

## A.P.C. MAHALAXMI COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

THOOTHUKUDI - 2



**CRITERION 7** 

SSR CYCLE IV

# INSTITUTIONAL VALUES AND BEST PRACTICES

- 7.1. Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities
- 7.1.3: Quality audits on environment and energy regularly undertaken by the Institution.

Green audit/environmental audit report for the year 2022 -2023

# A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women Thoothukudi



# GREEN & ENERGY AUDIT 2022-23.



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#### **CERTIFICATE**

19.12.2023

This is to certify that A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women, Thoothukudi has conducted a detailed "Green and Energy Audit" for its campus during the academic year 2022-2023. The green audit was conducted in accordance with the applicable standards prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi, and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi. The audit involves water, wastewater, energy, air, green inventory, solid waste, etc., and gives an 'Environmental Management Plan', which the college can follow to minimize the impact on the institutional working framework. In an opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us, said green audit gives a true and fair view in conformity with environmental auditing principles accepted in India.

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#### Chapter - 1

#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Green Audit

Modernization and industrialization are the two important outputs of the twentieth century that have made human life more luxurious and comfortable. Simultaneously, they are responsible for voracious use of natural resources, exploitation of forests and wildlife, producing massive solid waste, polluting the scarce and sacred water resources, and finally making our mother Earth ugly and inhospitable. Today, people are getting more familiar with global issues like global warming, greenhouse effect, ozone depletion, climate change, etc. Now, it is considered as a final call by mother Earth to walk on the path of sustainable development. The time has come to wake up, unite and combat together for a sustainable environment.

Green campus is an area of the Organisation or the Organisation as a whole itself contributing to have an infrastructure or development that is structured and planned to incur less energy, less water, less or pollution free, less or no CO<sub>2</sub> emission. Green Campus Audit provides the concept of Green building and oxygenated building which in turn provides a healthy atmosphere to the stakeholders.

Green Campus Audit ensures the Organization's campus should be greenish with large diversity of trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers and lawns to reduce the environmental pollution and soil erosion, also useful for biodiversity conservation, landscape management, proper water irrigation, natural topography and vegetation. The maintenance of an eco-friendly campus ensures a neat and clean environment. For the benefit of stakeholders, solid state management, recycling of water, disposal of sewage and waste materials including electronic and biomedical wastes, plastic use, etc. should be followed consistently in the organization campus.

Green Campus Audit procedures includes the definition of green audit, methodology on how to conduct Green audit at Educational Institutions and Industrial sectors as per the checklist of Environment Management Systems and International Standards on ISO 14001:2015, Indian Green Building Council, Swachh Bharath Scheme under Clean India

Mission to understand the principles and importance of various audits in the context of the organization and risk assessment at 360° views. It analyses to help the educational institutions and industries to maintain eco-friendly environment and personal hygiene to various stakeholders and supports the nation as a whole for the noble cause of environmental protection and nature conservation which in turn enhances the quality of lifeto all living beings.

#### 1.1.1 Role of Educational Institutions in India

Educational institutions are playing important role in a nation's growth and development which starts from maintenance of green campus without harming the environment. A clean and healthy environment in an Organization determines effective learning and provides a beneficial learning environment to the students. Educational institutions are asked both Central and State Governments to give eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders.

In addition, all the Educational institutions are asked to save the environment for future generations and to solve the environmental problems such as recycling of solid wastes and wastewaters, plastics usage, napkin disposal water consumption, water harvesting and storage mechanisms, etc. through Environmental Education. Implementing Swachh Bharath Abhiyan Scheme launched by the Indian Government plays by the Educational institutions plays a major role in terms of giving neat and clean environment to tribal, rural and urban people across the country, besides, the regular and conventional activities carried out by NSS, NCC, Nature club, Eco club, Science club, Fine Arts club, Flora and Fauna club, You Red cross unit, etc. Seminar, Conference, Workshop, training and awareness programmes on Biodiversity conservation education, environmental awareness programmes, etc. may be conducted periodically by the Management and Administrative people of an Organization to the stakeholders.

Green campus auditing is a systematic process whereby an organization's environmental performance is checked against its environmental policies and compliances of the Government guidelines. This audit process is definitely useful for the Educational institutions to maintain the campus neatly and can give pure atmosphere to the students and staff members including Management people. It is like an official examination of the environmental effects on an organization's campus as per the Government guidelines. The

audit report may be useful to improve the organization's campus significantly by following the recommendations and suggestions given in the report.

#### 1.1.2 Green Campus and Environment Policy

The green campus aims to provide an education and awareness in a clean and green environment to the stakeholders with regards to environmental compliance. This scope applies to all employees and students of the Institution to provide an eco-friendly atmosphere through proper disposal of wastes and steps taken to recycle the biodegradable wastes. Utilization of eco-friendly supplies and an effective recycling programme tomaintain the campus free from hazardous wastes.

The concept of eco-friendly culture is disseminated among the students as well as rural community through various awareness programmes, seminars / conferences reuse and recycle the waste materials. Attempts are made to limit energy usage and also replace non- renewable energy sources with renewable energy sources. The Head of the Organization, Department Heads and Senior Managers including Management Representatives are responsible for monitoring the go green initiatives of the College / University and maintain a clean/green campus. In addition, the staff and student volunteers from Nature club, Eco clubs, Science club, Fine Arts club, Youth Red cross unit, NCC and NSS units are also responsible for the implementation of the green campus and environment policy in the Organization.

#### 1.1.3 Environment Friendly Campus

The organization is responsible to provide an eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders along with making good drinking water facility to the students and staff members. The organic manure, cow dung, farmyard manure and vermicomposting for the cultivation of plants should be adopted. All non-compostable, single-use disposable plastic items, single- use plastic utensils, plastic straws and stirrers should be avoided. Education on the commitment to plastic-free alternatives for all incoming and current students, staff and faculty should be undertaken. Reduction of use of papers alternated with e-services and e- circulars, etc. and proper disposal of wastes, recycling and suitable waste management system should be taken into consideration.

#### 1.1.4 Why Green Audit

The intention of the green audits is to upgrade the environmental condition inside and around the institution. It is performed by considering environmental parameters like water and wastewater accounting, energy conservation, waste management, air, noise monitoring, etc. for making the institution eco-friendlier. Students are the major strength of any academic institution. Practicing green action in any educational institution will inculcate the good habit of caring for natural resources in students. Many environmental activities like plantation and nurturing saplings and trees, Cleanliness drives, Bird watching camps, no vehicle day, Rainwater harvesting, etc. will make the students good citizens of the country. Through Green Audit, higher educational institutions can ensure that they contribute towards the reduction of global warming through Carbon Footprint reduction measures.

#### 1.1.5 About Criteria 7 of NAAC

Higher education Institutions are playing a key role in the development of human resources worldwide. Higher education institutes campus run various activities with the aim to percolate the knowledge along with practical dimension among the society. Likewise, different technological solutions related to the environment are also provided by the higher education institutes. Different types of evolutionary methods are used to assess the problem concerning the environment. It includes

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA), Carbon Footprint Mapping, Green audit, etc. National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is a self-governing organization that rated the institutions according to the scores assigned at the time of accreditation of the institution. Green Audit has become a mandatory procedure for educational institutes under Criterion VII of NAAC.

#### 1.1.6 Aims and Objectives of Green Audit

- To recognise the initiatives taken towards the green campus by means of gardening by the Organization.
- To identify and provide baseline information to assess threat and risk to the ecosystem due to Organization development.
- To recognise and resolve different environmental threats of the Organization.

- To grow a large number of oxygen producing and carbon-di-oxide absorbing plants in the campus to give a pure atmosphere to the stakeholders.
- To ensure proper utilization of resources available in the surrounding areas towards future welfare of the community.
- To set a procedure for disposal of all kinds of wastes and use green cover as a carbon sink for pollution free air.
- To assess the greenish nature of an Organization campus in terms of trees, herbs, shrubs, climbers and reflected in reducing the environmental pollution soil erosion, biodiversity conservation, landscape management, natural topography and vegetation.

#### 1.1.7 Benefits of Green Auditing

There are several benefits on conduct of green audit by the Organization which may be definitely useful to improve the campus significantly after receiving the report of audit. The following are the major benefits of the green auditing.

- Know the status of development of internal and external Green campus audit procedures and implementation scenario in the Organization.
- Establishment of Green campus objectives and targets as on today as per the 'Green and Environment Policy', 'Indian Biodiversity Act' and 'Wildlife Protection Act' of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi and World & Indian Green Building Council concepts.
- Development of ownership, personal and social responsibility for the Organization and its environment and developing an environmental ethic and value systems to young generations.
- Enhancement of the Organization profile and reach the global standards in proving the green campus and eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders.
- Improving the drinking water / RO water / Bore well water / Open well water / Pond water / Municipal or Corporation water quality through the analysis of Physico-chemical properties of water.
- Creation of wastewater treatment facility and solid waste management provision in the campus for recycling of wastewater and solid wastes to minimize the air, water and soil pollution.

- Implementing status of the rain harvesting system, water reservoirs, percolation pond,
   etc. in the campus to increase the ground water level.
- Establishment of terrace garden, herbal garden, kitchen, zodiac, ornamental gardens,
   etc. for enhancing teaching and learning and commercial exploitation.
- Treated water consumption towards plant cultivation, canteen, hostel, machinery cleaning, transport, toilet use and etc. on water consumption and per capita water consumption per day calculation.
- Studying the campus flora by making a complete data on total number of both terrestrial and aquatic plants, herbs, shrubs, climbers, twins and grasses.
- Survey of campus fauna by conducting the number living and visiting animals, insects,
   flies, moths and worms in the campus.
- Documentation of the number of oxygen producing and carbon dioxide absorbing plants planted in the campus to give pure atmosphere to the stakeholders.
- Operation of water irrigation, drip and sprinkler irrigation methods to improve the green campus.
- Studying the biodiversity conservation through Life Sciences and Biological Sciences
  people to conserve economically important, rare and endangered plant and animal
  species in the campus ecosystem.
- Recommendation in use of bio fertilizers, organic and green manures, cow dung manures and farmyard manures for the cultivation of plants to protect the environmental health.
- Conduct of outreach programmes for dissemination of Green Campus motto and Green pledge initiatives to rural, tribal and urban people through Eco club, Nature club, Science club, Fine Arts club, Youth Red Cross unit, NCC and NSS bodies.
- Academic credentials like major and minor Projects, Dissertations and Thesis work on green campus, environment protection and nature conservation by the students and staff members.
- The plants available in the campus must be tagged with their common name and Botanical name for the stakeholders to impart the knowledge on medicinal and ornamental, economic and food values of plant varieties.

