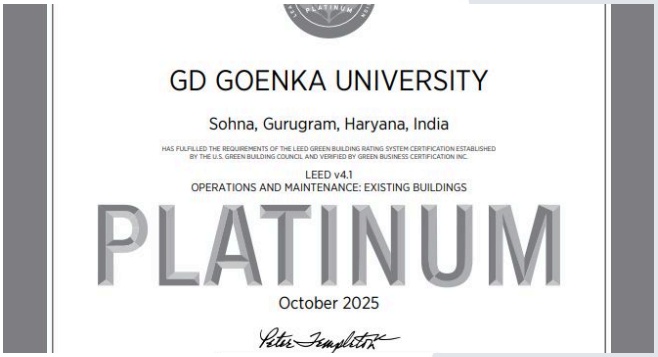
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Indicator 11.4.8 SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Sustainable Standards for Buildings

THE question: Does the University as a body build new buildings to sustainable standards?

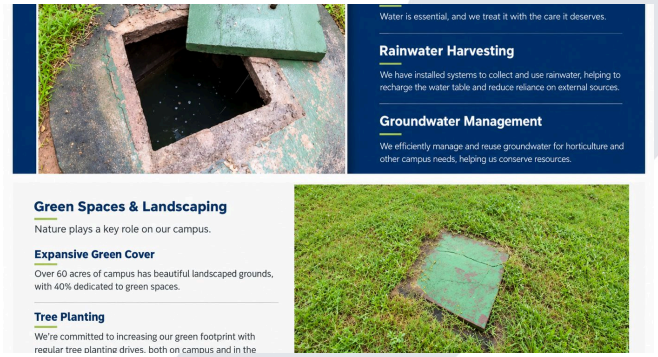
Yes. The campus holds LEED Platinum certification under LEED v4.1 Operations and Maintenance: Existing Buildings, awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council, and campus lighting follows the Energy Conservation Building Code.



LEED Platinum certificate, LEED v4.1 O+M: Existing Buildings



Rooftop solar arrays on campus buildings



Groundwater recharge pit



Paver-block parking under solar panels

Standards followed

- **LEED Platinum, LEED v4.1 O+M: Existing Buildings** (U.S. Green Building Council, through GBCI): energy performance, water efficiency, waste diversion and indoor environmental quality.
- **Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC):** about 80% of campus lighting converted to LED.
- **Green Campus Programme, The Climate Project Foundation:** Gold recognition.
- **National Green University Ranking:** National Rank 5 with a Gold rating.

Features

- Rooftop solar photovoltaic generation.
- Rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge pits that let runoff soak into the ground; two sewage treatment plants whose treated water is reused for horticulture and flushing.
- Interlocking concrete paver blocks for parking and pathways, and solar panels over parking areas.
- Natural ventilation, passive cooling and high-efficiency HVAC.
- Over 1,200 segregation bins; recycling partnerships with Green-o-Bin, Farm Pallet and Reboot System India.
- About two-thirds of the site kept as green cover.

Public links

- www.gdgoenkauniversity.com/sustainability-ranking
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