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## Certificate of Declaration

The Office of Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu declare that

- Nature Science Foundation has conducted onsite green audit at *Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat - 791 103, Arunachal Pradesh, India* by deputing certified Lead Auditors and Technical Experts.
- 2. On the basis of audit observations by the auditors and pertinent data collected from the Auditee, the Technical Report has been prepared and being submitted.
- 3. Data presented in the Technical Report are verified and to best of our knowledge, the data are authentic and reliable.
- 4. Nature Science Foundation declares that data generated were not shared with any third parties and the soft copy of the report is available with Nature Science Foundation's Office.
- 5. Provided the Auditee desired to publish or share the data with other agencies, Nature Science Foundation has no conflict of interest.
- 6. We at Nature Science Foundation express our deep sense of gratitude to the Management for given an opportunity to conduct green audit at their premises in compliance with NAAC criteria in line with ISO/IEC 17020:2012 standards and NABCB guidelines and for whole hearted support extended at the time of onsite audit. Our sincere thanks to NAAC, IQAC Coordinators and Head of the Departments of the Organization for their intangible assistance and cooperation extended to the audit team at the time of physical facility verification.

Date: Place: Coimbatore Authorized Signatory Nature Science Foundation

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### **1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1. Introduction**

Green campus is an area of the Organization or the Organization as a whole itself contributing to have an infrastructure or development that is structured/planned to incur less energy, less water, less or no  $CO_2$  emission and less or pollution free environment. Green Audit is a tool to evaluate environment management system which is systematically executed to protect and preserve the environment. Green audit constitutes the environmental friendly practices and education combined to promote sustenance of green environment by adopting user-friendly technology within the campus. It creates awareness on environmental ethics, resolves environmental issues and offers solutions to various social and economic needs. It strengthens the concept of 'Green Building' and 'Oxygenated Building' which in turn provides a healthy atmosphere to the stakeholders.

#### **1.2. Importance of National Building Code (NBC)**

National Building Code (NBC) of India has a set of rules and guidelines that regulates construction of buildings and as well as ecofriendly activities of the campus without harming the environment. In order to achieve the minimum standards of welfare and safety of stakeholders of a campus, the Governing body of Central and State Governments lays down a set of guidelines to offer sustainable environment. In 1970, the National Building Code (NBC) was first published in India and the significant provisions of the Indian Building Code involve: 1. Structural safety of the building, 2. Earthquake-resistant building design, 3. Fire and life safety, 4. Solid waste management, 5. Accessibility for differently-abled and senior citizens, 6. Use of alternative building techniques and 7. Environmentally compatible building construction techniques like the use of solar power, rainwater harvesting, etc.

NBC is not only offer a standard uniform benchmark that constructors and environmentalists must meet, but they also establish safety standards along with ecofriendly atmosphere of a campus for years to come. As extreme weather conditions and fires are growing rapidly in the country, it becomes vital that buildings and structures be built and designed using the current building codes to allow for maximum safety sustainability and resilience to the stakeholders. For instance, new and updated building codes put much emphasis on conservation as energy and the degradable and non-degradable wastes are the most expensive byproduct of older regions. This will not only offer environmental benefits to future generations but will also regulate indoor air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions to protect the health of human beings.

Before the introduction of NBC in the construction industry, building commercial and residential properties used a lot of energy which adversely affected the sustainable environment. Thus, enforcing building codes to create low-energy buildings offers a tangible way for the company to help decrease the greenhouse gas emissions of the nation. While safety is the primary objective, new building codes are making significant contributions toward solving energy issues relating to the use of environmentally compatible construction techniques like planting trees, landscaping, rainwater harvesting and renewable and non-renewable energy sources.

#### **1.3. Environment Friendly Campus**

As stated earlier, Organization is liable to provide an eco-friendly atmosphere along with good quality of drinking water facility to all the stakeholders. Manuring the cultivated plants/grown within the campus may applied with organic manure, cow dung, farmyard manure and vermicompost instead of using chemical fertilizers. All noncompostable and single-use disposable plastic items, plastic utensils, plastic straws and stirrers should be avoided. Demonstration / awareness programme on establishing plastic-free environment and utility of organic alternatives for all incoming and current students, staff and faculty should be organized. Reduction of use of papers alternated with e-services, e-circulars, etc., and proper disposal of wastes, recycling and suitable waste management system should be considered to establish environment friendly campus.

The term 'auditing' is to examine the management practices and to evaluate performance of an organization in relation to environmental issues. World along with Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Green Building Council (IGBC) and Green Ratings Systems (GBCRS), Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA), Bureau of Energy Efficiency(BEE), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), CII-GreenCo –GreenCo Rating System (CII-GRS), Food Safety Management System & OccupationalSafety & Health (FSMS), Swatch Bharath under India Clean Mission (SBICM) and International Standard Organization (ISO 2021) have formulated a series of standards in the field of environmental auditing. These standards are basically intended to guide organizations and auditors on the general principles common to the execution of environmental audits.

Green Audit (ISO/IEC 17020:2012) comprised green campus, environment, energy, waste management (solid, liquid, municipal sewage, biomedical, plastic and electronic wastes), water, soil, air quality and hygienic audits are playing important role in Academic Institutions, R&D Organizations and Industries towards the accreditation process as well as maintaining a hygienic eco-friendly environment to the stakeholders in their campus. All audits will be conducted as per the Government Law and Environmental and the concept of Swachh Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission.

#### **1.4.** About Nature Science Foundation (NSF)

NSF is the ISO QMS (9001:2015), EMS (14001:2015), OHSMS (45001:2018) & EnMS (50001:2018) Certified and registered with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), Government of India Organization functioning energetically towards the noble cause of nature conservation and environmental protection. NSF is managed by a Board of Trustees which is a Public Charitable Trust registered under the TN Societies registration Act 1975 (TN Act 27 of 1975) on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Peelamedu, Coimbatore 641 004, Tamil Nadu, India with Certificate of Registration No. 114 / 2017. In addition, NSF has 12AA, 80G and Form 10AC certificates for income tax exemption and implanting various Government schemes. The main motto of the NSF is 'Save the Nature to Save the Future' and 'Go Green to Save the Planet'.

#### **1.5. About the Organization** Jawaharlal Nehru College

Located on the idyllic Hill Top duly complemented by the stunning views of River Siang, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat, is enviably the oldest institution of higher learning in Arunachal Pradesh. The college made its academic sojourn with just 42 students and 8 faculty members in Arts stream in the barracks of Assam Rifles on 3rd July 1964 and was shifted to its present site in 1967 to create a benchmark on its own.

Sprawled opulently over two campuses i.e. the upper campus and the lower campus, the college creates the perfect ambience for teaching-learning away from the humdrum of city life. While the upper campus, just 3 kms away from the centurion town Pasighat and 1 km from the lower campus, houses the administrative block, teaching departments and library, the lower campus is primarily the residential area both for students and staff.

Although Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat, remained the lone institution of higher learning in the state till 1978, today when many more colleges in the state have come up, it still remains the most sought-after institution for the youngsters who repose faith in its academic splendour and take pride in its imposing eminence. As imparting quality education remains the main plank of enterprise at Jawaharlal Nehru College, no stone is left unturned here to prepare the students for a brighter horizon that they often dream of during their youth. It goes to the credit of the college that its alumni cover the coveted Who's Who list of the state in various fields.

