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### Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability Policy

#### Introduction

Climate change and environmental degradation pose significant challenges to the global community. Amity University Rajasthan (AUR) play a crucial role in shaping future leaders, researchers, and professionals who can drive positive change towards sustainability. The following policy guidelines aim to create a framework to foster climate action and environmental sustainability within campus and beyond.

The primary objective of the policy guidelines for climate action and environmental sustainability in the university is to foster a culture of sustainability and responsibility within the institution and its broader community. These guidelines aim to create a comprehensive framework that integrates environmental concerns into all aspects of university life, from education and research to campus operations and community engagement. The specific objectives include:

1. **Commitment to Sustainability:**
  - AUR establishes a clear commitment to sustainability and environmental protection, integrating it into their institutional mission and values.
  - EnviroAct Club along with other representatives of AUR oversee the implementation and progress of sustainability initiatives.
2. **Education and Awareness:**
  - Incorporate sustainability-related topics into the curriculum across disciplines, promoting environmental literacy among students.
  - Organize workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns to educate students, faculty, and staff about sustainable practices, climate change, and conservation of natural resources.
3. **Resource Management:**
  - Develop and implement a comprehensive waste management plan, emphasizing recycling, composting, and waste reduction strategies.
  - Promote energy efficiency and conservation through campus-wide campaigns, use of energy-efficient appliances, and adoption of renewable energy sources.
  - Implement water conservation measures and promote responsible water usage practices.
4. **Green Campus Initiatives:**
  - Develop and maintain green spaces on campus, such as gardens and green roofs, to enhance biodiversity and improve air quality.
  - Encourage sustainable transportation options, such as cycling, carpooling, and using public transportation, by providing infrastructure and incentives.
5. **Reducing Carbon Footprint:**





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- Conduct regular carbon audits to assess the university's carbon footprint and set ambitious targets for reduction.
  - Encourage faculty, staff, and students to adopt eco-friendly practices, like reducing paper usage, printing double-sided, and using digital resources.
- 6. Research and Innovation:**
- Promote research and innovation in areas related to climate change, sustainable development, and environmental protection.
  - Establish partnerships with relevant industries, research organizations, and NGOs to collaborate on sustainability projects.
- 7. Community Engagement:**
- Encourage university outreach programs that focus on sustainability and environmental awareness in local communities.
  - Collaborate with neighbouring communities on initiatives like waste management, afforestation, and water conservation.
- 8. Sustainable Procurement:**
- Give preference to eco-friendly and socially responsible products in university procurement policies.
  - Support local and sustainable vendors whenever possible.
- 9. Annual Sustainability Report:**
- Publish an annual sustainability report highlighting the university's progress towards achieving sustainability goals.
  - Share successes, challenges, and future plans with stakeholders to foster transparency and accountability.
- 10. Student Involvement:**
- Engage student-led sustainability clubs or organizations to actively participate in shaping and implementing sustainability initiatives.
  - Encourage students to propose and implement sustainable projects on campus.
- 11. Partnerships and Collaboration:**
- Collaborate with other universities, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations to share best practices and leverage resources for collective impact.

By adopting these policy guidelines, AUR can take meaningful steps towards climate action and environmental sustainability. Emphasizing sustainability in higher education not only contributes to mitigating environmental challenges but also fosters a culture of responsibility and stewardship among future leaders and citizens.

