



Government College For Women

Thiruvananthapuram

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Vission:

Empowering Women through Education and Innovation

The Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram envisions itself as a premier institution dedicated to providing holistic and transformative education to women. Rooted in the principles of equality, empowerment, and academic excellence, the college aims to foster an environment that nurtures innovation, leadership, and social responsibility. This vision document outlines the strategic directions that will guide the college's growth and development over the next decade.

Mission: To empower women through quality education, research, and skill development, enabling them to become confident, responsible, and capable contributors to society.

Core Values:

- a. **Equality:** Promoting gender equality and inclusivity in education and beyond.
- b. **Excellence:** Pursuing academic and operational excellence to achieve the highest standards of education.
- c. **Empowerment:** Equipping women with knowledge, skills, and opportunities to realize their full potential.
- d. **Innovation:** Fostering a culture of creativity and innovation that addresses societal challenges.
- e. **Ethics:** Upholding ethical conduct, social responsibility, and sustainable practices.



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

A pioneering women's college, in a beautiful campus, with lush greenery and fine heritage buildings, this grand matriarch has kept pace with modernity, offering a cosmopolitan experience to each student who vie to get into her fold. Nurturing and maintaining a tradition of good values coupled with an ethos of respect, tolerance and integrity continue to be our hallmark. Our corridors resonate not only with lectures, laughter and life but also with the footfall of gifted women who have carried forth the beacon lit here, to enrich and face the world with resilience and grit. GCW is synonymous with women power, and we strongly believe that the most beautiful thing a girl can sport is confidence.

Affiliated to the University of Kerala, the college offers 17 post graduate, 18 graduate, 12 research courses, and a formidable array of extracurricular activities, tuned to develop in our girls, a strong intellectual base and a coherent view of the world. The college supports Unnat Bharat Abhiyan's (UBA) Village Adoption programmes, FLAIR programmes, and Continuing Education short term courses that conduct career oriented classes for women outside the academic setting.

Our science stream is exceptional, ensuring that students of the highest calibre are churned out and our laboratories with state-of-the-art facilities are maintained extremely well.



The faculty is brilliant, well qualified, with good international exposure and publications. Our Humanities and Social sciences faculty surpass in multifarious activities that promote an outlook of free inquiry and critical thinking in the classrooms. They stimulate a thought process, robust enough to resist the onslaught of antiquated tenets and conformist beliefs that stand in the way of a strong growth mindset in our girls.

Hosting International and National Seminars, Film Screenings, Workshops, Extension activities, and Collaborative courses are prioritized not only to hone the organizing abilities of our girls, but also to facilitate international exposure and interaction with academicians and practitioners. The profusion of cultural activities in the college at any given time makes campus life at GCW, a passage of freedom and discovery, providing ample opportunities to engage in diverse activities ranging from academics to the cultural, from amateur to the professional.

Classroom experience is truly transforming and our faculty ensures that the girls traverse through a brilliant teaching-learning experience that helps in the active construction of knowledge and stimulate intellectual inquiry. Pedagogical exercises that incorporate the latest methodologies in teaching are interwoven to make the classroom experience gratifying and the teacher mentoring is done effectively



by engaging students in a constant dialogue that exposes them to real life activities and healthy human relationships.

It is not just academics that keep our girls engaged, but a host of sports and sporting events that provide a truly invigorating environment. Our trophies speak for themselves and with shuttle courts, play grounds, library, gymnasium and a nodal center for psychological well-being with a therapist in tow, the college offers a robust ambience that supports the holistic development of each girl. The NCC and NSS units of our college are a spirited lot, contributing real support and social assistance to communities in rural as well as underprivileged areas.

Our library is our pride. Located in a prime spot in the campus, it houses around one lakh books, besides providing online access to international databases with a wider collection of reputed journals and titles. A well-maintained canteen, offers a variety of food items at very affordable rates and an active PTA provides basic amenities, often lending a helping hand to disadvantaged students from far and near. Our Non-teaching Staff are the finest – committed and full of enthusiasm, who spare no efforts to keep the office and campus running smoothly.

