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INTRODUCTION

Today the entire world is facing the problem of environmental degradation which is causing depletion of resources such as quality air, water and soil; the destruction of ecosystems; habitat destruction; the extinction of wildlife; and pollution. Environmental changes are based on factors like urbanization, population and economic growth, increase in energy consumption, excessive use of fossil fuel, undue use non-biodegradable materials and agricultural intensification. The degradation has adverse impacts on humans, plants, animals and micro-organisms. To cope up with the critical situation, we need to make optimum use and management of resources, sustainable development, adoption of green concept and above all community participation in all developmental activities.

SCOPE

The Green Campus Policy will lead to formulation of certain procedures, process, co-curricular and extracurricular practices that encourage all the stake holders of the Institute to take the lead in creating positive change. These initiatives call for a thorough review of all infrastructural, administrative functions from the standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment.

Following are the some of the focus area of the policy.

- Clean green campus initiatives
- Landscaping initiatives
- Energy Conservation
- Use of renewable energy through solar systems.
- Rain water Harvesting.
- Solid Waste Management.
- Liquid Waste Management
- E-waste Management
- Environment-centric Clubs and Awareness Campaigns





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- Green Environment Audit & Energy Audit.
- Plastic-Free Campus

OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus.
- To ensure judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of the present and future generations.
- To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programmes for social development and outreach activities.
- To work with all stakeholders and the local community to raise awareness and seek the adoption of environmental good practice and the reduction of any adverse effects on the environment.
- To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water, and to reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.
- To make the campus plastic free.
- To conduct Environmental/Green audit and energy audits from time to time.
- To minimize the use of paper in administration through having policy for E-governance.
- Adopt Green Audit & Energy Audit to minimize the impacts of our activities on environment.

CLEAN GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVES

RASC is committed for cleanliness and hygiene in the college and beyond the campus in accordance with the vision of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. It commits to continue with this Programme. The broad vision is as follows:

- ❖ Generating mass awareness on cleanliness and hygiene amongst students and staff members by holding regular cleanliness drives. The idea is to motivate them to contribute in a proactive manner.





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- ❖ Cleanliness drives are organized involving NSS and other student clubs and volunteers of the college.
- ❖ Events such as poster and slogan competitions, essay writing, poetry, speeches, and skits on importance of cleanliness will be organized.

LANDSCAPING INITIATIVES

- ❖ It involves providing eco-friendly space for study, play, outdoor events, relaxation and aesthetic appreciation to the students.
- ❖ Green campus landscapes would be created in such a way to ensure the optimal level groundwater table, and circulation of clean and fresh air on campus.
- ❖ The landscape should serve as a visual representation of the campus community's commitment to sustainability.
- ❖ The Institute commits to enriching this healthy habitat and maintaining the green campus by organizing annual tree plantation drives

INFRASTRUCTURAL INITIATIVES

- ❖ To minimize the consumption of electricity produced by non-renewable resources.
- ❖ The Institute adopts smart switching between Conventional energy sources and renewable energy sources.
- ❖ The Institute is committed to install environment-friendly energy saving electrical appliances.
- ❖ The Institute should use cleaner energy such as LED lighting.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ❖ Spread the awareness amongst society about the waste management for ecosystem and methods for its disposal.
- ❖ Promote the efforts for the conversion of waste into renewable energy





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WATER MANAGEMENT

- ❖ The institution has committed itself to the effort to replenish the groundwater table by practicing rainwater harvesting.
- ❖ The taps should be regularly inspected and corrected to avoid loss of potable water.
- ❖ Promote effective water management through drip pipe lines, recycling of drainage and rain water harvesting.
- ❖ Water flow restrictors on bathroom faucets and showers, low water flow toilets and automated urinal flushers should be used to cut down usage of water in the Campus.

ENVIRONMENT-CENTRIC CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

ECO Club has been constituted with the following objectives.

- ❖ Educating Students about Pollution and Environmental hazards through activities and measures to minimize it.
- ❖ Organising seminars, debates, lectures and popular talks on environmental issues.
- ❖ Creating Awareness about Environmental Protection / Preservation Activities like Rain Water Harvesting, energy consumption, waste Management, etc.
- ❖ Collaborating with other cells like NSS to accomplish the greening of the campus and involve in clean-up drives (in locality), door-to-door campaigns.
- ❖ Campaigns against banned carry bags, etc
- ❖ To Observe / Schedule Green Day (Pollution Free Day), Earth Day (Tree Plantation).

GREEN AUDIT

- ❖ The college regularly conducts a Green Audit in its campus to assess the strengths and weaknesses in attaining long-term sustainability.
- ❖ A green audit identifies the usage of energy or water or resources and enables saving





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- ❖ The Institute should determine the type and volume of waste along with recycling projects or waste minimization plans.
- ❖ It should create health consciousness and promote environmental values and ethics
- ❖ It provides a better understanding of the impact of eco-friendly practices on campus.

ENERGY AUDIT

- ❖ An Energy Audit should be conducted as and when required to reduce its carbon footprint.
- ❖ The energy audit, with its specialized tools would identify wastage of energy and should identify flaws which cause a loss of significant amount of energy.

PLASTIC-FREE CAMPUS

- ❖ The institution has been observing most of its duties in terms of solid waste management since its inception.
- ❖ In view of the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics due to the hazardous impact of plastic use and pollution, the college administration strictly bans the use of single use plastics in its premise to make it a 'Plastic Free Campus'.

