

## **7.1.6 Quality audits on environment and energy are regularly undertaken by the Institution and awards received for green campus initiatives Relevant Information**

Green Campus Audit assessment is a process of systematic identification, quantification, recording, reporting and analysis of components of environmental diversity of various establishments. It aims to analyse environmental practices within and outside of the concerned sites, which will have an impact on the eco-friendly ambience. Green audit can be a useful tool for a college to determine how and where they are using the most energy or water or resources; the college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings.

It can also be used to determine the type and volume of waste, which can be used for a recycling project or to improve waste minimization plan. It can create health consciousness and promote environmental awareness, values and ethics. It provides staff and students better understanding of green impact on campus. If self-enquiry is a natural and necessary outgrowth of a quality education, it could also be stated that institutional self-enquiry is a natural and necessary outgrowth of a quality educational institution.

Thus, it is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future. As environmental sustainability is becoming an increasingly important issue for the nation, the role of higher educational institutions in relation to environmental sustainability is more prevalent.

Green audit is a potential tool which can be used effectively by an educational institution for resource usage identification and optimization. 'Green auditing is the process of identifying and determining whether institutions practices are eco-friendly and sustainable'. The main objective to carry out green audit is to check green practices followed by the college and to conduct a well formulated audit report to understand where it stands on a scale of environmental soundness.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

The Green Campus Audit assessment of an institution is becoming a paramount important these days for self-assessment of the institution, which reflects the role of the institution in mitigating the present environmental problems. The college has been putting efforts to keep the environment clean since its inception. But the auditing of this non- scholastic effort of the college has not been documented. Therefore, the purpose of the present green audit is to identify, quantify, describe and prioritize framework of Environment Sustainability in compliance with the applicable regulations, policies and standards. The main objectives of carrying out Green Campus Audit are:

1. To document practices and implementation of rain water harvesting
2. The document the quality of recycled waste water for gardening, Zero Liquid Discharge Concepts
3. To document the solid Waste disposal system and e-waste management

4. To document the ambient environmental condition of air, water and noise in the campus.
5. More efficient resource management, paperless offices
6. To provide basis for improved sustainability and biodiversity
7. To create a green campus
8. To enable waste management through reduction of waste generation, solid- waste and water recycling
9. Recognize the cost saving methods through waste minimizing and managing
10. Impart environmental education through systematic environmental management approach and benchmarking for environmental protection
11. Financial savings through a reduction in resource use

  
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