

VIVEKANANDA GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE VIDYANAGAR, HYDERABAD – 500 044.

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GREEN CAMPUS POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Vivekananda Government Degree College, envisions a clean and green campus where ecological friendly practices and education combine to encourage sustainable and eco-friendly systems in the campus and beyond the campus. The green campus offers the College prospect to take the lead in redefining its green culture through promoting environmental ethics among students and staff. In this context, the college has drafted a comprehensive 'Green Campus Policy" duly incorporating the various Initiatives taken up by the College.

The Concept of Green Campus

The Green Campus concept offers an institution the opportunity to take the lead in redefining its environmental culture and developing new paradigms by creating sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs of the mankind. The policy helps to increase the green cover in and around the campus.

Scope of the Policy

The Green Campus, Energy and Environment Policies will develop exciting new co-curricular and extracurricular practices that encourage students to take the lead in creating positive change. These initiatives call for a thorough review of all infrastructural, administrative functions from the standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment.

College environmental Aims and Objectives

- ➤ To strive to develop the College on a self sustainable basis in the areas of power, water and cleanliness.
- > To initiate Clean Campus
- > To initiate Landscaping
- To make the campus plastic free.

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- ➤ To collectively work towards maintaining to develop an echo friendly s campus and disseminate the concept of eco friendly culture to the nearby community and wherever possible.
- > To bring in Awareness about environmental issues among students and employees including climate change.
- To take Measures to reduce environmental emissions/ footprints.

Composition of the Go- Green Committee

- 1. Principal of the college- Chairperson
- 2. IOAC Coordinator
- 3. Eco-Club Coordinator
- 4. NSS Coordinator
- 5. Haritha Haram Coordinator
- 6. Botany Department-Faculty
- 7. Student Representatives.

VGDC believes in "Go green and keep our campus clean" slogan, It thrives upon the 3Rs policy (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) for maintaining sustainable and eco-friendly systems in the campus and beyond the campus life. The College is very conscious of generating less waste and recycling it by passing it through a system that enables the used material to be reused. Environmental initiatives like use of renewable energy, Rain water harvesting, use of Jute bags, plantation of trees etc.

- 1. Solid Waste Management: VGDC with an aim to provide holistic education that has a positive impact on the environment, will adopt practices that will mitigate the generation, and manage solid waste through the following methods:
 - > Systematically engage with the 3Rs of environment friendliness (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).
 - Collect paper waste produced on campus and collaborate with scrap dealers for recycling.
 - To encourage paperless work culture by supporting digitization of teaching diaries, and internal assessment records.
 - ➤ The College encourages the vendors to send Invoice through email and Purchase order is also sent through email.
 - > VGDC is striving towards a paperless office, a work where the use of paper is done by issuing T.C. and bonafide through CAIMS.
 - > E-communication with regard to notices and circulars.
 - Notes, syllabus, study material is shared on the e-platform, avoiding the usage of paper.
 - Reduce requirement of printed books in the library by using e-resources like INFLIBNET. All the Staff and Students can access the e-resources.
 - > Take initiatives to spread awareness amongst students aboutFood wastage and ways of minimizing it.

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- Minimizing the use of packaged food
- > The habit of reusing and recycling non-biodegradable products
- ➤ Eco Club of VGDC organises awareness programmes on solid waste in collaboration with WOW (Partner NGO).
- Maintain a Compost pit in which the litter of the garden is stored to form manure and reuse it in the garden.

2. Liquid Waste Management:

- Address the issue of water leakage through taps, pipes, tanks, toilet flush etc., immediately.
- Practice and implement rain water recycling and harvest rain water to resolve and manage water scarcity problems in future.
- Conduct awareness Campaigns by Eco-club to save water and reduce the usage of water by Staff and Students.

3. E-Waste Management:

VGDC ensures that its usage of technology and generation of e-waste does not impact the environment. For this purpose, the college plans to strive towards:

- > Collaboration with e-waste recycling agencies to get electronic waste recycled.
- Awareness amongst students about reduction of e-waste and environment friendly disposal practices for e-waste.
- Display posters on E-waste Management in the College.
- Encouraging department and society level activities pertaining to e-waste management.

4. Restricted entry of vehicles

- All the vehicles of college staff/ faculty members should have the emission certification before entering the vehicle in college campus. Vehicles of outsiders are not allowed inside the campus.
- > The college encourages the employees and students to frequently use public transport, bicycles, etc. to limit the emissions.
- Ban on use of Plastic. The college continuously committed to work towards plasticfree campus.

5. Landscaping with trees and plants

- As per the green practices in the campus VGDC under the umbrella of Telangana ku Harithaharam a government initiative is moving in the direction of a Green campus planting more trees within the campus.
- Botany department encourage students to gift a plant to the college on their birthdays and also encourage the students to maintain a medicinal garden in the college premises.

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6. Energy Saving and Energy Efficient Equipment:

VGDC is dedicated to minimize and sustainably manage its use of electricity:

- > The College commits to install environment-friendly electrical appliances that save energy and reduce wasteful inefficiencies.
- > The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting.
- ➤ Purchase only Energy Efficient Computers viz: "ENERGYSTAR" or any other equivalent.
- Activate power management features on computers in the lab and monitor so that it will go into a low power "sleep" mode when not working on it.
- Encouraging students and staff to turn off their monitors when they leave their Table.
- > Activate power management features on laser printers.
- Whenever possible, shut down the computers rather than logging off.
- > Turn off unnecessary lights and use daylight instead.
- Keep lights off in conference rooms, classrooms, lecture halls when they are not in use.

7. Conservation of Water through Rainwater Harvesting System.

> The College is located in heart of the City, in a densely populated area, as a result the area has seen maximum fall of ground water levels, and so VGDC has committed itself to this effort to replenish the groundwater table by practicing rainwater harvesting. This practice helps in the replenishment and recharge of the groundwater.

VGDC thus makes all the necessary efforts to involve the students, faculty and non-teaching staff in "Green Campus Initiatives" for healthy eco system.

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