After more than five decades of its historic existence, today the college proudly nurtures around 4000 students every year, ready to take on the challenges of present time with intellect and vigour. They are chiselled with precision to carve a niche for themselves by a team of more than 65 dedicated faculty members drawn from different parts of the country and the state having expertise in their own field of research and teaching. With a platter of 13 subjects to choose from 3 different streams viz. Arts, Science, and Commerce, the students enjoy ample academic flexibility. Till date, the college has consistently maintained its leading position in providing the best infrastructural facilities to the students with skill enhancing computer education, and a very rich library that is the repository of some of the rare publications of North-East India.

In the noble endeavor to further the cause of Higher Education in the state, yet another feather was added to the annals of glory of the college by introducing Post Graduate programmes in the department of History, Geography, and Hindi with intake capacity of 25, 15, and 20 seats, respectively.

The potential of the college got an academic boost by becoming the first institution of higher education in the state to be accredited (Cycle 2) with Grade 'A', by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), in the year 2014. It previously earned the reputation as the first and the only college in the state affiliated

to Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, to be conferred with "COLLEGE WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE (CPE) status by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, in 2010, and the same was re-conferred in 2014.

#### Vision

To establish ours as a leading college, providing higher education of excellence with integrity, consistency and due diligence.

#### Mission

To prepare the future generation with academic excellence and practical skill needed to face national and global challenges and lead the nation into the world of the future.

#### **1.6. Audit Team Details**

1. Date of Audit	: 03.12.2021
2. Audit Site	: Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat - 791 103, Arunachal Pradesh, India
3. Inspection Body	: Nature Science Foundation Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India.
4. Audit Scope	: Green, Environment, Energy, Waste Management, Soil & Water, Air Quality and Hygiene Audits as per ISO/IEC 17020:2012
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#### **1.6.1. Audit Scope and Criteria**

Green audits are conducted in line with National Building Code (NBC) Part 11 Approach to Sustainability as per the NAAC and NABCB advisory. NBC part 11 consists of 11 different types of clauses. In this report the eleven clauses of sustainability are differentiated into Green, Environment, Energy, Waste Management, Soil & Water, Air Quality and Hygiene audits.

S.No.	Name of the Audits	NBC covered clauses
1.	Green Audit	<ol> <li>Approach to Sustainability (3.2 &amp; 3.9),</li> <li>Siting, Form and Design (6.2.4.),</li> <li>External Development and Landscape (7.1.1.),</li> <li>Constructional Practices (12.4.5. &amp; 12.4.6.)</li> </ol>
2.	Environment Audit	<ol> <li>Approach to Sustainability (3.2, 3.7, 3.10 &amp; 3.11),</li> <li>Applicability of this part (4.1 and 4.2),</li> <li>Implementation of this part (5),</li> <li>Siting, Form and Design (6.2.1.),</li> <li>External Development and Landscape (7.1.2, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4.),</li> <li>Materials (9.1, 9.2, 9.3),</li> <li>Water and Waste Management (10.1.),</li> <li>Construction Practices (12.8. and 12.11.)</li> </ol>
3.	Energy Audit	<ol> <li>Approach to Sustainability (3.2, 3.5, 3.6 &amp; 3.8),</li> <li>Siting, Form and Design (6.2.2, 6.2.3, 6.2.5,</li> <li>6.2.6, 6.2.7, 6.2.8, 6.2.9 &amp; 6.2.10),</li> <li>External Development and Landscape (7.5.),</li> <li>Envelope Optimization (8.1, 8.2. &amp; 8.3),</li> <li>Building service Optimization (11.1 – 11.16),</li> <li>Constructional Practices (12.3.4, 12.4.4 &amp; 12.9.),</li> <li>Commissioning, Operation, Maintenance and Building Performance Tracking (13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 &amp; 13.6.)</li> </ol>
4.	Waste Management Audit	<ul> <li>3. Approach to Sustainability (3.3 &amp; 3.4),</li> <li>10. Water and Waste Management (10.6.1. – 10.6.5.),</li> <li>12. Construction Practices (12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5, 12.7, 12.10.)</li> </ul>
5.	Soil & Water Audit	<ul> <li>7. External Development and Landscape (7.3.2),</li> <li>10. Water and Waste Management (10.2 10.5.),</li> <li>12. Construction Practices (12.4.1. and 12.4.2.)</li> </ul>
6.	Air Quality Audit	12. Construction Practices (12.4.3.)
7.	Hygiene Audit	12. Construction Practices (12.3.6 & 12.3.7.)

#### **1.6.2.** Audit Checklist Observations

The audit checklist in line with National Building Code (NBC) Part 11 – Approach to Sustainability covers 163 checkpoints. During the onsite visit, respective auditors marks not applicable and write the reason for non-applicability and wherever its applicable, auditors verifies the records / practice / documents and physical observation to confirm the same.

There are two parameters such as meeting the requirements and not meeting the requirements. Marking as meeting the requirements for the specific checkpoint reveals that the physical observation and documents are up to the mark. For some checkpoints OFI – Opportunity for Improvements will be given by the auditors. The physical observations and documents which are not up to the mark will be given as not meeting the requirements. The checkpoints under not meeting the requirements are up to the Management of the Organization to develop further.

#### 1.7. List of Instruments used in the Inspection Process

During the on-site visit the below listed instruments are used by the Lead Auditors and Technical experts to check the specific parameters in the view of maintaining sustainability. All the instruments are calibrated by ISO 17025 accredited labs (JRTS Technical Services, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Instruments Calibration and Test Centre, Coimbatore, TN). The frequency of calibration is six months once or 20 times after its use.

#### 1.7.1. Oxygen Meter

Oxygen meter is used in the audit process to measure the oxygen level in the organization. The instrument is calibrated after using 20 times. Suitability of the instrument are range between 0 to 30% O<sub>2</sub>, resolution of 0.1%, accuracy is  $\pm$  (1% reading + 0.2% O<sub>2</sub>), response time is  $\leq$  15 seconds, environment pressure range is 0.9 to 1.1 atmosphere, temperature range is 0 °C to 50°C, 32°F to 122°F, temperature resolution is 0.1°C, temperature accuracy is 25°C.



#### 1.7.2. Carbon dioxide meter

Carbon dioxide meter is to measure the carbon level in the organization. The instrument is calibrated after using 20 times. Suitability of the instrument are range between  $0 \sim 4000$  ppm, resolution of CO<sub>2</sub> Meter is 1 ppm, accuracy is  $\leq 1,000$  ppm, repeatability is  $\pm 20$  ppm, temperature range between  $0^{\circ}$ C to  $50^{\circ}$ C,  $32^{\circ}$ F to  $122^{\circ}$ F, temperature resolution is  $0.1^{\circ}$ C, temperature accuracy is at  $25^{\circ}$ C.

#### 1.7.3. Light (LUX) Meter

Light meter is to calculate the light intensity in the organization. Suitability of the instruments are, 5 ranges. ie., 40.00, 400.0, 4,000, 40,000, 400,000 Lux, operating temperature is 0 to 50°C, Operating humidity is less than 80% RH, Power consumption is DC 8 mA approximately. This Instrument will be calibrated yearly once or during non-functioning.



#### 1.7.4. Sound Level Meter

Sound level meter is to measure the noise level in the organization. This instrument is calibrated yearly once or after using 20 times. Suitability of the instruments are measurement range is 30 – 130 dB, resolution is 0.1 dB, accuracy is  $(23\pm5 \text{ °C})$ , Frequency of the instrument is 31.5 to 8,000 Hz, Operating temperature is 0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F), Operating humidity is less than 80% RH, Power consumption is DC 6 mA approximately.

#### 1.7.5. pH Meter

pH meter is generally used to measure the pH level in water. It is calibrated 6 months once or after 20 times of its use. Suitability of the instrument are range of the pH meter is 0 - 14, accuracy is  $\pm 2\%$ , resolution of the instrument is 0.1 pH, operating temperature is 0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F).

