



CAMPUS GREEN AUDIT



CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that detailed Green Audit of **Sakthi College of Arts and Science for Women, Oddanchatram – 624 619 Tamilnadu** has been successfully conducted. The activities and measures carried out by the College have been verified based on the reports submitted by the College and found to be satisfactory. The College has evolved policies on Environment and Green campus in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The efforts taken by the members of the faculty, students, support staff and the Management towards creating a strategic change in attaining holistic environmental sustainability is highly appreciated and commended.

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PREFACE

An Environmental Audit is a tool comprising a systematic, documented, periodic and objective evaluation of how well a project, organization or equipment is performing with the aim of helping to safeguard the environment. The audit should facilitate management control of environmental practices and assess compliance with policy objectives and regulatory requirements.

A clean and healthy environment aids effective learning and provides a conducive learning environment.

Green audit is an official examination of the effects a college on the environment. It helps to improve the existing practices with the aim of reducing the adverse effects of these on the environment concerned.

Higher Educational Institutions are committed to preserve the environment within the campus through promotion of energy savings, recycling of waste, water use reduction, water harvesting etc.

Green audit visualizes the documentation of all such activities taking stock of the infrastructure of the college, their academic and managerial policies and future plans in the form of an environmental audit report.

Green audit can be a useful tool for a college to determine how and where they are using the most energy or water or resources; the college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. It can also be used to determine the type and volume of waste which can be used for a recycling project or to improve waste minimization plan. It can create health consciousness and promote environmental awareness, values and ethics. It provides staff and students better understanding of green impact on campus.

Green audit promotes financial savings through reduction of resource use. It gives an opportunity for the development of ownership, personal and social responsibility for the students and teachers. Thus, it is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future. As environmental sustainability is becoming an increasingly important issue for the nation, the role of higher educational institutions in relation to environmental sustainability is more relevant.

The audit process in Sakthi College of Arts and Science, Oddanchatram, Tamilnadu involved initial interviews with management to clarify policies, activities, records and the co-operation of staff and students in the implementation of mitigation measures. Staff and students were given training how to collect the data for the green audit process. This was followed by staff and student interviews, collection of data through the questionnaire-based survey, review of records, observation of practices and observable outcomes. In addition, the approach ensured that the management and staff are active participants in the green auditing process in the college.

The baseline data prepared for the College will be a useful tool for campus greening, resource management, planning of future projects, and a document for implementation of sustainable development of the college. Existing data will allow the college to compare its programs and operations with those of peer institutions, identify areas in need of improvement, and prioritize the implementation of future projects. The green audit reports assist in the process of attaining an eco-friendly approach to the sustainable development of the college.

The results presented in the green audit report will serve as a guide for educating the college community on the existing environment related practices and resource usage at the college as well as spawn new activities and innovative practices. The Green Audit team expects the management to express their commitment to implement the recommendations.




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