

Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Autonomous)

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Green Initiative Policy of the College

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The philosophy of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda is intensely knotted with Nature and its concerns. The tradition's deep understanding to Nature traces its origin to an astonishing phenomenon that took place in the life of Sri Ramakrishna nearly one hundred and thirty four years ago. One afternoon in 1886, while Sri Ramakrishna was lying on his bed, a man was pacing back and forth outside on the green lawn of the garden house of Cassipore in Kolkata. Suddenly, Sri Ramakrishna said to one of disciples, to his sheer amazement, "Please ask that man not to walk on the grass. I am in great pain, as if he were walking on my chest." Indeed with few parallels in the recent socio-spiritual history of the world, this veridical unitive vision of Sri Ramakrishna delivers us with the most powerful rationale as to why Natural environment should be preserved with utmost care and respect. At this backdrop, when one enters into the campus of Narendrapur college, finds the age-old ***Topavana Ideal, a hark-back to the forest universities of ancient India.***

Swami Vivekananda, by way of bringing out the inner connotation of an Upanishadic wisdom, highlighted that 'true education is gained by living in constant communion with Nature.' Indeed, it is in bringing out this potential excellence that Nature acts as a powerful suggestion.

This vision of Swami Vivekananda finds an application in Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission College where education is a lived experience in its idyllic natural environment. With its majestic trees, the rolling parks, the serene lakes, and its trilling birds, Narendrapur inspires in its inmates a deep sense of solidarity of existence. And no less does this scenic rhapsody invite the students to a world of exploration. Indeed, so deep is the influence of the sylvan setting on the educational ambience of Narendrapur that one might well be reminded of the ideal of *Topavana* – the ancient abode of education and culture in the woods. Our College, thus nestling amidst nature's bounty, has been striving to help manifest in its learners the two dimensions of education – ethical excellence and academic excellence.

1. Institution tries to maintain

- a. the college garden
- b. Horticultural activities
- c. Planting new saplings within and outside the campus
- d. Spreading awareness among the students and local youths about the importance of planting trees.
- e. To cultivate some vegetables.

2. **Use the Bins** : Under this initiative the campus are spread with garbage bins placed adjacent to potential garbage producing sources.
3. **Green House** : The college has its own nursery where saplings are preserved and nurtured.
4. Landscaping and cleanliness of the campus are given priority and for that man power is deployed and requisite equipment have been procured.
5. Institution has already started its solar energy generation and wheeling to grid activity.
6. Modern equipment of the laboratories has been procured in such a way so that they consume least energy and for that some modern sensor-based equipment should be procured.
7. LED lights are installed in the places where students are not studying.
8. All stakeholders are informed and enthused so that energy waste can be reduced as best as possible.

9. Institution has already issued notification on the 'Ban of use of Plastic'.
10. As students are all boarders, there is no question of any motorised vehicle for students. Teachers and non-teaching staff members use, in maximum, public vehicle, many use bicycle. Those who reside locally, come walking. In fact, in the campus entry of motor vehicles is restricted.
11. Pathways have been made smooth so that any people, be aged people or differently-abled ones, can walk easily and smoothly. No bums or pitfall are there.

Issued by

Swami Bhudevananda

Principal