

GREEN POLICY

The College recognizes the need to function all year round in a manner which minimizes its harmful environmental impact.

The College Policy is based on three pillars.

- **Environmental sustainability:** The Green Policy must ensure sustainability of the environment.
- **Economic viability:** Economic viability options should be considered in the implementation of the Green Policy.
- **Social acceptance:** Social acceptance is a key to the success of the Green Policy and therefore, the social context of the community, faculty and students must be taken into consideration in the Green Policy.

To this end the College will:

1. Maximize the proportion of waste that is recycled & minimize the quantity of non-recyclable refuse.

The College therefore commits to:

- Reduce the absolute amount of waste that it produces from college kitchens and staff offices.
- Compost, or cause to be composted, all organic waste.
- Recycle or safely dispose of white goods, computers and electrical appliances.
- Use reusable resources and containers and avoid unnecessary packaging where possible.
- purchase recycled resources where these are both suitable and available.
- Provide sufficient, accessible and well-publicized collection points for recyclable waste, with responsibility for recycling clearly allocated.
- Make specific arrangements for events, such as cultural Events, internal and external seminars and conferences, where significant recyclable waste is likely to be produced, in order to both minimize the waste produced and maximize what is recycled/reused.
- Promote reuse of items and waste recycling among staff, students and conference guests through training, posters and environmental incentives.
- Dispose all waste, whether solid or otherwise, in a scientific manner and ensure that it is not released directly to the environment.

2. Reduce energy consumption, especially of energy derived from fossil fuels, in all college property.

The College therefore commits to:



- Give preference to the most energy efficient and environmentally sound appliances available, this includes using energy-saving light bulbs.
- Provide energy efficient heating systems, with adjustable controls for individual heating appliances wherever possible, and ensure that comprehensible instructions are available to staff and students on the use of heating controls.
- Encourage staff, students and conference guests to save energy through visible reminders, incentives and information to increase awareness. This particularly concerns turning off electrical appliances when not in use.
- Conduct switch off drills at regular intervals.
- Ensures that all electronic and electrical equipment, such as computers, are switched off when not in use, and is generally configured in power saving mode when such an option is available.

3. Ensure that improvements, purchases and developments are environmentally sound.

The College therefore commits to:

- Seek and act upon professional advice in order to minimize the adverse environmental impact of any new developments and exceed government regulatory requirements. This includes efficient heating and water systems, appropriate space for recycling, and the use of recycled and/or sustainable building materials where possible.
- Purchase efficient and environmentally sound appliances and consider replacing old stock with 'greener', more efficient alternatives.

4. Minimize consumption of water.

The College therefore commits to:

- Repair sources of water leakage, such as dripping taps and showers as quickly as possible.
- Install appliances which reduce water consumption.
- Encourage a decrease in water usage among staff, students and conference guests.
- Using an efficient and hygienic water storage mechanism is to minimize the loss of water during storage.
- Minimize wastage of water and use of electricity during water filtration process, if used, such as RO filtration process and ensure that the equipments used for such usage, are regularly serviced, and the wastage of water is not below the industry average for such equipments used in similar capacity.

5. Minimize the use of chemical pollutants both in college by students and staff, and in college premises.

The College therefore commits to:



- Ensure that all cleaning products used by college staff have a minimal detrimental impact on the environment, i.e. are biodegradable and non-toxic, even where this exceeds the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) regulations.
- Dispose the chemical waste generated from the laboratories in a scientific manner.
- Reducing the practice of burning plastic and other material that emit harmful gas on burning is prevented in the campus.

6. Ensure that the students and faculties are encouraged to plant trees in the campus.

The College therefore commits to:

- Establish a Garden in the campus.
- Encourage the faculties and students to plant trees in the garden.
- Reviews periodically the list of trees planted in the garden periodically.

6. Ensure that environmental awareness is created.

The College therefore commits to:

- Conduct environmental awareness workshops as a part of the program.
- Conduct events such as planting trees to spread environmental awareness among the students.
- Create awareness of environmental sustainability and take actions to ensure environmental sustainability.
- Promote environmental awareness as a part of course work in various curricular areas, independent research projects, and community service

7. Ensure that the buildings conform to green standards.

The College therefore commits to:

- Review architecture of existing buildings and review ways, in consultation with experts, to reduce usage of energy for such buildings, offering greatest efficiency for energy and water usage, and reducing carbon emission.

9. Ensure that the Green Policy is enacted, enforced and reviewed.

The College therefore commits to:

- Establish a College Green Club that will hold responsibility for the enactment, enforcement and review of the Green Policy. The Green Club shall be the source of advice and guidance to staff and students on how to implement this Policy.
- Ensure that the Green Club will review the Green Policy on an annual basis, and will monitor progress and set measurable targets wherever possible.





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- Require that every staff and student member recognizes their responsibility to ensure that the commitments in the Green Policy are properly put into practice.
- Ensure that a Green Audit is conducted annually and action is taken on the basis of audit report, recommendation and findings.

