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UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

University Environmental Policy

The University envisions a campus made more sustainable to live, work and study and for patients to visit through sensitization, awareness efforts, education and through environmental friendly practices.

Acknowledging the essence and spirit of Article 51-A of the Directive Principles of State Policy of the Government, the University accepts responsibility for the harmful effects its operations have on both the local and global environment and is committed to reducing them.

The University shall comply with all relevant environmental legislations.

The University will measure its impact on the environment and set targets for ongoing improvement using the medium of regularly conducted Green Audits.

The University shall implement awareness efforts in the form of educational programs, information boards and measures used for staff and students to raise awareness of environmental issues and enlist their support in improving the University's environmental performance.

The University shall contribute to environmental preservation efforts by encouraging e-governance, minimizing waste by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible. Recycling efforts shall be actively pursued internally and promoted amongst stakeholders.

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)

Article 51-A states that "it shall be the duty of every citizen of India to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures".

We believe that, given the increasingly serious nature of global environmental problems, we must address these as management issues and work to resolve the environmental problems facing the world and society. We believe that transferring awareness and education on global environment to our students through teaching and practices constitutes a significant contribution to preserving the environment.

With these SOPs in place, we believe that we can achieve a healthy and safe environment.

We are committed to do and will:

In the workplace:

- Provide a safe and healthful workplace and ensure that personnel are properly trained with the appropriate safety and emergency equipment.
- Establish procedures to ensure that all employees are knowledgeable, understand and comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Ensure the responsible use of energy in our activities, including conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, and giving preference to renewable over non-renewable energy when feasible.
- Conserve natural resources by adopting pollution prevention practices. Ex: extending the life of equipment through preventive maintenance scheduling, purchasing and reworking used equipment etc.

- Develop and improve operations and technologies to minimize generation of different types of waste and dispose the generated waste safely and responsibly. Special care to minimize health and safety risks
- Establish procedures for periodic review of environmental compliance with all laws and regulations. Conduct Green Audit, Energy Audit, Environment Audit.
- Strive to meet and exceed all applicable regulatory requirements set and adhere to the requirements.

Action Areas:

In pursuit of our policy regarding the environment the University shall amongst other activities carry out the following:

1. Alternate energy utilization such as solar energy for institutional needs
2. Bio-waste management as per all local and national regulations
3. Education and training of personnel to ensure appropriate handling of bio-waste
4. E-waste disposal as per regulation
5. Creation of paperless office through digitalization, computerization and use of modern communication methods.
6. Enhancing green cover in locality through tree plantation efforts
7. Education of all stakeholders on conservation of resources that impact environment through information displays, lectures and daily practices.

In the community

- Be an environmentally responsible neighbour in the community where we operate, and correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment.
- Create awareness, provide information and support environmentally friendly practices by all stakeholders.
- Participate in efforts to improve environmental protection and understanding through sharing appropriate pollution prevention technology, knowledge and methods and activities conducted through the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of the University.

Functioning and Monitoring

The management, staff and students all shall contribute to environment conservation, sustenance and augmentation.

The NSS Unit of the University shall be a key player in community and education-related efforts in this motive. Efforts undertaken taken shall consider the suggestions of all stakeholders and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

The University shall promptly correct any practice or condition that is not in compliance with this policy.