- MoU may be signed with Government and non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
   / Industries to utilize the resources for nature conservation and environmental protection.
- Implementation of Government schemes (Swatch Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission) to give pure and safe water to rural people and teach the importance of cleanliness of toilets and restrooms.
- Conduction of awareness programmes and cultural activities on global warming, environmental changes and ecosystem maintenance to the stakeholders.
- Steps taken for organic, inorganic, toxic, e-waste, biomedical, food, sewage waste management, segregation of wastes and reuse methods.
- Public transport, low-emitting vehicles and control of car smokes and exhaust towards carbon accumulation in the campus by carbon footprint studies.
- Implementation of advanced methods for watering plantations (Drip irrigation,
   Sprinkler irrigation, etc.) and use of metering for water utility,
- More efficient resource management, provide basis for improved sustainability and creation of plastic free campus to evolve health consciousness among the stakeholders.
- Impart environmental education through systematic environmental management approach and improving environmental standards by making a benchmark for environmental protection initiatives.
- Best practices followed on green campus initiatives in the Organization listed and disseminated among the stakeholders.
- Recommendations for improving the green initiatives, planning and efforts in the campus after audit report to improve further

#### 1.2 About the College

Well into the fifth decade of service in the field of education, A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College for Women, Thoothukudi has played a pivotal role in educating generations of rural girls. The college offers 10 undergraduate programmes and 5 post graduate courses. The Departments of Tamil, Mathematics, Chemistry, Commerce and English are recognized as Research centres. At present there are around 1800 students in the institution. Thirty two faculty are research guides; 80 scholars have enrolled under them. Since its inception in 1973, the constructive ideals of the Founder President, Kulapathi A.P.C. Veerabahu, have been pervading the spirits of all those who are associated with the well-being of the institution. His son, the President of the college, Thiru. A.P.C.V. Chockalingam, and Mrs. Subbulakshmi Chockalingam, the Secretary of the institution have inherited the legacy of his commitment and have been serving as guiding stars for all the activities.

The college has been developing in leaps and bounds since then. The college has made a significant contribution to the inhabitants of the vicinity, particularly to the rural women, who have suffered years of social oppression. We salute and pay tribute to the Founder whois a brilliant intellect, an able administrator, a thorough planner, a great visionary and much moreall rolled into one. The Founder's vision was to enlighten and empower women with values. Today, as envisioned by him, the institution has always trodden a non-sectarian, non-commercial, service-oriented path to reach the zenith of success.

The unflinching support, dedication, and contribution offered by the committed team of teaching and non-teaching faculty help uphold the high motives and steadfast principles of the Founder President. Anbu, Arivu, and Aram (Love, Knowledge and Virtue) are the three sovereign words that form the college motto. Serving the needy by providing access to higher education and extending support services to them forms the very nucleus of our institution. Student amenities and support services are provided sufficiently to enrich the campus experience. Our educational strategies mould them to be industry ready and be contributory factors to the society. The institution has, as its primary concern absorbing under privileged students and returning employable and socially sensitive graduates.

The following key factors attract students and stakeholders to the institution thereby resulting in stakeholder satisfaction:

- Affordable quality education with values and discipline
- Moderate fee structure, fee concessions and financial support to the needy
- Harmonious environment with no trace of ragging / teasing.
- No practice of accepting donation / capitation.
- Emphasizing a modest dress code and attitude.
- Mentoring services financial, material and psychological.
- Easily approachable Secretary, Principal, Heads of Departments and Teachers
- Effective teaching methods with ICT.
- A wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities through various clubs and associations.
- Career counselling and guidance among the total number of students the institution houses and nurtures every year, at least 80% are identified as first generation learners.

The opportunities provided here promote their ability, regardless of their fortuitous circumstances of birth or position. They are taught to tackle the obstacles that come their way. Our students are also oriented on how to develop values, self-respect, dignity and integrity. The concerted effort of all those associated with the institution convert their dreams into realities.

The education imparted at APCMC has helped lay the groundwork for many successful graduates through the following ways:

- A harmonious co-existence with no prejudice towards caste, creed or religion imparting values of national integration, social justice and harmony through co-curricular, extracurricular activities in the form of contests, competitions and special lectures.
- Inducting social awareness and social responsibility through campaigns and camps
- Moulding the nature, aptitude and aspiration of the students by providing apt platforms,
   both inside and outside the campus and by conferring awards like Best

Outgoing Student, Best Library User, Best volunteer in NSS, Best volunteer in Student.

Activities Committee, and special award for 100% attendance throughout the course of study One can certainly look back with certain amount of pride on the commitment to academic excellence and the tremendous amount of work done by the Management, faculty members, staff and students of the college for the progress of the institution. The college aspires to offer more opportunities to the students to realize their responsibilities and enable them to handle multiple roles in the society with dexterity. The management, the staff and the students work as a family together towards the same goal with a sense of togetherness. Our college has been reaccredited by NAAC with B+ in March 2019. Our college secured a place in BAND 1 category in the NIRF 2021 rankings, BAND II category in NIRF 2022 and BAND 1 category in NIRF 2023 rankings. Our journey towards accomplishing greater goals continues.

#### Vision & Mission of the college

To Enlighten and Empower with values.

To enrich the marginalized women with human values through quality education.

#### **GOOGLE LOCATION OF APCM COLLEGE FOR WOMEN**



Latitude 8.827107720142013° Longitude N, 78.12968496673113° E

#### **COLLEGE ENTRANCE:**



A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College is located in Thalamuthu Nagar, Sankaraperi, Thoothukudi, Thoothukudi District of Tamil Nadu State, and India.

#### **COURSES OFFERED BY THE COLLEGE**

CATEGORY	COURSES	
	B.A. Tamil	
	B.A. English	
	B.A. History	
	B.Com	
	B.Sc. Mathematics	
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS	B.Sc. Chemistry	
	B.Sc. Zoology	
	B.Sc. Mathematics – Self Finance	
	B.Sc. Computer Science- Self Finance	
	B.Sc. Physics- Self Finance	
	B.Com- Self Finance	
	M.A. Tamil	
	M.Sc. Mathematics	
	M.Sc. Mathematics	
	M.Sc. Chemistry- Self Finance	
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS	M.Sc. Zoology- Self Finance	
	M.Sc. Computer Science- Self Finance	
	M.Com Self Finance	
	Ph.D. Tamil	
	Ph. D. English	
RESEARCH COURSES	Ph. D. Chemistry	
	Ph. D. Commerce	
	Ph. D. Mathematics	

#### 1.2.1 Campus Infrastructure

The general details of the A.P.C.Mahalaxmi College are given below in the table

S.No	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Name of the college	A.P.C. Mahalaxmi College
2	Address	Thalamuthu Nagar, Sankaraperi, Ettayapuram Road, Thoothukudi 628002
3	Contact Person	Dr. N. Subbu Lakshmi (Principal) Dr. T. Lilly Golda (IQAC Coordinator)
4	Contact (Ph. No)	+91 461 2345655
5	Email. ID	principal@apcmcollege.ac.in
6	Type of Building	Tile and Concrete
7	Annual Working Days	180 Days
8	Number of Shifts	1 shift
9	Number of Departments	23 Departments

#### TOTAL PERMANENT POPULATION OF THE COLLEGE

The total number of students, teachers, and non-teaching staff in the college is given below:

PARTICULAR	COURSE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	UG	-	1,830	1,830
Students	PG	-	229	229
	M.Phil.	-	-	-
	Aided	-	49	49
Teachers	Self-finance	-	62	62
	Aided	4	28	32
Non-Teaching Staff	Management	3	2	5
Subtotal	-	7	2,200	2,207
Approximate Number of Visitors (Per day)				40

The campus infrastructure consists of the following: A.P.C. Mahalaxmi Ammal Block, Main Block, V.P. Ulagammal Block, Computer Science Block, Prof. Srinivasa Ragavan Building, Auditorium, Canteen, Restroom, Library etc.

S. No	NAME OF BUILDING	PURPOSE	
1	SECURITY CABIN	Security	
2	EASTERN BLOCK	Classrooms: Mathematics, IQAC record room, General Hall, Sick Room	
3	A.P.C. MAHALAXMI AMMAL BLOCK	Classrooms: Zoology, Physics Lab: Botany, Zoology, Physics, Non-computer lab Physical Director Room	
4	MAIN BLOCK (First Floor) North	Class Room: Tamil, Tamil Research Room Dining Hall	
5.	MAIN BLOCK (First Floor South	Classroom: B. Com, M. Com Auditorium	
6.	MAIN BLOCK (Ground Floor )South	Classroom: English English Research room, Language lab Allied Physics lab, Dining Room	
	MAIN BLOCK (Ground Floor) North	Classroom: Unaided B.com Guest room	
7	V.P. ULAGAMMAL BLOCK	Conference Hall (Multi-Purpose) Central Bank	
8	COMPUTER SCIENCE BLOCK OLD	Class room: Computer science, Lab	
9	PG COMPUTER SCIENCE BLOCK (Ground floor) PG COMPUTER SCIENCE BLOCK (First floor)	PG computer science class room, Research room ICT Conference Hall (Multi-Purpose)	
10	Prof. SRINIVASA RAGAVAN BUILDING	Class room: Chemistry and lab, Research room, Chemistry store room, History, Commerce Aided Secretary's Room, Principal's Room, President's Room, Regular and SF office room, Lunch room, Record Room	
11.	APC VEERABAGHU NINAIVU NOOLAGAM	Library, New seminar Hall (multipurpose)	

#### 1.2.2 Campus Highlights

- 1 The Institution offers 9 undergraduate courses and 6 postgraduate courses.5 departments are recognized as research centres with state-of-the-art laboratories. College has signed MoU with Institute for Entrepreneurship and Career Development (IECD), Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli to offer 19 short term courses.
- 2 Highly competent faculty with rich academic experience tutor students on curriculum that meets the needs of employers. A.P.C. Mahalaxmi Ammal Memorial Scholarship Endowment provides an opportunity to advance the education of the economically backward students
- Over 13 MoUs have been signed for academic collaborations. Multiple pathways for academic success are created through internships, projects and field visits. Focus to encourage innovative talents and spirit of entrepreneurship amongst students through the Entrepreneurship Development Cell and the Institution's Innovation Council. Students Amenities centre caters to the need of the student community.
- 4 Scholarships and Awards for academic excellence motivate students to aim high. Campus Placement and Training Programmes on core competency developments like employability skills, and awareness on employment avenues. Access to over 10,000 volumes of Books, CDs / DVDs, e-journals and e-books with online databases are available in library for Students and Staff use. The Physical Education department of our college has facilities for basketball, shuttle- cork, volley ball, table tennis, badminton and athletic.

