

PRACTICE I

- 1. Title: Green Energy Initiatives as a Step Towards Implementing a Clean Environment in the College**
- 2. Context of the Practice:** Electricity bills though shared with Surendranath College, comes to an astronomical amount. As uninterrupted power supply for all classrooms, Office and laboratories is a must, the college being an evening college, there can be no compromise of power. However, the exorbitant bill eats into the college financial reserve every month and impedes other welfare and development schemes for the college. Inspired by the Govt. of India initiatives for clean and green energy, Surendranath Evening College took the consent of Surendranath College (Surendranath College paid for the installation of solar panels and all equipments belong to them) and thus availed this green energy source. A substantial amount of lights and fans used in the classroom was replaced by more energy-efficient LED lights and power friendly fans.
- 3. Objectives of Practice:** Reducing dependence on conventional power sources to cut down the financial burden of staggering electricity bills paid to CESC (Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation) and generating clean and green energy autonomously to keep the environment healthy.
- 4. The Practice:** Since the entire installation of the solar panels was done by Surendranath College, permission to use the solar panels for electricity cost reduction was taken from the Principal of Surendranath College, stating the fact that as an evening college power was a constant and mandatory element in the infrastructure of the college.
- 5. Obstacles Faced:** Since the solar panel equipments were purchased and installed by Surendranath College, (something that Surendranath Evening College can't afford on its own due to the high cost of materials), getting permission to use the resource was an issue which could have proved thorny. However, Surendranath College showed great magnanimity and approved the use of this resource and the obstacle was solved.
- 6. Impact of Practice:** The impact has been direct and considerable as the share of the college in the rotational payment of electricity bills was reduced to a large extent.

PRACTICE II

- 1. Title: Counseling students after the trauma of Covid-19 to return back to a normal life and join college**
- 2. Context:** Covid-19 and fatal consequences had ripped through the heart of campus life in the college. From March 2020 to November, 2021 the college premise was completely shut down as per central government and state government orders. Though online classes were held regularly, students were alienated, traumatized, and suffered from psychological problems. Making them return to college was an urgent issue.
- 3. Objective of Practice:** Encouraging and counseling students to return back to college and physical campus on two levels. Firstly, instilling confidence in them so that they did not feel alone and left out. Secondly, having got used to a comfortable online system of examination, it was challenge to make them face the uncertainties and hardship of physical offline examination.
- 4. The Practice:** Departments were instructed to have close friendly sessions with the students and generally counseling them about the post-Covid-19 reality. As the college is governed by the rules of the University of Calcutta, it had to obey the modality of online and offline examinations as prescribed by the university. However, the college reverted to the offline examination system at the earliest.
- 5. Obstacle Faced:** The obstacles came primarily from the students who were simultaneously apprehensive of the post-Covid-19 world and also had got complacent and dependent on online examinations as an easier mode of giving examination.
- 6. Impact of Practice:** Since the beginning of 2022, the college had extensive students' attendance and within the first quarter of the same year, the situation was at par with pre-Covid times.