

PGC 2025 – Day 24: Energy of Renewal greenest

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MY Energy Work:

As part of the Energy Walk Challenge, I explored the **student dormitory area** of Jahangirnagar University — a place where hundreds of students live, study, and rest every day. I wanted to see how energy is used in our daily routines and whether there were patterns of waste that often go unnoticed. Walking through the corridors at night, I noticed lights burning in empty rooms, fans spinning even when no one was around, and hallway bulbs that stayed on throughout the day.



This simple observation made me realize that **our dorms, though full of learning and life, also waste a lot of electricity** — energy that could easily be saved with awareness and responsibility.

Issue that I Identified

The biggest issue I discovered was **electricity waste caused by carelessness and lack of regulation** in the dormitory. Students often forget to turn off lights and fans before leaving their rooms. Hallways and bathrooms remain lit 24/7, even when daylight is bright. The hall's outdoor floodlights stay on far longer than necessary.



These small actions may seem minor, but collectively, they cause significant **energy loss and higher utility costs** for the university. Moreover, much of this power comes from **fossil-fuel-based electricity**, meaning this waste directly contributes to **carbon emissions** and environmental stress.

Proposed Solution – “Switch Off, Save Smart” Campaign

To tackle this, I proposed a simple student-led initiative called “**Switch Off, Save Smart.**” The idea focuses on awareness, community responsibility, and direct engagement with hall management. And I took Action Today Here some key activities of to day

Key Actions:

1. **Awareness Posters:** I designed and placed posters near hall entrances and notice boards reminding everyone to turn off unused lights and fans.
2. **Student-Led Monitoring:** Volunteers from the dorm agreed to check halls at night and remind peers in a friendly way.
3. **Engagement with Authorities:** I personally spoke with the hall superintendent and maintenance workers, who agreed to fix broken switches and explore motion-sensor lights in corridors.

This action made me realize that leadership doesn’t always need big budgets — sometimes it’s about starting a conversation and keeping it consistent.



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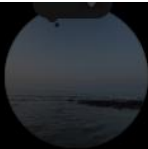
Energy-saving measures in the dorms do more than reduce bills — they **create fairness in energy access** across the campus. When less power is wasted, more energy remains available for classrooms, labs, and other facilities. It also teaches students to adopt sustainable habits they'll carry into their future homes and workplaces. The "Switch Off, Save Smart" campaign is not only about efficiency — it's about **mindful living**, proving that collective responsibility can inspire long-term cultural change toward sustainability.

My Reflection

Taking this energy walk changed how I see my own surroundings. I realized that sustainability starts from the spaces we live in every day. Observing lights left on in the halls and fans spinning in empty rooms made me think about how easy it is to waste energy without even noticing. Talking with hall workers and the superintendent gave me hope — they were open, supportive, and genuinely interested in reducing waste. The "Switch Off, Save Smart" campaign showed me that awareness and collaboration can create real impact. I've learned that when students take ownership, small actions multiply into lasting habits. From now on, I'll continue advocating for responsible energy use in my hall — not just for cost-saving, but for a cleaner, brighter campus future.

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**WHY IT MATTERS:**

- Reduce Electricity Waste
- Save Money
- Support Grid Stability

**GLOBAL IMPACT:**

- Lower Carbon Emissions
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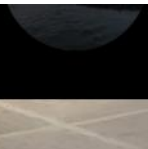


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