**Encl. :** Climate Action Plan





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### Climate Action Plan

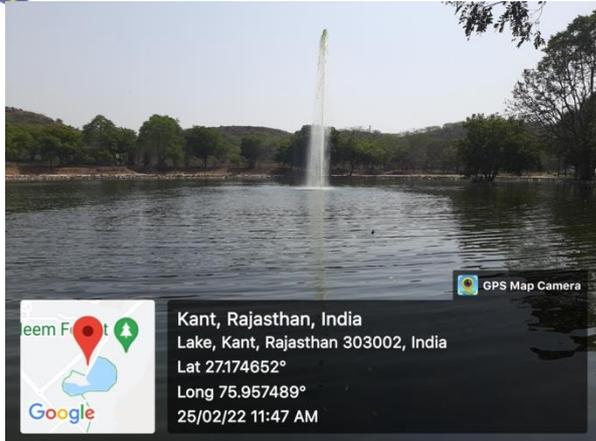
Amity University Rajasthan has always been an environmentally conscious and socially responsible campus which makes it truly sustainable. Surrounded by hills, this tree-lined campus is like an “Oasis” that includes beautiful landscape; a rainwater harvesting lake with running fountains and floating aquatic **birds**; a Neem forest with nature trail & chirping sounds of birds that enables the project to protect the natural habitat and species. Amity University Rajasthan is LEED registered **project for achieving GOLD** rating **from** United States Green Building Council. Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) is an **internationally** recognized Green Building rating awarded to projects for their remarkable efforts **in achieving sustainability** and low impact on environment.





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### Electricity Management

AUR has 24\*7 electric supply through JWNL and through its own captive power back up from DG sets. With a view towards an energy conscious campus, AUR has installed solar panels on terraces of various buildings and has a ground tracker solar panel system.

The total sanctioned load for AUR from JWNL is 3200 KW. AUR has taken approval presently to utilize 2490 KW out of sanctioned 3200 KW. AUR has two substations and has captive power generation capability to the tune of 4700 KVA through 9 DG sets installed near sub stations. The Solar Plant can generate a total of 0.99 MW or approx. 40% of AUR's total requirement. Peak load, during summers, with all three chillers of air conditioning system running is in the region of 2400 KW. The minimum load is approx. 700 KW (with no chillers/ less geysers operating). This is in the months of Nov and in Feb. The electricity bill varies between a maximum of Rs 58 lakhs and minimum Rs 25 lakhs.

The residents are provided subsidized electricity. The vendors are charged at a rate calculated by giving due weightage to the units consumed on JWNL and DG supply. Fitment of solar panels has resulted in savings of Rs. 6 lakhs (approx..) per month presently. AUR has also got net metering connection with JVVNL, any excess generation of electricity through the solar panels is channeled to JVVNL grid, thus further saving on electrical cost.

A dedicated team of electrical engineer and DG operators ensure effective running of the DG sets. Planned Maintenance is carried out at regular intervals as defined for the DG sets.



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DG sets are being synchronized to ensure max load (80% of DG rated capacity) on a particular DG set is achieved before other DG set is brought in line. This ensures reduction in fuel consumption due avoidance of unnecessary.

Running of second DG set. Record of DG sets running and servicing is maintained. Proper rating cables are used to ensure that no cable is overloaded. This is to ensure line losses are minimum. Timely servicing of electrical panels and transformers is carried out.

Maintaining a higher Power Factor ensures stable current and reduction in its consumption. AUR is presently achieving a power factor of 0.98. Rebate is given by JVVNL for achieving a higher PF and AUR has received a max of Rs 1.75 Lakhs in a month last year. The average rebate given by JVVNL last year was approx. Rs one lakh per month.

MIS Daily and monthly MIS reports are compiled in soft copies. The same are scrutinized and provide a check to improve the system efficiency.

### **Chiller Plants**

Air Conditioning system is on AMC to ensure efficient operation and regular maintenance. To increase the efficiency of the chiller plants daily inspection and periodic maintenance as required is carried out.

Preventive maintenance (descaling etc) is carried out during the lean period. This ensures that electricity consumption does not increase significantly with ageing of the chillers.

Chiller plants are used only on as required basis. Timing of usage is between 9 am to 5 pm from 01 Apr to 31 October. Records of Chiller plant operation and Power consumption are maintained and monitored to ensure that load current does not increase.

