

**BEST PRACTICES**  
**MES Abasaheb Garware College, Karve road, Pune**

**I) Title of the practice: *Ek Mooth Dhanya Prakalp***

- Goal: TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A SOCIAL CAUSE
- Context: The institution felt the need to sensitize the students and staff towards the needs of the less privileged in the society. The institution identified the needs of the students studying under the *Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram*. The desire to contribute in some way for making the lives of the students a little easy was felt. The Department of Computer Science under the aegis of the Computer Science Association undertook the responsibility for this since it was the brain child of the Department. The institution motivated the department to work in this direction. After careful consideration and in consultation with the *Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram* a decision to collect pulses was made which was handed-over to their school. This is a practise carried out by the institution for the last five years.
- Practice:  
Since 2015, under the aegis of the Computer Science Association (CSA), the institution is following *EkMooth Dhanya Prakalpin* wherein every year all the students, teaching and nonteaching staff of the institution contribute in terms of pulses. A notice in this regard is circulated to the departments and staff and students are encouraged to collect and contribute pulses of different varieties. The pulses are collected centrally and then handed over the Vanvasi Kalyan Asharam, to be used for the school students studying in the Ashram schools.
- Evidence:  
In the year 2021-22, the institution collected the contribution in the form of financial help in online amount and transferred it to account of Vanavasi Kalyan Ashtram.
- Problems Encountered and Resources Required:  
As such no problems were encountered as contributions were voluntary.  
No specific resources were required but to increase efficiency student volunteers were assigned to go to various classes and interact with the teachers, support staff and the students to collect lentils or contribution to purchase lentils.

**II) Title of the Practice: E waste collection drive**

- Goal:  
To make the students socially aware about electronic waste and its proper disposal.
- Context:  
Many old electronic devices contain toxic substances that include lead, mercury, cadmium, beryllium, polyvinyl chloride, and chromium. When e-waste is tossed into landfills, these chemicals leach into the soil, polluting the ground water as well as the air.  
Electronics are made of components that contain valuable raw materials. Recycling old

devices

Saves energy. It also means that fewer raw materials need to be drawn from nature to create new devices.

Reusing old devices prevents e-waste by keeping it out of landfills. It also saves the resources used to recycle them. Additionally, reusing electronics helps other, less-fortunate people in your community. So take your old devices to be refurbished (if possible) and give them a new life.

Finally, recycling saves the raw materials that can be repurposed by producing new devices. As a result, energy is saved, pollution is reduced, and there are fewer greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere.

- Frequency of activity: quarterly
- Authorized activity: MOU is signed with Green Tech Pvt Ltd (an authorized e-waste recycling centre)

**Practice:** All teachers and students of various departments are informed about the activity through the Principal. This is done through notices and flex displayed on college website and notice board. The collection drive takes place for period of 8-10 days by keeping the dustbins to collect the e-waste near the main entrance of college. Collected e-waste is handed over the authorized recycling centre and certificate of disposal is issued by authorized centre