



GREEN CAMPUS POLICY

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Concern for the environment is an issue that is core to the Institution. The Green Campus Policy of the College is a reflection of this concern and the need to reduce the carbon footprint in order to contribute towards a cleaner, greener and sustainable environment.

Policy Objective: Plastic Free Campus

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

Given the danger that plastic poses to the environment, the College endeavors to create awareness of the ill effects of the use of plastic. Attempts have been made to keep the campus plastic free. The initiative extends beyond the boundaries of the College campus as students make cloth and paper bags as an alternative to plastic bags and distribute them to the commercial enterprises in the locality. Signages of 'Keep the Campus Plastic Free' are also displayed in the college. As a part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and "Nital Goem" initiatives, NSS Programme Officers and students have undertaken massive cleanliness drives both within the campus and in the neighborhood.

Policy Objective: Reduce Paper Usage

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

As a policy initiative, most of the correspondence of the College with other institutions, other Government offices as also the Directorate of Higher Education and faculty is via e-mail. Communication with the students in respect of their attendance and other events in the College is through Short Messaging Services. The Public Address System is used to make necessary announcements from time to time minimizing the use of typed notices.

Policy Objective: Greening of the Campus

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

Land is a severe constraint. Potted plants dot the entrance to the College. A medicinal garden has also been created. Much, however needs to be done to make the campus green.

Despite limitations, several green initiatives have been implemented. Students are made aware of the need for environmental protection through the Environmental Studies subject which is a part of the curriculum. Hikes, cycle trips are organized to accentuate a feeling of oneness with nature. Use of smart boards and white boards in the teaching-learning process are other good practices adopted by the College.

Policy Objective: To reduce e-waste

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

The College has organized E-waste collection drive in association with Karo Sambhav Ltd. (A Producer Responsibility Organisation) for the last two consecutive academic years in December 2019 and 2020 as a part of extension activity, thereby, contributing in small measure to a cleaner, greener and sustainable environment by facilitating recycling hazardous E-waste. Talks are also organized to orient students on the hazards of e-waste and the methods of disposal.

Policy Objective: Conservation of Energy

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

Several attempts have been initiated towards energy conservation. Solar panels have been installed in the campus. All lighting in the campus is through LED bulbs and tubes. Sign boards in each classroom have been displayed extolling students and staff to switch off the fans and lights when exiting the classroom. Minimal usage of air conditioners also reduces the carbon footprint. The fact that the College is naturally ventilated is an added advantage as usage of energy is economized.

Policy Objective: Green Audit

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

The College aims at carrying out a green audit on a regular basis in order to 1) find potential opportunities for conservation of energy, water, etc. (2) ensure a reduction in and a better management of waste (3) Use the Audit Report as a baseline to review progress periodically and (4) Help raise awareness about environmental conservation among students, faculty and society at large.

Policy Objective: Effective Waste Management System

Initiatives towards goal achievement:

The waste generated in the College is segregated. While wet waste is handed over to the Margao Municipal Corporation, the Goa Waste Management Corporation collects the dry waste once in a month. The waste is recycled by the two government bodies.

Policy Objective: Cleanliness beyond campus

Initiatives towards goal achievement

The Institution aims at extending its cleanliness initiatives beyond the college campus. Our students and faculty are regularly engaged in cleanliness drives at beaches, the railway station as also the nearby surroundings.