### **Change over to LED in Phases**

AUR had approx 10,000 no. of 36 watt fluorescent tube lights fitted in Academic Blocks, Hostels and Residential Blocks. The 4800 tube lights fitted in Academic Blocks has been replaced by 18 watt LED tube lights.. Similarly, there are 85 security lights of 400 watts each which has been replaced with 100/200 watts LED lamps in 2022-23. Thus, the electricity of 6 lacs units is saving annually in campus



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The Tubelights, chokes & starters removed from Academic Blocks will be utilized in the hostel / residential blocks. Subsequently fluorescent tubelights of Residential Blocks will be replaced, with those in hostel being replaced in the last phase.

### Electricity Generation Through Solar Power

AUR has already sanction of 3200 KW from JWNL and is generating 990 KW from Solar, it is estimated that there will be no requirement of additional power to be sanctioned from JWNL for the next five years, there is also a plan to extend the ground tracking system to generate additional solar power

Roof top Solar panels are installed on terraces of various buildings and a ground tracker system is also installed.

Sr. No.	Area	No. of Panels	Capacity in KW
1	Academic Block-A	350	128
2	Academic Block-B, C & D	581	180
3	Academic Block-E	240	75.8
4	Student Resource Center (SRC)	360	115.20
5	Ground Tracker	1540	500





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**General Measures** -The measures adopted to ensure optimal utilization of electricity are as follows -

- Unserviceable Pumps motor winding is done only twice after which the pump is made redundant. This is because further rewinding will increase the load current of the pump.
- General Awareness is spread amongst all stakeholders to lower consumption of electricity and take proper precautions. Proper consumption at residences/vendor outlets is monitored through fitment of electronic meters.
- Residents / Students are made aware of the need to s/w off electrical appliances like tubelight / fans before leaving their rooms. They are also advised to stop keeping appliances like TV, Air Conditioner etc in stand by mode.
- Wardens in Hostels ensure that geysers are switched off when not in use. Hostel staff ensures only optimum lighting is used in the common areas of halls, lounges and staircase.
- Attendants in various Academic Blocks ensure that lights/fans are switched off in lecture theatres and classrooms when classes are not being held. Duty attendants also ensure that only necessary lighting is switched on after 6 pm.

### **The Way Ahead**

As the university expands there will be an increase in the level of power consumption. The emphasis will thus be on optimum utilization of this resource and thus concentration will be towards LED fitment and use of Solar Power. At the same time it has to be seen that existing fitments are utilized completely. Hence the changeover to LED, which will be the first step, will be done in a phased manner over the next 5 years.

### **WATER MANAGEMENT**

Water is supplied in AUR through bore wells. The present requirement of water may increase in the near future. Conservation of this resource will acquire primacy with the increase in infrastructure and personnel.



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### Water Calculation

AUR has five Academic Blocks, one Student Resource Centre, Five Hostel Blocks, Six faculty Blocks, One Staff Quarters Block.

There would be approximately 240 families' i.e. around 720 persons plus 2500 students residing in the campus. In the daytime during working hours there would be additional students, plus other faculty staff and workers, possibly an additional strength of 2000 personnel. There is a mess and also other vendors who would require water for their ventures.

The standard consumption of water for a family is taken as 135 litres per person per day. Students do not cook; however cooking is done for them in the mess and other places. Thus for all purposes we can assume 135 litres for them. The day scholars and faculty/staff commuting from Jaipur can be safely assumed to consume at least 40 Its per day.

The total Lts Per Day (LPD) is thus calculated as follows:

- Faculty/Staff residing inside the campus:  $135 \times 3220 = 4,34,700$  LPD
- Guards and Other Staff routine duties after working hrs:  $50 \times 80 = 4000$  LPD
- Day Scholars, Faculty & Staff =  $2000 \times 40 = 80000$  LPD
- Chiller Plants Requirement : 60,000 LPD ( Minimum)
- Laundry Requirement (Commercial purposes uses more water than household purposes)  
3000 LPD

Total 5, 81,700 LPD without Horticulture requirement. Horticulture requirement is met through STP and rain harvested water. Chiller plant water requirement is only during plant operation.

