



Thunchath Ezhuthachan
Malayalam University

Policy on
Green & Clean Campus Initiatives



Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University is located in the pristine coastal landscapes of Malappuram district of Kerala. The university recognizes its responsibility to safeguard and nurture the environment, while simultaneously imparting values and quality education to its students. As a distinguished institution of higher learning in this region, we recognize the importance of imparting environmental values and sustainable practices in the campus. The 'Clean and Green Campus Policy' given below outlines our commitment for clean, green and sustainable campus. The policy was framed with the objective to institute sustainable practices across all aspects of campus life, including academics and administration and to cultivate environmental consciousness and accountability among all members of the university community.

The following are the major initiatives taken by the university:

1. **Academic Integration:** Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University prioritizes the integration of environmental values and sustainable lifestyle among the academic community. This involves instilling environmental awareness and responsibility into the curriculum, research, and co-curricular activities conducted by NSS and Bhoomithra Sena Club. By doing so, the university aims to inculcate environmental consciousness among its students and faculty. For instance, the students take part in various environmental awareness programmes and campaigns and carry out environmentally relevant projects.
2. **Reducing the Carbon Footprint:** The university has an ambitious vision to become a carbon neutral institution. As a first step in this direction, the university has implemented several strategies to reduce its carbon footprint. This includes promotion of energy conservation practices through campaigns, embracing solar energy sources, and adopting energy-efficient lighting and electrical appliances in the campus. By actively pursuing these initiatives, and consistently striving to achieve excellence in this regard, the university not only minimizes its environmental impact but also sets an example for sustainable practices within the region.
3. **Biodiversity Preservation:** Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University recognizes the paramount importance of biodiversity preservation and actively promotes diverse flora and fauna within its campus environment through various initiatives. The Medicinal Garden, Butterfly Garden, Star Garden, Tuber Park, etc. are

the various initiatives the university has taken to enhance its biodiversity. The university also has a green space called “Pachathuruth” officially recognized by the Haritha Kerala Mission. Apart from this, the university has also taken the initiative to put labels and QR codes to its trees and plants. Through scanning the code, the detailed information about the species can be obtained. Therefore the biodiversity of the serve as a valuable educational resources for students to understand and appreciate the importance of ecological conservation.

4. **Waste Management:** The university is committed to establishing sustainable waste management practices to minimize its environmental and carbon footprint. The university has strictly adopted green protocol in all its activities and the green protocol officer is given the responsibility to enforce the same. To manage its biodegradable waste, the university has various composting facilities such as Compost Bins, Ring Composting, Thumboormuzhi Model Composting etc. Apart from this the University also has Biogas plants, that fulfil the partial requirements of its cooking fuel. The university also has banned single use plastics inside the campus. Apart from this, the university has tie up with the "Haritha Karma Sena" of Vettom Grama Panchayath, for responsible disposal of segregated plastic waste.

In recognition to its various initiatives taken by the university in the fields of waste management, energy conservation, biodiversity conservation etc, the Haritha Kerala Mission of Kerala Government has certified the university with A+ grade.