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Policy for Environment Impact of University



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Effective Date: 03/03/2023

Approved By: University Council

Review Date: Not later than 3 years

1. Purpose

The purpose of the present policy is to reduce energy consumption, to increase recycling and minimize waste, conserve water, reduce water wastage, integrate sustainability into curriculum and research, foster a culture of sustainability among students, faculty, and staff. This policy can serve as a guiding framework for the University's environmental friendly initiative and decision-making processes.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Undergraduate students, Postgraduate students, PhD students and staff of D. Y. Patil Education Society (Deemed to be University), Kolhapur. This policy applies to all aspects of University operations, including:

1. **Campus operations:** Facilities management, energy consumption, water usage and waste management.
 2. **Academic programs:** Research initiatives and academic activities.
 3. **Research and innovation:** Research projects, innovation initiatives, and collaborations that focus on environmental sustainability.
 4. **Student life:** Student organizations, events, and activities that impact the environment.
 5. **Community engagement:** Partnerships, collaborations, and outreach programs with local communities, organizations, and stakeholders.
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3. Environmental Actions

- The University aims to improve its environmental performance through the following areas:
- **Environmental Impact:** The effect of university operations, activities, and decisions on the natural environment, including air, water, land, and living organisms.
- **Sustainability:** Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, through environmentally responsible practices, resource conservation and promoting public health.

- **Legal & Regulatory Compliance:** We comply with all relevant environmental legislation and appropriate codes of compliance.
 - **Waste Reduction and Management:** The reduction, reuse, recycling, and proper disposal of waste generated by university operations and activities. Minimisation of waste through the efficient use of resources and increased the proportion of waste recycling. A waste management training to encourage the correct separation of waste to minimise contamination. Correct storage, collection and disposal of waste is ensured.
 - **Green Healthcare:** Healthcare practices and facilities that incorporate environmentally friendly design, operations, and technologies.
 - **Medical Waste:** Waste generated by healthcare activities, including infectious waste, hazardous waste, and non-hazardous waste.
 - **Infection Control and Environmental Safety:** Practices and procedures that prevent the spread of infections and minimize environmental risks in healthcare settings.
 - **Sustainable Research:** Research initiatives that focus on environmental sustainability, public health, and healthcare practices that minimize environmental impact.
 - **Water Management:** Water consumption is monitored, measured and reported on to support actions taken to reduce usage.
 - **Sustainable Transport:** Use of Electric vehicles to promote and support sustainable transport options and initiatives on and off campus.
 - **Education for Sustainable Development:** As part of our commitment to raising awareness of environmental sustainability, the University seeks to offer students opportunities to enhance their skills with sustainability projects. Sustainability awareness is integrated into academic teaching, using the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in higher education.
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4. Expected Standards of Conduct

Responsibilities:

- Faculty, staff, students and stakeholders are expected to adhere to environmental policies and procedures.

Accountability:

- Regular monitoring and reporting of environmental performance through Green audit, Energy audit and Environment audits.
- Consequences for non-compliance with environmental policies and procedures.

Training and Education:

- Provide regular training and education on environmental sustainability and responsibility.

- Incorporate environmental sustainability into orientation programs for new faculty, staff, and students.
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5. Responsibilities

- **Staff:**
 - Adhere to environmental policies and procedures.
 - Incorporate environmental sustainability into teaching and research.
 - Promote environmental awareness and education among students and colleagues.
 - Participate in environmental sustainability initiatives.
 - **Students:**
 - Adhere to environmental policies and procedures.
 - Participate in environmental sustainability initiatives and projects.
 - Promote environmental awareness and education among peers.
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6. Policy Evaluation and Activity Monitoring:

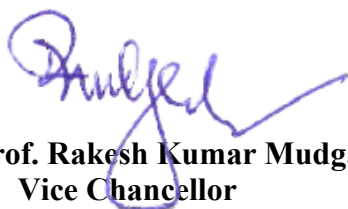
- The main responsibility for implementation of this policy lies within the Authorities of the University and the Vice-Chancellor as the University's Chief Executive.
 - The Environmental Committee nominated by the Vice-Chancellor will actively monitor the performance of Faculty and Department in the implementation of the aims and objectives of this Policy in the activities under their control and work on the overall environment and sustainability of the university in liaison with different department heads.
 - The committee will monitor, audit and provide recommendations as and when required to be implemented within the University premise.
 - The Deans/ Principals of Faculty and the Heads of the Departments are responsible for ensuring the compliance with University Environment Policy within their area of control and report to the centrally constituted Environmental Committee of University.
 - All Faculty and Departments are required to make arrangements for promoting environmental awareness and dealing with environmental impacts encountered within their sphere of activities.
 - Whilst the University accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, each individual plays a vital role by co-operating with those members that are responsible for safeguarding the environment.
 - Individuals are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy
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7. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years. All members of the University community are encouraged to provide feedback on the policy to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

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