#### **1.3 Introduction of Auditing Firm:**

DCW Ltd is a leading Chemical Powerhouse built over 8 decades on a foundation of Innovation. Incorporated in January 1939 taking over India's first Soda Ash factories in Dhanghadra, Gujarat, we are now amongst the country's fastest growing multi-product, multi-location chemical companies.

With a successful record of innovating and pioneering new products and processes, we have a strong presence in the Chlor-Akali, Soda Ash and PVC business segments. Our competitive edge is further enhanced by the diversity of our product portfolio moving towards high value add specialty chemicals

DCW Mission: "We endeavour to become a chemical powerhouse by growing in a globally competitive market with a focus on the environment and community by optimising the use of all available resources."

DCW Vision: To enhance stakeholder value by innovating and diversifying into synergistic businesses while emphasising the 4R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover) as we continue to practice social responsibility.

DCW manufactures three categories of Chemicals namely Specialty Chemicals, Intermediate Chemicals and Commodity Chemicals.

#### **Specialty Chemicals Intermediate Chemicals Commodity Chemicals** C-PVC Sodium Bicarbonate Soda Ash Synthetic Iron Oxide Pigment Hydrochloric Acid • Caustic Soda • Synthetic Rutile • Liquid Chlorine PVC Trichloroethylene Utox • Ferric Chloride • Sodium Hypochlorite • Ammonium Bicarbonate

A diversified product portfolio & rigorous quality standards have enabled us to meet demand across all major global markets. Our social & environmental commitments go

beyond talking points, translating into concrete programs with real world results. Our focus on major Capex combined with increasing domestic & global demand has enabled us to drive growth & value creation. We take a holistic approach to supporting our employees development for both their careers as well as by helping improve their overall quality of life.

We have now evolved into a diversified, business with a portfolio of over 14 products along with a strong exports clientele, with a major presence in the USA, Europe, Japan, Malaysia and Netherlands. Our Basic Chemistry product range provides key ingredients to the manufacturers of agricultural products, detergents, food, pharmaceuticals, pigments, fertilizers, alumina and other industrial products. Moreover, to maintain sustained economic growth and build an innovative product pipeline, we have established our R&D centre in Sahupuram, Tamil Nadu, which is home to world- class a Research & Development capability in chemistry.





## Adopting world class standards

QUALITY

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

#### SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

#### ENERGY











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#### Accolades

#### Successive record as "Excellent Energy Efficient Unit"



















DCW Won National Award for Excellence in Energy Efficiency from Confederation of Indian Industry for 7 years out of which 6 years consequently



#### **DCW Overview:**



#### 1.4 About Audit Team:

#### On behalf of College / Institutions

S. No	Name	Position/ Department
1.	Dr. N. Subbu Lakshmi	Principal (Incharge)
2.	Dr. T. Lilly Golda	IQAC Coordinator

#### Audit team conveners / Members of various disciplines

S. No	Conveners/ Members	Designation / Department	
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2.	Dr. V. Sornalakshmi	Department of Botany	
3.	Dr. V. Shyamala Susan	Department of Computer Science	
4.	Dr. K. ChitraChellam	Department of Commerce	
5	Dr. K. Bala Deepa Arasi	Department of Mathematics	
6	Dr. R. Samundeeswari	Department of Commerce	
7	Dr. P.Yogeswari Nithya	Department of Chemistry	
8	Dr. R. Anista	Director of Physical Education	
9	Mrs. A.Sahaya Arthy	Department of Computer Science	
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#### Chapter – 2:

#### **Green Audit Methodology**

A pre-audit meeting provided an opportunity to reinforce the scope and objectives of the audit and pre-audit discussions were held on the basis of green initiatives taken and the current scenario of the College campus. This meeting is an important prerequisite for the green audit because it is the first opportunity to understand the concerns. It was held with the concerned person of the college regarding initiatives taken by the college In order to perform green audit, the methodology that included different tools such as preparation of questionnaire, physical inspection of the campus, observation and review of the documentation, interviewing key persons and data analysis, measurements and recommendations was adapted.

#### 2.1 Management Commitment

The Management of the college has shown a commitment towards green auditing during the pre-audit meeting. They were ready to encourage all green activities. It was decided to promote all activities that are environmentally friendly such as awareness programs on the environment, campus farming, planting more trees on the campus, etc., after the green auditing. The management of the college was willing to formulate policies based on a green auditing report.

#### 2.2 Audit Stage

Green Audit was done with the help of co-associates involving different student groups, teaching, and non-teaching staff. The green audit began with the teams walking through all the different facilities at the College, determining the different types of appliances and utilities as well as measuring the usage per item (Watts indicated on the appliance or measuring water from a tap) and identifying the relevant consumption patterns (such as how often an appliance is used) and their impacts. The staff and learners were interviewed to get details of usage, frequency, or general characteristics of certain appliances. Data collection was done in the sectors such as Energy, Waste, Green Area, Carbon footprint, and Water use. College records and documents were verified several times to clarify the data received through surveys and discussions.

The study covered the following areas to summarize the present status of environmental management on the campus:

- Water Management
- Waste Management
- Green Area Management
- Energy Management

#### 2.3 Methodology

Onsite Visit

Field visit was conducted by the Audit Team. The key focus of the visit was on assessing the status of the green cover of the Institution, their waste management practices and energy conservation strategies etc.

Focus Group Discussion

The Focus Group discussions were held with staff members and the management focusing various aspects of Green Audit. The discussion was focused on identifying the attitudes and awareness towards environmental issues at the institutional and local level.

Energy and waste management

With the help of Teaching, Non- teaching staff, students, Administrative officer, the audit team has assessed the energy consumption pattern and waste generation, disposal and treatment facilities of the college. The monitoring was conducted with a detailed questionnaire survey method.

#### 2.4 Data analysis and final report preparation

Proper analysis and presentation of data produced from work is a vital element. In the case of a green audit, the filled questionnaires of the survey from each group were tabulated as per their modules, in Excel spread sheets. The tabulated data is then used for further analysis. For a better understanding of the results and to avoid complications, averages, and percentages of the tables were calculated. A graphical representation of these results was made to give a quick idea of the status. Interpretation of the overall outcomes was made which incorporates all the primary and secondary data, references, and interrelations within. Final report preparation was done using this interpretation.

#### Green Audit Report (2022-23)

The study covered the following areas to summarize the present status of environment management in the campus.

- Green area management
- Water management
- Energy Management
- Waste management

#### Chapter - 3

#### 3 Green Area Management

College campus is considered as one of the Green Educational Institution with a rich flora and faunal diversity. The campus now quite clean, green and has much less pollution to the rest of the city. The College campus is important not only from education point of view but also as green lung.

Green Area Management includes the plants, greenery and sustainability of the campus to ensure that the buildings conform to green standards. This also helps in ensuring that the Environmental Policy enacted, enforced and reviewed using various environmental awareness programmes.

#### 3.1 Observations

- It covers both qualitative and quantitative measurements including physical observation of greeneries in terms of growing of natural and planted vegetation and their maintenance.
- An account of a large number of Oxygen producing and Carbon-di-oxide absorbing plants
  planted in the Campus are taken into consideration to give pure atmosphere to the
  stakeholders.
- Establishment of different types of gardens in the campus, rainwater harvesting system,
  operation of water irrigation, drip and sprinkler irrigation methods may be adopted to
  improve the green campus. Similarly, biodiversity conservation strategies are very essential
  to conserve a variety of plant and animal species in the campus ecosystem.

- Bio fertilizers, organic and green manures, cow dung manures and farmyard manures may be used for the cultivation of plants which may be protected the environmental health that will not cause any air, water and soil pollution.
- Many trees are maintained in the campus (around 45species) to maintain the biodiversity...
- Various tree plantation programmes are being organized at college campus through NSS
  (National Service Scheme) unit and Management. This program helps in encouraging ecofriendly environment which provides pure oxygen within the institute and creates
  awareness among campus students.

