SRMIST
Sustainability Policy

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. Embed sustainability into the campus, curriculum, community, and culture of the university through the establishment of good leadership and management practices.
2. Raise sustainability and environmental awareness and promote sound environmentally and ethically responsible behaviors in all staff and students.
3. Develop and maintain the Estate, and the surrounding landscape, with due regard to environmental impact and social value.
4. Develop and implement effective and efficient utility and procurement management measures, policies and procedures.
5. Develop and implement waste management practices that prioritize disposal in line with the waste hierarchy to reduce the institutions waste output to landfill.

BIODIVERSITY POLICY

1. Undertake habitat and species surveys to ascertain the university's biodiversity baseline.
2. Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts of our activities on biodiversity, assess the risks, and take measures to minimize negative impacts and promote positive actions.
3. To consider the impact and opportunities for enhancement of biodiversity when planning building refurbishments, new building designs and all other construction activities.

4. To minimize the impact on biodiversity from grounds maintenance and landscaping work and prevent pollution by keeping the use of pesticides to a minimum.

5. To consider seasonality of species during projects and campus enhancement works to reduce the risk of plant loss and minimize the use of watering.

6. Recycle green waste whenever possible.

7. Aim to conserve and where possible enhance local biodiversity through the implementation of a biodiversity action plan.

8. Encourage the promotion of staff and student awareness of the biodiversity to be found on campus and any potential for this to be used as an educational resource, as well as the importance of biodiversity in general.

9. Increase interest and awareness of biodiversity issues using interpretation/information panels at strategic points through the estate.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Prevent the over-consumption of energy and other resource and reduce the production of waste, and the release of substances harmful to the biosphere.

2. Maintain purchasing policies which favor environmentally-benign, post-consumer, bio degradable, and non-toxic products wherever possible.

3. Encourage all members of the SRMIST to be environmentally aware and the university's Environmental Policy to be well publicized.

4. Encourage all members of the SRMIST to Re-think/Reduce/Re-use/Recycle. Given the costs that recycling entails, reduce and reuse options shall always be considered first.

5. Seek additional ways of achieving our goal of being environmentally safe and responsible.

WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

1. Ensuring that waste management is performed by all legislative waste requirements, including the duty of care, and to plan for future legislative changes and to mitigate their effects.
2. To minimize waste generation at the source and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling over the disposal of wastes, where it is cost-effective.
3. To provide clearly defined roles, responsibilities to identify, and coordinate each activity within the waste management chain.
4. To promote environmental awareness to increase and encourage waste minimization, reuse and recycling.
5. To secure where possible revenue for recyclable material to reinvest into the expansion of recycling opportunities on the campus and halls of residences.
6. To ensure the safe handling and storage of wastes on campus and halls of residences.
7. To provide appropriate training for staff, students and other stakeholders on waste management issues.
8. To promote industry waste management best practice.
9. To promote the use of recycled products.
10. To appoint a competent person(s) to provide waste management advice.

E-WASTE POLICY

The SRMIST has committed towards the maintenance of the friendly ecosystem of its campus. In order to maintain the wellbeing and healthy environment in the campus, the standard process for e-waste Management is put in practice for proper disposal of end of life, and non-functioning electronic computing equipment's after reducing, reusing and refurbishing to the maximum.

The broad policy guidelines are

❑ Each department to consolidate the end of life and non-functioning electronic and computing equipment's.

❑ To minimize the new procurement of IT Assets, the centralized ITKM department initiates the process for reusing through refurbishment/recycling of electronic and electrical components, replace the spares and repairing the non-functioning the IT assets to reduce the e-waste to the maximum.

❑ The centralized ITKM department to consolidate the final non-functioning electronic and computing components and put forward the proposal to purchase committee once in a year for proper disposal of e-waste without causing any environmental problems.

PAPER POLICY

1. Purchasing paper with greater recycled and post-consumer content, when economically feasible;

2. Printing and copying double-sided, when appropriate;

3. Allowing and encouraging students to submit double-sided assignments by Encourage web-based assignments.

POLICY FRAMEWORK

1. Solar Panels
2. Biogas plants
3. Solar Water Heaters
4. Utilization of Public Transport

1. Biocompost
2. E-waste Management
3. Recycling

1. SRM Cycles -Pedal
2. Electric Vehicles
3. Shuttle Services
4. Campus Connect Buses
5. Public Transport

1. Green Practices
2. Pond Renovation
3. Planting trees
4. Blood donation camps
5. Advocacy on community health

1. Rain Water Harvesting
2. Waste Water Treatment Plant
3. RO Reject Water Reusing

Reducing Carbon Emission

Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling

Travel & Transport

SRMIST Sustainability

Biodiversity & Ecosystems Conservation

Water Management