POLICY DOCUMENT OF THE DESIRE GREEN COMMITTEE

Green and clean Campus:

Government dental college and hospital, Mumbai is the pioneer dental institute catering to the needs of the dental patients in the most populated city of the country, Mumbai. Taking into account the necessity of protecting environment for a sustainable, pollution-free and healthy life on the planet Earth in the coming years, the college has formed its desire Green committee. This committee envisions a Clean and Green Campus where environment friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco- friendly practices in the campus and beyond the campus. The desire green 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. The college endeavors to follow this policy strictly by actually enacting to and also creating environmental consciousness among the students and thereby among the society in general by organizing various activities within and outside the campus. The college works towards creating a green, clean, pollution-free and healthy environment with a missionary zeal and dedication.

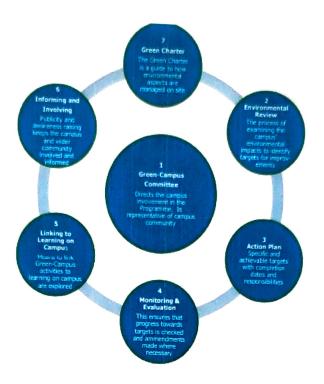
Objectives of the Programme:

The Seven Steps of the Green-Campus Programme are intended to be enough to accommodate any campus and each step is implemented to suit the campus capacity at the point of implementation. These seven steps also allow for the Programme to be continually updated as the environmental status and the requirements of the campus change.

The first step of the Programme involves establishing a viable desire green Committee, within the organizational structure of the Institute. Hence, to give this initiative more clarity and authenticity, we now roll out a POLICY DOCUMENT spelling out the strategies, plans and other allied tasks to make this Program functional officially. We believe that greening the campus is all about sweeping away wasteful inefficiencies and using conventional sources of energies for its daily power needs, correct disposal handling, purchase of environment friendly supplies and effective recycling program.

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- ➤ It envisions to sensitize the students, staff and patients to minimize the use of polluting products and use environment-friendly products and services.
- > To instill the importance of cleanliness for a healthy life.
- ➤ To Create awareness about environmental issues by organizing Events, Rallies, Awareness Campaigns, Cleanliness Drives, Seminars, Workshops, presentations, Tree Plantation Drives, Wildlife Photography Competitions, Rangoli Competitions, Essay Competitions, and others.
- To make students and staff aware about raising voice against the hazardous practices destroying Nature and promote environment friendly practices among the society.

Composition of the Go- Green Committee

1. Principal of the college: Chairperson- Dr Dimple Padawe

2. Coordinators:

- Garden Secretary- Dr. Vijayalaxmi Nimma
- Faculty Representative nominated by the Principal- Dr. Monali Patil and Dr Kishore Dighe
- Student Representative- General Secretary of the college
- Non-Teaching Staff Representative- Mr Rmakant Kadam

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• Faculty Representative nominated by the Principal- Dr. Chitra Patil and Dr Ramdas

• Student Representative- General Secretary of the college

• Non-Teaching Staff Representative- Mr Mukund

Scope of the Policy

The Green Campus, Energy and Environment Policies will develop exciting new co-curricular and extracurricular practices that encourage students to take the lead in creating positive change. These initiatives call for a thorough review of all infrastructural, administrative functions from the

standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment.

Following are few of the initiatives:

→ Clean Campus Initiative

→ Landscaping Initiative

→ Clean Air Initiative

→ Waste management

→ Smoking Free Campus

→ Ban on the pollutants

Clean Campus Initiative pledges to actively coordinate cleanliness activities in the college and beyond the campus in accordance with the vision of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan". It commits to continue with this Programme. The broad vision is as follows:

1. Generating mass awareness on cleanliness and hygiene amongst students and staff members by holding regular cleanliness drives. The idea is to motivate them to contribute in a proactive manner

2. Staff Members will be encouraged to participate in the cleanliness drive in the college campus.

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- 3. Conduct workshops on the 3Rs: Reduce, reusing and recycling of waste.
- 4. Commit to manage waste and maintain clean campus especially during college events.
- 5. Link Green-Campus activities to Academics in the Institute and to the university.
- 6. Organize Awareness Programs for the students, faculty and society.
- 7. Waste water Management/ Rain water harvesting

Landscaping Initiatives: In the heart of this metropolitan city we have efficiently maintained to enhance our garden and campus greeneries. It provides space for study, play, outdoor events, relaxation and aesthetic appreciation. Green campus landscapes also manage runoff, help recharge groundwater, and clean and cool the air on campus. The landscape serves as a visual representation of the campus community's commitment to sustainability. As campus landscapes are so visible and accessible, landscaping initiatives are a great way to build awareness around the environment. The college commits to enrich this healthy habitat and maintaining the symbiotic relation of the institution with nature by

- Organizing annual tree plantation drives
- Celebration of world environment day
- Following state wide campaign from MUHS "ONE STUDENT ONE TREE" policy
- Encouraging student societies to hold tree planting events

Clean Air Initiatives: Smoking and use of tobacco in and around the campus is strictly prohibited as per National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) 2007-2008. Since the institute is very close to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus Station, we encourage our students and staff to use more of public transportation and for this we issue certificates to the students due to which they can avail 50% concession on rail fare as per the railway rules.

Waste management:

Solid waste

- Systematically engage with the 3R's of environment friendliness (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle).
- Collect paper waste produced on campus and collaborate with scrap dealers for recycling.
- Encourage the students and teachers to use emails for assignment submissions to reduce paper waste.

Liquid Waste Management

• Maintain leak proof water fixtures.

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• Reuse of wastewater.

e- waste management

• Maintenance and disposal of e- waste periodically

The vision in near future regarding Green Campus initiative can be summarized as below:

- Installation of Solar Power street lamps
- Waste water Management/ Rainwater harvesting
- Development of Sewage Water Treatment Plant.
- Landscaping and gardens
- Use of LEDs only
- Digital Library/ E-Learning Centre
- Green, Environment and Energy Audit
- Restricted entry of automobiles
- E-waste Management
- Display Boards to Promote Environmental Sensibility on College Campus
- Installation of Incinerator in the Girls' Common Room
- Observance of Days to protect and Nurture Environment
- Dedicated Section for the Environment Consciousness in our website and journal

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