

# ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (Autonomous)

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## Best Practice I

### *Swachh Ethiraj*

#### 1. Title of the Practice

Swachh Ethiraj

#### 2. Objectives of the Practice

To maintain cleanliness and hygiene in the campus

#### 3. The Context

The vision of the college is to develop young women into socially responsible citizens with well-developed personalities and global outlooks. One of the practices that was introduced to instil the values of responsibility among the students in the formation of various leagues in the institution. Swachh league is one of them and it is modelled upon the Swachh Bharat scheme launched by the government of India.

#### 4. The Practice

The leagues comprise student leaders from various disciplines guided by a faculty co-ordinator. These students' initiatives ensure 100 percent involvement of the students from planning to execution.

#### 5. Evidence of Success

Regular checking of washrooms and inspection of campus cleanliness, and improved cleanliness on campus are ubiquitous changes that can be observed and hence can be considered as evidence of success.

#### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Time Management, tackling academic, extracurricular and leadership roles is at times stressful for the students. New strategies must be devised to ensure that the students do not feel burnt out

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## Best Practice II

### *Enrichment of Research environment*

#### 1. Title of the Practice

Development of a Culture of Quality Research

#### 2. Objective of the Practice

To create a conducive atmosphere for students and faculty to carry out meaningful and effective research

#### 3. The Context

Ethiraj College for Women takes great pride in having produced some of the best female researchers and scientists in India. In the hope of providing a more favourable environment and pace for research purposes, ECRIC (Ethiraj Centre for Research Innovation and Creativity) was initiated in the year 2019. With the focus on motivating students and faculty to undertake basic and interdisciplinary research, Ethiraj Trust Board has allocated Rs.20 Lakhs per annum towards this purpose.

#### 4. The Practice

From the time of its inception ECRIC has been actively involved in nurturing an academic culture with a strong foundation oriented towards research. It has been supporting the faculty with major and minor projects through financial incentives to the tune of five lakhs.

#### 5. Evidence of Success

Collaborative and interdisciplinary projects are encouraged by the centre and recognises outstanding research done by faculty members. It also reimburses journal publication fee for the faculty, which is a unique initiative of the centre. This has successfully encouraged a lot of faculty members to invest in quality research.

#### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Mobilization of resources need to be augmented for the growing number of research scholars the administration has to be even more resourceful to take initiatives