### 1.7.6. TDS Meter

TDS meter is generally used to measure the TDS level in water. Suitability of the meter are range of TDS meter is 0 - 9990 ppm (mg/L), operating temperature is 0 to 80 °C (32 to 176 °F) and accuracy is  $\pm 2$  %. This meter is calibrated six months once or 20 times after its use.

### 1.7.7. GPS Meter

GPS meter is subjected to know the latitude and altitude, location, etc., Suitability of the GPS meter are, dimension is  $2.1" \times 4.0" \times 1.3"$  (5.4 x 10.3 x 3.3 cm), Display resolution is 128 x 160 pixels an GPS Map features included in Continental Europe. It is calibrated six months once or after 20 times of the usage.

#### 1.7.8. Deluxe Water and Soil Analysis Kit

Deluxe water and soil analysis kit is used to analyze the pH, TDS, salinity, turbidity, alkalinity dissolved oxygen of water.

### 1.7.9. Digital Clamp (Voltage) Meter

It is used to check the input and output voltage between two points of an electrical circuit of Alternating Current (AC) and Direct Current (DC) by means of the high resistance of the voltage that impede the flow of current.











### **1.8.** Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) refers to protective clothing for the eyes, head, ears, hands, respiratory system, body, and feet. It is utilized to protect individuals from the risks of injury while minimizing exposure to chemical, biological, and physical hazards. PPE serves as the final line of defense when engineering and administrative controls are insufficient in reducing risks. Nature Science Foundation safeguards all the auditors by supplying PPE during the conduct of audits. PPE used are safety jackets, ear plugs, googles, face shield, hand gloves, shoes, etc.,

### 1.8.1. Safety jackets:

PPE includes safety vests and suits that can be used for inspection process which will protect body injuries from extreme temperatures, flames and sparks, toxic chemicals, insect bites and radiation.

### **1.8.2.** Goggles and Face shield:

Goggles and face shield are used in the inspection process while inspecting items which would cause eye damage or loss of vision, spray or toxic liquids especially in chemistry labs, nearing the electric and electronic item.

### 1.8.3. Helmet:

PPE includes hard hats and headgears which will be required for tasks that can cause any force or object falling to the head. It also helps to resist penetration.

### 1.8.4. Hand gloves:

PPE includes safety gloves and should be used for tasks that can cause hand and skin burns, absorption of harmful substances, cuts, fractures or amputations. Selection of hand gloves is based on the application of use.

### 1.8.5. Safety Boots:

Foot protection is one of the most commonly used PPE and can differ depending upon the environment. Safety boots are used for tasks that can cause serious foot and leg injuries from falling or rolling objects, hot substances, electrical hazards, and slippery surfaces.

### 1.8.6. Ear Plug:

Ear plugs are used for tasks that can cause hearing problems and loss of hearing. Hearing protection devices reduces the noise energy reducing reaching and causing damage to the inner ear. This ear plug is mostly used near sound producing devices like power motors, genets, generators, etc.,













### **2. GREEN AUDIT**

#### **2.1. Introduction**

Green audit ensures the Organization's campus should have greenish with large diversity of trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers and lawns to reduce the environmental pollution and soil erosion; it is also useful in relation to biodiversity conservation, landscape management, irrigation/economic water utilization and maintenance of natural topography besides vegetation. For the benefit of stakeholders, solid waste management, recycling of water, disposal of sewage and waste materials (electronic and biomedical wastes), 'zero' use of plastics, single use plastic items, etc. should be followed consistently in the organization campus. Green Audit procedures includes the definition of green audit, methodology on how to conduct green audit at Educational Institutions and Industrial sectors as per the checklist based on National Building Code (NBC) Part 11 - Approach to sustainability and assessment of risk at 360° view.

#### 2.2. Importance of green audit

The Management of the Organization (Auditee) should be exposed their inherent commitment towards making ecofriendly atmosphere through the green auditing and ready to encourage/follow all types of green activities. A clean and healthy environment will enhance an effective teaching/learning process. They shouldcreate the awareness on the importance of greenish initiatives through environmental education among the student members and research scholars. Green audit is the most effective, ecological approach to manage environmental complications (Rajalakshmi *et al.*, 2023). Green audit is a kind of professional care and a simple indigenized system about the environment monitoring in terms of planting more number of trees which is a duty of each and every individual who are the part of economical, financial, social and environmental factors. Green audit is a professional and useful measure for an Organization to determine how and where they are retaining the campus eco-friendly manner. It can also be used to implement the alleviation measures at win-win situation for the stakeholders and the planet. It provides an opportunity to the stakeholders for the development of ownership, personal and social responsibility.

#### 2.3. Green audit observations

- It is observed that the Organization has facilities (ramp walk, lift, wheel chair, rest rooms, etc.,) for disabled and different age group people.
- Monitoring plan is available for the periodic checking at proper time interval to maintain sustainability.
- Adequate training and awareness programmes are conducted to the Stakeholders for sustainable development at all stages of building life cycle.
- More than 30% of open space is maintained as soft scapes (vegetation) to lower the energy conservation in the campus.
- Land scape design are planned to maintain the natural capacity of the site.
- Land scape irrigation are performed as per the microclimatic condition like during humid / winter season less watering through irrigation is observed.
- Vegetation / vegetative structures are available around the building to reduce energy consumption and maintain indoor climates.

- Soil health is maintained well without using any chemical fertilizers.
- Ecological design / conserving biodiversity such as Transplantation, climate and design in accordance with bio diversity, reduced pesticides and other activities are not applicable because no new construction is planned and raised.
- Terrace garden and green roof system are available to maintain sustainability.
- Plant and animal species are monitored by conducting the periodic survey in the Organization.
- Traffic survey is conducted to measure the number and type of vehicles passing on the existing main roads giving access to the campus

### 2.3.1. Facilities for Human Comforts (NBC checkpoint 3.2. and 3.9.)

As per the National Building Code part 11 (Approach to Sustainability) under elements of sustainability quality of plumbing services and buildings are maintained in line with the standard. Ramp walk and Wheel chair facilities are implemented for the benefit of disabled and different age group people.



Wheel Chair facilities designed for the comfort of person with disability.

#### 2.3.2. Natural topography, vegetation and monitoring (NBC checkpoint 6.2.4.)

Natural topography means the original geographical features and natural resources of the Site. It is observed that the organization has the natural features like rocks, water resources, slopes, landscape, pathways, etc. Vegetation is the cultivation of a bunch of plants irrespective of the plant *taxa* for the covering of the area or ground topography. The observation at the campus indicated that there are more than 40% natural topography and vegetation. Monitoring plan for maintaining the vegetation and sustainability are evident through separate operation and maintenance team & their records for regular watering as per the micro climatic condition through irrigation.



Natural Topography and Vegetation at the Campus

#### 2.3.3. Landscape design and soil erosion control (NBC Checkpoint 7.1.1. – 7.1.3.)

Landscape design is an important feature for any disasters to control especially with respect to the soil erosion. In general, soil erosion occurs if the design of the land is not altered so as to prevent the slope features by strong vegetation and use of a plant buffer zone as safe for escape of nutrients or fertilizers entering the streams. Observation revealed that the audited site has very good landscape design without disturbing the natural vegetation. Contour ploughing is being done at right angles to the slope wherever possible and ridges and furrows are properly maintained to break the flow of water down to the empty land. These activities are widely adopted to control soil erosion in the campus. Microclimatic conditions are considered, during winter season irrigation and watering to plants are controlled as per the water management plan. External landscapes are designed based on the shading pattern of the building. Green vegetation are available around the building to reduce the energy consumption.

