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Green Campus & Sustainability Policy

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Green Campus & Sustainability Policy 2023

Over the years, the institution has expanded in operations, infrastructure and facilities. This necessitated the review and reiteration of the institution's commitment towards the adoption and awareness of sustainable practices. Thus, the institution has moved towards adopting a new policy from the erstwhile Green Campus Policy of 2014 and 2017. The key objectives and guidelines of the previously implemented policies shall continue, with a renewed focus on sustainability. DME shall strive to follow the Green Campus & Sustainability Policy which provides the guidelines for institutional functioning with respect to energy use, water management, waste management and green cover.

Objectives:

1. To ensure judicious use of resources on the campus and minimize their consumption.
2. To sensitize students and employees of DME on environmental concerns and prevailing sustainability issues.
3. To develop/adopt sustainable and eco-friendly practices on campus so as to develop self-reliance in resource management and encourage the 3Rs- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.





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4. To engage with institutional stakeholders and community members for environmental conservation efforts.
5. To minimize wastage and adopt effective waste management practices.
6. To ensure timely conduct of internal and external audits for reviewing the institutional practices pertaining to sustainability.
7. To develop a review and implementation mechanism for undertaking corrective and preventive measures in order to maintain DME as a green campus.





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Scope: This policy outlines the guidelines for day-to-day functioning of the institute with respect to:

1. Energy use
2. Water management
3. Waste management
4. Green campus practices

1. Energy use

As part of its focus on energy management, DME will strive towards ensuring:

- 1.1 Inspection of the campus facilities every semester to identify, maintain and repair faulty or broken equipment on campus, such as ICT equipment, electrical devices, electrical panels, etc.
- 1.2 Appropriate investment on developing renewable sources of energy on campus such as solar cells/panels.
- 1.3 Adoption of energy efficient equipment/appliances and fixtures such as LED lights, sensor lights, etc. on campus.
- 1.4 Timely conduct of energy audit.
- 1.5 Feasibility study for the audit recommendations, development and implementation of action plan for adopting better energy management practices.





1.6 Awareness campaigns and initiatives among DME members and the community at large, to inculcate good habits and best practices of energy use.

2. Water Management

As part of its focus on water management, DME will strive towards ensuring:

2.1 Inspection of the campus facilities every semester to identify and repair any faulty installations such as pipes, taps, flushes, etc. which may lead to leaks and wastage of water.

2.2 Adoption of rain water harvesting techniques and proper utilization of the same.

2.3 The exploration of water recycling mechanisms and waste water treatment through collaborations with appropriate organizations.

2.4 Regular inspection of the water quality through the use of procured equipment for the purpose or through an external agency or vendor. Special care must be taken to ensure that drinking water (in RO, canteen, etc.) meets the quality recommendations.

2.5 Awareness campaigns and initiatives among DME members and the community at large, to inculcate good habits and best practices for water conservation and responsible use of water.





3. Waste Management

As part of its focus on waste management, DME will strive towards ensuring:

- 3.1 Adoption of waste segregation methods at source such as appropriately placed dustbins for dry and wet waste.
- 3.2 Implementation of best practices for treatment of waste, either through in-house mechanism or through external agency, vendor, etc.
- 3.3 Appropriate e-waste management practices for collection, disposal or recycling of such waste.
- 3.4 Minimal use of paper on campus in all aspects of administrative and academic functioning by utilizing ERP and emails to the extent possible.
- 3.5 Minimal use of plastic on campus to reduce non-recyclable waste.
- 3.6 Adoption of appropriate practices to reduce/recycle/treat municipal waste within the campus premises through collaborations with external organizations for recycling and treatment of waste.
- 3.7 Minimal generation of hazardous waste and appropriate management of such waste.
- 3.8 Waste to energy mechanisms, projects, etc. through research, innovation, community action and other such methods.





3.9 Awareness campaigns and initiatives among DME members and the community at large, to inculcate good habits and best practices for waste minimization and waste management. In this regard, the institute shall conduct debates, quizzes, group discussions, business idea competitions, art competitions, etc.

4. Green campus practices

As part of its focus on building a green campus, DME will strive towards ensuring:

4.1 Expansion of green cover in the campus through investments in gardening and landscaping activities.

4.2 Implementation of awareness and engagement campaigns among DME members so as to encourage care and consideration for plants and trees on the campus. Institutional bodies/committees/cells and schools shall incorporate such themes in their activities.

4.3 Inspection of air quality through equipment procured by the institute or via external agency or vendor.

4.4 Minimizing parking of vehicles inside the campus to control air pollution.

4.5 Inculcation of good habits among employees and students for the responsible use of resources, e.g., switching off lights, fans, AC when the classrooms/venue is not in use, responsible consumption of electricity for devices, gadgets and





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equipment, limiting the use of paper, ensuring the taps/faucets are closed properly to minimize wastage of water, etc.

4.6 Active engagement with the community for increasing green cover in the surrounding areas through Eco Club, Community Connect Cell, NSS Cell and other institutional bodies/committees/cells.

4.7 Awareness campaigns and initiatives among DME members and the community at large, to adopt best practices and develop good habits for sustaining a green campus. In this regard, the institute shall conduct debates, quizzes, group discussions, business idea competitions, art competitions, field visits, etc.

4.8 Timely conduct of green audit.

4.9 Feasibility study for the audit recommendations, development and implementation of action plan for adopting more efficient green practices.

The above-mentioned policy guidelines shall be incorporated in institutional and departmental functioning and shall reflect in various activities/initiatives focused on environment and sustainability. The same shall be observed as critical themes during academic events such as conferences, seminars, etc., and also in the institute's extra-curricular events, extension and outreach activities.





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Considering the criticality of sustainability, it is imperative to be aware of UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All DME members are advised to refer to <https://rb.gy/3abiq> to learn more about SDGs to plan and execute activities that are aligned with the SDGs.



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