

An Autonomous Institute Affiliated to JNTU-GV Vizianagaram

Commitment to Carbon Neutral University

We, **GMR Institute of Technology** pledge our unwavering commitment to the establishment of a Carbon Neutral Campus (CNC). We recognize the pressing need for immediate action in addressing climate change and mitigating the carbon footprint of our campus operations. Our commitment to a CNC is resolute, reflecting our dedication to a sustainable and environmentally responsible future.

Our Commitments:

Carbon Neutrality: We pledge to work tirelessly towards achieving carbon neutrality on our campus. This entails a steadfast dedication to reducing our carbon emissions to the lowest feasible levels, offsetting unavoidable emissions, and implementing sustainable practices.

Policy Transformation: We are committed to revising and enacting policies that prioritize sustainability, carbon reduction, and environmental stewardship. These policies will provide the framework for our journey towards carbon neutrality.

Cultural Transformation: We understand the profound impact of daily routines and individual behaviours in shaping our carbon footprint. We commit to fostering a cultural shift that encourages sustainable habits, responsible consumption, and eco-conscious living within our campus community.

Technological Advancements: We will actively seek out, invest in, and deploy innovative technologies and processes that minimize our environmental impact. This includes the adoption of renewable energy sources, energy-efficient systems, and sustainable construction methods.

Education and Awareness: We are dedicated to educating and raising awareness among our students, faculty, staff, and wider community about the importance of carbon neutrality and the role each individual can play in achieving it. We will develop educational programs, campaigns, and initiatives that empower our community to make sustainable choices.

Collaboration and Mentorship: We will actively seek mentorship and guidance from organizations and experts with experience in carbon neutrality. In turn, we commit to sharing our knowledge and experiences with others, fostering collaboration, and supporting neighboring institutions on their journey towards sustainability.

Sustainable Investment: We will explore sustainable investment options and incentives to facilitate the transition to low-carbon and carbon-neutral practices, ensuring the financial viability of our commitment.

Accountability and Reporting: We will establish a transparent system for monitoring and reporting our progress towards carbon neutrality. Regular assessment and accountability are crucial aspects of our commitment.

Our journey towards a Carbon Neutral Campus is guided by the principles of ethics, responsibility, and environmental stewardship. We pledge to abide by all relevant laws and regulations while working diligently to exceed these standards whenever possible.

This commitment to a Carbon Neutral Campus is not merely an aspiration but a call to action. We invite our entire campus community, including students, faculty, staff, and partners, to join us in this critical endeavour. Together, we can create a campus that not only minimizes its impact on the environment but also serves as a beacon of sustainable living and carbon neutrality for others to emulate.

Since GMRIT will be proposing to achieve the status of "Carbon Neutral Campus" by the year of 2030.