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Criterion VII Institutional Values and Best Practices

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Green Campus and Environment Policy

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Introduction

Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences (RCMAS) recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability and is committed to promoting a green campus and adopting environmentally responsible practices. This Green Campus and Environment Policy outlines the college's commitment to minimizing its environmental footprint, conserving natural resources, and fostering a culture of sustainability within the college community.

Principles

Environmental Stewardship: RCMAS is committed to being a responsible steward of the environment, preserving biodiversity, and protecting natural ecosystems for present and future generations.

Sustainable Practices: The college promotes sustainable practices in energy consumption, waste management, water conservation, transportation, and campus operations to minimize environmental impact and promote resource efficiency.

Education and Awareness: RCMAS seeks to raise awareness and educate students, faculty, staff, and visitors about environmental issues, sustainability principles, and their role in promoting a greener campus and community.

Key Components

Energy Efficiency: RCMAS adopts energy-efficient technologies, such as LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and renewable energy sources, to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Regular energy and environment audits are conducted to monitor and enhance energy efficiency.



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Waste Reduction and Recycling: The college implements waste reduction and recycling programs to minimize waste generation, segregate recyclable materials, and promote responsible disposal practices. A plastic-free zone is established to further reduce plastic waste on campus.

Water Conservation: RCMAS implements water-saving measures, such as rainwater harvesting, water-efficient fixtures, recycling of water, and landscaping practices, to reduce water consumption and preserve water resources.

Green Spaces and Biodiversity: The college maintains green spaces, gardens, and natural habitats on campus to enhance biodiversity, provide ecosystem services, and create a conducive environment for learning and recreation. This includes planting a variety of trees, including herbal plants, creating a butterfly garden, implementing aquaponics systems, and establishing the "Rajeevanam" orchard to increase carbon stock.

Transportation Alternatives: RCMAS encourages the use of sustainable transportation options, such as cycling, carpooling, public transit, and electric vehicles, to reduce carbon emissions and alleviate traffic congestion. Electric charging points are installed to support the use of electric vehicles.

Lower Carbon Stock: The college actively works to lower its carbon stock through various initiatives aimed at reducing carbon emissions and enhancing carbon sequestration on campus. The "Rajeevani" initiative encompasses multiple green initiatives to promote sustainability and environmental consciousness.

Policy Implementation

Environmental Management System (EMS): RCMAS establishes an Environmental Management System to set objectives, implement action plans, monitor progress, and continually improve environmental performance.



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Compliance and Regulation: The college complies with environmental laws, regulations, and standards applicable to its operations and seeks to exceed regulatory requirements through proactive measures and initiatives.

Partnerships and Collaboration: RCMAS collaborates with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, industry partners, and community stakeholders to promote environmental sustainability and implement joint initiatives.

Education and Outreach

Curriculum Integration: Environmental sustainability principles are integrated into the curriculum across disciplines, fostering interdisciplinary learning and preparing students to address real-world environmental challenges.

Awareness Campaigns: RCMAS conducts awareness campaigns, workshops, seminars, and events to engage the college community and raise awareness about environmental issues, sustainability practices, and conservation efforts.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Performance Indicators: The college establishes performance indicators and targets to measure progress towards environmental goals and assess the effectiveness of sustainability initiatives.

Environmental Audits: Regular environmental audits and assessments are conducted to evaluate compliance, identify areas for improvement, and ensure continuous progress towards environmental sustainability.



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Conclusion

RCMAS is committed to promoting a green campus and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility and sustainability. By implementing the principles and practices outlined in this policy, the college aims to reduce its environmental footprint, inspire positive behavior change, and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future for all. Through initiatives like "Rajeevani" and the establishment of a plastic-free zone, energy audits, and the "Rajeevanam" orchard, RCMAS demonstrates its dedication to creating a sustainable and eco-friendly campus.



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