
*Criterion7: Institutional Values and
Best Practices*

*Documents: 7.1. 3: Policy document on
Environmental activities and Energy
Usages*



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Policy Documents on Environment and Energy Usages for the last five years

Introduction:

Environmental sustainability is crucial. In this regard, Colleges are key in fostering eco-conscious individuals. Yet, the effectiveness of these efforts can be greatly enhanced by extending environmental promotional activities, and sustainable energy usage within and beyond the campus. This policy document explores various initiatives that our college will undertake to promote environmental awareness and sustainable energy usage within the campus as well as to the broader community.

Policies related to environmental promotional activities and sustainable energy usage:

1. Tree Plantation Campaigns:

To address deforestation and foster green spaces, our college will actively involve in tree plantation campaigns. These initiatives will extend even beyond the campus, focusing on public areas, vacant lands, and residential neighbourhood. This effort will not only increase the overall green cover within and surroundings of the college premise but also promotes community involvement in environmental conservation.

2. Workshops and Seminars:

Environmental education is essential for encouraging sustainable practices. Our institution, as a part of Sanshuddhi, will organize community drives on various environmental topics, such as waste reduction-recycling (e.g. knowledge transfer for preparation of organic manures from domestic wastes), energy conservation, and sustainable living practices (e.g. awareness campaign on campus and during outreach programs at adopted villages). By engaging with the community, we aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to make environmentally conscious decisions in their daily lives.

3. Spreading Environmental awareness:

Spreading awareness among the residents of adopted villages: The college will reach out to the residents of adopted villages to make them conscious about the eco-friendly activities, viz., tree



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plantation, waste management and recycling, water and energy conservation. We will emphasize on traditional livelihood pattern with minimalistic environmental exploitation and maximizing environment restoration. We believe these small eco-friendly steps will help us to achieve net zero emission in near future.

4. Energy Efficiency:

We are committed to enhancing energy efficiency throughout our college campus. We will achieve this by adopting energy-saving technologies and practices, including LED lamps, and energy-efficient electrical appliances. Regular energy audits will help us to identify further opportunities to reduce energy consumption.

5. Reliance on alternate energy sources:

Promotion of alternate renewable energy sources is crucial to cut down the load on traditional non-renewable electrical energy. Hence, to promote alternate energy source in the college campus, we will replace the older non-functional solar panels with the new one.

Compliance:

We will comply with all relevant environmental laws, regulations, and standards. The college will also work towards obtaining environmental certificates and awards.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- **College Administration:** The college administration will provide the necessary resources and support for implementation of this policy.
- **Committee:** Nature club and a dedicated committee will be formed comprising of the internal and external members of the college to oversee the college environmental promotional activities and energy-efficient initiatives, set goals, and monitor the progress.
- **Faculty and staff:** Faculties and staff members are expected to support and participate in sustainability efforts and energy-saving measures.
- **Students:** Students are encouraged to engage in sustainable activities and provide input on environmental activities.

Monitoring and Revision:

Progress towards the goals outlined in this policy will be monitored at regular interval and will be audited to identify further opportunities for improvement. For beyond campus initiatives, we are planning to broaden our outreach by forming partnerships with other educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. This approach aims to create a more comprehensive and sustained impact on the environment.

Conclusion:

At Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, we embrace our role as stewards of the environment. Our commitment extends to promoting sustainable practices across all aspects of our operations. Through the collective efforts of our college community, we strive to minimize our environmental impact and actively contribute to a more sustainable future through promoting eco-friendly activities and efficient energy management.