



A.V.COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE

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Vision: Empowerment Through Pursuit of Excellence

Institutional Distinctiveness - Sustainable Development

Institutional Policy – Sustainability is a Priority

At A.V. College, sustainability is not just an initiative—it is our **Institutional Distinctiveness**. Our unwavering commitment to sustainable practices and responsible leadership drives our mission to create a greener and more equitable world. We align our academic and extracurricular activities with the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** to instil a culture of environmental responsibility and social consciousness in our students and faculty.

Vision

To establish A.V. College as a leader in sustainability education and action, integrating sustainable practices into every aspect of campus life and community engagement, while fostering responsible global citizens.

Mission

- To promote sustainability through education, research, and practical application.
- To integrate the principles of sustainability into curriculum, campus operations, and community outreach.
- To empower students, faculty, and stakeholders to be change-makers in creating a sustainable future.

Strategic Framework

A.V. College has constituted **five Self-Help Clubs** to address key aspects of sustainability:

1. **Swasth Club** – Promoting millets, yoga, walking, cycling, and healthy living.
2. **Climate Crew** – Implementing measures to eliminate single-use plastic and enforce sustainable policies.
3. **Green Dream** – Overseeing organic gardens, safe waste disposal, and eco-friendly habits.
4. **Life Navigators** – Driving social awareness initiatives, behavioural change programs, and Model UN activities on environmental issues.
5. **Project Kartavya** – Implementing key SDGs identified by the college:
 - **SDG 3:** Good Health & Well-Being
 - **SDG 5:** Gender Equity
 - **SDG 7:** Affordable and Clean Energy

- **SDG 11:** Sustainable Cities and Communities
- **SDG 12:** Responsible Consumption and Production

Key Sustainability Initiatives

1. Sustainable Food and Agriculture

- **Siri Mantra – Millet Lunch Box Policy:** Encouraging millet-based meals every Thursday to promote healthy eating habits.
- **Grow Organic Garden:** A student-led terrace garden cultivating organic vegetables.
- **A.V. Nursery:** Establishment of a medicinal plant nursery for conservation and awareness.

2. Waste Management & Plastic-Free Campus

- **Carry Cloth Bag in Your College Bag Initiative:** Mandatory cloth bag use; students trained in making cloth bags.
- **E-Waste Collection Point:** Collaboration with Lion's International Club to recycle e-waste and support campus infrastructure.
- **A picket process to ban plastic bags on campus.**

3. Behavioural Change & Community Engagement

- **Model UN Activity:** Debating environmental issues and developing policy solutions.
- **Intercollegiate Debate Competition:** Addressing the plastic crisis with actionable recommendations.
- **Environmental Awareness Videos:** Promoting behavioral shifts towards sustainability.
- **Each One - Reach One:** Village adoption program for community-driven sustainability.
- **Visit a School - A.V. Open Day:** Educating young students on environmental conservation.
- **Environmental Start-up - Prerna:** Sale of **Ekavimshathi Patri** during Vinayaka Chavithi and **vermicompost production.**

4. Health & Well-Being

- **Challenge Walking Competition:** Encouraging active lifestyles through a 5000-step challenge in 45 minutes.
- **Sahaja Organic Store:** Campus sales counter promoting organic and sustainable products.

Implementation and Monitoring

- Sustainability policies will be monitored through dedicated committees within **Project Kartavya.**
- Regular **impact assessments** will be conducted to evaluate effectiveness and improve strategies.

- Engagement with students, faculty, and external stakeholders to scale sustainable solutions beyond campus.

Conclusion

A.V. College embraces its **responsibility as a change-maker** in sustainability. Through a structured approach, strategic partnerships, and grassroots initiatives, we aim to embed sustainability into our **institutional DNA**, inspiring future generations to uphold and advance the cause of a sustainable planet. This policy reaffirms our dedication to achieving the **United Nations SDGs** and making **sustainability a priority** in education and community development.