



NAVNIIRMAN SHIKSHAN SANSTHA'S

LAXMIBAI SITARAM HALBE COLLEGE

OF ARTS, COMMERCE AND SCIENCE, DODAMARG

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POLICY DOCUMENT ON THE GREEN AND PLASTIC FREE CAMPUS

Navnirman Shikshan Sanstha's Laxmibai Sitaram Halbe College of arts, Commerce and Science, Dodamarg, which was established in 2001, is a centre of higher education to the youth of Dodamarg tehsil (Maharashtra) and Bicholim and Pernem tehsils (Goa). The Western Ghats, an area of topography that is so rich and must be preserved and protected for future generations, is close to the college's campus. The majority of the students and college's stakeholders live in the lap of Western Ghats and rely mostly on agriculture for their livelihood. This emphasizes the requirement for environmental protection and the maintenance of the harmony between humans and the environment. The college, which is the first door for academic aspirations to the people of this region who desire higher learning, has the fundamental responsibility of protecting and preserving the environment.

A Green Campus is a place where environmental friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices on the campus. The green campus concept offers an institution the opportunity to take the lead in redefining its environmental culture and developing new paradigms by creating sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs of mankind.

Scope of the Policy:

The Green Campus, Energy, and Environment Policies will create innovative new co-curricular and extracurricular activities that inspire students to take the initiative in bringing about change. These initiatives demand a comprehensive evaluation of all administrative, co-curricular, and infrastructure tasks from the perspectives of energy efficiency, sustainability, and the environment.



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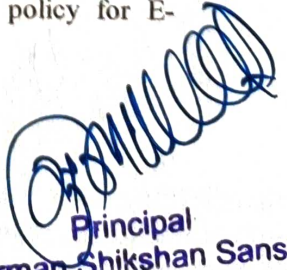
This policy's key areas of focus are:

- Clean Campus Initiatives
- Landscaping Initiatives
- Clean Air Initiatives
- Smoking Free Campus
- Energy Backup and installation of Energy Efficiency Equipment
- Waste Management measures
- Awareness programmes on environmental protection
- Energy and Environmental Audits

Objectives of the Policy

- To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus.
- To ensure judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of the present and future generations.
- To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programmes for social development and outreach activities.
- To work with all stakeholders and the local community to raise awareness and seek the adoption of environmental good practice and the reduction of any adverse effects on the environment.
- To continuously improve our contribution to climate protection and adaptation to climate change and to the conservation of global resources.
- To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water, and to reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.
- To make the campus plastic free.
- To conduct environmental and energy audits
- To minimize the use of paper in administration through having policy for E-governance.




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A. Clean Campus Initiatives

The college coordinates cleanliness activities in the college and beyond the campus in accordance with the vision of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. It commits to continue with this programme. The broad vision is as follows:

- Generating mass awareness on cleanliness and hygiene amongst students and staff members by holding regular cleanliness drives. The idea is to motivate them to contribute in a proactive manner.
- Activities under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' will be a key component of all the community work being done by NSS, NCC, DLLE.
- Staff Members will be encouraged to participate in the cleanliness drive on the college campus.
- Events such as poster and slogan competitions, essay writing, speeches, will be organized.
- Commit to manage waste and maintain clean campus especially during college events.

B. Landscaping Initiatives

The campus landscape, like its buildings, can be seen as the physical embodiment of a college's values. It is a vital part of the life of a campus, providing space for study, play, outdoor events, relaxation and aesthetic appreciation. The landscape serves as a visual representation of the campus community's commitment to sustainability. As campus landscapes are so visible and accessible, landscaping initiatives are a great way to build awareness around the environment.

The scenery of trees and plants is calming and provides the students and staff with clean and cool air. By conducting tree-planting activities, the college demonstrates its commitment to enhancing this healthy ecosystem and maintaining the symbiotic relationship between the institution and nature



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C. Clean Air Initiatives

As part of the initiatives under Institutional Policy on Environment and Green Initiatives:

- Use of State Transport buses as an eco-friendly way is expected from students of the College.
- Use of bicycles is always expected from students and staff within the campus.
- In accordance with the guidelines established by the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP), the college forbids the use of tobacco products, including smoking.
- Avoid burning waste; instead biodegradable waste is put into pit and non-biodegradable waste is collected by Nagarpanchayat.
- Promote use of organic fertilizer and compost to maintain vegetation in the campus.
- Avoid the use of pesticides and weedicides on the campus.

