## **TECHNICAL REPORT OF GREEN**

## **CAMPUS AUDIT**



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#### 1. Introduction

Green campus is an area of the Organisation or the Organisation as a whole itself contributing to have an infrastructure or development that is structured/planned to incur less energy, less water, less or no CO<sub>2</sub> emission and less or pollution free environment (Aparajita, 1995). Green Campus Audit is a tool to evaluate environment management system which is systematically executed to protect and preserve the environment. Green campus audit constitutes the environment adopting user-friendly technology within the campus. It creates awareness on environmental ethics, resolves environmental issues and offers solutions to various social and economic needs (APHA, 2017). It strengthen the concept of "Green building" and "Oxygenated building" which in turn provides a healthy atmosphere to the stakeholders.

Green Campus Audit ensures the Organization's campus should be greenish with large diversity of trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers and lawns to reduce the environmental pollution and soil erosion; it is also useful in relation to biodiversity conservation, landscape management, irrigation/economic water utilisation and maintenance of natural topography and vegetation (Gowri and Harikrishnan, 2014, Aruninta *et al.*, 2017). The maintenance of an eco-friendly campus ensures a neat and clean environment. For the benefit of stakeholders, solid waste management, recycling of water, disposal of sewage and waste materials (electronic and biomedical wastes), 'zero' use of plastics, etc. should be followed consistently in the organization campus.

Green Campus Audit procedures includes the definition of green audit, methodology on how to conduct Green audit at Educational Institutions and Industrial sectors as per the checklist of Environment Management Systems and International Standards on ISO 14001:2015, Indian Green Building Council, Swachh Bharath Scheme under Clean India Mission to understand the principles and importance of various audits in the context of the organization and risk assessment at 360° views. Green campus audit helps the educational institutions/ industries to maintain eco-friendly environment, assures personal hygiene to various stakeholders and supports the nation; on the whole for the noble cause of environmental protection and nature conservation which in turn enhances the quality of life of all living beings (Arora, 2017).

#### 2. Role of Educational Institutions in India

Educational institutions are playing important role in a nation's growth and development which starts from maintenance of green campus without harming the environment. A clean and healthy environment in an Organization determine effective learning skills and offers a conducive learning environment to the students. Educational institutions are insisted by both Central and State Governments to offer eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders. In addition, all the Educational institutions are asked to save the environment for future generations and to resolve the environmental problems (accumulating solid wastes and wastewaters/effluents and their careless disposal, enormous utility of plastics, uneconomical consumption of water, irresponsible in water harvesting and storage procedures, etc.) through Environmental Education. Implementing Swachh Bharath Abhiyan Scheme launched by the Indian Government thro' the Educational institutions plays a major role in terms of giving neat and clean environment to tribal, rural and urban people across the country, besides the regular and conventional activities carried out by NSS, NCC/Student Force, Nature club, Eco club, Science club, Fine Arts club, Flora and Fauna club, Youth Red cross unit, etc. Seminar, Conference, Workshop, training and awareness programmes on Biodiversity conservation education, environmental awareness programmes, etc. may be conducted periodically by the Management and Administrative people of an Organization to the stakeholders.

Green campus auditing is a systematic method whereby an organization's environmental performance is checked against its environmental strategies and compliances of the Government guidelines. This audit process is definitely useful for the Educational institutions to maintain the campus neatly and can give pure atmosphere to the students and staff members including Management people. It is like an official examination of the environmental effects on an organization's campus as per the Government guidelines. The audit report may be useful to improve the organization's campus significantly by following the recommendations and suggestions given in the report. The green campus audit processes are being undertaken by World / Indian Green Building Council (IGBC), Green Building Code and Green Ratings Systems (GBCRS), Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA), Conideration of Indian Industry GreenCo Rating System (CII-GreenCo) and Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) along with ISO EMS 14001:2015 criteria and the concept of Swachh Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission

#### **3.** Green Campus and Environment Policy

Green campus and environment policy aims to provide an education and awareness in a clean and green environment to the stakeholders with regard to environmental compliance. Scope of the policy applies to all employees and students of the Institution/organisation to provide an ecofriendly atmosphere. Green Campus Policy dealt with cleanliness of the campus maintained through proper dis posal of wastes and steps to be followed to recycle the biodegradable wastes and utilization of eco-friendly supplies to maintain the campus free from hazardous wastes/pollutants. The concept of eco-friendly culture is disseminated among the students as well as rural community through various awareness programmes. Attempts are made to minimise the energy usage and substitute the non-renewable energy sources with renewable energy sources. Head of the Organization, Departmental Heads and Senior Managers/ Management Representatives are responsible for monitoring the "Go Green" initiatives of the College/University and maintain a clean/green campus while each and every individuals of the organisation should adhere to the policy.

#### **4. Environment Friendly Campus**

As stated earlier, Organization is liable to provide an eco-friendly atmosphere along with good drinking water facility to all the stakeholders (students and staff members). Manuring the cultivated plants/grown within the campus may applied withorganic manure, cow dung, farmyard manure and vermicompost instead of using chemical fertilizers. All non-compostable and single-use disposable plastic items, plastic utensils, plastic straws and stirrers should be avoided. Demonstration/awareness programme on establishing plastic-free environment and utility of oganic alternatives for all incoming and current students, staff and faculty should be organised. Reduction of use of papers alternated with e-services, e-circulars, etc. and proper disposal of wastes, recycling and suitable waste management system should be considered to establish environment friendly campus.

### 5. Aims and Objectives of Green Campus Audit

- To recognise the initiatives taken towards establishing the green campus in terms of gardening.
- To grow a large number of oxygen releasing and carbon dioxide assimilating plants in the campus to give a pure atmosphere to the stakeholders.
- To identify and provide baseline information to assess threat and risk to the ecosystem due to Organization development.
- To recognise and resolve different environmental threats of the Organization.
- To ensure proper utilization of resources available in the surrounding areas towards future prosperity of the humanity.
- To fix a couple of norms for disposal of all varieties of wastes and use green cover as a carbon sink for pollution free air.
- To assess the greenish nature of an Organization campus in terms of trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers, twins, lianas, lawns and reflected in reducing the environmental pollution soil erosion, biodiversity conservation, landscape management, natural topography and vegetation.

### 6. Importance of Green Auditing

The Management of the Organization (Auditee) should be exposed their inherent commitment towards making ecofriendly atmosphere through the green auditing and ready to encourage/follow all types of green activities. They should promote all kinds of green activities such as conduct of environment awareness programmes, in-campus farming, planting trees and maintenance of greening, irrigation, use of biofertilizers and avoidance of chemical fertilizers and agrochemicals, etc., prior to and after the green campus auditing (Suwartha and Sari, 2013). The administrative authorities should formulate 'Green and Environment Policies' based on technical report of green ampus auditing. A clean and healthy environment will enhance an effective teaching/learning process and creates a favorable learning green environment to the scholars. They should create the awareness on the importance of greenish initiatives through environmental education among the student members and research scholars. Green Audit is the most effective, ecological approach to manage environmental complications.

Green campus audit may be beneficial to the campus in improving the greenery activities which in turn useful to save the planet for future generation. Green campus audit is a kind of professional care and a simple indigenized system about the environment monitoring in terms of planting a huge number of trees which is a duty of each and every individual who are the part of economical, financial, social, and environmental factors. It is necessary to conduct green audit frequently at least once in three years in campus because students and staff members should aware of the green audit and its beneficial effects in order to save planet by means of 'Go green concept' which in turn support the institution to set environmental models ('icon') for the community. Green audit is a professional and useful measure for an Organization to determine how and where they are retaining the campus eco-friendly manner. It can also be used to implement the alleviation measures at win-win situation for the stakeholders and the planet. It provides an opportunity to the stakeholders for the development of ownership, personal and social responsibility.

### 7. Benefits of the Green Auditing

There are several benefits on conduct of green audit by the Organization which may be definitely useful to improve the campus significantly based on the audit report. The green campus audit contained methodology followed and both qualitative and quantitative measurements including physical observation of greeneries in terms of growing of terrestrial and aquatic plants, animals and microflora in the campus. The natural and planted vegetation and their maintenance are also considered in the organization campus through topography, landscape management design and soil erosion control in environment sustainable development. The following are the major benefits of the green auditing.

- Know the status of development of internal and external Green campus audit procedures and implementation Scenario in the Organization.
- Establishment d Green campus objectives and targets as on today as per the 'Green and Environment Policy', 'Indian Biodiversity Act' and 'Wildlife Protection Act' of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi and World & Indian Green Building Council concepts in accordance with prevailing rules issued by the government/local authorities
- Assigning the roles and responsibilities to the Environmental Engineer and Agriculture Staff who are all responsible to improve green initiatives.
- Development of ownership, personal and social responsibility for the Organization and its environment and developing an environmental ethic and value systems to young generations.
- Enhancement of the Organization profile and reach the global standards in proving the green campus and eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders
- Suggested of availability of Biogas plant to the management to restrict the usage of fossil fuel in cooking purposes.
- Implementing status of the rain harvesting system, water reservoirs, percolation pond, etc. in the campus to increase the ground water level.
- Establishment of terrace garden, herbal garden, kitchen, zodiac, ornamental gardens, etc. for enhancing teaching and learning and commercial exploitation.
- Treated water consumption towards plant cultivation, canteen, hostel, machinery cleaning, transport, toilet use and etc. on water consumption and per capita water consumption per day calculation.
- Studying the campus flora by making a complete data on total number of both terrestrial and aquatic plants, herbs, shrubs, climbers, twins and grasses.
- Survey of campus fauna by conducting the number living and visiting animals, insects, flies, moths and worms in the campus.
- Documentation of the number of oxygen releasing and carbon dioxide assimilating plants planted in the campus to give pure atmosphere to the stakeholders.
- Operation of water irrigation, drip and sprinkler irrigation methods to improve the green campus.
- Studying the biodiversity conservation through Life Sciences and Biological

Sciences people to conserve economically important, rare and endangered plant and animal species in the campus ecosystem.

- recommendation in use of biofertilizers, organic and green manures, cow dung manures and farmyard manures for the cultivation of plants to protect the environmental health
- Conduct of outreach programmes for dissemination of Green Campus motto and Green pledge initiatives to rural, tribal and urban people through Eco club, Nature club, Science club, Fine Arts club, Youth Red Cross unit, NCC/Student Force and NSS bodies.
- Academic credentials like major and minor Projects, Dissertations and Thesis work on green campus, environment protection and nature conservation by the students and staff members.
- The plants available in the campus must be tagged with their common name and Botanical name for the stakeholders to impart the knowledge on medicinal and ornamental, economic and food values of plant varieties.
- MoU may be signed with Government and non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to utilize the resources for nature conservation and environmental protection.
- Implementation of Government schemes (Swatch Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission) to give pure and safe water to rural people and teach the importance of cleanliness of toilets and restrooms.
- Conduction of awareness programmes and cultural activities on global warming, environmental changes and ecosystem maintenance to the stakeholders.
- Steps taken for organic, inorganic, toxic, e-waste, biomedical, food, sewage waste management, segregation of wastes and reuse methods.
- Public transport, low-emitting vehicles and control of car smokes and exhaust towards carbon accumulation in the campus by carbon footprint studies.
- Implementation of advanced methods for watering plantations (Drip irrigation, Sprinkler irrigation, etc.) and use of metering for water utility, IoT based watering, automation, water device, remote water lines, etc.
- Percentage of Organization's budget for environment sustainability efforts and green campus initiatives planning and efforts.
- Campus facilities for disabled, special needs and/or maternity care including security, safety and health infrastructure facilities for stakeholder's wellbeing.
- High degree of resource management offers the basis for improved sustainable and creation of plastic free campus to evolve health consciousness among the stakeholders.
- Impart of knowledge on environment through systematic management approach and improving environmentally friendly standards by creating a benchmark for environmental protection initiatives
- Best practices followed on green campus initiatives in the Organization listed and disseminated among the stakeholders.
- Recommendations for improving the green initiatives, planning and efforts in the campus after audit report to improve further.

# 8.About the Organization8.1. Auxilium College (Autonomous)

Auxilium College (Autonomous) founded in 1954 is the first women's College in the Vellore District and is affiliated to the Thiruvalluvar University. Auxilium has been granted the status of autonomy by the UGC and the Thiruvalluvar University from the academic year 2007-2008. The College has been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with A+ Grade in 2003, Re- Accredited with A grade with a CGPA of 3.41 out of 4 in 2010 and with A+ Grade with a CGPA of 3.55 out of 4 in the 3rd cycle in 2016. It is a minority institution established and administered by the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, commonly known as Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, belonging to the Catholic Church. It is primarily meant for the higher education of deserving Catholics but members of other communities are also admitted without reference to caste or creed and their rights of conscience are respected.

**Vision:** The vision of the college is to educate young women especially the poorest to become empowered and efficient leaders of integrity for the society.

**Mission:** To impart higher education to the economically weak, socially backward and needy students of Vellore and neighbouring districts.

### Goal

- The goal of our educative endeavour is to produce in a Salesian atmosphere, intellectually enlightened, spiritually inspired, emotionally balanced, morally upright, socially committed, accomplished in a word integrally formed young women who will be agents of social transformation in today's India.
- True to the vision of its Founders, the College commits itself to serve the economically weak, socially backward and needy students.
- The goal of our educative endeavour is to be realized with the collaboration of each and every member that form a part of Auxilium Family - the students, the staff, the parents, the management, the local and the distant agencies that are associated with her and all her well-wishers in short, the Auxilium Educating Community.
- The Educative Project is drawn up every year in consultation with the staff, the parents and the students who are the protagonists of their own growth and are therefore at the focus of all educative interventions. The College therefore expects a close collaboration from the parents in the planning and execution of this project.
- The Motto of the College is KNOWLEDGE AND VIRTUE. The College Emblem constitutes a book, a lily and a lamp. The book stands for Knowledge and the lily for Virtue. The Lamp with the burning flame is a reminder to Auxilians, to keep the light of Knowledge and Virtue always alive. The hope and prayer of Auxilium is that every Auxilian while attaining Knowledge strives to

acquire Virtue so that Knowledge and Virtue blend to make her a perfect model of womanhood.

- Pink and blue are the College colours: pink symbolises youthful cheerfulness and Blue stands for loyalty and fidelity.
- Value Education classes for Non-Catholics and Faith Formation classes for Catholics are obligatory.
- The College is run according to the principles and method of St. John Bosco, the greatest educator of the 19th century and the Founder of the Salesian Society. The characteristics of Salesian Youth Spirituality (SYS) commitment to one's duty, filial relationship with God, meeting Him in the ordinary events of the day, spirit of service, joy and friendly rapport with all characterise life in the College campus. Mary in Her attitude of openness to God and others is a model for all.
- Besides increasing, diffusing and disseminating knowledge, higher education has also the function of serving the community. Every student is expected to fulfill this duty either by enrolling herself in the National Service Scheme or in any other voluntary group in the College, committed to community service.
- Every student admitted into the I Year Degree Course can enroll herself in the National Service Scheme (NSS) or National Cadet Corps (NCC) and put in the required hours of service as an NSS volunteer or NCC Cadet and appear for certificate examinations.
- The Document issued by the Sacred Congregation for Christian Education on "Catholic School" states: "Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic School. It is committed to the development of the whole person, since in Christ, the perfect Person, all human values find their fulfillment and unity. Herein lies the specifically catholic character of the School. Its duty to cultivate human values is its legitimate right in accordance with its particular mission to serve all people, and it has its origin in the Person of Christ. He is the model which the Catholic School offers to its pupils".

### **8.2.** About Nature Science Foundation (NSF)

NSF is an ISO QMS (9001:2015), EMS (14001:2015), OHSMS (45001:2018) & EnMS (50001:2018) Certified and registered with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), Government of India Organization functioning energytically towards the noble cause of nature conservation and environmental protection. NSF is managed by a board of trustees of NSF Public Charitable Trust under the TN Societies registration Act 1975 (TN Act 27 of 1975) on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Peelamedu, Coimbatore - 641 004, Tamil Nadu, India with Certificate of Registration No. 114 / 2017. In addition, NSF has 12AA, 80G and Form 10AC certificates for income tax exemption and implanting various Government schemes. The main motto of the NSF is to "Save the Nature to Save the Future" and "Go Green to Save the Planet". NSF Branch Offices are also functioning effectively at Gorakhpur, Uttar

Pradesh and Faridabad, Haryana, India to adopt the 'Go Green Concept' in a big way. NSF family is wide spread across India with over 115 state-wise Lead auditors to conduct Green and Environment Audits.

NSF is functioning strenuously to conduct different awareness programmes and implement various schemes to public and school / college students towards the noble cause of nature protection. Some of the programmes are also being organized for the benefit of tribal communities to create the supply chain for biodiversity conservation studies. The objectives along with vision and mission are illustrated to promote educational and environmental awareness programmes through social activities for enhancing the quality of life and to conserve nature from environmental pollutants using traditional and modern technologies for sustainable land management. NSF is educating the tribal community children through social service and towards the upliftment of tribes as a whole and make them as entrepreneurs.

International Eco Club Student Chapter (IECSC) has been established for Student volunteers and faculty members are encouraged to conduct National and International events, Student Technical Symposium, Distinguished lecture programme, Environment day celebration, Ozone day celebration, Project model exhibition, Awareness programmes on Environmental pollution, Biodiversity and Natural resources conservation and etc. with the financial support of the Foundation. NSF is being released 'Magazine' and 'Newsletter' biannually to share the information about Environmental awareness programmes on biodiversity conservation, seminar on soil conservation, water management and solid waste management, restoration and afforestation programmes in Western Ghats of southern India.