#### 3.1.1 Qualitative Measurements

S.No	Requirements and checklists of the audit Conformity	Yes	No	NA
1	Have internal Green campus audit procedures been developed and implemented in the Organization?	✓		
2	Have programmes for the achievement of Green campus objectives and targets been established and implemented as on today?	1		
5	Have responsibilities been assigned for programmes at each appropriate function and level for environment monitoring.	1		
6	Are the following environmental aspects considered in sufficient detail?			
	a. Drinking water / RO water / Borewell water / Open well water / Pond water / Municipal or Corporation water use and to check quality of water periodically	1		
	b. Wastewater treatment facility	1		
	c. Sufficient number of trees, shrubs, herbs and lawns	1		
	d. Solid waste management facility	✓		
	e. Rain harvesting system, water reservoirs, etc	✓		
	f. Aquarium and aquatic (hydrophytes) plants	✓		
	g. Establishment of herbal garden, ornamental gardens, etc.	1		
	h. Water well, Bore well, lake, water reservoir facility	✓ bore well is there		
	i. Water consumption towards plant cultivation, canteen, hostel, toilet use	1		
	k. Per capita water consumption per day calculated		1	
7	Whether plants are tagged properly with their common name and Botanical name for stakeholders?	1		
8	Signing of MoU with Govt. / NGOs / Industries		✓	

S.No	Requirements and checklists of the audit Conformity	Yes	No	NA
9	Are any biofertilizers, organic manures, farmyard manures, vermicompost, green manures and chemical fertilizers used for maintaining plants?	1		
10	Implementation of Government schemes (Swatch Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission)	1		
11	Functioning of Nature club, Eco club, Cell, Forum, Association, NCC, NSS bodies and Social Service League for students and staff members on biodiversity conservation, green campus development, etc.	1		
12	Conduction of awareness programmes and cultural activities on global warming, environmental changes and ecosystem maintenance to the stakeholders	1		
13	Conduction of outreach programmes for dissemination of green campus initiatives, natural resources, environmental pollution and biodiversity conservation to rural, tribal and urban people	<b>√</b>		
14	Implementation of composting pits, vermicompost unit, recycling of kitchen / Food wastes collected from Canteens, Cafeteria, Food court and other places	1		
15	Maintenance of plantations in the campus and steps taken for water scarcity during summer season to maintain plants	1		
16	Steps taken for organic, inorganic, toxic, e-waste, biomedical, food, sewage waste management, segregation of wastes and reuse methods	/		
17	Public transport, low-emitting vehicles and control of car smokes and exhaust towards environment monitoring		1	
18	Projects and Dissertation works and Scholarly publications on environmental science and management carried out by students and staff members		1	
19	Implementation of advanced methods for watering plantations (Drip irrigation, Sprinkler irrigation, etc.)		1	
20	Use of metering for water utility, automation, water device, remote water lines, etc.		1	
25	Campus facilities for disabled, special needs and or maternity care including security, safety and health infrastructure facilities for stakeholder's wellbeing	Dis ability friendly environment is available		

#### 3.1.2 Quantitative Measurements

S.No.	Details of Plant and animal species	Numbers / Percentage
1	Total types of Trees inside the Campus	36
2	Total types of medicinal species inside the Campus	35
3	Total types of Ornamental Plants inside the Campus	19
4	Total types of Trees inside the Campus	36
5	Total number of living Birds	49
6	Percentage of Forest Vegetation	15%
7	Percentage of Planted Vegetation	85%

Ensuring the rich biodiversity in the green campus is an important parameter which reflects the real-time ecosystem. Plants are indicators for assessing the varying levels of environmental quality. In general, plants improve the outdoor air quality with increased oxygen levels and reduced temperature and carbon-di-oxide. The green and varying colour of the flowering plants improve the ambience of the Organization environment. The existence of such plants and birds in the green campus may be recorded for the rich flora and fauna which are being considered as a value addition to the campus.

#### List of shrubs observed inside of the college campus:

S.No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Total in Nos
1	Nuna, Manjanathi, Indian mulberry	Morinda coreia	4
2	Pigeon berry	Duranta erecta	1
3	Nandiyavattai,Crape jasmine	Tabernaemontana divaricata	11
4	Chappotta, Chikoo, Sapodilla plum	Manilkara zapota	5
5	Idly poo, Vetchi, Ixora	Ixora coccinea	3
6	Matulai, pomegranate	Punica granatum	8
7	Marudaani, Henna or Mehndi	Lawsonia Inermis	1
8	Kambli chedi, White Mulberry	Morus alba	2
9	Narthangai, Citron	Citrus medica	1
10	Indian ash tree	Lannea coromandelica	
11	cemmayir-konrai, flamboyant	Delonix regia	1
12	Then pazham, Jamaica Cherry	Muntingia calabura	2
13	Koyya, guava	Psidium guajava	2
14	Parijat, Pavazha malli, Coral Jasmine	Nyctanthus arbor-tristis	1

#### List of ornamental plants observed botanical garden of the college campus:

S.No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Total in Nos
1	Thanga Arali	Tecoma stans	1
2	Korangu vaalu, monkey tail plant		1
3	Hibiscus	Hibiscus rosa-sinensis	21
4	Thoothuvalai, purple fruited pea eggplant, climbing brinjal	Solanum procumbens	1
5	Tulsi	Ocimum tenuiflorum	1
6	Pacha elai,Basil	Coleus amboinicus	1
7	Rambai	Baccaurea motleyana	1
8	Kuppai meni	Acalypha indica	90
9	Vadamalli	Globe amaranthus	10
10	Kozhikode Leaf-Flower.	Phyllanthus rheedei	18
11	Jasmine	Oleaceae	10
12	Rose	Rosa rubiginosa	5
13	Nandhiyavattam	Pinwheelflower	3
14	Pichi poo	Jasminum grandiflorum	1
15	Manjal arali		1
16	Mullai flower	Jasminum auriculatum Vahle	2
17	Button flower	Portulaca grandiflora	10
18.	Omavalli	Plectranthus amboinicus	4
19	Aloe vera	Aloe vera	4

#### List of medicinal herbs observed inside of the college campus:

S.No	Scientific Name	Common Name	Number
1.	Ocimum tenuiflorum	Tulsi, Holy basil	15
2.	Melia azedarach	Malai Vembu, Persian Lilac	4
3.	Clerodendrum inerme	Sangam, Glory Bower	10
4.	Wedelia trilobata	Trailing Daisy	50
5.	Catharanthus roseus	Nithyakalyani, Madagascar periwinkle	8
6.	Phyllanthus amarus	keelanelli, Carry Me Seed	35
7.	Aloe vera	Katrazhai, Aloe	3
8.	Sesbania grandiflora	Agati, Hummingbird tree	4
9.	Pandanus amaryllifolius	Ramba, Fragrant Pandan	2
10.	Lawsonia inermis	Marudaani, Henna	5
11.	Cardiospermum helicacabum	Mudakattan, Balloon vine	7
12.	Byrophyllum pinnatum	Katti potta kutti podum, Air Plant	
13.	Plectranthus amboinicus	Karppuravalli, Oma valli, Cuban Oregano	4
14.	Cymbopogon citratus	Vasana pullu, Karpura pullu, Lemon grass	4
15.	Vetiveria zizanioides	Vettiver, Cuscus grass	5
16.	Talinum portulacifolium	Ceylon spinach	4

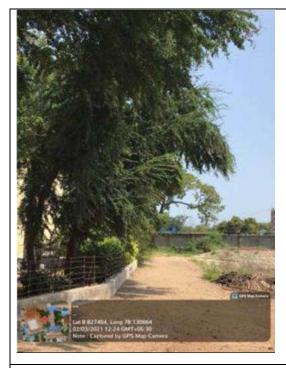
17.	Orthosiphon spiralis	Poonai meesai, Cat's Whiskers	2
18.	Tinospora cordifolia	seenthil, Gulbel	2
19.	Kaempferia galangal	kaccholam, Aromatic Ginger	2
20.	Acorus calamus	Vasambu, Sweet Flag	4
21.	Solanum trilobatum	Thoothuvalai, Purple fruited	15
		Peaegg Plant	
22.	Alpinia calcarata	Sitharatthai, Snap Ginger	2
23.	Andrographis paniculata	Nilavembu	4
24.	Bacopa monnieri	Brahmi	2
25.	Cissus quadrangularis	Pirandai	4
26.	Justicia adhatoda	Adathoda	3
27.	Piper nigrum	Milagu, Black Pepper	6
28.	Solanum surattense	Kandagathiri	3
29.	Piper longum	Tippili, Long Pepper	6
30.	Centella asiatica	Vallarai keerai, Indian Pennywort	4
31.	Morinda citrifolia	Noni, Indian mulberry	
32.	Piper betle	Vetrilai, Betel	5
33.	Costus igneus	Insulin Plant	15
34.	Calotropis gigantea	Vellerukku, Crown Flower	8
35.	Vitex negundo	Nocchi, Chaste Tree	10

The institution has rich diversity of plants and trees contributing to the greenery of the campus and serves as a habitat for various fauna. The following are the details related to the plants and trees present in the campus.

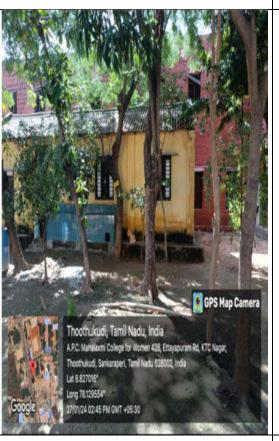
List of trees and their numbers observed inside of the college campus:

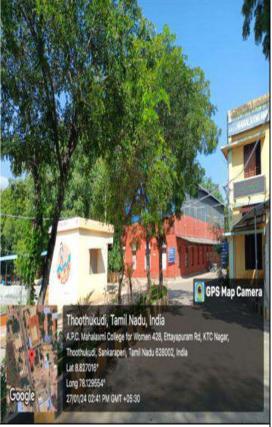
S.No	Common Name	Scientific Name	Total	Trees
			in	
			Nos	
1.	Arali, Nerium	Nerium oleander	6	Tree
2.	Bael tree	Aegle marmelos	2	Tree
3.	Marudha maram, Arjun tree	Terminalia arjuna	1	Tree
4.	Puli, Indian date	Tamarindus indica	1	Tree
5.	Manjadi, aanaikundrimani, Red Bead	Adenanthera	2	Tree
	Tree	pavoniana		
6.	Mantharai, Butterfly Tree, Purple	Bauhinia purpurea	2	Tree
	orchid tree			
7.	Naruvalli	Cordia evolutior	1	Tree
8.	Aalamaram, Banyan	Ficus benghalensis	3	Tree
9.	Vembu, Neem	Azadirachta indica	95	Tree
10.	Nettilinkam, Ashok Tree, Mast Tree	Polyalthia longifolia	49	Tree
11.	Aranelli, Gooseberry Tree	Phyllanthus acidus	6	Tree
12.	Ulakkaipaalai, Kannupala, Ceylon	Manilkara hexandra	1	Tree

