



J.S.S SAKRI LAW COLLEGE

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Institutional Policy on Environment and Green Initiatives

JSS Sakri Law College, established in 1955, serves as a legal education centre for the northern section of the Dharwad district as well as much of the Haveri and Uttar Kannada districts in Karnataka. The Western Ghats, a rich area of topography that must be preserved and protected for future generations, lie close to the college's beautiful campus. The bulk of the college's stakeholders live in Haveri and Uttarakannada, where agriculture is the primary source of income. This underlines the need of environmental protection and maintaining the balance between humans and the environment. The institution, which is the first gateway for academic aspirations to the people of this region who want higher study, has the primary responsibility of preserving and protecting the environment.

Scope of the Policy

The Green Campus, Energy, and Environment Policies will result in innovative new co-curricular and extracurricular activities that encourage students to take the initiative in effecting change. These programs necessitate a full examination of all administrative, co-

curricular, and infrastructure responsibilities in terms of energy efficiency, sustainability, and environmental impact. This policy's primary areas of concentration include:

- Clean Campus Initiatives
- Landscaping Initiatives
- Clean Air Initiatives
- Water Conservation measures
- Waste Management measures
- Awareness programmes on environmental protection

Objectives of the Policy

- Protection and preservation of ecological systems and resources on campus.
- Making sure that environmental resource is used wisely in order to satisfy the needs and ambitions of both the present and future generations.
- Working together with all stakeholders and the local community to increase acceptance of environmentally sound practices, improve awareness of them, and mitigate any negative effects they may have on the environment.
- To consistently increase the effective use of all resources, including water and energy, and to cut back on consumption and waste production while recovering and recycling waste materials whenever practical.
- To occasionally undertake audits of the environment and energy use.
- To reduce the usage of paper in administration by implementing an e-governance policy and minimizing use of plastics within campus.

Policy on Environment and Green Initiatives

As part of the Institutional Policy on Environment and Green activities, we developed the following techniques and operational processes to be implemented in the college based on the many criteria listed below.

Clean Campus Initiatives:

- JSS Sakri Law College views personal and environmental cleanliness as essential to a well-rounded education. We are committed to providing appropriate instruction and fostering a culture of understanding among our students regarding these matters. In

accordance with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan's goals, the college will actively develop and promote cleaning initiatives both on and off campus.

- The college administration will take the lead on the clean campus project by ensuring that resources, manpower, and garbage disposal methods are distributed appropriately throughout the year. Every student must study Environmental Law during their fifth semester to get insight into environmental policies.
- Educating students and staff members about cleanliness and hygiene through awareness campaigns and cleaning initiatives. The goal is to inspire them to make a proactive contribution. Staff members will set an example for pupils by taking part in the college campus cleaning campaign.
- The community service projects carried out by volunteers of the college's NSS, which include activities under the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan."
- To spark enthusiasm among the student body, activities including contests for posters and slogans, essays, spoken word poetry, speeches, and skits on "Swachh Bharat" will be organised.
- To raise public understanding, rallies and awareness campaigns on topics related to the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" will be held on and near college campuses.

Landscaping Initiatives :

A college's beliefs are physically manifested on campus, just as they are in its buildings. It is an important part of campus life since it provides opportunities for study, recreation, outdoor activities, relaxation, and aesthetic enjoyment. Furthermore, green campus landscaping reduces runoff, aids in groundwater recharge, and cleans and cools campus air. The landscape exemplifies the college community's commitment to environmental sustainability. Campus landscaping projects are a fantastic method of raising environmental awareness since they are so visible and accessible.

- Our campus has about 35 trees and 100 plants. The relaxing scenery of trees and plants delivers clean, cool air for over 150 students and staff.
- By funding yearly tree-planting campaigns and encouraging student organizations to hold tree-planting activities, the college emphasizes its commitment to preserving this healthy ecosystem and the institution's symbiotic relationship with nature.

Clean Air Initiatives

- We promote the usage of public transit among our students and staff.
- We promote carpooling for college, which reduces air pollution and improves social contact.
- To deter the use of personal vehicles, the campus restricts the admission of vehicles.
- In accordance with the guidelines established by the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), the college forbids the use of tobacco products, including smoking.
- We avoid burning waste and instead use environmentally friendly recycling techniques.
- We commit to install environment-friendly electrical appliances that save energy and reduce wasteful inefficiencies. The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting.

Water Conservation and Management

As an institution located near to Western Ghats in Karnataka, the area that has seen the most rainfall. We are devoted to this effort to refill the groundwater table by practising rainwater harvesting through pits and channels. The replenishment and recharging of the groundwater is aided by this approach. We also adopt the following measure to manage the use of water.

- Maintain leak proof water fixtures.
- Minimize the unwanted use and wastage of water
- Immediate steps to stop any water leakage through taps, pipes, tanks, to flush etc.
- Study on possibility of reuse of wastewater
- Waste Management Processes

Awareness programmes on environmental protection

Outreach and education are of utmost importance so that all members of the campus community may value the objectives of the policy and aid in its implementation. We support and encourage awareness campaigns, seminars, workshops, conferences and other interactive sessions to facilitate effective implementation of the Green Campus along with implementation Energy and Environment policies.

We encourage the student organisations like NSS and College Union to organize events, competitions and training sessions that will bring about positive environmental changes at the grassroots level. The college supports student associations in moulding the students into active agents of environment protection and conservation.

Conclusion

The concept of a "green campus" is gaining popularity among students as institutional advancements toward sustainability and eco-friendly behaviours are passed down to them. This will provide a greater platform for spreading the institution's environmental ideas and raising awareness as the word travels to their homes and the wider community. The implementation of this policy will help to protect and preserve ecological systems and resources on campus by ensuring that they are used wisely to meet the needs and aspirations of both current and future generations, as well as by working with all stakeholders and the local community to create a sustainable environment.



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