In order to encourage the students, members of faculty, academicians, scientists, entrepreneurs and industrial experts those who are involving in nature protection and biodiversity conservation studies across the world, NSF tributes the deserved meritorious candidates with various awards and honours such as 'Best Faculty Award', 'Best Women Faculty', 'Best Scientist Award', 'Best Student Award', 'Best Research Scholar Award', 'Best Social Worker Award', 'Young Scientist Award', 'Life-Time Achievement Award' and 'Fellow of NSF'. These award and honours will be given to the deserved meritorious candidates during the 'Annual Meet and Award Distribution Ceremony' which will be conducted every year during the first week of January.

NSF has introduced various types of Audits such as 'Eco Audit', 'Green Audit', 'Energy Audit', 'Hygienic Audit' Water & Soil Audit, Plastic Waste Management Audit, Biomedical Waste Audit, Solid Waste Management Audit, E-Waste Management Audit, Academic & Administrative Audits including ISO certification process to Academic Institutions, R&D Organizations and Industries towards the accreditation process as well as maintaining a hygienic eco-friendly environment to the stakeholders in their campus.All audits will be conducted as per the Checklist prepared by the NSF ISO Criteria and in compliance with Government Law and Environmental Legislations including World / Indian Green Building Council and the concept of Swachh Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission. Green campus and Environment Policy, Purchase Policy, Energy Policy, MoU, International Eco Club student Chapter.

Audit	<b>Certified Auditors</b>	Certified Auditors
Green Audit	• IGBC - Indian Green	Dr. S. Rajalakshmi
	Building Council	Dr. R. Mary Josephine
	• GBCRS - Green	Dr. B. Mythili
	Building Code and	Gnanamangai
	Green Ratings Systems	Er. N. Shanmugapriyan
	• GRIHA – Green Rating	
	for Integrated Habitat	
	Assessment	
Energy Audit	• BEE - Bureau of	Er. D. Dinesh kumar
	Energy Efficiency	Er. N. Shanmugapriyan
	• LEED - Leadership in	Dr. N.Balasubramaniam
	Energy and	Dr. P. Thirumoorthi
	Environmental Design	Dr. G. Murugananth
	• CII-GreenCo –	C
	GreenCo Rating System	
	Felicitator	
Environment	IGBC -Indian Green	Dr. S. Rajalakshmi
Audit	Building Council	<ul> <li>Dr. A. Geetha Karthi</li> </ul>
	• ASSOCHAM -	Dr. R. Mary Josephine
	Associated Chambers	➢ Dr. B. Mythili
	of Commerce and	Gnanamangai
	Industry of India	Er. N. Shanmugapriyan
	• FSRS – Fire Safety &	
	Rescue Services	
Hygiene	• FSMS – Food Safety	Mrs. Gaanaappriya
Audit	Management System &	Mohan
	Occupational Safety &	Dr. R, Sudhakaran
	Health (ISO	Dr. N. Saranya
	22000:2018)	
	• SBICM - Swatch	
	Bharath under India	
	Clean Mission	
Waste	• Water & Soil Audit,	Mrs. Gaanaappriya
Management	Plastic Waste	Mohan
Audits	Management Audit,	Dr. R, Sudhakaran
	Biomedical Waste	Er. N. Shanmugapriyan
	Audit, Solid Waste	
	Management Audit, E-	
	Waste Management	
	Audit as per the	
	Checklist of NSF	

Audit processes are being conducted through the certified Auditors as per the following by the NSF

ISO	QMS (9001:2015),	Dr. S. Rajalakshmi
Certification	EMS (14001:2015),	Dr. A. Geetha Karthi
	OHS (45001: 2018),	Mrs. Gaanaappriya
	ISMS (27001:2018),	Mohan
	FSMS (22000:2018),	Dr. R. Mary Josephine
	QMSMD (13485: 2016),	
	EnMS (50001: 2018)	

### Table 1. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus facility details

S.No.	Details of Area	Total area
1.	Total Campus area	68.14 Acres
2.	Total Built up area	512885 Sq.ft
3.	Covered Car parking area	44175 Sq.ft
4.	Air-conditioned area	8970 Sq.ft
5.	Non-Airconditioned area	503915 Sq.ft
б.	Gross Floor area	512885 Sq.ft
7.	Public area	245965 Sq.ft
8.	Service area	6068 Sq.ft
9.	Forest vegetation	66%
10.	Planted vegetation	88%

### 9. Audit Details

Date / Day of Audit	:	28.11.2022
Venue of Audit	:	Auxilium College (Autonomous) Gandhi Nagar, Vellore, Tamil Nadu
Audited by	:	Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.
Audit type	:	Green Campus Audit
Name of Auditing Chairman	:	<b>Dr. S. Rajalakshmi Jayaseelan,</b> Chairman of NSF & ISO QMS, EMS, OHSMS, EnMS Auditor.
Name of IGBC AP Auditor	:	<b>Dr. B. Mythili Gnanamangai,</b> Vice Chairman of NSF & Indian Green Building Council Accredited Professional.
Name of IGBC AP Auditor Name of Lead Green Auditor	:	<ul> <li>Dr. B. Mythili Gnanamangai,</li> <li>Vice Chairman of NSF &amp; Indian Green</li> <li>Building Council Accredited Professional.</li> <li>Dr. R. Mary Josephine,</li> <li>Plant Taxonomist &amp; Principal, St Joseph</li> <li>College for Women, Kamalapuram, TN.</li> </ul>

Name of Subject Expert-II	:	Mr. B.S.C. Naveen Kumar, Senior Faculty, Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Hyderabad.	
Name of Subject Expert-III	:	<b>Er. D. Dinesh Kumar,</b> Certified Lead Auditor, IGBC, ASSOCHEM, GRIHA & LEED	
Name of the Energy Auditor	:	<b>Dr. N. Balasubramanian,</b> Certified Bureau of Energy Efficiency Auditor of NSF.	
Name of Eco & Green Officer	:	<b>Ms. R.S. Thulaja,</b> Environment, Energy & Green Council Programme Officer, NSF.	

### 10. Procedures followed in Green Campus Audit

Green campus audit is a structured process of documenting the credentials in terms of number of trees, herbs, shrubs, lawns, climbers and lianas reflected in reducing the environmental pollution and soil erosion and useful for biodiversity conservation, landscape management, natural topography and vegetation. It is a kind of a professional tool for assessing the green campus.Green audit projects the best environmental practices and initiatives taken in the organisation at the prescribed site of audit that brings added value to the organisation in maintaining the eco-friendly campus to the stakeholders. First step of the audit is ensuring that the organisation has a central role in building the green campus, in order to validate the same (Adeniji, 2018).

Green campus is not intended for the self-sustainability of the building alone, it also involves in propagation of the green campus initiatives so as to be adopted by any individuals and organization at a minimum cost. Green campus audit has been conducted as per the checklist of Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India (www.nsfonline.org.in) through the authenticated Professionals for people qualified to investigate and evaluate the campus for validating the best environmental practices (Staniskis and Katiliute, 2016, SCSR, 2018). Professional team of ISO Environment Management Audit (14001:2015), Indian Green Building Council Accredited Professionals, Experts of Green campus Lead Auditors and Botanists / Zoologists / Biotechnologists were selected to conduct the Green campus audit process.

During the audit, the nature of plants and animals / birds species thriving within the campus were recorded. Establishment of lawns, trees, herbs, shrubs and climbers and establishment of terrace / kitchen / herbal / zodiac / ornamental / medicinal garden / aquarium and aquatic (hydrophytes) plants in the campus were recorded. Labelling of common names and Botanical names of plants were observed. The operation of the water irrigation system, trip and sprinkler irrigation methods and use of recycled water for irrigation purpose or any other purpose in the campus area were noted. Attempts made for water scarcity during summer season towards the maintenance of plants and frequency of watering for plantations in the campus were noted. Biodiversity conservation education, projects, awareness programmes, etc., through Indian Biodiversity Act and Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India and the conduct of outreach programmes for dissemination of Green campus motto were recorded (Venkataraman, 2009). Conduct of outreach programmes for dissemination of Green campus motto of Green campus motto to the students and staff members including public domain and signing of MoU with Government and Non-Governmental Organizations to ensure green campus activities for future generation were noted (Lauder *et al.*, 2015; Brindusa *et al.*, 2007). Technology driven solutions initiated by the Green campus organization can also be disseminated and documented successively for propagating the attitude of the Green campus in wider masses.

Projects, Dissertations and Thesis are the academic effort credentials that always fosters the innovative ideas on thinking and implementation of new innovative approaches towards the green campus. These should be disseminated through presentations and publications in social media, books, magazines and journals so as to spread the innovative ideas and methods to the broad public. These efforts taken by the students and staff were deliberated while conducting the Green campus audit. Green audit processes are taking place as per the following flow-chart starting from the Seipt of application forms from the auditee (organization) and ending upon the submission of final report to the concerned organization (Leal Filho *et al.*, 2015). During the audit process, the best environmental / greenery practices followed and new initiatives undertaken in the organisation to reduce the environmental pollution and steps taken for nature conservation that brings added value to the organisation in maintaining the eco-friendly campus were assessed. In addition, supporting activities of the scholars and staff with regard to "Vision and Mission" of the greenery activities of the Organization is also evaluated.



### 10.1. Onsite Green Campus Audit activities

- 1. Opening meeting is the first step between the audit team and auditee along the Management Representatives where the purpose of the audit, procedures to be adopted for the conduct of the audit, verification of the documents and the time schedules were discussed, in brief.
- 2. Followed by opening meeting, onsite inspection will be conducted which is the second step in the audit where the Audit team members visited different sites in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)campus and required photographs were taken then and there for preparing the audit report.
- 3. During the onsite phase of visit, it is vivid how the various facilities made by the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Management to the stakeholders without disturbing the landscape, natural topography and vegetation to ensure the green campus.
- 4. It is observed how the environment is protected in the campus and by what means an eco-friendly atmosphere is being given to the stakeholders. The assessment reveals the strengths and weaknesses of the Auditee's Management controls and risks associated with their failure in creating Green campus facilities.
- 5. Collecting audit proofs *ie*, data collection and information from the auditee as per the audit protocol were carried out.

6. An exit meeting was conducted to describe the findings of the audit with Management Representatives and staff members along with the audit team in brief.

### 10.2. Pre-Audit stage activities

A pre-audit meeting (opening meeting) is conducted with Management and Administrative people along with staff coordinators of Green, Energy and Environment audit process, wherein, audit protocol and audit plan were discussed in brief. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a chance to emphasize the scope and objectives of the audit and discussions held on the feasibilities associated with the audit (Marrone *et al.*, 2018). Pre-audit stage activities are an essential prerequisite for the green audit to meet the auditee and to gather information about the campus and required documents were collected directly from the Organization before the start of the audit processes (Fachrudin *et al.*, 2019). Audit team was selected by the Nature Science Foundation as per the checklist comprised of Lead Auditor of ISO (EMS 14001:2015), Botanist, Agriculture and Horticulture Scientists from Conventional and Technical Universities across India, Accredited Professionals from Indian Green Building Council, Hyderabad and Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India, New Delhi.



Opening meeting with the Principal, IQAC Coordinator and Management Representatives of the Auxilium College (Autonomous) and Audit Team of Nature Science Foundation

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### 10.3. Target Areas of Green Auditing

Green campus audit is nothing but a professional tool to assess the greenery activities in the educational institutions and give a value addition to the campus and considered as a resource management process. Eco-campus concept mainly concentrate on the efficient use of energy and water; Minimize waste generation or pollution and also improve the economic efficiency. Green campus audit process may be undertaken at frequent intervals and their results can demonstrate improvement or change over time. Eco-campus focuses on the reduction of carbon emissions, water consumption, wastes to landfill and enhance energy use conservation to integrate environmental considerations into all contracts and services considered to have significant environmental impacts (Choy and Karudan, 2016).

There are several target listed in the Green audit process in which a few are taken into consideration as per the Indian Scenario is concerned. They are water use efficiency, energy use efficiency, solid, e-waste biomedical, food, sewage waste management and reuse methods, planting of oxygen releasing and carbon dioxide assimilating plants, landscape management, topology, vegetation, soil erosion control, carbon footprint due to use of vehicles, electricity and fossil fuels (León-Fernández and Domínguez-Vilches, 2015). drinking water quality supply, Biogas plant, rain harvesting system, water reservoirs, percolation pond, establishment of various herbal, terrace and ornamental, gardens, campus and flora fauna, water irrigation, implementation of Government schemes, conduction of awareness programmes management, public transport, low-emitting vehicles and control of car smokes and exhaust, Organization's budget for greenery activities, campus facilities for disabled, persons needs special attention and or maternity care, security, safety and health infrastructure facilities for stakeholder's wellbeing (Nunes *et al.*, 2018).



### 10.4. Flora and Fauna diversity of study area

The Auxilium College (Autonomous) is situated in Gandhi Nagar, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India. It is located about 21 min (7.8 km) via NH75. At present, the campus is quite clean, green and with much less pollution when compared to the rest of the city. Study/documentation of biodiversity provides a useful measure of the quality of the environment and the ecological studies are important aspects of environment, in view of the consideration of environmental quality and natural flora and fauna conservation.

### **10.4.1. Topography**

The Auxilium College (Autonomous) consists of an environment of Red Loamy type, located at an altitude of 238 above mean sea level,  $79^{\circ}8^{\prime}$  E of longitude and  $12^{\circ}56^{\prime}$  N latitude.

### 10.4.2. Geology and Soil condition

In the eastern and south western part of the district, the predominant trend of lineament is NE-SW, whereas in the central part, both NE-SW and NW-SE trending lineaments have been identified. Traces of major lineaments identified in the area have been shown in hydrogeological map of the area. Vellore district can be classified into two major physiographic divisions viz., i) Hilly terrain in the eastern and southwestern parts and ii) Plain regions in the eastern part. The landscape in the hilly terrain is undulating to rugged, flanked by hill ranges belonging to Eastern Ghats. The major hill ranges in the district are those belonging to Jawadu, Elagiri and Kalrayan hills. The eastern part of the district is a gently undulating plain dotted with isolated hillocks with sharply rising peaks, sloping towards east. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is classified into two regions based on geology, sandy areas and loamy areas.

### **10.4.3.** Climatic conditions

Vellore district receives rainfall from both southwest and northeast monsoons. The annual normal rainfall (1901-80) for the district is 949.8 mm. The contribution of southwest monsoon ranges from 45 to 52 percent, whereas it ranges from 30-43 percent due to northeast monsoon. The district enjoys a tropical climate. The highest temperatures are recorded during May and June. The mean daily minimum and maximum temperature are 18.2 to 36.8° C. The relative humidity ranges from 37 to 85 percent.

S. No	<b>Details of Parameters</b>	Data collected			
Soil Ed	Soil Edaphic parameters				
1.	Soil pH	7-8.5			
2.	Soil type	Sandy loam, Red loam			
3.	Total Organic carbon	4.2%			
4.	Electrical conductivity	0.3			
5.	Water holding capacity	18.23%			
6.	Total Nitrogen	340-770 ppm			
7.	Available Phosphorous	142 ppm			
8.	Exchangeable Potassium	3 ppm			

# Table 2. Soil edaphic and environmental parameters of the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Environmental parameters			
1.	Minimum Temperature	21°C	
2.	Maximum Temperature	25-29°C	
3.	Minimum Relative humidity	52%	
4.	Maximum Relative humidity	77%	
5.	Annual Average Rainfall	938 mm	
6.	Annual Average Sunshine	Jan 6.2 hrs /day	
		June 10.99hrs /day	
7.	Wind speed	11km/hour	

### **11. Identification of Plant Species**

### **11.1. Identification of Flowering Plant Species**

Various vascular plant species were collected across the Auxilium College (Autonomous)campus and subjected to botanical identification (botanical name, family, habitat, and economic importance) and anthropogenic disturbances to the natural vegetation in campus. Plants were freshly collected and their digital photographs were also taken. The collected plant specimens have been identified using taxonomic literatures (Gamble and Fischer, 1972; Matthew, 1983; Nair and Henry, 1983; Henry *et al.*, 1989; Chandrabose and Nair, 1988). Further, their identification was confirmed by matching with authentic specimens in the Madras Herbarium (MH), Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Southern Circle, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.

### **11.2. Identification of Non-Flowering Plant Species**

### **11.2.1. Lichen Identification**

Lichen specimens were collected from the Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus and then identified based on the lichen identification key of Awasthi (2007). Representative lichen specimens were identified based on thalli morphology such as rhizine, cilia and pseudocephellae and reproductive structures (fruiting bodies) such as apothecia, perithecia, soredia, soralia, conidia and isidia embedding on the thalli surface using a stereo microscope (CZM4, Labomed, India). In the present study, Anatomy of the thallus were carried out in order to document micro morphological features such as medulla thickness, upper and lower surface of thallus, lobes, size and shape of spores. Thin section of apothecia and perithecia was made to observe the nature ascus spores and the arrangement of the algal and fungal layers in the thallus; respectively. Spot tests featured the use of chemical reagents to detect lichen substances by appearances of the characterized colour changes on lichen thallus was noted. The lichen chemistry was analyzed according to Culberson and Kristinson (1970) methods. The colour spot test was done on medulla of lichen thallus using test reagents of potassium hydroxide (K), calcium hypochlorite (C) and paraphenylene di amine (PD). Lichen was identified based on colour spot test using the procedure defined by Orange et al. (2001).

To authenticate the identified lichen samples, the representative samples were compared with the voucher specimens at the Lichen Herbarium Centre of National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India and Department of Botany, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The lichen species might be confused with other species unless their morphological, biochemical and anatomical features were closely monitored. Therefore, apart from microscopic observation, spot tests, chemical profiling and TLC tests, attempts were made to compare the representative samples with voucher specimens.

