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1. Alternate sources of energy and energy conservation measures
2. Management of the various types of degradable and non-degradable waste
3. Water conservation
4. Green campus initiatives
5. Disabled-friendly, barrier free environment

Policy Document on Green Campus or Plastic Free Campus

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Alternate Sources of Energy and Energy Conservation Measures

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Policy on

Alternate Sources of Energy and Energy Conservation Measures

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reaffirm Indira Mahavidyalaya's ongoing commitment to sustainable energy practices, established over the past years, and to outline the continued guidelines for the use of alternate energy sources and energy conservation measures within the institution. This policy aims to further reduce environmental impact, lower energy costs, and sustain the awareness of energy conservation among students, staff, and faculty.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all members of Indira Mahavidyalaya, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It encompasses the use of energy resources, the implementation of energy conservation measures, and the maintenance and development of alternate energy systems within the campus.

3. Objectives

- Enhance and expand the use of renewable energy sources.
- Maintain and improve energy efficiency across campus facilities.
- Sustain the reduction of the institution's carbon footprint.
- Promote ongoing responsible energy use among the campus community.
- Integrate energy conservation practices into routine operations.

4. Achievements Over the Years

Since the implementation of our energy policy years ago, Indira Mahavidyalaya has achieved significant milestones in energy conservation and renewable energy utilization:

1. Solar Energy Utilization:

Solar Panels: Installed and operated a 4 kW solar panel system, generating a substantial portion of our electricity needs and contributing to the reduction of our carbon footprint.

Performance Metrics: Consistently achieved operational efficiency, contributing to a Sizable reduction in grid electricity consumption.

2. Natural Lighting:

Large Windows: Designed and utilized in existing and new constructions to maximize natural sunlight, significantly decreasing reliance on artificial lighting during daytime hours.

3. Energy-Efficient Equipment:

Energy-Efficient Fans: Deployed across campus, resulting in a measurable reduction in electricity usage for cooling.

4. Alternative Backup Power:

LPG Gas-Powered Generator: Successfully utilized as an eco-friendly backup power source, supplemented by inverters to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

5. Awareness and Behavioral Measures:

Signboards: Installed throughout the campus, effectively encouraging the campus community to turn off lights and fans when not in use, promoting energy-saving behaviour.

5. Policy Statements

1. Solar Energy Utilization:

Maintenance and Expansion: The 4 kW solar panel system will continue to be maintained for optimal performance. Future expansions will be considered based on energy needs and technological advancements.

Solar Integration: New buildings and facilities will continue to include provisions for integrating solar energy solutions to support the institution's energy goals.

2. Maximizing Natural Light:

Design and Renovation: Future construction and renovation projects will prioritize designs that maximize natural light to reduce dependence on artificial lighting.

Daylight Utilization: Encourage scheduling of activities that align with natural light availability to further reduce energy consumption.

3. Energy-Efficient Appliances:

Upgradation: Continuous replacement of outdated equipment with energy-efficient alternatives as part of the institution's commitment to energy conservation.

Purchasing: Maintain the preference for energy-efficient products during procurement processes to ensure sustainability.

4. Backup Power Sources:

Generator: Continue the eco-friendly use of the LPG gas-powered generator, ensuring compliance with environmental standards and regular maintenance.

Inverter Maintenance: Keep inverters well-maintained and operational to provide efficient backup power during outages.

5. Awareness and Behavioral Measures:

- **Campaigns and Training:** Continue conducting regular campaigns and training sessions to educate the campus community on energy conservation practices.
- **Visual Reminders:** Maintain and update visual signboards and other reminders to reinforce energy-saving behaviors among the campus community.

6. Responsibilities

Facilities Management: Responsible for the ongoing maintenance of all energy systems, including solar panels and backup generators, ensuring their efficiency and effectiveness.

Campus Community: Expected to adhere to this policy and actively participate in energy conservation efforts.

7. Monitoring and Reporting

Regular Audits: Conduct energy audits to assess energy usage and identify areas for further improvement.

8. Policy Review

This policy is reviewed to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Updates are made as needed to incorporate new technologies and practices or address any identified shortcomings.

