# Criteria VII: Institutional Values and Best Practices

**Key Indicator – 7.1 Institution Values and Social Responsibilities** 

7.1.6 Environmental Promotional Activities Conducted beyond the Campus



#### **Environmental Promotional Activities Conducted beyond the Campus**

Govt Hamidia Arts and Commerce College makes special efforts to engage its students with community, both in urban and rural areas, for environmental protection and spreading awareness about various issues related to it. The students zealously contribute to the environmental cause, often with NSS volunteers, not only within the campus but beyond it too. They work with society, including children, impart knowledge, try to understand local environmental challenges, help to find easy-to-do solutions, promote environmental initiatives, and motivate communities in neighbouring villages during social awareness drives.

The students of Hamidia took concrete steps for environmental promotion beyond the campus. Door-to-door visits in the adopted villages *Hinauti sarak*, *Kodiyan*, *Bhoyipura basti*, cleaning of streets and collection of polythene and plastic, cleaning of water channels, rallies, poster making, wall painting in public places, making and distributing paper and cloth bags for clean environment, street plays, folk dance, folk songs, etc were some of the common activities undertaken in this direction.

Students started community hygiene as their main drive for villagers, for their health and prevention of disease in community. Students gave the message, 'Hygiene is foundational to social progress.' They demonstrated to villagers, especially children, the right way of washing hands with soap and water to keep germs and infection at bay; advised them to practice daily bathing, to keep their utensils clean and dry, use toilets and avoid open defecation, proper disposal of waste, protect and plant more trees, etc

2018: In the adopted village *Hinauti Sarak*, students of Hamidia College organised cleanliness drive; school children as well as elders engaged in this programme. The students organised street plays, *Nukkad Natak* in various locations of the village to sensitize community members for saving the environment. Folk songs, dance was performed to send message of cleanliness across in a festive atmosphere, the message being 'clean environment is essential for good health.'





October 2018: Adopted village Kodian

The students of Hamidia adopted another village *Kodian* to further their mission of spreading awareness about cleanliness. Rally was conducted, banners and placards prepared by students were displayed and appropriate slogans calling everyone to participate were raised. They got to uproot weeds like *Parthenium* from common land, school compound etc., collected polythene from trash and so on.

Key Message conveyed - 'Clean environment for better health'



Activities conducted by the students in adopted villages – handwashing, personal hygiene, slogan writing for awareness on walls, awareness about ODF and ill effects of open defecation, door to door survey for knowing the status of toilets, etc. Volunteers involved villagers and supported them in creating a small village garden, took pledge with villagers to water and take care of saplings.

Key Message – 'Clean and green village' under 'Swachch Bharat Abhiyan'



#### A proud Moment for Hamidia

The group of interns lead by a Hamidia College student bags First prize, cash award of Rs 50,000 and citation from Ministry of HRD Govt of India, for their role in cleanliness drive during summer internship.





Students of Hamidia college conducting awareness among the villagers; stimulating young minds in the village to inculcate cleanliness as a habit through *Swachhata Campaign* theme-based activities. *Shramdan*, writing messages on cleanliness on walls, disposal of garbage, cleaning and clearing of water channels, removal of stagnant water, telling method for upkeeping and maintenance of toilets, were some of the activities in this drive. Villagers overwhelmingly participated in all activities with fervour and enthusiasm. They also took pledge to keep their village clean.

**Key Message - Awareness to keep environment clean** 



#### **Summer Internship in Adopted Village**

Interactive session with the village men and women.

Students launch major social awareness drive during internship camp with 'Shramdaan;' focus is on making village clean, green and ODF compliant. They demonstrate right way of washing hands for personal hygiene, especially to children, ladies, and young people. Discuss govt initiative and schemes with villagers.



# इंटर्निशिपः गांव जाकर स्टूडेंट्स ने बताया पौधों का महत्व

हमीदिया कॉलेज के स्टूडेंट्स पहुंचे हिनोतिया गांव



## **Summer Internship (more activities)**

Students persuade villagers to build toilets in their houses and demonstrate how to keep them clean. Administer oath of conservation – to take care of fruit-bearing and shade-bearing trees.



#### **Environmental Promotion conducted in adopted village Hinauti sarak**

Students launch major social awareness drive. Door-to-door visit by students in the adopted village *Hinauti Sarak* was undertaken to explain and demonstrate do's and don'ts to maintain good sanitary practices, especially hand hygiene. They also advised to avoid open defecation and littering, follow handwashing with soap before eating, proper disposal of waste, and elaborated on environmental and health benefits of clean surrounding

**Key Message – 'Good sanitary practice'** 



### **Oath for Conserving Trees and Forest**

Village elders, ladies, and youth took oath for conserving environment and protecting trees. To create sense of responsibility towards environment, they conveyed appropriate message through slogans.

Key Message - "sukhi dharti kare pukar, vriksh laga kar karo shringar "Ek vriksh sou putra saman"



#### 2016

Rally organised in Bhoyipura Basti by the students of Hamidia College, as part of awareness drive against diseases caused due to dirty surroundings. Students made the people of villages around Bhopal Taal aware on the issue. Proper disposal of solid and liquid waste was explained, and preventive measures discussed. Waste management is essential for health of family and community; clean and flowing rivers with vibrant life forms is our prime responsibility

Key message- 'Clean water is vital to our health, communities, and economy.'



## April 2017

• 200 students of Hamidia College cleaned crematorium ground at Hinoti Sarak village; the mud-covered floor was cleaned, garbage of dry materials used for rituals was swept off, a herbal garden was developed in the vicinity; did *shramdaan* to deepen the village pond.

**Key Message – 'Every water body is an important part of environment'** 





### January 2018

One-week NSS Camp at *Acharpura* village. Students pledged to revamp the village in tune with *Swachchh Bharat* scheme. Chief Guest, Mr Shashi Bhushan, IAS appreciated the social and environmental works being done by Hamidia students. He emphasised that challenging work only is key to success. Principal, Dr Jain talked about discipline which adds to the quality of output.

**Key Message - 'Clean environment through Hard Work'** 





# **July 2018**

Student camp at Hinauti Sarak village. Students learned about and gave advice on local environmental issues of the village. Made villagers aware about *Swachchh Bharat* programme of govt. While protecting existing trees and planting more of them improves environmental health, reducing and removing waste is equally important.

Key Message - 'Clean environment through lean waste'



World Environment Day 06/06/2018 celebrated by students of Hamidia at

Kalchuri Sena Jahaz Park & Bhoipura

Plantation & cleanliness drive organised by the students, gave the message of Swachch Bharat, cleanliness programme done at Kali Temple Ghat, made the people aware of water pollution, air pollution, and measures to prevent it for clean and green environment.

**Key Message - 'Clean and Green Environment'** 



*Shramdaan*, Environmental Conservation at Gandhi Ashram, Village Chedka, District Hoshangabad 25/07/2017

Shramdaan was done by students of Govt Hamidia College, in which they cleaned the open public areas within and in the surroundings of village Chedka. Area of Gandhi Ashram was cleaned by removing plastic, polythene and other waste material, streets were cleaned of litter and clogged drainage system cleared of debris.

Key Message - 'Hygienic environment is a must to survive'