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Policy Document on Green Campus Initiatives

The initiatives of Sacred Heart College are devoted to champion the conservation and promotion of life on earth. It maintains a positive attitude towards sustainable development and encourages its members to adopt an eco-friendly lifestyle and construct an environment congenial to a healthy living for the future generations.

The College follows a “**Go Green and Grow Green**” policy. As a practice it adheres to the **GREEN PROTOCOL** advocated by the Government of Kerala to collaborate with Swachh Bharath Abhiyan

It seeks to spread and strengthen the awareness on different subjects relating to the environment and humankind among academic community and neighbourhood.

The college pays considerable attention to minimize the production of waste in the campus and thereby advice the officials administering various programmes/ activities/ celebrations to restrain from using disposable products and flex banners.

The College has a policy on recycling to be put into practice at the student level through entrepreneurship development cell and also plans to establish a paper recycling unit.

The College has already started tapping renewable energy resources and intends to introduce water recycling by 2020. It promotes **farming of organic vegetables** on and off the campus. The college supports and protects diversity, especially of indigenous and coastal flora and fauna and also work for their documentation.

Green protocol of the college:

As part of its initiatives for environmental sustainability, the following instructions and guidelines are implemented by the college:

1. Spread the importance of Energy Conservation
2. Reduce the use of disposable items in all functions and meetings
3. Promote the use of e-copies and e-documents
4. Print on both sides of paper
5. Promote vegetable cultivation
6. Plant trees on important days of celebrations
7. Promote the usage of LED bulbs
8. Avoid the usage of plastic made pens/bags/files/folders and banners
9. Promote the use of electronic display boards, cloth banner etc.

Plastic Ban Policy:

Sacred Heart College identifies that:

1. A systematic campaign needs to be carried out to reduce the usage of plastic especially the single use plastic
2. The use of single use plastic items is a concern to the environment, public health and welfare
3. The distribution of single use plastic items results in the production of greenhouse gas emissions
4. Single use plastic items requires utilization of natural resources and it contribute to environmental problems
5. Littering of single use plastic items too results in environmental problem

With the above identification, the college decided to:

1. Ban the use of single use plastic in canteen and in all important meetings of the college

2. Conduct awareness programmes and workshop on the harmful impact of single use plastic
3. Encourage students to spread the importance of banning plastic in the community that they live
4. Mandate faculty, non- teaching staff and students to avoid the use of plastic water bottles and to increase the use of alternate solutions like use of paper folders, cloth bag, and jute files instead of plastic make items.
5. Promote Khadi dress at least once a week (Wednesday) among all members of the college.



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