

GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),

SALEM - 637007

(Affiliated to Periyar University, Salem-11 & Re accredited with B grade by NAAC)

GREEN POLICY

Introduction

A Green campus is a place where eco-friendly ambience and education combine to promote sustainable practices. Government Arts College (Autonomous), Salem -7 endeavours to achieve a human – environment co-existence model which would promote society's welfare through environmental protection. Hence Green Policy is necessary to ensure the campus environment in a sustainable manner with effective utilisation of resources and conservation practices.

Scope

Government Arts College (Autonomous), Salem -7 is committed to adopt a culture of environmental responsibility within and outside the campus to maintain the quality. Our Green Policy also includes to monitor, direct and inspect human activities, taking different actions to prevent harmful effects on the biophysical environment and natural resources ensuring no harmful effects on humans.

Objectives

- To utilise the environmental resources effectively
- To promote environmental conservation practices
- To provide an opportunity for effective environmental governance

Policy Statement

- The institution adopts regular practices for minimal utilisation of water, energy and other resources to achieve sustainable development
- Effective conservation practices are followed in terms of establishment of green covers including Miyawaki forest, botanical garden, rain water harvesting system and the institution involved in composting to achieve green and clean campus
- The institution observes national and international environmental days to create awareness among the stakeholders.

Responsibility

The institution oversees the maintenance of facilities such as gardens, green cover, rain-water harvesting system, to ensure sustainable practices. The institution constitutes committees to monitor and maintain these facilities.

A Herbarium of all the existing plants and an e-Herbarium are being created as a repository of the existing plant species to ensure their maintenance and preservation.

Implementation

The institution regularly maintains the green cover which may aid to attain net zero emission and noise barrier in the campus. Institution periodically conducts green audits providing a way to strengthen the implementation of sustainable practices.

The institution insists its students, faculty and non teaching staff should follow source segregation of wastes and eco-consumerism. The biodegradable wastes are recycled through vermicomposting. The institution is keen on encouraging walking, cycling inside the campus to reduce vehicle emission. Further, the institution promotes the periodical emission quality checking of the vehicles.

The institution regularly conducts awareness programmes for the stakeholders to disseminate the key environmental issues and solutions in regional language to ensure environmental quality.

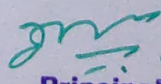
Approval and Review

Green Policy will be reviewed once in three years or as and when required. The Principal of the institution will be the custodian of the policy.

Go Green Programme

The first step of the Go Green Programme involves establishing a Green-Campus Committee, within the organizational structure of the Institute. As per the Green Policy of the Institution the following committee is to be constituted as "Go Green Committee (GACGCC)" is given below:

1. Principal of the institution - Chairperson
2. IQAC Coordinator - Secretary
- 3.3 Faculty Representatives nominated by the Principal
4. Faculty Representative from Botany Department
- 4.2 Student Representatives - General Secretary (Sports) of the college
Women Secretary of the college
5. Non-Teaching Staff Representative- Office Superintendent
6. Alumni Representative- Alumni / Member of Alumni Association


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