Scholarships and financial support are granted to commendable students and we are proud that our girls come within the first five



ranks in most State level exams. Students who seek admission undergo an open online selection procedure conducted by the University of Kerala, and the principles of social justice and equality of opportunity upon which the College was originally founded still guide us as we move into the 21st century.

Our impetus to excel is unabated and with collaborations and hands-on support from our Alumni Association we are on the way to achieving global excellence. It is a matter of pride that we have been consistently ranked with an A grade by NAAC as well as feature in the top fifty in the NIRF All-India Colleges Ranking List. Mediocrity is not for us, and bettering ourselves is our touchstone.

William Butler Yeats once defined education as “not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.” At GCW we start a bonfire!

Dr ANURADHA VK
Principal





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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, is a prestigious institution that has to its credit a history of more than 125 years of excellence in the field of women's education and is a pioneering institution in the field of higher education. The Govt. College for Women is the sixth oldest college in Kerala and one of the oldest women's colleges in the country. It was started as the Sircar Girl's School in 1864 by the Royal family of Travancore. In 1897, the Sircar Girl's School was upgraded to a second-grade college, redesigned as The Maharaja's College for Girls, and affiliated with Madras University. In 1920, it was elevated to the status of a First-grade college and was renamed H.H. The Maharaja's College for Women. Today, the College has 24 teaching departments that conduct 18 U.G. courses and 17 P.G. courses. Twelve of the departments have been identified as research centres by the University of Kerala. At present, over 2600 students are studying in the college. The Government of Kerala has declared the college a center of excellence. The college was established with a clear mission to provide women with a modern, liberal education and thus to transform society and the nation. While the Women's College is still committed to the ideas of liberal education, it recognizes the fact that times have changed and that institutions must adapt and evolve to keep up

with the rapidly changing world. The College addresses the needs of society by providing quality non-formal education, too. A dynamic continuing education sub-center conducts many courses, all of which are job-oriented. In academic and co-curricular activities, the College has been a model institution. Its achievements of turning out thousands of capable and motivated women who have enriched homes and organizations have helped to transform Kerala into an internationally emulated model. Since its establishment in 1897, the College has succeeded in producing an endless array of illustrious, motivated, and meritorious women who have enlightened and enriched this state in many different ways. This institution can legitimately be proud of the galaxy of alumni who have distinguished themselves in various fields.





Accreditation

Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram has been rated very high by almost all national accreditation agencies in the country. In 2021, the College was re-accredited by NAAC with A Grade (CGPA - 3.05). National institution Ranking Framework- NIRF for the year 2023 was 75. As per the NIRF data, the College is one of the top-rated higher education institutions in the State.

Academics

There are 18 undergraduate departments, 17 Postgraduate departments, and 12 Research Centres on the campus. The Teacher-Student ratio is 1:17. The campus has student strength of more than 3000 making it one of the largest higher education campuses in the State. The College has more than 170 teachers of whom 110 teachers have doctoral degrees.



DEPARTMENTS

Sl No	Subjects	Sanctioned Strength*
BA Programmes		
1	FYUGP Economics	60
2	FYUGP English	25
3	FYUGP Communicative English**	30
4	FYUGP Hindi	25
5	FYUGP History	60
6	FYUGP Malayalam	25
7	FYUGP Music	14
8	FYUGP Philosophy	60
Bsc Programmes		
9	FYUGP Biochemistry & Industrial Microbiology	24
10	FYUGP Botany	30
11	FYUGP Chemistry	40
12	FYUGP Home Science	24
13	FYUGP Mathematics	45
14	FYUGP Physics	24
15	FYUGP Psychology	20
16	FYUGP Statistics	32
17	FYUGP Zoology	30
Commerce Programmes		
18	FYUGP BCom (Finance)	30
	*As per 2023-24 admissions	
	**Subject to approval from the Kerala University	
Besides Malayalam, the College offers French, German, Hindi, Tamil and Sanskrit as additional languages.		