#### 11.2.3. Identification of Algae Genera

Algae are the members of a group of predominantly aquatic photosynthetic organisms of the kingdom Protista followed by terrestrial algae found in freshwater and slump areas. Algae are non-flowering and lower group of plants which are green in colour because of presence of chlorophyll pigments in the body called thallus. Algae adopt diverse life cycles, and by size, they range from microscopic Micromonas to giant kelps that reach 60 metres (200 feet) in length. Their photosynthetic pigments highly varied when compared to that of higher plants; their cells have features not found among plants and animals. In addition to their ecological roles as oxygen producers, they serve as food base for almost all aquatic life; algae are economically important as a source of crude oil and as sources of food and a number of pharmaceutical and industrial products for humans. Algae are defined as eukaryotic (nucleus-bearing) organisms that photosynthesize. They lack specialized multicellular reproductive structures of plants, but they always contain fertile gamete-generating cells surrounded by sterile cells. Algae also lack true roots, stems, and leaves features they share with the avascular lower plants (e.g., mosses, liverworts, and hornworts). Algae identification key consists of couplets of characteristics using algal description of the specimen based on morphological characterization from 58 Genera to species level identification as per the comprehensive key.

#### 12. Identification of Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians and Termites

Birds were observed by visual sightings and by calls also the avifaunal data were observed through the Nikon 8 x 40 binoculars and photographs were taken by Canon 600 D camera (55 - 250 mm). The recorded data was noted in the field work note. Later, the birds were identified with the help of field guide- "Birds of Indian subcontinent" by Richard Grimmett, and the IUCN category of the birds were also noted with the same. The point count and transect line methods were used to record the number of bird species in the study area in which regular visits and personal visits were carried out (Ferenc *et al.*, 2014). The surveys were conducted to understand the distribution of bird species in relation to habitats and nesting behaviour of birds in the study area. Based on survey richness and abundance of bird species were selected for nest site selection study. Selected species of birds was analyses for its nest site characteristics between the habitats and also plant species preference was enumerated and assessed. The number of breeding bird species and nests found in different habitats as depend variables such as biotic and biotic factors as the independent variable (Jayson and Mathew, 2000).

Reptiles and Amphibians are identified based on colourtion, markings on the skin, background colour generally brown, Males often have a flecked pattern on back. Occasionally they are in green, leading to mistaken identification as sand lizard, Males have thicker base to tail and brighter, speckled underside. Newborn young are dark in colour, almost black. A rare species, almost entirely confined to heathland sites in Dorset, Hampshire and Surrey, and sand dunes on the Mersey and Welsh Coast. The most common reptile found in a variety of habitats, including gardens. Spends most of its time underground or in vegetation litter. Most likely to be found underneath objects lying on the ground, or in compost heaps. Snakes are identified based on cream, yellow or white collar behind the head, bordered to the rear by black marks. Body colour ranges from bright green to dark olive, but mostly the latter. Darker specimens can appear black from a distance. Truly black grass snakes are rare. Males are predominately brown, females are grey. Dark butterfly shape on top of head may be noted. Pairs of spots, sometimes fused as bars, running along back with black line running through eye are recorded. Males typically grey with a black zigzag stripe, females generally brown with a dark brown zigzag stripe (Beebee and Griffiths, 2000).

### 13. Green Campus Audit Observations

It covers both qualitative and quantitative measurements including physical observation of greeneries in terms of growing of terrestrial and aquatic plants, animals and microflora in natural and planted vegetation and their maintenance. Topography, landscape management design and soil erosion control are playing important role in environment sustainable development in the campus. An account of a large number of Oxygen releasing and Carbon dioxide assimilating plants planted in the Campus are taken into consideration to give pure atmosphere to the stakeholders. Establishment of different types of gardens in the campus, rainwater harvesting system, operation of water irrigation, drip and sprinkler irrigation methods may be adopted to improve the green campus. Similarly, biodiversity conservation strategies are very essential to conserve a variety of plant and animal species in the campus ecosystem. Biofertilizers, organic and green manures, cow dung manures and farmyard manures may be used for the cultivation of plants which may be protected the environmental health that will not cause any air, water and soil pollution. The various Clubs, Forums, Cells, Associations and Student / Staff Chapters such as Eco club, Nature club, Science club, Fine Arts club, Flora and Fauna club, Youth Red Cross, NCC/Student Force and NSS bodies may be involved in green campus initiatives, planning and efforts among stakeholders. Outreach programmes may be conducted for dissemination of Green Campus motto and Green pledge initiatives to rural, tribal and urban people. Academic credentials like taking up major and minor Projects, Dissertations and Thesis work by the students and staff members may be taken into account towards green campus initiatives, planning and efforts. Best practices followed on green campus initiatives in the Organization and recommendations for greening are illustrated in the audit report as well.

S.No	Requirements and checklists of the audit	Conformity		7
		Yes	No	NA
1.	Have internal Green campus audit procedures been	$\checkmark$		
	developed and implemented in the Organization?			
2.	Have programmes for the achievement of Green	$\checkmark$		
	campus objectives and targets been established and			
	implemented as on today?			

### 13.1. Table 3. Qualitative Measurements of Green Auditing

3.	Whether Green campus audit and Environment audit	$\checkmark$		
	are simultaneously carried out or separately carried			
	out?			
4.	Whether Indian Biodiversity Act as per the Ministry of	$\checkmark$		
	Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi,			
	Wildlife protection act and World & Indian Green			
	Building Council concepts followed?			
5.	Have responsibilities been assigned for programmes at	$\checkmark$		
	each appropriate function and level? (Environmental			
	Engineer & Agriculture Staff working for environment			
	monitoring)			
6.	Are the following environmental aspects considered in			
	sufficient detail?			
	a. Drinking water / RO water / Borewell water / Open	$\checkmark$		
	well water / Pond water / Municipal or Corporation			
	water use and to check quality of water through			
	Physico-chemical properties analysis			
	b. Wastewater treatment facility	$\checkmark$		
	c. Sufficient number of trees, shrubs, herbs and lawns	✓		
	d. Solid waste management facility	~		
	e. Availability of Biogas plant	~		
	f. Rain harvesting system, water reservoirs, etc.	~		
	g. Aquarium and aquatic (hydrophytes) plants	✓		
	h. Establishment of terrace garden, herbal garden,	$\checkmark$		
	kitchen, zodiac, ornamental gardens, etc.			
	i. Natural Topography or Forest, Planted vegetation	✓		
	j. Water well, Bore well, lake, water reservoir facility	✓		
	k. Water consumption towards plant cultivation,	$\checkmark$		
	canteen, hostel, machinery cleaning, transport, toilet			
	use			
	1. Treated water consumption towards plant cultivation,			
	machinery cleaning, transport, toilet use and etc.		v	
	m. Per capita water consumption per day calculated	30		
	(45L/P/C/D)	Lit		
7.	Whether plants are tagged properly with their common	✓		
	name and Botanical name for stakeholders?			
8.	Signing of MoU with Govt. and NGOs to disseminate	✓		
	Green campus motto and pledge			
9.	Biodiversity conservation of plants, animals and	✓		
	wildlife, genetic resources (Endangered and endemic			
	species) at each appropriate function and level?			

10.	Are any biofertilizers, organic manures, farmyard	$\checkmark$	
	manures, vermicompost, green manures and chemical		
	fertilizers used for maintaining plants?		
11.	Establishment of herbal garden, zodiac garden,	$\checkmark$	
	medicinal garden, kitchen garden, terrace garden and		
	ornamental plants garden in the campus		
12.	Implementation of Government schemes (Swatch	$\checkmark$	
	Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission)		
13.	Functioning of Nature club, Eco club, Cell, Forum,	✓	
	Association, NCC/Student Force, NSS bodies and		
	Social Service League for students and staff members		
	on biodiversity conservation, green campus		
	development, etc.		
14.	Conduction of awareness programmes and cultural	✓	
	activities on global warming, environmental changes		
	and ecosystem maintenance to the stakeholders		
15.	Conduction of outreach programmes for dissemination	$\checkmark$	
	of green campus initiatives, natural resources,		
	environmental pollution and biodiversity conservation		
	to rural, tribal and urban people		
16.	Implementation of composting pits, vermicompost unit,	$\checkmark$	
	recycling of kitchen wastes collected from Hostels,		
	Canteens, Cafeteria, Food court and other places		
17.	Maintenance of plantations in the campus and steps	$\checkmark$	
	taken for water scarcity during summer season to		
	maintain plants		
18.	Steps taken for organic, inorganic, toxic, e-waste,	$\checkmark$	
	biomedical, food, sewage waste management,		
	segregation of wastes and reuse methods		
19.	Public transport, low-emitting vehicles and control of		NA
	car smokes and exhaust towards environment		
	monitoring		
20.	Observation on the site preservation, soil erosion	$\checkmark$	
	control and landscape management		
21.	Projects and Dissertation works and Scholarly		NA
	publications on environmental science and		
	management carried out by students and staff members		
22.	Implementation of advanced methods for watering	$\checkmark$	
	plantations (Drip irrigation, Sprinkler irrigation, etc.)		
23.	Use of metering for water utility, IoT based watering,		NA
	automation, water device, remote water lines, etc.		
24.	Percentage of Organization's budget for environment	✓	
	sustainability efforts		
25.	Campus facilities for disabled, special needs and or	✓	
	maternity care including security, safety and health		
1	infrastructure facilities for stakeholder's wellbeing		

S.No.	Details of Plant and animal species	Numbers / Percentage
1.	Total number of Flowering plant species inside the Campus	302 species belonging to 235 Genera under 252 families
2.	Total number of Non-Flowering plant species inside the Campus	15 species belonging to Lichens, Pteridophytes, Bryophytes and Mycoflora
3.	Total number of living Mammals inside the Campus	7 such as Cats, Mice and Dog
4.	Total number of visiting Mammals inside the Campus	05 Species belonging Rabbit, Squirrel and Monkey
5.	Total number of living Birds inside the Campus	22 species belonging Common Myna, House Sparrow, King- crow, House Crow, Jungle Babbler, Honey bird
6.	Total number of visiting Birds inside the Campus	38 species belonging Mangrove heron, Common Wood shrike, Peacock.
7.	Total number of Aquarium	02
8.	TotalnumberofAquatic(hydrophytes) plant species	06
9.	Total number of Grasshopper and Termites	Grasshopper: 2 species Termites: 3 species
10.	Total number of Amphibians and Reptiles	Amphibians: 3 species Reptiles: 15 species
11.	Total number of Butterflies and Mosquitos	Butterflies: 33 species Mosquitos: 03 species
12.	Percentage of Forest Vegetation	66%
13.	Percentage of Planted Vegetation	88%
14.	Percentage of Water consumption to total human population	NA
15.	Percentage of Water consumption to total flora and fauna	NA
16.	Per capita water consumption per day	30lit/day

13.2. Table 4. Quantitative Measurements of Green Auditing

# **13.3** Flora and Fauna diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus **13.3.1**. Flora diversity in the Campus

### 13.3.1.1. Flowering plants diversity in the Campus

Ensuring the rich biodiversity in the green campus is an important parameter which reflects the real-time ecosystem. Plants are indicators for assessing the varying levels of environmental quality. In general, plants improve the outdoor air quality with increased oxygen levels and reduced temperature and carbon dioxide. The green and varying colour of the flowering plants improve the ambience of the Organization environment. The record on maintenance of the plant biomass and its management are important with respect to green campus initiatives. The existence of such plants and birds in the green campus may be recorded for the rich flora and fauna which are being considered as a value addition to the campus.

The observations indicated that the Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus has more than 40-50% of wild, 50-60% native plant species and the other 30-45% plant species are ornamental in nature coming under the planted vegetation. Native plant traits promote the indigenous fauna at the site area. Hence, the accountancy of 35% of the wild traits are leveraged for the native animals and birds. The most probable natural vegetation of Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus is the dry deciduous type. The remnants of this past vegetation are found in the campus.

The most plants Auxilium College (Autonomous) recorded are, *Azadiracta Indica, Cocus nucifera* L., *Cassia fistula, Dypsis lutescens* which are dominant trees species characteristic to the vegetation within the campus. Some of the shrub species like *Ixora cocinea* L., *Solanum lycopersicum* L., *Cycas revoluta Thunb.*, are also rather common in the campus.

Ground flora is comparatively sparse, but fairly rich in undistributed areas. Some of the common weeds like *Euphorbhia hirta* L., *is* found to be predominant. Species such as *Catharanthus roseus*, *Cynodon dactylon* are some common herbs in the campus.

Certain common climbers found among the shrubs are Abutilon indicum L., Adhatoda vasica, Anisomeles malabarica, Coccinia grandis L., Cardiospermum halicacabum, Tinospora cordifolia (wild.), Toddalia asiatica L.,and Citrullus landaus (Thumb.),

This campus is rich in grass species like Andropogon pumilis, Apluda mutica, Cenchrus ciliaris, Asparagus racemosus Wild., and Commelina benghalensis L.

Most of the species found are common in the campus, some of the species *Cucumis dipsaceus* Ehrenb, *Hybanthus, Bothriochloa compressa* (Hook.F.), and *Caralluma bicolor* Ramach., is the rare species. Some endemic grass species like *Andropogon pumilus* Roxb., *Panicum psilopodium* Trin., and *Perotis indica* (L.) Kuntze are also occurring in the campus. Number of above species decreased in number and a few face the danger of going extinct due to anthropogenic activities (regular clearing and construction activities). Hence in terms of conserving the available floral biodiversity, it is pertinent to set up a botanical garden within the campus and cultivate them while protect the ones that grow naturally on the grounds upon the vegetation maintenance.

### **Invasive species**

The campus has invasive species such as Wild tamarind *Leucaena leucocephala* L. This is clearly indicated disturbances to the natural setting in the vegetated areas.

The alien / exotic species *viz.*, *Plumeria*, and *Tecoma stans* (L.) Kunth are occur in the campus.

Some of the species are utilized as fruit yielding like *Mangifera indica* L. (Maa), *Psidium guajava* L., (Koyya), *Moringa pterygosperma* Gaertn. (Murungai), Phyllanthus emblica L. (Nelli), *Morinda citrifolia* L., *Phyllanthus acidus* (Amla) and Species such as *Bougainvillea glabra*, *Ixora coccinea* are exploited for their attractive flowers.



Systematic groups of the plants in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus



Analysis of Habit-wise distribution of plant species in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus



## Plant families with higher number of Species in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus area

The biodiversity of Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus comprises a sum of 302 species belonging to 235 genera under 252 families besides the lichens, mycoflora, pteridophytes and bryophytes. Among the documented higher plants, Dicots are dominating with 62.5% families followed by monocots (37.5% families). Over all analysis revealed that trees were dominating flora (43%) followed by herbs, shrubs and climbers which accounts 18%, 25% and 14%, respectively. Among the documented dicots, Polypetalae formed a major proposion with 75 families, 72 genera and 83 species; Gamopetalae with 53 families, 45 genera and 76 species while Monochlamydeae with 59 families, 59 genera and 69 species. In monocots 65 families are spreading over 59 genera belonging to 74 species. Fabaceae is first dominant family and followed Apocyanaceae, Asteraceae, Amaranthaceae and Rubiaceae with 29, 18, 16, 14 and 13 species respectively. At the time of green campus audit at campus campus, a total of 1 invasive floral species were recorded. This clearly specified the disturbances to the natural setting in the vegetated sector.

S.	Botanical Name	Local Name	Family	Habit
No.				
1.	Abrus precatorius Wall.	Kundumani	Fabaceae	Climber
2.	Abutilon indicum (L.) Sweet.	Thuthi	Malvaceae	Shrub
3.	Acacia nilotica (L.) Del.	Karuvelam	Fabaceae	Tree
4.	Acalypha indica L.	Kuppaimeni	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
5.	Acalypha wilkesiana Müll. Arg.	Copperleaf	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
6.	Acanthospermum hispidum DC.	Kombumul	Asteraceae	Herb
7.	Achyranthes aspera L.	Nayurivi	Amaranthaceae	Herb
8.	Acorus calamus L.	Vasambu	Acoraceae	Herb

Table 5. List of Flowering plants in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

