

Best Practice - 4

Title of Practice: To nurture the culture of environment consciousness not only among the students and faculty members but also in society.

Objectives of the Practice:

- To help the students and society to acquire knowledge of pollution and environmental degradation.
- To aware students and stakeholders about knowledge of the environment beyond the immediate environment including distant environment.
- To acquire a set of values for environmental protection and nurture ecofriendly habits among pupils.
- To provide an opportunity to be actively involved in ecofriendly activities and in environmental decision making.

The Context: One of the most glaring problems which the world faces today is the environmental pollution. There is an immediate need to make people aware about environmental degradation. Fostering a culture of environmental consciousness among the young generation is the need of the hour. Education and public participation may change and improve the quality of environment. As young citizens and future decision makers in society, students have to be inspired and engage with a sense of commitment and responsibility to protect our environment. Voluntary participation in activities may enable them to nurture environmental consciousness. Environment love, sensitivity and awareness can create a sense of respect towards nature and mother earth.

The Practice:

To nurture the culture of environment consciousness following activities were undertaken by our ZEBRA Cell -

- **The plantation** drive was arranged by Department.
- **World Ozone Day** is observed every year on 16th September by organizing various events
- **Celebration of Wildlife conservation week:** Department of Zoology celebrated World Wildlife Week by organizing various activities to create awareness about Wildlife conservation
- **Publication of Biodiversity Calendar** was published to know value of biodiversity and inculcate environmental consciousness among students.
- **District Level Webinar on Conservation of Water:** College and Nehru Yuva Kendra (Ministry of Youth Affair and Sports), Akola has jointly organized the webinar under the theme of '*Catch the Rain, where it falls, when it falls*' on Monday 1^{5th} March 2021. Zoology faculty member Dr. Archana Sawarkar and Dr. Sudhir Kohchale were organizing members of Workshop.

- **National E-Workshop on Organic Farming for Sustainable Agriculture** was organized on 24 March, 2021 for students, teachers, parents and farmers. Zoology faculty member Dr. Archana Sawarkar was organizing secretary and Dr. Sudhir Kohchale was Jt. organizing secretary of Workshop.
- **World Sparrow Day** was celebrated every year on 20th March 2021 by collecting the different views and ideas of conservation of Sparrow.
- On the Occasion of **World Environment Day**, Department of Zoology and the NSS unit of College organized the Seminar Competition on “Restoring Ecosystem” .
- **Plastic Bags are banned** in college campus. As a part of Plastic Free Environment Campaign, Bann Stickers were displayed in the campus by NSS Unit and Zoology department.
- To inculcate importance of Bee keeping and honey processing in relation with entrepreneurship development Department of Zoology organized virtually 6 Days **E-Certificate Course in Apiculture**.
- **Online Certificate Course in Renewable Sources of Energy** was conducted from 24th June to 29th June 2021. Zoology faculty member Dr. Rashmi Joshi was one of the resource persons.
- **Workshop on E-Waste Management: Reduce, Repair, Refurbish, Recycle & Reuse** was organized on dated 11-08-2021. Zoology faculty member Dr. Archana Sawarkar was Convener of Workshop.
- College and EFEC (Environment and Forest Education Centre) jointly organized an **awareness program to save electricity, paper and energy** on 26th August 2021. Dr. Archana Sawarkar was coordinator of programme.

Evidences of Success:

- Shri R.L.T. College of Science Akola has been recently Awarded as “**ONE DISTRICT ONE GREEN CHAMPION 2020-21**” under Swacchata Action Plan Scheme (SAP) by the hands of I.A.S. Hon. Neema Arora, Akola District Collector. This Award is by Government of India, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE), Ministry of Education. Zoology faculty member Dr. Rashmi Joshi was an activity coordinator.
- Dr. Archana Sawarkar and Dr. Rashmi Joshi (Sawalkar) got honour of working as the steering committee member of “AATBI” (Akola’s All Taxa Bio-diversity Inventory), a project undertaken by EFEC i.e. Environment & Forest Education Center at Akola
- On the occasion of World spider day, 14th March 2022, Dr. Archana Sawarkar was felicitated with ‘AATBI Enroll and Educate Award -2022’ for her outstanding research on spider by EFEC (Environment & Forest Education Centre) at Akola.

Resource Required:

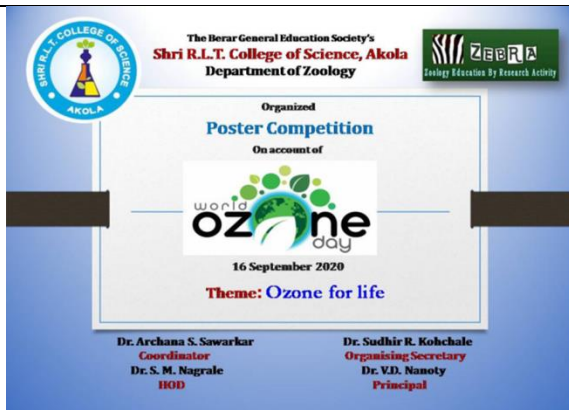
1. Self-motivated, Nature loving staff members and Skilled Resource persons.
2. Financial support to organize activities.