Admission Process

Admission to Degree and PG courses is done online. The applications will be submitted online for admission to various Undergraduate/ Post Graduate Courses. Please see the Kerala University admission website

<http://admissions.keralauniversity.ac.in/>

FACILITIES AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Placement & Career Guidance Cell

The College has a Placement and Career Guidance Cell with faculty members as its convenors. The Cell has been able to arrange campus interviews by leading National and Multinational companies and many final year Degree and PG students have got placement over the last 5 years.

Besides, the Placement Cell conducts awareness programmes for the students on placement opportunities. The Career and Counselling Cell is the part of the Placement Cell that assists students in appearing for job interviews and examinations conducted by national as well as multinational companies.

The Cell also supports the students by giving counselling to attend the interviews boldly. The cell also gives timely information about different job openings in different sectors.

Placement Cell

The Placement Cell provides a platform for the companies to identify the real talent from the campus who caters to their job specification and it helps the students in equipping themselves with the much-needed skills for placement. The activities of the placement cell include the following: –

- Conducting interviews by placement agencies
- Selection process
- Conducting mock test and awareness sessions on how to face interviews

Career Guidance Cell

The Career Guidance Cell of our College caters to the requirements of students, identify the skill sets required for applying for a job and helps in moulding students to choose their career, enrich soft skills, knowledge about the various institutions offering higher studies. The main aim of career guidance cell includes the following: –

- Inculcating soft skills for ensuring employability
- Create awareness about higher education opportunities abroad
- Orientation programmes for civil services examination

Canteen

The College has a canteen which runs from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm which has a seating capacity of more than 80 persons.

PTA

The Parent-Teacher Association is the Organization that consists of Parents and Teachers of the College. The Parent of each student who is admitted in the college will become a member of the association. PTA facilitates around 52 endowments and awards from various individuals for supporting the students.

Library

The Government College for Women Library is one of the largest and oldest college libraries in Kerala. The Library established 1897 and now functioning in a newly constructed four-storied building situated at the centre of the campus. The Library provides comfortable, efficient and friendly support to all members of the college. The Library tries to prove itself to be the most dynamic Library in providing professional assistance to students and faculty in their academic activities. In addition to providing educational materials, the Library also delivers various information and research services like finding and organizing information and interpreting information needs.

The Library is designated to collect, disseminate and preserve the knowledge for study and research purpose. The Library is nourished with more than 98500 books which are hosted in the Central Library and Department Libraries. The Central Library is subscribing 13 newspapers and 35 general periodicals. Apart from delivering printed resources, the Library provides facilities for accessing e-journals,

e-books and other electronic resources. Library also subscribes “National Library and Information Services Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)”, from INFLIBNET, which enables the authorized clientele to access e- resources.

The Library is functioning in a four-storied eco-friendly building. The ground floor houses property counter, circulation counter, newspaper and periodicals section and administrative wing—the stack room and academic archives in the first floor and Reference section functioning on the second floor. The third floor houses the Digital library and centre for researchers. The Library is automated with open source library management software KOHA. The users can access the collection through OPAC.

Services

- Reference
- User Orientation and
- Current Awareness
- INFLIBNET
- In-house/ remote access to e-resources.
- Assistance in searching databases provided.
- Previous Question Paper Service.

Library Time :

Open on all working days from 9.30am to 04.30 pm.

1. Reference Section
2. Circulation Section
3. Current Periodical's section
4. Reading Room
5. Reprographic Section
6. Technical Section
7. Cyber Centre which provides E-Books and E Journals
8. Digital Library (going on)
9. Research Section.



