

## **Tackling the Climate Crisis**

## The American College Madurai, India

Aware of the growing concern over the climate crisis and globalization the College has embarked on a programme of experiential learning to enable students to contribute to a sustainable future.

Continuous discussions at various levels in the College resulted in an open course under the extension activity called 'Green Management Program' for the academic year 2022-23. This aimed to provide an insight into the environment at its impact on human life and involved the participation of the public, private and corporate sectors. The course covered a range of environmental issues ranging from the greenhouse house, acid rain and ozone depletion to deforestation, desertification and biodiversity loss. The role of youth, communities and NGOs was also considered along with environmental ethics and laws. Students were offered opportunities for experiential learning wherever possible.

## **Suggested activities**

Group discussions, debates, lectures, invited talks, symposiums, seminars, and conferences. Intra & inter departmental and intercollegiate competitions. Creating a 'No Plastics Zone' Campaigning on issues such as plastic bags, fireworks, traffichorns, recycling of glass and metal Rallies and marches to spread environmental awareness Tree planting and cleanliness drives Growing kitchen gardens and maintaining vermin composting pits Constructing water harvesting structures

Displaying banner to celebrate environmentally important dayse.g., World Forestry Day Motivating students to imbibe the habits of minimum wastegeneration

Segregating disposable and non-disposable waste

Conducting a survey of campus trees, shrubs, medicinal plantsand wildlife

## **Activities undertaken**

Indigenous Trees under the initiative 'Eden Garden' initiative at Satellite Campus Intercollegiate seminar Observation of No Plastic Day Survey of campus trees Adopting a tree under the initiative Happy Birthday Souvenir Bird watching on campus

267 students enrolled 6 Faculty members 1 Project coordinator

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