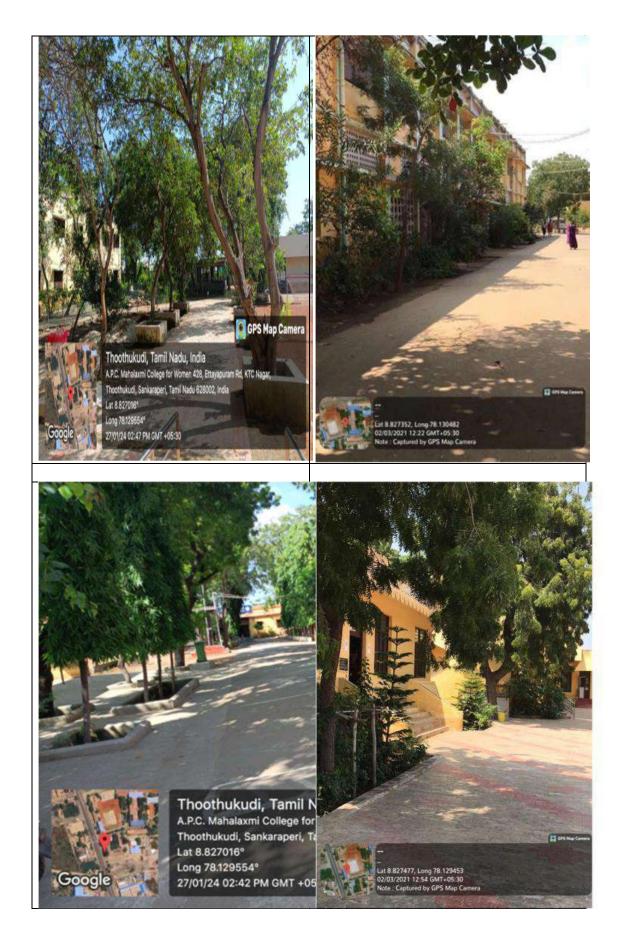
	Ironwood			
13.	Vadumai, Indian-almond	Terminalia catappa	6	Tree
14.	Thennai, Coconut	Cocos nucifera	10	Tree
15.	Periya-takarai, Wild Tamarind	Leucaena	2	Tree
		leucocephala		
16.	Malaivembu, Chinaberry tree	Melia azedarach	1	Tree
17.	Murungai, Drumstick, Horse Radish	Moringa pterygosperma	2	Tree
18.	Naval, Black plum, Jambolan, Java plum	Syzygium cumini	14	Tree
19.	Pungai, Pongam Tree, Indian Beech Tree	Pongamia pinnata	53	Tree
20.	Tekku, Teak	Tectona grandis	6	Tree
21.	Vaagai, Siris Tree	Albizia lebbeck	3	Tree
22.	Chavukku, Australian pine	Casurina equsetifolia	1	Tree
23.	Agati, Hummingbird tree	Sesbania grandiflora	1	Tree
24.	Marudaani, Henna or Mehndi	Lawsonia Inermis	1	Tree
25.	Ponnarali, Yellow oleander	Thevetia peruviana	1	Tree
26.	Moongil, Indian Thorny Bamboo	Bambusa arundanacea	1	Tree
27.	Kodukkaai puli, Madras Thorn	Pithecellobium dulce	3	Tree
28.	Cliff Date Palm	Phoenix rupicola	2	Tree
29.	kondrai, Golden shower tree	Cassia fistula	1	Tree
30.	Indian ash tree	Lannea coromandelica		Tree
31.	cemmayir-konrai, flamboyant	Delonix regia	1	Tree
32.	Kal Ittchi, Bat tree	Ficus amplissima	1	Tree
33.	Sampangi, White Champa or White Frangipani	Plumeria alba	1	Tree
34.	Maa, Mango	Mangifera indica	5	Tree
35.	Valai, Banana	Musa sp	3	Tree
36.	Perunkondrai, Yellow flame tree	Peltophorum pterocarpum	7	Tree



















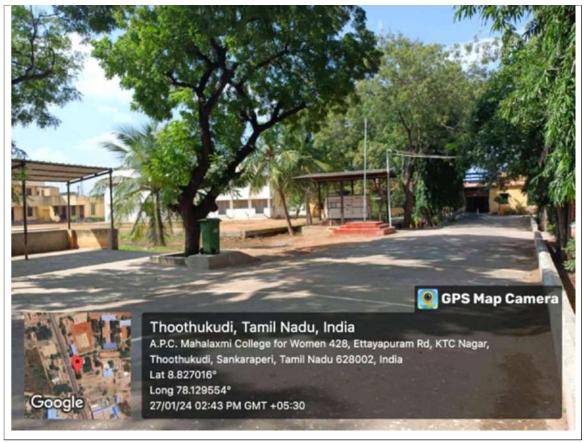




Herbal Garden

There are some plants like Neem & Indian Tulip which are being considered highly efficient in oxygen production and carbon dioxide absorption which in turn reflected the quality of the green campus. If more oxygen is made available in the campus naturally, the stakeholders may be free from various cardiovascular and pulmonary problems and breathing troubles.

College campus has a maximum number of more oxygen producing and CO2 absorbing plants such as Areca Palm, Money plant, Neem tree, Tamarind tree, Ficus, Bamboo, Arjun tree, Puvarasu and Pongam trees.



3.1.3 Trees, Herbs, Shrubs and Climbers

Lawns are gazing features of unutilized land made to cover the soil with green grass for the ambience of the place to have a greenish look. The advantage of lawn is that it prevents the unintended weeds growth in the unutilized landscape areas.

Trees that are native to land with medicinal value, ethnicity and environmental value add an advantage to green building. Purpose of trees is to provide shade, atmospheric CO2 sequestration and supply of oxygen that serves the purpose of a green campus.

Herbs are small plants with medicinal values and shrubs are small plants with thick stems and can hold soil to some extent than the herbs and serve the purpose of soil erosion. Climbers can grow with the support of wall structures and the climbers can enhance the wall value with greeneries. College campus has a large number of trees, herbal plants, shrubs, climbers, lianas, twiners and lawns.

It is further observed that all the plants are growing profusely and showing healthier free from pests and diseases attack. A total of 19 type of shrub species are available in the campus. Similar to that of shrubs, there are 16 kinds of medicinal herbs available in the College campus.

### Use of Bio fertilizers, Organic and Green manures:

Natural or eco-friendly methods should be used to grow plants vigorously in the campus which could reduce the environmental pollution. Use of bio fertilizers, organic manures (cow dung, vermicompost and plant wastes and litters) and green manures to grow healthy plants in the medicinal plant garden. The plant waste such as fallen leaves, stems, fruits, nuts, seeds and other plant parts should be used to make green manures. A concrete or ground level green manure production unit and vermicomposting units will help to convert all the plant and animal based wastes into green/organic manures. This will be a healthy way of solid litter waste management in the campus. Minimal use of chemical fertilizers as part of integrated nutrient management system is acceptable but nil use of chemical fertilizers is highly appreciable and also helps to keep the campus more of an organic ecosystem. The soil, air, water and sunlight are the four major natural resources any campus gets. Proper use and conservation of these resources are mandatory in green campus audit sites.

### **Vermicomposting Unit:**

Vermicomposting Unit was established in our institution in June 2018. It is successfully maintained by Eco Club and Department of Zoology. Composting unit was constructed by the management. Organic wastes from the college campus are collected and used as feed for earthworm. Lambito maritii and Eisenia fetida species of earthworm were used for composting the organic matter. Organic and other biodegradable wates were collected in the concrete tank and it is added with partially decomposed cow dung. Earthworms are introduced and the entire raw material is turned into the vermicompost after a period of two months. After harvesting the compost was used as manure for trees and potted plants in the campus. Remaining were packed and sold to the students and faculty members. The compost was sold for Rs. 1,300 in the year 2022-2023. With a support of our management a large-scale concrete tank was constructed for vermicomposting in the year 2021 and it is successfully maintained for converting the biodegradable waste in to manure.



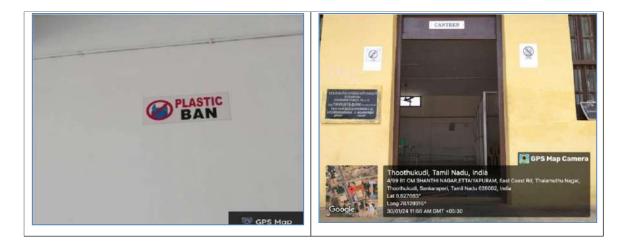
## Use of Bicycles:

The non-teaching staff and the students residing in and around Thoothukudi city commutes to college by bicycles.



## • Plastic free campus

The usage of plastic in college is minimal. The staff and the students are not encouraged to use one time use plastic, plastic bags and disposable plastic things throughout the campus.



#### • E - Communication

The principal's office, all the Departments of the college, Examination cell, and laboratories are very well connected with a good and efficient LAN network. Hence all the inter office correspondence is done through email. This reduces the usage of papers.

Environmental Policy:

Environmental Policy prepared.



## A.P.C.MAHALAXMI COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, THOOTHUKUDI

#### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

APCM College has been making conscious effort to improve the campus Environment from any adversative impacts whatsoever. We always address high degree of importance on ensuring environmental protections and community goodwill.

Principles of the Policy: The Environment Conservation Policy of our College encourage the students and staff to take the prime in the conservation of the Environment. These ingenuities request for a thorough review of all infrastructural, and administrative functions from the standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment. The attention parts of this policy are:

- 1) Renewable sources of Energy and Conservation Measures by Solar Power Panel
- 2) Management of Degradable and Non-degradable Waste, Solid Waste Management, Liquid Waste Management and E-Waste Management by green methods
- 3) Water conservation by Rainwater harvesting system and Open Well refreshment
- Green campus initiatives such as plastic free zone, maintenance of lawns, rearing of CO<sup>2</sup> absorbing plants

In pursuit of the above principles APCM College is committed to:-

- · Reduce, reuse and recycle waste
- Conserve resources
- Compost food scraps
- Reduce the amount of paper used by using double-sided copying where possible.
- Environmentally benign methods of pest control will be used where feasible.
- Encourage parent and community involvement in environmental issues -
- Preserve and enhance local environments.