9. Compliance

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Policy on Management of Degradable and Non-Degradable Waste

1. Purpose

This policy document reaffirms Indira Mahavidyalaya's enduring commitment to effective waste management practices that have been in place for many years. It outlines the established guidelines for managing degradable and non-degradable waste, aimed at promoting environmental sustainability, optimizing recycling efforts, and maintaining campus cleanliness.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all members of Indira Mahavidyalaya, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It covers the generation, segregation, disposal, and recycling of all degradable and non-degradable waste produced within the campus.

3. Objectives

- Sustain responsible waste segregation and disposal practices.
- Enhance and expand recycling and composting efforts.
- Minimize the generation of non-degradable waste.
- Foster ongoing awareness of proper waste management within the campus community.
- Maintain and improve a clean and litter-free campus environment.

4. Achievements and Established Measures

Indira Mahavidyalaya has consistently implemented and refined the following waste management measures over the years:

1. Waste Segregation and Disposal:

Strategically Placed Dustbins: Large dustbins are located throughout the campus to facilitate proper waste segregation into degradable and non-degradable categories.

Effective Segregation: Dustbins are color-coded for clarity and ease of use: green for degradable waste and blue for non-degradable waste.

2. Composting:

Composting Pits: Our composting system efficiently recycles degradable waste, converting it into nutrient-rich compost used for campus landscaping.

Compost Utilization: The compost generated has significantly reduced the need for chemical fertilizers in maintaining our green spaces.

3. Non-Degradable Waste Management:

Recycling Initiatives: We have established partnerships with local recycling facilities to ensure proper processing of non-degradable waste, consistently reducing our landfill contributions.

Plastic Reduction: Long-standing efforts to minimize single-use plastics have significantly reduced non-degradable waste generation on campus.

4. Awareness and Behavioral Measures:

Signboards: Long-standing signboards across the campus promote responsible waste segregation, discourage plastic use, and advocate for a litter-free environment.

No Littering Policy: A strictly enforced no-littering policy has been maintained, supported by regular educational campaigns and monitoring.

5. Policy Statements

1. Waste Segregation and Disposal:

Continuous Maintenance: Large dustbins will continue to be regularly emptied and maintained. We will ensure dustbins are clearly marked and conveniently located to support effective waste disposal.

Enforcement of Segregation: We will sustain enforcement of waste segregation through regular checks and educational initiatives, ensuring compliance with waste management practices.

2. Composting:

Composting Management: Composting pits will be regularly monitored and managed to ensure effective decomposition of organic waste.

Ongoing Application: Compost produced will continue to support landscaping and gardening, integrated into soil management practices for campus maintenance.

3. Non-Degradable Waste Management:

Recycling Practices: We will sustain and enhance partnerships with recycling facilities, aiming to expand recycling efforts and reduce contributions to landfills.

Ongoing Plastic Reduction: Continue promoting alternatives to single-use plastics and reducing non-degradable materials within the campus.

4. Awareness and Behavioral Measures:

Educational Campaigns: Regular campaigns, workshops, and seminars will continue to educate the campus community about the importance of proper waste management.

Signboard Updates: Maintain and regularly update signboards to provide current and actionable messages regarding waste segregation, anti-littering, and environmental responsibility.

5. Compliance and Monitoring:

Regular Inspections: We will conduct periodic inspections to ensure adherence to waste segregation and disposal guidelines, addressing any non-compliance promptly.

Feedback Mechanism: A system will remain in place for reporting and addressing any waste management concerns from the campus community.

6. Responsibilities

- **Campus Community:** Expected to adhere to this policy, participate in waste segregation efforts, and follow the no-littering guidelines.

7. Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure continued relevance and effectiveness. Updates will be made as necessary to incorporate new technologies, best practices, or to address any identified shortcomings.

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Policy on Prevention Single-Use Plastics

Preface

The use of single-use plastic items by stakeholders is harmful to the environment, public health, and society's welfare. The production and distribution of single-use plastics deplete natural resources and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. The institution is promoting systematic campaign to reduce the usage of plastic, especially single-use plastic.

