



# **VAAGDEVI DEGREE & P.G. COLLEGE**

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# Policy document on green campus

# Clean Campus Initiatives

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- Staff Members and students will be encouraged to participate in the cleanliness drive in the college campus.
- Remove all kinds of waste material like broken furniture, unusable equipment etc.
- Stressing greatly on Reducing, reusing and recycling of waste.

# Landscaping Initiatives

The campus landscape is a vital part of the life of a campus. As campus landscapes are so visible and accessible, landscaping initiatives are a great way to build awareness around the environment. Enhancing the medicinal garden in the campus.

The college commits to enriching this healthy habitat and maintaining the symbiotic relation of the institution with nature by

- Organizing annual tree plantation drives
- Encouraging adoption of plants by Departments.

## Clean Air Initiatives

We encourage our students and staff to use public transportation. The entry of automobiles inside the campus is restricted to discourage the use of private vehicles. Faculty and students staying nearby are encouraged to use bicycles or battery operated vehicles. Vehicles are banned inside the campus on Saturdays. During the working hours Restricted entry of vehicles is implemented from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m and 2.00 to 4.30 p.m.

#### **Conduct Green Audit**

The college aims to regularly conduct a Green Audit of our college campus to assess our strengths and weaknesses to further our goals of long-term sustainability. A green audit is a useful tool to determine how and where mostenergy or water or resources are being used. The college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. Green auditing will promote financial savings through reduction of resource use. It is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future.

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# **Plastic-Free Campus**

VAAGDEVI DEGREE & PG COLLEGE has been observing most of its duties in terms of solid waste management since its inception. Plastic bags and materials are banned in the campus. Students and staff are being advised to use jute bags.

In view of the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics due to the hazardous impact of plastic use and pollution, the college administration strictly bans the use of single use plastics in its premise to make it a 'Plastic Free Campus'.

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# The Energy and Environment Policy

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## Renewable Sources of Energy

VAAGDEVI DEGREE & PG COLLEGE is dedicated to minimize and sustainably manage its use of electricity. The college believes in reducing the consumption of electricity produced by non-renewable resources by switching to cleanenergy sources like solar energy for the purpose of lighting the campus.

## **Energy Saving and Energy Efficient Equipment**

We commit to install environment-friendly electrical appliances that save energy and reduce the usage of power consuming appliances. The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting.

# Water Conservation through Rainwater Harvesting System

VAAGDEVI DEGREE & PG COLLEGE has committeditself to this effort to replenish the groundwater by practicing rainwater harvesting. This practice helps in the replenishment and recharge of the groundwater.

## Waste Management Processes

VAAGDEVI DEGREE & PG COLLEGE strives to have a minimal impact on the environment and is dedicated to reduce and manage the waste generated by the college campus. The following specific procedures were undertaken to ensure the protection of the environment.

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## Solid Waste Management

Solid waste management is being organized at the campus to

- Systematically engage in environment friendliness.
- Collect paper waste produced on campus and collaborate withcrap dealers for recycling.
- Reduce solid waste management by developina technology-centric teaching and administrative model.
- Reduce the use of paper by slowly starting digitization in the campus.
- Adopting E-Books
- Minimize Food wastage.
- Minimizing the use of packaged food.
- Ban on using plastic.

## Liquid Waste Management

- · Maintain leak proof water fixtures.
- Immediate steps totop any water leakage through taps, pipes, tanks, toilet flush etc.
- · Reuse of wastewater generated by the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system in Laboratory, wash rooms and plants.

#### E-Waste Management

VAAGDEVI DEGREE & PG COLLEGE ensures that its usage of technology and generation of ewaste does not mpact the environment

- More provisions for the disposal of the institutional e-waste.
- Collaboration with e-waste recycling companies to get electronicwaste recycled.

# **Environment-centric Student Societies and Department Activities**

VAAGDEVI DEGREE & PG COLLEGE encourages all the departments and specific student societies like NSS, NCC and Green corps and others to organize events, competitions and training sessions that will bring about positive environmental changes.

#### **Conduct Energy Audit**

An Energy Audit is conducted as and when required to further reduce its carbon footprint. The importance of reducing energy consumption cannot be overstated. The energy audit, with its specialized tools will identify wastage ofenergy and have easy and affordable solutions and provide significant savings.

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