



## **Rajiv Gandhi Government College, Saha (Ambala)**

(Affiliated to Kurukshetra University Kurukshetra)

### **CLEAN AND GREEN CAMPUS POLICY**

Rajiv Gandhi Government College has been actively involved in environment conservation ever since its inception. The college understands the necessity of protecting the environment for a sustainable and healthy life. Keeping this in mind, the college has formed its Clean and Green Campus Policy.

This document sets out the College's policy for safeguarding the environment. The students are given strict instructions to maintain the campus clean and green and it is reflected in the college campus. Various activities are organised within and outside the campus to ensure that environmental consciousness is developed among the students and thereby among the society. All activities are carried out in ways that are environmentally sustainable, economically feasible and socially responsible. College actively strives to make sustainable use of resources and prevent wasteful or damaging practices.

#### **Scope of the Policy**

The College shall follow co-curricular and extracurricular practices that encourage students to take lead in creating positive environmental change. The focus areas of this policy are:

- Clean Campus Initiatives
- Landscaping Initiatives
- Clean Air Initiatives
- Energy-efficient Infrastructure
- Waste Management processes
- Awareness Initiatives

#### **Objectives of the Policy**

- To protect and conserve the ecological systems and resources within the campus.
- To continuously improve our contribution to climate protection and adaptation to climate change.
- To ensure judicious, efficient and sustainable use of environmental resources.
- To integrate environmental concerns into activities and programs for social development and outreach activities.
- To work with all stakeholders and the local community to raise awareness and seek the adoption of environmental good practice and the reduction of any adverse effects on the environment.

- To reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.

### **Clean Campus Initiatives**

- The college has pledged to actively co-ordinate cleanliness activities in the college and beyond the campus in accordance with the vision of *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan*. NSS and NCC units of the college along with Eco Club play a crucial role in maintaining a clean campus. Cleanliness camps are frequently organised both within and outside the campus.
- Recognising the hazardous impact of plastic and in cognizance with the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics, the college has strictly banned the use of single use plastics within its campus to make it a 'Plastic Free Campus'.

### **Landscaping Initiatives**

- The campus landscape is a vital part of college life of a campus. Green landscape serves as a visual representation of the campus community's commitment to sustainability. Landscaping initiatives are a great way to build awareness around the environment. Trees and plants provide the students and staff with clean and soothing environment.
- The college is committed to enriching and maintaining the symbiotic relation of the institution with nature by organising tree plantation drives and encouraging students.

### **Clean Air Initiatives**

- Students and staff are encouraged to use public transportation and carpooling to college in order to control air pollution.
- The entry of automobiles inside the campus is restricted to discourage the use of private vehicles.
- The college strives to provide a smoking free and tobacco free campus. In compliance with the framework provided by the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) 2007-2008, smoking and use of other tobacco products in and around the campus is strictly prohibited.

### **Infrastructural Initiatives**

- College is committed to install environment-friendly electrical appliances that save energy and reduce wasteful inefficiencies. The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting.
- The college has committed itself to water conservation by practicing rainwater harvesting. This practice helps in the replenishment and recharge of the groundwater.

### **Waste Management Processes**

- The college strives to have a minimal impact on the environment and is dedicated to reduce and manage the waste generated by the college campus.
- With its aim to provide holistic education that also has a positive impact on the environment, the college has adopted practices that will mitigate the generation, and manage solid waste through the following methods:
  - ✓ Systematically engage with the 3Rs of environment friendliness (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).
  - ✓ Collect paper waste produced on campus and collaborate with scrap dealers for recycling.
  - ✓ Take initiatives to spread awareness amongst students.

### **Awareness Initiatives**

- Outreach and awareness campaigns are of utmost importance so that all members of the campus community as well as the society may aid in implementation.
- The college supports and encourages awareness campaigns, seminars, workshops, conferences and other interactive sessions to facilitate effective implementation of the Green Campus, Energy and Environment policies.
- The college supports student societies in moulding the students into active agents of environment protection and conservation. College encourages all the departments and specific student societies like Eco Club, NSS, NCC and others to organize events, competitions and camps that will bring about positive environmental changes at the grassroots level.

  
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