# St. Joseph's College of Arts & Science (Autonomous)

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## **GREEN CAMPUS POLICY**

### **PREAMBLE**

St. Joseph's College of Arts & Science (Autonomous), Cuddalore envisage a clean and green campus where enviro-friendly activities and education are combined by promoting various go green activities. The college also encourages environmental friendly activities among students and staff to develop the eco-consciousness among them and in the society around them. The increasing man made activities and mismanagement of the environment poses great environmental challenges that will continue to increase day by day. The main aim of this green campus policy is maximizing its positive impact and minimizing its negative environmental impact.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE GREEN POLICY:**

- 1. To encourage the Students and Staff members to keep the environment clean and green.
- 2. To educate the students and staff members to create awareness amongst the public.
- 3. To make the students and faculty to understand about the various environmental threats and how to reduce the environmental impacts.

#### APPROACHES TO ATTAIN ST. JOSEPH'S GREEN CAMPUS POLICY

In order to become more ecologically sustainable our St. Joseph's is integrating various green initiatives relating to Environment Consciousness in college campus to promote sustainable development by adapting the following criteria.

- 1. Know green and think green is promoted on the campus by giving lectures, poster presentations and seminars.
- 2. Reduce Reuse Recycle methods is followed and there by achieving Zero waste Management system.
- 3. Use of disposable Plastics is banned in line with the Government Guidelines.
- 4. Awareness is created among students on the need for maintaining greenery in the campus for sustainable ambience.
- 5. Waste Category Constituent Parameter Method of Disposal is followed.
- 6. Students and staff members are encouraged to support and participate in ensuring green cover in the campus.
- 7. Green audit is conducted at regular intervals and suggestions made towards creating green campus are implemented.

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- 8. Restricted entry of automobiles, promoting the use of bicycles and reducing carbon footprint inside and outside the campus are advocated and adapted to preserve the greenery of the campus.
- 9. The faculty, staff and students are encouraged to contribute collectively to develop an eco-friendly sustainable campus and disseminate the concept of eco-friendly culture to the nearby community and wherever possible.
- 10. E-wastes are properly handed over to approved E-waste handling agencies approved by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

#### **EFFECTIVE ACTIONS:**

- 1. Conservation of water is carried out in the college by having two rain water harvesting tanks.
- 2. Conservation of energy is done by using solar energy and biogas energy.
- 3. Reduction in use of paper is achieved by sending all official and academic documents in e-services.
- 4. Landscaping and green cover in the campus is maintained properly by gardener and sufficient number of workers All trees are named.
- 5. Restricted entry of vehicles is adapted to improve green system of the campus.
- 6. It is our custom of welcoming the guests with sapling to promote green thinking in the younger minds.
- 7. Gradually decrease and attain the nil usage of one time plastic by educating the students with the Enviro Club volunteers.
- 8. We have been utilizing automatic cut-off system with sensors in all the RO units present in the campus.
- 9. At present we have replaced all the seminar halls with LED Bulbs instead of fluorescent lamps.
- 10. Two types of coloured waste bins are provided at campus for the collection of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste.
- 11. Our college is celebrating "No vehicle day" on every Wednesday for encouraging the usage of bicycles, public transports and carpooling.

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