused due to rapid industrialization, deforestation and unplanned urbanization. The western Ghat of India, full of rainforest is one of the biodiversity rich regions of the world but unfortunately endangered. Since Devrukh is on the western slope of Sahyadri Mountain, we are most concerned to this threat.

The college has taken initiative to make aware the people about the consequences of environmental devastation causing due to to deforestation. The NSS unit of the college has initiated a "Climate Ambassadors Scheme" for this purpose.

2. Objectives –

- i. To make the people aware about the consequences of deforestation.
- ii. To promote a coordination among the schools for environmental awareness programmes.
- iii. To create a dais to bring intellectuals together and share their concern to people.
- iv. To collaborate and coordinate with the institutes working in the field of climate change to organize the programmes and activities in a scientific manner.
- v. To involve schoolchildren in to this important activity in their budding age.

3. The practice -

- i) Organization of seminars and workshops
- ii) Awareness lectures
- iii) Participative rallies and activities

4. Obstacles faced -

- i) Conservative mentality of the people
- ii) Inelastic schedules and bureaucratic mentality of school teachers
- iii) Financial constraints

5. Strategy to overcome –

- i) Fomenting interaction with the experts in the field to understand the seriousness of the problem.
- ii) Motivating teachers to contribute beyond office time
- iii) Collaboration with institutes in the field of environment

6. Impact -

- Due to climate ambassador, program awareness among the college students as well as school students is increased regarding climate change and environment protection.
- Participation of teachers and students is increasing gradually in the concerned activities.

7. Resources Required

- I)** Availability of time
- II)** Financial support
- III)** Support by government departments

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