

## Policy Document on Environment

### Preamble:

The Environment Policy of Ashoka Business School aims to manage energy systematically to minimize its impact on the environment. The Green Campus eco rangers of the school is devoted to environmental awareness, undertaking green initiatives, and conducting green initiative programs to save and protect the environment.

### Vision:

This environment policy is binding for all components of the institution and applies to all its stakeholders and various activities. The policy aims to explore renewable energy resources to reduce the burden on the government and find alternative solutions to the energy crisis. It will help embed efficiency and environmental awareness into our everyday activities, thus realizing our responsibilities and commitment to conserving natural resources and limiting their usage.

### Objectives:

- To sensitize all stakeholders towards a Clean, Green, and Sustainable Environment.
- To help students and faculty understand each individual's responsibility to take initiatives to save the environment.
- To work with all stakeholders and the local community to adopt good environmental practices and reduce any adverse effects on the environment.
- To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water, reduce consumption and waste production, and promote recovering and recycling waste where possible.
- To ensure the judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.

### Policy:

- Awareness: Create awareness on environmental conservation among students, faculty, administrative, and supportive staff and work towards sustainable development.

- Eco-education: Integrate environmental studies focusing on environmental concepts and issues into all academic, curricular, and extracurricular activities and programs of the school.
- Green Initiatives: Conserve and protect natural resources, adopting green initiatives and sustainable measures for a clean and green campus. Promote activities that instill a sense of responsibility for environmental preservation.
- Pollution Management: Implement steps for a smoke-free campus, with relevant boards displayed to highlight the need for a clean, green, and sustainable environment.
- Outreach Programs: Undertake initiatives through extension activities to reach society through workshops and awareness drives on applicable environmental issues.
- Energy Saving: Replace outdated and energy-consuming equipment with energy-efficient equipment/LED bulbs. Adopt sensor-based energy conservation measures. Encourage stakeholders to avoid using electric lights in classrooms and halls where there is sufficient natural light.
- Renewable Energy: Ensure energy security and conserve the nation's natural resources by implementing renewable energy solutions, such as installing solar power panels to augment the school's energy needs.
- Waste Management: Ensure segregation of solid wastes in different color-coded bins across the campus. Sustain solid waste management of organic matter through vermicomposting.
- Ban on Single-Use Plastic: Ban single-use plastic to minimize plastic pollution on campus. Advise all stakeholders to use jute or cloth products for various purposes.
- Water Management: Implement rainwater harvesting systems, bore well systems, trenches, ponds/bunds, judicious use of water resources, and proper maintenance of the water distribution system to replenish groundwater.
- Quality Audits on Environment: Conduct green and environment audits to assess and analyse the environmental impact. Use the analysis to implement energy-saving measures and upgrade the environmental conditions on campus.

This policy will be communicated to students and employees via internal communication channels and made available to all stakeholders on the institutional website. The Environment Policy, objectives, and targets will be reviewed regularly by the Green Campus Committee and its members under the guidance of the Director of the institution.

  
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