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GREEN CAMPUS POLICY



1. Preface

St Philomena college should demonstrate higher sensitivity and responsibility in implementing green concepts in the campus. By exercising proper control over all its activities the college will aim to ensure sustainable use of resources and prevent wasteful or damaging practices. Although establishment and maintenance of green campus is important, spreading awareness on the green practices among students and educating stake holders is our priority.

St Philomena college will aim to manage its operations in ways that are environmentally sustainable, economically feasible and socially responsible i.e. making the College a green campus where environmental friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices. Therefore, this policy represents an important component of the broader sustainability strategy of the college. This document sets out the aims and objectives of the college for safeguarding the environment and details the structure for implementing and monitoring them.

2. Aims and Objectives:

- 2.1 To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the campus
- 2.2 To ensure judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of the present and future generations
- 2.3 To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programmes for social development and outreach activities
- 2.4 To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water and to reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.
- 2.5 To make the campus plastic free.
- 2.6 To conduct environmental and energy audits from time to time.

3. Green Campus:

A Green Campus is a place where environmental friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus. The green campus concept offers an institution the opportunity to take the lead in redefining its environmental culture and developing new paradigms by creating sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs of mankind.

4. Composition of the Swachhta Committee:

- 4.1 Principal of the college- Chairperson
- 4.2 IQAC Coordinator- Secretary
- 4.3 Faculty Representative nominated by the Principal
- 4.4 Student Representative- General Secretary of the college
- 4.5 Non-Teaching Staff Representative- Office Superintendent
- 4.6 Parent Representative- Secretary of the Parent Teacher Association
- 4.7 Industry Representative- Member of Alumni Association

5. Green campus initiative includes:

The institutional initiatives for greening the campus are as follows:

- 5.1 Restricted entry of automobile
- 5.2 Pedestrian Friendly pathways
- 5.3 Ban on the use of Plastic
- 5.4 Landscaping with trees and plants

5.1 Restricted entry of Automobiles

The institute encourages the staff and students to take initiative for safety in vehicles, security, fuel conservation and to reduce environmental pollution. The vehicles owned by faculty or students with pollution check stickers are permitted into the campus. Random checks are made to check the validation and periodicity of this certificate. For two wheelers or four wheelers, security measures are mandatory.

5.2 Pedestrian-friendly pathways

Vehicle parking space is provided at the main entrance of the college campus. As the campus is vehicle free with some exceptions, students and staff experience comfort walking through the pedestrian friendly pathways. The internal roads are lined with trees and solar lights and they are properly maintained by the campus maintenance committee.

5.3 Ban on use of plastic

Single-use plastic items such as plastic bottles, bags, spoons, straws and cups are banned completely and awareness is created among staff and students through orientation and display boards in the premises. To restrict the use of plastic, measures have been taken to replace plastic tea cups and glasses with steel glasses in the canteen. The staff and students are informed to use steel or copper water bottles instead of plastic bottles.

5.4 Landscaping with trees and plants

St Philomena college organizes Tree Plantation program every year at the College Campus. Students and staff enthusiastically initiate and participate in the tree plantations drive on the campus and also outside the campus. Environmental promotional activities and other awareness programmes among the students regarding the advantages of tree plantation for an Eco-friendly Environment are conducted.

The College celebrates “The World Environmental day” on June 5 every year by conducting competitions among students and also by arranging talks by eminent people to bring awareness. The plantation program includes the plantation of various types of ornamental and medicinal varieties, and wild plant species in large numbers. This program promotes an eco-friendly environment, by stepping up the oxygen levels on the campus.

6. Response:

St Philomena College, Puttur one of the premium institutions in Karnataka, has always taken a green agenda. The college has shown remarkable awareness of maintaining an eco-friendly campus. On visiting the Campus, one can experience the aesthetic and elegant buildings, splendid lawns, spacious sports grounds, and lush green environment conducive to teaching-learning process.

7. Green Environment and Clean Campus

The students are given strict instructions to maintain the campus clean and it is reflected in their handbooks. Several Quotes related to the importance of a clean and green environment are displayed on the campus. A gardener and full-time adequate support staff are appointed for the maintenance of litter-free clean and Green Campus.



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