

## 7.2.1 Best Practices

### I. Sapling plantation

Awareness of Environmentalism is the need of the day and hence students are encouraged to plant saplings in their own residential compound and their neighbourhood to the extent possible. The students have undertaken this activity with much enthusiasm and as a matter of regular practice.

- Objective of the practice

Keeping in mind the importance of environmental conservation, Burhani college has initiated the 'Sapling Plantation programme'. Students undertook this activity enthusiastically and planted saplings in their own residential compound and their neighbourhood to the extent possible. The aim was to create an awareness about keeping our environment green and balanced. Students' efforts made this drive a big success. Students have undertaken the responsibility of nurturing the plants.

- Context

The programme created a great stir among the students. The main aim of the drive was to spread and create awareness to protect environment from degradation. The event was successful as each student contributed profoundly as and when called upon by the teachers. In this extensive sapling plantation campaign, many plants with medicinal values were planted by students in various areas.

- The Practice

The Burhani College Management supported the noble drive of sapling plantation. Being located in South Mumbai, possibility of vertical gardening, terrace gardening etc. are being explored.

- Evidence of Success

Sapling plantation drive was a great success and students reported a warm reception by their respective neighbourhoods for the plantation drive.

- Problem encountered and resources required

Being located in heart of the city, the strategic location of Burhani college makes horizontal gardening very difficult hence locating a good open place was a challenge in South Mumbai. Hence the need to spread out and involve the students in a social endeavor.

## II. 100% moderation of answer-sheets

- Objective of the practice

In the academic year 2018-19, Burhani College Management took a vital decision of 100% moderation of answer-sheets for Degree college students. This decision was made in favour of students.

- Context:

Answer-paper evaluation is one of the huge administrative tasks for any college. After the first round of evaluation by teachers the second round is to moderate all the answer-sheets. If there is any difference in the marks awarded by the in-house teachers and the moderator, the decision of moderator is final.

- The Practice:

Moderation helps teachers to make dependable evidence based decisions. Moderation is the process of teachers sharing, working through and agree their understandings of expected curriculum level of student's achievement and success. It supports teachers to compare their own judgment to either confirm or adjust them.

- Evidence of success:

Moderation improves the decisions teachers make about students' result. Teachers vary in their beliefs, understanding, expectations, experience etc. Moderation leads to consistency of judgment.

- Problems encountered and resources required:

100% moderation calls for allocation of resources and time. Results can be delayed if any subject moderation is left incomplete by the moderator. If the moderator is less qualified or less experienced than the in-house teacher, it can distort the result. In case of large difference in marks issued by moderator, higher marks need to be assigned to the student. This criterion varies as per the institutional rules and regulations.

### **III. Drive for economized use of paper**

- Objective of the practice:  
As a part of environmental concern Burhani College promotes lesser usage of paper.
- Context:  
College believes in “Save Paper, Save Trees, Save Earth”
- The Practice:  
Two sided printing of documents is mandatory at College. Students and staff are motivated for e-communication and exchange of soft copy
- Evidence of success:  
Noticeable reduction in usage of paper at College
- Problems encountered and resources required:  
Lack of required infrastructure and technical skills with students.  
University norms of submission of projects in hard copy form.  
University norms of conducting examinations involve a lot of paper work.  
Increased usage of electricity and internet which resulted in increased cost and other environmental issues.