

SYMBIOSIS LAW SCHOOL HYDERABAD

(A constituent of Symbiosis International University)



ENVIRONMENT POLICY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad campus (SLSH), a constituent of Symbiosis International University, Pune, is committed to responsible stewardship of its campus environment and is aware that our actions and decisions impact our city, our region, and our planet.

As an institution of higher learning, SLSH is dedicated to investigating, understanding, and promoting awareness of its present and future impact on the natural world. Through broad community involvement and education, SLSH strives to incorporate ideals of sustainability through Plantation, Energy Conservation, Water Conservation, and Use of Renewable energy, into the operations of the College and the daily lives of individuals on campus. Sustainability is commonly accepted to mean meeting the resource needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. All the efforts of SLSH in support of sustainability shall strive to maintain and develop the Institute's campus in a responsible manner and aid the Nation in maintain a clean and green environment.

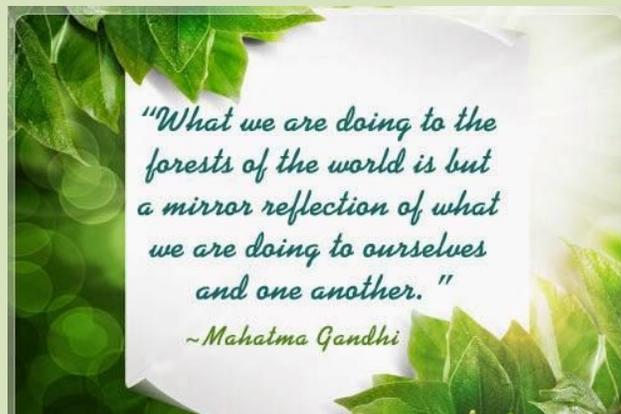


PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE POLICY

The Institute established this policy to identify general goals and strategies for a commitment to environmental responsibility. Through enacting and implementing the vision of this policy, the Institute will be a positive example and shall play a significant role in the advancement of environmental responsibility on the campus and in the local and greater community.

As established, in its Vision and Mission statement, Symbiosis International University strives to become the standard of excellence for residential campus/college and all the members of the fraternity are encouraged to share the responsibilities of citizenship and service in the global community. In keeping with this vision to efficiently operate the campus, the University affirms its commitment to environmental excellence and actively promotes the individual's right to a healthy and a quality environment.

SLSH, under the auspices of Symbiosis International University recognizes the need for the education of all members of the college community as well as members dwelling outside the campus, concerning the importance of environmental responsibility and the component of the Policy. It also recognizes its academic role in fostering leadership by educating the college community about environmental responsibility and by continuing to support environmental education through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.



OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES OF THE POLICY

The **objectives** of the environmental policy are to:

- Increase plantation in the campus to enable good breathing
- Increase cleanliness and hygiene
- Conserve water
- Conserve Electricity
- Reduce waste to a minimum, recycle waste and scrap where possible, and limit packaging waste
- Place dustbins at every point to discard plastics, packaging waste, and other items
- Reduce noise pollution through defining “SILENCE” zones

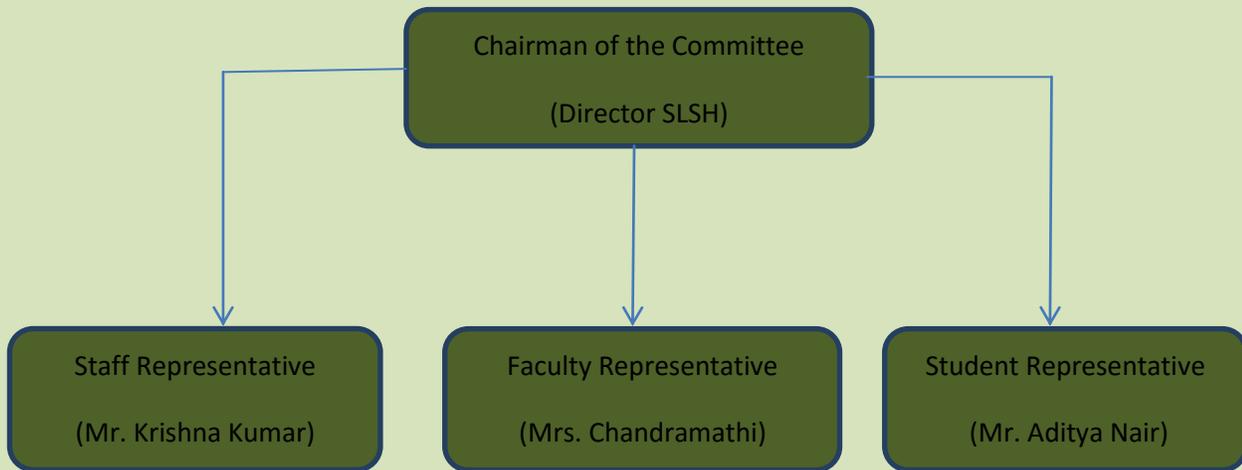
The following **outcomes** are observed:

- Students and staff switch off the lights, fans, and computers after use without fail
- Students practiced “Earth Day” by turning off lights for 2 hours in the evening
- Maintaining silence in the Academic Block has turned into a habit
- Recycling measures have just begun
- Students and staff responsibly discard junk into the dustbins only.
- Students practice clean and green by picking up any discarded material strewn on the campus and throw it into the dustbin
- Water coolers are cleaned every week so that there is clean supply of water.