- Single-use plastics are banned in canteens and all premises of the college.
- Littering of plastic bags and bottles within the college grounds and premises is strictly prohibited.
- Awareness sessions, training programs, and workshops are conducted to educate stakeholders about the harmful impacts of single-use plastics.
- Students, faculty, and administrators are encouraged to avoid bringing non-biodegradable plastic items to the institution.
- Students are sensitized their households about the harmful effects of plastics and strive to make their households "plastic-free."
- All departments/offices practiced to avoid the use of plastic water bottles and encourage alternative solutions like jute files, paper folders, cloth bags, and paper bags.
- Environment-friendly cups and plates are provided for serving food during various and association programs.

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Policy on Water Conservation

1. Purpose

This policy document affirms the long-standing commitment of Indira Mahavidyalaya to water conservation, detailing the initiatives and practices that have been in place for several years. The policy aims to promote the efficient use of water resources, minimize water wastage, and uphold effective water management practices, thereby supporting our mission for environmental sustainability and responsible natural resource stewardship.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all members of Indira Mahavidyalaya, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It encompasses all activities related to water usage, conservation practices, and the ongoing maintenance of water management systems within the campus.

3. Objectives

- Continue promoting the efficient use and conservation of water resources.
- Sustain and improve water management practices across campus facilities.
- Maintain reductions in water wastage and enhance water recycling efforts.
- Keep increasing awareness of water conservation among the campus community.
- Further integrate water-saving measures into routine operations and campus maintenance.

4. Achievements and Current Measures

Indira Mahavidyalaya has successfully implemented a range of water conservation measures over the years:

1. Water Storage and Seepage:

Large Reservoir: Our longstanding reservoir effectively stores water, allowing for natural seepage that replenishes groundwater levels. This system has been a cornerstone of our water conservation strategy.

Performance Impact: This measure has substantially contributed to the groundwater recharge, supporting campus water needs during dry periods.

2. Runoff Management:

Trenches: Established to obstruct and manage water runoff, these trenches facilitate groundwater recharge and mitigate soil erosion.

Long-Term Impact: Trenches have proven effective in reducing water runoff and preserving soil quality over the years.

3. Rainwater Harvesting:

Collection System: Our efficient rainwater harvesting system collects rainwater from building rooftops, channelling it via long pipelines to the reservoir. This system has significantly supplemented our water supply.

Efficiency Record: Over the years, the system has consistently captured a considerable amount of rainwater, reducing dependency on external water sources.

4. Water Usage Awareness:

Signboards: Displayed across the campus for many years, these signboards have successfully raised awareness about water conservation and helped prevent wastage.

Behavioral Impact: Persistent visibility of these reminders has fostered a culture of responsible water use among the campus community.

5. Summer Watering Methods:

Drip Bottles: Utilized near tree roots during summer for efficient water delivery, minimizing evaporation and ensuring optimal water usage.

Ongoing Practice: This method has been a consistent part of our tree and plant care during dry seasons, contributing to water efficiency.

5. Policy Statements

1. Water Storage and Seepage:

Maintenance and Monitoring: Continue regular maintenance of the reservoir to ensure its capacity and efficiency. Periodic monitoring will assess seepage rates and the impact on groundwater recharge.

Enhancement Opportunities: Explore opportunities to enhance the reservoir's capacity and efficiency based on evolving water needs and environmental conditions.

Open well – The Water table level is observed visually through in Campus Open-well.

2. Runoff Management:

Trench Maintenance: Maintain and periodically review the trenches to ensure they continue to effectively manage runoff and support groundwater recharge.

3. Rainwater Harvesting:

System Maintenance: Ensure the rainwater harvesting system remains in optimal working condition through regular inspection and maintenance.

4. Water Usage Awareness:

Educational Campaigns: Continue and enhance educational campaigns to keep the campus community informed about water conservation practices.

5. Summer Watering Methods:

Drip Irrigation: Sustain the use of plastic drip bottles and consider adopting advanced drip irrigation systems for improved efficiency during dry periods.