## **2.3.4.** Establishment of different gardens, vertical landscaping and roof gardens (NBC Checkpoint 7.1.1. – 7.1.3.)

It is observed that Organization has implemented and maintaining gardens to lower the energy consumption. To maintain certain biomass critical for human health and also to reduce the bio-retention through water flow rates different types of gardens like ornamental garden is implemented in the campus.



**Botanical Garden observed in the Campus** 

#### 2.3.5. Survey of Flora and Fauna (NBC Checkpoint 12.4.5. and 12.4.6.)

Ensuring the rich biodiversity in the green campus is an important parameter which reflects the real-time ecosystem. In general, plants improve the outdoor air quality with increased oxygen levels and reduced temperature and carbon dioxide. The record on maintenance of the plant biomass and its management are important with respect to green campus initiatives. The existence of such plants and birds in the green campus are recorded for the rich flora and fauna which are being considered as a value addition to the campus.

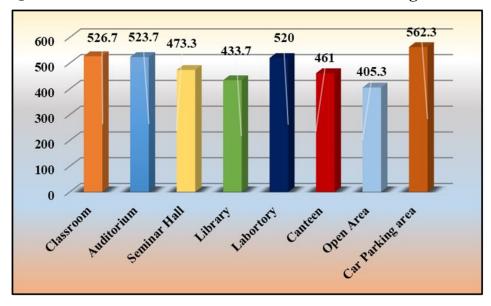
#### 2.4. Air quality audit observations (NBC Checkpoint 12.4.3.)

It is observed that carbon dioxide and oxygen values are acceptable range. The air circulation is very good in all the places which in turn useful to give pure air to the stakeholders. The observation showed that the concentration of  $CO_2$  in the atmosphere is found to be optimal which did not exceed the critical limit of  $CO_2$ . It is further revealed that all the selected locations are having pure air without any air contaminants with good air exchange/circulation in the campus. Some of the places like Canteen and Class Roomsare recorded with high level of carbon dioxide level due to student mobilization and the maximum number of electrical items fixed from which the carbon dioxide emission was observed followed by all laboratories and seminar and auditorium halls (Table 13).

S. No.	Different locations of the	Carbon dioxide	Remarks
	Organization's Campus	level (ppm)*	
1.	Classroom	526.7	Within permissible limits
2.	Auditorium	523.7	Within permissible limits
3.	Seminar Hall	473.3	Within permissible limits
4.	Library	433.7	Within permissible limits
5.	Laboratory	520.0	Within permissible limits
6.	Canteen	461.0	Within permissible limits
7.	Open Area	405.3	Within permissible limits
8.	Car Parking area	562.3	Within permissible limits
Mean			488.2 %
SEC ±			2.30
	CD at P=0.05%		4.11

Table 13. Measurement of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the Organization

Figure 7.	Measurement o	of CO <sub>2</sub>	concentration	in	the	Organization
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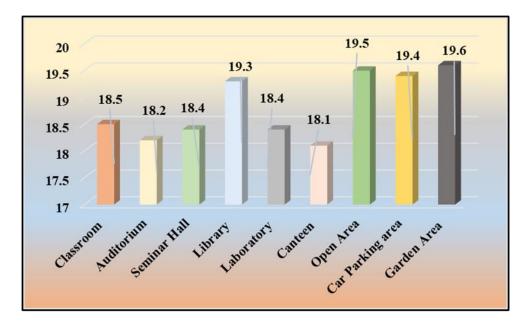
#### 2.5. Atmospheric oxygen level measurements analysis and interpretation

Oxygen level refers to the amount of oxygen available within the atmosphere or water bodies. Oxygen is produced/released as a by-product of photosynthesis, the metabolic activity of all green plants besides certain microbes. Oxygen plays a paramount role in metabolic activities like respiration and the energy-producing chemistry of all living organisms. In order to quantify the oxygen level, Oxygen Meter is used. The atmosphere contains 18-21% oxygen concentration, 75-78.5% nitrogen and 2-3% other gases like carbon dioxide, neon and hydrogen. The amount of oxygen level in the atmosphere is determined by abiotic factors like altitude, latitude and longitude and biotic factors like plantations in the surroundings. If it excess, it causes oxygen toxicity and oxygen poisoning by creating coughing, breathing trouble and damage the lungs to human beings. The oxygen level of different places at the campus are monitored and presented (Table 14).

S. No	Location	Oxygen Level (%)*	Remarks
1.	Classroom	$18.5 \pm 0.1$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
2.	Auditorium	$18.2\pm0.05$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
3.	Seminar Hall	$18.4\pm0.1$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
4.	Library	$19.3\pm0.1$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
5.	Laboratory	$18.4\pm0.1$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
6.	Canteen	$18.1\pm0.05$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
7.	Open Area	$19.5\pm0.1$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
8.	Car Parking area	$19.4\pm0.1$	O <sub>2</sub> level is good
9.	Garden Area	$19.6 \pm 0.1$	
Mean		18.8	%
SEC ±		0.09	9
	CD at P=0.05%	0.10	5

#### Table 14. The oxygen concentration at different places of audited organization

Figure 8. The oxygen concentration in the Organization



#### **3. ENVIRONMENT AUDIT**

#### **3.1. Introduction**

Environmental (Eco) audit is quantitative and qualitative data to track air, soil and water and to gain actionable insights to improve the operational performance in the atmosphere. It provides a  $360^{\circ}$  view of a surrounding campus and makes it easy for Owners / Managers / Environmentalists to collaborate, measure, control and reduce environmental negative impacts. Finally, it leads to enhance the quality of life of all living organisms. Eco audit initiatives are the need of the hour across the world due to changing environmental conditions and global warming besides ever-increasing human population and anthropogenic activities (NCP, 2016). Eco audit aims to make a sustainable and friendly environment for the stakeholders. In this context, to conserve eco-friendly atmosphere of an organization, well-developed environmental objectives and targets should be undertaken to reduce the harmful effects to a greater extent (Gnanamagai *et al.*, 2021).

The audit process can remarkably minimize the environmental pollution in the campus which in turn reduces the impact of global warming scenario. As per the Rules and Regulations laid by Government, the environmental legislations should be followed by all the Institutions and Organizations and make sure that their activities should not degrade the environment. The environmental audit involves systematic documentation of periodic objective review by a regulated entity on available facilities, their operations and practices related to resolve the environmental requirements. In general, environmental audit is planned to achieve an optimum resource utilization and improved process performance in the audit sites. Venkataraman (2009) stated that it is a 'Common Sense Approach' to identify the problems and solve those problems pertaining to curb eco-friendly atmosphere. Environmental audit enables an overall and complete overview at the audit sites to facilitate our understanding of flow of materials and to focus the priority areas where waste reduction is achieved thereby cost saving is made possible.

Purpose of the audit is to determine performance of the environmental management systems and equipmentrelated to environmental safety. Audit reports can provide key information to the management in relation to risk areas, progress towards strategic objectives and targets. Audit work can be undertaken voluntary for the benefit/advantage of the company and it can be executed with the help of environmental auditing authorities. As mentioned earlier, it helps in the proper natural resource utilization and on the whole, it improves the quality of environment.

An environmental auditor will study an organization's performance towards the environmental sustainability in a systematic manner where environmental management systems and equipment are performing with the aims of a) facilitating management control of environmental practices, b) assessing compliance with company policies, c) facilitating professional competence, d) sustenance activities without harming the environment and e) practicing the environmental conservation.