9.	Adenium obesum Roem. & Schult.	Desert Rose	Apocynaceae	Shrub
10.	Aegle marmelos (L.) Corr. Serr	Vilvam	Rutaceae	Tree
11.	Aerva lanata (L.) A.L. Juss.	Poolai poo	Amaranthaceae	Herb
12.	Agave americana L.	Anaikathalai	Asparagaceae	Tree
13.	Alangium salvifolium (L.f.)	Alingil	Cornaceae	Tree
	Wangerin.			
14.	Albizia lebbeck (L.) Benth.	Vaagai	Fabaceae	Tree
15.	Allamanda blanchetii A. DC.	Purple allamanda	Apocynaceae	Climber
16.	Allamanda cathartica L.	Golden trumpet	Apocynaceae	Climber
17.	Aloe barbadensis (L.) Burm.f.	Chotthukathazhai	Xanthorrhoeaceae	Herb
18.	Alstonia scholaris (L.) R.Br.	Yezhilai paalai	Apocynaceae	Tree
19.	Alternanthera dentate	Joseph's Coat	Amaranthaceae	Herb
	(Moench)Stuchlík ex R. E. Fr.			
20.	Alternanthera philoxeroides Mart.	Alligator weed	Amaranthaceae	Herb
21.	Alternanthera pungens Kunth.	Gandhimul	Amaranthaceae	Herb
22.	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (L.) R.Br. ex DC.	Ponnanganni	Amaranthaceae	Herb
23.	Alysicarpus monilifer L.	Kaasukkodi	Fabaceae	Herb
24.	Amaranthus spinosus L.	Mullukeerai	Amaranthaceae	Herb
25.	Amaranthus viridis L.	Kuppaikeerai	Amaranthaceae	Herb
26.	Andrographis echioides (L.) Nees.	Gopuranthangi	Acanthaceae	Herb
27.	Andrographis paniculata	Nilavembu/	Acanthaceae	Herb
	(Burm.f.)Wall. ex Nees.	Siriyanangai		
28.	<i>Anisomelous malabarica</i> (L.) R.Br. ex Sims	Peimiratti	Lamiaceae	Shrub
29.	Annona reticulata L.	Ramaseetha	Annonaceae	Small tree
30.	Annona squamosa L.	Seethamaram	Annonaceae	Small tree
31.	Apluda mutica L.	Mauritian Grass	Poaceae	Herb
32.	Arachis hypogaea L.	Nilakadalai	Fabaceae	Herb
33.	Araucaria columnaris (J.R.Fors.)	Christmas Tree	Araucariaceae	Tree
	Hook.			
34.	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Salisb.) Franço	Christmas Tree	Araucariaceae	Tree
35.	Argemone mexicana L.	Piramathandu	Panaveraceae	Herb
36.	Argeratum conizoides L	Goat weed	Asteraceae	Herb
37.	Aristida setacea Retz.	Thudaipam	Poaceae	Herb
38.	Aristolochia bracteolata Lam	Aaduthinnapalai	Aristolochiaceae	Herb
<u>39.</u>	Aristolochia indica L.	Eswaramooli	Aristolochiaceae	Climber
40.	Artemisia vulgaris L	Machipattiri	Asteraceae	Herb
41.	Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam.	Palamaram	Moraceae	Tree
42.	Asparagus racemosus Willd.	Thaniryitan kilangu	Asparagaceae	Climber
43.	Asystasia gangetica (L.) T. Anderson	Maranikeerai	Acanthaceae	Herb
44.	Azadirachta indica A.Juss.	Veppamaram	Meliaceae	Tree
45.	Azima tetracantha I am	Sanganmul	Salvadoraceae	Shrub
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47.	Bambusa arundinacea (Retz.) Roxb.	Moongil	Poaceae	Tree
48.	Barleria cristata L.	December Poo	Acanthaceae	Shrub
49.	Bauhinia alata Ducke.	Mantharai	Leguminosae	Tree
50.	Bauhinia purpurea (L.) Benth	Mantharai	Fabaceae	Tree
51.	Bauhinia tomentosa L.	Iruvatchipoo	Fabaceae	Tree
52.	Bellis perennis L.	Daisy	Asteraceae	Herb
53.	Bidens pilosa L.	Beggar Tick	Asteraceae	Herb
54.	Blumia lacera (Burm.f.) DC.	Naatumullangi	Asteraceae	Herb
55.	Boerhavia diffusa L.	Mookarattai	Nyctaginaceae	Herb
56.	Boerhavia erecta L.	Seemai mookarattai	Nyctaginaceae	Herb
57.	Borassus filabellifer L.	Panaimaram	Arecaceae	Tree
58.	<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> Choisy	Kagithapoo	Nyctaginaceae	Shrub
59.	Brachiaria ramosa (L.) Stapf.	Browntop millet	Poaceae	Herb
60.	Brassica juncea L.	Kadugu	Brassicaceae	Herb
61.	Brynea patans (Dennst.) Alston	Poolan	Brassicaceae	Shrub
62.	Caesalpinia pulcherima (L.) Sw.	Mayilkondrai	Fabaceae	Tree
63.	Calliandra haematocephala Hassk.	Red Powder Puff	Fabaceae	Tree
64.	Callistemon viminalis	Bottle brush tree	Myrtaceae	Tree
	(Sol. ex Gaerten.) G. Don			
65.	Calotropis gigantea L.	Erukku	Apocynaceae	Shrub
66.	Canna indica L.	Kalvazhai	Cannaceae	Herb
67.	Capparis zeylanica L.	Suduthoratti	Capparaceae	Shrub
68.	Cardiospermum halicacabum L.	Mudakkathan	Sapindaceae	Climber
69.	Carica papaya L.	Pappali	Caricaceae	Tree
70.	Caryota urens L.	Koonthal Panai	Arecaceae	Tree
71.	Cassia alata L.	Seemaiyathi	Caesalpinioideae	Shrub
72.	Cassia auriculata L.	Aavarampoo	Caesalpinioideae	Shrub
73.	Cassia fistula	Sarakkondrai	Caesalpinioideae	Tree
74.	Cassia italica L.	Nilavaarai	Caesalpinioideae	Herb
75.	Cassia tora L.	Thagarai	Caesalpinioideae	Shrub
76.	Catharanthus pusillus L.	Chetthai	Apocynaceae	Herb
77.	Cathranthus roseus (L.) G.Don	Nithyakalyani	Apocynaceae	Herb
78.	Causurina equsitifolia	Savukku maram	Casuarinaceae	Tree
79.	Celosia argentea L.	Pannaikeerai	Amaranthaceae	Herb
80.	Celosia cristata L.	Kozhikondai	Amaranthaceae	Herb
81.	Cenchrus ciliaris L.	Kolukattaipullu	Poaceae	Herb
82.	Cheilocostus speciosus (J. Koenig)	Kostam	Costaceae	Shrub
	C.Specht.			
83.	Chloris barbata (L.) Swartz.	Swollen Finger	Poaceae	Herb
		Grass		
84.	Chloroxylon swietenia (Roxb.) DC.	Porasu	Rutaceae	Tree
85.	Chromolaenaodorata (L.) R.M.	Unnisedi	Asteraceae	Shrub
	King & Robinson			
86.	Chrysanthemum indicum L.	Saamandipoo	Asteraceae	Herb

87.	Cirtullus colocynthis (L.)	Peikkumatti	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
	Schrader.			
88.	Cissus quadrangularis L.	Pirandai	Vitaceae	Herb
89.	Citrus limon (L.) Burm.f.	Elumichai	Rutaceae	Small tree
90.	Cleome gynandra L.	Naaikadugu	Cleomaceae	Herb
91.	Cleome viscosa L.	Naaivelai	Cleomaceae	Herb
92.	<i>Clerodendrum inerme</i> (L.) Gaertn.	Sankan-kuppi	Lamiaceae	Shrub
93.	Clitoria ternatea L.	Sangu poo	Fabaceae	Climber
94.	Coccinia grandis (L.) Voigt	Kovai	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
95.	Cocculus hirsutus (L.) Diels	Kattukodi	Menispermaceae	Climber
96.	Codiaeum variegatum (L.) A.Juss.	Garden Croton	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
97.	Combretum indicum (L.) De Filipps	Rangoon malli	Combretaceae	Climber
98.	Commelina benghalensis L.	Kanavazhai	Commelinaceae	Herb
99.	<i>Corallocarpus epigaeus</i> (Rottler) C.B.Clarke	Aagasakarudan	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
100.	Corchorus olitorius L.	Jew's mallow	Malvaceae	Herb
101.	Cordia sebestena L.	Achi Naruvili	Boraginaceae	Tree
102.	<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i> (L.) A. Chev.	Ti plant	Asparagaceae	Herb
103.	Crateva adansonii DC.	Mavalingam	Capparaceae	Tree
104.	Crinum asiaticum L.	Visamumgil	Amaryllidaceae	Shrub
105.	Crinum powellii Baker	Swamp lily	Amaryllidaceae	Shrub
106.	Croton bonplandianum Baill	Poonnakku poondu	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
107.	Cucurbita pepo L.	Parangi	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
108.	Cuscuta chinensis Lam.	Chinese Dodder	Convolvulaceae	Herb
109.	Cycas circinalis L.	Madana-kama-poo	Cycadaceae	Tree
110.	Cymbopogan citratus	Lemon grass	Poaceae	Shrub
111.	Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers.	Arugampull	Poaceae	Herb
112.	Cyperus iria L.	Rice flatsedge	Cyperaceae	Herb
113.	Cyperus rotundus L.	Korai kilangu	Cyperaceae	Herb
114.	Dactyloctenium aegyptium (L.)	Egyptian crowfoot	Poaceae	Herb
	Willd.	grass		
115.	Dalbergia latifolia Roxb.	Eettimaram	Fabaceae	Tree
116.	Dalbergia sissoo Roxb.	Chichamaram	Fabaceae	Tree
117.	Datura metal L.	Oomathai	Solanaceae	Shrub
118.	Delonix elata (L.) Gamble	Vathanarayana	Fabaceae	Tree
119.	Delonix regia (Boj. ex Hook.) Raf.	Neruppu Kondrai	Fabaceae	Tree
120.	Desmodium triflorum (L.) DC	Sirupullati	Fabaceae	Herb
121.	Digera muricata (L.) Mart.	Thoiyakeerai	Amaranthaceae	Herb
122.	Diplocyclos palmatus L.	Aivirali	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
123.	Dracaena deremensis (L.) Ker. Gawl.	Cornstalk dracaena	Asparagaceae	Shrub
124.	Dracaena fragrans (L.) Ker Gawl.	Corn plant	Asparagaceae	Herb
125.	Dracaena trifasciata (Prain) Mabb.	Snake Plant	Asparagaceae	Herb
126.	Duranta erecta L.	Golden dewdrop	Verbenaceae	Shrub
127.	<i>Dypsis lutescens</i> (H.Wendl.) Beentje& J.Dransf.	Bamboo palm	Arecaceae	Tree

128.	Eclipta prostrata Roxb.	Karisalankani	Asteraceae	Herb
129.	<i>Eleusine indica</i> (L.) Gaertn.	Goose grass	Poaceae	Herb
130.	Emilia sonchifolia (L.) DC. ex Wight.	Lilac tasselflower	Asteraceae	Herb
131.	Epiphyllum oxypetalum	Brahma kamalam	Cactaceae	Shrub
	(DC.) Haworth			
132.	<i>Eragrostis tenella</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	Japanese Lovegrass	Poaceae	Herb
133.	Eragrostis unioloides (Retz.) Nees	Chinese Lovegrass	Poaceae	Herb
	exSteudel			
134.	Eucalyptus globulus Labill.	Thailamaram	Myrtaceae	Tree
135.	Euphorbia heterophylla L.	Paalpoodu	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
136.	Euphorbia hirta L.	Ammanpacharisi	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
137.	Euphorbia hypericifolia L.	Graceful Spurge	Euphorbiaceae	Herb
138.	Euphorbia microphylla Lam.	Gulf sandmat	Euphorbiaceae	Prostrate
				herb
139.	Euphorbia milii Des Moul.	Crown of thorns	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
140.	Euphorbia tithymaloides L.	Devil's-backbone	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
141.	Evolvulus alsinoides L.	Vishnukiranthi	Convolvulaceae	Herb
142.	Ficus benghalensis L.	Alamaram	Moraceae	Tree
143.	Ficus benjamina L.	Vellal	Moraceae	Tree
144.	Ficus racemosa L.	Athimaram	Moraceae	Tree
145.	Ficus religiosa L.	Arasamaram	Moraceae	Tree
146.	Flueggea leucopyrus Willd.	Vettipula	Phyllanthaceae	Shrub
147.	Flueggea virosa (Willd.) Baillon	Karumpula	Phyllanthaceae	Shrub
148.	Gloriosa superba L.	Sengandhal	Colchicaceae	Herb
149.	<i>Gmelina arborea</i> Roxb.	Kumilamaram	Lamiaceae	Tree
150.	Gmelina asiatica L.	Nilakumil	Lamiaceae	Shrub
151.	Gomphrena celosioides Mart.	Bachelor's Button	Amaranthaceae	Herb
152.	Gomphrena globosa L.	Vaadamalli	Amaranthaceae	Herb
153.	Gomphrena serrata L.	Prostrate Globe	Amaranthaceae	Herb
		Amaranth		
154.	Gossypium arboreum L.	Kattuparuthi	Malvaceae	Shrub
155.	<i>Gymnema sylvestre</i> (Retz.) Schult.	Sirukurinjaan	Apocynaceae	Climber
156.	Hamelia patens Jacq.	Scarlet bush	Rubiaceae	Shrub
157.	Hedychium coronarium J.Koenig	White Ginger Lily	Zingiberaceae	Herb
158.	Heliotropium indicum L.	Thenkoduki	Boraginaceae	Herb
159.	Hemidesmus indicus (L.) R.Br.	Nanaari	Asclepiadaceae	Climber
160.	Hibiscus micranthus L.f.	Sitraamutti	Malvaceae	Herb
161.	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis L.	Semparuthi	Malvaceae	Shrub
162.	Hibiscus vitifolius L.	Ciru-tutti	Malvaceae	Shrub
163.	Hybanthus enneaspermus (L.) F.	Orithalthamarai	Violaceae	Herb
	Muell			
164.	Hygrophylia auriculata (Schum.)	Neermulli	Acanthaceae	Herb
	Heine			
165.	Hyptis suaveolens (L.) Poit.	The Pignut	Lamiaceae	Shrub
166.	Indigofera linnaei Ali	Seppu nerunjil	Fabaceae	Herb

167.	Ipomoea pes-tigridis L.	Pulichovadi	Convolvulaceae	Climber
168.	<i>Ipomoea staphylina</i> Roemer &	Oonankodi	Convolvulaceae	Climber
	Schultes			
169.	Ixora coccinea L.	Idlipoo	Rubiaceae	Shrub
170.	Jacquemontia pentanthos Choisy	Skyblue	Convolvulaceae	Climber
		Clustervine		
171.	Jasminum auriculatum Vahl	Mullai	Oleaceae	Climber
172.	Jasminum multiflorum (Burm. f.)	Kasturi-mallikai	Oleaceae	Climber
	Andrews			
173.	Jasminum sambac (L.) Aiton	Kondumalli	Oleaceae	Climber
174.	Justicia adhatoda L.	Adhatoda	Acanthaceae	Shrub
175.	Justicia tranquebariensis L.f.	Thavasumurungai	Acanthaceae	Herb
176.	Lagenaria vulgaris Ser.	Bottle gourd	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
177.	Lagerstroemia speciosa (L.) Pers.	Kadali	Lythraceae	Tree
178.	Lantana camara L.	Unimull	Verbenaceae	Shrub
179.	Lawsonia inermis L.	Maruthaani	Lythraceae	Small tree
180.	Leucaena leucocephala (Lam.) Dewit	Periya-takarai	Fabaceae	Tree
181.	<i>Leucas aspera</i> (Willd.) Link.	Thumbai	Lamiaceae	Herb
182.	Livistona chinensis	Chinese fan palm	Arecaceae	Tree
	(Jacq.) R.Br. ex Mart.			
183.	Lycopersicon esculantum Mill.	Thakkali	Solanaceae	Herb
184.	Madhuca longifolia (J. Koenig)	Illupai	Sapotaceae	Tree
	Macbr.			
185.	Magnolia champaca (L.) Baill. Ex	Champaka	Magnoliaceae	Tree
	Pierre			
186.	Mangifera indica L.	Maamaram	Anacardiaceae	Tree
187.	Mansoa alliacea Gentry.	Garlic vine	Bignoniaceae	Climber
188.	<i>Merremia aegyptia</i> (L.) Urb.	Mochukkodi	Convolvulaceae	Climber
189.	Merremia emarginata (Burm.	Elikathilai	Convolvulaceae	Herb
	fil.)Hall. fil.			
190.	Merremia tridentata (L.) Hall.	Mutiyar-kuntal	Convolvulaceae	Prostrate
				herb
191.	Millettia pinnata (L.) Panigrahi	Pungamaram	Fabaceae	Tree
192.	Millingtonia hortensis L. F	Maramanjal	Bignoniaceae	Tree
193.	Mimosa pudica L.	Touch me not	Fabaceae	Herb
194.	Mimusops elengi L.	Magizham maram	Sapotaceae	Tree
195.	Mirabilis jalapa L.	Four O'clock plant	Nyctaginaceae	Herb
196.	Morinda citrifolia L.	Noni	Rubiaceae	Tree
197.	Morinda coreia Buch.	Noona	Rubiaceae	Tree
198.	Moringa oleifera Lam.	Murungai	Moringaceae	Tree
199.	Mukia maderaspatana (L.) M.	Musumusukai	Cucurbitaceae	Climber
	Roemer			
200.	Mullugo pentaphylla	Parpadagam	Molluginaceae	Herb
201.	Muntingia calabura L.	Ten Pazham	Muntingiaceae	Tree
202.	Muraya koengii (L.) Sprengel	Kuruveppilai	Rutaceae	Tree

203.	Musa paradisiaca L.	Vazhaimaram	Musaceae	Tree
204.	Nerium oleander L.	Arali	Apocynaceae	Shrub
205.	Nyctanthes arbor-tristis L.	Pavalamalli	Oleaceae	Tree
206.	Ocimum basilicum L.	Thirunetrupachillai	Lamiaceae	Herb
207.	Ocimum canum L.	Naaithulasi	Lamiaceae	Herb
208.	Ocimum tenuiflorum L.	Thulasi	Lamiaceae	Herb
209.	Oldenlandia corymbosa L.	Impural	Rubiaceae	Herb
210.	Oldenlandia umbellata L.	Sayaver	Rubiaceae	Herb
211.	Parthenium hysterophorus L.	Vishapoodu	Asteraceae	Herb
212.	Passiflora foetida L.	Mosukkattan	Passifloraceae	Climber
213.	Pavetta indica L.	Pavattai	Rubiaceae	Tree
214.	Pavonia zeylanica (L.) Cav.	Chirtamutti	Malvaceae	Herb
215.	Pedalium murex L.	Yanainerinjil	Pedaliaceae	Herb
216.	Peltophorum pterocarpum DC.	Copperpod	Fabaceae	Tree
217.	Pentalinon luteum	Wild Allamanda	Apocynaceae	Climber
	(L.) B.F.Hansen & Wunderlin			
218.	Pentatropis capensis (L. f.) Bullock	Uppiliver	Asclepiadaceae	Climber
219.	Pergularia daemia (Forsskal) Chiov.	Veliparuthi	Apocynaceae	Climber
220.	Phoenix sylvestris (L.) Roxb.	Echamaram	Arecaceae	Tree
221.	Phyla nodiflora (L.) E. Greene	Poduthalai	Verbenaceae	Herb
222.	Phyllanthus acidus (L.) Skeels.	Nelli	Phyllanthaceae	Small tree
223.	Phyllanthus amarus Schumach.	Kizhanelli	Phyllanthaceae	Herb
	&Thonn.			
224.	Phyllanthus emblica L.	Malainelli	Phyllanthaceae	Tree
225.	Phyllanthus maderaspatensis L.	Melanelli	Phyllanthaceae	Herb
226.	Physalis minima L.	Siruthakaali	Solanaceae	Herb
227.	Pisonia grandis R. Br.	Nachukottaikeerai	Nyctaginaceae	Tree
228.	Pithacelobium dulce (Roxb.) Benth.	Kodukapuli	Fabaceae	Tree
229.	Platycladus orientalis (L.) Franco	Oriental Thuja	Cupressaceae	Tree
230.	Plectranthus amboinicus (Lour.)	Karppuravalli	Lamiaceae	Herb
	Spreng.			
231.	Plumbago zeylanica L.	Chithiramoolam	Plumbaginaceae	Shrub
232.	<i>Plumeria filifolia</i> Grisb.	Cuban Frangipani	Apocynaceae	Tree
233.	Plumeria obtusa L.	Nela Sampangi	Apocynaceae	Tree
234.	Plumeria rubra L.	Arali	Apocynaceae	Tree
235.	Polyalthia longifolia L.	Nettailingam	Annonaceae	Tree
236.	Portulaca grandiflora Hook.	Table rose	Portulacaceae	Herb
237.	Portulaca oleracea L.	Kozhipasalai	Portulacaceae	Herb
238.	Premna corymbosa (Burm.f.)	Koolamanikeerai	Lamiaceae	Herb
	Rottler& Willd.			
239.	Prosopis juliflora (Sw.) DC.	Semaikaruvel	Fabaceae	Tree
240.	Pseuderanthemum reticulatum	Yellow-Veined	Acanthaceae	Shrub
	Gerald. D. Carr	Eranthemum		
241.	Psidium guajava L.	Koiya	Myrtaceae	Tree
242.	Pterocarpus marsupium Roxb.	Vengaimaram	Fabaceae	Tree

