

## Water Conservation Policy

	Policy Title: Water Conservation at Sadhu Vaswani Institute of Management Studies for Girls
<b>1A</b>	Administrative Policy Number (APN): Approved by : IQAC
<b>1B</b>	Functional Area: Best Practices

Sr. No.	Key Point	Description of the Key Points
1.	<b>Policy Title</b>	Water Conservation at Sadhu Vaswani Institute of Management Studies for Girls
2.	<b>Applies To</b>	All SVIMS Stakeholders
3.	<b>Effective From</b>	1.1.2022
4.	<b>Last Reviewed/ Updated on</b>	
5.	<b>Related Policies, Procedures, Forms, Guidelines, and Other Resources</b>	<p>National Water Policy – <a href="http://cwc.gov.in/sites/default/files/nwouser/nwplectnote6.pdf">http://cwc.gov.in/sites/default/files/nwouser/nwplectnote6.pdf</a></p> <p>Niti – <a href="https://niti.gov.in/planningcommission.gov.in/docs/reports/genrep/bkpap2020/10_bg2020.pdf">https://niti.gov.in/planningcommission.gov.in/docs/reports/genrep/bkpap2020/10_bg2020.pdf</a></p> <p>JalShakti Mission, Government of India <a href="https://nwm.gov.in/?q=schemes">https://nwm.gov.in/?q=schemes</a></p>



6.	<b>Introduction</b>	SVIMS believes in the sustainable development goals of the UN, wherein, of other factors of life, reduced inequalities, responsible consumption, life below water and on land and climate change drove the need for this policy to be structured and implemented. Water scarcity is a pertinent challenge, moreso in urban areas than rural areas. It is pre-empted that the future wars would be for water and fuel rather than power. Given this clarion call, SVIMS initiated to reduce water demands by adopting water recycling, rain water harvesting and other processes at institute and campus level.
7.	<b>Policy Statement</b>	SVIMS shall ensure provision of adequate, clean and safe water [quality water] for drinking purposes and become a water smart campus through sustainable initiatives adopted for recycling and conserving water
8.	<b>Reasons for Policy</b>	<p>The policy aims at monitoring the existing water management in the campus with participation and transparency and presenting guidelines for conserving water on the campus</p> <p>The policy is intended to support and enhance the Institute's commitment to environmental sustainability, create awareness and encourage change in individual behaviors, actions, and campus processes towards water management and conservation.</p> <p>Reducing water wastage and protecting this precious natural resource shall be the key objectives of water sustainability policy. The guiding principles are- Efficient conservation - Responsible consumption.</p> <p>The key components of the Water Policy are:  Water Conservation  Water Quantity and Quality Management and  Wastewater Management</p>

### **SOPs/ Processes for Water Management and Conservation**

- Adequacy of Water will be assured through provision of water from the Pune Municipal Corporation, borewells and underground and overhead tanks
- The principle of Best Quality Water for Best Use Viz., drinking, and cleaning will be used. Thus, water from Pune Municipal Corporation will be used for drinking and cleaning purposes. Borewell water will be used for Toilets



- Adequate number of functional, good quality [rust proof] water taps and Sanitary fixtures will be available
- The area around the inlet and drinking water points will be kept clean by class iv employees.
- Water filters shall be regularly serviced through AMC.
- Clean water tumblers will be provided for drinking and Class IV employees will do the needful in this context.
- Advanced technology will be used to draw and store water in underground and overhead tanks. Sensors and other means to prevent water overflows will be used.
- Leaking taps and pipes, roofs, sidewalls and water wastage will be reported immediately by employees and members of the Student Smart Water Committee.
- Taps will be repaired or replaced upon advice of plumber.
- Manpower and Mechanism for Water Management and Monitoring
  - I. A plumber appointed on retainership shall-
    - a. periodically mend and repair leaks in taps and pipes.
    - b. monitor water storage and supply spaces.
    - c. test and maintain the water meter or suggest if maintenance needs to be done by a water meter expert.
    - d. periodically check water pumps.
  - II. The Registrar is specifically allotted the task of management and monitoring all water issues.
  - III. Class IV employees will monitor and report on storage levels of overhead tanks.
  - IV. A student committee of two members will be appointed to monitor and report on water management.
- Students and staff will be oriented towards using appropriate levels of flushing in all the toilets.
- One workshop/session on water conservation will be organized every year.
- We will offer half-filled glasses for drinking so as to avoid wastage of water.
- Sprinklers will be used in the lawn areas.
- Rainwater harvesting systems will be in place to recharge ground water levels.
- A conscious effort will be made to avoid plantation of ornamental roadside trees and other trees that consume more water.
- The Institute will fix conservation targets based on water units consumed [as available from water meter readings].
- Within a period of five years [2027] efforts will be made to get the ground water drawn metered and monitored.



- Within three years [ 2024] efforts will be made to undertake water audit to bolster efforts for water conservation.
- Wastewater will be re-treated and recycled for use in bathrooms [Through our sister association – Inlaks and Budhrani Hospital]

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