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## GREEN CAMPUS AND PLASTIC-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

**Preamble:** The management of Quest Infosys Foundation is committed to developing a green, clean, and sustainable campus by promoting eco-friendly practices and discouraging the use of plastic. The institution actively encourages students and staff to adopt environmentally responsible behaviors, supports green initiatives, and works towards maintaining a plastic-free, pollution-free learning environment. This policy shall be applicable to both the institutions run by the trust namely Quest College of Science & Technology and Quest Infosys Foundation Group of Institutions.

### 1. Introduction

In line with national and global environmental sustainability goals, the institution is committed to fostering a green and eco-conscious campus. The **Green Campus & Plastic-Free Campus Policy** reflects our efforts towards minimizing environmental impact, promoting responsible practices among students and staff, and creating a model educational environment that respects nature.

### 2. Objectives

- To create an eco-friendly and sustainable campus.
- To reduce and eventually eliminate the use of single-use plastics.
- To promote awareness and engagement of the campus community in environmental conservation.
- To instill values of sustainability among students and stakeholders.

### 3. Scope

This policy applies to all academic departments, administrative offices, canteens, hostels, other infrastructure, staff and students and the visitors on the campus premises.

### 4. Policy Guidelines

#### A. Green Campus Initiatives

1. **Tree Plantation Drives:** Regular afforestation and parenting of plants in and around the campus.
2. **Use of Renewable sources of energy generation.** An all out effort needs to be made to work towards making the campus a Zero-Net Energy campus. Towards this end such power-plants that use alternative sources for generation of power shall be installed. Any energy generated in excess of the requirement of the campus must be wheeled to the state grid.
3. **Energy Conservation:**
  - Use of LED lights and energy-efficient appliances.
  - Awareness campaigns for minimizing electricity use.
  - Display of energy saving posters.
  - Regular campaigns for awareness of energy conservation on-campus as well as beyond campus



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**4. Water Conservation:**

- Construction of rainwater harvesting systems.
- Leak detection and repair system in water supply networks.
- Installation of water saving Aerators in the Taps
- Display of Posters near water coolers and inside wash rooms

**5. Waste Management:**

- Segregation of biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste.
- Composting of organic waste within the campus.
- Recycling initiatives for paper and e-waste.
- Paperless

office

**6. Promotion of Green Transport:**

- Restricted entry of vehicles in campus
- Use of E/CNG vehicles

**7. Maintaining Smoke Free Campus, no open fire allowed, cooking using LPG, Bio gas**

**B. Plastic-Free Campus Initiatives**

**1. Ban on Single-Use Plastics:**

- Prohibition of plastic bags, cups, straws, and bottles on campus.
- Alternative eco-friendly materials (cloth bags, paper cups) are promoted.

**2. Awareness and Sensitization:**

- Regular workshops, pledge drives, and awareness campaigns on plastic hazards.
- Participation in national initiatives like "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" and "Say No to Plastic."

**3. Canteen and Vendor Compliance:**

- All campus canteens and vendors are instructed to avoid the use of plastic packaging.
- Regular Monitoring and compliance by the Green Campus Committee.

**5. Implementation and Monitoring**

- A dedicated **Green Campus Committee** is constituted to oversee policy implementation and review progress.
- Regular campus audits shall be conducted to monitor energy use, waste generation, and plastic use.
- Banners and placards are displayed for routine awareness.
- Suggestions and feedback are encouraged through a designated email ID and suggestion boxes.

**6. Responsibilities**

- **Students:** Participate actively in green campus programs and follow campus sustainability norms.
- **Faculty and Staff:** Act as role models and implement the policy within departments.
- **Vendors and Visitors:** Comply with the guidelines set under the policy.



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## 7. Review and Evaluation

The policy is reviewed annually by the Green Campus Committee. Recommendations for improvement are incorporated into action plans and progress is documented in the institutional environmental sustainability report.

## 8. Conclusion

Through this policy, the institution aims to lead by example in environmental conservation. A green and plastic-free campus that not only benefits the environment but also nurtures responsible citizens of tomorrow.

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For Quest Infosys Foundation  
Chairman

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