John Wilson Education Society's Wilson College (Autonomous)

7.2.1 Best practices

Since 2008, Andrews Vision Centre has upheld its mission of empowering students with disabilities through education, technology, and social support. AVC currently supports 33 students, including those with visual impairments, learning disabilities, and autism, offering tailored interventions that enhance their educational journey. Key practices include academic accommodations like scribe assistance, accessible technologies, and tutorials. Sensitization initiatives like The Third Eye event foster inclusivity. Held on February 3, 2024, this event featured:

- Pole Mallakhamb Performance by visually challenged students, showcasing their coordination and resilience.
- Braille Workshop, where participants learned to read and write Braille, enhancing awareness of daily challenges faced by the visually impaired.
- Talent Show, celebrating the diverse skills of students.
- Chess Challenge and Cricket Match, promoting teamwork and friendly competition.
- Assistive Technology Exhibit in collaboration with XRCVC, highlighting tools like screen readers and text-to-speech software.

Financial support is another cornerstone of AVC's efforts. In 2023-2024, 7 visually challenged students secured scholarships worth ₹85,000 from the Help the Blind Foundation. Additionally, 10 junior college students received government scholarships totaling ₹80,000. These initiatives ensure financial constraints do not hinder students' aspirations. AVC's achievements highlight its unwavering commitment to inclusivity and empowerment.

Green Warriors

Wilson College Green Warriors has always strived to maintain Eco-friendly and sustainable practises on the college campus. The motto adopted is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reform, and Restore". They collect plastic bottles, tetra packs, blank paper/one-side blank paper and electronic waste from across the college and elsewhere, which is contributed by students and staff. This recyclable waste is sent to an NGO called Stree Mukti Sanghatana. In the last five years the committee has collected 121186 kg of paper, 398 kg plastic, 280 kg metal, 99 kg cardboard & 401 kg. The NGO has also constructed a compost pit which is maintained by Green Warriors for wet waste collection from the campus. The wet waste from the canteen is

converted to black gold and sold at 20/- per kg. Green Warriors also strives hard to restore the sparrow, parakeet population by encouraging students to adopt bird feeders. Bird feeders are sold in the college on a no profit no loss basis. We promote the use of cloth-bags which are sold for Rs. 10/- and 15/- on a no profit no loss basis. In the last two years Green Warriors have sold more than 1000 bags. Green Warriors spread the green word by sharing seeds, cuttings and plants free of cost. They also have a cab pool group to promote carpooling among the students and staff, thus reducing our carbon footprint. Wilson College is committed to conservation and protection of the environment, and will continue to uphold and introduce more green practices in the future. These practices demonstrate Wilson College's commitment to inclusivity, sustainability, and social impact.