6. Responsibilities

Facilities Management: Responsible for the ongoing maintenance of water storage systems, runoff management features, and the rainwater harvesting system. Ensures the proper functioning of all water conservation technologies.

Campus Community: Expected to adhere to this policy and actively participate in water conservation efforts.

8. Policy Review

This policy is reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Updates are made as necessary to incorporate new technologies and best practices or address any identified shortcomings.

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Policy on Green Campus and Plastic-Free Campus

The Green Campus and Environment Policy at institute, is an initiative that promotes eco-friendly and sustainable practices both on and off campus. It provides an opportunity for the institution to lead the way in transforming its environmental culture by instilling environmental ethics among faculty, employees, and other stakeholders. In addition to this the college is located two and half kilometers away from the main city, hence the pollution free environment is maintained.

The policy aims to create a clean and green campus by adopting environmental friendly practices among students' employees other stakeholders, while respecting the diverse natural environment and providing a harmonious habitat for various flora and fauna species. With its abundant flora and fauna, the campus serves as an ideal location for biodiversity studies.

Our campus endeavors to foster eco-consciousness among each generation of students graduating from the institution. A key initiative is to create a plastic-reduced campus to protect the planet. To ensure energy sustainability, the college has transitioned to solar energy. The college employs various strategies outlined below to achieve its environmental goals:

1. **Sustaining Natural Diversity:** Preserve the campus's natural diversity for the benefit of stakeholders and society at large.
2. **Plastic-Free Environment:** Strictly adhere to a plastic-free environment, setting an example for others by reducing plastic consumption, implementing sustainable procurement, waste management schemes, and efficient use of energy and water.
3. **Responsible Waste Management:** Emphasize reuse and recycling practices to ensure responsible waste management.
4. **Energy Efficiency:** Minimize energy consumption and enhance energy efficiency through innovative and far-sighted strategies.
5. **Preservation of Natural Resource:** Protect and conserve existing natural resources, including soil, water, flora, and fauna.
6. **Environmental Education:** Promote environmental awareness and education through curriculum inclusion and sensitization programs.
7. **Organic Farming:** to eliminate the use of chemical pesticides and promote organic farming practices using dry leaf compost mulch and other chemical-free alternatives.
8. **Land Conservation:** Conserve land and enhance productivity through organic farming and other sustainable practices.

9. **Campus Landscaping:** Improve campus landscaping to promote academic tourism and ensure balanced accessibility for visitors.
10. **Water Resource Conservation:** Protect existing water resources, meet the college's water needs, and promote rainwater harvesting.
11. **Building Renovation and Repurposing:** Evaluate and repurpose existing buildings while considering practicality, location, and replacement costs.
12. **Environmentally Responsive Transportation:** Encourage the use of environmentally friendly transportation, such as bicycles, electric vehicles, and carpooling within the campus.
13. **Green Audit:** Conducts regular green audits and measures efficiency, and improve environmental strategies to identify problems,
14. **Campus Design and Community:** Design campus buildings and outdoor spaces to foster discourse, interactions, and a sense of shared community.
15. **Renewable Resources:** Continuously pursue the use of renewable resources and minimize wastage of non-renewable resources.
16. **Greenhouse Gas Reduction:** Implement practices to increase reliability, maintain natural equilibrium, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
17. **Environmental Awareness Programs:** Introduce programs to raise environmental awareness among the public, such as campus visits, , bird watching, vermicomposting, and organic farming.
18. **Maximizing Solar Energy:** Increase solar energy production by progressively installing more solar panels in a phased project.
19. **Ecosystem Enhancement:** Collaborate with government schemes to augment the campus ecosystem.
20. **Extending Green Initiatives:** Extend eco-conscious practices to nearby areas and adopted villages by implementing plastic ban, and adopting energy-efficient strategies.
21. **Plastic Reduction:** Minimize plastic usage and promote eco-friendly alternatives as per government directives.
22. **Training and Awareness:** Train employees and students through activities like the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan"(Cleanliness Drive) conducted by NSS and various departments transforming them into "Go Green Specialists" and partnering to plant trees annually.
23. **Communication and Review:** Communicate the policy to students and employees through internal channels and make it available to all stakeholders on the institutional website. Regular reviews of the Environment and Energy Policy, objectives, and targets will be conducted under the guidance of the Principal.

