



PERIYAR UNIVERSITY

Salem - 636 011

NAAC A Grade - State University

GREEN POLICY

Preamble

A Green campus is a place where ecofriendly ambience and education combine to promote sustainable practices. Green Policy is necessary to ensure the campus environment in a sustainable manner with effective utilisation of resources and conservation practices.

Scope

Periyar University is committed to adopt a culture of environmental responsibility within and outside the campus to maintain the quality.

Objectives

- To utilise potential environmental resources effectively
- To promote environmental conservation practices
- To provide an opportunity for effective environmental governance

Policy Statement

- The University adopts regular practices for minimal utilisation of water, energy and other resources to achieve sustainable development
- Effective conservation practices are followed in terms of establishment of green covers including Miyawaki forest, botanical garden, exclusive medicinal crop cafeteria, rain water harvesting system and wastewater treatment plant
- The University follows energy efficient practices like installation of LED lights with sensor and solar rooftop panel, biogas plant and composting to achieve green and clean campus
- University observes national and international environmental days to create awareness among the stakeholders and to the public.

Responsibility

The Periyar University Estate Office oversees the maintenance of facilities such as landscape, green cover, rain water harvesting system, wastewater treatment plant, electricity and electronic appliances and other renewable energy resources to ensure sustainable practices. Further, the University constitutes specific committees to monitor and maintain these facilities.

Implementation

The University regularly conducts plantation drives to increase the green cover which will aid to attain net zero emission and noise barrier in the campus. The energy efficient equipment and appliances are installed such as replacement of conventional lamps with LED and solar system. The University periodically conducts green and energy audits which provide a way to strengthen the implementation of sustainable practices.

The University insists its students, faculty and staff to follow source segregation of wastes and ecoconsumerism. The biodegradable wastes are recycled through vermicomposting. The solid and liquid wastes from hostels are effectively managed through biogas production and wastewater treatment plant, respectively.

The University is keen on encouraging walking, cycling and use of electric and battery operated vehicles inside the campus to reduce vehicle emission. Further, University promotes the periodical emission quality checking of the vehicles.

The University regularly conducts awareness programmes for the stakeholders and public to disseminate the key environmental issues and solutions in regional language to ensure environmental quality.

Approval and Review

Green Policy will be reviewed once in three years or as and when required. The Registrar of the University will be the custodian of the policy.

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