

Govt College for Women (A) Guntur
Internal Quality Assurance Cell
Institutional Policies
Green & Environment Campus Policy

Purpose - The Government College for women(A), Guntur is located in the centre of the city surrounded by commercial area where there is a more chance of exposing and experiencing various types of toxic pollutants and pollutions. Further, the strength of the college Campus is more than 5000 plus and in-turn it will also emit lethal gases, noise, plastic waste etc. that hamper the conducive academic environment of the college. Hence, the college is attempting a serious commitment to restore the eco-friendly and sustainable environment for the wellbeing of the stakeholders.

Policy statement –To safeguard the environment and to create a healthy, congenial, green atmosphere with appropriate strategies in the college campus.

Procedure:

College is exposed and experiencing Various types of pollutions. As a part of green initiatives of the campus our college is focusing mostly on three core areas such as, restricted entry of automobiles, constructing and maintaining pedestrian friendly path ways and ensuring the greenery within the campus.

Restricted entry of Automobiles

- Campus is divided into different zones like parking, limited parking and vehicle free zones.
- These zones are planned to accommodate the huge strength of the college without interfering in the congenial environment of the college. As the strength of the college is 5000 plus, the college made different places as parking zones, limited parking zones to accommodate the needs of the entire staff and students. Despite this demand, we are maintaining some areas as vehicle free zones to minimize the origin of various types of pollutions.
- Every second Friday of the month is declared as no vehicle day.
- Creating awareness about the vehicle restricted area by using various modes of communication like public address system, displaying in the notice boards, assemble and using sign boards.
- Public transport vehicles should be parked in the allotted area at the entrance of the main gate.
- Motivate the staff and students to walk
- To avoid the unnecessary traffic within the campus the main gate will be closed at 10.00 A.M. sharply and opened only during lunch breaks and after 5.00 P.M.
- Vehicles that supply various goods to the college canteen should be allowed to enter the campus before and after the college hours.

- Request the pollution checking authorities to be available frequently near to our campus
- Intimate various government policies related to automobile vehicle usage.

Use of bicycles

- Motivating the students to use bicycles as their main mode of transport
- Creating awareness about the physical fitness benefits of the bicycle usage
- Using bicycle as transport purpose within the campus to reduce air, noise pollutions, carbon emissions and traffic congestion.
- **Initiate star of the day programme- faculty who use bicycle as a mode of transport would be appreciated with a star**

Pedestrian friendly pathways

1. The road starting from main entrance to the JKC block is meant for walking only. Hence vehicles (including bicycles) are not allowed along that road, except the vehicles of differently abled students
2. Due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation, students will not allow in groups along the pathways and also in other areas of the campus
3. A 'NO ENTRY' board will be displayed at the starting of the pathway and no student or staff will be allowed with vehicles beyond the no entry board.
4. These instructions will be communicated to the watch man at the gate and he will restrict the entry if any one bypass the rules.

Ban on usage of plastics

- Polyethen carry bags are not allowed in the campus
- Food packing covers should be disposed in the allotted dust bins only
- Practicing no plastic day every Friday
- Encourage to use eco-friendly bags
- Adopting the waste management practices

Landscaping

- Maintain the existing greenery
- Nurture the age old trees in the campus by watering and pruning
- Growing more oxygen generating plants
- Effective utilization of the area under trees with efficient landscaping techniques
- Increase the plantation in the campus with native herbs and medicinal plants.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Formation of environment sustainability committee with the partnership of botany, chemistry, NSS units and second year students
- Communicating about no vehicle and plastic days to the staff and students through circulars, announcements, class representatives and assemble etc.
- Displaying the posters indicating no vehicle zone and day
- Periodic monitoring of the activity
- Organizing awareness programmes about the advantages of environment friendly practices such as cycling, walking for the physical fitness and for protecting the campus environment.
- Maintenance of separate dustbins for degradable and non -degradable waste by the college administration. Ensuring the same under the supervision of class representatives.
- Checking the bags especially lunch bags of the staff by the committee on no plastic day and for checking students lunch bags class representatives are responsible.
- Conducting informal sessions to educate the hazards of plastic.
- Regular monitoring of existing landscape by the department of botany.
- Include green audit in the co-curricular activities of the botany department.