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# **Criterion VII- Institutional Values and Best Practices**

**Key Indicator – 7.1 Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities.** 

Metric No:7.1.6. Institution is committed to encourage green practices that include

- 1.Encouraging use of bicycles/ E Vehicles
- 2. Create pedestrian friendly roads in the campus
- 3.Develop plastic free campus
- 4. Move towards paperless office
- 5. Green landscaping with trees and plants

Circulars and relevant policy papers for the claims made

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### **Energy Policy Document**

The energy policy of Indhira College of Education reflects our commitment to sustainability, efficiency, and responsible resource management. This document outlines our aims, objectives, scope, rules, regulations, and intended benefits regarding energy consumption and management within our institution.

### Aims and Objectives

- To reduce energy consumption and associated costs.
- To promote the use of renewable energy sources where feasible.
- To minimize our carbon footprint and environmental impact.
- To raise awareness among staff and students about energy conservation practices.
- To continually improve energy efficiency through technological advancements and behavioral changes.

#### Scope

This policy applies to all areas within Indhira College of Education, including classrooms, administrative offices, common areas, and residential facilities. It encompasses electricity, heating, cooling, water usage, and transportation.

### **Rules and Regulations**

- All members of the college community are expected to conserve energy by turning off lights, computers, and other electrical devices when not in use.
- Heating and cooling systems should be used responsibly, and efforts should be made to maintain comfortable temperatures without unnecessary energy consumption.
- Energy-efficient appliances and equipment should be prioritized for procurement and maintenance.
- Renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines will be explored and implemented where feasible and cost-effective.
- Regular audits and assessments of energy usage will be conducted to identify areas for improvement and track progress towards energy efficiency goals.

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#### **Intended Benefits**

- Reduction in energy costs, leading to financial savings for the college.
- Lower environmental impact and contribution to sustainability efforts.
- Education and engagement of staff and students in sustainable practices.
- Enhanced reputation and standing within the community as a responsible institution.

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# Green Practice Policy of Indhira College of Education

**Indhira College of Education** is committed to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and responsible green initiatives and practices. This policy outlines our aims, objectives, scope, roles, and regulations concerning green practices within our institution.

### Aims and Objectives:

- a. To minimize our environmental footprint by adopting sustainable practices in all aspects of campus operations.
- b. To promote environmental awareness and responsibility among students, staff, and faculty.
- c. To support the implementation of green technologies and initiatives that contribute to energy efficiency, waste reduction, and conservation of natural resources.
- d. To comply with relevant laws, regulations, and guidelines related to environmental protection and sustainability.

### Scope:

This policy applies to all activities, facilities, and individuals within the premises of Indhira College of Education, including but not limited to classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices, and outdoor areas.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

a. Management: The college management is responsible for providing the necessary resources and support to implement green practices and initiatives.

b. Facility Managers: Facility managers are responsible for implementing and maintaining green technologies and practices within campus facilities.

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c. Students: Students are encouraged to actively participate in green initiatives and adopt environmentally responsible behaviors.

d. Staff and Faculty: Staff and faculty members are expected to support and promote green practices in their daily activities and operations.

### Regulations:

- a. Energy Efficiency: Measures shall be taken to reduce energy consumption, including the use of energy-efficient appliances, lighting, and HVAC systems.
- b. Waste Reduction: Efforts shall be made to minimize waste generation through recycling. composting, and the reduction of single-use items.
- c. Water Conservation: Water conservation practices, including rainwater harvesting, efficient irrigation, and the use of water-saving fixtures, shall be promoted and implemented. Monitoring and Review:
- a. Regular monitoring and evaluation shall be conducted to assess the effectiveness of green practices and initiatives.
- b. This policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure its continued relevance and alignment with evolving environmental priorities and best practices.

#### **Education and Awareness:**

- a. Educational programs, workshops, and awareness campaigns shall be conducted regularly to educate students, staff, and faculty about the importance of green practices and their role in sustainability.
- b. Informational materials and signage shall be displayed throughout the campus to promote green initiatives and provide guidance on environmentally responsible behaviors.

Indhira College of Education is committed to being a leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability. Through the implementation of this green practice policy, we aim to minimize our environmental impact, promote responsible resource management, and inspire our community embrace a culture of sustainability.

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# Waste Management Policy Document

The waste management policy of Indhira College of Education embodies our commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and responsible waste disposal practices. This document outlines our aims, objectives, scope, roles, and regulations concerning waste generation, segregation, handling, and disposal within our institution.

### Aims and Objectives

- To minimize waste generation and promote waste reduction practices.
- To encourage recycling and reuse of materials wherever possible.
- To ensure proper segregation, handling, and disposal of waste to minimize environmental impact.
- To raise awareness among staff and students about the importance of waste management and environmental conservation.
- To comply with all relevant laws and regulations governing waste management.

### Scope

This policy applies to all areas within Indhira College of Education, including classrooms, administrative offices, laboratories, residential facilities, and outdoor spaces. It encompasses all types of waste generated on campus, including but not limited to, solid waste, hazardous waste, electronic waste, and organic waste.

## Rules and Regulations

**Administrative Responsibilities:** The college administration is responsible for developing and implementing waste management policies and procedures, allocating resources for waste management initiatives, and ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

**Staff Responsibilities**: All staff members are expected to actively participate in waste reduction, segregation, and recycling efforts. This includes proper disposal of waste in designated bins, promoting recycling practices, and reporting any issues or concerns related to waste management.