243.	Punica granatum L.	Mathulai	Punicaceae	Shrub
244.	Rauvolfia tetraphylla L.	Pambumkala	Apocynaceae	Shrub
245.	Ravenala madagascariensis Sonn.	Visiri vazhai	Strelitziaceae	Tree
246.	Rhinacanthus nasutus (L.) Kuntze.	Nagamalli	Acanthaceae	Shrub
247.	Rhynchosia minima L.	Burn-Mouth Vine	Fabaceae	Climber
248.	Ricinus communis L.	Amanakku	Euphorbiaceae	Shrub
249.	Roystonea regia L.	Pakkupanai	Arecaceae	Tree
250.	Samanea saman Jacq.	Thoongumunchi	Fabaceae	Tree
		maram		
251.	Sansevieria roxburghiana Shult.f.	Nagathali	Asparagaceae	Herb
252.	Santalum album L.	Sandal tree	Santalaceae	Tree
253.	Sapindus emarginatus Vahl.	Soppukottai	Sapindaceae	Tree
254.	Scoparia dulcis L.	Kallurukki	Plantaginaceae	Herb
255.	Sesamum indicum L.	Ellu	Pedaliaceae	Herb
256.	Sida acuta Burm.F.	Arivalmanaipoondu	Malvaceae	Herb
257.	Simarouba glauca DC.	Sorgamaram	Simaroubaceae	Tree
258.	Solanum nigrum L.	Mnathakali	Solanaceae	Herb
259.	Solanum surattense Burm.f.	Kandangkathiri	Solanaceae	Herb
260.	Solanum torvum Sw.	Sundaikai	Solanaceae	Shrub
261.	Solanum trilobatum L.	Thuthuvalai	Solanaceae	Climbar
262.	Solidago chinensis Osbeck.	Goldenrods	Asteraceae	Herb
263.	Spathodea campanulata P. Beauv.	Thanneerkaai maram	Bignoniaceae	Tree
264.	Spermacoce hispida L.	Nathaisoori	Rubiaceae	Herb
265.	Spermacoce ocymoides Burm.f.	Tharakeerai	Rubiaceae	Herb
266.	Strobilanthes alternata (Burm. f.)	Red Ivy	Acanthaceae	Shrub
	Moylan ex J.R.I. Wood			
267.	Synedrella nodiflora (L.) Gaerth.	Mudiyan Pachchai	Asteraceae	Herb
268.	Syngonium podophyllum L.	Arrowhead vine	Araceae	Herb
269.	Syzygium cumini (L.) Skeels	Naaval maram	Myrtaceae	Tree
270.	<i>Tabebuia aurea</i> (Silva Manso)	Silver Trumpet	Bignoniaceae	Tree
	Benth& Hook.f. ex S.Moore	Tree		
271.	Tabebuia heterophylla (DC) Britt.	Vasanta Rani	Bignoniaceae	Tree
272.	Tabebuia rosea DC	Rosy trumpet tree	Bignoniaceae	Tree
273.	Tabernaemontana divaricata (L.)	Nanthiyavattam	Apocynaceae	Shrub
	R.Br. ex Roem. & Schult.			
274.	Tamarindus indica L.	Puzhiamaram	Fabaceae	Tree
275.	<i>Tecoma stans</i> (L.) Juss. Ex Kunth.	Nagasambagam	Bignoniaceae	Tree
276.	<i>Tephrosia purpurea</i> (L.) Pers.	Kozhinji	Fabaceae	Herb
277.	Tephrosia villosa (L.) Pers.	Kattukozhinji	Fabaceae	Herb
278.	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i> Wight & Arn.	Maruthamaram	Combretaceae	Tree
279.	Terminalia catapa L.	Nattupadam	Combretaceae	Tree
280.	Thespesia populnea L.	Poovarasu	Malvaceae	Tree
281.	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> Willd.	Seendhil	Menispermaceae	Climber
282.	Tradescantia spathacea Sw.	Moses in the Cradle	Commelinaceae	Herb

283.	Tragia invulucarata L.	Thuraparigam	Euphorbiaceae	Climber
284.	Trianthema decandra L.	Vellaisaranai	Aizoaceae	Herb
285.	Trianthema portulacastrum L.	Saranai	Aizoaceae	Herb
286.	Tribulus terrestris L.	Nerunjimul	Zygophyllaceae	Herb
287.	Trichodesma indicum L.	Kavizhthumbai	Boraginaceae	Tree
288.	Tridax procumbens L.	Thathapoo	Asteraceae	Herb
289.	Triumfetta rhomboida	Kattuvendai	Malvaceae	Herb
290.	Turnera subulata Sm.	White Buttercup	Turneraceae	Herb
291.	Tylophora indica (Burm.) Merr.	Nancharupankodi	Apocynaceae	Climber
292.	Vernonia cinerea (L.) Less.	Mookkuthipoo	Asteraceae	Herb
293.	Vitex negundo L.	Nochi	Lamiaceae	Tree
294.	Waltheria indica L.	Shengalipoondu	Malvaceae	Herb
295.	Watakaka volubilis (L.f.) T. Cooke	Kurinjan	Asclepiadaceae	Climber
296.	Wedelia chinensis (Osbeck) Merr.	Manjal karisaali	Asteraceae	Herb
297.	Withania somnifera (L.) Dunal	Amukaraikilangu	Solanaceae	Shrub
298.	Wrightia tinctoria L.	Veppaalai	Apocynaceae	Tree
299.	Zephyranthes rosea Lindl.	Rosy rain lily	Amaryllidaceae	Herb
300.	Ziziphus mauritania Lam.	Ilanthai	Rhamnaceae	Tree
301.	Ziziphus oenoplia (L.) Miller	Suraimullu	Rhamnaceae	Tree
302.	Zornia diphylla (L.) Pers.	Sirupalathai	Fabaceae	Herb


Coleus amboinicus



Morinda citrifolia L.



Aloe barbadensis miller



Annona muricata L.



Chlorophytum comosum



Tradescantia pallida



Cycas revoluta L.



Solanum lycopersicum



Ixora coccinea L.



Babusa vulgaris



Hibiscus rosa-sinensis L.



Epipremnum aureum

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Jacquemontia pentanthos



Bauhinia variegata



Wodyetia bifurcata



Azadiracta indica L.



Cocus nucifera L.



Chlorophytum capense L.

## 13.3.1.2. Lichen diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Lichens are one of the most fascinating symbiotic organisms found worldwide. The lichens species are ubiquitous and common inhabitants of the bark of the tree, rock surface, soil etc. They are a lower group of plants coming under non-flowering plants that live in a variety of substrates under a wide range of environmental conditions with or without causing harm to the hosts. Ecologically, lichen plays important roles in soil formation; re-establishes life on earth; fixes atmospheric nitrogen; plant's health, ecology distribution, and in the formation of organic matter of habitat which in turn benefitting mosses in nutrient availability. A unique synergetic association between a fungal and an algal species results in lichens and occupied in plant kingdom. In this relationship both the organisms are mutually benefited. The algal partner may be cyanobacteria or the blue green algae and this is responsible for the process of photosynthesis. The algae thus provide food or nutrition for the fungi too. The fungal partner in turn provides space and protection for the algae.

The lichen is an autotrophic organism in the sense that they can produce their own food by the process of photosynthesis. Even though the lichen is made up of two different organisms, the characteristics of the lichen are entirely different from the original characteristics of the algal and the fungal partner. Lichens are classified as micro lichens and macro lichens in which the microlichens cover the substrate on which they grow in the form of a crust whereas macro lichens grow in the form of a bush or a leaf like structure. The major forms of lichens are a) Foliose lichens exhibit a flat leaf like thallus, b) Fruticose lichens exhibit erect, pendulous and bushy thallus c) Squamulose lichens exhibit thallus with minute, scale like squamules and d) Crustose lichens exhibit flat crust shaped thallus.



Lichen diversity reorded in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus showed a total of 5 different lichens species representing 5 genera and 5 families. Three species accounted for 5% of total available lichen diversity and identified up to species level while 5 were Auxilium College (Autonomous) recognized to genus level. The observation on lichen diversity revealed that two types of lichens growth forms belonging to the genus, *Parmotrema and Lecanora* were accounted 5% diversity coming under crustose lichens and three types of foliose lichens belonging to the genus, *Dimeralla*, *Graphis* and *Pertusaria* were accounted. About 2% lichens were found to be one single species in each genus of fruticose lichens.

Table 6. Lichen diversity of the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus with respect to family, substratum and growth forms in genus and family wise classification

S.No	Lichen diversity of the Auxilium	Family	Growth
	College (Autonomous) Campus		forms
1.	Cryptothecia sp.	Arthroniaceae	Crustose
2.	Phaeophyscia sp.	Physciaceae	Foliose
3.	Parmotrema sp.	Parmeliaceae	Foliose

### 13.3.3. Algal diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Oscillatoria, Chara, Oedogonium, Spirogyra, Volvox, Chlamydomonas, Scytonema and Cladophora spp. belonging to the class of Cyanophyceae, Chlorophyceae and Bacillariophyceae are the predominant species found in the campus.The families Chlorellaceae, Closteriaceae. Desmidiaceae. Radiococcaceae. Ulotrichaceae. Uronemataceae and Oedogoniaceae were represented by single genus and species. Chlorophyceae plays an important



role in both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem as most of the members are found to be ecologically important. The highest diversity of Chlorophyceae indicated relatively good health of atmosphere. The presence of these algal species in abundance can be concluded that the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus ecosystem has high amount of organic nutrients in soil and rock. Generally, occurrence of abundant algal flora at a place indicates the availability of abundant nutrients along with conducive favourable environmental conditions.

### 13.3.1.3. Mushrooms diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Mushrooms, edible basidiomycete, represent white rot fungi which contained higher amount of proteins, rich in minerals with medicinal properties. At present three mushroom varieties (white mushroom, the paddy-straw mushroom and the oyster mushroom) are being cultivated in India. These are most popular, economically sound to grow and is extensively cultivated throughout the world. Due to moderate temperature requirement for luxuriant growth, its cultivation are restricted to the cool malgrowth yield is influenced by the type of compost, spawn, temperature, percentage of moisture and also affected by the pests and disease-causing agents. There has been extensive discussed in recent years, as far as the production of fungal protein from domestic, agricultural and industrial wastes. Since mushrooms have a very short life span, it should reach to consumers within a short time or immediately canned. Mushroom growth is determined by means of carbohydrate content in the substrates like paddy straw, sugarcane molasses, saw wood dust and other plant waste materials.

The Auxilium College (Autonomous) campus has various mushroom types covering poisonaous, edible and medicinal varieties such as white mushroom (*Agaricus bisporus*), the paddy-straw mushroom (*Volvariella vovvacea*), oyster mushroom (*Pleurotus sajor-caju*), button mushroom (*Omphalotus olearius*) and other mushroom types such as *Amauroderma conjunctum*, *Ganoderma applanatum*, *Laccaria laccata* and *Volvariella bombycina*.



## **13.3.2.** Fauna Diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus **13.3.2.1.** Birds Diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

The observations on fauna diversity indicated that the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has a large number of living as well as visiting animals, birds, reptiles and insects including termites. A total number of 30 birds belonging to the 2 species were recorded from different habitats during winter and summer, of them one of which were



endemic to the deccan plateau like purple rumped sunbird. Totally 11 species of birds representing 2 families and 2 orders were observed during this study, passeiformes constituted the predominated group representing 15. Total number of 6 bird species, out

of them 2 species were migrant, 2 species were local migrant during winter and summer season because of unfavourable environment and low availability of food resources. Migratory bird species like Mangrove heron, Common Wood shrike, Black-rumped flameback and Peacock

S.no	Scientific name	Common name
1.	Accipiter	shikra
2.	Acridotheres tristis	common myna
3.	Anthusrufulus	black kite-
4.	Athenebrama	spotted owlet
5.	Bubulcus ibis	Cattle egret
6.	Centropusparroti	barn owl-tylo alba
7.	Coraciasbenghanlensis	Indian roller
8.	Corvus splendens	House crow
9.	Dendrocitta vagabunda	Rufous Tree pie
10.	Dicruridaemacrocercus	black drongo
11.	Egrettagarzetta	Little egret
12.	Elanusaxillaris	black-shouldered kite
13.	Eudynamysscolopaceus	Asian koel-
14.	Halcyon smyrnensis	white-throated kingfisher
15.	Haliasturindus	brahminy kite-
16.	Leptocoma zeylonica	Purple-rumped sunbird
17.	Megalaime zeylanic	Brown-headed barbet
18.	Merops orientalis	Green bee-eater
19.	Milvusmigrans	shikra-accipiter babius
20.	Motacilla	Indian robin

Table 7. Birds Diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

## **Table 8. Total number of visiting birds in the Auxilium College**(Autonomous) Campus

S.No	Common Name	Scientific Name
1.	Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus
2.	Rose-ringed	Psittacula krameri
3.	Mangrove heron	Butorides striata
4.	Wood shrike	Tephrodornis Pondicerianus
5.	Green Parrot	Platycercus caledonicus
6.	Dove	Columba livia
7.	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus

## 13.3.2.2. Butterflies diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has five family level diversities such as Papilionidae, Pieridae, Nymphalidae, Lycaenidae and Hesperiidae in which Common butterflies species such as Mormon, Rose, Birdwing, Emigrant, Grass yellow, Gull Wanderer, Emigrant, Small Orange Tip, Plain Orange Tip, White Orange Tip, Yellow Orange Tip, Pioneer Chocolate, Pansy, Baron, Palmfly, Bush, Brown, Eggfly, Leopard, Sailer, Evening, Brown, Eggfly, Pansy, Grey and Pansy are commonly found.

S.No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family
1.	Common hedge	Actolepis puspa	Lycaenidae
2.	Common Hedge Blue	Acytolepis puspa	Lycaenidae
3.	Pioneer	Belenois aurota	Pieridae
4.	Angled pierrot	Caleta caleta	Lycaenidae
5.	Commom mpierrot	Castalius rosimon	Lycaenidae
6.	Tamil yeoman	Cirrochroa thais	Nymphalidae
7.	Rustic	Cupha erymanthis	Nymphalidae
8.	Plain tiger	Danaus chrysippus	Lycaenidae
9.	Tiger	Danaus genutia	Nymphalidae
10	Common crow butterfly	Euploea core	Papilionidae
11.	African Marbled Skipper	Gomalia elma	Hesperiidae
12	Tailed jay	Graphium agamemnon	Papilionidae
13	Common banded	Hasora chromus	Hesperiidae
14.	Yellow Orange Tip	Ixias pyrene	Pieridae
15	Common cerulean	Jamides celeno	Lycaenidae
16	Lemon pansy	Junonia lemonias	Papilionidae
17.	Blueokleaf	Kallima horsfieldi	Nymphalidae
18	Bamboo treebrown	letheeopa	Nymphalidae
19	Gladeye bushbrown	Mycalesi patina	Nymphalidae
20	Whitebar bushbrown	Mycalesis anaxias	Nymphalidae
21	Common bushbrown	Mycalesis perseus	Nymphalidae
22.	Common sailor	Neptis hylas	Nymphalidae

 Table 9. List of Butterflies recorded in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)

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23	Crimson rose	Pachliopta hector	Nymphalidae
24	Common Lascar	Pantoporia hordonia	Nymphalidae
25	Lime Butterfly	Papilio demoleus	Papilionidae
26	Red Pierrot	Talicada nyseus	Lycaenidae
27	Common Grass Dart	Taractrocera maevius	Hesperiidae
28	Blue tiger	Tirumala limniace	Nymphalidae
29	Dark blue tiger	Tirumala septentrionis	Nymphalidae
30	Southern birdwin	Triodes minos	Papilionidae
31	Southern Birdwing	Troides minos	Papilionidae
32	White hedgeqe	Udara akasa	Lycaenidae
33	·Painted lady	Vanessa cardui	Nymphalidae

## Butterfly Diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus



## 13.3.2.3. Mammals diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Mammals, a group of vertebrate animals (class: Mammalia), characterized by the presence of mammary glands (where females produce milk for feeding/nursing their young), a neocortex (a region of brain), fur or hair and three middle ear bones. These characteristic features differentiate them from reptiles and birds. Observation on diversity of mammals in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus indicated that around 5 Mammal species are commonly distributed. The commonly found mammals are Black-naped Hare, Three-striped Palm Squirrel, Common or Grey Mangoose, Indian Flying Fox, Short-nosed Fruit Bat, House Rat and Indian Mole-rat.

