

Sevadal Mahila Mahavidyalaya

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Best Practices of the Institution

Best Practice No.V

a) **Title of Practice:** “Save Bird Save Nature Programme ”

b) **Goal:**

- "To Save Bird and to Save Nature" since birds are integral part of nature.
- To build the nests for birds in the Nagpur City Area and save their existence in natural habitat.
- To spread awareness in the society about this problem.
- To maintain ecological balance of the nature.

c) **Context:** In the era of fast development where infrastructure is touching its new heights, the nature is losing its presence remarkably. Due to the excessive deforestation and growing human encroachment, number of birds are depleting very fast as they struggle for food and proper shelter. Looking at the worsening plight of the birds, Sevadal Mahila Mahavidyalaya has been taking efforts to save their natural habitat through this best practice. Taking holistic approach to save birds, college has initiated Save Bird programme.

d) **The Practice:** Sevadal Mahila Mahavidyalaya is the environment conscious college and regularly undertake environment related programmes. Considering the depleting population of birds, a special

committee has been set up to look into this matter under the able leadership of Hon'ble Principal of the college. Dr. Sopandeo Pise, Asso. Professor, department of Marathi is the convenor of this committee and Mr. Sharad Bakhade, Mr. Navin Khandekar and Dr. Thadeshwar Madankar are the members of this committee. Fund for this activity was raised by a very unique way. Old newspapers, plywood planks, nails, metal wires were collected from the staff members as well as students of the college. Considering the noble cause behind this practice, many parents voluntarily donated the scraps as well as useless plastic or wooden material to the college. Money raised by selling the scrap was used to create the artificial nests. Unused wooden material was also used for creating the artificial nests. Under this programme manmade nests have been installed in various places in Raj Bhavan, University Campus, Gorewada International Park, College Campus and College Hostel, Narsala (2nd premises). Bird watching programme is also being organized every year for the students to create awareness among the students.

- e) **Evidence of Success:** Since the inception of the bird project it has been observed that many birds have started flocking in these premises. The artificial nests were installed at Raj Bhavan area, are occupied by the different species of the birds. Nesting materials like jute fibers were also kept at the premises that helped the birds in building the nest. Increase in number of birds belonging to order Galliformes that are Indian Peafowl, Grey partridge and painted francolin was reported that signifies the reproductive success of these birds. Positive opinion is received from the staff of the Raj Bhavan Biodiversity Park, Nagpur, from their feedback opinion.

f) **Problems Encountered:** Though the idea and intention behind this activity was noble it was not an easy task to bring it to reality. Earlier it was not easy to collect the scrap from the staff and students for this purpose. Making and installation of artificial bird nest is difficult task and work of perseverance. Due to time constraint generated by semester pattern academic sessions, organization of such activities becomes slightly difficult.

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Hon'ble Principal and the members of N.S.S.unit with the artificial nests during wild life week



Artificial nests are installed on trees in University Campus



Artificial nests are installed on trees in Rajbhavan



Artificial Nest occupied by a Sparrow



Artificial nest installed in college campus



Grains are kept for birds



Scrap collected for this project