



POLICY ON GREEN CAMPUS

With climate change and other environmental issues, GREEN is a common term used in many instances. But many lack a full appreciation of and awareness for what it really means to go green. Sustainability involves becoming aware of the impact of all the little decisions that we make. Students have to be told that sustainability is about being mindful of day-to-day activities and how they impact the environment as well as those who come after us.

Recycling of paper and plastics, along with trying to reduce the usage of electricity and fossil fuels are a start, but there are many other steps -- big and small -- individuals can take to protect and preserve the planet. Even though it may seem as if the impact of climate change is still far away, the planet is already suffering from existing and irreversible damage. The way we treat the planet and its natural resources can have significant impact on our daily lives. Even if we don't immediately notice the effects, it will have huge repercussions on the lives of future generations. At the college level, many institutions are implementing simple everyday things to larger innovative practices and policies to help protect the planet and preserve resources for future generations.

Sree Venkateswara College of Engineering has taken many initiatives to create awareness on Green Campus among students and staff. Though it is in a nascent stage, hopefully the institution is going to be successful in implementation of sustainability measures. Sustainability is a learned behavior but it can sometimes feel too abstract.

Here are some good and relatively easy habits inculcated in the students of SVCE for being green.

1. Pay Attention to Packaging and Bags
2. Unplug electronic devices
3. Use reusable water bottles
4. Use LED bulbs wherever possible
5. Watch your water usage
6. Dispose recyclable waste at a common place
7. Choose walking as far as possible rather than driving
8. Turn off lights and fans
9. Practice sharing of bikes

Awareness programmes are to be organized on the above points for staff and students to develop green environment in the campus. Green, Energy and Environment audits are also to be conducted for self assessment and suggestions from experts.



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