Grievance Cells

Grievance Redressal Cell is constituted in Govt. College for Women as per the UGC guidelines under clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (3 of 1956), and in supersession of the University Grants Commission (Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012. The cell facilitates the submission and redressal of genuine complaints and grievances of students with regard to any kind of academic, administrative and disciplinary issues faced by students. Any matters under the purview of the internal Grievance Redressal Cell are properly taken care in a judicious and impartial manner. Any dissatisfaction expressed and discrimination faced by the students are properly addressed through

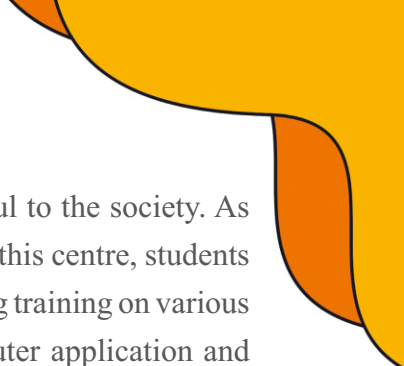
this mechanism. Any unfair or unjust act from any of the stakeholders raised as a grievance by a student / parent / even a staff member is seriously addressed. As per sexual harassment at workplace (Prevention, prohibition and redressal) Act 2013, University Grants Commission regulations 2015, an Internal Committee (IC) has also been constituted

V INSTITUTIONAL BEST PRACTICES



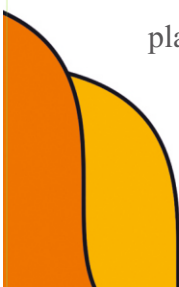
Continuing Education Sub Centre

The Continuing Education Sub Centre of the college offers a large number of skill development courses. At present, the sub-centre offers 340 courses, which include training in various skills, interior decoration, toy making, embroidery and craft, beautician courses, fashion designing, numerous painting and computer courses. In addition to these courses, the subcentre is conducting 6 government-approved short term courses on DCA, Tally, MS Office, DTP, Data Entry, Word Processing and Beauty Therapy & Beauty parlour management and two one-year diploma courses in Fashion Designing and Beauty therapy & Cosmetology. These courses are conducting under the approval and supervision of the Centre for Continuing Education, Govt. of Kerala. All the courses run by the subcentre are self-financing and thus generates its own resources. A share of the profit earned is given to the college, which in turn, is utilized for its development. Thus, the students are getting double benefit out of the sub-centre. They are equipped with skills which enable them to seek self-employment



and to be responsible citizens who are useful to the society. As there is no age limit for attending courses in this centre, students ranging from the age of 3 to 75 are undergoing training on various courses. In the IT sector, diploma in computer application and short-term courses like MS office, Data entry, DTP Data Entry, Word processing and Tally are being conducted. All these courses are approved by the Govt. of Kerala, and students get benefit on KPSC appointments. The sub-centre is conducting another Govt. approved diploma course on Beauty therapy and beauty parlour management, of duration 1 year. In addition to these, several short-term courses like painting, stitching, craft etc are also being conducted. The students belonging to SC, ST and BPL categories are giving fee concession for Govt. approved courses.

For the college-going students, separate classes are being conducted from 7.30 to 9.30 am and 3.30 to 5.00 pm. As a result of this, the students can come out of college after studying job-oriented courses also. Apart from this, short-term courses like Cooking, Yoga and Music is being conducted for housewives. All the courses conducted in this centre have a separate syllabus. The syllabus followed for Govt. approved courses are directed and approved by CCEK and KPSC respectively. The syllabus for other programmes is being prepared by the concerned teachers of the sub-centre and submitted to the CCEK for approval, after placing the Advisory





Committee of the sub-centre. The courses will be conducted after getting approval from the CCEK. The examination pattern for the Govt. approved courses is as per CCEK, conducted by the Controller of Examinations of CCEK and the certificates are issued to the students by the centre directly. Examinations for other short-term programmes are being conducted by the concerned Faculty members. Those who fail in the examination are given the chance to appear for the examination along with the next batch.

Praptha -Equal Opportunity Cell of Govt. College for Women

Government College for Women has an Internal Committee for Welfare of Differently Abled Students (Equal Opportunity Cell), constituted as per the directions of the University Grants Commission. It was officially launched on 25 October 2019.

