

## **Some words about a great inspiring project of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala**



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It is an era where development and environment has descended to be antonyms with the corporate waging civil war against common subjects under the pretext of development. The very innate essence under the developmental facades needs to be scrutinized/questioned in a society where 'multi specialty – multi storied buildings' and corporate laws define development. In this problematic conflict point of environment and development, the achievement of Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, in establishing solar power plant is wholeheartedly appreciable. It is believed that 12000 to 15000 units of electricity could be produced from 400 solar panels. The contract with Kerala State Electricity Board will enable solar power plant to work without batteries which helps in reducing future maintenance cost. And ours is the first University in Kerala implementing a novel project like this having huge economic and environmental relevance. In this recent scenario of "big dams and big developmental/hydro electric projects" University's project could be juxtaposed with the critical idea of "small as a resistance". In an era of (small) resistance, this can be seen as a model endeavor to all the universities in initiating their move towards an eco-friendly campus. In my opinion, as a student of this university, it is not just an issue of environmental relevance. It could also be viewed as a project of huge economic importance. The University could save Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakhs as electricity bill per month. As a govt. funded institution with low own fund, such a project which saves huge fund could help the university to transform and use funds in a more student/ research friendly manner. As an attempt to produce more electricity within low cost and transform the university space into an eco-friendly zone, it is a model project that aims at the development (not in a main stream sense) of entire human community.

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## RAIN WATER HARVESTING SYSTEM

The rain water harvesting plant on the Panampilly Memorial Govt.College campus is a great asset to the teaching as well as student community here. The implementation of the project has helped a great deal in harnessing the rainwater which would otherwise have drained away wastefully. In the lean months when the campus and neighbouring places reel from severe shortage of water, we are able to use the water collected in the storage plant.

The College which has student strength of around 600, used to go virtually dry in summer – toilet facilities, even washing up after lunch was hazardous. But since the project came up, our problems have ceased. We can even water the vegetables and herbal gardens in the campus using the harvested water. We make sure that not a drop goes wasted, well aware of the difficulties students of earlier batches had to endure before the implementation of the scheme.

We hope that the project will serve as a message to the community.

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