

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, HISAR & GREEN DREAM FOUNDATION, NEW DELHI

1. Background

Government College for Women, Hisar (GCW) is a public funded college since 2003 affiliated to Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar having its registered office at Hisar-Delhi Bypass Rd, opposite Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, Haryana 125001 committed to empower and enable young women through inculcating knowledge, self-assurance and prowess and nurture students for a sustainable future by implementing various sustainability projects within their campus aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Green Dream Foundation (GDF) is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, having its registered office at DG-3/156, Vikas Puri, New Delhi – 110018. GDF is a non-profit organization focused on generating awareness, engaging and driving action among people to stand against the biggest environmental concerns before the world such as global warming, climate change, pollution and waste management.

Green Dream Foundation is the implementation partner for **Hisar Heroes**, a CSR initiative of Jindal Stainless Foundation. The objective of this CSR initiative is to drive capacity building of informal waste collectors, social inclusions and engagement of citizens and Bulk Waste Generators to drive sustainable waste management in Hisar. The initiative has been preventing municipal solid waste going to landfills and water bodies creating significant environmental and health threats to the entire ecosystem.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this MoU is to establish initial agreements towards implementing the “Hisar Heroes” program and mechanisms for continuing cooperation between associated college and GDF to achieve the objectives of the program.

Waste management in India falls under the purview of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). In 2016, this ministry released the Solid Wastage Management (SWM) Rules. India generates 62 million tonnes of waste each year. About 43 million tonnes (70%) are collected of which about 12 million tonnes are treated and 31 million tonnes are dumped in landfill sites. With changing consumption patterns and rapid economic growth, it is estimated that urban municipal solid waste generation will increase to 165 million tonnes in 2030.

Over the past few years there has been a rapid shift in the strategy for waste management in the country. Today's policy, the Union government's flagship Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) 2.0, focuses on source segregation, processing of waste (wet and dry) and on minimizing the waste sent to sanitary landfill sites.

According to the guidelines of SBM 2.0, only the inert waste and process rejects, which in no case should exceed 20 per cent of the total waste and are not suitable for either dry or wet waste treatment, can be sent to landfill sites.

All these facts point towards the urgent need of sustainable and responsible collection and recycling of all types of dry recyclable waste. Involvement with environment and social issues is crucial to developing a well-rounded profile for the students who carry a great potential to be the change makers and environmental leaders.

As per the clause 4.7 of SWM Rules 2016, all gated communities and institutions with more than 5,000 sqm area shall ensure segregation of waste at source by the generators as prescribed in these rules, facilitate collection of segregated waste in separate streams, handover recyclable material to either the authorized waste pickers or the authorized recyclers.

Aligned to the key objective of this initiative that is “Zero Waste to Landfill”, GDF would be activating the students & housekeeping staff of GCW to ensure regular collection of dry recyclable waste at the college premises. It will be collected twice a month (or more frequently based on quantum) and channelized to GDF’s CPCB authorized recycling partners. A Green Disposal certificate would be issued to the college on an annual basis.

Additional Activities

- a) Quarterly experiential workshops / sessions with the students
- b) Half-yearly capacity building workshops with the educators
- c) Regular monitoring and training of housekeeping staff to ensure waste segregation at source
- d) Supporting with composting of horticulture & organic waste at the college premises

3. Key Responsibilities

Responsibilities of GCW:

- a) Manpower support of housekeeping staff to collect and store all the dry recyclable waste generated at the college at a designated spot and dispose organic waste in the designated pits
- b) Organize quarterly Collection Drives for dry recyclable waste where students can bring the dry recyclable waste from their households and dispose at the designated spot in the college

Responsibilities of GDF:

- a) Provide resources for execution of all the activities
- b) Prepare annual progress report of the program
- c) Arrange vehicle for transportation of dry recyclable waste from college to the recycler
- d) Award recognition certificates to the college, learners and educators regularly
- e) Dedicate a coordinator who would work closely with the SPOC at college for planning and execution of all activities
- f) Issue a Green Disposal certificate on an annual basis

4. Force Majeure

In the event of non-fulfilment of the terms and conditions of this MoU due to any reason of force majeure namely fires, wars, riots, strikes, natural calamities, etc., neither GCW nor GDF shall be held responsible for any loss or consequential loss.

5. Indemnity

GCW hereby agrees to indemnify GDF, its representatives, administrators and properties from and against all action, demands, proceedings, prosecutions, attachments, and the like arising out of its liabilities and all charges, taxes, etc.

6. Breach of MoU

Both the parties shall have the right to terminate the MOU in case either fails to execute the project in accordance with the approved proposal (project specific) or violates any of the clauses mentioned in the MoU.

7. Amendment to the MOU

The obligation of GCW and GDF have been outlined in this MoU. However, during the operation of the MoU, circumstances may arise which call for alteration or modifications of this MoU. These modifications/alterations will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing through an addendum.



8. Period of Validity

This MoU would be valid for 3 years from the date of signature and would be auto-renewed subsequently and perpetually. Expression for non-renewal of the agreement must be notified by either party at least 90 days prior to the auto-renewal date.

9. Arbitration

Any dispute arising with regard to any aspect of this MoU shall be settled through mutual consultations and agreements by the parties to the MoU.

The Parties have shown their acceptance to the terms of this MoU by signing it below.

For Government College for Women, Hisar  Principal Govt. College for Women,	For Green Dream Foundation 
Title: Principal Hisar	Title: Founder President