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Environmental Policy

In pursuance of the University Grants Commission's campus sustainability framework which aims to guide HEIs to enable a sustainability transition and to transform them into a "living laboratory" for sustainable development, Marathwada College of Education has framed a policy for environmentally sustainable and green campus development through **Go Green Club**. This policy will serve as a guide for undertaking campus activities which can lead to build a green and sustainable campus.

About the Go-Green Club:

The Club will be involved in a diversity of programmes aimed at promoting environmental consciousness and protecting the environment. Members will contribute by providing creative ideas on how to initiate and organize programmes in line with the Club's objectives as well as in participating in hands-on "green" activities. The Club will also be working hand-in-hand with the people of village to sustain the environment. Every Year the club conducts

various activities in order to bring awareness and consciousness of protecting and preserving the environment. The staff as well as prospective teachers of Marathwada College of Education works together in various villages of Aurangabad, The classroom activities are also conducted like showing students the documentaries. Every year various workshops are also conducted among the students to acquaint them for working towards sustainable environment.

Objectives of the Go Green Club :

- (1) Raise awareness and understanding of environmental issues
- (2) Instill a sense of responsibility for the environment and a personal commitment to protect and preserve the environment
- (3) Educate and cultivate an appreciation and interest in the environment.
- (4) To develop the importance of plants among prospective teachers.
- (5) To bring awareness among prospective teachers about the importance of clean and hygienic environment
- (6) To instill among prospective teachers about the feeling of sustaining and preserving environment.
- (7) To develop attitude and skills to conserve the flora and fauna in the environment.
- (8) To develop skills to work for the development and sustenance of alternative sources of energy.
- (9) To create an awareness and attitude for environmental protection and conservation in the society.

Registration of the Go-Green Club membership:

The students and faculty members willing to contribute towards environmental protection and sustenance have to follow a formal procedure of filling a registration form of Go-green club and participate actively in the programmes organized by the club.

Registration fees:

As the Go-green club is established for a noble cause of protecting and sustaining the environment, so the registration is free of cost.

Through Go-Green Club college shall:

- Prepare the master plan for future development.
- Accord top priority to ensuring high standards of environmental quality in the campus and implement environment friendly policies, with barrier free access.
- Maintain healthy, open and vegetated areas depending upon the availability of space and climatic conditions.
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislations and regulations and avoid as much as possible any unnecessary environmental impact on the surrounding landscape.
- Protect and enhance the natural biodiversity of local areas and aim to
- Conserve locally endangered flora and fauna.
- Plant more trees and create vegetated buffers.
- Value old trees and their habitat role for birds and other forms of organisms.
- Maintain a botanical garden.
- Tree plantation Drive.
- Install Bird feeders
- Have adequate support staff, which looks into the maintenance of gardens, lawns and other aspects of environment.)
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through reducing energy consumption and shifting to energy-efficient devices, as well as

clean and sustainable energy sources including solar plant, Aqua and biogas.

- Establish criteria for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Replace inefficient air conditioners and heaters with more energy efficient models.
- Install energy efficient lights.
- Sensitize the staff and students regarding switching off the fans, lights, AC's, LCDs etc. when not in use to save energy resources.
- Create a pollution free environment by ensuring placement of dustbins for efficient garbage disposal, adequate water supply (through its own deep bore well) to the toilets and other parts of the college building.
- Declare the campus as "No Smoking Zone" as per UGC guidelines.
- Maximize the use of recyclable and reusable materials.
- Create a digital repository of all official documents to save paper and upload the same on the internal server of the college for the convenience of the employees and other interested parties.
- Use digital banners, reuse one sided printed papers and adopt "Think before you print" attitude.
- Reduce the number of printed publications and documents by disseminating information and news via electronic and online means. If printing is necessary, print both sides of the paper and utilize recycled paper to cut down on the number of pages and quantity.
- Use obsolete documents in the composting process and purchase file covers made from recycled papers.
- Distribute garbage bags and poster pasting during community work.
- Use reusable food-ware to serve food during events.
- Have a dedicated environment unit which will organize programmes related to environmental sustenance and upkeep. The unit will also organize outreach programmes for the community and create awareness and sensitization about various

environmental issues to general public at lab schools during internship.

- Direct all stakeholders to take the ethical responsibility in reducing individual waste generation based on the waste management motto: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
- Communicate the college's waste management policy to employees, students, and other campus agencies so that everyone is aware of the college's waste management plan.
- Use on-site composting of food and garden waste for reuse on campus grounds.
- Segregate waste as bio-degradable and non-degradable and keep waste bins at all places in the college, including classrooms.
- Have an efficient and effective water distribution system in the college.
- Capture and re-use rainwater for non-potable uses.
- Promote a water self-sufficient campus.
- Under this framework, the college has the responsibility to ensure that regular reviews of all sustainability measures and initiative are done from time to time so that the measures are not only implemented but also monitored.
- A college wide **audit** of sustainability practice through **External Agency** shall be conducted to track and maintain sustainability performance.

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