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## Green and Sustainable Campus Policy

SVIMS will undertake green acts and make efforts to bring about a paradigm shift in the mindset of students and staff to become conscious and caring in the use of resources, adopt sustainable practices; prevent environment degradation, preserve and protect the environment and keep the campus beautiful, green, clean and healthy. We are committed to improve air quality, reduce noise pollution and reduce carbon footprint in the campus.

### Concept of Green Campus

“Going Green doesn’t start with doing green acts; it starts with a shift in the consciousness” – Ian Somerhalder.

Greening the campus is all about diminishing 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 aiming at developing an institutional culture of environmental sustainability. At SVIMS, environmentally responsible practices and education are interdependent, and this is imbibed in our students from the first day itself.

### The Philosophy

- One of our Institutional values is ‘Reverence for Life’. ‘Creation is one family’ said our Holy Founder, Sadhu Vaswani. He believed in revering trees and natural resources and considered animals as our little brethren. Adopting sustainable practices, green acts, tree plantation and similar such practices therefore are a part of our DNA and culture.
- The seeds of environmental sustainability are sown as soon as the students walk in on the first day of the college and it is hoped that they disperse these values and practices wherever they go.
- SVIMS endeavors to reset the thought and action process with respect to the environmental culture and develop new paradigms for solving problems that are local, national, and global in nature, coercing positive changes.





- Changes that occur may be most minimal such as dry and wet wastebins to big investments like installation of solar panels.
- Changes will be undertaken in a systematized manner with an eye toward continually improving the Institute and its vicinity and implementing responsible recommendations.
- Students and faculty shall collaborate with government agencies and industries to undertake green initiatives, E.g. – collaboration with SYSKA for LED lighting fixtures and philanthropists such as Mr. Somani and Opulence for solar panels.

### Composition of the SVIMS Green and Sustainable Campus Committee

	Chairperson	HOD; Faculty Representative
	Member	Admin Staff Representative
	Member	Student Representative

### Scope:

- This policy shall apply to all students and staff of SVIMS.
- It shall cover all aspects of waste management, greening the campus, conservation of water resources, and adoption of sustainable practices.
- It will cover activities that raise awareness about protecting the environment and all practices of refuse, reuse, recycle.

### SVIMS Green and Sustainable Campus

Title	Practice	Procedure
Prevention and Reuse	Prevent wastage of paper and re-prints after corrections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No printing of documents unless it has been vetted by the HOD/Director on email.</li> <li>• It is to be ensured that all paper prints that are inadvertently wasted are use on the reverse side. Even posters received from colleges or promotional material are used on the reverse side</li> </ul>
	Eco Friendly Ganpati	Use of mud /shadu matti for Ganpati or chocolate Ganpati





		during Ganpati festival.
	Restricted Entry of Automobiles to promote good air quality and reduce noise pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of thorough way between the two gates of SVIMS and Inlaks and Budrani Hospital is restricted to be used by the employees of SVIMS and Inlaks and Budrani hospital.</li> <li>• The security guards check the identity cards, and the office is called for any guest or person visiting the office.</li> <li>• Use of bicycles and battery powered vehicles is encouraged.</li> <li>• The pathways are pedestrian friendly with the first right of way to the pedestrians and then to the two / four wheelers</li> </ul>
	Academics: Encouraging E-resources / Study Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The library is developed into a rich repository of e- books / articles / research papers.</li> <li>• E-SIPs are accepted in order to curtail wastage of paper</li> </ul>
	Office: Adopting E-Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-Communication through emails, WhatsApp, data sharing through drives, Data Management Systems and Event Management Systems are encouraged.</li> <li>• Encouraging limited use of flex boards, with students encouraged to make posters on recycled chart papers.</li> </ul>