S.No.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Common Name
1.	Black-naped Hare	Lepus nigricollis	Muyal
2.	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	Funambulus palmarum	Anil
3.	Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus giganteus	Periya Vowaal
4.	House Rat	Rattus rattus	Sundeli
5.	Indian Mole-rat	Bandicota bengalensis	Peruchali

 Table10. List of Mammals diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)

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### 13.3.2.4. Amphibians diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Amphibians (class: Amphibia) are ectothermic, tetrapod vertebrates. All living amphibians represent the group Lissamphibia and they inhabit a wide variety of habitats. Most of them living within terrestrial, fossorial, arboreal or freshwater aquatic ecosystems. Amphibians naturally start out as larvae living in water, but some species bypass this by developed behavioural adaptations. Observation made on diversity of Amphibians in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus indicated that around 6 species are Amphibians are commonly distributed.

Generally amphibians undergo metamorphosis from larva with gills to airbreathing adult with lungs. Skin of the Amphibians served as a secondary respiratory organ while very few terrestrial salamanders and frogs lack lungs and they rely entirely on their skin for respiration. With their complex reproductive needs and permeable skins, amphibians are often ecological indicators. In recent decades, there has been a drastic decline in populations of many amphibian species around the globe.

Historically, amphibians evolved in the Devonian period from sarcopterygian fish with lungs and bony-limbed fins, which were helpful them to adapt to dry land conditions. Their spread was higher and predominant during Carboniferous and Permian periods and they were later displaced by reptiles and other vertebrates. Over a period, amphibians shrank in size and their diversity decreased drastically, leaving only the modern subclass Lissamphibia. Modern amphibian orders include Anura (the frogs), Urodela (the salamanders) and Apoda (the caecilians). Number of known amphibian species is nearly 50% are frogs. Observation made in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus on diversity of Amphibians revealed that around 3 species of Amphibians are commonly disseminated. The commonly found amphibians are listed hereuner.

#### 13.3.2.5. Grasshopper diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Grasshoppers, a group of insects belonging to the suborder Caelifera and they are probably most ancient living group of chewing herbivorous insects. They are typically ground-dwelling insects with powerful hind legs which allow them to escape from threats by leaping dynamically. As a hemimetabolous insects, they do not undergo complete cycle of metamorphosis. In other word, they hatch from an egg into a nymph or "hopper" which undergoes five moults, to become identical to that of an adult. Grasshoppers hear through the tympanal organ which can be found in the first segment of the abdomen attached to the thorax; its sense of vision is compound eyes. Under certain environmental conditions, some grasshopper species at high population densities can change colour and behaviour besides form swarms. Grasshoppers are plant-eaters; few species at times become as a serious pests of cereals, vegetables and pasture, especially when they swarm to destroy the crops over huge contiguous areas. Surveillance audit at Auxilium College (Autonomous) on diversity of Grasshoppers demonstrated that 4 species are Amphibians are commonly distributed which includes Exprepoenemis alacris, Cyrtacanthacris tartarica, Crucinotacris decisa and Aulacobothrus luteipes.

### 13.3.2.6. Termites Diversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Termites are most successful groups of insects on earth, colonising most landmasses. Their colonies range in size from a few hundred individuals to enormous societies with several million individuals. Eusocial insects, commonly Termites, are taxonomically ranking as infraorder. Isoptera, or alternatively as epifamily Termitoidae, within the order Blattodea (along with cockroaches). Although Termites are habitually known as "white ants", they are not ants and they are not closely related with them. Earlier, Termites were classified as a separate order from cockroaches. Recent phylogenetic studies revealed that they evolved from cockroaches, as they are deeply nested within the group and the sister group found to wood eating cockroaches of the genus Cryptocercus. More recent estimates suggest that they have originated during the Late Jurassic period evidenced with the first fossil records in the Early Cretaceous. Termites mostly nourish on cellulose based dead plant material (wood, leaf litter), soil and animal dung. Two species of Termites (Odontotermes anamallensis, Trivitermes fletcheri) recorded during on-site Green Campus audit at Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus and they are belonging to the Genera Odontotermes, Trivitermes and Nasutitermes.

### 13.3.2.7. Art gallery in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Artistic representations of nature can range from photorealism to abstraction. By attempting to depict things as they truly are, art may imitate nature.Instead of what it is, aesthetics is the application of talent and creativity to the production of beautiful things, settings, or experiences that may be shared with others. Likewise, Auxilium College (Autonomous) has an outstanding art gallery on its campus that aims to educate people about the ecosystem via art.



## **13.4.** An account of more Oxygen releasing and Carbon dioxide assimilating plants in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

There are some plants which are being considered highly efficient in oxygen releasing and carbon dioxide assimilating (Carbon sinks) which in turn reflected the quality of the green campus. If more oxygen is made available in the campus naturally, the stakeholders may be free from various cardiovascular and pulmonary problems and breathing troubles. Sansevieria zeylanica (commonly known as snake plant or the mother-in-law's tongue plant) is unique for oxygen release during night time and it is able to purify the atmospheric air in terms of removal of toxic gases. Although options are available to enhance the level of oxygen by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> with the aid of oxygenators and air purifiers, there are certain alternatives to improve the air quality which is beneficial for both body and mind. Green campus audit at Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus revealed that the capus is well distributed with more oxygen releasing and CO<sub>2</sub> assimilating plants such as *Money plant*, *Neem tree*, *Tamarind tree*, arali, and Pongam trees. There are 6 plant species which are able create an eco-friendly atmosphere in terms of reducing erosion, moderating the climate, improving air quality and supporting wildlife besides they are economically important and valued for different medicinal aspects.

The ornamental plants such as Java Plum / Jamun (*Syzygium cumini*), Yellow Trumpetbush / Yellow Bells (*Tecoma stans*) are made available. In addition, medicinal plant such as *Tinospora cordifolia and Medicinal garden is also* available in the campus.



Oxygen releasing and Carbon dioxide assimilating plants in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

# Table 11. List of Oxygen releasing and Carbon dioxide assimilating, Ornamental / Medicinal plants in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

S.No	Plant Name (Tamil Name)	Plant Name (English)	Scientific Name	Grouping/ Nature	Characteristic Features of the plant
1.	Poolai poo	Mountain Knotgrass	Aerva lanata (L.) A.L. Juss.	Dicot	C4 plants
2.	Joseph's Coat	Little ruby	<i>Alternanthera dentata</i> (Moench) Stuchlík ex R. E. Fr.	Dicot	C4 plants
3.	Vellamkanni	Alligator weed	Alternantheraphiloxeroides(Mart.) Griceb.	Dicot	C4 plants
4.	Gandhimul	Khaki Joyweed	Alternanthera pungens Kunth.	Dicot	C4 plants
5.	Ponnanganni	Sessile Joyweed	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (L.) R.Br. ex DC.	Dicot	C4 plants
6.	Mullukeerai	Spiny amaranth	Amaranthus spinosus L.	Dicot	C4 plants
7.	Kuppaikeerai	Green amaranth	Amaranthus viridis L.	Dicot	C4 plants
8.	Thudaipam	Sixweeks threeeawn	Aristida setacea Retz.	Monocot	C4 plants
9.	Mookarattai	hogweed	Boerhavia diffusa L.	Dicot	C4 plants
10.	Seemai mookarattai	Erect spiderling	Boerhavia erecta L.	Dicot	C4 plants
11.	Naaikadugu	Cats whiskers	Cleome gynandra L.	Dicot	C4 plants

12.	Arugampull	Scutch grass	Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers.	Monocot	C4 plants
13.	yanaikkitti	Rice flat sedge	Cyperus iria L.	Monocot	C4 plants
14.	Korai kilangu	Nut Grass	Cyperus rotundus L.	Monocot	C4 plants
15.	Nirvadamalli	Bachelor's Button	Gomphrena celosioides Mart.	Dicot	C4 plants
16.	Vaadamalli	Globe amaranth	Gomphrena globosa L.	Dicot	C4 plants
17.	Prostrate Globe Amaranth	Cockscomb	Gomphrena serrata L.	Dicot	C4 plants
18.	Kozhipasalai	Little hogweed	Portulaca oleracea L.	Dicot	C4 plants

## **13.5.** Lawns, Trees, Herbs, Shrubs, Climbers and Lianas in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Lawns are gazing features of unutilized land made to cover the soil with green grass for the ambience of the place to have a greenish look. Lawn provides a hollow space among the building structures. The shaded trees in between the grass lawn, pathways and garden benches are meaningful lineaments to the green campus. The advantage of lawn is that it prevents the unintended weeds growth in the unutilized landscape areas. Trees that are native to land with medicinal value, ethnicity and environmental value add an advantage to green building. Purpose of trees is to provide shade, atmospheric  $CO_2$  sequestration and supply of oxygen that serves the purpose of a green campus. Herbs are small plants with medicinal values and shrubs are small plants with thick stems and can hold soil to some extent than the herbs and serve the purpose of soil erosion. Climbers can grow with the support of wall structures and the climbers can enhance the wall value with greeneries.

The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has a huge number of trees, herbal plants, bushes, climbers, lianas, twiners and lawns. It is further observed that all the plants are growing profusely and showing healthier free from pests and diseases attack. The commonly available native as well as wild shrub species in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus are *Bougainvillea spectabilis*, *Cycas revolute*, *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, Koranan (*Ixora coccinea*) and erra ganneru (*Nerium oleander*).

Similar to that of shrubs, there are 3 kinds of herbs available in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus.The predominant species of herbs available in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus are, (Croton) *Tradescantia spathaceae* and (Bright eyes) *Vinca rosea*.

The existence of climber, creepers, twiners and lianas species available which accounted more than seven species in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus is Amirtaval (*Tinospora cordifolia*). The major grasses are Arugam Pillu (*Cynodon dactylon*), Korai Pollu (*Cyperus rotundus*) and Crowfoot grass (*Dactyloctenium aegyptium*). Weak stemmed creeper plants grow alongside the ground, depends another plant support, or climb up a wall by means of extending stems or branches. Climbers, include herbs or shrubs, whose stems are weak, which needs support to grow, where it climb up trees and walls and grow vigorously without any pest and disease attach which are observed in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus.

## **13.6.** Establishment of different Gardens in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

Growing many types of herbal plants having medicinal importance in the campus becomes more attractive and useful if concept gardens are maintained. Medicinal plant gardens can contain the locally available medicinal plants, RET (Rare Endangered Threatened) listed plants and those plants are most useful in terms of economic importance. The tree garden / arborea can be planted based on the zodiac signs which would attract the public and students, faculties, staff members, employees and educate them based on their uses. In the tree gardens, trees as linings all over the campus can act as oxygen corridors. Native trees along with trees like *Azadirachta, Pongamia* and

*Ficus* species can be cultivated at the maximum as these plants are used to remove the dust particles and carbon lead from the air and purifies the air considerably. Similarly, the ornamental plants with beautiful flowers can be maintained in the frontage gardens of campus for attraction and good ambience. This will give an overall aesthetic look and also provide fresh air for healthy respiration to the stakeholders.

In Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus, they are planted ornamental plants for the display of appealing characteristic features including: varying types of leaves and their texture, flowers and their fragrance, fruit, stem and bark. In some places, plants unusual features also planted to be of interest, such as the prominent thorns of cactus and snake cactus. There are many varieties of ornamentals plants we are maintaining surrounding of our college campus. In front of principal's room, cafeteria, college grounds and many places planted ornamentals plants. Nearly 100 plants in different places. These plants are making the college campus plscently and decoratively. Every year they try to plant new varieties with help of Environmental department. Once in three months the unwanted barks of the plants are cut it down, to make the beautification of their campus. No plant is cut unless it becomes dead. Not only can visitors enjoy seeing the ornamentals plants and also humming birds, butterflies shelter in that. This environment makes campus greenish and plecent.

### 13.7. Natural Topography and Vegetation

Natural topography means the original geographical features of the campus, around 60-65% of the organization should have the natural features like rocks, water resources, slopes, landscape, pathways, etc. and the altered topography can be accounted for, it is facilitated. The vegetation in the land alone is considered as they are part of the natural topography. The vegetation in the artificially created structures are also accounted for when it is reported more than 70% of the claimed green campus audit site. Vegetation is the cultivation of a bunch of plants irrespective of the plant *taxa* for the covering of the area or ground topography. Natural topography like pathways and parking areas. The observation at the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus indicated that more than 70% natural topography and vegetation have been maintained properly. Further, there was no anthropogenic activity in some of the interior side of the campus.

### 13.8. Rainwater Harvesting System and Percolation Pond

Rainwater harvesting system is a traditional old practice not only in drought prone areas and also in areas having seasonal rainfall. The Indian traditional rainwater harvesting is being practiced in various parts of the country to improve the ground water status. Now the threatening features of the lower ground level of water has created a revamp of newly featured rainwater harvesting systems. Indian traditional rainwater harvesting systems are constructed based on three modes either direct pumped, indirect pumped or by gravity alone in the campus. In addition, lakes, bonds, water channels and any other water reservoir methods are considered as the rainwater harvesting system. The green campus should have adopted any of the above said modes of rainwater harvesting or any new methods that has the benefit of conserving the water resource as well. A small square shaped pit containing gravels and sands constructed near the building for rainwater harvesting and connected with pipes from the roof of the building to pit. During the audit, there having well developed rain harvesting systems were observed with the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus. Rainwater harvesting structures have been commissioned in the campus at different locations.



#### 13.9. Landscape design and Soil Erosion control

Landscape management is the maintenance of land to make sure that backgrounds can fulfil the needs and objectives in an effective and sustainable manner for current and future members. It is an action that forms a perception of viable expansion, to ensure the preservation of a panorama, in order to help and harmonize alterations which are supplemented through social, monetary and environmental methods. Landscape design is an important feature for any disasters to control especially with respect to the soil erosion. In general, soil erosion occurs if the design of the land is not altered so as to prevent the slope features by strong vegetation and use of a plant buffer zone as safe for escape of nutrients or fertilizers entering the streams. When the slope features are altered, adequate vegetation can alone be enough to prevent soil erosion. The observation revealed that the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has very good landscape design without disturbing the natural vegetation. Contour ploughing is being done at right angles to the slope wherever possible and ridges and furrows are properly maintained to break the flow of water down to the empty land. These activities are widely adopted to control soil erosion in the campus.

### 13.10. Operation of Water irrigation, Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation methods

Maintaining the green campus and water conservation mechanisms should be applied efficiently in the campus.Well planned water irrigation systems like sprinklers and drip should be implemented in the entire green area of the campus for an effective water management system. This can be implemented only when the plantations are well planned. The tree growing areas can be connected with drip irrigation and medicinal plants growing areas and flower gardens can be connected with sprinkler irrigation. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has taken sufficient efforts to maintain the plants greenish and frequency of watering to the plants. A register is maintained to note down the timing of watering the plants and quantity of water poured every time. Internal auditing of time of plantation, number of times the plants are watered and growth parameters of the plants in the campus is beings carried out.

#### **13.11. Importance of Biodiversity Conservation**

The campus should be a mini biodiversity conservation area, wherein, more greenery due to native plant species, medicinal plant garden, concept gardens, flowering plants that attract bees, birds, beetles and other animals like squirrels should be monitored as ecosystems. Shade giving trees in the paths, flowering trees in the avenues and fruit trees at the back yards also would attract birds, bees, butterflies and squirrels. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is free of exotic plants that cause threat to the natural vegetation. It is like a mini bio-reserve rich in native species and endemic plants. A complete data on the soil type, water holding capacity and soil nutrition in the campus is being thoroughly studied internally or with the Government agriculture departments. It is useful for cultivation of various native and wild plant species and also helps in choosing the proper irrigation system.

#### 13.12. Pedestrian Path facility at the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus

The concept of pedestrian path is to give safe space to walk freely by the pedestrian. It is very important in the green campus in terms of freely walk pedestrians or people going on foot without any obstacles. The pedestrian path is otherwise called as zebra crossing by the combination of black and white stripes remained to characterize the zebra. This path is specially designed space to the stakeholders to walk freely without any disturbance. It is useful for cross walk and easy to recognize to walk by means of wide black



and white colour combination of lines and authorize to walk while crossing and walking on the foot. In addition, pedestrian path are created in the green campus along with road side which meant for walking only using special cement bricks and stones. The pedestrian path aims to end circulation not only cars, buses, vans, trucks and other vehicles but also giving safe space to the pedestrians, where cross and pass through blocks and also forcing vehicles to comply with it. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is having very good facility in creating pedestrian path for stakeholders.

### 13.13. Use of Biofertilizers, Organic and Green manures

Natural or eco-friendly methods should be used to grow plants vigorously in the campus which could reduce the environmental pollution. Use of biofertilizers, organic manures (cow dung, vermicompost and plant wastes and litters) and green manures to grow healthy plants in the medicinal plant garden, kitchen garden and terrace garden should be ensured to keep the campus organic. The plant waste such as fallen leaves, stems, fruits, nuts, seeds and other plant parts should be used to make green manures. A concrete or ground level green manure production unit and vermicomposting units will help to convert all the plant and animal based wastes into green/organic manures. This will be a healthy way of solid litter waste management in the campus. Minimal use of chemical fertilizers as part of integrated nutrient management system is acceptable but nil use of chemical fertilizers is highly appreciable and also helps to keep the campus more of an organic ecosystem. The soil, air, water and sunlight are the four major natural resources any campus gets. Proper use and conservation of these resources are mandatory in green campus audit sites. The available resources and their

utilization should be accounted for from time to time. Management of the right way of utilization of these resources with the vision of sustainability should be carried out by framing a committee led by the Head of the Institution concerned. Biofertilizers such as Nitrogen fixing bacteria, Potassium and Phosphorus solubilizing bacteria, Potassium mobilizing fungi (VAM), farm yard manure, dried cow dung manure, vermicompost manures and biofungicides and biopesticides are extensively used in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus to cultivate plants. Agrochemicals, chemical fertilizers (urea, murate of potash, sulphate of potash, rock phosphate, etc.), pesticides and fungicides are not used. These practices are very well appreciated because air, water and soil pollution due to use of agrochemicals is eradicated which in turn to improve the soil health significantly.





