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7.1.5: Green campus initiatives include Describe the Green campus initiative of the institution including Restricted entry of automobiles, Use of Bicycles/ Battery powered vehicles , Pedestrian Friendly pathways , Ban on use of Plastic, landscaping with trees and plants etc in 500 words

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Green Campus Policy

(This policy has been approved by the Management Council)

I. Preamble

The UN Sustainable Development Goals are well discussed globally. The active participation of population of the world is very critical. Educational institutions are instrumental in grooming the life of the young individuals. They not only transform individuals with knowledge, values and ethics besides helping individuals in becoming a conscious Global citizen.

Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey Women's University Green Campus Policy Document aims in bringing about a paradigm shift among all the stakeholders of the university and communities around its campuses (Churchgate, Juhu, Pune & Shrivardhan) of the University. This would be a Deming cycle of continual improvement which would reflect the global acknowledgement. The management system models are developed during the process of implementation of Modules. The initiation guidelines based on the range of best practices are drawn both from the practical experience and from the review of literature. The University has been able to identify gaps through audits, which will be targeted in a phased manner to accomplish the Vision over a period of time.

II. Definitions (Key Terms)

Green Campus - A Green Campus is a place where environment friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus.

Global Citizen - A global citizen is someone who is aware of and understands the wider world – and their place in it. They take an active role in their community and work with others to make our planet more peaceful, sustainable and fairer.

Definition of Global Citizen By UNESCO - It works by empowering learners of all ages to understand that these are global, not local issues and to become active promoters of more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive, secure and sustainable societies.

III. Scope

Green Campus Program enables institutions to preserve natural resources like water and biodiversity, manage waste and educate about climate change and sustainability and optimize energy effectiveness, while bringing about sense of citizenship among students through participation and addressing well-being of the students.

IV. Need of The Policy

To bring about the change in the society / community by fostering awareness on environmental issues and concerns, commitment to continuous improvement of the campus through participation and develop responsible attitudes.

V. Objectives of the Policy

The main objective to have Green Campus Policy is to promote and foster Eco-Friendly practices among the different institutional stake holders. This can lead to culture that will redefine the environment by creating sustainable measures to help the mankind.

Vision: Conservation of Nature by Sustainable Green Practices at SNDTWU Campuses.

Mission statement:

‘BE THE CHANGE TO SEE THE CHANGE: SNDTWU GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVE’

The policy focuses on different areas of Green Campus Initiative (SNDTWU-GCI) which are listed below-

- 1) Climate Change - Tree Plantation Drive is undertaken every Founders Day in order to maintain ecological balance of flora and fauna in every campus.
- 2) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan – Campus Cleanliness drive, Juhu Beach cleaning, poster competitions, etc.
- 3) Blood Donation Camp – Regular blood donation camps organized
- 4) Regular Medical Check – up – for all the students at three campuses

- 5) Solar Energy – Solar panels installed for energy conservation at SNDTWU Juhu Campus
- 6) Rallies for Social Cause – Cashless transactions, Fitness, Harmony walk, etc.
- 7) Disaster Management-workshops, demonstrations, training on fire safety, medical emergencies, films, talks, etc.
- 8) E-waste management – Collection bins for e-waste in campus
- 9) Rain water harvesting at SNDTWU, Churchgate campus
- 10) Collection of seeds of consumed fruits and vegetables are done for future plantation in campus.
- 11) Awareness campaign activities, webinars, workshops are conducted regularly

VI. Policy: Guidelines for implementation of the policy

Implementation of Sustainable Green campus initiative is done to contribute to the national policy on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and pollution free environment for the development, health and wellbeing of the students. All these activities are initiated at the planning stage by the institution so that budget allocation can be done for clean and green campus.

To organize various programmes under NSS, NCC, Rotaract Clubs, university departments and colleges. Under the aegis of Students welfare department, students' development, department of sports various activities for the students under campus development and students welfare are initiated.

VII. Procedure:

SNDTWU Management –

- The University has appointed Campus committees to monitor the activities of SNDTWU-GCI.
- The University budget under the Head of Development Funds and Campus Funds provides financial support.
- The Plan of action is drawn after identifying the gaps in each campus with the help of all stakeholders.

- Strategies for the same will be proposed to management and after the consent the plan will be executed.
- Save Paper- Use of ITC to communicate between its stake holders.
- E-Library/Green Library initiatives have been undertaken.

Waste Management-

- Waste segregation practices are being adhered and followed.
- Solid waste Management techniques have been adopted appropriately.
- Waste products are being Reduced, Reused and Recycled.
- E-waste and disposal practices are followed with collaboration of an NGO.
- Reduction of Plastic usage in campus. Collection of plastic bottle waste being done by the company.
- Moving towards paperless office.
- Posters Display at strategic location to motivate users to dispose garbage collection.

Beneficiaries

The eco-friendly campus environment initiatives will benefit the immediate stakeholders - students, staff and nearby communities at large with clean air and pollution free environment.

The SNTDWU is committed towards Conservation and optimal use of Resources and will revisit the policies periodically, refine it in new directions to meet the challenging demand of future needs.
