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Green Campus Policy

INTRODUCTION

Inculcating values in order to build well-rounded citizens lie at the heart of our vision of higher education. Holistic education in the 21st century is incomplete without imparting knowledge on living responsible lives. This sense of responsibility should extend to the larger world that we live in. Guided by this principle, the College seeks to inform students on the imperative of environment protection and also affords them an experience of studying in an institution that has adopted sustainable practices in its various functionings.

As the College is situated in the heart of the city of Delhi, the staff and students are well-aware of both the various kinds of pollution and its attendant health hazards, and the immediacy and the seriousness of the problem of environmental pollution. For us at Mata Sundri College, terms like environmental degradation, climate change, are not buzzwords but a part of our lived reality. For us, located at the Central Business District means that space constraints make it difficult for us to increase our green cover. But we have adopted measures, both small and large to nurture nature.

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this policy is to raise environmental awareness among students and staff and promote sustainable practices in the institution.

The Garden Committee, ENACTUS, Earthcon Society, and Hygiene Committee shall be responsible for implementation and monitoring of the Green Campus Policy.

INITIATIVES

The Green Campus Policy of the College shall follow a three-pronged approach based on the principle of 3Ms.

1. Maintenance of resources

• Protect existing flora, especially old trees within the campus

- Careful use of infrastructure by both students and staff to prevent unnecessary repairs and replacements.
- College shall take steps to conduct Green audit and Energy audit.
- Regular maintenance of water tanks, bore wells etc
- Restricted entry of automobiles and promoting the use of public transport.

2. Maximization of resources

- Debating Society, Theatre society, and all Department level societies shall organise programmes to spread awareness on environment protection.
- Proper disposal of waste to be carried out.
- Landscaping of the college campus to increase green cover.
- College festivals shall have events like "Eco-innovation" and "Best out of Waste" to help popularise the need for environment protection
- Students and staff are encouraged to donate clothes, books, etc rather than throwing them in the trash, which eventually ends in the landfill.

3. Minimizing resource wastage

- Ban on use of single-use plastics
- Staff and students shall be mindful while using water and electricity
- Use of stairs rather than lifts whenever possible
- Staff and students shall switch off fans, bulbs, air-conditions etc when leaving the room
- Recycling of waste paper that is generated in the campus
- Regular collection of e-waste to be carried out in College.
- Regular maintenance of taps to water pipes to prevent waste
- Popularise use of menstrual cups among students and staff.
- The College shall ensure availability of potable water to prevent use bottled water.
- Ensure proper segregation of waste by providing different-coloured waste bins
- Attendance shall be taken online to prevent paper wastage
- Students to be encouraged to submit assignments online.
- Use of Solar panels
- Rainwater harvesting

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