Professional implementation of all the Eco plans in the campus should be done through the Eco clubs, Nature clubs, Science clubs, Youth Red cross units, Fine Arts clubs, Women cell, Associations, Forums, SSL, NCC (National Cadet Corps) and NSS (National Service Scheme). All the students, members of staff and employers should be mandatory members of the club and should do tree planting and maintenance of greenery in the campus periodically. Conducting frequent seminars, conferences, workshops, awareness



rallies, etc. on topics relevant to the environment is necessary to educate and create awareness among the students and staff members. In addition, student's associations, cells, clubs and forums should be the first hand receivers of all the new plans proposed by the Government such as Swachh Bharath Abhiyan and Jal Shakti Abhiyan under Clean India Mission and implement the same in the campus. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has well developed NCC/Student Force, NSS, Swatch Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission. These bodies are actively involved in tree planting programmes and cleaning the surrounding areas of tribal, rural and urban people across Ammananguppam. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is conducting a large number of activities to conserve the nature and to teach about the importance of environment to rural, tribal and urban people.





Awareness Program on Antiplastic by NCC Students of Auxilium College



## 'Clean India' – Cleaning Activity in the Jamanamarathur Village by the NSS Students of Auxilium College



Awareness programmes on the green campus initiatives and dissemination of green motto and pledges are accounted in a sustainable manner. Its benefits and self-sustainability are being projected for wider centric on earth and Ecology conservation. Innovative practices that add up credentials in implementing the green campus which needs to be promoted in the awareness programme to the students and staff members including public domain. Technology driven solutions initiated by the green campus organization are periodically disseminated and documented successively for propagating the attitude of the green campus in wider masses. The Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus has taken sufficient attempts to disseminate the green campus motto and green pledge such as 'Don't cut trees', 'Don't use plastic bags', 'Don't waste waters', 'Plastic Free Zones' and 'Preserve the Natural Resources' and etc. among the students and staff members in the campus .



Jal Shakti Abiyan- Reforestation of Plants by the NSS Team of Auxilium College





The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is implemented the Government schemes (Swatch Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission) to give pure and safe water to rural people and teach the importance of cleanliness of toilets and restrooms to people living in Coimbatore city. These activities are very important in view of the instantaneous vicinity to undertake progressive programmes and conducted Participatory rural appraisal programmes. It is involving the socioeconomic position of the inhabitants, natural resources, traditional knowledge systems, cropping patterns, etc. of the rural and tribal people. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is also focusing on the development of women, youth, children and dalits and to identify the extension and training needs of the target group through the Department of Women Studies and Career Guidance. It provides the vocational training to marginal farmers to overcome the problem of seasonal employment. Some of areas identified are goat farming, mushroom cultivation, vermicomposting, bee keeping, ornamental fisheries, organic farming and medicinal plant cultivation.

The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus helps to develop social commitment and to expose the students to get sensitized to social realities and to build a link between the student community and the wider community. It enhances the social interaction, inter-personal communication skills and develop emotional maturity of students. It also helps students in total and integrated personality development. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus facilitates to prepare the students for future life, by developing qualities such as cooperation, teamspirit, leadership, discipline and development of creative talents including to boost the self-confidence of students.

### 13.15. Establishment of Aquarium and Aquatic plant

Growing fishes in the small ponds will keep the environment plesent. In the closed environment like corridors and the front offices, auditoriums and gallery classes placing the fish aquarium as well as plant aquarium will improve the Scenic value of the place bringing peace to the people. The fish water waste also can be used as manure for growing potted indoor plants. Growing *Lotus, Lilly, Hydrilla* and other water plants

will give a plescent and calm environment and growing fishes like *Guppies* can keep the water clean and neat. The fountains and small ponds can be built in the frontages to give an aesthetic look and also growing water plants in these ponds will help to maintain the aesthetic sense of the environment in greenish. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus Campus has initiated to start a well and good aquatic site in which aquatic plants, Fishes and birds are living generously.





### 13.16. Academic credentials: Projects, Dissertations and Thesis work

Project, Dissertation and Thesis works are academic effort credentials that always fosters the innovative ideas on thinking and implementation of new innovative approaches. Applied research work of the faculties, staff and student members should be implemented within the campus owing to the credential of the research. Those works indicating the significance of empowering the green campus can be implemented or adopted in other organizations. If the innovation is capable of developing into entrepreneurship, then it is highly appreciable. The Report of projects and dissertations which are productive in methodologies should be disseminated through presentation and publication in social media, books, magazines and journals so as to spread the innovative ideas and methods to the broad public. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus e faculty members and students from various subject domains are doing extensive project work related to nature conservation, environmental pollution, and soil and water analysis.

## 14. Best practices followed on Green Campus initiatives in the Organization

- 1. It is observed that the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is maintaining more than 65% of the green cover area after building construction as per the guidelines of World Green Building Council and Indian Green Building Council to provide a healthy environment and ecofriendly atmosphere to the stakeholders. It is calculated that the natural vegetation was 66% and planted vegetation was 88%.
- 2. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is established in India, belonging to Gandhi Nagar, Vellore which provide pure atmosphere to the stakeholders under natural environment, topology, Landscape and soil erosion. The campus is established without disturbing the natural vegetation along with the artificially created topography like pathways and parking areas.
- 3. In view of floral biodiversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus, a sum 302 species belonging to 235 Genera under 252 families covering trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers, lianas, twiners and lawns and 03 species belonging to Lichens, Pteridophytes, Bryophytes and Mycoflora like Mushrooms were recorded. It is observed that all the plants are growing profusely and showing healthier free from pests and diseases.
- 4. In view of faunal biodiversity in the Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus, a total of 5 living Mammals representing two Genera under two families, visiting Mammal species (7), 22 species of birds, 3 species of Grasshopper, 2 species of Termites, 3 species of Amphibians, 15 species of Reptiles, 33 species of Butterflies and Three species Mosquitos were recorded and documented.

- 5. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has established rainwater harvesting models, percolation pond to recharge the borewells by collecting rainwaters from the building roofs, open areas and playgrounds including unexplored areas which are channelized to flow of rainwaters to increase the ground water level.
- 6. The campus has a maximum number of more oxygen releasing and carbon dioxide assimilating plants such as Areca Palm, *Ixora cocinea* L., Bamboo, Cocunut Tree, Neem tree, including some of the shrub and herbal plants.
- 7. Eco club student chapters, forums, cells, etc. established among the students from which a large number of programmes on nature conservation and environmental protection to be conducted to rural, tribal and urban people is one of the best Practices.
- 8. Nature Conservation is well maintained.
- 9. The matured trees have subjected with white wash upto 3 feet height with limestone and neem oil mix to prevent the pests and diseases attack is one of the Best practices.
- 10. Name Board kept for each trees in the Campus is Excellent.

## 15. Recommendations for Greening

- Honey Bee hives may be kept in the campus which is free from student's mobilization. Honeybees are natural pollinators help to increase the yield potential of plants (flowers, fruits and vegetables) upto 33%.
- A complete data on the soil parameters such as pH, electrical conductivity (EC), water holding capacity (WHC), total organic carbon, available nitrogen, exchangeable potassium, available phosphorus in the campus may be studied which may be useful for the cultivation of various native and wild type plant species.
- A complete data on the water quality parameters such as pH, TSS, BOD, COD, dissolved oxygen and dissolved carbon dioxide and macro and micro elements like iron, nickel, chromium, ferric and ferrous ion concentrations may be studied for which bore well, open well, corporations, municipal RO, Aquaquad, Millipore. Distilled water rain water and may be used. It may be analysed which may be useful for the plant growth as well as to the stakeholders.
- It is recommended to develop 'Green Campus Policy', 'Energy and Environment Policy' and 'Purchase Policy' for not allowing the non-degradable plastic covers during the paking of goods with respect to nature conservation and environmental protection.

- The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus has to create 'Medicinal garden' for establishing a massive reforestation / afforestation planting programme in which a large number of trees and shrubs species were planted together with a minimum distance covering fruits, nuts and timber yielding plants are planted. It was established by following the method of 'Miyawaki Concept' that helps build dense, native forests and to restore the natural potential vegetation, landscape management and control soil erosion.
- Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus Management has to take smart initiatives towards creating a Green Campus in the areas of green computing and waste management. The desktop infrastructure is virtualized through VMW virtualization technology.

### 16. Conclusion

After the establishment of Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus, Gandhi Nagar, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, it has made significant progressive contributions with respect to teaching learning, research and consultancy, innovation and transfer of technology, community service and value education, *in toto*. The Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus is a well-established Private Institution in Gandhi Nagar, Vellore which imparts quality education to rural, tribal and urban people across the Nation. This Organization is excellent in terms of academic activities and providing an eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders. The Organization has taken enormous efforts to maintain green campus to the students, research scholars, staff members and parents in a sustainable manner which reflects the importance of the environment and stakeholders. It is conducting a large number of activities for the benefit of rural and tribal community people without disturbing the natural environment, topology, landscape management and vegetation. The Auxilium College (Autonomous)Campus is maintaining more than 60% of the green cover area after building construction along with 66% of natural vegetation and 88 % planted vegetation.

The natural topography and very good landscape design without disturbing the natural vegetation are being maintained by the Auxilium College (Autonomous) Campus. A maximum number of more oxygen releasing and carbon dioxide assimilating plants are being maintained to provide pure atmosphere to the stakeholders. The installation of a rainwater harvesting system, percolation ponds and drip irrigation system to conserve rainwater and ground water are noteworthy in the campus. The Organization has created medicinal, herbal and ornamental gardens at small scale level for establishing a massive reforestation / afforestation planting programme in which a large number of trees and shrubs species were planted together for providing an eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders in a sustainable manner.

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## Annexure - I

## Methodology for Flora and Fauna Identification

## I. Identification of Flowering Plant Species

Various vascular plant species were identified based on the following identification key by adopting the polyphasic taxonomic approach

## **Key to Plant Families Identification**

1a. Seeds enclosed in fruit wall, Perianth Present	2
b. Seeds not enclosed in fruit wall, perianth absent	Gymnosperm
2a. Leaves usually net veined seeds-2	3
b. Leaves parallel veined, seeds-1	
3a. Petals free	4
b. petals connate	41
4a. Corolla and calyx present	5
b. Corolla and calyx absent	
5a. calyx of united sepals; ovary inferior	
b. Calyx of distict or unit sepals; ovary syncarpous	6
6a. Sepals imbricate in bud	7
b. Sepals valvate in bud	24
7a. Sepals more or less united at the base	19
b. Sepals free	8
8a. Stamens more than 12	9
b. Stamens 10 or fewer	
9a. Sepals 2-3	11
b. Sepals 4 or more	10
10a. Stamens inserted on the disck	Cleomaceae
b. Stamens inserted of the gynophore	Capparaceae
11a. Trees, Petals more or like the sepals; carpels free	Mangnoliaceae
b. Herbs, petals coloured unlike the sepals; carpels united	12
12a. Plants with yellow sap, Flowers pedicelled	Papaveraceae
B. Plants with watery sap, Flowers sessile	Portulacaceae
13a. Flowers unisexual, gynoecium apocarpus	Menispermaceae
b. Flowers bisexual, gynoecium Syncarpous	14
14a. Petals 4, Stamens 6	Brassicaceae
b. Petals 5, Stamens ∞	15
15a. Ovary1, loculated	16
b. Ovary 2-more loculated	
16a. Flowers actinomorphic, placentas free- central	Caryophyllaceae
b. Flowers zygomorphic, placentas parietal	Viloaceae
17a. Filaments of anthers more or less united	Polygalaceae

b. Filaments of anthers more or less united	18
18a. Leaves stipulate; stamens 5 or 10	19
b. Leaves exstipulate; stamens usually 8	Sapindaceae
19a. Style 5; stamen 5	Oxalidaceae
b. Style many; stamens 10	Zygophyllaceae
20a. Leaves pellucid-gland dotted	
b. Leaves not gland dotted	
21a. Placentas parietal; Fruit elongated	Moringaceae
b. Placentas axile; Fruits not elongated	
22a. Ovules and seeds pendulous; sometimes horizontal	Meliaceae
b. Ovules and seeds erect or ascending	23
23a. Stamens alternate with the petals	Anacardiaceae
b. Stamens opposite the petals	Vitaceae
24a. Leaves simple: Flowers 3-merous	Annonaceae
b. Leaves compound: Flowers 4-6 merous	25
25a Filaments of anther united into a columnar toothed cup	26
b Filaments of anther free: rarely connate at the base in ring	28
26a Stamens 15: anther united	Stericuliaceae
h Stamens 2: anther free	27
27a Anther unilocular: pollen muricate	Malvaceae
b Anther bilocular: pollen smooth	Bombacaceae
28a Stamons 4.5: usually embraced and adnate to the base of the petal	Dombacaccac
b Stamen many: atleast twice as many as and free from the netals	
20. Stanien many, atteast twice as many as and nee nom the petals	L ythroppo
b Straggler	Dhamnaaaaa
20a Anthon debiase by alite: fruite concula	Tiliaaaa
50a. Anther dehises by snars: fruits capsule	
21a Ouerra augumentes 2.5 norietal	
b Overy 1 en more free miscentes hegel	
D. Ovary 1 of more free, placentas basal	
32a. Climbing neros tendril.	
b. Erect shrubs of trees with tendril.	
33a. Ovules arising from the inner angles or from base of the carpels of	r loculi
b. Ovules pendulous form the apex of the carpels or locules	Combretaceae
34a. Carpels solitary; fruits legume	
b. Carpels more than 1; fruits otherwise	
35a. Flowers zygomorphic; petals imbricate	
b. Flowers actinomorphic; petals valvate	Mimosaceae
36a. Upper petals outermost stamens monodelphous or diadelphous	Fabaceae
b. Upper petals innermost stamens always free	Caesalpiniaceae
37a. Flowers unisexual	Cucurbitaceae
b. Flowers bisexual	
38a. Ovary 1-celled	Cactaceae
b. Ovary more than 1 celled	
39a. Carpels free if ultimately united the styles distinct	40
b. Carpels and styles united throughout	Myrtaceae
40a. Flowers in dichasial – polychasial cyme	Molluginaceae
b. Flowers in clustered, cymes or solitary	Aizoaceae

41a. Ovary inferior, stamens as many as the corolla lobes	
b. Ovary superior, stamens numerous	
42a. Anther free; ovary 2-loculed; stipulate	Rubiaceae
b. Anther syngenesious; ovary 1-loculed, exstipulate	Asteraceae
43a. Ovary 1-loculed; placentation free central	Plumbaginaceae
b. Ovary 2-many loculed; placentation axile or parietal	
44a. Ovary 3 or more carplelled	Sapotaceae
b. Ovary 2-carpelled	
45a. Corolla actinomorphic	46
b. Corolla zygomorphic	
46a. Plants leafless; parasitic	Cuscutaceae
b. Plants leafy; not parasitic	
47a. Leaves opposite: stamens 2	48
b. Leaves alternate; stamens 4 or more	
48a. Leaves not scabrid, corolla tube white: fruits berry	Oleaceae
b. Leaves scabrid: corolla tube orange: fruits capsules	Nvctanthaceae
49.a. Anther inseperratable: corona present	Asclepidiaceae
b. Anther seperatable: corona absent	Apocvanaceae
50a. Corolla lobes imbricate : fruit drupe	Boraginaceae
b. Corolla lobes plicate: fruit capsule	Convolvulaceae
51.a Ovary cells many ovulated	Solanaceae
b. Ovary cells 1-4 ovuled	52
52.a Carpels 2 or more ovulated : fruits dehiscent	53
b. Carpels 1–ovulated : fruits indehiScent	57
53 a Fruits dehiscent: seeds supported on reticulae	Acanthaceae
b. Fruits indehiscent: seeds not supported on reticulae	54
54 a Leaves compound: fruits elongated: seeds winged	Bignoniaceae
b Leaves simple fruits not elongated seeds not winged	55
55 a Ovules many on swollen placentas: seeds albuminous	Scropulariaceae
b Ovules 2 lobed placenta · seeds not albuminous	56
56 a Flowers solitary axile placentation	Pedaliaceae
b Flowers raceme: axile placentation	Marvtiniaceae
57 a Ovary entire style terminal	Verbinaceae
b. Ovary 4 –lobed style gynobasic	Lamiaceae
58 a Flower bisexual	59
b. Flower unisexual	
59.a. Ovary inferior	
b. Ovary superior	61
60.a Ovary 4-6 loculated: ovules many	Aristolochiaceae
b. Ovary 1-loculated: ovules 1-4	Santalaceae
61 a Perianth not tubular	Amarathaceae
h Perianth trubular	Nyctaginaceae
62a. Leafless trees: brachlets ribbed and joined at the nodes	Casuarinaceae
b Leaves well developed · brachlets not ribbed and not joined	at the nodes 63
63 a. Ovary 1- loculed: oyules 1-2 in each loule	64
b. Ovary 2 or more loculed:ovules 1 or 2 in each locule	65
64a. Leaves glandular	Euphorbiaceae

b. Leaves eglandular	Urticaceae
65a. Filaments inflexed in bud with reversed anther	Moraceae
b. Filaments not inflexed in bud, not with reversed anther	Ulmaceae
66a. Terrestrial or epiphytic	
b. Aquatic, marsh or riparian	Cyperaceae
67a. Arbrorecent woody; leaf blade many nerved articulate with she	eathBambusaceae
b. Herbs with herbaceous culms; leaf blade sessile not articulate w	with sheath68
68a. Perianth 0 or reduced to scale	Araceae
b. Perianth present	69
70a. Plant armed	71
b. Plant unarmed	72
71a. Plants Xerophytic; leaves fibrous	Agavaceae
b. Plants not xerophytic; leaves nor fibrous	Lilliaceae
72 a. Perianth segments connate	Amaryllidaceae
b. Perianth segments free	73
73a. Outer perianth calycine; inner coroline	Commelinaceae
b. Outer and inner perianth	74

## **II. Identification of Non-Flowering Plant Species**

Lichen samples were identified based morphological, biochemical and anatomical features and representative samples were compared with the voucher specimens at the Lichen Herbarium Centre of National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.

