

# CAUVERY COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (Autonomous)

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## THE GREEN CAMPUS, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICIES

### Scope of the Policy

The Green Campus, Energy and Environment Policies will develop exciting new co-curricular and extracurricular practices that encourage students to take the lead in creating positive change. These initiatives call for a thorough review of all infrastructural, administrative functions from the standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment.

### The focus areas of this policy are:

1. Clean Campus Initiatives
2. Landscaping Initiatives
3. Plastic Free Campus
4. Solar Power Plant
5. Water Conservation through Rainwater Harvesting System
6. Solid Waste Management
7. Awareness Initiatives

### Objectives of the Policy

1. To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus and to make the campus plastic free.
2. To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programmes for social development and outreach activities.
3. To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water, and to reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.

### Clean Campus Initiatives

Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) had pledged to actively coordinate cleanliness activities in the college and beyond the campus in accordance with the vision of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. It commits to continue with this Programme. The broad vision is as follows:



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- Generating mass awareness on cleanliness and hygiene amongst students and staff members by holding regular cleanliness drives. The idea is to motivate them to contribute in a proactive manner.
- Activities under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' will be a key component of all the community work being done by NSS, NCC and ExNoRa volunteers of the college.

## **Landscaping Initiatives**

The college commits to enriching this healthy habitat and maintaining the Symbiotic relation of the institution with nature by

- Organizing annual tree plantation drives.
- Encouraging student societies to hold tree planting events.

## **Renewable Sources of Energy**

Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) is dedicated to minimize and sustainably manage its use of electricity. The college believes in reducing the consumption of electricity produced by non-renewable resources by switching to clean energy sources like solar energy for purposes like lighting the campus.

## **Energy Saving and Energy Efficient Equipment**

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 through Rainwater Harvesting System**

Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) has committed itself to this effort to replenish the groundwater table by practicing rainwater harvesting. This practice helps in the replenishment and recharge of the groundwater.

## **Waste Management Processes**

Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) strives to have a minimal impact on the environment and is dedicated to reduce and manage the waste generated by the college campus. The following specific procedures will be undertaken to ensure Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous)'s contribution in protecting the environment.



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## Solid Waste Management

With its aim to provide holistic education that also has a positive impact on the environment, the college will adopt practices that will mitigate the generation, and manage solid waste through the following methods:

1. Systematically engage with the 3Rs of environment friendliness (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).
2. Reduce solid waste by developing a technology-centric teaching and administrative model.
3. Take initiatives to spread awareness amongst students about Food wastage and ways of minimizing to organize workshops for students on solid waste management.

## Awareness Initiatives

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. This is why Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) supports and encourages awareness campaigns, seminars, workshops, conferences and other interactive sessions to facilitate effective implementation of the Green Campus, Energy and Environment policies.

## Environment-centric Activities

Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) encourages all the departments and specific student societies like ExNoRa, NSS, NCC and others to organize events, competitions and training sessions that will bring about positive environmental changes at the grass root level. The college supports departments and student clubs in moulding the students into active agents of environment protection and conservations.

## Plastic-Free Campus

Cauvery College for Women (Autonomous) has been observing most of its duties in terms of solid waste management since its inception. In view of the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics due to the hazardous impact of plastic use and pollution, the college administration strictly bans the use of single use plastics in its premise to make it a 'Plastic Free Campus'.



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