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Vidya Pratishthan's Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School

Nurturing Green Leaders



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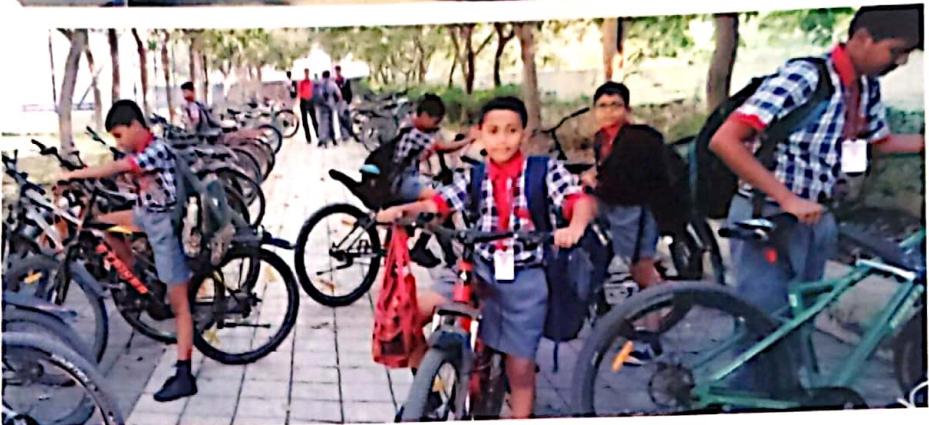
"The outcomes of our efforts are truly inspiring. A measurable reduction in waste was observed. Also a significant increase in student engagement, and a growing awareness among families."

At Vidya Pratishthan's Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla School (CBSE), Baramati, extends education beyond traditional academics to prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow. Fostering a deep sense of environmental responsibility is at the core of this belief. Our Green Curriculum and a variety of eco-initiatives are designed to empower students to become proactive leaders in sustainability, not just passive learners.



Our Integrated Approach to Sustainability

The green component is woven in the fabric of the school. The Eco Club is a cornerstone of this effort, where students actively lead and participate in projects that have a tangible impact. They learn the importance of waste segregation at source, practice composting organic waste, and champion the elimination of single-use plastics. These hands-



on experiences transform abstract concepts into real-world skills, giving students a sense of ownership and purpose.

The school campus itself serves as a living laboratory. Students and teachers work together to maintain a herbal garden and an organic vegetable patch. Lessons in biology and environmental science come alive as students learn about medicinal plants, biodiversity, and sustainable farming practices first hand. This experiential learning approach ensures that knowledge is not just memorised but deeply understood and applied.

Modelling Sustainable Practices

Beyond our curriculum, we are committed to operating our school in an

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environmentally conscious manner. We have installed solar panels to reduce our carbon footprint, and we use LED lighting throughout the campus to conserve energy. Our infrastructure also includes rainwater harvesting systems and water-saving taps, demonstrating sustainable water management and serving as a daily lesson in responsible resource use. We believe that by modelling these practices, we instill in our students a mindset of sustainability that will guide them throughout their lives.

Community Engagement and Awareness

The green initiatives extend beyond the campus walls. Students are regularly involved in awareness campaigns, rallies, and skits on topics like conserving the environment and saying no to tobacco. World Environment Day and Earth Day are celebrated with great enthusiasm, and our plastic-free campaigns have created an impact in the local community. Through these efforts, students become young ambassadors of change, inspiring their families and neighbours to adopt eco-conscious habits. ●