<b>Generation and Source Separation (recyclables and organics)</b>	<b>Segregation of Dry and Wet Waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The garbage is segregated into dry and wet waste with different bins for both.</li> <li>• The sanitary napkins are disposed through incinerators.</li> <li>• The wet waste collected is sent to Inlaks &amp; Budrani Hospital to be converted into biogas. The dry waste is collected at a designated area and sent to Pune Municipal Corporation for disposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Recovery, Collection and Recycling</b>	<b>Systematized disposal of E-waste, newspapers etc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-waste collection is done centrally and is handed over to designated agency for proper disposal of wires, electronic cables etc.</li> <li>• Newspapers, old SIP reports are collected and sent to SWACH.</li> <li>• Newspapers are also given to Animal Shelter at Lila Parulekar Home for Animals</li> <li>• Old clothes, books and toys are donated to MAHER for the underprivileged.</li> <li>• BrownLeaf, a forum for eco-friendly management of dry leaves, for disposal of brown leaves rather than burning them.</li> </ul>
<b>Waste water Management/ Rainwater harvesting</b>	<b>Proper Management of Waste Water and adopting the practice of Rain water harvesting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proper treatment, recycling and utilization of wastewater through STP plant, under the aegis of</li> </ul>





		<p>agreement with Inlaks and Budrani Hospital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wastewater is used for gardening as well as cleaning of roads.</li> <li>• Rainwater Harvesting is adopted to maintain water tables.</li> <li>• Water flow restrictors on bathroom faucets.</li> <li>• Low water flow toilets were used to cut down campus water use.</li> <li>• Students and employees oriented to “Half Flush – full Flush concept”</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ban on Single Use Plastic</b></p>	<p>The Class representatives and the Students’ Council ensure adherence to the policy. In addition to this, the students, faculty and staff members adopt various measures as an integral part of their responsibility and accountability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging replacements / alternatives other than plastic food and beverages containers that students bring with them to the campus.</li> <li>• Ban on Single-use plastic bottles of 1 litre or less in volume for in-house meetings and events.</li> <li>• Reduction in usage of Single-use plastic banners</li> <li>• Segregation of Non-Biodegradable plastics by House Keeping staff &amp; safe disposal of the same to Pune Municipal corporation through Inlaks and Budrani(MOU).</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce or no use of plastic materials for decorations during the events.</li> <li>• Creative use of plastic bottles / ware to be made such as plant holders, table waste bins, etc.</li> <li>• Cloth bags are used instead of polybags are discouraged.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Effective Use of Energy Resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting Energy saving practices in the Institute. The Institute is located in Koregaon Park area, one of the greenest areas of Pune. As a practice, the community and the educational institutes maintain the green cover of the area, which also reduces noise pollution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All ordinary lights replaced with LEDs.</li> <li>• Students and staff are encouraged to use the staircase instead of lifts.</li> <li>• Airy and spacious classrooms that reflect natural light through well placed windows, therefore minimizing the use of electricity.</li> <li>• Preventive maintenance of electric compliance, turning off the electricity points when not in use must be followed diligently.</li> <li>• Activate power management features on computers / laptops so that it goes into a "sleep" mode when not in use.</li> <li>• Activate power management features on printers.</li> <li>• Keep lights / fans off in conference rooms, classrooms, lecture halls,</li> </ul>





		<p>faculty rooms when not in use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unplug appliances not plugged into power strips (like TVs, Refrigerators, ACs, printers, chargers etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Audits</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting green and environment audit every three/five years to help take corrective measures for greening the campus</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability Accounting</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To scientifically measure saving of CO2 emissions through observance of Meatless Days and Vehicle Pooling</li> </ul>
<b>Seminars/Conferences</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting seminars/Conferences on Sustainability, SDGs etc. in collaboration with UN/UNEDP etc.</li> </ul>

#### **Student and Faculty Driven Initiatives:**

- Workshop on making of Eco-Friendly Ganapati idols, Bio Degradable toiletries and eco-friendly bags from newspapers are conducted.
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and poster competitions are organized every year and students participate with great zeal.
- Students and faculty are encouraged to use public transport to travel long distances and use bicycles to cover shorter distances.
- Car-pooling is encouraged. PUCs are checked for students and staff once every six months.
- At SVIMS, plant saplings are gifted as a token of gratitude to the invited guest speakers and /or other dignitaries invited.

**The Institute promotes paperless academic and administrative functioning: -**





- Vriddhi, RUSA and DMS software for academic, NAAC and documentation purposes.
- Document verification on newly registered NAD site.
- Online Students' feedback and Circulation of notices / information via e-mail and WhatsApp for teaching-learning process.
- A rich and well-structured e – resourceful library with KOHA software.
- Tally software is used for maintaining all financial transaction records.

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