18.10.2023 President

### 3.2 Recommendations:

- Review periodically the list of trees planted in the garden, allot numbers to the trees and keep records.
- Establish a College Environmental Committee that will hold responsibility for the enactment, enforcement and review of the Environmental Policy.
- Environmental Committee shall be the source of advice and guidance to staff and students on how to implement this Policy.

# 4 Water Management

## 4.1 Observations

List of usage of the water in our institution	Drinking, cleaning, gardening, canteen and laboratory use		
Is there any water leaks?	No, as and when noticed corrective measures are taken.		
Are taps left running? Are there any dripping taps? Do taps need maintenance?	Taps are not left running. Leakages in water taps will be repaired immediately.		
Are hot water heater timers set correctly?	3 water heaters with timers		
What is the source of water?	Municipal water and water laden in tanker provided by the management		
Where does waste water go?	Channeling the water to our plants and trees		
Does the college have rainwater harvesting unit?	Yes.		
Is water escaping from overflows either inside or outside buildings	Inside the building.		
Write down few ways that could reduce the amount of water used in your institute.	<ul> <li>It is immediately reported to concerned authorities who take corrective measures.</li> <li>All are instructed to close water taps immediately after usage.</li> <li>Water quality parameters were checked once in three months</li> </ul>		
Quantity of water stored in your overhead water tank	39,500 Litres		
No. of water taps in laboratories. Amount of water used per day in each lab	No. of water taps in laboratories – 36 No's.  Amount of water used per day in each lab  Chemistry Lab – 800 Litres  Zoology Lab – 750 Litres  Botany Lab – 50 Litres		

Details of Source of Fresh Water and the Areas where it is used are given below:

The main source of freshwater is municipal water. The freshwater is mainly used for drinking, laboratory usage, gardening and domestic activity.

S.No	Water usage	Number
1.	Canteen	1
2.	Toilet with flush	84
3.	Water taps	92
4.	Wash basin	10
5.	Garden	1

Details of the Underground Storage tank and overhead water tank are given below

S. No	Storage tank	Numbers	Capacity/horse power
1.	Underground Storage tank	4	96 KL, 40 KL, 26 KL and 52 KL
2.	Overhead Water tank	5	91 KL, 22 KL, 2 KL, 2 KL, 2 KL
3.	Motor	4	3 HP-2, 1 HP-2

### 4.1.1 Rainwater Harvesting System:

Rainwater harvesting system is a traditional old practice not only in drought prone areas and also in areas having seasonal rainfall. The Indian traditional rainwater harvesting is being practiced in various parts of the country to improve the ground water status. Now the threatening features of the lower ground level of water has created a revamp of newly featured rainwater harvesting systems. Indian traditional rainwater harvesting systems are constructed based on three modes either direct pumped, indirect pumped or by gravity alone in the campus. In addition, lakes, bonds, water channels and any other water reservoir methods are considered as the rainwater harvesting system.

The green campus should have adopted any of the above said modes of rainwater harvesting or any new methods that has the benefit of conserving the water resource as

well. A small square shaped pit containing gravels and sands may be 25 constructed near the building in which rainwater will be harvested from the roof of the building using a pipe.

Recharge bore well inside the campus Rain water harvesting units are also functioning for recharging ground water level. There are soaking pits available widespread all over the campus. The collected rooftop water is collected in the recharge wells. While, the rainwater from paved area are sent to recharge wells through storm water drains. The recharge wells are cleaned manually for every year



### 4.1.2 Water Distribution Methods

Water is stored in the underground storage tank of capacity 96 KL, 40 KL, 52 KL, 26 KL and then is transferred to 05 overhead tanks of total capacity 119 KL using 4 HP pumpand later distributed to washrooms, drinking, laboratories, Canteen water purifiers and gardening.

## 4.1.3 Drinking water

Reverse Osmosis Technology (RO) stem Installed to provide safe / hygienic drinking water to the stakeholders.



Once in Three months the college has collected and analyzed the water quality parameters. The major parameters analyzed include colour, odour, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, acidity, alkalinity, chloride, hardness, pH, conductivity, total dissolved solids and salinity. **Dec- 23 result is given below.** 

Dec 2023

S.No	Parameter studied	Permissible level	Calculated values
1	Odor	Agreeable	
2	Taste	Agreeable	
3	рН	6.5 to 8.5	
4	TDS (ppm)	500	
5	Total Hardness (ppm)	200	
6	Electrical Conductivity (mho)	0.500	
7	Salinity (ppm)	0.5	
8	Chloride Content (mg/l)	250	
9	Dissolved oxygen (ppm)	6.5	
10	Turbidity (NTU)	5	

### 4.2 Recommendations

- Ensure that all cleaning products used by college staff have a minimal detrimental impact on the environment, i.e. they are biodegradable and non-toxic,
- Gardens should be watered by using drip / sprinkler irrigation system to minimize water use.
- Waste water treatment plant should be installed to recycle and reuse the water used for domestic purposes.
- Water Meter should be installed at every building of institute for monitoring of water consumption per capita.
- We recommend college to build sewage treatment plant (STP) of required capacity and treated water used be used in toilet and gardening purposes.

### Chapter: 5

### 5 Energy Management

Energy is one of the major inputs for the economic development of any country. The fundamental goal of energy management is to produce goods and provide services with the least cost and least environmental effect. Also, it can be said as "the strategy of adjusting and optimizing energy, using system and procedure so as to reduce energy requirements per unit of output while holding constant or reducing total costs producing the output from these systems".

### 5.1 Energy Audit

The energy audit is a key to a systematic approach for decision-making in the area of energy management. It attempts to balance the total energy inputs with its use and serves to identify all the energy streams in a facility. This indicator addresses energy consumption, energy sources, energy monitoring, lighting, appliance, natural gas and vehicles. Energy use is clearly an important aspect of campus sustainability and thus requires no explanation for its inclusion in the assessment. The study carried out also analyzed the use of alternate energy resources that are eco-friendly. Energy resources utilized by all the departments, support services, and the administrative buildings, include Electricity, Solar Roof Top Systems, and Diesel Generators installed on the campus.

- The first objective is to acquire and analyze data and find the necessary consumption pattern of these facilities.
- The second objective will be to calculate the wastage pattern based on the results of the first objective.
- The final objective is to find and implement solutions that are acceptable and feasible.

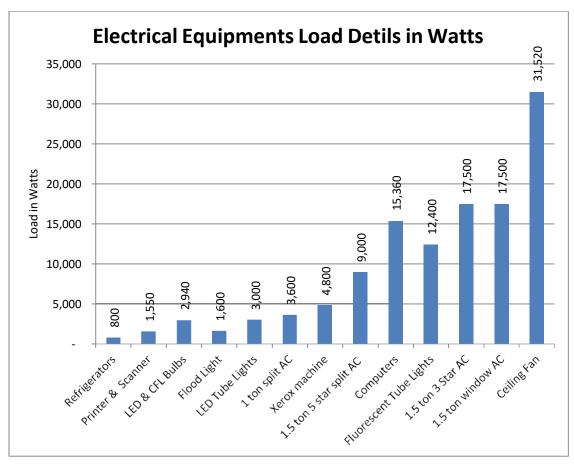
### 5.2 Source of Energy

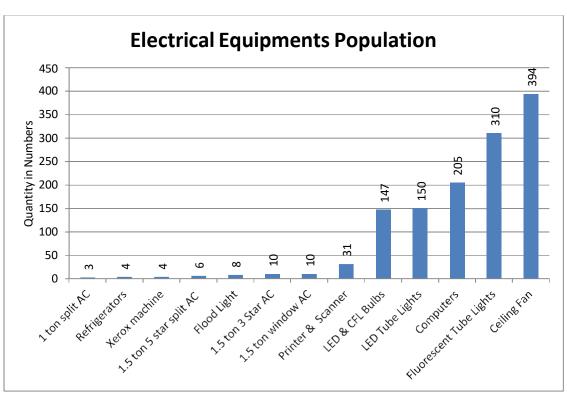
College withdraws Energy from Followings:

- Electricity from TANGEDCO
- From Emergency DG Set
- From Solar panles

# **5.3 Electrical Inventory Details**

S. No	Equipments	Capacity in Watts	Quantity in Numbers	Total load in Watts
1	LED Tube Lights	20	150	3,000
2	Fluorescent Tube Lights	40	310	12,400
3	LED & CFL Bulbs	20	147	2,940
4	Refrigerators	200	4	800
5	Ceiling Fan	80	394	31,520
6	Computers	80	205	16,400
7	Printer & Scanner	50	31	1,550
8	Xerox machine	1,200	4	4,800
9	1.5 ton 3 Star AC	1,750	10	17,500
10	1.5 ton 5 star split AC	1,500	6	9,000
11	1.5 ton window AC	1,750	10	17,500
12	1 ton split AC	1,200	3	3,600
13	Flood Light	200	8	1,600