D. Renewable Energy Sources and installation of Energy Efficiency Equipment

1. Renewable Sources of Energy

The college is dedicated to minimize and sustainably manage its use of electricity. The college believes in reducing the consumption of electricity produced by non-renewable resources by switching to clean energy sources like solar energy for purposes like lighting the campus.

2. Energy Saving and Energy Efficient Equipment

We commit to install environment-friendly electrical appliances that save energy and reduce wasteful inefficiencies. The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting.

All the classrooms, library and auditorium in the college building are clearly exposed to sunlight and fresh air. Therefore the institution switches on LED lights and fans only when they are needed.




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E. WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Solid Waste Management

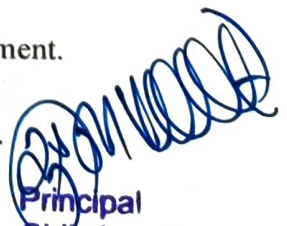
Navnirman Shikshan Sanstha's Laxmibai Sitaram Halbe College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Dodamarg recognizes the importance of effective solid waste management in promoting environmental sustainability, health, and the overall well-being of the college community and the surrounding rural area. This policy aims to establish a comprehensive solid waste management framework that ensures the proper collection, segregation, disposal, and reduction of waste.

Objectives:

- Minimize the generation of solid waste through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling practices.
- Ensure the safe and efficient collection, segregation, transportation, and disposal of waste.
- Promote awareness and education about solid waste management among the college community.
- Collaborate with local authorities, organizations, and stakeholders to support sustainable waste management initiatives.
- Continually evaluate and improve solid waste management practices based on technological advancements and environmental considerations.

Policy:

- Promote awareness campaigns and educational programs on waste management.
- Participate in awareness campaigns and initiatives organized by the college.


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Practice:

The college has a beautiful and lush green campus. It has given top priority to keep the campus clean and ecofriendly. The faculty members and students are regularly advised to reduce waste. The students put waste in separate bins kept at different places in the college campus. The Blue and Green colored dustbins are placed separately for degradable and non-degradable waste at every corner of the corridor, wash rooms and common room. Old newspapers are sold to scrap. The non-degradable solid waste is collected by Kasai-Dodamarg Nagar-Panchayat. The plant materials such as grass and dry leaves are put in pit for organic fertilizer for plant. The boards with meaningful slogans have been displayed to create environmental consciousness among the students as well as stakeholders. The NSS volunteers regularly conduct cleanliness campaign in the campus and contribute to keep campus neat and clean.



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Liquid Waste Management

Navnirman Shikshan Sanstha's Laxmibai Sitaram Halbe College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Dodamarg recognizes the importance of responsible liquid waste management in maintaining a clean and healthy environment for the college community and the surrounding rural area. This policy aims to establish a comprehensive framework for the proper collection, treatment, and disposal of liquid waste, while promoting water conservation and minimizing environmental impact.

Objectives:

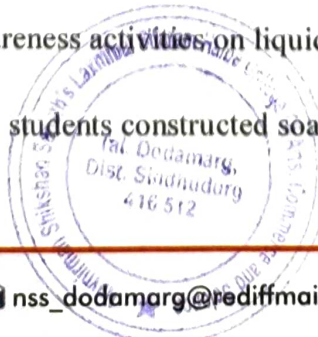
- Ensure the safe and environmentally sound management of liquid waste generated within the college premises.
- Promote water conservation and the efficient use of water resources.
- Raise awareness and educate the stakeholders about responsible liquid waste management practices.

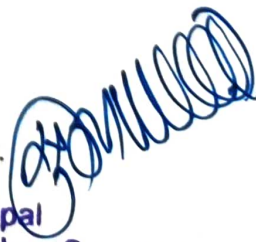
Policy:

- i. Promote awareness campaigns and educational programs on liquid waste management.
- ii. Participate in awareness campaigns and initiatives organized by the institution.