### **3.2. Organization Details**

Table 2. Campus details				
S.No.	<b>Details / Descriptions</b>	Quantity		
1.	Total strength of Students	4530		
2.	Total strength of Employees	65+50		
3.	Total number of Buses in the campus	02		
4.	Number of Cars entering in the campus	85		
5.	Number of Motorcycles entering in the campus	252		
6.	Number of other vehicles (Lorry, Ambulance, Jeep,	01		
	Trucks, Cranes, Poclain, and etc. entering in the campus)			
7.	Number of E-Vehicles	Nil		
8.	Number of RO Water Plants	Nil		
9.	Number of Borewells	Nil		
10.	Number of Open wells	Nil		
11.	Number of Percolation Ponds	Nil		
12.	Number of Wastewater treatment facility	Nil		
13.	Number of Rain harvesting system	Nil		
14.	Number of Composting pits and Vermicompost units	Nil		

#### **3.3. Environment audit observations**

- The construction is proposed based on the applicable climatic zone and geological conditions.
- Human comforts are implemented and observed like ramp walk, fire safety, etc.,
- To reduce the demand of water, rain water harvesting system is implemented and used for irrigation facilities.
- Training and awareness programmes records are available to maintain sustainability.
- Fire extinguishers are available in the building to consider the safety of all the Stakeholders and maintained properly.
- It is observed that the mock drills and awareness programmes are conducted for disaster management.
- Retaining wall is built near the drainage and vegetation has been planted to avoid the surface soil run off.
- Paver block to increase the percolation of rain water to ground are implemented and practiced.
- Parking is provided under the tree shade to reduce the Heat Island effect (Temperature).
- Rain water harvesting unit is maintained well without using any chemical, the water is used for irrigation purpose.
- Use of potable and non-potable waters are identified and differentiated to conserve water.
- Public transport facilities are available in the campus to control air pollution.
- E-vehicle are implemented and operated for internal mobility to reduce the carbon emission.

- Bicycle for internal mobility is implemented and used inside the campus.
- The pedestrian pathways are maintained with adequate shading facilities by planting more number of trees.
- No offsite and subsidized parking are encouraged in the campus.
- Waste are segregated before the disposal.
- Biodegradable waste are used in the vermicomposting as a recycling practice.

#### 3.3.1. Integrated Water Management System (NBC Checkpoint 3.7. and 7.2.1.)

Water is one of the major source of living. Per captia water consumption in the building is calculated as per the water management plan (litres / person/ day). To reduce the demand of water consumption rain water harvesting unit is implemented and practiced. Proper monitoring plan is made evident to reduce the water consumption in the leakage areas.

#### **3.3.2.** Corporate Governance (NBC Checkpoint 3.10.)

Training and awareness programmes are conducted to the stake holders to maintain sustainability. Some of the programmes conducted by the Organization are World water and environment day.

#### 3.3.3. Safety measures and green building conservation code (NBC Checkpoint 3.11.)

Environmental safety measures are very important in the buildings as far as students, staff members and other stakeholders are concerned and it requires vigilance and awareness. Management should extend by issuing guidance and the best safety tools. The organization has have a police force, escort services, call boxes, first aid box, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, security systems and staffs towards the safety measures. Organization has very good safety measures as per the green building conservation code such as fire extinguisher and fire bell and alarms in all the place.

#### **3.3.4.** Applicability and Implementation (NBC checkpoint 4 and 5)

Guidelines of Architect, Designer and Civil contractor for the existing building addresses the choice of material, design methodology, operation and maintenance related options, etc., and also addresses the applicability of National Building Code.

#### 3.3.5. Parking facilities to reduce Heat Island Effect (NBC checkpoint 7.4.1.)

Heat island effect denotes the temperature level. It is observed that the vehicles are parked under the Tree shade to reduce the heat island effect for the benefit of stakeholders and to maintain sustainability. To reduce the heat island effect parking areas are made up of high albedo materials with light colored paints observed in the organization.

## **3.3.6.** Public transport, low emitting vehicles and control of car smokes (NBC Checkpoint 7.4.1. – 7.4.7)

Utility of public transportation (buses) reduces carbon emissions greatly and decreases the development of smog within the towns. This means that human beings have healthy air to respire. Comparing a bus travelling with a car transport for a person, it has been observed that buses are the most effective system by producing lower quantum of emission of carbon when compared to that of car transport. This will be a

huge decrease in utility of natural resources per person. Other than this, it also gives more benefits like less noise and traffic congestion. Whenever possible, try to take public transport in place of one's own vehicle. The audited Organization is provided two E- Vehicles to maintain eco-friendly environment in the campus and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Apart from the e-vehicles, students are encouraged to use bicycles. The tree species are planted abundantly to provide shade to the pedestrian.



Vehicles parked under the shades to reduce the Carbon emission



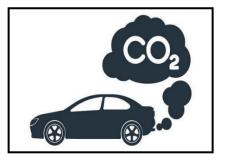
**Public transport facilities in the College Campus** 

#### 3.3.7. Pedestrian path facility at the campus (NBC Checkpoint 7.4.3.)

The concept of pedestrian path is to give safe space to walk freely by the pedestrian. It is very important in the green campus in terms of freely walk pedestrians or people going on foot without any obstacles. The pedestrian path is otherwise called as zebra crossing by the combination of black and white stripes remained to characterize the zebra. In addition, pedestrian path is created in the green campus along with road side which meant for walking only using special cement bricks and stones. The pedestrian path aims to end circulation not only cars, buses, vans, trucks and other vehicles but also giving safe space to the pedestrians, where cross and pass through blocks and also forcing vehicles to comply with it. The audited organization is having very good facility in creating pedestrian path for stakeholders with all the facilities such as accessible public toilets, barrier free environment, dustbins, stone benches, etc. Use of bicycles are encouraged in the Campus to control carbon emission and air pollution.

#### **3.3.8.** Carbon footprint

Carbon footprint means measuring/recording the greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions of an organization within its defined boundary. Observations on carbon dioxide and oxygen levels monitored in different parts of the campus are presented under Air Quality Audit section while observation on carbon footprint due to electricity usage per year at the Organization along with other fossil fuel utility are presented under Energy Audit portion of this Technical Report.



### **3.3.9.** Selection of Building Material (NBC checkpoint 9.1. – 9.3.)

Building materials are selected as per the Guidelines to Architect, Designer and Civil contractors. Low carbon emitting cements, bricks, etc., are used for the construction and recycled glass materials are used for windows. Construction material are not stored in the campus. Existing building service life plan is available and all are as per the National Building Code.

#### 3.3.10. Waste and Water management activities (NBC Checkpoint 10.1.)

Management of water and waste are the two important parameters which plays a vital role to maintain sustainability. Rainwater harvesting is implemented and maintained properly for water conservation, this water is used for irrigation and domestic purpose. It is observed that different colored dustbins are used in the Organization to segregate the waste at the source of generation.

#### 3.3.11. Post Occupancy maintenance

Post occupancy maintenance is the activities performed after the completion of construction work and handed over to the owner for further maintenance. The following activities are observed during the onsite visit as post occupancy maintenance

- Vegetation and plants are maintained properly with regular watering through irrigation facilities.
- Soil is maintained well without adding any chemical fertilizers and pesticides.
- To reduce the energy consumption HVAC system are maintained properly.

