

#### Devrukh Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's

# NYA. TATYASAHEB ATHALYE ARTS, VED. S.R. SAPRE COMMERCE AND VID. DADASAHEB PITRE SCIENCE COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

Late Kakasaheb Pandit Educational Campus, Devrukh, Dist: Ratnagiri- 415 804, Maharashtra NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade (Third Cycle), Mumbai University Best College Award

#### ENVIRONMENT POLICY

#### Preface

The college always efforts to initiate, implement, promote and practically lead environmentally sustainable practices in and off the campus. The College is also sensitive towards environmental issues and proactively engages its stakeholders in sensitizing them regarding environmental concerns. This is reflected through the kind of activities, programs, seminars and workshops organized by the department for all students and teachers. Environment Policy of the college is framed for promotion of Environment Awareness and Conservation. The policy aims to effectively decrease the detrimental effects of all college campus activities on environment. It also aims to impart passion to work towards contributing positively in building our environment's health in the staff and students of the college.

## Specific Objectives and Scope

- Make the campus as well as the activities in college environmentally sustainable.
- · Inculcate a more aware and sustainable attitude among the students.
- Initiate wise use of all available resources in the campus.
- Promote cleaner sources of energy in campus especially solar power.
- Educate the students and staff for avoiding usage of plastic
- Develop efficient waste management and recycling practices throughout the campus.
- Promote use of recyclable and recycled materials wherever possible.
- · Conduct awareness activities for environmental issues.
- Conservation of biodiversity and natural habitats in the college campus.
- Make campus pollution free by adopting to zero emission strategies and restricting vehicles inside the campus.
- Implement practices that will minimise plastic and ban on single use plastic in the campus
- · Promotion of eco-friendly programs and festivals.
- · Carry out environmental audit and green initiatives.
- Promote efficient use of water and energy.
- Collaborate with NGOs and governmental agencies to promote green culture and Environment Conservation.
- Organize environment Conservation awareness programs and activities for the society



# Criteria for developing Environmentally Sustainable Culture on Campus

Process and steps to develop and implement a sustainable campus:

- 1. Efforts taken to reduce the energy consumption and indirectly reduce the carbon footprint.
- 2. Efforts taken to reduce waste generation and the consumption of resources
- 3. Follow 4 core principles of environment protection: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Replace
- 4. Consideration of Environmental and social impacts when deciding all purchases, sponsors and vendors.

#### Measures

### Ban on Plastic Use in Athalye-Sapre-Pitre College Devrukh

Considering UGC guidelines and Govt. decisions, Athalye-Sapre-Pitre College Devrukh banned use of single-use plastics in college campus including canteens, hostels, etc. The College campus is declared as Plastic free campus, so it is mandatory to all students and staff to avoid bringing non-bio-degradable plastic items to the institution. Students are encouraged to sensitize their respective households about effects of plastics harmful and make their households 'plastic free'. The college carries out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics. The college undertakes campaign in nearby villages to convert it into 'plastic-free villages' through promoting awareness and encouraging shift to alternative products.

#### Waste Management

Waste management will be done by opting four core principles of environment protection as follows,

- Reduce: Use or buy only what we really need there is no waste to treat when there is no waste to begin with. Digitization general management of the college to reduce the need for paperwork.
- Reuse: Don't throw away items that are reusable. Reduce waste by making full use of any item.
- Recycle: Give items don't need to persons in need; recycle broken but recyclable items so that the
  resources can be recycled into usable items. Use biodegradable waste for making compost and Send
  non-biodegradable waste including e-waste for recycling.
- Replace: Adopt eco-friendly goods or lifestyles, such as using handkerchiefs instead of tissues, travel by public transport instead of private cars.

#### **Energy Usage**

- Use of energy efficient electrical equipment and regular maintenance of it to increase energy efficiency.
- Use of renewable energy sources in the campus and regular maintenance of solar panels for efficient working of the solar cell

# Water Management

- Taking steps to creating a water-recycling system to reuse as much water as possible.
- Encourage the reuse of kitchen water to water the plants.
- Conduct regular checks for leaky faucets, flushes etc.

#### Green Cover

- Check the suitability of certain plants in the campus environment and plant species that are beneficial to the overall health of the campus.
- Try to increase the green cover on campus by implementing innovative ideas and landscaping

# **Environment Awareness Campaign and Research**

- Organization of various programs, lecture series, workshops, activities, rallies etc on various aspects
  of environment for creating awareness among students and society.
- Perform research projects, experiments on various aspects of environment

# **SOP** for Environmental Policy:

Sr.No.	Activity	Responsibility
1.	Instituting of structures and procedures for the implementation of the environmental policy	Principal
2.	Monitoring and the implementation of the policy	Head and Teachers
3	Coordination of Environment Conservation Culture and promotion of environmental awareness	Teachers and supporting staff
4	Adherence to the policy in daily activities in and off camps	Students

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