The college aims to create a greener campus by aligning with these policies. The college is committed to a cleaner environment and encourages the use of bicycles within the campus.


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Restriction on Entry of Automobiles

Preface

In order to ensure a safe and environmentally friendly ecosystem within the campus, the college restricts automobile entry to the campus as per the regulations of the Government of Maharashtra and institutional regulations. This will help in ensuring a sustainable green campus.

- Students are not allowed to use motorized vehicles inside the college campus.
- Bike races, motor car races or similar activities are not permitted inside the campus
- Vehicles are prohibited during celebrations within the college campus.
- All celebrations in the campus are conducted under the supervision of the Principal or the staff designated by the Principal.
- Designated parking areas are available for student vehicles, and entry beyond those points is strictly prohibited.
- Students are instructed to park their vehicles at the allotted place in parking shed.
- Stunting and racing of vehicles within and in a radius of 200 meters outside the campus are strictly banned.
- Employees are encouraged to use electric vehicles instead of fossil fuel vehicles or carpooling for their commute.
- Parking near the college building is allowed to handicapped students only and they have to park their vehicles at the area allotted.
- Road transport authority rules are applicable outside campus are enforced within the campus.
- Vehicle speeds are limited to 10 km/hr. within the campus.
- Students are strongly advised to use public transport or bicycles for commuting to college, promoting green initiatives and reducing pollution.


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Use of Bicycles/ Electric/ Shared Vehicles

Preface

The college promotes shared mobility and clean transportation to ensure environmental sustainability, pollution reduction, energy efficiency, conservation, and a healthy ecosystem. As part of this commitment, bicycles are encouraged within the campus.

Objectives:

- Support the national commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Improve air quality and refresh the atmosphere of campus.
- Promote shared mobility and clean transportation.
- Achieve operational efficiency and savings.
- Enhance physical health and general well-being through bicycle usage.
- Strive for a greener campus.

Strategies:

- To restrict fossil fuel-based transportation systems inside the campus.
- Encourage staff and students to use bicycles or shared public transportation or private (Carpooling)

Vehicles:

- Raise awareness among staff and students about the importance of switching to electric vehicles for daily commutes.

By implementing these policies and strategies, the college is committed to creating a green campus, preserving the environment, and inspiring eco-friendly practices among its stakeholders.


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Policy Document on Disabled-friendly, Barrier Free Environment

Introduction: Indira Mahavidyalaya Kalamb is dedicated to creating an inclusive and accessible environment for all individuals, including those with disabilities. This policy outlines the measures and facilities in place to support the needs of Divyangjan, ensuring equal access to education, facilities, and opportunities.

Scope: This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors with disabilities within the premises of college

Facilities and Measures:

1. Ramp Rails:

- All buildings are equipped with ramp rails to facilitate easy access for individuals with mobility challenges.

2. Accessible Restrooms:

- Accessible restrooms are strategically located throughout the campus, designed to meet the needs of individuals with diverse abilities.

3. Scribes for Exams:

- A scribe support system is available to assist students with disabilities during examinations, ensuring equal opportunity and a fair testing environment.

4. Wheelchairs:

- Wheelchairs are provided on-site for individuals with mobility challenges to enhance their mobility within the campus.

Training and Awareness: The institution conducts regular training sessions for faculty, staff, and students to raise awareness about the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities. This includes training on the effective use of facilities such as ramp rails and wheelchairs, as well as providing guidance on scribe support during exams.

Compliance: This policy is in accordance with relevant national and international standards for accessibility and inclusivity.

Feedback Mechanism: An accessible feedback mechanism is established to gather input from Divyangjan individuals regarding the effectiveness of the facilities and services provided.

Review and Revision: This policy is reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Necessary revisions are made based on feedback, changing needs, and advancements in accessibility standards.

The college is committed to fostering an environment where Divyangjan individuals can thrive academically, socially, and professionally. By implementing and adhering to this policy, we aim to create a college community that values diversity and ensures equal opportunities for all.


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