#### 4. ENERGY AUDIT

#### **4.1. Introduction**

An energy audit is a survey in which the study of energy flows for the purpose of conservation is examined at an organization. It refers to a technique or system that seeks to reduce the amount of energy used in the Organization without impacting the output. The audit includes suggestions of alternative means and methods for achieving energy savings to a greater extend. Conventionally, electrical energy is generated by means of fossil fuels, hydraulic and wind energy. The availability of fossil fuels and their depletion rate, insist the need for alternate energy systems and conservation of conventional electricenergy. In general, the primary objective of an energy auditing and management of energy consumption is to offer goods or services at the lowest possible cost and with the least amount of environmental impact.

Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) is established in the year 2017, which provides minimum requirements for the energy-efficient design and construction of buildings across India. It also provides two additional sets of incremental requirements for buildings to achieve enhanced levels of energy efficiency that go beyond the minimum requirements. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) came into force in 2002 towards implementation of energy saving practices in an organization. Energy-efficiency labels are information affixed to manufactured products and usually communicate the product energy performance.

BEE Star Rating Scheme is based on actual performance of the building as well as equipment in terms of specific energy usage termed as 'Energy Performance Indicator' by means of star ratings labelled items used which will be useful for energy savings in a sustainable manner (Mishra and Patel, 2016). Energy audit programme provide aid in maintaining a focus on energy price variations, energy supply availability and efficiency, determining an appropriate energy mix, identifying energy-saving technology, retrofitting for energy-saving equipment and so on (Gnanamangai *et al.*, 2021). In general, an energy audit process dealt with the driving energy conservation concepts into reality by giving technically possible solutions within a specified time limit while considering the economic and other organizational issues. It also dealt with the uncover ways to cut operating expenses or reduce energy use per unit of production interms of savings. It serves as a "benchmark" for managing energy in the organization for planning more energy-efficient use across the board.

#### 4.2. Energy audit observations

During onsite audit following departments were verified for physical facility availability.

- Adequate awareness programmes are organized and conducted to the stakeholders for the proper handling and maintenance of the appliances.
- Adequate external and vertical shading are provided to conserve energy.
- Natural ventilation through windows and shading is available adequately to reduce the energy consumption.
- It is observed that large foliage trees are planted inside the campus to reduce noise pollution.

- Low emitting lights are fixed as per the LPD mentioned in National Building Code (NBC) Part -11(Approach to Sustainability) for safety and comfort.
- External and internal signage lits are differentiated to conserve energy.
- 'Danger' and 'warning boards' are available near transformer, generator and UPS.
- Over deck and under deck insulation of roofs are available.
- Building Integrated Photovoltaic system like power storage system, backup power supplies, wiring and safety disconnects are available.
- Adequate HVAC and day lighting facilities are observed.
- Outside air is introduced through windows for ventilation in the conditioned spaces.
- The metering system are appropriately monitored through maintenance of log books and sub meters.
- Five star rated appliances (lift, AC, Air cooler, Refrigerator, etc.,) are procured to conserve energy.
- All the fluorescent (tube) lights are replaced with LED lights to conserve energy.
- Awareness posters like 'Turn off when not in use', 'Save Energy', etc., are displayed for conserving energy.
- All are the artificial lighting system are monitored and controlled through partial availability of sensors.
- No emissions and leaks are observed
- Instruments and equipment are properly calibrated and maintained.
- Noise level observed in the different location resulted in normal range.
- Adequate training and awareness programmes are conducted to the stakeholders for energy conservation.
- To optimize the energy campus has implemented solar panel, water heater, sensor lights, operation and maintenance, etc.,

#### 4.2.1. Energy Efficient Design and Process (NBC Checkpoint 3.5, 3.6 & 3.8.)

In the campus, it is observed that for lighting, cooling and ventilation renewable sources of energy like solar panel, water heater, etc., are used. Local resources are made available in post occupant stage as per the operation and maintenance plan. Standard Operating Procedures for lifts, UPS, AC are available to conserve energy and to avoid damage.

#### 4.2.2. Lighting facilities (NBC Checkpoint 6.2.2 – 6.2.10, 7.1.1.2 and 7.5)

External shading facilities are made based on the sun path to reduce the energy consumption. Day light integration is implemented in the building by placing adequate number of windows. Electrical lighting facilities during day time increases the energy consumption, it is observed that sufficient day lighting facilities are available through windows which in turn reduce the energy consumption bill of the Organization. Artificial lighting facilities are regularly monitored and maintained. In some areas sensor lights are implemented to save energy. External and internal signage lits are made up of recycled material with maximum light intensity. In the buildings windows head are higher to penetrate day light.



Natural Lighting facilities observed during day time

#### 4.2.3. Building Service Optimization (NBC Checkpoint 11)

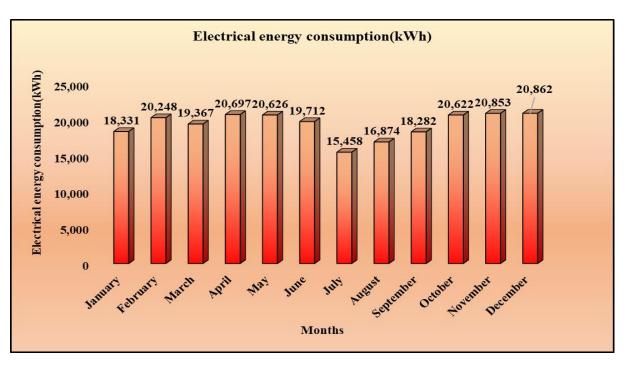
To save energy in the buildings there should be a proper plan for HVAC system. In the organization it is observed that adequate natural ventilation is implemented and practices. In some places exhaust fans are used for ventilation especially in the canteen and laboratories. To reduce the heat inside the building shading patterns are maintained by planting trees in and around the campus. Solar panels are implemented at the roof top to reduce the heat and to save energy. Air conditioning are provided at specific areas. Energy conservation plays an vital role in maintaining the sustainability. It is observed that the Organization has replaced all the tube light with CFL / LED lamps, has proper metering and submetering facilities, availability of BEE star rated appliances in Air cooler, lift, AC, generator, etc., Solar water heater and panels are implemented to conserve energy. Instruments and meters are properly maintained and calibrated at regular intervals or annual maintenance plan is observed as one of the energy saving opportunity. Adequate energy saving awareness programmes are conducted to the stakeholders. Emissions and leaks are monitored through operation and maintenance manual.



Energy conservation facilities observed in the Campus

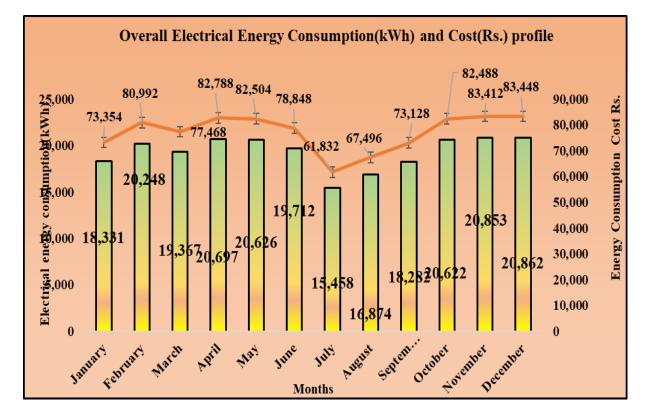
#### 4.2.4. Energy consumption and cost profile (NBC Checkpoint 12.3.4.)

The following chart shows the profile of energy consumed and the cost for one year by the auditee (Figures 1 & 2; Table 3).



