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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1.	Administrative Policy Number (APN): SCWAPN/16	Functional Area: Environmental aspects related to: College functions-academic & non-academic, College campus & all stakeholders.
2.	Brief Description of the Policy:	Purpose: To continually instill & enhance awareness and responsibilities towards the Environment & Sustainability among students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, guest faculty, admin & support staff and all the vendors of the college.
3.	Policy Applies to:	All stake holders (students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, guest faculty, admin & support staff, vendors of the college)
4.	Effective from the Date:	26 th November, 2018
5.	Approved by:	College Development Committee (CDC)
6.	Responsible Authority	IQAC Coordinator
7.	Superseding Authority	Principal
8.	Last Reviewed/ Updated:	New policy
9.	Reason for the policy	Contribute to the environmental pillar of sustainability by managing environmental responsibilities in a systematic manner by working towards reducing adverse environmental impacts and enhancing environment protection practices.
10.	References for the policy	Environmental Management System ISO 14001:2015 National Environment Policy, 2006

1. Introduction

Educational Institutes who architect students into Responsible Citizens of the World play a crucial & significant role in enabling & catalyzing towards the achievement of the United Nations 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs).

Sophia College for Women is highly committed to contribute towards the SDGs, especially 'Environment' -the key pillar of sustainability. Environmental Policy of Sophia College for Women, sets the intent & direction for the all stakeholders to systematically work towards reducing adverse environmental impacts and enhancing environment protection practices.

2. Purpose

To continually instill & enhance awareness and responsibilities towards the Environment & Sustainability among students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, guest faculty, admin & support staff and all the vendors of the college.

3. Environmental Policy & Environmental Objectives

Environmental Policy

"To contribute to the Environmental pillar of Sustainability through education, awareness and action"

Environmental Objectives

- Increase awareness towards Environmental Responsibilities
- Identify adverse environmental impacts and take actions towards minimizing adverse impacts.
- Promote & Implement environment protection practices.
- Minimize Wastage
- Promote- Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle
- Continually monitor & improve Environmental Performance.

Definition of Environment: surrounding in which the institute operates - air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelationships. Surroundings can be described in terms of biodiversity, ecosystems, climate or other characteristics.

4. Implementation

Sophia College for Women identifies areas of environmental concern & opportunities for environmental protection and establishes policies and practices which are deployed across functions and stakeholders enabling effective implementation, monitoring and continual improvement.

- Water Conservation Policy
- Energy Conservation Policy
- Single Use Plastic Policy

- Waste Management Policy

5. Environmental Policy- Practice Principles

- To ensure judicious use of natural resources
- To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programs.
- To promote use of renewable energy
- To adapt and promote actions for reuse, reduce and recycle.
- To promote sustainable development through research and knowledge dissemination.
- To conduct environmental, energy and green audits on regular basis
- To promote e-governance to reduce paper consumption.
- To encourage student and faculty to undertake projects and surveys to assess status of environment and to provide solutions for current environmental problems.
- To promote adaptations and mitigation strategies for changing environment
- To promote environmental awareness through various extracurricular activities
- To encourage students and staff to undertake waste segregation and management practices for solid waste and E-waste.
- To take steps towards reducing carbon footprint and eventually moving towards carbon neutrality within the campus
- To work with stakeholders and local community for outreach activities and community involvement in environment resource management
- To reflect Inter-generational Equity of environmental resources in all policies, plans and programs of college.
- To work towards integration of environmental concerns in Economic and Social Development

6. Environmental Policy: Application Areas

Top Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and Programs • Governance
College Activities- Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching, Learning and Research • Syllabus framing • Student class Projects and surveys • Examination & Evaluation • Teaching & Learning Aids • Library Management • Lab Management

College Activities- Non-Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extracurricular activities • Social outreach programs • Sports • College Events
Support Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Administration & Admissions • Procurement / Purchase • Infra (College & Hostel) Building • IT • Resources- Water, Electricity • Facility Management (Housekeeping etc) • Logistics (Courier) • Travel – Staff & Students • Cafeteria • Gardening • Utilities / Maintenance

7. Environmental Policy: Stakeholders / Interested parties

- College Top Management
- Students & Parents
- Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff
- Support Staff
- Vendors (Cafeteria, Stationary, Security, Courier etc.)
- Regulatory Bodies (University, Government)
- Society (Neighborhood)

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