The vision is to create a barrier-free campus that could nurture the potential inherent in each differently-abled student and assist her to lead a life with dignity and worth. Its mission is capacity building of differently-abled students through their inclusive development. It is not a charity mode with just a provision of opportunities but is in tune with the basic norm of inclusive education. The aim is to assist them to be included for their meaningful development and to ensure their use of opportunities which would make them self included.

Psychological Resources Center

Psychological Resources Center is a unique facility under the Department of Psychology, funded by the Department of Collegiate Education, Govt of Kerala. It is established with the aims of raising the standards of teaching and building psychological resources for the public and policymakers. This centre has a neuropsychological laboratory with modern software-based equipment for neurofeedback, biofeedback, EEG, and neuropsychological testing. The laboratory has advanced neuropsychological equipment like CANTAB Connect, Nexus-4, and CNS vital signs test battery, in addition to a large array of the most widely used standard neuropsychological tests. The center has a room for counseling and relaxation training which will be open for students and the general public at predetermined timings.

Queer Collective

The college started its very first Queer Collective in campus under the Gender Justice Forum on its 125th anniversary celebrations during the academic year 2023-24. As per University regulations, the college has seat reservations for the transgender community. GCW believes in the power of an inclusive campus. The major aim of Queer Collective Government College for Women Tvpm is to create a more inclusive and safe space for the queer and questioning individuals in college.

Certificate Courses

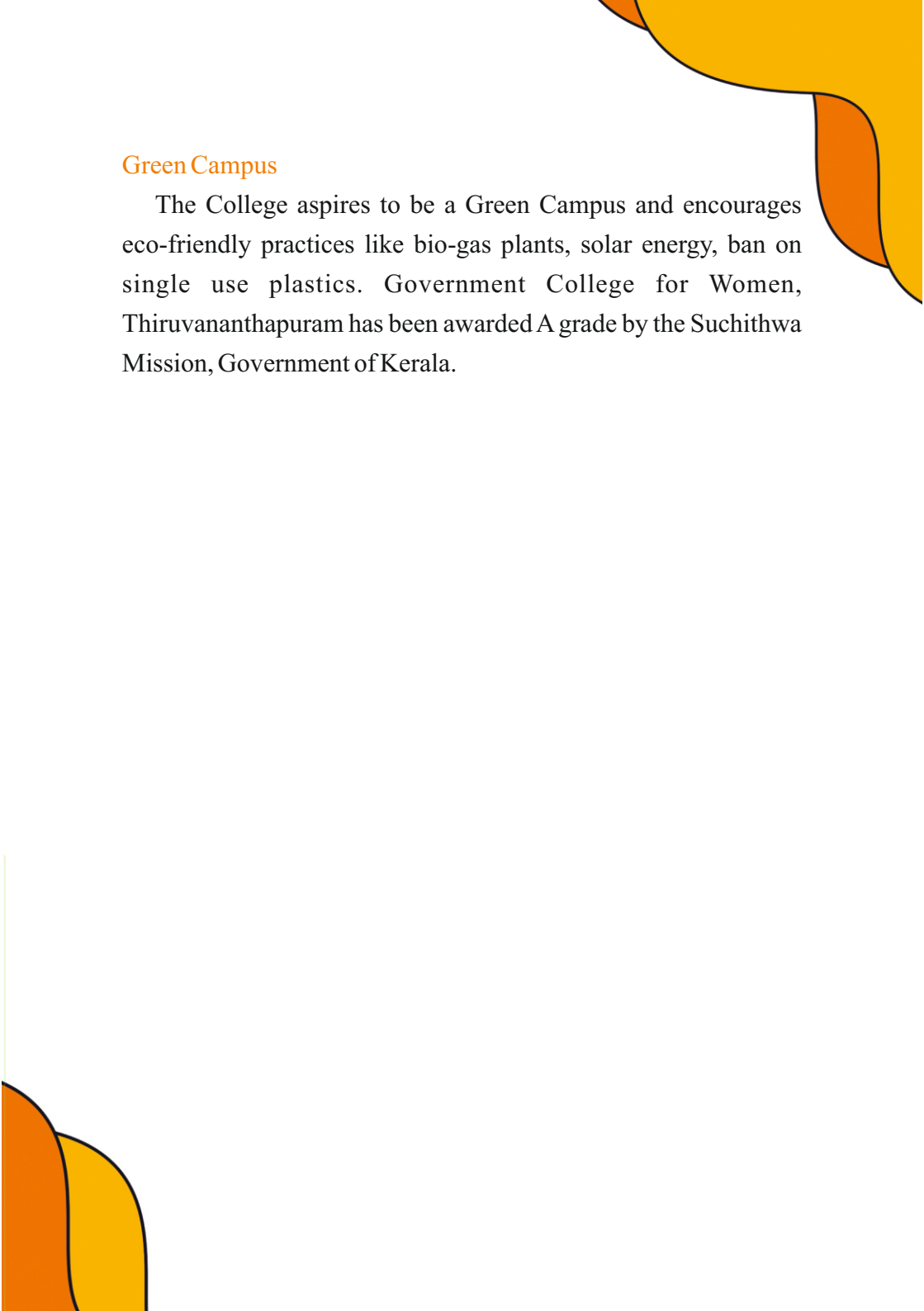
The College offers certificate courses which are conducted by faculty members for the students of the College which enhance their skills and understanding of a specific discipline. The courses have a duration of 30 hours and certificates are issued to successful candidates. During 2023-24, 18 courses were conducted by departments of the College.

