

Green Campus Policy

This green campus policy has been formulated by Chitkara University, Punjab to build healthy, sustainable and climate-friendly environment in and around the campus for their students, staff and associated community.

The green policy aims to build leadership in society and future generations by imparting climate change and sustainable development education and implementing green and sustainable practices on the campus.

Under Green Campus Policy, Chitkara University will take various steps to fight climate change and bring sustainable development in the mainframe.

Below are the broad areas where Chitkara University will focus while implementing different practices and improve continuously.

1. Reduce the dependency on fossil fuels and adopt renewables/clean energy practices.
2. Actively promote the use of public and green transportation system.
3. Practice various measures to improve the overall energy efficiency on the campus.
4. Practice water efficiency, conservation and storage measures in the campus. Focus on clean water and sanitation.
5. Maintain and improve the habitat and biodiversity in and around the campus. Care for water bodies like river, ponds, lakes and oceans if campus is near them.
6. Implement efficient waste management practices including a ban of single-use plastic, waste segregation, composting and other measures.
7. Adopt green and sustainable procurement practices while purchasing material & services, to reduce the environmental impact.
8. Use of eco-friendly material/products on the campus to improve the overall health of occupants and natural surroundings.
9. Practice and teach responsible consumption behaviour.
10. Incorporate and promote education for sustainable development and climate change issues in (classroom and outdoor) teaching methodology.
11. Promote community-level engagement to create awareness and encourage the community to participate and practice sustainability education.

12. Continuous monitoring and improvement of the practices to reduce the environmental impacts of the activities and operations.
13. Involve management, teachers, staff and students both boys and girls in implementing green policy.

Green Campus Committee has been formed to implement, monitor, review, evaluate and evolve sustainable practices in Chitkara University, and involvement of other staff members and students.

Annexure

A detailed list of activities is mentioned below for each area Chitkara University is following and plans to implement in the future:

Reduce the dependency on fossil fuels and adopt renewables/clean energy practices

- Harvesting its electricity from Solar Panels
- Buying renewable energy
- Using solar water heater
- Separate policy to go 100% renewable by 2030

Actively promote use of public and green transportation system

- Providing bicycle parking space
- Having university transportation system using clean fuel
- Have public transportation system available near to the campus
- Promote electric vehicles

Practice various measures to improve the overall energy efficiency on the campus

- Use of LED lights, sky lights
- At least 3 star rated appliances
- Never leave the switches on when not in use
- Use of building space efficiently like by having proper ventilation and natural lighting

Practice water efficiency, conservation and storage measures in the campus. Focus on clean water and sanitation

- Water efficient taps
- Have rainwater harvesting systems
- Spreading awareness about efficient consumption of water
- Never leave the taps open

Maintain and improve the habitat and biodiversity in and around the campus. Care for water bodies like river, ponds, lakes and oceans if campus is near them

- De-concretization of trees in the campus
- Planting native species
- Engage students by teaching biodiversity
- Having vegetable/herbal/butterfly gardens

Adopt green and sustainable procurement practices while purchasing material & services, to reduce the environmental impact

- Use certified wood and construction material
- Your vendor practices sustainability
- Buy material which is biodegradable; have recycled content, etc.

Use of eco-friendly material/products on the campus to improve the overall health of occupants and natural surroundings

- Ban use of chemical fertilizers
- Use of ecofriendly cleaners, dust free chalks, VOC less paints
- Use of exhaust system in canteen, labs etc.

Practice and teach responsible consumption behavior

- Teaching the judicious consumption of resources including energy, water
- Avoid unnecessary packings
- Daily habits

Incorporate and promote education for sustainable development and climate change issues in (classroom and outdoor) teaching methodology

- Organize workshops around the concept of different measures you are following like solar, waste, energy etc.

Promote community level engagement to create awareness and encourage community to participate and practice sustainability education

- Create eco club in the university
- Engage nearby villagers for imparting sustainable education

Continuous monitoring and improvement of the practices to reduce the environmental impacts of the activities and operations

- Monitor activities through yearly audits
- Dedicated team of various experts

Involve management, teachers, staff and students both boys and girls in implementing green policy