ENVIRONMENT POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE

A committee is formed at SLSH to observe, monitor, maintain, and review the environmental standards on the campus. The structure is as follows:



The student representative is responsible for checking and verifying water, electricity, cleanliness at the hostel, mess, and library and campus in general and ensures conservation and maintenance of the same.

The faculty representative is responsible for checking and verifying water, electricity, cleanliness at the faculty chambers and campus in general, and ensures conservation and maintenance of the same.

The staff representative is responsible for checking and verifying water, electricity, cleanliness in the classrooms, labs, and library and ensures conservation and maintenance of the same.

All the three representatives report to the Director (Chairman of the Committee) for any action to be taken against non-compliance of the policy guidelines.

ECO FRIENDLY PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES

1. Environmentally responsible purchasing policies
2. Commitment to environmental education
3. Efficient use and conservation of water, electricity, and other resources
4. Minimizing waste (hazardous waste too)
5. Plantation
6. Cleanliness
7. Follow-up, review, and update

1. Environmentally responsible purchasing policies

The University recognizes that one of its primary opportunities to exercise environmental responsibility is through its purchasing choices. For instance, purchasing eco-friendly, energy conserving ACs, Refrigerators, Coolers, Lights and Tubes, PC Screens, etc. happens only if the supplier possesses an eco-friendly certification for these products. The University commits to the goal of balancing environmentally and fiscally responsible purchasing choices by considering life cycle costs, long-term implications, and environmental impact of its purchasing policies. The Institute therefore follows the eco-friendly guidelines in purchasing the above as well as purchasing non-toxic toilet cleaning and room spraying materials.

2. Commitment to environmental education

The University recognizes the need for the education of all members of the University community concerning the importance of environmental responsibility and the components of this Policy. Therefore, the Institute commits to assuring that all members of the community are aware of the Environmental Policy and understand their role in its implementation. The University recognizes its academic role in fostering leadership by educating the community about environmental responsibility and by continuing to support environmental education in the curriculum. For instance, there is a course called **Integrated Disaster Management Program** for the students as part of curriculum.

3. Efficient use and conservation of water, electricity, and other resources

The University recognizes the importance of conservation efforts and efficient use of resources as the primary methods for reducing resource consumption. Therefore, SLSH commits to minimize the consumption of energy, water, and other resources by eliminating wasteful practices and promoting efficient use. For instance, the Institute is committed to save paper by printing it on both sides or using soft copies mostly. The Institute commits to exploring and implementing well-considered and feasible conservation measures in existing buildings, renovations, and new construction.

4. Minimizing Waste and Eliminating toxic waste:

The University recognizes the importance of minimizing solid waste generation by the community and will establish policies and processes to that end, first through reduction, then through reuse, and finally through recycling. Therefore, the Institute supports development of food scrap composting and bio-mass resource recovery programs. Also, the Institute acknowledges the importance of safe management of hazardous and toxic materials (specially, plastic, packaging material, etc) and will continue to establish policies and processes to maintain efficient use, tracking, storage, and disposal of hazardous and toxic materials.

5. Plantation:

The University recognizes the importance of greenery on the campus to enable warding off toxic gases and foster clean breathing. Therefore, the Institute follows this in principle by planting as many saplings as possible. Now, initiatives are being undertaken to convert the campus into a total green area with flowers, fruits, and ornamental plants.

6. Cleanliness:

The University recognizes the importance of cleanliness and hygiene as an important criteria for survival and sustenance. The Institute therefore follows this in true spirit and ensures sweeping the floors of the Academic Block, Library, and the campus and swapping it using non-toxic cleaning materials and pick up discarded plastics and other packaging material and dispose it in the dustbins. The water coolers are regularly cleaned using non-toxic cleaning materials to ensure hygienic drinking water.

Follow-up, review, and update:

The environmental policy is reviewed every 6 months and appropriate actions to improve or sustain is taken. Staff and students, if found violating the objectives are strictly warned.

GREEN AUDIT

Green Audit is yet to be conducted in the campus as it is a new entity. At present, the Institute has been able to achieve eco-friendly purchases, plantations, and ensuring on-campus cleanliness and hygiene.

