



ARIGNAR ANNA GOVERNMENT ARTS COLLEGE NAMAKKAL – 637 002

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CRITERION VII

7. INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

7.1. INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1.3: Quality audits on environment and energy regularly undertaken by the Institution. The institutional environment and energy initiatives are confirmed through the following

- Green audit / Environment audit
- Energy audit
- Clean and green campus initiatives
- Beyond the campus environmental promotion activities

Policy Document on Environment and Energy



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Preamble:

The Environment and Energy Usage Policy of Arignar Anna Government Arts College is committed to managing energy in a systematic manner to minimize its impact on the environment. The Green Campus Committee of the college is dedicated to raising environmental awareness, undertaking green initiatives, and conducting programs to promote energy conservation and environmental protection.

Vision:

The environment and energy policy are binding for all components of the institution and apply to all stakeholders and activities undertaken by the college. The policy aims to explore renewable energy resources as solutions to the energy crisis, thereby reducing the burden on the government. It will help us to integrate efficiency and environmental awareness into our daily activities, fulfill our responsibilities, and contribute to the conservation of natural resources and their limited usage.

Objectives:

The major objectives of the environment and energy usage policy of the college are:

Sensitization: To raise awareness among all stakeholders about the importance of a clean, green, and sustainable environment.

Individual Responsibility: To foster a sense of responsibility among students, faculty members to take initiatives in preserving the environment.

Environmental Good Practices: To collaborate with stakeholders and the local community to adopt and promote environmental good practices, thereby reducing adverse effects on the environment.

Resource Efficiency: To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water, while reducing consumption and waste generation. Emphasize waste recovery and recycling wherever possible.

Sustainable Resource Management: To ensure the judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.

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Policy:

Awareness: Create awareness of environmental conservation among students, faculty members, administrative and supportive staff, and work towards sustainable development.

Eco-Education: Integrate environmental studies focusing on concepts and issues into all academic, curricular, and extracurricular activities and programs of the college.

Green Initiatives: Adopt green initiatives and sustainable measures to conserve and protect natural resources for future generations. Promote activities that instill a sense of responsibility for environmental preservation.

Pollution Management: Minimize CO₂ emissions from automobiles and implement measures to reduce pollution. Establish a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus, clearly indicating the need for a clean, green, and sustainable environment through placards and signs.

Outreach Programs: Conduct extension activities such as campaigns, workshops, and awareness drives on relevant environmental issues to engage with the broader society.

Energy Saving: Gradually replace outdated and energy-consuming equipment with energy-efficient alternatives. Install LED bulbs and adopt sensor-based energy conservation measures. Avoid using electric lights in classrooms and halls where sufficient natural light is available.

Renewable Energy: Ensure energy security and conserve the nation's natural resources by installing solar power panels to augment the college's energy needs.

Waste Management: Ensure proper segregation of solid waste using color-coded bins across the campus. Implement sustainable solid waste management practices, including vermicomposting for organic waste.

Ban on Single-Use Plastic: Take proactive measures to ban single-use plastic and promote the use of jute or cloth products on campus to minimize plastic pollution.

Water Management: Implement rainwater harvesting systems, borewell recharge systems, trenches, ponds/bunds, and efficient water distribution systems to replenish groundwater and ensure judicious use of water resources.

Environmental Audits: Conduct regular energy audits, green audits, and environmental audits to assess and analyze the institution's environmental impact. Utilize the findings to implement energy-saving measures and improve the overall environmental condition on campus.

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Communication and Review: Communicate this policy, objectives, and targets to students and employees through internal communication channels. Make the policy available to all stakeholders on the institutional website. Regularly review the policy, objectives, and targets under the guidance of the Green Campus Committee and the Principal of the college.

The college aims to be a leader in creating a cleaner, greener future for the benefit of the present and future generations.

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