#### Key to identify the Lichen Genera Key to Genera

Key to Genera	
1 a. Photobiont cyanobacteri urn	Leptogium cyanascens.
1 b. Photobiont green alga	
2. Thallus leprose, crustose	Group I
3. Thallus foliose	Group II
4. Thallus fruticose	Group III

## **Group I**

1 a.	Thallus leprose,	Chrysothrix chlorina
1 b.	Thallus crustose	Graphis sp

## **Group II**

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1 a. Lower side of thallus pseudocyphellae, photobiont Nos	stocPseudocyphellaria
1 b. Thallus lacking pseudocyphellae	2
2 a. Upper cortex thick walled longitudinally oriented, cong	glutinate hyphae3
2 b. Upper cortex otheriwse	4
3 a. Thallus lower side canaliculated zeorin, norstictic and s	alazinic acids, and unknown
pigments and triterpenoids present	Heterodermia leucomelos
3 b. Thallus lower side no canaliculated only in medulla	Heterodermia diademata
4 a. Cilia bulbate at the base, thallus grey to grey brown	Bulbothrix
4 b. Cilia present or absent, not bulbate	5

5 a. Rhizines dichotomously branched present throughout the m	arginsHypotrachyna
5 b. Rhizines restricted to center of lower surface, margin bare, s	mooth shining6
6 a. Lobes narrow, long, dichotomously branched, canaliculate	Everniastrum
6 b. Lobes otherwise	7
7 a. Lobe margins ciliate	8
7 b. Lobe margins eciliate	9
8 a. Salazinic acid present K+ Red cortex	10
8 b. Salazinic acid absent	11
9 a. Thallus with isidia	Parmotrema tinctorum
9 a. Thallus with isidia 9b Thallus with soredia	Parmotrema tinctorum
<ul><li>9 a. Thallus with isidia</li><li>9b Thallus with soredia</li><li>10 a. thallus emaculate</li></ul>	Parmotrema tinctorum 12 P.stuppeum
<ul> <li>9 a. Thallus with isidia</li> <li>9b Thallus with soredia</li> <li>10 a. thallus emaculate</li> <li>10 b. thallus maculate</li> </ul>	Parmotrema tinctorum 12 P.stuppeum P.reticulatum
<ul> <li>9 a. Thallus with isidia</li></ul>	Parmotrema tinctorum 12 P.stuppeum P.reticulatum P.grayanam
<ul> <li>9 a. Thallus with isidia</li></ul>	Parmotrema tinctorum 12 P.stuppeum P.reticulatum P.grayanam P. nilgherrense
<ul> <li>9 a. Thallus with isidia</li></ul>	Parmotrema tinctorum 

## **Group III**

1 a. Squamules in thallus	Cladonia sp
1 b. Squamules absent in thallus	2
2 a. Thallus flat, strap shaped or palmately lobed	Ramalina
2 b. Thallus round to angular in section	
3 a. Thallus bright yellow to orange, K+ purple	Teloschistes
3 b. Thallus greenish grey or yellowish grey pendent or erect	4
4 a. Medulla K+ red Stictic acid present	Usnea stigmatoides
4 b. Medulla K- norstictic psoromic acid present	Usnea dasaea

## III. Identification of Algae Genera

Algae identification key consists of couplets of characteristics using algal description of the specimen based on morphological characterization from 58 Genera to species level identification as per the comprehensive key.

## Key to identify the Algae species

1A. Plant pigments contained in chromatophores or chloroplasts10
IB. Plant pigments not contained, but diffused through protoplast2
2A. Plants filamentous; cells arranged in trichomes 4
2B. Plants colonial, not filamentous 3
3A. Cells in regular rows, in multiples of four;Agmenellum
3B. Cells somewhat evenly arranged toward periphery of spherical colony; barely
visible gelatinous strands radiate from center of colony to cells Gomphosphaeria
3C. Colony asymmetrical; cells very dense and unevenly distributedAnacystis
4A. Filaments straight or slightly flexed 6
4B. Filaments curved, twisted, or spiralled5
5A. Heterocysts and akinetes presentAnabaena
5B. Heterocysts absentRaphidiopsis
6A. Heterocysts present9
6B. Heterocysts absent7

7A. Filaments without a sheath; cells discoid	Oscillatoria
7B. Filaments with distinct sheath	8
8A. Trichomes tangled; sheaths confluent	Phormidiwn
8B. Trichomes separate; sheaths not confluent	Lyngbya
9A. Heterocysts terminalCylind	lrospermum
9B. Heterocysts intercalaryAhph	anizomenon
10A. Cell walls without punctae or striae	31
10B. Cell walls rigid, ornamented with punctae or striae	11
11A. Frustules adiametric, two or more times longer than wide, elongate -	15
11B. Frustules isodiametric, generally shorter in length than in diameter, r	ound or
elliptical or ovoid or nearly so	12
12A. Frustules elliptical or ovoid or nearly so	14
12B. Frustules discoid or nearly so	13
13A. Valves radially punctateStep	ohanodiscus
13B. Valves with two concentric regions, the inner being smooth	Cydotella
14A. Frustules with marginal keel containing a raphe	Surirella
14B. Frustules with a pseudoraphe or with a raphe not in a marginal keel -	Cocconeis
15A. Frustules cylindrical arranged end to end into filament	Melosira
15B. Frustules not arranged into filaments	16
16A. Frustules with a raphe in at least one valve	21
16B. Frustules without a raphe in either valve, pseudoraphe evident	17
17A. Frustules united in zigzag chains	Tabellaria
17B. Frustules not in zigzag chains	Seudoraphe
18A. Frustules united laterally	Fragilaria
18B. Frustules not united laterally	19
19A. Frustules united apically forming spokelike colony	Asterionella
19B. Frustules not forming spokelike colony	20
20A. Frustules needle shaped without costae	Synedra
20B. Frustules with prominant costae	Diatom
21A. Frustules sigmoid or "S" shaped	-Gyrosigma
2IB. Frustules not sigmoid	22
22A. Frustules longitudinally symmetrical, other than lunate in valve view	' 25
22B. Frustules with raphe in both valves, longitudinally asymmetrical, lun	ate 23
23A. Valves with transverse costae	Epithemia
23B. Valves without transverse costae	24
24A. Raphe a smooth curve with well defined central and polar nodules	Cymbella
24B. Raphe not a smooth curve, gibbose with marginal central nodule	Amphora
25A. Frustules with raphe in both valves	27
25B. Frustules with pseudoraphe in one valve and raphe in other valve	26
26A. Frustules wedge-shaped in girdle view and cuneate in valveRha	vicosphenia
26B. Frustules shaped otherwise	Achnanthes
27A. Raphe extended length of valve; polar nodules; central nodules lacki	ng -Eunotia
27B. Raphe restricted to polar regions	28
28A. Raphe located in a canal	Nitzschia
28B. Raphe not located in a canal	29
29A. Frustules with symmetrical valves	30
29B. Frustules with valves symmetrical but asymmetricalG	omphonema

30A.	Valves with transverse costae	Pinnularia
30B.	Valves with transverse punctae	Navicula
31A.	Cells solitary	45
31B.	Cells colonial or grouped	32
32A.	Cells enclosed in conical to cylindrical lorica; joined lorica have t	reelike
appe	arance	Dinobryon
32B.	Cells and lorica without treelike appearance	33
33A.	Colony discoid, one cell in thickness; cells in concentric rings	Pediastrum
33B.	Colony not discoid	34
34A.	Colonies spherical or globose	40
34B.	Colonies not spherical	35
35A.	Colony with elongate cells radiating from common center	Actinastrum
35B.	Colony with cells not radiating from common center	36
36A.	Colony with four to eight cells positioned in linear series	Scenedesmus
36B.	Colony with cells not in linear series	37
37A.	Colony with arcuate to lunate cells with apices acutely	Selenastrum
37B.	Colony with spherical to broadly ellipsoidal cells	38
38A.	Cells without spines or setae	Crucigenia
38B.	Cells with spines or setae	39
39A.	Cells quadrate, closely apposed; free face of each cell with spines	Tetrastrum
39B.	Cells quadrate and united; free face cell with long delicate setae	Micractinium
40A.	Colony with biflagellated cells	Pandorina
40B.	Colony with nonflagellated cells	41
41A.	Cells lunate to sickle shaped	Kirchneriella
41B.	Cells spherical or nearly so	42
42A.	Cells borne terminally on dichotomously branched threadsDa	ictyosphaerium
42B.	Cells not on dichotomously branched threads	43
43A.	Colony a hollow sphere	Coelastrum
43B.	Colony not a hollow sphere	44
44A.	Colony surrounded by gelatinized and expanded parent cell wall -	Oocystis
44B.	Colony with cells equidistant and toward periphery	-Sphaerocystis
45A.	Cells with median construction dividing cell into two distinct halv	es -Cosmarium
45B.	Cells without pronounced median constriction	46
46A.	Cells nonflagellated	53
46B.	Cells flagellated	47
4/A.	Cell walls without polygonal plates	49
4/B.	Cell walls with polygonal plates	48
48A.	Cells walls of thick plates with distinct sutures	Peridinium
48B.	Cells walls with faintly distinct plates and sutures	Glenodinium
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49B.	Cells with two flogells of equal longth	······50
50P	Cells with two flogelle of unequal length	niamyaomonas 5 1
JUB.	Cells with single chromotophore	31 Chmo.om.or
51D	Cells with 2 large chromatophores	Chroomonas
51B.	Cells surrounded by distinct lorice	Trachelomera
52A.	Calls without lorios: fusiform to acioular shaned, nosterior and	Fuelor
JZD.	cens without forica, fusiform to acteural snaped; posterior end	Eugiena

53A. Cells acicular to fusiform with ends tapering into long spines	-Schroederia
53B. Cells without ends tapering into long spines	54
54A. Cells without setae	56
54B. Cells with setae	55
55A Cells with subpolar or both subpolar and equatorial long setae	-Chodatella
55B Cells with multiple peripheral long delicate setae	-Golenkinia
56A Cells long, slender, and tapered at both endsAnk	cistrodesmus
56B Cells flattened or isodiametric, triangular, quadrangular	-Tetraedron

## **IV. Identification of Major Groups of Mushrooms**

Mushrooms are belonging to fungal kingdom which are edible and non-edible in nature. They represented in various colours starting from white, black, brown, red and pale yellow rot fungi. They are identified based on the following characterization key

## Key to identify the Mushrooms species

1. Mushroom growing on other mushrooms or the decayed remains Mycotrophs
2. Growing shelflike on wood (or, if not, then gills <i>concentric</i> rather than radial);
mushroom very tough and leathery, corky, or woody (try tearing it in half); gills tough
and hard, sometimes maze-like; cap frequently (but not always) with concentric zones
of colourPolypores
3. Gills running down the stem, not platelike and thus not easily separable from the cap
and stem (try removing an entire "gill" with your fingers or a sharp object); mushroom
usually not growing on woodChanterelles and Trumpets
4. Gills not as above; mushroom growing on wood or elsewhereGilled Mushrooms
5. Stem absentor, if present, lateral, Flesh in stem tough Polypores
6. Raphe a smooth curve with well defined central and polar nodulesCymbella
7. Raphe not a smooth curve, gibbose with marginal central noduleAmphora
8. Frustules with raphe in both valves27
9. Frustules with pseudoraphe in one valve and raphe in other valve26
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18 Cells with subpolar or both subpolar and equatorial long setaeChodatella
19. Raphe extended length of valve; polar nodules; central nodules lackingEunotia
20. Raphe restricted to polar regions28
21. Raphe located in a canalNitzschia
22. Filaments with distinct sheath8
23. Trichomes tangled; sheaths confluentPhormidiwn
24. Trichomes separate; sheaths not confluentLyngbya
25. Heterocysts terminalCylindrospermum
26. Heterocysts intercalaryAhphanizomenon
27. Cell walls without punctae or striae31
28. Cell walls rigid, ornamented with punctae or striae ----- 11 29. Frustules adiametric, two or more times longer than wide, elongate -----15 30. Frustules isodiametric, generally shorter than round or elliptical or ovoid ------ 12 31. Frustules elliptical or ovoid or nearly so ------14 32. Frustules discoid or nearly so -----13 34. Valves with two concentric regions, the inner being smooth -----Cydotella 35. Frustules with marginal keel containing a raphe ------Surirella 36. Frustules with a pseudoraphe or with a raphe not in a marginal keel -----Cocconeis 37. Cap round in outline; pore surface not running down the stem, or only slightly running down the stem; spore print not white -----Boletes 38. Mushroom with spines or "teeth"--either on the underside of a cap, or hanging from a branched structure, or clumped in an indistinct mass -----Toothed Mushrooms 398. Mushroom covered in some part with a foul-smelling slime; arising from a soft underground "egg"; variously shaped (like a club or stick, like crab claws, like a lantern, like a Wiffle ball, etc.); frequently found in woods------ Stinkhorns 40. Mushroom more or less shaped like a ball, or like a ball raised up on a stem, or like a ball set on a starfish------ Puffballs 41. Cap shape convex to centrally depressed or vase-shaped; undersurface, smooth, wrinkled, or gill-like; fruiting embedded -----Chanterelles 42. Cap shape oval, pointed, lobed, saddle-shaped, irregular, or thimble-like (never vase-shaped or convex); undersurface absent, or hard to see or define; many (but definitely not all) species fruiting------ Trumpets 43. Stem completely hollow, or hollow with cottony fibers inside; cap with pits and ridges, or longitudinally wrinkled, or fairly smooth (never lobed or convoluted); without reddish or reddish brown shades; found in spring------ Morels & Verpas 44. Found in summer and fall (or spring in warm coastal areas); cap lobed, saddleshaped, or irregular and whitish, greyish, brownish, or black; stem surface ribbed or "pocketed" in some species ------Saddles 45. Found in summer and fall (or spring in warm coastal areas); cap lobed, saddleshaped, or irregular and whitish, greyish, brownish, or black ------Oddballs & Misfits

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Present : G.M.DOSS, I.R.S Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions)

Dated:03/09/2018

\*\* URNo. AACTN7857J/05/18-19/T-1105

Sub: Registration u/s. 12AA of the Income tax Act 1961 - in the case of

#### "Nature Science Foundation"

LIG-II, 2669, Gandhimaa Nagar, Peelamedu, Coimbatore - 641 004.

Ref : Application in form 10 A tiled on 28/03/2018

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4. On going through the objects of the <u>TRUST</u> and its proposed activities as enumerated in the Trust Deed / <u>Memorandum of Association</u>, I am satisfied about the genuineness of the <u>TRUST</u> as on date.

5. The application has been entered at <u>SI.No.1106</u> maintained in this office. The above <u>Trust is accordingly</u> registered as a <u>PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST</u> u/s 12 AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 with effect from <u>29/11/2017</u>.

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9	Order for registration:				
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- 4. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), of Dr. B. Mythili Gnanamangai, Vice-Chairman of NSF.
- 5. Botanist and Subject Expert of Plant Taxonomy of Dr. D. Vinoth kumar, Joint Director of NSF.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and National Productivity Council of Er. N. Dineshkumar and Dr. N. Balasubramanian, Energy Auditors of NSF.



Certificate of Training

TNV hereby certifies that

S. Rajalakshmi

has successfully completed the 5 days

Auditor / Lead Auditor Training Course which meets the training requirements of the Exemplar Global and has been declared as competent in the following competency units

- EM: Environmental Management System - AU: Management Systems Auditing
- TL: Leading Management Systems Audit Teams

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> Authorised Signatory (Pragyesh Singh)

This course is certified by Exemplar Global vide registration number / N00/

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## Certificate For Certified Energy Manager

This is to certify that Mr/Mrs./Ms. Dinesh Kumar D Son/Daughter of Mr./Mrs. R M Dhanasekaran who has passed the National Examination for certification of energy manager held in the month of October 2011 is qualified as certified energy manager subject to the provisions of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Certification Procedures for Energy Managers) Regulations, 2010.

This certificate shall be valid for five years with effect from the date of award of this certificate and shall be renewable subject to attending the prescribed refresher training course once in every five years.

His /Her name has been entered in the Register of certified energy manager at Serial Number .9176 being maintained by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the aforesaid regulations.

Mr./Mrs./Ms. Dinesh Kumar D is deemed to have qualified for appointment or designation as energy manager under clause (/) of Section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (Act No.52 of 2001).

Digitally Signed: RAKESH KUMAR RAI Sun Mar 01 10:58:55 IST 2020 Secretary, BEE New Delhi Secretary Bureau of Energy Efficiency New Delhi

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**PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE** 

He / She is qualified as Certified Energy Manager as well as Certified Energy Auditor.

He | She shall be entitled to practice as Energy Auditor under the Energy Conservation Act 2001, subject to the fulfillment of qualifications for the Accredited Energy Auditor and issue of certificate of Accreditation by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the said Act.

This certificate is valid till the issuance of an official certificate by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency.

Place : Chennai, India

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