BEST PRACTICE-1

Community Service as Institutions Social Responsibility Goal/ Objective: To awaken the sense of responsibility amongst students towards their parents and grandparents and orphans To help the senior citizens and orphans residing in near-by old-age homes and childcare homes. To understand the psychology of the children, aged and help them to lessen their pain and emotional stress. The Context: A Orphan is defined as a child who has been abandoned or has lost both parents. A new study by an international children's charity has found that 4 per cent of India's child population of 20 million are orphans. Most of these children have been abandoned by their parents. Poverty has been a significant contributor in high orphan children. Many orphans are actually not 'orphans' in the literal sense - they simply have been put into foster care by families who find it hard to take care of them. Often, it is due to an absent or negligent father, and a working mother and a mother who must work and doesn't have the time to provide care. These parents consider an orphanage's care infrastructure to be better than their own home and care. Orphaned children are greatly in need of care and protection, being among the most susceptible to poverty, child labour and child trafficking. The Colleges as HEI's social responsibility is to work towards addressing the needs of these children by providing them with nutrition, education and protection. With the advancement in the medical science today, the life expectancy has been increasing resulting in the phenomenon of 'population ageing'. This significant rise in the number of senior citizens and their proper health care and privileges for them are matters of great concern and challenge before us and especially before higher education institutions which can orient common people towards this noble task. The Practice/Modus operandi: The teachers and the students of the Government college for Men, Kurnool visit old-age home situated at "Amma Old Age home" at Maddur Nagar and "Keerthana Orphanage at Santhosh Nagar to enquire about their requirements, problems and facilities. The students are grouped and trained to take initiative and solve their specific problems like basic needs, medical needs and emotional needs. Our college collected donations for the orphanage and old age home. Later they donate blankets, medicines, rice bags, mosquito nets to old age home and orphanage.Students are asked to write about their experiences of the visit to oldage home and orphanage and take pledge to be sensitive to the needs of the old in their family andsurroundings. The students of the college make donations to Non –Profitable organization working for the cause and care of the elderly and orphans in India for the last nearly three decades and associate with its activities. The emphasis is not just on donating money but reviving the age-old cultural values of India that regard the old as an asset and not a burden and give them the much-needed company and feeling of belongingness. Evidence of success: In the present-day society, the emotional bond between parents and the children seems weakening for various reasons, giving way to individualism among children. While for youngsters, their perception of home as a cherished place to go back to has been

shattered before their very eyes, for the old, indifference by family members has assumed menacing proportions. In this context, this practice has certainly made an impact. It has extended a helping hand to the orphans and aged citizens of the local and surrounding areas, and has also infused a sense of responsibility and respect amongst the students towards the aged people. The HEIs can awaken the students to realize their responsibility towards the orphans and senior citizens. Problems encountered and Resources required: There are always financial constraints. These are sought to be overcome with the help of various clubs and societies of the city. Title of the Practice: Eco Friendly Campus Objective of the Practice: To maintain ecological balance through planting trees, To fulfill Institutional Social Responsibility Participation in Nature Protection Initiatives,To provide healthy and pollution free environment in and around college, to promote sustainable development ,to promote conservation of conventional natural resources and rare plants. Government College for Men Kurnool is located in a place which does not receive much rainfall. The main source of ground water recharge is natural precipitation. The college tries to create awareness among students and community about the need for participating in environmental protection. Being conscious about its social and environmental responsibility the institution has decided to strengthen its green initiatives and develop them as a healthy, unique and best practice of the college. The college has12.75 acres of land. There is ample scope for plantation in this spacious land. Every year a number of Environmental Awareness Programmes, Rallies and Plantation Drives are regularly conducted. During the orientation programme all the students are informed about the code of conduct and the green policy and are encouraged to participate in eco-friendly activities. The Eco Club has have inculcated a love of nature among students and helped them admire the exquisite beauty of flora by field visits. Initiatives have been taken to reduce the use of plastic and for effective disposal of solid and liquid waste. In order to conserve water a rain water harvesting pit has been dug. The accumulated water recharges the ground water level. T Environmental Awareness Rallies and Programmes are also carried out on NSS and NCC platforms. Saplings are donated to the residents of the adopted villages and they are eduated about the significance of planting trees, saving water and conserving energy. A Power Point Presentation of the rare species of plants nurtured on the campus is prepared by the department of Botany. All the species of flora are identified and well documented by the Department of Botany. The Evidence of Success: On both sides of the College entrance, there are beautiful ornamental plants and also lush green trees. The department of Botany, in collaboration with Eco Club, has developed two botanical gardens where vegetables and fruits are grown. The entire landscaping adds beauty and ambience to college. The foremost problem encountered was mobilization of resources for purchasing saplings. The institution encountered this problem by encouraging the staff and students to donate saplings. Every year, on the occasion of Vana Mahotsav, the department of forests donates a large number of saplings which

are planted in the campus. The staff of department of Botany donated a considerable number of rare plants for the Botanical Garden. As the college does not have a sanctioned post for Gardener, the services of an outsourced employee are utilized for watering and maintaining the campus' Green Belt.