Water is supplied to various buildings through a network of underground sumps and overhead tanks. Water from the bore well is pumped to the underground tanks, from the underground tanks it is pumped to the overhead tanks. There are a total of 34 overhead tanks (both RCC and Sintex) and 08 underground tanks. Plumbers work in shifts to ensure adequate supply to each building.



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Aqua guard are fitted along with the water coolers for hostels and in the faculty/staff residences. The aqua guards are on AMC and regular servicing is carried out.

### **Conserving Water and Preventing Wastage**

Water conservation is very important at AUR. The aim is to reduce wastage of water. To this end the following measures are being taken-

**Rainwater harvesting Lake** - The artificial lake gets treated water from the Sewage Treatment Plant and also all the rain water from terraces of buildings, and other rain water drains comes to this lake. This water is used for horticulture, thus ensuring literally zero wastage of water. Source of fresh water is through Borewells. Water is stored in underground and overhead tanks. Aqua guard are installed in water dispensers. Wastewater is channeled to STP plant and after treatment is utilized for flushing, horticulture and in chiller plants.



**Ground Mapping** - Ground mapping of AUR periphery has been done by 2D image resistivity method. Cracks fixtures which could store water have been found. The intent is to recharge these zones so that the water resource is within the campus. Ground water recharging had been done at various places. The ground water recharging is planned to be extended to borewell recharging. Two borewells have been identified for the pilot project. As AUR is in a semi bowl shape, water during rains also flows into the campus from the front and rear gates.

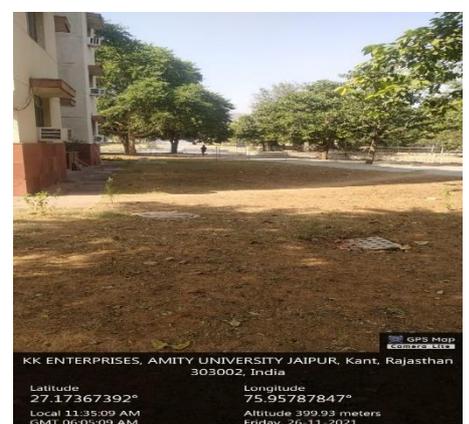
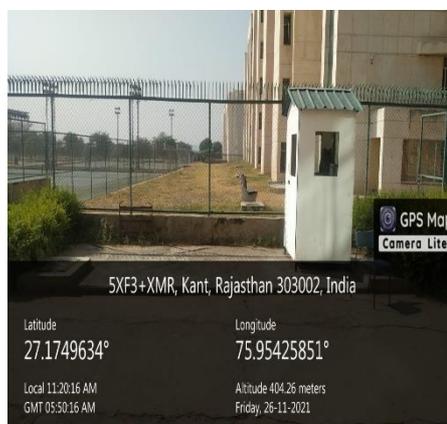
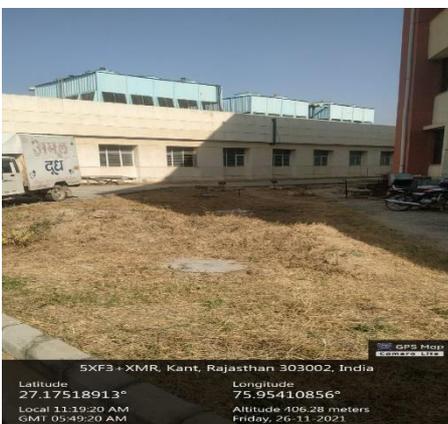
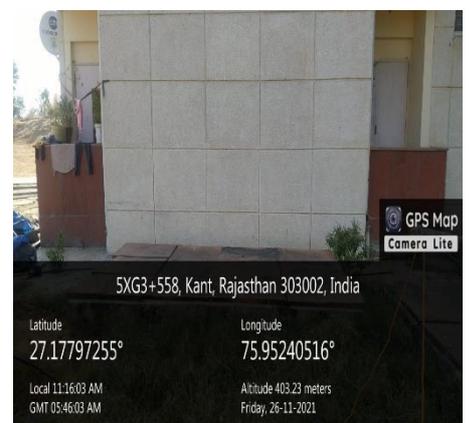


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The aim is to channelize this water to the nearest borewell for recharging through proper filtration.

