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(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)

GREEN INITIATIVE POLICY

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Higher Education Institutions plays a vital role in moulding the youth in developing a sustainable approach to the conservation of environment and discourages practices which harmfully affect our living conditions. SNM College strives to focus on the environmental protection and conservation thereby triggers our students and teachers to maintain a healthy learning and working environment. We follow the vision of great social reformer Sree Narayana Guru and extend our environmental knowledge based programmes towards the neighbouring locality and inculcate values of eco- friendly practices across the social strata. SAAKALYA, the Green Initiative of SNM College to save our Earth and protect environment, fosters the ideals of eco- friendly lifestyle abiding to a sustainable utilisation of resources.

OBJECTIVES

- To inculcate in students the values of environmental sustainability
- Awareness among employees and students on environmental sustainability and climate change
- To provide them platforms for creating environmental awareness among the public
- To make sure the cleanliness of the institution and to support the Swacch Bharath movement, with special focus on the limited use of plastic
- To promote an eco-friendly and sustainable campus
- To encourage online platforms for data collection and maintenance

MODE OF ACTION

- The institution envisages mission SAAKALYA: A Green Initiative of SNM College to save our Earth and Protect Environment. SAAKLYA focuses on sustainable development through education, research, community partnerships, curricular and co-curricular aspects. The inclusion of environmental sustainability into the curriculum by the affiliated university arranges a platform for our students to think and act better and to hold down the ideals to carve eco-friendly measures in their lives ahead. SAAKALYA organizes programmes related to environmental protective measures and extends its activities towards the public.

- The Bhoomithrasena Club encourages students to participate in various events related to environment conservation and develops ecopreneurship qualities among students.
- The Collectors@College program implemented by Kerala Shuchitwa Mission emphasizes the importance of cleanliness and prepares students to keep their surroundings clean. It aims to recycle waste in the campus
- The MOOC Club of the college took ahead the MOOC course on Organic Farming implemented by Mahatma Gandhi University and encourages the cultivation of vegetable saplings.
- The Energy Conservation Society- Student's Chapter emphasizes the importance of energy conservation measures and prepares our students to work towards it.
- We take initiative to plant trees in our campus on special occasions.
- The institution maintains display boards in the campus stressing on environment awareness and conservation.
- We ensure a complete ban on plastic carry bags and a limited use of plastic products. The institution abides to the green protocol and insists on the use of carry bags made with cloth.
- Institution urges students to follow the green protocol in their academic affairs. The use of plastic is strictly prohibited during the programmes conducted. We encourage our staffs and students to use banners of cloth or paper and the usage of steel or glass bottles.
- Observance of National and International days related to conservation of environment.
- The institution adheres to online platforms and services to go paperless in administrative and departmental affairs.
- Proper dustbins are placed throughout the campus to collect plastic and paper waste, to ensure clean and healthy learning atmosphere.
- We take great care to maintain the bio diversity in the campus.
- We encourage students to use public transport system. The bicycles and electric vehicles are promoted inside the campus.
- Smoking cigarettes and the use of tobacco, which damages the surrounding air and causes serious health disorders is strictly prohibited inside the campus.
- We promote the use of LED bulbs as a step towards power saving.

- We encourage our students to use ink pens instead of ball point or gel pens to avoid plastic waste generated.
- We strive to develop the habit of switching off lights and fans in classrooms and faculty cabins when not in use.
- Students are directed to write assignments on both sides of a sheet to reduce paper wastage. We also encourage students to submit assignments through LMS Moodle platform.
- IQAC of the institution took initiative to carry on green and audit internally and intends to audit with external agencies in subsequent years.

