## INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC) GANJAM COLLEGE, GANJAM

## **Environmental Policy**

The increasing concentration of GHGs and the imminent threat that the climate change pose makes it important for educational institution like ours to rise to the occasion and take necessary steps to address the crisis at its root. Moreover, Ganjam College is located at the backdrop of a pious and serene environment. It is situated on the bank of river Rushikulya, the famed breeding ground for the Olive Ridley Turtle and surrounded by the aromatic Kewra plants . The presence of this college in this unique ecosystem makes it an environment friendly campus. Our environmental policy is in conformity with the policy of the Government.

Purpose of the policy

- The policy aims to minimize the increasing carbon foot print.
- To sensitize all the stakeholders towards sustainable practices.
- To undertake eco-friendly initiatives.
- Aims to ensure a pollution and plastic free campus.
- To preserve, conserve and protect fauna and flora.

Environmental Issues the policy aims to address

- Conservation of Groundwater.
- Solid and liquid waste management.
- Energy Efficient campus and use of Renewable Energy.

## Strategies

- Installation of Rainwater Harvesting System and Ground Water Recharge point.
- Installation of Solar Panel and use of LED bulbs for efficient energy use.
- Segregation of waste at its source and proper coordination with the NAC authority.
- The college will aim to install vermi composting technology to convert organic waste into manure.
- Conservation of wetland that surrounds the college for the preservation of unique fauna and flora.
- Identification of unique Fauna and flora and its preservation.
- To conduct energy audit and green audit.
- The college will strive to reduce the use of papers in administration by going digital.
- Prioritising Environment and issues related to environment in Curriculum.
- The college will promote 3Rs.
- Promote use of EVs and Bicycle.
- The college will at appropriate time take the decision to ban the single use plastic.

## Review:

IQAC conducts periodic review meeting to ensure effective implementation of the strategies laid above. IQAC conducts Internal Green Audit every year to ensure the institution's Environmental Policy is followed in true spirit by the stakeholders of the college.

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