



*Cosmopolitan's*

**Valia C. L. College of Commerce & Valia L. C. College of Arts**

# ENVIRONMENT POLICY

***It is our collective and individual responsibility to preserve and tend to the world in which we all live.***

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*Valia College of Commerce and Arts aims to initiate, implement and promote environmentally sustainable practices in the college campus and the community. This policy document proposes to achieve this through focusing on the four broad areas of energy conservation, water conservation, waste management and clean and green initiatives. This policy recognizes that implementation will be a gradual and phased process owing to financial and infrastructural constraints. The primary focus will be on changing the attitudes and behavior of students and staff to increase sensitivity to environmental problems and recognizing their role in reducing these problems.*

## ENERGY CONSERVATION

- Reduce energy consumption by switching off all electrical devices when not in use.
- Phase out all high energy consuming lights by replacing them with LED lights.
- Refrain from using air conditioners except where necessary and at energy efficient temperatures.
- Regular servicing and maintenance of air conditioners to ensure energy efficiency.
- Observe one day of the week as a NO LIFT DAY.
- Support staff to take rounds to check and shut down electrical devices not shut down after use.
- Plan to set up solar energy systems in the college in a phased manner.
- Display boards in all prominent locations to create awareness about energy conservation.
- To conduct programs/ activities to sensitize staff, students and community about energy conservation.

## WATER CONSERVATION

- Water to be used sparingly and without spillage on the college campus.
- Conduct regular checks for leaky faucets, flushes etc.
- Extra/ unused water to be poured to the plants/ trees in the college campus.
- Display boards near washrooms and watercoolers to create awareness about water conservation.
- Conduct programs/activities to sensitize staff, students and the community about water conservation.
- Install a rainwater harvesting system in the college.

# WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Adopt proper segregation, recycling and disposal methods for different kinds of waste produced in the premises.
- Encouraging students and staff members to use E-waste bin installed in the college to dispose off their e-waste.
- Conduct e-waste collection drives in the college and the community.
- Conduct plastic collection drives in the college and the community.
- Encourage the reuse paper for writing and printing.
- Ban the use of single use plastic in the campus.
- Reduce the use of environmentally harmful material during college activities and festivals.
- Encourage the reuse of materials for college activities and festivals.
- Install sanitary pad incinerators in ladies' washrooms.
- Display boards to create awareness about waste management using the policy of reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Conduct programs/activities to sensitize staff, students and the community about waste management.
- Install waste segregation systems in the college.
- Create a zero-waste campus.

## CLEAN AND GREEN INITIATIVES

- Encourage the participation of students in all government initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
- Display boards to create awareness and inculcate the habit of cleanliness.
- Undertake tree plantation activities both inside as well as outside the college campus.
- To promote beautification of college campus through landscaping.
- Spread awareness about various plants inside the campus through QR coding.