



THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

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Green Policy of the Institution

1. Purpose

The objective of the Green Campus Policy of Gandhigram Rural Institute is to promote a plastic-free environment by adopting green practices to minimize the environmental footprint of the university's activities on campus.

2. Scope


This policy is applicable to all stakeholders of the university, including students, faculty, staff, and any contractors associated. All campus operations including academic activities, administrative operations, infrastructural services, and programs held on the university campus are abided to adhere to the policy.

3. Policy Making

The 'Green Campus' initiative is framed through the collaboration of all the stakeholders of the university. The proposed policy is aligned with the energy and environmental policy of the university and is periodically reviewed by an external panel of environmental experts.

4. Main Objectives

- To prohibit the usage of single-use plastic such as plastic cups, straws, bottles, and bags within the campus.
- To promote the use of reusable alternatives such as metal, glass, or wooden products among the faculty, students, and staff.
- To mandate campus canteens to adopt recyclable or bio-degradable packaging materials.
- To establish guidelines for all the vendors, suppliers, and contractors for plastic-free product packaging.
- To endorse proper waste segregation, recycling, and disposal within the campus.
- To organize awareness campaigns on minimalism, waste reduction, and 3R (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) Principles for all the students, faculty, and staff.


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5. Green Campus Initiatives:

5.1. Waste Management:

Waste segregation: the wastes generated on the campus are segregated into compostable, recyclable, and general waste streams.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle: All the students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use recyclable and reusable materials.

Ban of Single-Use Plastics: All the stakeholders including the students, faculty, staff, vendors, contractors, and suppliers are advised on the ban of single-use plastics on the campus.

Composting: the organic waste is decomposed through natural means to enrich the soil on the campus grounds.

5.2. Biodiversity & Green Spaces:

Promotion of green spaces: The green spaces in the campus are developed by planting native plants to preserve local biodiversity.

Tree Plantation Drives: Regular tree plantation drives are organized through NSS, Shanti Sena, and Green Club Volunteers both within and outside the campus.

Green Nursery and Garden: A green nursery is maintained by the KVK and a Nakshatra Park with a variety of tree species is maintained in the campus.

5.3. Green Procurement:

Promotion of local Khadi products: The use of Khadi products is promoted every year through the Khadi Deposit Scheme for the students.

Sustainable Products: Procurement of Sustainable and eco-friendly products for the conduct of all the events within the campus is prioritized.

Green Products vending: The vending of sustainable agricultural products such as coir pith, Panchakavya etc made by the students are encouraged.

5.4. Education & Awareness:

Inclusive Curriculum: Environmental curriculum is integrated into the curriculum across various disciplines.

Field Visits: Field visits to various waste recycling facilities for students are arranged through the Centre for Future Studies.

Green Club: The Centre for Rural Energy promotes energy conservation and energy efficiency through various activities through the Green Club.

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Campus Events: World Environment Day, Energy Conservation Day, and Waste Reduction Week are celebrated annually to promote Green Campus initiatives in the Campus.

Community Outreach: The importance of green living space is carried forward by the faculty and the students to the nearby villages through awareness programs and village placement programs.

6. Problem Solving


Any issues or challenges encountered on campus regarding plastic use or improper waste handling shall be addressed promptly by the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Committee. The EIA committee is chaired by the Vice-chancellor and composed of other members such as the Registrar, Finance Officer, Director of Centre for Future Studies, Director of Centre for Rural Energy, Director of Rural Technology Centre, Coordinator – Electrical Division, and Coordinator – Water Division. The EIA Committee is responsible for the assessment and implementation of solutions to any problem or complaint regarding the sustainability practices or issues on the campus.

7. Responsibility

The primary responsibility for implementing and enforcing this policy lies with the EIA Committee, supported by student environmental clubs such as the Green Club and Eco Club. The Academic Council will oversee the integration and revision of the concepts of sustainability into their teaching curriculum and research. All members of the university community are encouraged to participate in sustainability initiatives.

8. Implementation & Revision

The Green Campus Initiative is implemented in stages, commencing with awareness campaigns and field visits for all students, faculty, and staff of the institute. Any usage of single-use plastic is mandated through strict actions. The policy is revised every year by the EIA Committee to guarantee the effectiveness, relevance, and proper alignment of the policy with new environmental regulations and sustainable development goals.


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