



# SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

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## POLICY DOCUMENT ON GREEN CAMPUS

*"Building a green campus is not a choice, it's a responsibility we owe to the planet and the future of our students".*

A set of rules, ideas, and plans put in place by educational institutions to advance environmental sustainability and lessen their carbon footprint are referred to as a policy on green campuses. The objective is to develop a campus atmosphere that is resource-effective, ecologically conscious, and supportive of sustainable practices. Biodiversity is valued as a resource by Sri Venkateswara College of Pharmacy.

Modern medicine contains a substantial share of mixes of biochemically distinct chemicals that have been isolated from various plants. If those plants and the diverse range of insects that pollinate and cross-pollinate them didn't exist, humans would be much more prone to disease. The rich biodiversity that has enabled humanity to obtain food security, healthcare, and industrial goods is largely responsible for the high level of living in the modern world. In a cruel twist of fate, it has also aided in the growth of the modern consumerist society, which is adversely damaging the variety of biological resources on which it is based. The college maintains a green campus and encourages staff and students to follow eco-friendly habits, raising the general standard of living.

A green campus' main goal is to establish a positive coexistence between the natural world and human endeavors. This entails utilizing renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind energy, in order to lessen dependency on non-renewable energy sources and minimize greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Objectives:**

- To help students recognize the value of the environment and the issues it faces.
- To lessen or prevent pollution.
- To motivate students to spread awareness among the general public.
- To educate faculty and students on the major environmental issues they face and the importance of finding solutions.
- To inspire students to maintain a clean and green campus.
- To start the proper energy-saving programs by becoming aware of the college's energy needs.



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## **Green Campus initiatives are as follows:**

### **Landscaping with trees and plants:**

Viewing the aesthetically pleasing institute landscape is worthwhile. Lawns and trees provide shade and enhance the surroundings. In order to clean the air and protect everyone's health, the area is covered in trees and plants. There is a great deal of care paid to both development and upkeep. The institute's greenery section is in charge of creating and maintaining the green areas on campus. The trees and plants on campus enhance its aesthetic appeal while also benefiting the environment by purifying the air, storing carbon, and regulating temperature.

### **Pedestrian-Friendly Pathways:**

Parking spaces on campus are available for staff and student automobiles. Pedestrians can move around safely on campus. At the entrance to the college campus, there are parking places available. With a few exceptions, traffic is controlled on campus, making it convenient for staff and students to use the pathways. The campus's roads are kept up, and solar lights and plants line their sides.

### **Restricted entry of vehicles:**

On campus, visitor's and private vehicles are not allowed. The college promotes regular use of bicycles, electric vehicles, and other public transport among employees and students to cut down on pollution.

### **No Vehicle Day:**

Every Thursday is a "no vehicle" day, during which the restriction on automobiles entering the campus is tightly enforced.

### **Energy Consumption:**

- For the management of the energy situation and to avoid recurrent energy crises, energy conservation, which involves lowering energy usage, is crucial. Reduced energy use can be achieved by using high-efficiency tools and changing energy-wasting habits. When not in use, turn off the power to the devices.
- Use of LED bulbs/power-efficient equipment.



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## **Preservation of water resources:**

Preservation is necessary for the sustainability of ecosystems, communities, and economies. Water is a finite and precious resource that is essential to sustaining life on Earth by assisting in the creation of energy, industry, and food, preserving biodiversity, and ensuring ecological balance. However, factors such as pollution, climate change, and increased water demand pose a major danger to the availability and quality of water. By giving the preservation of water resources a priority, we can maintain ecosystems, lessen water scarcity, ensure human health, and promote long-term socio-ecological stability. According to SVCP's practice of responsible irrigation practices, watering gardens and plants at cooler times of the day, such as early morning or late evening, minimizes evaporation and helps with water conservation.

On our campus, a rainwater collection system collects runoff water from the college building's terrace and distributes it into pits scattered across the grounds to help with recharging.

## **Conservation of natural resources:**

By increasing the number of trees inside and outside of the campus, the SVCP students and staff are advancing the institution's green practices. Fruit trees, medicinal plants, and plantations have all been planted in an effort to clean up and protect the environment.

## **Awareness of limiting the use of plastic:**

Staff and students are educated about the usage of single-use plastics such as PET bottles, bags, spoons, straws, and cups, which are used less frequently. In an effort to use less plastic, the cafeteria has made the switch from plastic tea cups to paper cups and glasses.

## **Waste management:**

The college keeps a close eye on the efficient disposal of solid waste on campus, making sure that there are bins available at each corner of the hallway and in the restrooms that are specifically designated for dry and wet waste. Containers for reagents and chemical bottles are frequently thrown out. The college uses subterranean conduits to dispose of wastewater from all laboratories, and most of the time, old computers, motherboards, and CPUs are repaired and reused.

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### POLICY ON DIVYANGAJAN

*“ Disability did not deter them from performing their best ”*

- A national disability policy was released by the Indian government. Which addresses the educational rehabilitation of people with disabilities was developed by the Indian government in February 2006.
- *“Persons with disabilities include those who have a long-term physical, mental intellectual, or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others”*

#### **Disability and the Indian Constitution**

*The constitution of India resolves to secure all its citizens justice; liberty; equality; and fraternity.*

*Citizens with disabilities are an essential part of human diversity.*

*Article 15 of the Constitution ensures the right to social equality and equal access to the public area.*

#### **Barrier-free environment**

*A barrier-free environment is a space that allows for free and safe movement, function, and access for all, regardless of age, sex, or condition.*

#### **Barriers facing**

- Wheelchair users
- People with limited walking/movement abilities
- People with visual impairment or low vision
- People with hearing impairment
- Elderly and infirm persons
- Pregnant ladies
- Children
- People with temporary disabilities



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Hasmukh C.Patel(architect's viewpoint):

*"We, as committed and concerned professionals, should take up this responsibility of addressing these issues and demonstrate through our work the benefits of a barrier-free environment.*

*Asses to public areas are not only a matter of dignity but also the fundamental right of every person in our country".*

- Consequently, Sri Venkateswara College of Pharmacy opposes all forms of discrimination, including those based on disability.
- The goal of SVCP is to promote a thorough and inclusive educational environment wherein students with disabilities shouldn't be harassed or treated poorly.
- SVCP strives to establish a setting that gives them equal opportunities, defends their rights, and enables them to participate completely in the educational setting.
- Additionally, the institution works to foster a cozy and accessory atmosphere for these students while also aiding them with everything from applying for admission to graduating from the institution.

## **Objectives:**

- ❖ To ensure that buildings' architectural features, such as the ramp, are accessible to people with disabilities.
- ❖ To ensure the continued availability and presence of the required text and pictogram signage, such as lightning display boards and sign points.
- ❖ To ensure that disabled people have access to restrooms that are safe, effective, and gender-sensitive.
- ❖ To instill an inclusive culture to prevent prejudice and the exclusion of personnel and students with disabilities from all areas of employment and education.
- ❖ To establish that people with disabilities can use the technology and applications.
- ❖ To guarantee that people with disabilities are fully included and that they have equal opportunity to thrive.
- ❖ To ensure that all laws related to people with disabilities are implemented.
- ❖ To make certain that no obstructions stand in the way of people with disabilities using any of the campus's amenities.

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