

Green Schools in Gujarat under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Summary and Objective:

The Government of Gujarat initiated the Green and Sustainable Program in 2013 for sustainable development and maintaining the flora, fauna and ecological balances in government schools through active participation of stakeholders such as students, teachers and the community.

Implementation Strategy:

Under this, following are some initiatives undertaken:

- · Establishment of Rainwater Harvesting and System for Management of Water
- Cooking using Solar Cooker and usage of Solar Energy
- · Plantations of flora
- · Waste Management Plan with recycling and reuse
- School Safety Plan and overall School Augmentation Plan

This programme has been synchronized with the curriculum. Under this an audit form has been developed and all schools are scored on aspects such as quality of water, level of recycling, rainwater harvesting, total green area and tree canopy, etc.

The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) is providing technical support for the program and also rating the schools in these aspects.

Sustainability and Replicability:

This programme is being undertaken under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan scheme in entire state of Gujarat.