

GOVERNMENT ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE, CALICUT



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POLICY DOCUMENT FOR

ESTABLISHING A PLASTIC-FREE/GREEN CAMPUS

INTRODUCTION

Government Arts and Science College Calicut is committed to environmental sustainability and recognizes the importance of reducing plastic usage and promoting eco-friendly practices on its campus. This policy document outlines the guidelines and initiatives for transitioning towards a plastic-free and green campus environment.

ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

The utilization of the following single-use plastic items will be strictly prohibited on campus:

1. Plastic bags
2. Plastic straws and stirrers
3. Plastic cutlery and plates
4. Plastic water bottles
5. Other single-use plastic items that are not deemed essential for health and safety reasons

To ensure a smooth transition, the college will provide a designated period for adjustment to this policy. During this time, departments and individuals are strongly encouraged to deplete their existing stock of single-use plastics and transition to sustainable alternatives.

In order to facilitate the adoption of sustainable practices, Government Arts and Science College Calicut will take the necessary steps to make affordable and environmentally friendly alternatives readily available on campus. This will include, but is not limited to:

1. Installation of water refill stations throughout the campus.
2. Offering reusable items such as bottles, cups, and utensils at campus stores.
3. Encouraging campus food services to utilize and provide compostable or reusable foodware.

To raise awareness about the detrimental effects of plastic pollution and emphasize the significance of this policy, the college will initiate an education campaign. This campaign will encompass:

1. Workshops and informational sessions for students, faculty, and staff.
2. Distribution of educational materials through various channels such as the campus website, social media, and newsletters.

To ensure compliance with the policy, a dedicated task force will be established. This task force will monitor adherence to the policy, address any challenges that may arise, and implement appropriate measures to reinforce compliance. Non-compliance will be addressed through educational reinforcement and, if necessary, disciplinary actions.

CONCLUSION

Government Arts and Science College Calicut is committed to creating a sustainable future by fostering a plastic-free and green campus environment that promotes environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and innovation. Through collaborative efforts and collective action, we can achieve our vision of a healthier, greener, and more sustainable campus community.

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OBJECTIVE

A green campus prioritizes sustainability through the integration of eco-friendly practices in its operations and infrastructure. It promotes energy efficiency, waste reduction, and the use of renewable resources, while fostering an environment that encourages conservation and environmental awareness among students and staff. Initiatives often include recycling programs, sustainable landscaping, and green building designs to minimize the campus's ecological footprint.

INTRODUCTION

Government Arts & Science College upholds the best practice 'Sanjeevanam,' addressing environmental issues through awareness programs, departmental and club activities, and community extension efforts. Environmentally friendly practices on campus are led by the NSS, NCC, Green Army, Nature Club, Bhoomithrasena, and Karshaka Sangham. The institution strives to maintain a green and clean campus with the involvement of all stakeholders, raising awareness about environmental issues, effectively utilizing natural resources, and educating the surrounding society about eco-friendly living.




COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To create awareness about environmental issues and sustainable development among the stakeholders.
- To develop a self-sustainable institution through the optimal utilization of natural resources.
- Develop and maintain green buildings, energy-efficient systems, and sustainable landscapes.
- The stakeholders must collectively contribute to developing an eco-friendly campus
- Involve the local community in green initiatives and spread awareness about eco-friendly living.
- To minimize the environmental impact of the campus through effective resource management.
- Achieve a zero-waste campus through robust recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs.
- Enhance campus biodiversity through the preservation of natural habitats and the creation of green spaces.

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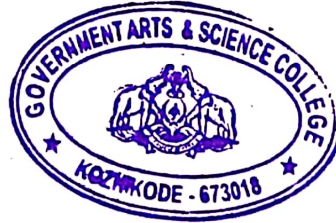
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OBJECTIVE:

To establish a comprehensive framework that promotes sustainability and environmental responsibility within the college community.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Government Arts and Science College, Calicut, is committed to integrating environmental considerations into all aspects of its operations, ensuring a sustainable future for students, staff, and the broader community.

KEY PRINCIPLES:

1. Sustainability Education:

- Incorporate environmental education into the curriculum across all disciplines.
- Promote awareness and understanding of environmental issues through workshops, seminars, and activities.

2. Resource Management:

- Implement efficient use of resources such as energy, water, and materials.

- Encourage reduction, reuse, and recycling practices within the college premises.

3. Waste Management:

- Establish a robust waste segregation system to manage waste effectively.
- Promote the use of biodegradable and eco-friendly materials.

4. Energy Conservation:

- Adopt energy-efficient practices in college operations, including the use of LED lighting and energy-saving appliances.
- Explore renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, for campus energy needs.

5. Green Campus Initiative:

- Enhance green spaces by planting trees and maintaining gardens.
- Promote biodiversity by conserving local flora and fauna.

6. Pollution Reduction:

- Implement measures to reduce air, water, and noise pollution on campus.
- Encourage the use of public transport, bicycles, and carpooling to minimize vehicular emissions.

7. Water Conservation:

- Install water-saving devices and promote practices that reduce water wastage.
- Harvest rainwater and utilize it for gardening and other non-potable purposes.

8. Sustainable Procurement:

- Prioritize purchasing environmentally friendly and sustainably sourced products.
- Engage with suppliers committed to sustainable practices.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING:

- Conduct regular audits and assessments to measure the effectiveness of environmental initiatives.

- Encourage feedback from the college community to continuously improve environmental practices.

-This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness, with revisions made as necessary to meet evolving environmental challenges.

CONCLUSION:

By adopting this Environmental Policy, Government Arts and Science College, Calicut, aims to foster a culture of environmental stewardship, ensuring that sustainable practices are at the core of its institutional values.

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