

**Best Practice 1: Environmental Management:** With environmental challenges popping up faster than expected the classroom becomes the ideal place to introduce students to environmental awareness. This will encourage young people to engage in their environment to protect it and can help communities become more environmentally aware. They are becoming increasingly conscious of issues such as famines, droughts, floods, scarcity of fuel, firewood, pollution of air and water, problems of hazardous chemicals and radiation, depletion of natural resources, extinction of wildlife and dangers to flora and fauna. Since, Tamil Nadu incorporated environmental education as part of the curriculum and it's mandatory for all the students irrespective of their curriculum. To boost clean environment at Noorul Islam college of Arts & Science, management, Principal and teachers developed and employed special contemporary environment awareness packages for the students through NSS and formed Save Green Club for conserving environment by introducing 3 R's to the students; reduce waste, reuse resources, and recycle materials. Green club organized seminars and programme comprised of poster making, essay writing, slogan writing competition, and signature campaign to celebrate the special days like world environmental day, wildlife day, world water day, forest conservation day etc., and also created awareness about the necessity of alternatives for plastic among student population. All these programmes encouraged students to switch off all fans and lights when not in use to conserve electricity and advised them to ensure taps are closed properly after they have used water. Tamil Nadu government has stressed the importance of rainwater harvesting since the ground water level has depleted to alarming level and demand of water increased. In order to save water and save earth initiatives of planting trees and constructing rainwater harvesting structures were taken. All faculty members, nonteaching staff members, and students participated in the tree plantation drive in the campus.

**Best Practice 2: Nurturing Gender Sensitivity.** Colleges can play an important role in inculcating gender sensitivity in etiquettes and manners of students. It is necessary to create a gender responsive campus in which the academic, social and physical environment and its surrounding community take into account the specific needs of girls and boys. It intends to change attitudes, behaviors and beliefs that reinforce inequalities between women and men. It helps to facilitate the exchange of ideas, improve mutual understanding and develop competencies and skills necessary for societal change. The management of our institution **recruit** permanent female faculty on gender balance target. Students of our college hosted stalls in marketing mela for women of Self Help group of neighboring area. Members of woman organizations took part in the event which saw procession, oath taking, skit and other cultural programme. Seminars were organized for girl students during women's day celebration at 8 March 2017 to understand and recognize any form of abuse before fighting for it. The session conveyed the girl student of our institution that to become desirable or even acceptable, a girl has to do something to do well academically or take financial responsibility for her family and it hinted out to have women entrepreneurs from our campus.