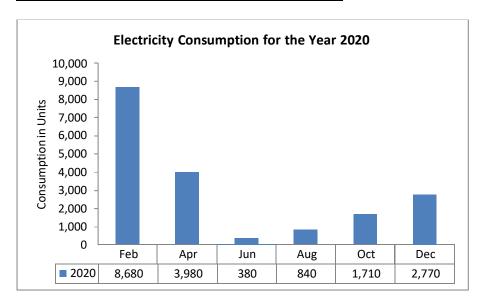


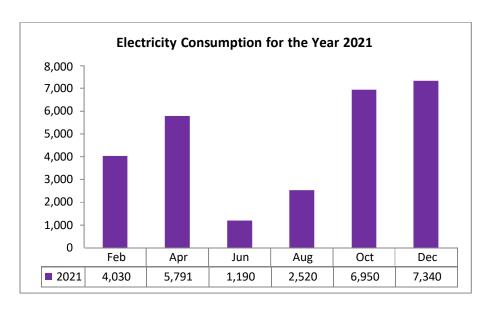


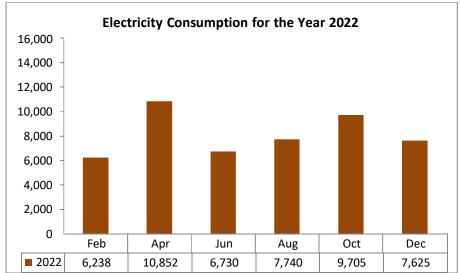
# **5.4 Energy Consumption Pattern**

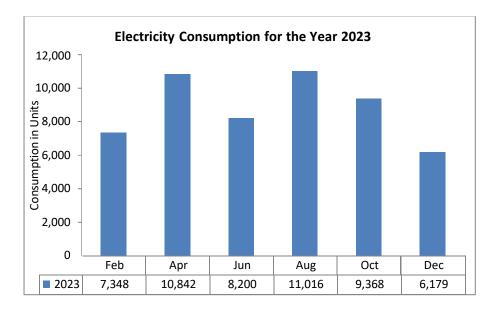
Bimonthly Electricity Bill Summary of year 2020 to 2023 as follows.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
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Feb	8,680	4,030	6,238	7,348
Apr	3,980 5,791		10,852	10,842
Abi	3,300	3,731	10,032	10,042
Jun	380	1,190	6,730	8,200
Aug	840	2,520	7,740	11,016
Oct	1,710	6,950	9,705	9,368
Dec	2,770	7,340	7,625	6,179
Total	64,939	74,047	48,117	62,580



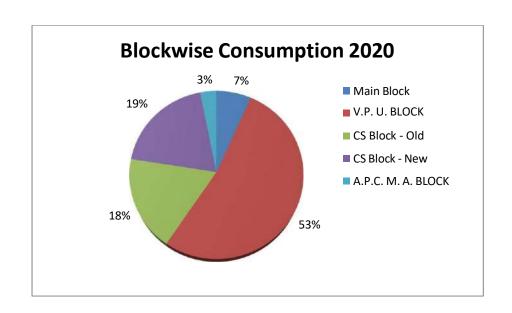


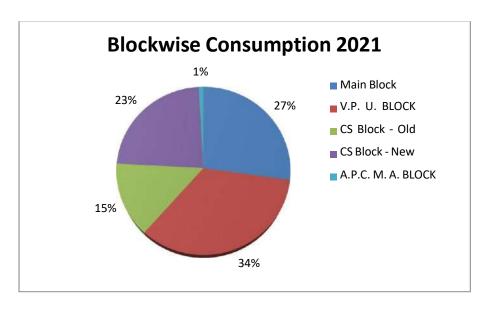


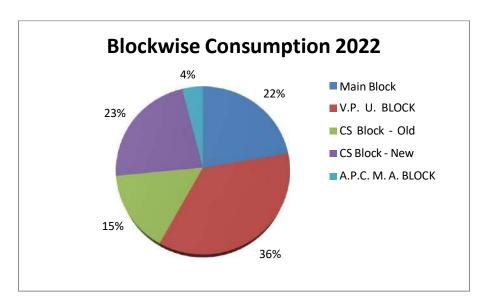


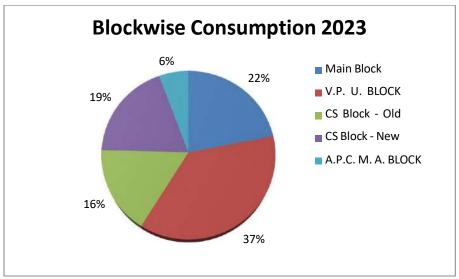
## **Block wise Consumption Pattern:**

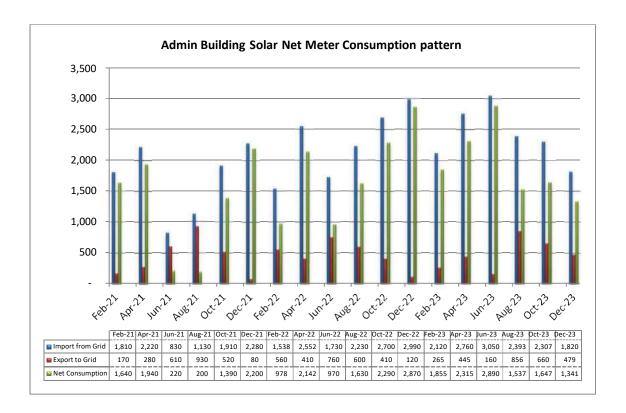
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Main Block	1,220	7,590	10,880	11,587
V.P. U. BLOCK	9,700	9,531	17,500	19,576
CS Block - Old	3,310	3,980	7,540	8,774
CS Block - New	3,560	6,470	11,030	10,017
A.P.C. M. A. BLOCK	570	250	1,940	2,999
	18,360	27,821	48,890	52,953











#### 5.5 Observation:

- The Campus uses Electrical Energy to Light, cool, run laboratory equipment's and pump ground water.
- An average power of 40 KW is consumed by the institution on daily basis. (Power consumption during COVID-19 Lockdown period of 2020-21 has not considered for comparison purpose).
- In the year 2023 New building constructed and lot of Energy Efficient light fittings installed. Hence power consumption has not increased.
- The majority of Power (about 80% of Total power) is being used for A/C, Ceiling Fans,
   Fluorescent Tube Lights and Computers.
- Computers are set to automatic power saving mode when not in use and almost all computer monitors are LED.
- Taken initiation to change the inefficient Fluorescent tube lights and old inefficient ceiling fans into efficient one in Class Rooms.
- Taken steps to change the AC Units into Star Rating
- Admin Building has 10 KW Solar Power panel with Net Metering System. After usage the remaining Power generated is exported to Grid through Net meter.

#### 5.6 Recommendation:

- The management should support more for renewable and carbon-neutral electricity
  options on any energy- purchasing consortium, with the aim of supplying all college
  properties with electricity that can be attributed to renewable and carbon-neutral
  sources.
- Solar Tubing can be used for Labs, Offices and Staff Rooms and through this Tubing
   Sun light can be directly used for lighting.
- More LED lights should be installed to reduce power consumed for lighting. By considering Financial crunch, instead of replacing all fluorescent tube lights into LEDs immediately during failure they may be switched to LEDs and a time frame may be established.
- In campus premises electricity should be shut down from main supply after occupancy time, to prevent power loss due to eddy current.
- Cleaning of tube-lights/bulbs to be done periodically, to remove dust over it.
- Records on Solar Energy Generation, Consumption and Export details on daily basis should be maintained. Based on that records daily tracking and maintenance on Solar panels should be done.
- The Vendor for the Solar panel may be contacted to install the APP in Admin Building
   P.C as well as the Mobile Phone of Finance controller of the Institution because Solar
   Power Export is Revenue for the institution.

#### 6 Waste Management

This indicator addresses waste production and disposal of different wastes like paper, food, plastic, biodegradable, construction, glass, dust etc. Furthermore, solid waste often includes wasted material resources that could otherwise be channelled into better service through recycling, repair, and reuse. Solid waste generation and management is a burning issue. Unscientific handling of solid waste can create threats to everyone. The survey focused on volume, type and current management practice of solid waste generated in the campus.

#### 6.1 Observations

### **6.1.1** Liquid waste management

Water conservation is a key activity as water availability affects on the development of the campus as well as on all area of development such as farming, industries, etc. Keeping this view water conservation activity is carried out. The waste water generated is disposed off into the underground sewage tanks. The source of wastewater is Domestic Waste Water i.e., Sewage water. The solid wastes in the underground Sewage tanks are periodically empty down by municipal truck.

### **6.1.2** Solid waste management

Waste generated from tree droppings and lawn management are major solid wastes generated in the campus. Separate dustbins are provided for Bio-degradable and Plastic waste in order to segregate them at the source itself. Single sided used papers are reused for writing and printing in all the departments to minimize the usage of papers. Important and confidential reports/ papers are sent for pulping and recycling after completion of their preservation period. Very less plastic waste (0.1Kg/day) is generated by some departments, office, garden etc and campus is declared as Plastic Free zone.

Batteries are purchased from authorized dealers and old batteries are returned to them as pay back scheme. Glass bottles are reused in the laboratories. The college has separate bins to collect biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste generated in the campus and theses wastes are daily collected by Municipality. Regular meetings are conducted with ground staff regarding the cleanliness of the campus and proper disposal of waste.

## • Sanitary Napkin Pad Disposal Machine:

A safe, hygienic, scientific & quick method of disposal of Sanitary napkins is installed to incinerate them at relatively low temperature to harmless sterile ash. It helps in instant disposal of used napkins in a very scientific and hygienic way without generating harmful emissions.



### **6.1.3** E-waste Management

E-waste is a consumer and business electronic equipment that is near or at the end of its useful life. This waste makes up about 5% of all municipal solid waste worldwide. It is hazardous than other waste because electronic components contain cadmium, lead, mercury, and Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that can damage human health and the environment.

E-waste generated in the campus is of minimal quantity. It is being effectively managed, keeping in mind the environmental hazards that may arise if not disposed properly. The cartridges of laser printers are refilled outside the college campus.

Awareness programme was conducted by college regarding E-waste Management. The E-wastes and defective items from computer laboratories are being stored properly and sold for reuse.

The dismantled hardware of personal computers and the dismantled electronic spare parts are immediately sold for reuse. The minimal amount of e- waste that is generated is taken by external vendor.

### 6.2 Recommendations

- A wastewater treatment plant should be installed to recycle and reuse the waste water generated from domestic use.
- Use reusable resources and containers and avoid unnecessary packaging wherever possible.
- The management should take an initiative to purchase recycled resources when they are available.

### 7 Carbon Footprints





A carbon footprint (or greenhouse gas footprint) is a calculated value or index that makes it possible to compare the total amount of greenhouse gases that an activity, product, company or country adds to the atmosphere. A carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases (including carbon dioxide and methane) that are generated by our actions Carbon footprints are usually reported in tonnes of emissions (CO2-equivalent) per unit of comparison.

It includes direct emissions, such as those that result from fossil-fuel combustion in manufacturing, heating, and transportation, as well as emissions required to produce the electricity associated with goods and services consumed. In addition, the carbon footprint concept also often includes the emissions of other greenhouse gases, such as methane, nitrous oxide, or chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).