Practice:

- The emission of liquid waste in the institution is minimal. As the institution has Arts and Commerce faculties with maximum strength and no science laboratories, the hazardous liquid waste is not generated. The liquid waste generated from Hotel Management kitchen, is accumulated into a soak pit.
- The students participate in awareness activities on liquid waste management.
- During NSS residential camps, students constructed soak pits in adopted villages.




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E-WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Introduction & background

Navnirman Shikshan Sanstha's Laxmibai Sitaram Halbe College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Dodamarg recognizes the importance of responsible e-waste management in contributing to environmental sustainability and aims to minimize the adverse impact of electronic waste on human health and the ecosystem. This policy outlines the guidelines and procedures for effective e-waste management within the institution.

2. Objectives

- Promote awareness and educate stakeholders about the hazards of improper e-waste disposal.
- Minimize the generation of e-waste by encouraging responsible consumption and the use of environmentally friendly technologies.
- Ensure the safe collection, storage, transportation, and disposal of e-waste in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Encourage recycling and environmentally sound disposal methods for e-waste.

3. Responsibilities

a. College Administration:

- Purchase Committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation and enforcement of the e-waste management policy.
- Promote awareness campaigns and educational programs on e-waste management.

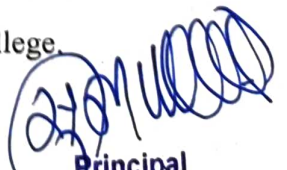
b. Faculty and Staff:

- Ensure proper handling, use, and disposal of electronic equipment and devices.
- Promote the reuse and recycling of electronic devices whenever feasible.
- Report damaged, obsolete, or surplus electronic equipment to the designated authority for appropriate action.

c. Students:

- Adhere to responsible e-waste management practices.
- Participate in awareness campaigns and initiatives organized by the college.




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iii. Encourage the reuse and recycling of electronic devices.

4. E-Waste Collection and Storage

- a. Designate dedicated e-waste collection point will be operated in the Department of Commerce for the disposal of electronic devices.
- b. Clearly label collection points with instructions for proper e-waste disposal.
- c. Regularly collect e-waste at collection point and ensure secure storage until disposal or recycling.

5. E-Waste Disposal and Recycling

- a. Engage e-waste recyclers or agencies or electronics sellers for the collection and disposal of e-waste.
- b. Maintain records of all e-waste disposals, including the name and contact information of the agency responsible for disposal.
- c. Prioritize recycling over disposal, aiming to maximize resource recovery while minimizing environmental impact.
- d. Ensure that e-waste is disposed of in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

6. Awareness and Training

- a. Conduct regular awareness programs, workshops to educate the college community about e-waste hazards and best practices.
- b. Display informative posters and distribute educational materials to raise awareness about e-waste management.

7. Compliance and Monitoring

- a. Regularly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of e-waste management practices.
- b. Review and update the policy as necessary to align with changing technological advancements and legal requirements.

8. Reporting

- a. Maintain records of e-waste generation, collection, and disposal activities.
- b. Submit reports to relevant regulatory authorities as required.


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POLICY ON PLASTIC-FREE CAMPUS

Plastic pollution is universal in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Plastic waste exposed to the environment creates problems and is of significant concern for all life forms. Plastic production and accumulation in the natural environment are occurring at an unprecedented rate due to indiscriminate use, inadequate recycling, and deposits in landfills. We have all contributed to this problem, knowingly and unknowingly and we must work to reduce and eliminate plastic pollution. Government has decided to take plastic ban as a national level campaign to address the environmental hazards being caused by the indiscriminate use of plastic, Educational institutions must lead this nation-wide endeavour. There is a need for educational institutions to actively contribute to the effort of banning the use of single use plastics.

Navnirman Shikshan Sanstha's Laxmibai Sitaram Halbe College of arts, Commerce and Science, Dodamarg has its own policy/practices to achieve plastic free campus.

- To carry out awareness drives and sensitizing workshops on the harmful impacts of plastics.
- To ban usage of plastics in the institution's premises.
- To effectively implement the plastic free bouquet making practice.
- To incentivize students to be to carry out similar campaigns at community level
- To provide water units to avoid the purchase and use of plastic water bottles.



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