#### Figure 1. Electrical energy consumption profile

Figure 2. Overall electrical energy consumption and cost profile



S. No	Months	Rating / Capacity units in kWh	Cost in Rs.
1.	January	18,331	73,354
2.	February	20,248	80,992
3.	March	19,367	77,468
4.	April	20,697	82,788
5.	May	20,626	82,504
6.	June	19,712	78,848
7.	July	15,458	61,832
8.	August	16,874	67,496
9.	September	18,282	73,128
10.	October	20,622	82,488
11.	November	20,853	83,412
12.	December	20,862	83,448

Table 3. Electrical energy consumption and cost profile in the Institution

#### 4.2.5. Power consuming equipment and electrical appliances

Other than electrical energy from grid, energy generated using fossil fuels for the year are presented in the Table 4.

S.No	Month	Diesel consumption (Liters)	Petrol consumption (Liters)	LPG consumption (kg)
1	January	182	Nil	128
2	February	400	Nil	420
3	March	405	Nil	546
4	April	425	Nil	560
5	May	550	Nil	490
6	June	200	Nil	140
7	July	160	Nil	14
8	August	240	Nil	112
9	September	400	Nil	546
10	October	450	Nil	518
11	November	460	Nil	532
12	December	505	Nil	546

Table 4. Annual Energy Consumption of Fuels in the College

#### **4.2.6.** Carbon footprint

The c arbon footprint per year is calculated (www.carbonfootprint.com) based on electricity usage per year in which  $CO_2$  emission from electricity and the sum of transportation per year in terms of number of the shuttle buses service operated by the Organization and number of cars, motorcycles and trucks entering in the Organization campus. These factors are multiplied with total number of trips in each day and approximate travel distance of vehicles covered in each day with a coefficient (0.01) to calculate the emission of  $CO_2$  in metric tons per year. Humans contribute to a massive increase of carbon dioxide emissions by burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and other industrial activities.

#### 4.2.7. Calculation of carbon footprint

The carbon footprint analysis can be calculated based on the earlier reports as stated in www.carbonfootprint.com which is the sum of electricity usage per year. According to the data provided by the Management, carbon emission due to electricity consumption and fossil fuels are presented hereunder.

#### The CO<sub>2</sub> emission from electricity

= (electricity usage per year in kWh/1000) x 0.84, where 0.84 is the coefficient to convert kWh to metric tons

= (231932 kWh/1000) x 0.84

= 194.822 metric tons

According to the above calculations, carbon emission due to electricity usage per year accounts for 788.98 metric tons.

#### **Transportation per year (Shuttle)**

= (Number of the shuttle vehicle in the campus (2) x total trips for shuttle bus service each day x approximate travel distance of a vehicle each day inside campus only  $(20 \text{ km}) \times 365/100) \times 0.01$ 

= (2 x 1 x 365/100)) x 0.01

= 0.073 metric tons

365 is the number of days per year

0.01 is the coefficient to calculate the emission in metric tons per 100 km for bus

#### a. Transportation per year (Car)

= (Number of cars entering the campus x 2 x approximate travel distance of a vehiclee ach day inside campus only (in kilometers) x 365/100) x 0.02

= ((1 x 20 x 1 x 365)/100)) x 0.02

= 1.46 metric tons

365 is the number of days per year

0.02 is the coefficient to calculate the emission in metric tons per 100 km car

#### **b.** Transportation per year (Motorcycles)

= (Number of motorcycles entering the campus x 2 x approximate travel distance of avehicle each day inside campus only (in kilometers) x 365/100) x 0.01

= ((0 x 20 x 1 x 365)/100)) x 0.01

= 0metric tons

365 is the number of days per year

0.01 is the coefficient to calculate the emission in metric tons per 100 km for motorcycles.

#### c. Total Carbon emission per year

= total emission from electricity usage + transportation (bus, car, motorcycle)

=(194.822 + 0.073 + 1.46 + 0))

= 196.36 metric tons

#### 4.2.8. Noise level measurements (NBC Checkpoint 12.4.4.)

Noise is all unwanted sound or set of sounds that causes annoyance or can have a health impact and noise level is measured in decibels (dB). The body can also respond to lower noise levels. Level of noise are expected tobe within 55 dB in residential areas, including institutions. Class room noise levels aresupposed to be around 50 db. Sound Level Meter / Noise Thermometer are used to measure the noise level in the surroundings which converts the sound signal to an equivalent electrical signal and the resulting sound pressure level in decibels (dB) referenced to 20  $\mu$ Pa. Noise level prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board was presented in the Table 6.

## Table 5. Noise level standard prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board, Government of India

Area Code	Zone	Limits in dB (A) Leq	
		Day Time	Night Time
А	Industrial	75	70
В	Commercial	65	55
С	Residential	55	45
D	Silence	50	40

**Source**: IS : 12065 - 1987

#### Table 6. Noise level at various location in the campus

S.No	Locations	Measurements	Major noise sources	Remarks
		( <b>dB</b> )		
1.	Class room	25.33	Students and Staff	No Noise Pollution
2.	Auditorium	21.10	Students	No Noise Pollution
3.	Seminar hall	30.07	Students	No Noise Pollution
4.	Library	20.73	Staff members	No Noise Pollution
5.	Laboratory	23.50	Students	No Noise Pollution
6.	Canteen	25.77	Students and Staff	No Noise Pollution
7.	Open area	24.3	Students and staff	No Noise Pollution
8.	Parking area	25.67	Vehicles	No Noise Pollution
9.	Generator area	26.72	Generator Sound	No Noise Pollution
	Mean		24.7	
	SE		0.34	
	CD		0.61	

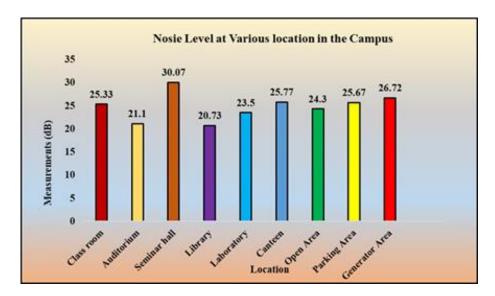


Figure 3. Noise level at various location in the campus

#### 4.2.8.1. Light intensity measurement at the campus

Light intensity or light output is used to measure whether a particular light source provides enough light for an application needed. There is a well-established light level recommendation for a wide range of applications in lighting industry and also for the type of space. Light intensity is measured in terms of lumens per square foot (footcandles) or lumens per square meter (lux). A light meter (lux meter) is used to measure the amount of light in a space/on a particular work surface. The light meter consists of a sensor that measures the light falling on it and provides the user with a measurable illuminance reading. Light meters are an especially useful tool for measuring light for safety or over-illumination.

S. No	Type of Spaces	Illuminances (LUX)
1.	Class room	178.67
2.	Auditorium	493.67
3.	Seminar hall	210.67
4.	Library	617.67
5.	Laboratory	92.33
6.	Canteen	76
7.	Hostel	395.33
8.	Open area	600
9.	Car Parking area	479
	Mean	349.26
	SE	71.52
	CD	127.45

Table 6. Light intensity measured	at various	locations in	the College
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Source: IS: 6665-1972

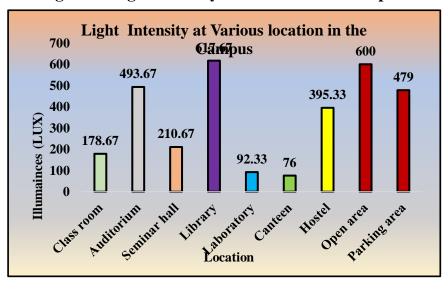


Figure 4. Light intensity Measured at the campus

#### **5. WASTE MANAGEMENT AUDIT**

#### 5.1. Introduction

Waste management is a global environmental task but has always been neglected by the public. Improper waste management will create environmental issues *viz.*, soil, water- and air-pollution which lead to health problems. Main reason for polluted environment is unawareness of consumers and improper or poor legitimate initiatives. Ever increasing population rate and the improved life style of the people results in generation of amplified amount of solid wastes, irrespective of urban and rural areas. Solid waste is defined as the unwanted substance which is generated by the society that does not have any economic value from the point of view of the user. Waste management is defined as the discipline associated with control of generation, storage, collection, transport/transfer, processing and disposal of solid waste materials in aesthetic way.