Harvesting pits are available in different locations of the campus. A borewell recharge pit has also been made to divert rainwater from low lying areas, terraces of buildings and other structures to the borewell.





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### Groundwater recharge pit-

Recharge Pits: There are 08 recharge pits and 2 borewell recharge pits have been constructed. Therefore, the maximum rainwater could be harvested to increase the ground water level.

Water Level Indicators: A panel having three indicators denoting the water level is being established at ground level for ease of information to the plumbers for switching pumps On/Off, thus avoiding spillage and waste of water.

Automated water filling system: A Solenoid valve, pressure switch, float switch arrangement is being planned for implementation for automatic water filling system at one of the hostels on trial basis. This system if implemented at all locations will promote zero wastage of water therefore conserving water.

Use of STP water in flush system hostels: Hostel Blocks are connected with a separate flush line for using the STP water.

Cooling Tower of Chiller Plant: The cooling tower of chiller plants utilize STP water. Thus approx. 60,000-70,000 litres of water is being saved in this manner.



### Way forward

AUR is now a fully residential campus. As the strength of students increases, the demand for water will also increase. While for around 08 months, with normal rainfall, AUR can be self-sufficient, during the summer months criticality could occur. It is imperative that methods to conserve water are increased and new explored.

### Trees in Campus

Sr. No.	Hindi Name	Common Name	Botanical Name
1	छितवन	Alstonia	Blackboard Tree
2	अमलतास	Golden Shower Tree	Cassia Fistula
3	अलनुस	Alnus	Alnus Glutinosa



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4	नीम	Margosa	Azadirachta Indica
5	आँवला	Indian Gooseberry	Phyllanthus Emblica
6	चम्पा	Champak	Magnolia Champaca
7	कदम	Burnflower-tree	Neolamarckia Cadamba
8	सागवान	Teak	Tectona Grandis
9	गुलमोहर	Delonix Regia	Royal Poinciana
10	अमलतास	Cassia fistula	Golden Shower Tree
11	कचनार	Mountain Ebony	Bauhinia variegata
12	शिरीष	Lebeck	Albizia Lebeck
13	जत्रोफा	Nettlespurges	Physic Nut
14	शीशम	Indian Rosewood	Dalbergia Sissoo
15	खेजड़ी	Ghaf	Prosopis Cineraria
16	सफेदे	White Tree	Eucalyptus
17	आम	Mango	Mangifera Indica
18	बिल्व	Stone Apple	Aegle Marmelos
19	हरसिंगार	Night Jasmine	Nyctanthes Arbor-tristis
20	रात की रानी	Night-Blooming Jessamine	Cestrum Nocturnum
21	मीठा नीम	Curry Tree	Murraya Koenigii
22	अशोक	Ashoka Tree	Saraca Asoca
23	नींबू	Lemon	Citrus Limon
24	बबूल	Gum Arabic Tree	Vachellia Nilotica
25	शहतूत	Mulberry	Morus Alba
26	खजूर	Date Palm	Phoenix Dactylifera
27	पीपल	Sacred Fig	Ficus Religiosa
28	हिना	Heena	Lawsonia Inermis
29	बाँस	Bamboo	Bambusoideae
30	क्रिसमस वृक्ष	Christmas Tree	Araucaria columnaris



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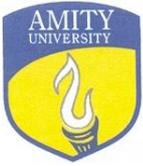
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### Tree Plantation Drive

2. Regular tree plantation drives are organized by NSS and Unnat Bharat in the campus and nearby villages to keep the environment green and healthy.







