

SREE SWAMY VIVEKANANDA CENTRE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Policy Title: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Policy Approval Authority: Director Board of Sree Swami Vivekananda Trust

Policy Approval Date:

1, Introduction

Sree Swamy Vivekananda Centre of Teacher Education recognizes and embraces its responsibility for the environmental impact of its operations. The institution is fully committed to minimizing the environmental footprint of its activities, adhering to all relevant environmental laws and regulations. In addition to this, we are dedicated to raising awareness among our students and staff regarding environmental responsibility, and we pledge to maintain our facilities and grounds in an environmentally conscious manner for the benefit of current and future members and visitors.

In alignment with our tradition of innovation and intellectual excellence, Sree Swamy Vivekananda Centre of Teacher Education outlines the following policies and practices, which we will uphold to continually enhance our environmental performance.

2. Aims and Objectives

- To instil sound environmental management policies and practices throughout our institution.
- To meet or exceed the requirements of all applicable environmental legislation.
- To reduce and, whenever possible, prevent pollution.
- To foster a comprehensive understanding of our current environmental performance.
- To promote the use of low carbon technologies in our buildings and equipment.
- To employ water resources efficiently and responsibly, identifying opportunities for water reuse.
- To integrate life cycle thinking into our procurement of goods and services.
- To minimize the adverse environmental impacts associated with the decommissioning and disposal of our assets.
- To implement sustainable resource management practices founded on the principles of reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- To establish sustainable transportation practices across all activities in pursuit of our carbon reduction targets.
- To manage our institution's estate with an emphasis on enhancing biodiversity and following sound environmental and sustainability principles.
- To require a sustainable construction plan for any new development or refurbishment project within our institution.

- To raise awareness among our staff and students about our environmental impact, activities, performance, and best practices.
- To provide appropriate environmental educational programs for both staff and students.
- To encourage and facilitate feedback and suggestions to ensure the adoption of best practices.

3. Responsibility

The primary responsibility for implementing this policy rests with the College Council and the Principal, who serves as the Chief Executive of the institution. While the college bears the principal responsibility for policy implementation, each individual plays a crucial role in cooperating with those entrusted with safeguarding the environment. All individuals are expected to comply with the rules and requirements established under the authority of this policy.

4. Implementation and Monitoring

A Nature Club and National Service Scheme (NSS) will be established to spearhead the implementation of the policy and engage students and staff in environmental initiatives.

Green audit will be conducted periodically, with the results used to develop an action plan to continually improve our environmental performance.

All students and staff are expected to support and adhere to this policy.

5. Related Policies, Codes, Guidelines, and Supporting Documentation

Our environmental policy aligns with relevant provisions in the Indian Constitution and key environmental legislation, including The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and The Energy Conservation Act, 2001. We also comply with regulations from the Government, University Grants Commission (UGC), and University, in addition to our College Waste Management Policy and other relevant legislation.

6. Exclusions

None

7. Compliance and Enforcement

All stakeholders are responsible for adhering to this policy. SSVCTE will sensitize all beneficiaries to the existence and provisions of this policy. College authorities are responsible for implementing this policy in their daily activities, work, and learning processes. Any compliance issues will be promptly addressed by SSVCTE.

8. Consequences of Noncompliance

Noncompliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action as determined by the College authorities.

9. Conclusion

We expect our staff and students to be fully informed and supportive of this Environmental Policy. Every member of Sree Swamy Vivekananda Centre of Teacher Education is encouraged

to actively engage with the system, and all stakeholders and visitors are required to adhere to the principles and objectives outlined in this policy.

The institution will disseminate its Environmental Policy through the College website.

Signed,
Principal