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## **Best Practice**

**Title of the programme: Discouraging use of polythene bags.**

**Objectives:** To create awareness for cost effective and environment friendly alternative to polythene bags.

**Context:** The hazards of the abundant use of polythene are known to all. However, very little is done to discourage it. The use of polythene bags in the market is an unnoticed evil and awareness of the society in this regard is the need of the day. Moreover the problem is further aggravated by absence of any alternate durable alternative.

**Practice:** The College at its own level decided to inculcate this sense of awareness among the students and use them to spread the same by involving them with a practice which we believe is modest but novel. The students are asked to prepare paper bags in the college itself by making use of papers. This creates physical involvement of students with the process which in turn helps in adding effect to their appeal for discouraging the use of polythene. The process is helpful in preparing a dedicated lot of students for creating awareness in the society on the subject. After these bags are ready, the college EVS department conducts an awareness programme in the nearby market of the town against the hazards of use of polythene by displaying banners and mottos on the subjects. While moving in the market the students distribute these self-made paper bags among the vendors and shopkeepers impressing upon them their social responsibility against this prevalent evil and their role in its eradication. This practice also brings home to the small vendors a new environment friendly and cost effective alternative to the hazardous polythene bags. Besides, the packed eatables available in the college canteen are not allowed to be sold as sealed packets instead while selling the canteen-wala is bound to unpack them and provide the material to the customers in the newspaper packs and dispose of the polythene covers in an effective manner. Evidence of Success: There is no doubt about the inculcation of awareness through this practice amongst the students themselves. Students are ambassadors of message to their families and play a vital role in the gradual transformation of the society. Hence the practice is surely a success.

**Problems:** There are no major problems encountered on this account