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### LEED Certification

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### **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Amity University believes in “Green Campus and Healthy Living”. The University is very conscious of generating less waste and recycling it by passing it through a system that enables the used material to be reused ensuring that minimum natural resources are consumed. Environmental initiatives like use of Rainwater Harvesting, Sewage Treatment Plants, Zero Water Discharge, No Smoking Zones, Garbage Disposal System, amongst others, have been implemented. Environment consciousness is embodied in the heart of all departments of the University by tree plantations from NSS/NCC/Unnat Bharat teams periodically.

The waste management practices are divided into three parts:

- (a) Solid Waste Management
- (b) Liquid Waste Management
- (c) E-Waste Management

### **Solid Waste Management**

Two garbage houses, one each in two different locations of the campus, are available for dry waste. The dry waste and plastic are disposed through a vendor who collects and takes it to the Municipal Dump yard.

Leaf litter is allowed to decompose systematically over a period in a compost pit, to be used as manure for the horticulture and lawns in the institute.

The Mess food waste per day from canteens is taken by a piggery’s vendor.

Sanitary Napkin Incinerators have been installed in the girls’ hostels to facilitate disposal of sanitary napkins in an environment-friendly way.

The campus is a No Polyethene Zone. All vendors inside the campus have been instructed not to use polyethene material carry bags.

There is no biomedical waste as only a basic medical room for first aid is available on the campus. Injection needles are disposed by burning in a needle incinerator.



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### Liquid Waste Management

The liquid waste generated in the campus is from sewage of labs, residential and canteen facilities, hostels and laundry. The above waste is treated through a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) of 7.5 lakh LPD available in the campus.

Water after treatment, is sent to a treated water lake, from where it is used for horticulture through an auto irrigation system. Fountains in the lake ensure proper aeration and as the process of use is dynamic, stagnation does not occur negating bad odor.

Carp fish are there in the lake which prevent any algae growth by consuming the same, thus keeping the lake clean.

Treated water is also used for the cooling tower of chiller plants and for the flush system of four hostels.

The sludge settled in STP is removed and is dried on drying beds and used as manure for the gardens. Therefore, the entire wastewater generated in the campus is treated and reused.

### Liquid Waste Management: Sewage Treatment Plant



Amity H-1 Hostel, Palm Dr, Kant, Rajasthan 303002, India

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27.17706217°

Longitude  
75.95473323°

Local 11:35:21 AM  
GMT 06:05:21 AM

Altitude 411.24 meters  
Friday, 12-11-2021



Amity H-1 Hostel, Palm Dr, Kant, Rajasthan 303002, India

Latitude  
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Longitude  
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GMT 06:03:28 AM

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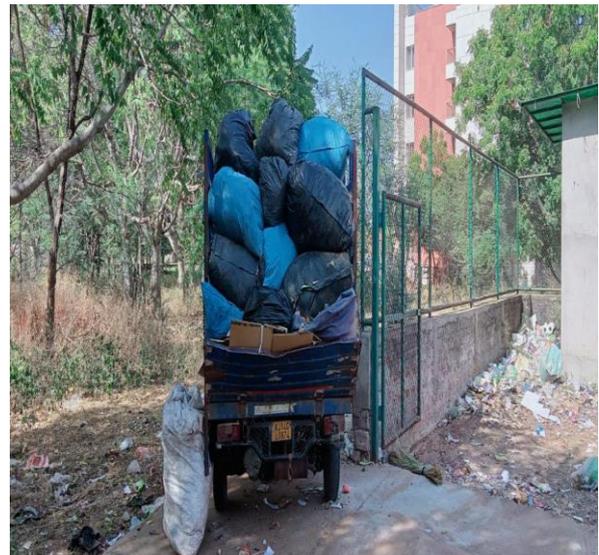
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### Garbage Disposal Room

### Garbage Segregation and Disposal





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**Compost Pit** Leaf litter of trees is allowed to decompose systematically in a compost pit, over a period, to be used as manure for the horticulture and lawns in the institute.



**E-Waste Management** Electronic waste is disposed through M/s Namu E-Waste Management Limited, An ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018 & R2 Certified Co. The company Head Office is in Faridabad.

### E-Waste Management Vendor Certificate

