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# SONAMUKHI COLLEGE

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## Best Practice

**Session: 2022-2023**

### 1. Title of the Practice:

In the session 2022-2023 our college performs the following two as the best practices:

- i) Creation of Roof-Top Garden.
- ii) Provision of Educational Tour for all the Departments.

### 2. Objective of the practice:

- i) All the educational institutions are made of concrete. Construction of brick, stone, cement is here and there. The *pucca* roof over the head is the cause of extreme heat especially in summer. To lessen the suffering of our beloved students as well as the faculties, the innovative think tank of our college planned the plan of roof-top gardening as the presence of the shrubs, herbs, climbers and creepers will surely create shadow on the roof and thus will bring solace and succor to the people under it.
- ii) Though it is the vogue of most of the higher educational institutions to conduct educational tour for the departments like Zoology, Botany, Geography, Social Work etc., our Sonamukhi College is an exception to this. From the session 2022-23, all the departments were encouraged to conduct educational tour for their departmental students to offer an opportunity to them to know the unknown, to see the unseen and to touch the untouched.



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### 3. Context that required the initiation of the practice:

i) Our college is situated in the district of Bankura, one of the hottest districts of West Bengal of India. It will not be exaggeration on our part if we regard the district Bankura as one of the hottest places in the world. During March and April of 2023, the nightmarish scorching heat compelled our dear students to refrain themselves from taking part in regular classes occurring in our college. It was witnessed that though some of the students thronged in the college premises for classes avoiding the fear of heat, they failed to cope with the suffocating situation. All these are the pre-incidents behind the decision of roof-top gardening.

ii) Most of the students of our college are from rural areas. Many of them are socially and economically marginalized. To them travelling for travelling is a luxury, a reverie. To turn their day-dream into reality, our college provided subsidy to each and every student who became part of the educational tour organized by each department.

### 4. The Practice:

i) The principal, the teaching and non-teaching staff and the enthusiastic students joined their hands to make the venture fruitful. They labored hard to make the dream of roof-top garden to be true. Now the garden is full of flowers. It soothes our eyes, refreshes our mind and gives enough recreation. In leisure, the teachers and students go to the roof-top garden to energize themselves for the next class by discerning them. The gardener leaves no stone unturned to nourish and nurture the saplings and plants by watering them, applying organic-manure and increasing the fertility of the soil.

ii) The departments were given autonomy for choosing the spot of visit keeping in mind their curriculum. A luxury bus was hired and as it was a day-tour, the bus started its journey from the college gate in the very morning and returned at the college in the evening. The guardians were asked to wait at the college gate in the evening to receive their ward. After the departure of all the students from the college premises, the faculty members of respective departments resumed their journey for home.



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## 5. Evidence of success:

i) Four months have been successfully passed since the creation of the roof-top garden. Now, it goes without saying, it is an evidence of success, a matter of glory. It adds a golden feather to the golden crown of Sonamukhi College. It is surely a matter of pride as very few colleges of West Bengal boast of roof-top garden.

ii) The joy of the students who took part in the educational tour, knew no bounds visualizing the dazzling things, re-creative occurrences and astonishing episodes at the spot of the excursion. The glittering faces, saturated minds and dancing heart of the students brought a waft of fresh air that contented our heart. It was the happiest moment to them and to us also.

## 6. Problems encountered and resources required:

i) Though so far no major problem has been seen and though proper scientific method was adopted while building the tub for planting the saplings on the roof, it is assumed that it may create slight damp on the roof. For buying saplings, manure and other related things, a little amount is needed and the college has sufficient fund to procure them.

ii) There was no major problem encountered during the educational tour. Only the students who belonged to Bankura, Indas, Bishnupur, faced some difficulties during their homecoming. Otherwise everything was ok. The college authority provided the bus fare for all the students of all the departments for the excursion in the form of subsidy. The meagre cost of food and drink was borne by the students.

## About the institution:

i) Name of the institution: Sonamukhi College

ii) Year of accreditation: 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> cycle)

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