State Instrumentation Facility

State Instrumentation Facility at the Government College for Women in Thiruvananthapuram is a well-equipped facility that offers advanced scientific instruments and equipment to support academic research across various domains. It provides an array of advanced scientific instruments and equipment that is utilized by more than 100 institutions across India. Advanced research instruments include a 400 MHz NMR Spectrometer, Nano fiber electro spinning unit, spin coating unit with UV quavering, Hydro thermal reactor, Vacuum hot air oven, Ultrasound sonicate probe type, Spectro Fluorimeter, PAGE-Western Blot combo apparatus, Laminar Airflow for cell culture, Liquid nitrogen storage cylinder, Real-Time PCR with UPS and battery, Distillation unit, Variable temperature measurement setup, Julabo collar, Portable ice maker, Rota vapor, Dewar flask, Ultra centrifuge, Vacuum Spray Pyrolysis Automated Equipment, Digital Magnetic Stirrer with Hot plate, Potentiostat, and Impedance spectrometry, SILAR Coating System with Magnetic Stirrer and Ultrasonic Bath Stand.

NPTEL-SWAYAM

National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL) is a project of MHRD initiated by seven Indian Institutes of Technology (Bombay, Delhi, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras, Guwahati and Roorkee) along with the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, to provide quality education to anyone interested in learning from the IITs. NPTEL has been offering online certification for its courses (engineering, humanities and science streams), the highlight being the certification exam through which the student gets an opportunity to earn a certificate from the IITs! The Courses are delivered through SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active–Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) portal and are available free of cost to the learners, however learners wanting a SWAYAM certificate should register for the final proctored exams that come at a fee and attend in-person at designated centres on specified dates. To take this initiative forward and to encourage more students across colleges to participate in this initiative, SWAYAM-NPTEL chapter is set up in interested colleges. Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram is one among them and our NPTEL SWAYAM Local Chapter ID is 4300. Here students will receive help in order to receive all notifications in a timely manner, to be assigned with an internal mentor, and to apply fee waiver schemes while registering for exams.



Green Campus

The College aspires to be a Green Campus and encourages eco-friendly practices like bio-gas plants, solar energy, ban on single use plastics. Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram has been awarded A grade by the Suchithwa Mission, Government of Kerala.





