# **GREEN AUDIT POLICY**

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## 1. PREAMBLE

The goal of the Green Audit is to examine environmental practices that have an impact on the environment, such as systematic identification, quantification, recording, reporting, and analysis of environmental diversity components on the University campus. Through a green audit, one can learn how to better the environment, and a number of variables that have influenced how popular green audits have become.

Presidency University is committed to conservation of biodiversity with focus on green concepts including water conservation, alternate sources of energy, solid waste management and vermicomposting.

## 2. SHORT TITLE AND APPLICATION

- i. This shall be called the Presidency University "Green Audit Policy"
- ii. This shall come into effect from the date of approval by the Board of Management.

## 3. OBJECTIVES OF GREEN AUDIT

The general objective of green audit is to prepare a baseline report on biodiversity and other resources, measures to mitigate resource wastage and improve resource quality and sustainable practices in the University premises.

- 1. To prepare a checklist of flora and fauna diversity within the campus premises.
- 2. To suggest imperative measures to improve biodiversity within the campus.
- 3. To monitor the energy consumption pattern of the University.
- 4. To assess the quantity of water usage within the University campus.
- 5. To suggest sustainable energy usage and water conservation practices.
- 6. To find out various sources of organic and solid waste generation and mitigation possibilities.
- 7. To inculcate values of sustainable development practices through green audit mechanism.

## 4. GREEN AUDIT POLICY

Management, faculty and staff of the University is committed to carrying out the following activity for sustainable development within the University premises.

- 1. To Use Solar Energy on Campus by installing Solar Lamps and Solar water Heaters in Girls and Boys hostels.
- 2. To sensitize the students and staff on judicious use of water as it is a precious resource.
- 3. To maximize the use of ICT and minimize the use of paper. It will help to go towards Paperless Office.
- 4. To use the solid waste through vermicompost on the campus and use it as a fertilizer.
- 5. To reduce the sound pollution in the campus
- 6. To protect and nurture the Flora and Fauna on the campus

- 7. To maintain green campus.
- 8. To motivate the use of Bicycle / battery powered vehicles
- 9. To ban plastic usage.

## 5. GREEN AUDIT

The Green Audit is carried out as per the Environmental Policy of the University and Green Audit checklist. The objective of the audit is to check the existing practices and provide advice for the development of Environmental Policy and Practice in the areas of:

- Waste Management Solid Waste Management, Liquid Waste Management and E-waste Management
- Water conservation and management
- Tree plantations
- Bio-diversity and threatened/endangered species preservation
- Energy use and conservation
- Eco-friendly campus
- Green environment and clean campus
- Towards Carbon Neutrality

## 6. AMENDMENTS

This Policy may evolve and get amended or modified from time to time, based on Feedback received from Stakeholders through impact analysis and deliberation of the Focus Group, constituted by the Vice Chancellor.