Towards a Sustainable & Eco-Friendly Campus

Introduction

At Shri Gujarati Samaj B.Ed. College, Indore, we believe education must also nurture responsibility towards our planet. As future teachers are trained here, we recognize our campus as a living example of sustainability. This policy sets out how we will function as a green campus, in line with national and university-level guidelines.

Our Vision

To become a model 'Green Campus' where teaching, learning, and campus life embody respect for nature, efficient resource use, and a culture of sustainability.

Our Goals

• Maintain a clean, green, healthy campus environment.
• Promote awareness and action on environmental conservation among students, faculty, and staff.
• Conserve energy, water, materials; reduce waste and pollution.
• Embed environmental and sustainability values into our teacher-education programme.
• Fulfil and exceed the benchmarks set by UGC and DAVV for higher education institutions.

Reference to UGC and DAVV Guidelines

The policy aligns with UGC's 'Guidelines and Curriculum Framework for Environment Education at Undergraduate Level' and Institutional Development Plan emphasizing ecological preservation, resource conservation, and carbon neutrality. It also adheres to DAVV's updated affiliation norms (2025-26) requiring a minimum 10% green cover, rising to 30% within three years, and supports the university's environmental governance standards.

Main Areas of Action

A. Reduce printing and go digital

• Only print when absolutely necessary
• Use digital alternatives
• Preview and edit
• Go paperless

B. Re-use and Repurpose

• Reuse paper
• Reuse envelopes
• Use old newspapers or magazines to wrap gifts
• Choose recycled and reusable products

C. Energy Conservation

• Use LED bulbs and energy-efficient systems.
• Switch off lights and equipment when not in use.
• Maximize natural lights.

D. Water Conservation

• Install rainwater harvesting systems.
• Fix leakages and reuse water for gardening.

- Promote water-saving practices.

E. Waste Management
- Segregate waste into biodegradable, recyclable, and non-recyclable.
- Compost organic waste and ban single-use plastics.
- Promote paperless communication.
- Collaborate with Indore Municipal Corporation for waste disposal.

F. Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity
- Meet DAVV's 30% green cover target.
- Plant and maintain native trees and gardens.
- Develop herbal and medicinal plants.
- Protect existing flora and fauna.

G. Sustainable Transportation
- Encourage walking, cycling, and carpooling.
- Restrict private vehicles inside campus.
- Provide bicycle stands and shaded walkways.

H. Environmental Education and Awareness
- Include environmental education in teacher training.
- Celebrate World Environment Day, Earth Day, etc.
- Conduct workshops and eco-club activities.
- Support student research and outreach projects.

I. Clean and Green Campus
- Maintain campus cleanliness and hygiene.
- Ensure safe disposal of e-waste and sanitary waste.
- Collaborate with local authorities for environmental drives.

Implementation & Monitoring
A Green Campus Committee will oversee implementation. The committee will prepare an annual Green Action Plan, install renewable energy sources (e.g., solar panels) and submit a yearly Green Report to management. Compliance with DAVV's norms and UGC sustainability standards will be ensured.

Community Outreach & Collaboration
The college will collaborate with schools, NGOs, and municipal bodies for tree-planting drives, awareness campaigns, and clean-up programmes. Students will act as Green Ambassadors promoting environmental education in society.

Review & Revision
This policy will be reviewed every three years or earlier as needed, incorporating new technologies and updated UGC/DAVV guidelines.

Our Commitment
Shri Gujarati Samaj B.Ed. College, Indore pledges to implement this Green College Policy in letter and spirit, ensuring sustainability, environmental awareness, and responsibility among all stakeholders.