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Green Campus, Energy and Environment Policy



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Context

Lala Lajpatrai College of Law in Mumbai is situated on an island amidst the breathtaking surroundings of water bodies, with the Arabian Sea gracing its front and the lush greenery of the Mahalaxmi Race Course and Golf Club embracing its back. Despite being part of the bustling financial capital of the nation, the college enjoys a unique location that seamlessly blends both land and water elements.


Since its establishment in the year 2004, this institution has harmoniously coexisted between the land and the sea. Even though space is at a premium in this crowded city, the college has managed to maintain its own charming green garden adorned with a diverse array of plants and trees, including botanical treasures, as well as flowers and fruit-bearing species.

The college's architectural footprint is impressive, with the entire building spanning up to the 8th floor, vertically maximizing the available space. Amidst this vertical marvel, a small but beautiful garden thrives in the college's backyard, while a dedicated park honouring Lala Lajpatrai graces the front area. The upkeep of this park is a collaborative effort between our college and the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, contributing to the serenity and charm of our campus.

Scope of the Policy

The Green Campus, Energy and Environment Policy will not only develop and sensitize our students on green issues, but will also encourage them to take part for green cause through various curricular and co-curricular activities. Following are the key areas of focus under this policy:

- Clean Green Campus Initiatives
- Landscaping Initiatives
- Plastic free Campus
- Solar Power Plant
- Installation of LED bulbs
- Water Conservation through Rainwater Harvesting System
- Waste Management processes


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Objectives of the Policy

- Our primary objective is to safeguard and nurture the ecological systems and resources present within our campus.
- We are committed to maintaining environmental sensitivity and ensuring the responsible and efficient utilization of environmental resources in pursuit of sustainable development.
- Environmental concerns are seamlessly integrated into our policies, plans, and outreach programs aimed at social development.
- We actively engage with all stakeholders and the local community to raise awareness and promote the adoption of environmentally responsible practices.
- Our ongoing mission is to continually enhance the efficient utilization of all resources, including energy and water. Whenever feasible, we recover and recycle waste materials.
- We are dedicated to making our campus entirely plastic-free, prioritizing environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Periodic environmental and energy audits are conducted to assess and improve our environmental performance.
- We minimize paper usage in administrative processes by adopting a policy of electronic circulars and notices.
- Above all, we emphasize the principles of reducing, recycling, and reusing resources to minimize our environmental footprint and promote sustainable practices.

Clean Campus Initiatives

Lala Lajpatrai College of Law has pledged 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:

- Generating mass awareness on cleanliness and hygiene amongst students and staff members by holding regular cleanliness drives and activities to motivate them.


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- Our students participate in the cleanliness drive from time to time both within and outside the college from time to time.

Landscaping Initiatives

Dedicated to the freedom fighter, the Lion of Punjab, the college building can be seen as the physical embodiment of the values that Lala Lajpatrai stood for. It provides space for study, play, outdoor events including the appreciation for Arts and aesthetics despite being a Commerce College. Green campus landscapes also help recharge groundwater, and clean and cool air in the campus. The landscape serves as a visual representation of the campus community's commitment to sustainability. Despite space constraint, within the limited space we have a garden that has varieties of trees and plants that provide the 5000+ staff and students of all institutions on the campus not only clean and cool air, but a soothing environment too.

The diverse green cover of LLC is also home to a number of squirrels and varieties of rare birds creating a rich biodiversity. The college commits to enriching this healthy habitat and maintaining the symbiotic relation of the institution with nature by

- Organizing annual tree plantation drives
- Encouraging student societies to hold tree planting events etc.

Infrastructural Initiatives

- Renewable Sources of Energy:** The college believes in reducing the consumption of electricity produced by non-renewable resources by switching to clean energy sources like solar energy for purposes like lighting the campus.
- Energy Saving and Energy Efficient Equipment:** We commit to install environment-friendly electrical appliances that save energy and reduce wasteful inefficiencies. The college believes in using cleaner energy such as LED lighting.
- Water Conservation through Rainwater Harvesting System:** As an institution located in the South Mumbai in Greater Mumbai District, our college location is surrounded by Sea yet we

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depend on monsoon rain and water reservoir. Hence, we have committed to replenish the groundwater table by practicing rainwater harvesting in our college premises.

(d) **Waste Management Processes:** LLC strives to have a minimal impact on the environment and is dedicated to reduce and manage the waste generated by the college campus. The following specific procedures will be undertaken to ensure LLC's contribution in protecting the environment.

(e) **Solid Waste Management:** With its aim to provide holistic education that also has a positive impact on the environment, the college will adopt practices that will mitigate

Liquid Waste Management

- Maintain leak proof water fixtures.
- Continued employment of a caretaker to take immediate steps to stop any water leakage through taps, pipes, tanks, toilet flush etc.
- This way the Biochemical Oxygen Demand is reduced in the effluent waste water produced by the JMC canteen.
- Reuse of wastewater generated by the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system in washrooms.


E-Waste Management

LLC ensures that its usage of technology and generation of e-waste does not impact the environment. For this purpose, the college plans to strive towards:

- Collaboration with e-waste recycling companies including NGOs to get electronic
- Awareness amongst students about reduction of e-waste and
- Environment friendly disposal practices for e-waste.

Conduct Green Audit

The college aims to regularly conduct a Green Audit of our college campus to assess our strengths and weaknesses to further our goals of long-term sustainability. A green audit is a useful tool to


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determine how and where most energy or water or resources are being used. The college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. It can determine the type and volume of waste. Recycling projects or waste minimization plans can be adopted. It will create health consciousness and promote environmental values and ethics. It provides a better understanding of the impact of eco- friendly practices on campus. Green auditing will promote financial savings through reduction of resource use. It is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future.

Conduct Energy Audit

An Energy Audit to be conducted as and when required to further reduce its carbon footprint. The importance of reducing energy consumption cannot be overstated. The energy audit, with its specialized tools will identify wastage of energy. Such an inspection often reveals several different flaws which cause a loss of significant amounts of energy which the college will not be able to detect. These flaws often have easy and affordable solutions and provide significant savings.

Plastic-Free Campus

LLC has been observing most of its duties in terms of solid waste management since its inception. In view of the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics due to the hazardous impact of plastic use and pollution, the college administration strictly bans the use of single use plastics in its premise to make it a 'Plastic Free Campus'.

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