11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Indicator 11.2.4 SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Public Access to Open and Green Spaces

THE question: Does the University as a body provide free public access to open spaces and green spaces?

> Yes. The landscaped lawns, gardens, tree-lined walkways and open grounds of the campus are free for schools, colleges, NGOs, community groups and members of the public to use for educational, recreational, cultural and environmental activities.



Open grounds and courts used on National Sports Day



Lawns and open green spaces of the campus

The spaces

About two-thirds of the campus is green cover and open landscape: lawns, gardens, tree-lined paths, sports grounds and courts. The campus holds LEED Platinum certification for its operations, which includes site and landscape management.

Access rules (clause 11.2.4 of the access guidelines)

- Use of open and green spaces is free. Visitors give their details (name, contact, purpose of visit and a government photo ID) to the University in advance or at the security gate, and are issued a visitor ID card. Groups also state the purpose, size and duration of their visit (11.2.4.1, 11.2.4.6).
- Visits run on the agreed date and time, with a University representative where needed (11.2.4.2).

- Visitors must not damage plants, trees or landscaping, and must keep the area clean (11.2.4.3, 11.2.4.8).
- Schools, colleges, NGOs, community groups and other institutions may use designated spaces for education, environment, awareness and community activities (11.2.4.5).

How the spaces were used in 2025

- District Level Krishi Mela on the campus grounds, for farmers from nearby villages.
- Inter-university events such as the fashion competition with NorthCap, KR Mangalam, Manav Rachna and Galgotias universities.
- Sports activities, team-building events and town halls for external students, school pupils and office employees, free of charge.
- Plantation drives, including the Foundation Day plantation by students and staff.

Public links

- www.gdgoenkauniversity.com/facilities/campus/sustainable-practices
- www.gdgoenkauniversity.com/facilities/campus/sports-facilities

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