Problem Encountered: No

Nurturing the culture of environment consciousness

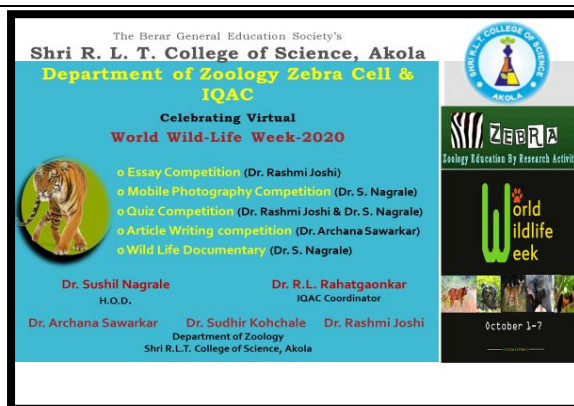


Plantation Drive at adopted village and in college



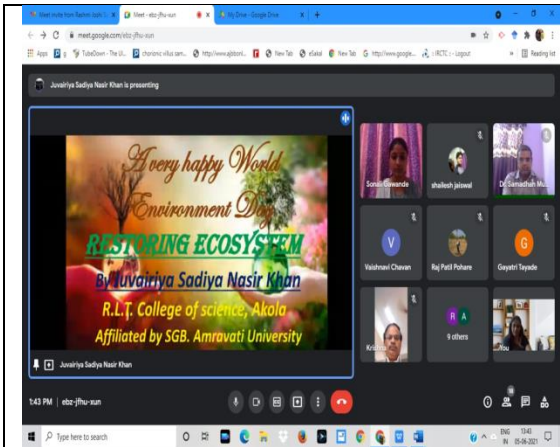
Online Poster making competition on theme 'Ozone for Life'

Rangoli Competition on topic "Caring for all life under the Sun" on Ozone Day



Celebration of Wildlife conservation week

Publication of Biodiversity Calendar



World Environment Day celebration



Plastic Free Environment Campaign

Shri R.L.T. College of Science, Akola
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 Department of Zoology with IQAC

Organizes
E-Certificate Course in Apiculture
 From 27th June to 2nd July 2021

Our Patrons
 The B.G.E. Society, Akola

Organizing Committee Members and Speakers

<p>Our Patrons The B.G.E. Society, Akola</p> <p>Dr. M. G. Mhatre President</p> <p>Dr. S. C. Jadhav Vice President</p> <p>Dr. A. C. Prasad Secretary</p> <p>& All Other Executive Members</p>	<p>Dr. V. D. Namdeo Principal</p> <p>Dr. R. Rahatgaonkar IQAC Coordinator</p> <p>Dr. S. M. Nagarkar Coordinator</p> <p>Dr. Rashmi P. Joshi Organizing Secretary</p> <p>Dr. S. S. Kulkarni Dr. S. H. Kulkarni Members</p>	<p>Dr. Ananta Shrikhatre Asst. Prof. (Zoology) Maharaja Pooja Arts & Science College, Pooja</p> <p>Dr. Suman Narayan Asst. Prof. (Zoology) M.S.P. Arts, Science and S.T. Commerce College, Manasa</p> <p>Dr. Abhinavanshu N. Kulkarni Asst. Prof. (Zoology) Dajal College of Science, Warananagar</p> <p>Dr. Pratiksha Bhathe Asst. Prof. (Zoology) R.S. Patel College, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Rajgurunagar</p>
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Inauguration Program Links
 Google meet link (27/06/2021 at 12 noon)
 (For First 100 Students)
<https://meet.google.com/hsp-myfb-xey>
 Or open Meet and enter this code: hsp-myfb-xey



E-Certificate Course in Apiculture



Dr. Rashmi Joshi as Resource person for 'Online Certificate Course in Renewable Sources of Energy'



Workshop on “E-Waste Management: Reduce, Repair, Refurbish, Recycle & Reuse”

SHRI R.L.T. COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, AKOLA
 In Collaboration with
EFEC (ENVIRONMENT & FOREST EDUCATION CENTER)

Awareness Program
 To save
Electricity, Paper & Energy

26th August 2021
 President: Dr. Vijay Nanoty
 Resource Person: Mr. Uday Vaze
 Coordinator: Dr. Archana Sawarkar

Organized by
 Environment Cell

IF YOU'RE THE LAST ONE OUT...
 TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU PRINT IT
 SAVE PAPER SAVE TREES

KEEP IN MIND SAVE THE ENERGY



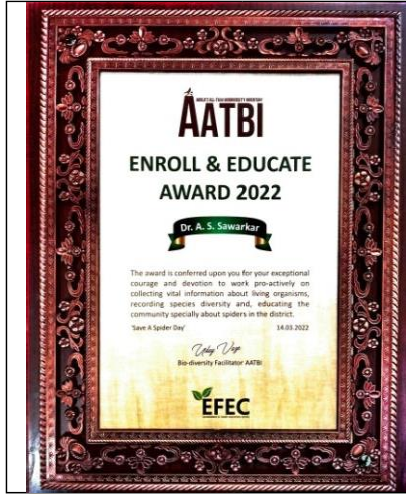
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Evidences of Success



District Green Champion Award to College

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