

Institutional Distinctiveness

Sustainable Environment

Being a premier institution of higher learning, PSVPEC has initiated 'The Green Campus' program a decade back to promote various projects for the environment protection and sustainability. Long back the demand for sustainable environment was recognized and made the institution to invest for greener campus, greener buildings, greener practices and products, and ways of engaging staff and students for the sustainable future. Also focusing on our social responsibility the green initiative was planned to adopt by us, educate the stakeholders, practice in campus and preach the community.

The institution has adopted three important principles in developing a sustainable environment.

1. Inter-Generational Equity
2. The Precautionary Principle
3. Polluter Pays Principle

Inter-Generational Equity: The principle talks about the right of every generation to get benefit from the natural resources. Principle 3 of the Rio declaration states that: The right to development must be fulfilled so as to equitably meet developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations. "The main object behind the principle is to ensure that the present generation should not abuse the non-renewable resources so as to deprive the future generation of its benefit". This principle is adopted by the college to instil in the present generation students the importance of protecting the environment.

The Precautionary Principle: This is the most important principle of 'Sustainable Development'. Principle 15 of the Rio declaration states that: "In order to protect the environment, the precautionary approach shall be widely applied by States according to their capabilities. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation." This principle is adopted by us to take up precautionary steps from now on towards creating a sustainable environment.

Polluter Pays Principle: The Principle 16 of the Rio declaration states that National authorities should endeavour to promote the internalization of environmental costs and the use of economic instruments, taking into account the approach that the polluter should, in principle, bear the cost of pollution, with

due regard to the public interest and without distorting international trade and investment. As an education institution, we take up the responsibility of polluting as well as paying for our activities. We concentrate equally on reducing pollution through various measures as well as paying for pollution through activities in research and extension.

Giving back to the society

We believe that college life is not all about academics, games, friends, and fun. It is also about learning to interact with other people, being aware of social, environmental and gender issues, and inequities in the society. This is achieved by the initiative “Our Common Future (OCF)” an inclusion of policy making, living with nature, collaborations for sustainability, research and innovations for sustainability, extension and outreach activities, etc., involving students, faculty, community and environment.

The Distinctiveness: OCF Methodology

- Sustainable Campus Policies
- Greener campus initiatives
- Collaborations for sustainability
- Pedagogical innovations and research for sustainability
- Sustainability outreach through socially responsible human beings