

## **Best Practice - I**

TITLE: HCC Eco Centre - Paper Recycling Unit

### **Objectives:**

To reduce waste by recycling paper materials from departments, offices, and examination sections, thereby contributing to environmental sustainability.

To produce affordable, eco-friendly products such as notebooks and file covers for educational and office use.

To create job opportunities and foster skill development for local community members, particularly targeting economically disadvantaged groups.

To promote sustainable practices and raise awareness about responsible consumption and waste management within the community.

To generate additional revenue, which can be reinvested in community welfare projects and educational support programs.

### **Context:**

The Paper Recycling Unit was established to address both environmental and economic challenges by repurposing paper waste generated from various departments, offices, and examination sections. Many local community members and families of students face economic hardship, making stable income opportunities essential. The recycling unit not only contributes to environmental conservation by reducing paper waste but also provides a source of livelihood for those without formal employment. Additionally, it supports students, particularly from rural areas, who struggle to afford basic school supplies. The initiative combines economic, educational, and environmental benefits, making it a valuable resource for the community.

### **Practice:**

The HCC Eco Centre - Paper Recycling Unit is instrumental in addressing the environmental and economic needs of the community. It focuses on recycling

paper waste collected from departments, offices, and examination sections, thereby reducing local waste while creating meaningful employment opportunities. The unit actively involves the community in every stage of the recycling process, from waste collection to product creation. This engagement not only fosters environmental responsibility but also empowers participants by encouraging ownership of the project. Additionally, the Eco Centre equips individuals with skills in product design and marketing for items such as notebooks and file folders, contributing to their professional development.

### **Evidence of Success:**

Raw Material Input:

Quantity of paper waste from departments: 10 kilos (Hydro Pulper)

Quantity of paper waste from offices and COE: 4 tons

Total production (2023–2024): 3.5–4 tons

Products Produced (2023–2024):

Liver Files: 1600 pieces (1 piece = Rs. 150)

Exam Pads: 200 pieces

Tag Files: 50 pieces

Urgent and Ordinary Files: 150 pieces

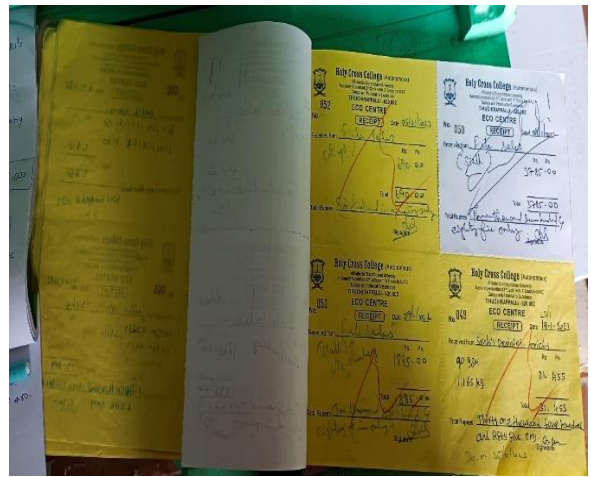
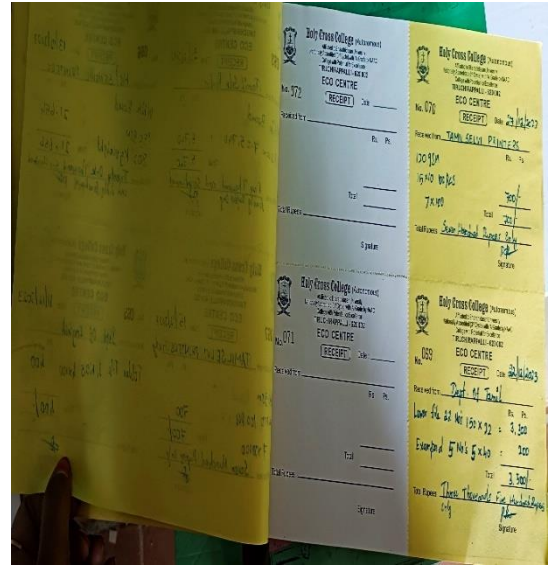
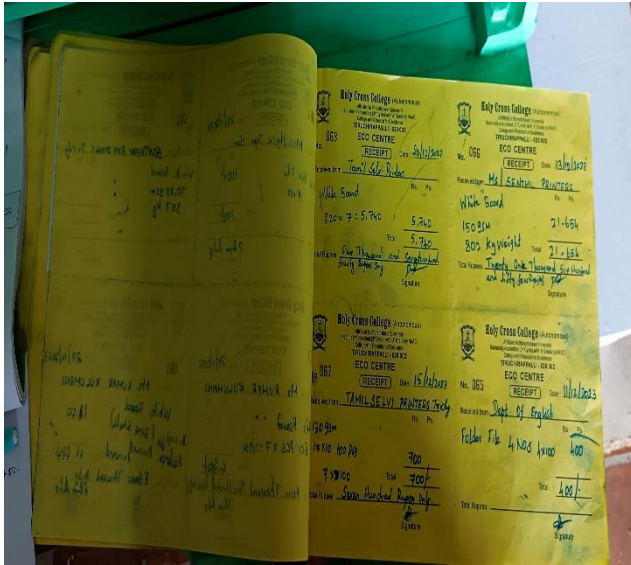
Bag Paper: 350 pieces











## **Best Practice - II**

**Title :** Centenary Fund Project – VIZHUTHUGAL 100

### **Objectives :**

The scheme aims to identify 100 meritorious students from economically weaker sections and offer them scholarships. It seeks to empower young students to achieve their full potential in their professional lives and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

### **The Context**

The programme was inaugurated on August 10, 2022. It is one of the six projects initiated by Holy Cross College to commemorate 100 years of service to society.

### **The Practice**

A committee was formed to oversee and execute the Vizhuthugal 100 Project, comprising the following members: The Secretary of the College, the Principal of the College, the Finance Manager of the College and three more staff.

The committee held periodic meetings to finalize the operational details and consulted with class teachers to identify eligible students. Starting in the academic year 2024–25, one student from each class and additional students recommended by class teachers and Heads of Departments (HODs) were selected.

During the centenary celebrations in 2023, it was resolved to support economically disadvantaged students in pursuing higher education. As part of this initiative, the committee selected 100 students in 2023, one from each section of II and III-year undergraduate (UG) classes and II-year postgraduate (PG) classes, based on criteria including academic performance, economic status, and family background.



## Evidence of Success

On September 11, 2024, the selected students were awarded Rs. 5000/- each in the presence of their parents or guardians. A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs was distributed among the 100 students as financial assistance.





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