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**Student Responsibilities:** Students are expected to adhere to waste management guidelines and actively participate in waste reduction and recycling initiatives. This includes proper disposal of waste, participation in recycling programs, and advocating for sustainable waste management practices within the college community.

Maintenance and Custodial Staff: Maintenance and custodial staff are responsible for ensuring that waste collection bins are emptied regularly, waste segregation guidelines are followed, and appropriate measures are taken to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in waste storage and disposal areas.

Waste Management Committee: A designated waste management committee will oversee the implementation of waste management policies and procedures, conduct regular audits and assessments of waste generation and disposal practices, and recommend improvements and updates to the waste management program as needed.

# Implementation and Review

This waste management policy implemented with the support and cooperation of all members of the college community. Regular reviews and evaluations will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of waste management initiatives, identify areas for improvement, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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### Water Management Policy of Indhira College of Education

At Indhira College of Education, we recognize the critical importance of water management as part of our commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainability, and responsible waste disposal practices. This policy outlines our aims, objectives, scope, roles, and regulations to use and preserve waterwithin our institution.

### Aims and Objectives:

- a. To minimize water wastage and promote efficient water use throughout the campus.
- b. To implement proper segregation, handling, and disposal practices to prevent water pollution and ensure environmental protection.
- c. To raise awareness among students, staff, and faculty about the importance of water conservation and responsible waste management.
- d. To comply with all relevant laws, regulations, and guidelines related to water management and environmental protection.

### Scope:

This policy applies to all activities, facilities, and individuals within the premises of Indhira College of Education, including but not limited to classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices, and outdoor areas.

#### Roles and Responsibilities:

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- a. Management: The college management is responsible for providing the necessary resources and support to implement effective water management practices.
- b. Facility Managers: Facility managers are responsible for ensuring the proper maintenance of water systems, including plumbing, fixtures, and irrigation systems.

c. Students: Students are encouraged to actively participate in water conservation efforts and adhere to the guidelines outlined in this policy.

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d. Staff and Faculty: Staff and faculty members are expected to lead by example by conserving water, minimizing waste, and promoting responsible water management practices.

### Regulations:

- a. Efficient Water Use: Measures shall be taken to minimize water wastage, including repairing leaks, installing water-efficient fixtures, and promoting behavioral changes to encourage water conservation.
- b. Water Recycling and Reuse: Whenever feasible, wastewater shall be treated and recycled for non-potable purposes such as cleaning.
- c. Compliance and Reporting: All individuals and departments shall comply with this policy and report any instances of non-compliance or water-related incidents to the designated authorities.

### Monitoring and Review:

- a. Regular monitoring and evaluation shall be conducted to assess the effectiveness of water management practices and identify areas for improvement.
- b. This policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure its continued relevance and alignment with evolving regulatory requirements and best practices.

#### **Education and Awareness:**

- a. Training programs, workshops, and awareness campaigns shall be conducted regularly to educate students, staff, and faculty about the importance of water management and their role in conserving water resources.
- b. Informational materials and signage shall be displayed throughout the campus to promote water conservation practices and provide guidance on proper waste disposal.

Indhira College of Education is committed to upholding the highest standards of environmental responsibility and sustainability. Through the implementation of this water management policy, we aim to conserve water, prevent pollution, and contribute to the well-being of our community and the environment. This policy underscores the college's dedication to environmental responsibility and outlines clear guidelines for water management, segregation, handling, and disposal practices within the institution.

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### POLICY FOR ECO CLUB

The ECO club of the college was constituted to develop ecological intelligence among the prospective teachers to help them to take care of the ecosystem consciously. Further, it sensitizes the student teachers to nurture the nature and promotes environmental ethics.

### Motto:

"Conserve Nature and the Planer for a Sustainable Future"

### Aim:

- ❖ To prepare the Prospective Teachers to be in the forefront towards

  Nature Conservation and Protection of Environmental Heritage.
- \* To promote Environmental Growth that leads to sustainable environmental development through Teacher Education.

### **Objectives:**

- To develop and inculcate concern and respect for nature.
- To create environmental awareness for the protection of biodiversity.
- To identify the role of individuals towards conserving the natural resources.
- To keep the campus clean and green through eco-friendly measures.
- To engage the student teachers to imbibe knowledge on environmental education.

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- To empower the student teachers with critical thinking, decision making and solving environmental issues in the society.
- To encourage the student teachers to be aware of cultural practices as an integral part of sustainability and promoting Environmental ethics,
- To facilitate experiential learning and to enhance knowledge on how to
- nurture nature's life and to live accordingly.

# Roles and Responsibilities:

- The eco club functions effectively and efficiently with the sincere efforts of the committee members and the active participation of the stakeholders.
- The ECO club works collaboratively with the stakeholders, neighbours, communities and NGOs for enhancement of the quality of life and to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.
- Conducts various programs and activities, bringing awareness to the student teachers and school students and to promote ecological intelligence.
- To ensure maintenance of green campus.
- To conduct regular meetings to devise, run and monitor the activities such as 'tree plantation drive, conservation of resources, reducing, reusing and recycling programmes, energy saving schemes, rallies, guest lectures, seminars, webinars, promotional events for the student teachers and the wider community through Swatch Bharat Abiyan.

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