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ENVIRONMENT POLICY

PREAMBLE

A commitment to environmental management, responsible resource utilization, and sustainable development forms an integral part of the Institute's institutional ethos. The Institute is dedicated to fostering environmentally responsible practices through efficient conservation of energy and water, scientific waste management, preservation and enhancement of green spaces, minimization of avoidable environmental impacts, and promotion of sustainable campus practices. The policy further provides a framework for embedding environmental and sustainability considerations, wherever appropriate, across academic, research, co-curricular, community engagement, and institutional activities, while encouraging active participation and environmental awareness among students, faculty, and staff.

VISION

To foster an environmentally responsible and resource-efficient campus that promotes awareness, participation and continuous improvement in sustainable institutional practices.

MISSION

- To promote conservation and responsible use of energy and water.
- To encourage segregation, reduction and responsible management of waste.
- To maintain green areas and promote environmentally responsible campus practices.
- To encourage environmental awareness through teaching-learning, research, student activities and community engagement.
- To document relevant environmental initiatives and, wherever appropriate, map them to relevant Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OBJECTIVES

- To promote efficient use and conservation of electricity, water and other natural resources.
- To encourage responsible waste segregation, handling and disposal through available institutional arrangements.
- To reduce unnecessary paper consumption and promote digital communication wherever feasible.
- To maintain trees, plants, green areas and clean campus surroundings.
- To encourage environmentally responsible behavior and participation among students, faculty and staff.
- To support academic, research, innovation, co-curricular and community activities addressing relevant environmental and sustainability issues.

- To create awareness about environmental responsibility and relevant SDG themes.
- To maintain appropriate records of environmental initiatives and identify areas for continuous improvement.

POLICY

- Energy Conservation: Electricity and other forms of energy shall be used efficiently. Lights, fans, air-conditioning, computers, laboratory equipment and other electrical devices shall be switched off when not required, wherever practicable.
- Water Conservation: Water shall be used responsibly. Avoidable wastage shall be minimized and campus users shall be encouraged to adopt water-conservation practices.
- Waste Management: Waste shall be segregated and managed through available institutional arrangements. The Institute shall encourage reduction of waste at source and responsible disposal of different waste streams.
- Paper and Digital Practices: Unnecessary paper use shall be reduced. Digital communication, documentation and dissemination shall be used wherever feasible.
- Green Campus: Trees, plants, landscaped areas and other green spaces within the campus shall be maintained and protected. Activities that promote environmental awareness and campus cleanliness shall be encouraged.
- Environmental Awareness: Lectures, seminars, awareness programs, campaigns and student activities related to environmental responsibility may be organized as appropriate.
- Academic and Research Integration: Departments and faculty are encouraged to support teaching, research and innovation activities related to environmental and sustainability challenges, wherever relevant to their areas of work.
- Community Engagement: Community-oriented activities addressing environmental awareness, resource conservation, cleanliness or other relevant sustainability concerns may be undertaken according to institutional requirements.
- SDG Alignment and Documentation: Relevant institutional activities may be mapped to appropriate Sustainable Development Goals for institutional review, documentation and reporting.
- Responsible Participation: Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in resource conservation, waste-management, green-campus and other environmentally responsible practices.
- Regular audits of the campus from certified auditor shall be done annually.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

- Departments, cells, committees and concerned institutional functionaries shall support implementation of relevant environmental practices.
- Students, faculty and staff shall be encouraged to follow resource-conservation, waste-management and clean-campus practices.
- The concerned department, committee or coordinator may maintain appropriate records of environmental activities, participation and relevant initiatives.
- Relevant environmental and sustainability activities may be documented and mapped to corresponding SDG themes wherever appropriate.
- The Institute may periodically review environmental practices, identify areas for improvement and undertake suitable corrective or improvement measures.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The policy is intended to strengthen environmental awareness and participation, encourage responsible use of natural resources, support cleaner and greener campus practices, promote responsible waste management, encourage environmental and sustainability-oriented academic and research activities, and strengthen systematic documentation of relevant institutional initiatives.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Departments/Cells/Committees: Undertake or support relevant environmental activities and maintain appropriate records.
- Faculty and Staff: Promote responsible resource use and participate in environmentally responsible institutional practices.
- Students: Participate in awareness, green-campus, waste-management, resource-conservation and community activities as appropriate.

REVIEW

The Environment Policy may be reviewed periodically based on institutional requirements, campus practices, applicable guidelines and the outcomes of implementation. Suggestions for improvement may be considered during such review

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