



## Policy on Green Campus

### • *Preamble*

This policy is a framework that outlines our goals, strategies, and objectives for transforming St. Joseph's College into a hub of environmental responsibility and sustainability. It encompasses a wide range of initiatives aimed at reducing our carbon footprint, conserving resources, fostering biodiversity, and instilling in our community a sense of environmental consciousness. Fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and sustainability within the college community, a major part of whom are from the rural areas of Idukki.

### • *Objectives*

1. To manage energy use in the daily functioning of the college to reduce carbon footprint.
2. To promote energy saving practices in and outside the campus.
3. To manage waste -including biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes in an environment friendly manner.
4. To monitor and protect overall biodiversity in the campus as part of green audit.

### • *Policy Statements*

- Rain water harvesting is effectively implemented in the campus so that exploiting the ground water resources can be minimized.
- The College under the auspices of various clubs and associations plant more trees in the campus to offset carbon emission due to energy use including electricity and emissions from vehicles in the campus.
- The College has its policy as Keep cutting of trees during various developmental activities to a minimum and plant enough trees in case of any tree felling is needed.
- The estimation of biodiversity in the campus is carried out as part of green audit and continuous monitoring for any changes is executed.
- The College promotes alternative energy sources for its functioning and step by step increase in the number of solar panels is implemented.



- The Institution encourages the use of public transportation and car pooling to reduce the carbon foot print of commuting.
- Initiatives for electronics, paper, plastic, and food waste recycling and waste reduction strategies are functional in the campus.
- The College discourages its stakeholders from bringing single use plastic carry bags and other such products and banned flex boards and replaced the same with cloth boards and banners.
- Green Audit is done in the campus level initially and in the larger scale with the assistance of accredited Green Audit agency.
- The Institution prioritizes the installation of energy efficient electronic devices, lamps, computers etc.
- The College restricts vehicle use within the campus to beat pollution.

Observing national and international days of importance pertinent to environment and the earth is one of the signature programmes of the College.

Time of implantation of this policy is from 01 June, 2019

### • *Review Mechanism*

The Green Policy is reviewed and updated annually to account for new environmental challenges, technology, and government rules.

### **Authorized Signatory**

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Principal

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