There is a daunting need of effective waste management in India as 62 million tons of municipal solid waste and 38 billion liters of sewage is generated annually only from urban areas. The solid waste increases at the rate of 1.0 - 1.3% annually and the maximum amount of municipal waste is left untreated (Rajalakshmi *et al.*, 2023). Primary reason for unclean surroundings in the nation is unawareness of individuals, in general, deprived institutional initiatives. While educating the environmental health and security, it has to be initiate from grass root level, primarily, educational institutions are the right forum to start with. Prior to teaching the students on waste management practices and prepare them to adopt strategic plan of waste management to material management, educational institutions should establish the physical facilities and follow the fundamental guidelines. The physical facilities established in the higher educational institutions and their utility through onsite auditing and to assess the implemented waste management practices with particular reference to recycling and generation of value added products.

#### 5.2. Observations of the Waste Management Audit

- Solid waste is minimized in the campus by controlling the usage, recycling practices.
- Coloured dustbins for the collection of waste at various locations are observed in the campus.
- Electrical and electronic wastes are collected and segregated properly.
- Records are available for e-waste disposal by the authorized agency.
- MoU signed with the authorized waste disposal agency as an effective practice of waste management.
- Observed the allotment of separate team to perform environmental impact assessment and environmental management plan
- Training needs are identified and workforce training is carried out in regular basis.
- Hazardous materials are stored in the separate room and disposed properly through the authorized agency.

#### 5.2.1. Technology Options (NBC Checkpoint 3.3 and 3.4.)

As per the guidelines to Architect and Civil contractors for existing buildings, traditional materials are used in the construction, environment friendly and cost-effective technologies are made available in the campus as per the building code.

#### **5.2.2.** Waste Management Practices (NBC Checkpoint 10.6, 10.7 and 12)

Waste Management has a common mandate that the 'Producer Owns the Responsibility'. The solid wastes are collected from different places of campus and segregated based on biodegradable and non-degradable materials subsequently subjected for recycling and degradation processes like composting. Details of the waste management practices in the Organization are 1) bio-degradable waste handling, 2) Biogas plant and 3) disposal of e-waste.

#### i) Solid waste management practices at the campus

The term, solid waste control refers to the method of accumulating and treating solid wastes by following ecofriendly methods. It is also a solution for recycling objects that do not belong to garbage. In the solid waste management, the wastes are accumulated from different parts and are disposed based on degradability materials like paper and non- degradability materials like glasses, plastics and metals. Organization has a very good solid waste recycling unit which operates a few vehicles to collect wastes using compostable bags across the campus. Both degradable and non-degradable items are being collected from canteens, stationary shops and hostels and disposed through the Corporation facility.

#### ii) Bio-degradable and non-degradable waste materials management practice

For segregation of waste (Organic, recyclable, non-recyclable and e-waste) at source and collecting the same 'Waste Bins' are placed at designated locations in the Campus *viz*. Students Hostels and Staff rooms, Students Service Centre, Sports Complex and Guest rooms. A Contractor is engaged for the collection and further process of waste generated within the campus where biodegradable wastes subjected to preparation of organic compost.

#### iii) Use of biofertilizers, organic and green manures

Natural or eco-friendly methods should be used to grow plants vigorously in the campus which could reduce the environmental pollution. The plant waste such as fallen leaves, stems, fruits, nuts, seeds and other plant parts are used to make green manures. Minimal use of chemical fertilizers as part of integrated nutrient management system is acceptable but 'zero use' of chemical fertilizers is highly appreciable. Biofertilizers, farm yard manure and dried cow dung manure are extensively used in the audited organization to cultivate plants ensured to keep the campus organic. These practices are very well appreciated because air, water and soil pollution due to use of agrochemicals is eradicated which in turn to improve the soil health significantly.

#### iv) Disposal of E-Waste

According to E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India), electronic waste or e-waste includes old and non-functional electrical and electronic appliances. The e-waste materials were

collected from the Organization are being segregated and then given to authorized agencies for handling e-waste. Due to this e-waste activity disposal, the e-waste pollution is significantly reduced in the Campus. Organization has produced lesser quantity of e-waste and the same has been disposed through the Corporation facilities. MoU is signed with the company to dispose the e-waste securely.



MoU signed with the authorized company for e-waste disposal

#### v) Construction and Demolition waste management

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified the Construction and Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016 exclusively to manage waste (building materials, debris and rubble) from construction activities like new construction, re-modelling, repair and demolition. One of the best waste management practices is rebuilding of construction waste into pillars, pathway road and etc. The construction waste inside the campus is found to be very low.

#### vi) Hazardous and biomedical wastes management

The Organization have taken pioneering efforts to dispose the hazardous as well as biomedical wastes properly that are generated from various Department laboratories. Acids, solvents, salts, reagents and cancer-causing substances (carcinogens) will cause cancer to the stakeholders those who doing research and/or experiments. Most of these kinds of wastes are disposed of safely without affecting the environment, soil health and water quality as per the directions of World Hazardous Waste Programme. Napkins are incinerated onsite while agricultural wastes are recycled within the campus. Hazardous chemical and biomedical wastes are not abundantly used in the campus. Bio medical wastes are segregated at the source of generation using different coloured dustbin and acid neutralization chamber is available to collect the concentrated chemicals in the separate pipeline,

#### vii) Recycling of wastewaters

The main feature of the treated water should not be harmful to the biodiversity, resources and the environment especially in soil ecosystem. If an industry or Organization has going to implement the wastewater treatment plan, proper records on the analysis of water input and output parameters including the running time of the wastewater treatment plant; its operation cost, its maintenance and the reuse records of the treated water should be well accounted

#### 6. Conclusion

Considering the fact that the organization is a well-established academic institution and there is significant scope for conserving green, environment, energy, waste management, soil & water management, air quality and hygiene which in turn make the campus as self-sustained. The organization has taken enormous efforts to maintain green campus in a sustainable manner. It has conducting a large number of activities for the benefit of rural and tribal community people without disturbing the natural environment. The installation of a rainwater harvesting system and irrigation system to conserve rainwater and improve the ground water levels are noteworthy. The Organization has created medicinal, herbal and ornamental gardens at small scale level for establishing a massive reforestation / afforestation programme in which a large number of trees and shrubs species were planted together for providing an eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders in a sustainable manner.

The energy conservation initiatives taken by the organization are substantial. Water and Soil conservation activities are also implemented and practiced. Proper facilities and procedures are followed for waste collection, segregation, disposal, recycle and reuse. Quality of soil and water observed to be good. Hygienic practices are monitored and maintained considering the health and sustainability of the stakeholders at canteen and hostel premises. Tree plantation at appropriate locations are maintained to resist the indoor climate and conserve energy as per the National Building Code (Part 11 – Approach to Sustainability). The organization has made significant progressive contributions with respect to teaching learning, research and consultancy, innovation and transfer of technology, community service and value education, in toto. It imparts quality education to rural, tribal and urban people across the nation which is excellent in terms of academic activities and providing an eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders

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