

1. Title of the practice

Organic farming

2. The context that required the initiation of the practice (100 – 120 words)

Food is the basic requisite or right of every living being in this world. But the sad truth is that even food is being commercialized beyond our control. The players in the economy are so driven by the idea of accumulation of profit that ethics and principles of trade and business go for a toss. Adulteration is one technique adopted by sellers to maximize profits. The vegetables that we get from the markets are often causing serious health concerns as they are treated with chemicals at various stages of production and distribution. Fresh vegetables that provide good health and perfect taste are soon becoming things of the past. It was in this context, LCSS came up with an initiative to start and maintain an organic farm with the involvement of students and staff.

3. Objectives of the practice (50 – 60 words)

- To imbibe in students the value and joy of producing one's own food.
- To familiarize and encourage students with the process of farming.
- To disseminate information about the benefits of organic farming.

4. The Practice (250 – 300 words)

A suitable space for the practice was identified in the college campus. Interested students took the initiative to form a team that did the ground work before we set the ball rolling. The staff in charge of the gardening duties of the campus was incorporated into the team for practical guidance. Also the student team carried out informal discussions with the farmers and scientists of our neighboring institute CTCRI to garner more knowledge about the process and feasibility of the concept and also their assistance was used in the selection process of crops and seeds. Time slots were allotted for taking care of the farms. The practice which initially started as a voluntary activity of a section of students (Sociology students) became popular across the college fraternity very soon and gradually more people started to join the initiative.

5. Obstacles faced if any and strategies adopted to overcome them

- Lack of practical knowledge for the students which was countered by incorporating the staff in charge of the gardening duties of the campus to the core team.
- Lack of scientific guidance which was overcome by getting advises from the scientists and farmers of our neighboring institution Central Tuber Crops Research Institute
- Unavailability of agricultural tools which was addressed with the funds allotted from the management for the purchase of the same.

6. Impact of the practice (100 – 120 words)

This practice popularized the idea of the goodness of organic farming. It also became a practice that helped to promote cooperation and team work among students. It also gave them an insight about the challenges that our farmers are going through on a daily basis.

7. Resources required

Land, Seeds, Agricultural tools

Team and time for Organic farming

Expert Guidance

8. Contact Persons for further details

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