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The two institutional best practices in 2019-20 are as under;

1) **Blood Donation Camp on the Republic Day**

It has been an unbroken practice of the Institution to celebrate the Republic Day on the campus with three events on the Campus;

- the ceremonial Tri-colour flag unfurling
- a cultural program by the students
- a Blood Donation Camp at the behest of the NSS department

The Blood Donation Camp has today become a signature event of our Institution. It is held at the behest of **the NSS department in collaboration with the Lions Club.** **The Red Cross** team undertakes the procedure of testing and collection of the blood. Students, staff and **the Alumni** of the Institution as well as the members of the society overwhelmingly respond to the call for blood donation.

This year on January 26, a **record number of 310 units** of the blood was collected that made our Institution instrumental in saving the lives of many. Alongside of the Blood Donation Camp, we also conducted the **General health check-up** for all the stake holders.

Dr. Suresh Patel, the HoD, Hindi donated blood for the 30th time which makes the Institution proud. Similarly, Rahul, an Alumnus, also regularly donates blood on demand.

2) **The Eco Club**

The Institution started the **Eco Club** in July 2018, following a suggestion made at the IQAC Meeting held on June 30, 2018. It is an open, informal and voluntary forum for the students and the staff of the Institution. The prime aim of the **Eco Club** is to sensitize and create an awareness for the conservation of our environment. The volunteers of the Club take a pledge to protect and conserve the environment in various ways.

A faculty is assigned the task of conducting and co-ordinating various activities of the Club in co-operation with others. Generally, the members of the Club meet twice a month after the lectures are over.

In 2019-20, the Club undertook the activities of Campus cleansing drive, tree plantation and conservation, awareness for minimum use of plastic, tobacco-free campus, waste management, promotion of use of public transportation and vehicle sharing. The Club also collaborated with the NSS Department in the Campus cleansing drive, tree plantation in July and holding a rally in Naroda area on January 24, 2020, for the awareness for blood donation and conservation of our environment.

Six of the staff members started sharing vehicles to attend their duties honouring the call given by the Club in 2018-19.