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Title of the Practice:

"Plastic-Free Campus"

Objectives:

The primary objectives of implementing the "Plastic-Free Campus" initiative at CSTS Govt Kalasala are to reduce plastic waste, promote environmental sustainability, and instill a sense of responsibility for the environment among students and staff.

The Context:

CSTS Govt Kalasala recognizes the pressing issue of plastic pollution and its detrimental impact on the environment. As a responsible educational institution, it aims to set an example and contribute to the broader environmental awareness and conservation efforts in the community.

The Practice:

On the third Saturday of every month, CSTS Govt Kalasala enforces a "Plastic-Free Campus" policy. This means that the use of single-use plastic items, such as bags, bottles, and cutlery, is prohibited on campus during this day. Students and staff are encouraged to bring reusable containers, bags, and water bottles instead. Additionally, the institution provides access to water stations for refilling bottles and organizes awareness campaigns about plastic pollution.

Evidence of Success:

<u>Reduced Plastic Waste</u>: The initiative has significantly reduced the volume of plastic waste generated on campus, contributing to a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

<u>Environmental Awareness</u>: "Plastic-Free Campus" has raised awareness about the environmental consequences of plastic use, leading to a more responsible attitude towards plastic consumption.





Behavior Change: Students and staff have been observed using fewer single-use plastic items not only on the designated day but also on regular days, indicating a positive change in behavior.

<u>Community Engagement</u>: The practice has engaged students and staff in discussions and activities related to environmental issues, fostering a sense of collective responsibility.

Problems Encountered:

<u>Resistance to Change</u>: Some individuals initially resisted the idea of reducing plastic usage, but this resistance decreased over time with awareness campaigns and education.

<u>Accessibility to Alternatives</u>: Ensuring the availability of affordable and accessible alternatives to single-use plastic items can be a challenge in some cases.

<u>Enforcement</u>: Enforcing the "Plastic-Free Campus" policy and ensuring compliance required consistent monitoring and follow-up.

Resources Required:

<u>Awareness Campaigns</u>: Creation and distribution of educational materials about the environmental impact of plastic.

<u>Alternative Options</u>: Ensuring availability of water stations, reusable bags, and containers on campus.

Monitoring and Enforcement: Resources for monitoring and enforcing the policy.

Notes:

Maintain regular communication and education about the environmental impact of plastics.

Encourage students to take a leadership role in organizing plastic-free initiatives and events.

Collaborate with local businesses and suppliers to reduce the use of single-use plastic items on campus.

Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the initiative by measuring the reduction in plastic waste and assessing changes in behavior.

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