

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira



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Policy and Strategy of the College to Make and Keep the Campus Clean and Green

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Preamble :

The ideology of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda is deeply intertwined with Nature and its concerns. The tradition's deep sensitivity to Nature traces its origin to an extraordinary phenomenon that took place in the life of Sri Ramakrishna nearly one hundred and thirty four years ago. One afternoon in 1886, while Sri Ramakrishna was lying on his bed, a man was pacing back and forth outside on the green lawn of the garden house of Cassipore in Kolkata. Suddenly, Sri Ramakrishna said to one of his disciples, to his sheer amazement, "Please ask that man not to walk on the grass. I am in great pain, as if he were walking on my chest." Indeed with few parallels in the recent socio-spiritual history of the world, this veridical unitive vision of Sri Ramakrishna provides us with the most powerful rationale as to why the Natural environment should be treated with utmost care and respect. No wonder, in keeping with this hallowed tradition, Vidyamandira, ever since its inception, has been most persistently striving to maintain an impeccably clean campus.

A. Institutional Responsibility and Activity :

1. Eco Club : Nowadays, words such as 'Ecological imbalance', 'Global warming', 'Green revolution' etc are part of our ordinary vocabulary! And rightfully so! The quicker we collectively wake up to the gradual onset of the ecological imbalance, the better are our chances of gaining the lost grounds. Thus, realizing that responding to the ecological challenges is of prime importance today, our college has come up with an 'Eco Club' with a view to making the environment green. The field of action of 'Eco Club' are chiefly

- a. Maintaining the college garden
- b. Horticultural activities
- c. Planting new saplings within and outside the campus
- d. Spreading awareness among the local youths about the importance of planting trees.
- e. 'Eco Club' , also, looks after the overall cleanliness of the campus - overseeing, in particular, its sanitary & hygienic aspects.

2. Thursday Cleaning :

- Students are to be encouraged to keep the campus clean, remove weeds from the playground, broom the college building classrooms on every Thursday.

3. Clean Your Kitchen : Students will be encouraged to clean the hostel kitchen from time to time on Sundays.

4. **Use the Bins** : Under this initiative the campus will be dotted with garbage bins placed close to potential garbage producing sources.
5. **Green House** : The college will construct its own nursery where saplings will be preserved and nurtured.
6. Landscaping and cleanliness of the campus should be given priority and for that new man power and requisite equipment are to be procured.
7. Institution has already started its solar energy generation and wheeling to grid activity. It should be enhanced in future.
8. Modern equipment of the laboratories should be such so that they consume least energy and for that some modern sensor based equipment should be procured.
9. LED lights may be installed in the places where students are not studying.
10. All stakeholders should be informed and enthused so that energy waste can be reduced as best as possible.
11. Institution has already issued notification on the 'Ban of use of Plastic'.
12. As students are all boarders, there is no question of any motorised vehicle for students. Teachers and non-teaching staff members use, in maximum, public vehicle, many use bicycle. Those who reside locally, come walking. In fact, in the campus entry of motor vehicles is restricted.

13. Pathways have been made smooth so that any people, be aged people or differently-abled ones, can walk easily and smoothly. No bums or pitfall are there.

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Principal

