

BEST PRACTICE 2021-22

- 1. Title of the Practice: Protecting a Heritage.
- 2. Objectives of the Practice: The seat of the institution is the residential building of the grand old patriarch of Odisha. *Utkal Gourav* Madhusudan Das, the architect of modern Odisha province, an indelible episode of the history of the state. The more than a century old building is a piece of heritage.
- 3. The Context: The brick and mortar edifice standing for more than a century has been a challenge from the maintenance side. The preservation and maintenance of the structure has been possible by the cooperation from the government.
- 4. The Practice: The building is no less a historical monument of the state. It had attracted Mahatma Gandhi to visit the precincts of the place. Prime Minister Nehru had also visited the campus to unveil the statue of Madhu babu. The heritage building is being maintained and preserved by this HEI with the help of concerned agencies of state government.
- 5. Evidence of Success: The civil society, bureaucrats, political activists visit this institutions to observe the birth and death anniversaries of Madhu babu in particular and other National observances in general. Students from across the state get admission here as an obsession for its heritage status.
- 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required: The burden of history on the ageing edifice carries tell-tale signs of wilting under pressure. Its upkeep is challenging and resource crunch sometimes adds to the woes.
- Notes: The materials, furniture etc used by Madhu babu are still preserved in the dedicated museum annexed with the campus.

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