



UNI TRUST SURAJBA MAHILA ARTS COLLEGE

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GREEN POLICY

Objective:

It is considered necessary to prescribe a policy to ensure that all activities of the College are carried out in a way to preserve the environment in the best techno-economically feasible manner, and seek ways of contributing to improving the purity of ecosphere.

College commitment:

1. College will institute mechanisms like Committees, task forces, and designate individuals with areas of responsibilities etc. in order to have a Green Campus, and make it ever greener as feasible.
2. College will strive to spread awareness about the need of making the Campus ever greener, and the methods of doing so.
3. College will make funds available to these ends as feasible.

Policy dimensions:

Some dimensions of an Ever Greener Campus are identified as visible now, as listed below, and these can be added to or modified or dropped as the situation warrants:

1. **Public Transport:** The College is located at a very prominent place in Nadiad. Hence it is well connected by public transport like the state owned Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC), Indian Railways and private operators. Most of the students, teachers and non-teaching staff utilize public transport system to reach the college. Majority of students come from villages using public transportation means, mostly by bus and shuttle rickshaws. A few teachers who use their cars for commuting has successfully implemented carpooling as a part of adopting sustainability.

College shall seek ways of providing its own transport from the bus stand and railway station so that there is added incentive to use public transport rather than private vehicles.



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2. **Pedestrian Friendly Roads:** College shall provide pedestrian-friendly roads all throughout the campus, to incentivize walking rather than using a vehicle. Roads shall be disabled-friendly too, to provide equal access.
3. **Vehicle-free campus:** College shall provide adequate parking space for vehicles at the entry to campus for private vehicles, and shall prohibit their entry in the campus further, to the extent for humanitarian, legal or operational requirements, and to the extent feasible.
4. **Plastic free campus:** Plastic use is to be avoided as far as possible by the teachers and students. Programmes on disadvantages of plastic use are to be organized in the NSS Camps. Teachers and students shall be advised to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags
5. **Paperless office:** To reduce the use of paper as a part of Green Campus campaign, all official communications including university circulars, college notice, etc. are to be conveyed through email, text message or social media applications to students and teachers. The college should offer admission and should collect fees through online system. Staff members are to be encouraged to reuse the blank side of the used paper.
6. **Green landscaping with trees and plants:** The campus has a diversity of trees in the campus as well as in botanical garden recently established. Tree Plantation drive is to be organized every year within and around the campus under the leadership of NSS team, as well as participation in campaigns and activities like Vana Mahotsava and social forestry drives. GO GREEN initiatives are to be taken up by NSS, such as Eco Club.
7. **Green Energy use:** College shall strive to:
 - a. Use energy from renewable sources to the extent techno-economically feasible in the campus, and in all its activities.
 - b. Promote the use and awareness of green energy in all its social outreach activities including NSS, NCC etc.



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- c. Collaborate with governments and other organizations for increasing use of green energy and spread of awareness.
8. **Water harvesting:** College has large ground area along with water bodies. Hence appropriate solutions shall be found and maintained so as to make best use of rainwater as well as ground water recharging systems, to minimize the eco-footprint of the College community.
9. **Waste Management Policy:**
 - a. **Solid Waste** within the legal directions, Solid waste management is to be implemented in two ways in the college: (i) dry waste and (ii) wet waste. College is to take initiatives towards waste management. Dry and wet waste is to be collected and disposed appropriately. Dried leaves from the trees are to be collected and dumped in a pit which could be used as manure. Dustbins are to be placed in the campus to collect the waste which is then to be processed with the help of manpower. While disposing the waste, environmental care is to be taken into consideration. College shall seek cooperation of Municipal Corporation for the disposal of the garbage. The college may consider digging a pit with the help of NSS volunteers for the disposal of Solid waste. The students may be encouraged to bring their lunch in tiffin boxes to eliminate the accumulation of food waste and plastic carry bags. The college shall put maximum efforts to minimize solid waste produced from the laboratories in case these ever come up on campus.
 - b. **Liquid Waste** - The major source of liquid waste is from toilets and buildings' washing. Sewerage is to be disposed of as municipal waste and buildings' washing is to be used for gardening as far as possible.
 - c. **E-Waste:** Recently government has published regulations and guidelines for disposal of all e-waste. Thus, all e-waste, excluding unusable computers and other dead stock items from various departments is to be collected centrally. It is then to be disposed of in the scrap to the agencies involved in recycling of e-waste. The list of non-functional electronic



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equipment such as computers including accessories and other non-functional instruments is to be prepared. Equipment from various departments need to be written off is to be prepared. After the approval from Maintenance committee of the college, this dump of written off items is to be further delivered to e-waste recycling agencies

d. **Equipment Purchase:** At the time of purchase of any equipment or consumption items,

College shall look to minimize its own ecological footprint in the following aspects:

- i. Manufacture of item itself
- ii. Purchase, installation and commissioning procedure
- iii. Environmental footprint due to usage, including generating pollution and creation of waste matter along with its disposal
- iv. Final disposal of the item itself when it is to be disposed of.

10. **Water Consumption:** College shall take measures to avoid wastage of water, and spread awareness for the same.

11. **Electricity consumption:**

- a. College shall seek ways of minimizing the need for electricity, by way of proper natural lighting and ventilation, at the time of design of new buildings and facilities and purchase of new equipment.
- b. College shall buy lighting and ventilation/air-conditioning/refrigeration equipment in a way to minimize electricity usage, such as preferring LED lights to other forms wherever possible.
- c. At the time of buying any new equipment, it shall be necessary to look to its electrical efficiency.

12. **Budget towards Waste management:** College shall make every effort to provide enough funds for preservation of environment commensurate with its responsibility. Its use shall be



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monitored by the Finance Committee, and its efficacy shall be assured by the Pilot Team duly constituted by the Principal in consultation with IQAC if necessary.

13. **Pollution Control:** This covers four major spheres. College shall take all measures necessary to keep these as free of pollution as is techno-economically feasible. The areas are:

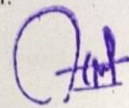
- Air Pollution** - Not found in the Campus
- Water Pollution** - Not found in the Campus
- Soil Pollution** - Not found in the Campus
- Sound Pollution** - Not found in the Campus

14. **Municipal drain through campus:** College has been granted land such that the Municipal Drain for the city runs right through it. Recognizing that this reality cannot be altered, College shall make every effort to maintain harmonious coordination with Municipality and government to prevent any additional damage to college environment or spread of disease and discomfort. College shall also take all measures necessary to prevent bad odours, mosquitoes etc. from spreading in the campus, and preserve the beauty of nature present and possible in the campus, including creation of structures.

Conclusion:

Since situations change every day, and newer technologies and products emerge, this policy is to be observed in spirit more than in the letter. Hence every effort is to be made to pursue remedies, while recognizing the warning about the remedy not being worse than the disease itself.




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