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Policy for Green Initiatives and Plastic Free Environment

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Introduction:

Maharashtra Mahavidyalaya Nilanga has a 'Clean and Green' campus with a huge variety of plant bio-diversity. It also hosts numerous flora and fauna blooming in different seasons culminating in an ever green, colourful and highly oxygenated campus. It has a strong environmental ecology sustained by underground water drainage system and regular gardening and maintenance works. Systematized and scheduled tasks of pruning, weeding out the unwanted shrubs and bushes, and providing necessary medications for pest control make the campus orderly and organized. To keep the campus green, clean and sustainable, college has intensively institutionalized the policy of Green and Plastic Free Campus. It has taken a number of initiatives and organized consistent activities. This policy aims to promote environmental sustainability and reduce plastic waste on our campus. By implementing green initiatives and fostering of plastic-free environment, we commit to protecting the College campus free from plastic by adopting and educating students awareness among them.

Objectives:-

1. To support green practices and foster energy efficiency.
2. To maintain greenery for healthy and robust ecology by institutionalizing maintenance works.
3. To increase and preserve plant bio-diversity for sustainable ecology with diverse flora and fauna.
4. To minimise plastic usage and eliminate single-use plastic on campus and encourage alternatives.
5. To enhance environmental awareness by educating the students of college and staff about sustainability practices.
6. To reuse the wastes wherever possible and contribute to sustainable development.

Initiatives for Plastic free Campus

- **Landscaping.** Sustainable infrastructure is a vital part of the college campus providing space for study, play, outdoor events. Green campus and landscape also helps to recharge ground water, clean and cool air in campus there are number of trees, herbs, shrubs, medicinal plants and ornamental plants, on campus along with grass cover. Green cover of the college is home for number of insects and birds. Our College and staff, NSS, NCC Units are involved in the green campus activities.
- **Irrigating and Gardening Works:** Underground drip irrigation system is installed in the campus for maintaining moisture required for the plants to grow properly.
- **Green and Environment Audit:** Green and Environment Audits of the college are done through an authorized agency and the recommendations of the Auditor are followed.
- **Increasing Plant Bio-diversity:** To increase plant bio-diversity and to help the birds to have proper habitats. The attempt of the college is to plant such trees that they bear fruits. The tree plantation activities are consciously planned keeping in view the already planted trees and those that are needed for better plant bio-diversity.
- **Ban on Single-use Plastics:** Single-use plastic bottles, carry bags and other utilities are prohibited in the premises of Maharashtra Mahavidyalaya Nilanga including in the canteen, classrooms and the laboratories. Considering that the Government of India has banned single-use plastics due to its hazardous effect to environment, bags straws, cutlery and containers on campus are also prohibited.
- **Reusable Alternatives:** College takes initiatives to encourage the students to use reusable water bottles, coffee cups and food containers in the campus or elsewhere.

- **Green practices.** We promote energy saving measures such as using energy efficient lighting and appliances. We also encourage turning off the lights and electronics equipment when not in use.
- **Sustainable transportation:** College supports and promotes sustainable transport options like walking, public transit and prohibit the entry of vehicles etc.
- **Education and Awareness:** MMN endeavours to host regular workshops and seminars on sustainability topics and best practices. Students and staff involvement through annual observances such as World Environment Day, Earth Day, No Single use of Plastics.
- **Recycling and Waste Management:** We have placed clearly labelled recycling bins for degradable and non-degradable wastes. The collection and disposal of the solid waste is done through municipal council's vehicle. Our college has system for collection, identification and disposal of solid, liquid, and chemical wastes accordingly.
- **Communication:** We use posters and digital platforms to keep the campus informed about green initiatives. Special activities are organized to create awareness among the stakeholders for sensitizing them regarding these necessary corrective measures for stopping the global warming and decrease the ill-effects of environment degradation.
- **Encourage students and staffs:** By various activities like *Swachhata Abhiyaan* campus clean and plastic free campus are organized in the college. There are also activities which are organized to participate in the cleaning the temples and other public places for sensitizing the public about the value of cleanliness and also to contribute to the clean environment.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Regular reviews conduct annual reviews of the policy to access effectiveness and make necessary adjustment. The initiatives are monitored and evaluated through Green Club established in the college.
- **Feedback mechanism:** establish channel for feedback and suggestions from the students staffs and community to improve the policy and implementation.

- **Water Conservation.** Our college has water circulation system which is maintained regularly. We have water harvesting done in the campus. We store and re-use the water discharged through the RO filter system for watering the greenery and trees in the campus.


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