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# **CRITERION VII**

## 7. INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

# 7.2. BEST PRACTICES

7.2.1. Describe two best practices successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual

**Best Practice 1. Special Weekly Prayer** 



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#### BEST PRACTICES

# Title of the Practice I: Special Weakly Prayer Meeting

We believe in celebrating the achievements of our faculty and students, and to that end, we regularly organize prayer meetings where each department shares their accomplishments from the previous week. The purpose of these meetings is to celebrate exceptional contributions to the college and society. These contributions can be in the form of academic excellence, quality research work, and publications in prestigious journals. Contributions can also include public service activities such as blood donation drives. Individuals who have made exceptional contributions are recognized and appreciated during these meetings. Recognitions are a way of showing appreciation for those who go above and beyond to make a difference. Recognition and appreciation help motivate individuals to continue striving for excellence. These prayer meetings promote community and togetherness among the faculty and students.

## The Objective

To foster a positive learning environment for students and promote community engagement.

#### The Context

- Arignar Anna Government Arts College in Namakkal serves students from the most backward areas of Namakkal, Dharmapuri, and Trichy Districts.
- Many of these students may not have had the same opportunities for exposure, encouragement, and recognition as students from more privileged backgrounds.
- Consequently, many students may not have had the chance to showcase or develop their talents to their full potential.

## Advantages

- Recognizes the exceptional contributions of individuals who excel in academics, research, and public service activities.
- Encourages a culture of appreciation and recognition, motivating individuals to strive for excellence.
- It fosters community and togetherness among faculty and students from different departments.
- It provides an opportunity for individuals to showcase their accomplishments and share their knowledge and expertise.



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## Disadvantages

- It may not be feasible or appealing to all faculty and students.
- It may not accommodate individuals who are not comfortable with public recognition.

#### The Outcome

- Boosts morale and motivation among faculty and students, leading to improved performance and productivity.
- Enhances the reputation and image of the college among the wider community, attracting more students and stakeholders.
- Encourages a culture of continuous learning and growth, leading to the development of new and innovative ideas that can benefit the college and society.
- Overall, the regular prayer meetings at Arignar Anna Government Arts College are an excellent best
  practice that promotes a positive learning environment and community engagement. By recognizing the
  achievements of individuals who excel in academics, research, and public service activities, the college
  fosters a culture of appreciation and motivation that can benefit faculty, students, and the wider
  community significantly.

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# Title of the Practice II: Green Campus

A "green campus" is a place where environmentally friendly practises and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practises on the campus. The main objectives are the maintenance of a green and clean campus and the promotion of environmental awareness through outreach and extension programmes.

Planting tree saplings, conserving medicinal plants, and providing irrigation facilities for water conservation are our hallmarks.

All the circulars were circulated to departments and faculty through the mail. Class notes and book material are also given in soft copies.

The library has a good collection of e-books and e-journals that can be accessed via INFLIBNET.

### Objective:

- 1. Promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices on the campus.
- 2. Maintain a green and clean campus environment.
- 3. Raise environmental awareness through outreach and extension programs.

### Context:

The college is located in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, India. The campus spans over a large area, and the college has a significant student population. With the growing concern for the environment and the need to reduce the carbon footprint, the college has initiated promoting eco-friendly practices and creating awareness among students and staff.

#### Advantages:

- · Reduces the college's carbon footprint.
- Promotes a healthy environment for students and staff.



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- Planting tree saplings and conserving medicinal plants create a green and clean campus and offer handson learning opportunities.
- Availability of e-books and e-journals via INFLIBNET reduces paper usage, contributing to environmental conservation.

## Disadvantages:

- · Requires initial investment of resources and time.
- Costs involved in tree plantation and provision of irrigation facilities for water conservation.
- Long-term benefits outweigh the initial costs.

#### Outcomes:

- Creates a green and clean environment, promoting the health and well-being of students and staff.
- Raises awareness among students about environmental conservation and sustainability.
- Accessible and convenient learning through e-books and e-journals on the INFLIBNET platform.
- Establishes the college as an eco-friendly and sustainable institution, setting an example for others to follow.

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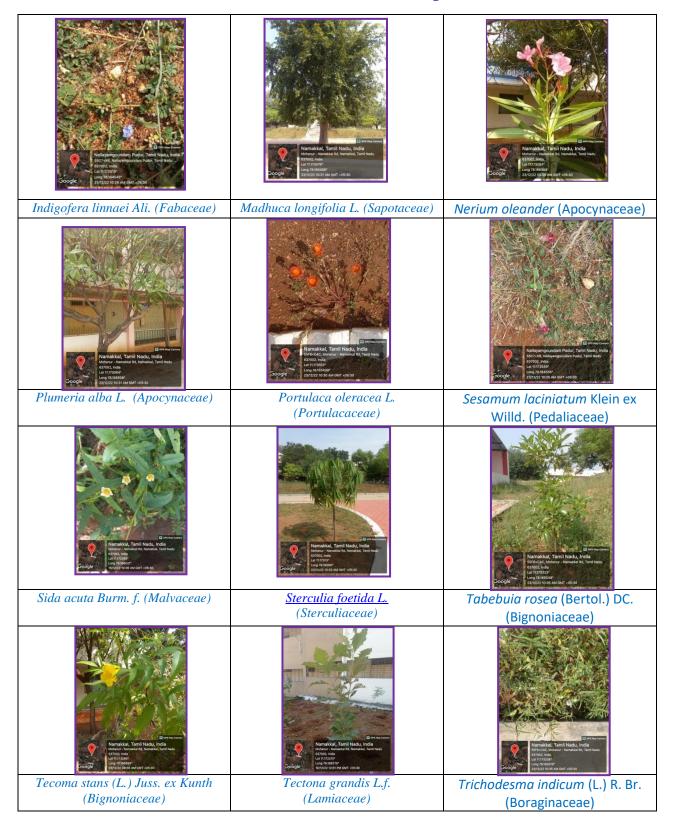
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