

## John Wilson Education Society's

### Wilson College (Autonomous)

#### 7.2.1 Best practices

##### Andrew's Vision Centre

Wilson College has one of a kind Centre, Andrew's Vision Centre (AVC) established in 2008. The Centre has provided substantial support to a large number of visually challenged students of Wilson College, enabling them to effectively cope with their academic and non-academic pursuits. The Centre is currently supported by STERLING AND WILSON SOLAR LIMITED as a part of their CSR activity. They donated six lakhs to the AVC in 2020, the amount is being used for various requirements of the Centre till date.

In 2009, AVC was registered with the National Association for Blind. Andrew's Vision Centre continues to be committed “To Help Visually Challenged Students to be Educationally, Technologically, Psychologically and Socially Enriched so that they are better equipped to face the challenges of Life” as well as help students with other disabilities to ensure inclusivity on Wilson College campus since 2008. Every year, the Centre receives support for visually challenged students from the Help The Blind Foundation. This organization provides eligible students with financial assistance to help meet their academic needs. As of July 2022, AVC currently has 43 learners with disabilities on campus registered with the Centre. 31 visually challenged students, 8 with learning disabilities, 1 with Autism, 1 with locomotor disability, 1 with cerebral palsy, and 1 with mental illness. They benefit from all the facilities offered by the Centre. AVC has been actively fostering inclusivity on campus through sensitization programs, raising awareness about the needs of visually challenged students. It offers crucial academic support by providing scribes during exams and organizing computer system application classes to enhance digital literacy. The Centre also conducts mentor meets and coordinates volunteer support for recording notes, ensuring comprehensive assistance for visually impaired students.

##### 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.