The average carbon footprint for a person in the United States is 16 tons, one of the highest rates in the world. Globally, the average carbon footprint is closer to 4 tons. To have the best chance of avoiding a 2°C rise in global temperatures, the average global carbon footprint per year needs to drop to under 2 tons by 2050. Lowering individual carbon footprints from 16 tons to 2 tons doesn't happen overnight! By making small changes to our actions, like eating less meat, taking fewer connecting flights and line drying our clothes, we can start making a big difference.

Techniques to reduce Carbon Footprint:

- Reduce Waste and Spoilage.
- Usage of Renewable energy sources
- Improving energy efficiency.
- Implementation of 4R Techniques (Reduce, Recycle Reuse and Refuse).

### **Carbon Footprint Calculation:**

This calculation has two portions one is Emission calculation and the other one is Absorption calculation.

#### **Assumptions:**

The following assumptions based on well researched and globally accepted empirical procedures are used for assessing the carbon footprint as well as for determining the remediation measures:

- The coefficients taken are as per IPCC, International Energy Agency, India's BEE, or United Nations' FAO [in the case of food related ones] as well as from India specific studies by Research Institutions.
- The carbon emitted by a car while consuming 1 litre of petrol is taken as 2.3 kg CO<sub>2</sub>, and of diesel as 2.68 kg CO<sub>2</sub>
- Average distance covered by a car per litre of petrol in cities at 17 km
- The 'km run' by a bus as 4 km/L of diesel in towns and cities
- For the 'per capita carbon footprint' calculation, a bus is assumed to carry 50 passengers.
- For an autorickshaw, the fuel need is assumed at 1 litre of fuel capable of getting 16 km of running on petrol.
- Two wheelers are expected to get 50 km/litre on Petrol
- Carbon absorption capacity of one full-grown tree per year as 25 kg CO<sub>2</sub>
- Carbon absorption capacity of semi-grown trees per day as 50% of that of full grown
- Carbon absorption of bush plants as varying widely according to the species. As a general guide, the per-plant carbon absorption is assumed as 0.4 Kg CO<sub>2</sub>
- We roughly estimate that an average person exhales about 0.66 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> in a day.

### **Emission calculation per Year:**

Data Obtained from Component Audits in the foregoing Chapters are used for Emission Calculation.

These component audit findings give us the following data:

- The total number of persons (students, teachers, other members of staff, visitors including parents and guests) involved in normal functioning of the institution
- The type and number of vehicles normally used for transportation
- The forms and quantity of energy used in the campus and their origin

### CO<sub>2</sub> Emission from usage of Electricity:

- = Average Electricity used per year in kWh/1000) x 0.84
- = 40,000 kWh / 1000 x 0.84
- $= 40 \times 0.84$
- = 33.60 Tons

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emission from DG Set to produce Electricity:

2640 grams of CO2 per litre of diesel burned.

- = 800 Litres x 2.64 / 1000
- = 2.11 Tons.

### CO<sub>2</sub> Emission from Transportation:

Staff used totally 10 cars used per day at an average running distance of 40 KMs.

2390 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> per litre of petrol burned.

- = (40 KMs x 220 days / 17) Litres x 10 x 2.39 / 1000
- = 12.37 Tons. For Car.

Totally 130 Bikes used per day at an average running distance of 10 KMs.

2390 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> per litre of petrol burned.

- = (10 KMs x 210 days / 50) Litres x 130 x 2.39 / 1000
- = 13.05 Tons. For Bikes.

### CO<sub>2</sub> Emission by Respiration of Human Beings:

For calculation purpose it has considered 2100 persons for averagely 5 hours per day for 180 days in a year. An average person exhales about 0.66 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> in a day.

 $= (0.66/24) \times (5 \times 180 \times 2100) / 1000$ 

= 51.97 Tons

Total  $CO_2$  Emission = 33.6 + 2.11 + 12.37 + 13.05 + 51.97 = 113.1 Tons / Year.

**Absorption calculation per Year:** 

The following Data Obtained from Component Audits in the foregoing Chapters is used for Emission Calculation.

- The total number of persons (students, teachers, other members of staff, visitors including parents and guests) involved in normal functioning of the institution
- The type and number of Trees, Plants, Herbs, and Shrubs planted inside the campus.

### CO<sub>2</sub> Absorption by Trees:

For calculation purpose it has considered a tree absorbs approximately 25kg of CO2 per year.

Totally 310 Trees are inside the campus.

 $= 25 \times 310 / 1000$ 

= 7.75 Tons

For calculation purpose it has considered a semi tree absorbs approximately 50% of that of full grown trees. Totally 302 Semi grown Trees are inside the campus.

 $= 0.5 \times 25 \times 302 / 1000$ 

= 3.78 Tons

There are approximately Hedge Plants 3500 of various species being raised in the gardens and grown in the areas where no buildings are built. Carbon absorption of bush plants varies widely with their species. As a general guide, the per-plant carbon absorption is assumed as 0.4 Kg CO2

 $= 0.4 \times 3500 / 1000$ 

= 1.4 Tons.

Total  $CO_2$  Absorption = 7.75 + 3.78 + 1.4 = 12.93 Tons / Year.

Uncompensated CO<sub>2</sub> Emission part will indicate the Carbon Footprint.

= Total CO<sub>2</sub> Emission - Total CO<sub>2</sub> Absorption

Carbon Foot Print for the Institution is 113.1 -12.93 = 100.17 Tons / Year

### 8 Review of 2021-22 Audit Report Recommendations

New Environmental Policy introduced and followed.



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#### ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

APCM College has been making conscious effort to improve the campus Environment from any adversative impacts whatsoever. We always address high degree of importance on ensuring environmental protections and community goodwill.

Principles of the Policy: The Environment Conservation Policy of our College encourage the students and staff to take the prime in the conservation of the Environment. These ingenuities request for a thorough review of all infrastructural, and administrative functions from the standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment. The attention parts of this policy are:

- 1) Renewable sources of Energy and Conservation Measures by Solar Power Panel
- 2) Management of Degradable and Non-degradable Waste, Solid Waste Management, Liquid Waste Management and E-Waste Management by green methods
- 3) Water conservation by Rainwater harvesting system and Open Well refreshment
- Green campus initiatives such as plastic free zone, maintenance of lawns, rearing of CO<sup>2</sup> absorbing plants

In pursuit of the above principles APCM College is committed to:-

- Reduce, reuse and recycle waste
- · Conserve resources
- Compost food scraps
- Reduce the amount of paper used by using double-sided copying where possible.
- Environmentally benign methods of pest control will be used where feasible.
- Encourage parent and community involvement in environmental issues -
- Preserve and enhance local environments.

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- More number of LED Light fittings installed.
- Tree Saplings programs organised.





President

• Lot of Trees saplings donated to nearby villages.



• A New Eco friendly incinerator for Sanitary Napkin Pad disposal has been installed.



### 9 Green Initiatives and Best practices followed in the Organization

- The organization has Environmental Policy.
- It is observed that College is maintaining more than 50% of the green cover area after building construction as per the guidelines of World Green Building Council and Indian Green Building Council to provide a healthy environment and eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders.
- In view of floral biodiversity in College campus, all the plants are growing profusely and showing healthier free from pests and diseases.
- In view of faunal biodiversity College campus have living Mammals, visiting Mammals and birds.
- The Campus has a well maintained Vermicomposting Unit. After harvesting the compost
  was used as manure for trees and potted plants in the campus. Remaining were packed
  and sold to the students and faculty members. The compost was sold for Rs. 1,300 in
  the year 2022-2023.
- The campus has a maximum number of more oxygen producing and carbon-di-oxide absorbing plants such as Money plant, Neem tree and Pongam trees including some of the shrub and herbal plants.
- A New Eco friendly incinerator for Sanitary Napkin Pad disposal has been installed.
- Lot of Trees saplings donated to nearby villages

### 10 Opportunities for Improvements

- The year of planting and economic importance with medicinal values if any may be mentioned in some plants so that the oldest as well as useful herbal plants may be identified in the campus.
- A complete data on the soil parameters such as pH, electrical conductivity, water holding capacity, total organic carbon, available nitrogen, exchangeable potassium, available phosphorus in the campus may be studied which may be useful for the cultivation of various type plant species.
- A wastewater treatment plant should be installed to recycle and reuse the waste water generated from domestic use.
- The matured trees may be subjected to do white wash upto 3 feet height with limestone and neem oil mix to prevent the pests and diseases attack.
- Automatic water irrigation systems like drip and sprinkler irrigation methods adopted
  may be extended in the entire green area of the campus which in turn are useful to
  reduce the operation costs under energy conservation policy.
- It is recommended to develop 'Purchase Policy' for not allowing the non-degradable plastic covers during the packing of goods with respect to nature conservation and environmental protection.
- Solar power plant capacity shall be enhanced so that it fulfils at least 70% of the electricity requirements.
- Solar Tubing can be used for Labs, Offices and Staff Rooms and through this Tubing Sun light can be directly used for lighting.
- By considering Financial crunch, instead of replacing all fluorescent tube lights into LEDs immediately during failure they may be switched to LEDs and a time frame may be established.
- Eco-friendly parameters should be included in the purchase of articles and goods for the
   College campus.
- Flow rate of taps should be checked, it should not be more than 2.5 litres/minute.

### 11 Conclusion

The environmental awareness initiatives taken by the management are substantial. The Environmental awareness programmes initiated by the administration proves that the campus is going green. The Herbal garden and Vermicomposting Unit maintained by the College is highly appreciable. Few recommendations are added for waste management and waste reduction using alternate eco-friendly and scientific techniques. This may lead to the prosperous future in context of Green Campus and thus aid in a sustainable environment and community development

This audit involved extensive consultation with all the teams, interactions with key personnel on wide range of issues related to Environmental aspects. The audit has identified afew observations for making the campus premise more environment friendly. The recommendations are mentioned with observations for College campus team to initiate actions. The audit team opines that the overall site is well-maintained from the environmental perspective. Few things that are important to initiate urgently includes initiation of drip irrigation and checking of water flow of taps.

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