### **NESAMONY MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

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# Policy Document: Green Campus and Plastic-Free Initiative

#### Introduction

This policy document outlines the guidelines and procedures for maintaining a green, plastic-free campus. The initiative aims to promote environmental sustainability, reduce plastic waste, and enhance the campus's natural beauty.

#### **Objectives**

- > Create a plastic-free campus environment.
- > Encourage the use of sustainable materials for campus activities.
- > Promote tree plantation and gardening.
- Ensure the maintenance and care of the campus greenery.

### 1. Plastic-Free Campus Initiative

#### **Guidelines:**

- ➤ No Plastic Covers: Prohibit the use of plastic covers and bags on campus.
- > Sustainable Alternatives: Encourage the use of leaves, bamboo plates, and other eco-friendly materials for functions and events.
  - **Ban on Plastic Plates:** Avoid the use of plastic plates and cutlery in all campus activities and events.

# Implementation:

- Awareness Campaigns: Conduct regular campaigns to educate the campus community about the importance of reducing plastic use.
- ➤ **Distribution of Alternatives:** Provide alternatives such as cloth bags, bamboo plates, and leaf plates to students and staff.
- ➤ **Monitoring:** Establish a monitoring system to ensure compliance with the plastic-free policy.

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### 2. Tree Plantation and Campus Gardening

#### **Guidelines:**

- ➤ Monthly Plantation: Conduct a minimum of two tree plantation activities each month.
- > Care for Existing Plants: Ensure that no existing plants or trees are disturbed during campus activities or construction.
- ➤ Gardening: Encourage the maintenance of gardens and green spaces on campus.

#### Implementation:

- ➤ **Eco Club:** Making Eco Club responsible for organizing plantation drives, gardening activities, and maintaining green spaces.
- > Student Involvement: Involve students in gardening and plantation activities to instill a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

#### Responsibilities:

- **Eco Club**: Organize and execute plantation drives, maintain gardens, and promote eco-friendly practices.
- > Faculty and Staff: Encourage and participate in green initiatives and educate students about the importance of sustainability.

## 3. Maintenance and Monitoring

#### Guidelines:

- > Regular Inspections: Conduct regular inspections to ensure the campus remains clean, green, and plastic-free.
- Maintenance Schedules: Develop and follow a schedule for the maintenance of gardens and green spaces.
- ➤ **Record Keeping:** Maintain records of plantation drives, types of plants, and the growth progress of newly planted trees.

# Implementation:

- ➤ Monthly Reports: The Eco Club will submit monthly reports to the IQAC
- ➤ Feedback Mechanism: Establish a feedback mechanism for students and staff to report concerns or suggest improvements related to the green campus initiative.



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# 4. Policy Compliance and Review Guidelines:

- ➤ **Compliance:** Ensure all members of the campus community adhere to the guidelines set forth in this policy.
- > Review: Conduct an annual review of the policy to assess its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments.

The Green Campus and Plastic-Free Initiative is a critical step towards creating a sustainable and environmentally friendly campus. By adhering to the guidelines and actively participating in the proposed activities, the campus community can significantly reduce its environmental footprint and contribute to a greener future. The success of this initiative depends on the collective efforts of students, faculty, and staff, fostering a culture of environmental stewardship and responsibility.



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