



## **Ashoka University**

### **Environment Policy**

Ashoka University (AU) is committed to maintaining, and wherever possible, improving the quality of its environment, both for the people who live and work in the University and for the wider community

#### **Scope**

The Environment Policy applies at each stage of development of academics and extracurricular activities as well as services. It applies to every stage in the life cycle of the process and services i.e. a cradle to grave assessment. It applies to new as well as existing processes and services.

#### **Implementation**

A. In implementing the Environment Policy, AU will

- Use standards of environmental safety, which are scientifically sustainable and commonly acceptable.
- Review and continuously improve processes, performance of services and operations as measured by their environmental impact.
- Work in cooperation with members of fraternity, government agencies, relevant environmental bodies, suppliers, transporters, caterers and service providers to promote achievement of high standards in environmental care.
- Promote responsibly, and show case real advantages it has achieved without making false or misleading claims on environmental protection.

B. AU undertakes

- To appoint and empower a member of AU to oversee all environmental matters and to manage relevant communication both internally and externally.
- To analyze the University's environmental footprint and initiate changes necessary to improve the University's environmental performance.
- To comply with all local and national environmental laws and regulations.
- To comply with all government guidelines and codes of practice.
- To operate the best practices in accordance with guidelines produced by AU or an appropriate body.
- To cooperate and interact with national and local authorities concerned with protection of the environment.
- To operate the University in a manner which demonstrate awareness of the nature and extent of the impact on the environment.
- To maintain effective, to prevent environmental incidents.
- To maintain procedures enabling quick response in the event of a hazardous accident, thereby minimizing environmental damage or nuisance.
- To maximize the energy efficiency of processes, thereby minimizing emission of carbon dioxide and CDe (Sox, NOx) and discharging them in a safe manner, monitoring COD, BOD, to maintain the eco system.



- To fully assess the environmental impact of new processes completely at the design stage.
  - To obtain raw materials of precise chemical composition from material suppliers to design good disposal techniques after its end-use. This procedure prevent disposal of even trace quantities of material which may be harmful to the environment.
  - To recycle waste or recover economically useful materials from waste as far as is reasonably practicable.
  - To provide appropriate training for user groups, emphasizing individual responsibilities for sound environmental management.
  - To carry out internal audits to demonstrate compliance with policy and local and national regulations.
  - To maintain procedures for the investigations of all environmental incidents, requests and complaints and to take reasonably practicable action (wherever possible) to prevent or minimize its recurrence.
  - To practice good housekeeping which is fundamental for a sound environmental management system.
- C. The Policy will be implemented at the operating level. The overall responsibility for implementation and maintaining standards of the Environment Policy rests with the Safety Officer. S/He will
- Take steps in protecting the environment through continuous improvement in the environment impact of AU operations.
  - Meet or exceed the requirement of legislation.
  - Increase environmental awareness by appropriate training of user groups.
  - Ensure that in the implementation of the policy, AU is able to call upon expertise available from suitable specialists within or outside the University campus.

All individuals have specific responsibility for the implementation of the policy in areas of their control. They are required to ensure that all activities are conducted in a responsible manner, which is compatible with the objectives of the AU Environment Policy.

All individuals have a duty to observe rules and practices, which apply to the job or work area in which they are employed, and to report any faults or malpractice to their immediate supervisor. They should be aware of any action which may have an effect on environmental issues and at all times must co-operate with AU to ensure that legal requirements, the Environmental Policy and internal procedures are satisfied.

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