

7.1.5 - Green campus initiatives

The Government Vishwanath Yadav Tamaskar Post Graduate Autonomous College in Durg, Chhattisgarh, has implemented several green campus initiatives to promote environmental sustainability. These efforts include the establishment of an Environmental Conservation Club, which engages students in activities such as tree planting to enhance the campus's green cover. Additionally, the college has integrated sustainability concepts into its curriculum, offering programs that focus on food policy, ecology, and food systems. The institution also emphasizes resource management by operating composting and recycling programs, and employing eco-friendly cleaning systems. These initiatives aim to create a sustainable campus culture, improve outreach on sustainability issues, and inform the community about environmental concerns.

Restricted entry of automobiles Response

Students are not allowed to drive motorized vehicles on campus, with the exception of the area close to the front gate. Due to the college's excellent train and bus connections, the majority of students commute by public transportation. They are not permitted to enter the college with their car. Only a limited number of cars are allowed on college campuses, and the majority of them are parked there.



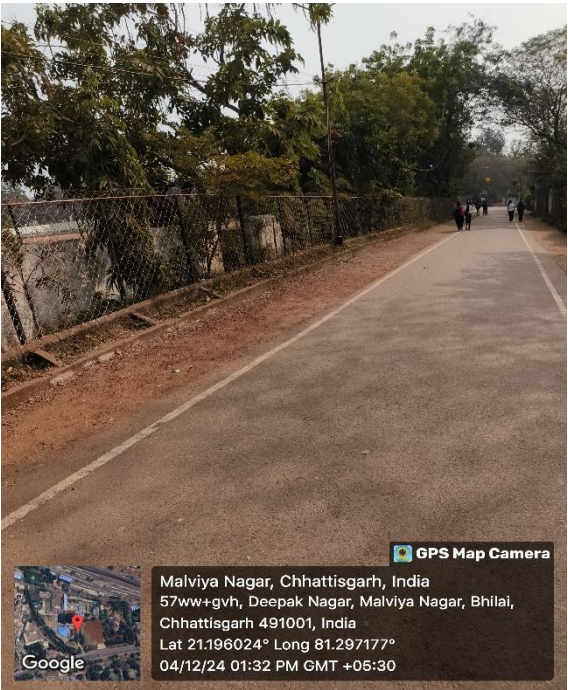
Use of bicycles/battery powered vehicles

Bicycles are used by students and staff on campus. There is adequate facilities to park bicycles.



Pedestrian friendly pathways

All roads in the campus are pedestrian friendly as vehicular movement is limited in the campus. It is suggested for students to take a walk around the campus.



Ban on use of Plastics

The college has “reduce, recycle and reuse” policy.

- The college urges the fraternity to minimize the use of plastic products such as bottles, tiffin containers, pens, single-use cutlery, and carry bags, while also promoting this effort by advocating the use of glass or stainless-steel utensils, along with the sale of fountain pens and paper pens.
- The college regularly conducts plastic-free campus initiatives and awareness programs to maintain a plastic-free environment on campus.
- Water purifiers are available on campus to minimize the consumption of plastic bottles.
- Efforts are made to prevent the build-up of plastic waste during events in the college and department.



Students and Staff taking pledge not to use plastic

Landscaping with trees and plants

- The college features a garden in front of the Principal's office that showcases various plant life. A Botanical garden exists, managed by the Botany department, featuring medicinal plants. Many tree species, including Amaltas and Gulmohar, are planted along the roads.
- Numerous native species are planted in different areas of the campus by student organizations like the NCC, NSS, botany department, and other departments on Hareli day.
- The college grounds feature trees and plants that create a carbon dioxide-free atmosphere.
- The NSS unit has initiated plantation programs to enhance the green cover on campus.

