

## **Best Practice - I**

### **Title- Constitution of the 'Green Hero Award' and conferring the first NGC 'Green Hero Award' to Sri Gobind Kakati**

**Goal-** To recognise the contribution of individuals towards conservation and protection of environment and biodiversity

**The context-** Many unknown faces are working selflessly at the grassroots for conservation of biodiversity and environment. It becomes the duties and responsibilities of the society to accord due recognition to such anonymously workers. Recognising the contribution of such grassroots conservation heroes by the institution would go a long way in creating awareness among the student community in particular and the society as a whole.

**Practice-** The Nowgong Girls' College 'Green Hero Award' will be conferred annually on the occasion of the World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June) to recognise the contribution of grassroots level conservationists. The award consists of Rs 5000 in cash along with a citation and a *seleng*. The Awardee would be identified by a district-level committee comprising of the Principal, Nowgong Girls' College, the Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon Forest Division, Eminent Environmentalist Sri Prasanta Kumar Bordoloi and the Coordinator of the Nature Club.

The committee recommended the name of Sri Gobind Kakati, a casual employee of the forest department for the Green Hero Award for 2018. Sri Kakati was instrumental in removing a significant portion of encroachment of the reserve forest by motivating local villagers. He played a pivotal role in ensuring the revival of biodiversity of the reserve forest by planting, looking after and ensuring the survival of thousands of saplings. A short video documentary on the works of Sri Gobind Kakati was released on the occasion.

**Evidence of success-** The award received praise from the various stakeholders of the College including the past and present teachers, students, alumnae, media, and forest department. Local and state level audio and visual media accorded wide coverage to the award.

**Problem encountered-** None

## **Best Practice – II**

**Title:** NGC Students' Union led initiative to forgo funds earmarked for their cultural programme for providing relief to flood victims

**Goal-** Serve people at the time of natural calamities and to create a sense of belongingness amongst the students

**Context-** Floods in Assam has become a perennial disaster. During the rainy season, the Brahmaputra and its tributaries overflow their banks, thereby causing havoc and misery to the numerous people. In the year 2017, Nagaon district particularly the Kaliabor sub-division had faced the blunt of the disaster.

**Practice:** The Students' Union of Nowgong Girls' College approached the College authorities with a proposal for donating the funds earmarked for their upcoming cultural programme for providing relief to the flood affected people of Kaliabor. Subsequently, the Principal convened a meeting involving the teachers, non-teaching staff and students wherein the proposal of the Students' Union was appreciated and accepted. It was decided in the meeting that the College would refrain from hosting any kind of entertainment programmes in solidarity with the flood victims, among which many were students of the College. The teaching and non-teaching staff came forward to donate an equal amount which was foregone by the Students. Overall, an amount of nearly Rupees 1 lakh was collected and relief materials were purchased. The relief was forwarded to the Sub Divisional Officer, Kaliabor who acknowledged the role of the students of the College in front of the media and local people. The relief was distributed jointly by the administration and students and staff of the College in a designated relief camp on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**Evidence of Success-** This practice created a positive opinion among the flood affected people and the state level media too appreciated this noble gesture of the students in particular.

**Problem encountered-** Number of needy people was high and resources were limited, therefore it was not possible to provide relief to everyone