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## POLICY DOCUMENT ON GREEN CAMPUS, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY USAGE

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## Policy Document on Green campus, Environment and Energy Usage

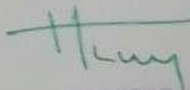
### Preamble

Atharva Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai with a vision of *Clean and Green Campus* to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus and beyond the campus. The green campus concept offers the institution an opportunity to take the lead in redefining its environmental culture through instilling environmental ethics among students and staff. The environment and energy policy will help us to embed efficiency and environmental awareness into our everyday activities, thus helping us to realize our responsibilities and commitment to conservation of natural resources and to limit its usage.

### I. Objectives

- Implement and manage green and sustainable initiatives on campus
- Monitor and reduce waste and activities
- Foster a culture of sustainability awareness, action in the campus and local community
- To motivate students to adopt environment friendly practices to save electricity, save water, by making, distributing and use of paper bags,



  
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## II. Practices

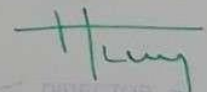
The Institution is committed to managing its campus in accordance with responsibilities towards promoting sustainable environment. These responsibilities can be demonstrated within the following areas;

- A. Green Environment & Clean Campus through Solid, liquid & E - Waste Management
- B. Water Conservation and Management
- C. Paperless operating procedure
- D. Landscaping with Trees and Plants
- E. Energy Use and Conservation
- F. Ban on Single-use Plastics on the Campus

### A. Green Environment and Clean Campus

The students are given strict instructions to maintain the campus clean. A gardener and full-time adequate support staff are appointed for the maintenance of litter free clean and Green Campus. Solid waste is segregated as bio degradable and non-degradable and handed over to Municipal Corporation. All offices and classrooms are provided with dustbins for dry wastage disposal. Segregation of waste into dry and wet waste from the separately allotted dustbins is done in strategic locations, thus maintaining the Campus clean and Eco-friendly. Food leftovers from the canteen is treated and converted into Vermin-compost in the vermin compost pit.



  
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The college adopts most scientific and eco-friendly e-waste disposal mechanisms such as Annual Maintenance Contract is maintained to periodically review the effective functioning of CPU's and Monitors and expert recommendations are followed to dispose the same in the market. The institution has a contract for approved E-Waste Management and Disposal facility in order to dispose E-waste in scientific manner. Obsolete workable computers, printers and other equipment discarded by departments are sold as scrap. The cartridges of printers are refilled outside the college campus. UPS Batteries are recharged and repaired by the suppliers.

Students are made aware that conserving water is equivalent to conserving their future. Refilling water bottle from the water purifier is one of the best practices followed. In house - plumbers attend promptly to fix leakages and wastage of water.

Green Audit is conducted from time to time to identify, quantify, describe and priorities a framework of Environment Sustainability in compliance with the applications, policies and standards.



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## **B. Maintenance of Water Bodies**

College gets water supply from local municipality every day. The institution has a good storage of ground water, drinking water and water for cleaning purpose. For drinking purpose, the Institution has an Aqua guard water purifier facility on every floor.

College has rain water harvesting pits, which function efficiently during the rainy season. It is made mandatory to clean and disinfect water holding tanks at least monthly once or more often, if required. Water filters are replaced periodically to provide the students and staff with pure drinking water.

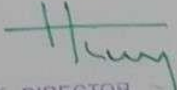
## **C. Water Conservation and Management**

The college has installed rainwater harvesting mechanism wherein the rainwater is accumulated and deposited for reuse. The water collected is directed to a deep pit of bore-well for later use.

## **D. Paperless Operating Procedure**

Several initiatives are taken to minimize the usage of paper. Digital storage of documents is one such measure wherein the technology is used to a greater extent for communication among the staff and the students rather than paper communication. WhatsApp-class wise groups, Department wise groups, etc. facilitate E-communication and use of public address systems reducing usage of paper in notices and circulars.



  
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### E. Landscaping with Trees and Plants

The institution organizes Tree Plantation program every year at the College Campus.. Students and staff enthusiastically initiate and participate in the tree plantations drive on the campus and also outside the campus. Environmental promotional activities conducted to bring awareness among the students regarding advantages of tree plantation for an Eco-friendly Environment. The plantation program includes plantation of various types of ornamental and medicinal variety, wild plant species stepping up the oxygen levels on the campus.

### F. Energy Use and Conservation

- To use LED Bulbs replacing tube lights in classrooms and administrative office.
- Energy audit is conducted to identify the extent of energy consumption and find appropriate strategies of conservation.

### G. Ban on Single-use Plastics on the Campus

The institution conducts sensitization programs on the harmful impact of single-use plastics and mandates all the students - to avoid carrying non-bio-degradable plastic items to the institution, which includes plastic bags, cups, plates, small drinking water bottles, straws and sachets.



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These strategies are incorporated into the institutional planning and budgeting processes with the aim of developing a clean and green campus. This policy will be communicated to the students and employees via internal communication channels and will be made available to all the stakeholders on the institutional website.

All the stakeholders are required to abide by the policy to make the college campus green, clean and eco-friendly.

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