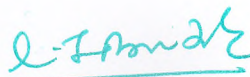


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**ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY USAGE POLICY**

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## **Vision, Mission and Core Values**

### **VISION**

To become a centre par excellence of learning, unique in experience, value based in its approach, and pioneering in its efforts for enriching and fulfilling LIFE.

### **MISSION**

To facilitate comprehensive and integrated development of individuals imbued with righteousness and courage of conviction, to effectively function as social beings

### **CORE VALUES**

- Service
- Mutual respect
- Integrity
- Learning
- Excellence



## Statement of the Policy

This Environmental and Energy Policy is binding for Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, which includes both the Hill Campus and the Valley campus and all of the academic, curricular and extra-curricular activities and operations. It will help us to embed efficiency and environmental awareness into our every-day activities, thus helping us realize the expectations of the stakeholders and society. This policy statement is concerned with the increase in the production, delivery and use of electrical energy, and its effect on the environment.

## Preamble

Rajagiri's commitment to the environment stems from the vision and mission statements abiding concern for the environment, climate change and society. Climate change and its impact on the environment are considered as the key sustainability changes to the society which affects the stability and ecology of the society, at large. Rajagiri through its innovative initiatives and leaderships is committed to the society to assume a major role in environment protection and climate change moderation.

Rajagiri adapts itself to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the most significant campaign by the Government of India, through its active participation in generating power through renewable energy sources. Rajagiri College of Social Sciences has introduced several innovative ideas for green initiatives, energy efficiency and sustainability in the campus.



## Environment and Energy Usage Principles for Rajagiri

Rajagiri pledges to fulfil its commitment to the environment through the following levels of actions:

1. Achieving transparency about our environmental and energy impact, giving importance to our own carbon footprint, through institutional reporting.
2. Integrating energy and environmental considerations into the design of all new infrastructural facilities at Rajagiri.
3. Improving operational efficiency and minimising impact on the environment
  - Improving the carbon efficiency by 50% by 2025, compared to 2019.
  - Reduce local air pollution emissions by 2025 by promoting the use of public transportation, and banning the entry of vehicles in campus.
  - Complying with the applicable international, regional and national environmental regulations, as well as legal requirements regarding energy consumption and energy efficiency.
  - Taking additional measures by reducing energy consumption.
  - Considering environmental aspects and energy efficiency in all major investment and procurement decisions – adopt a green procurement philosophy.
4. Improving resource efficiency in operations, especially for key resources such as energy and water.
5. Adopt a sustainable water conservation and water management philosophy.
6. Strive towards a “greener campus”.
7. Continuous monitoring and reviewing of objectives to achieve continual improvement in environmental and climate performance.
8. Preserve and enhance biodiversity in both campuses.
9. Educate the administrators, students, teaching and staff with seminars and sessions on environment sustainability.
10. Focussing on renewable energy systems like solar energy and wind energy.
11. Focussing on increasing water efficiency and sustainable waste management.
12. Funding for research and Development on environmental aspects, challenges, issues and solutions.
13. Foster innovation through the use of innovative technologies to minimise atmospheric emissions and energy consumption.

14. Engage in dialogue with the stakeholders, co-operate with universities and industry, and actively work with national and international organizations in the areas of environment, energy efficiency and sustainable development.
15. Review the environmental policy and systems to ensure its continuing applicability and relevance to its purpose.
16. Support various local communities to engage in environmental friendly initiatives and practices.

## Policy Communication and Review

This policy will be communicated to the administrators, students, teaching and non-teaching staff via the Rajagiri e-mailing system. It will be made available to the public through the college website ([www.rajagiri.edu](http://www.rajagiri.edu)).

## Conclusion

At Rajagiri, ample concern is given to the environment as the institution aims towards sustainability. Rajagiri shall strive to fulfil our obligations and commitments to the environment as a truly responsible global citizen. The policy will be reviewed in the first week of January and June every year by the designated committee.



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