# RAIDIGHI COLLEGE



# BEST PRACTICES 2023-24

#### **Best Practices of Raidighi College (2023-24)**

## Best Practice 1: Environmental Initiatives – Protecting the Fragile Ecosystem of the Sundarbans

#### 1. Title of the Practice:

"Environmental Conservation in the Sundarbans: Awareness, Action, and Sustainability"

#### 2. Objectives of the Practice:

- To sensitize students and the local community about environmental challenges unique to the Sundarbans.
- To promote sustainable practices through awareness programs, workshops, and community engagement.
- To integrate environmental consciousness into academic and extracurricular activities.

#### 3. The Context:

Raidighi College is located in the ecologically sensitive Sundarbans region, home to diverse flora and fauna but vulnerable to climate change, deforestation, and pollution. The college recognizes its responsibility to educate and involve students in environmental conservation efforts, ensuring long-term sustainability.

#### 4. The Practice:

The college conducted a series of environment-focused programs:

- World Ozone Day (16.09.23) raised awareness about ozone depletion and sustainable practices.
- *National Pollution Control Day (2.12.23)* educated students on pollution hazards and mitigation strategies.
- *Sundarban Divas* (11.12.23), hosted by the college in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal, emphasized the Sundarbans' ecological significance.
- Community Awareness on Bio-Fuel promoted sustainable alternatives to conventional fuel sources.
- National Wetland Day (2.2.24) and Day of Biodiversity (22.5.24) focused on wetland preservation and biodiversity conservation.
- *Environment Day (15.6.24)* marked the culmination of these initiatives, reinforcing the message of sustainability.

#### **5. Evidence of Success:**

- Increased student and community participation in environmental activities.
- Collaboration with local environmental organizations and governmental bodies.
- Implementation of eco-friendly practices such as reduced plastic use on campus.
- Enhanced awareness of conservation strategies among students.

#### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:





- Limited financial resources for large-scale environmental projects.
- Need for continuous community engagement beyond college boundaries.
- Requirement for further governmental and NGO collaborations for greater impact.

#### **Best Practice 2: Taking Equality from Page to Practice**

#### 1. Title of the Practice:

"Expanding the Scope of Equality: From Gender to Social Inclusion"

#### 2. Objectives of the Practice:

- To promote gender equality and encourage higher participation of women in academics and extracurricular activities.
- To extend the college's advocacy from gender equality to broader social inclusion, incorporating caste and religious equity.
- To create a campus culture where every individual, regardless of identity, is treated with dignity and respect.

#### 3. The Context:

Raidighi College has historically championed gender equality, reflected in increasing female student admissions, higher pass percentages, and their active participation in events. This year, the institution extended its efforts to social inclusion, advocating for caste and religious equity in educational and cultural spaces.

#### 4. The Practice:

Throughout the year, the college organized the following programs:

- *International Day of the Girl Child (16.10.23)*, emphasizing the importance of female education and leadership.
- *Minority Rights Day* (22.12.23), advocating for the rights and representation of religious and ethnic minorities.
- Caste Sensitization Programme (22.1.24), fostering discussions on caste-based discrimination and equality in higher education.
- *International Women's Day (8.3.24)*, celebrating women's achievements and discussing continued challenges in gender parity.

## 5. Evidence of Success:

- Increased participation of students from all social backgrounds in academic and extracurricular activities.
- Greater awareness of caste, gender, and religious issues among students and faculty.
- Strengthened collaborations with NGOs and government bodies advocating for social justice.
- Positive impact on students' perspectives, fostering a culture of inclusion and respect.

### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- Overcoming deep-rooted societal biases required sustained efforts.
- Expanding outreach beyond college boundaries posed logistical challenges.
- Need for more structured policy frameworks and financial support for long-term impact.

#### **Conclusion:**

Both initiatives highlight Raidighi College's commitment to fostering social responsibility, environmental awareness, and inclusive education. These best practices will continue to evolve, ensuring that the institution remains a beacon of progress in the Sundarbans region.



