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#### Introduction

Our enviornemnt is suffering, due to our own wrong doings. We owe it to this planet to save what resources we have left therefore the teachers of this institution have tried to take a step in the right direction, by taking up an initiative to save two main resources, trees and water.

## Prof. (Dr.) Dinesh C. Sharma - The Pioneer

Dr. Sharma, the Head of Department for Zoology at K. M. Govt. Girls. P. G. College, Badalpur came up with the idea to start a completely paperless class back in 2018, through many hardships, he with the help of the rest of their faculty and funding from the RUSA Scheme by the Government of India were able to bring this idea to reality for their first batch of 2018 for M. Sc. in Zoology at KMGGPGC



#### The Procedure

All students from a batch are provided with Apple iPads and Apple Pencils, for a seamless and notebook-like experience, allowing them to write on digital screens, like they would on a paper notebook. The teachers, as well, are provided with iPads given special access to their students' devices, to maintain disciplined curriculum. Once a batch graduates, the iPads are resetted and transferred over to the next batch. Basic facilities of internet, smart classrooms are provided by the college and eBooks for their subjects and educational apps are all pre-loaded on the devices. The students are allowed to take them home to continue studying throughout their course.











## Why the hassle?

Dr. Sharma's main goal behind the project was to help save paper. As per his research,

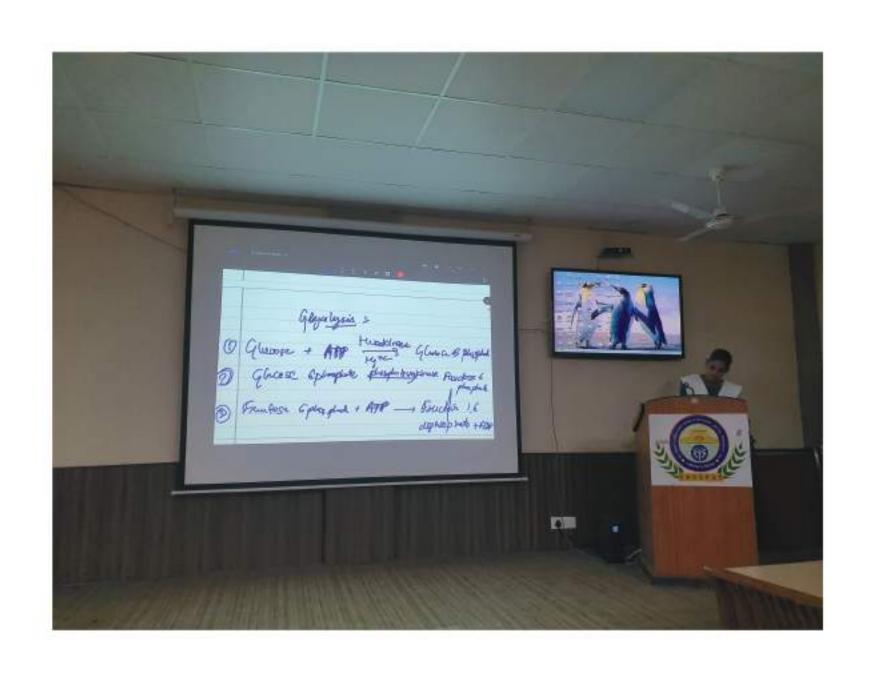
1 A4 Size (72GSM) paper can take **upto 2Lts of water** during processing. A student on average uses an entire oak trees' worth of paper through their three year period. If you do the math **over 350 million students** are pursuing their higher education in India, therefore consuming **approx**. **120 million oak trees** and **300 billion Lts of water**, every year.



#### **Future Proof**

This initiative started in 2018, two entire years prior to the 2020 Pandemic which is when it took it's pace. With the world in lockdown and students struggling with online education, Dr. Sharma's idea helped his students continue their studies with ease, since they were already used to it.

Not only this, paperless education has multiple other benefits, such as: massive weight savings in carrying and iPad supposed to thick books everyday, having a unlimited online gallery of books and study material accessible from anywhere. In order to promote this practice, Dr. Sharma has provided digital notes, and signed assignments on KMGGPGC's website.







#### Other initiatives

As good as this idea is, it is unfortunetly not enough to help with our resource crisis. Therefore, KMGGPGC has taken more steps towards a more eco-friendly future. Having installed Solar Panels throughout the roofs of the college buildings as a source of alternative energy. As well as Green Audit (naming different varieties of trees and plants) throughout the campus to create awareness amongst the students and faculty. Weekly carpooling is something the teachers themselves take responsibility for.









#### What's next?

Having successfully run paperless classes for **over 4 years now,** Dr. Sharma's motive is to extend this practice throughout colleges across Uttar Pradesh, helping student from the rural parts of the state, and eventually spanning across the entire nation.



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One step is equal to ten wells, one pond is equal to ten stepwells, one son is equal to ten ponds and one tree is equal to ten sons.

