

# SCHVPMR GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE

## Green campus initiatives

A few initiatives are taken to protect the environment, and keep the campus clean and green.

### **1. Restricted entry of automobiles**

An institutional best practice is 'vehicle-free day'. Vehicle-free day is observed on the second Tuesday of every month by the students as well as the staff. On this specific day, no vehicle is observed on the premises of the college except bicycles. All fuel-run vehicles are strictly prohibited from the campus on the day. The staff come to college, either by bicycles or on foot. Those who come from a little farther away would come by public transport. Towards the end of the day, an awareness meeting with all the students and staff is arranged, and the issues related to environment protection are discussed at length with a view to preparing the students for an eco-friendly lifestyle. At times, an expert in the subject is also invited to make a speech and interact with the students.

### **2. Use of bicycles**

Bicycles are said to be the best vehicle from an environmental, economy and health point of view. Out of 363 students on roll, about 150 students come to college on bicycles. Only 15 to 25 students come on bikes. A few staff members also come on bicycles to college daily. About 150 to 200 students come by bus or auto.



### **3. Pedestrian-friendly pathways**

The pathways on the college premises are customized to suit the pedestrians needs.

#### 4. Ban on use of plastic

The use of plastic is completely restricted and polythene bags are banned on the campus.

#### 5. Landscaping with trees and plants

The college campus is beautifully surrounded by trees. Further, the college ground is on the bank of a flowing canal on two sides.

