

## CRITERIA VII

**1) Title of the Best Practice:** Best Practice in Water awareness through **Alliance for Quality Water Awareness (AQWA) Cell**

**2)The Context that required the initiation of the practice:**

‘Water’ is termed as elixir of life and rightly so, the water availability is much to be desired and most sought of natural resource available to the mankind. Water scarce is creating a near civil confrontation like situation in world over. Currently, 600 million Indians face high to extreme water stress and about two lakh people die every year due to inadequate access to safe water. The crisis is only going to get worse by 2030, The total availability of water possible in country is still lower than the projected demand, there is an imminent need to deepen our understanding of our water resources and usage and put in place interventions that make our water use efficient and sustainable.

Vidarbha region is considered as water scarce area and to meet this social obligation, Tirpude College of Social Work has initiated to establish an **Alliance for Quality Water Awareness (AQWA) Cell** for awareness building on water security and judicious use of water among the stakeholders.

**3) Objectives of the Practice:**

- .1) To spread awareness about water security at college, schools and community level.
- 2) To provide scientific training of trainers (TOT) to college volunteers about dynamics of water security.
- 3) To contribute towards societal need and civic responsibility.

**4) The Practice:**

**Mission:** “Dissemination of scientific knowledge, creating awareness among the masses about judicious use and quality of water by trained college volunteers, community animators and various stakeholders.” To fulfill this mission college has initiated various measures during pandemic situation as well. At the beginning of the academic session we organized a ‘**Jal Sanvaad**’ with the volunteers (Water Warriors) and ask to practice the water awareness knowledge from their home first and at neighbourhood and then around their localities, as per the situation nukkad meetings were organized to create awareness about water use. The students got incentive marks for their contribution towards civic responsibility.

### **5) Obstacle faced if any and Strategies adopted to overcome them :**

Since the persisting pandemic situation, students were faced a many fold obstacles while performing their AQWA activities, even though through small small efforts and useful household water saving tips they were performed their civic duty.

### **6) Impact of the Practice:**

- 1) Students were motivated to perform their civic duty.
- 2) Institute got positive feedback from the community and other stakeholders.

3) To acknowledge the College contribution and efforts, two Central Govt, water agencies i.e. Central Ground Water Board (CGWB ) and Ground Water Survey & Development Agency (GSDA) would ask for their collaborative hand to organized a webinar on water awareness.

### **7) Resources required:**

- 1) Water Warriors as human resource.
- 2) Printed material to create awareness.
- 3) Internet.
- 4) Networking with Govt. agencies, functionaries.

### **8) About the Institution:**

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