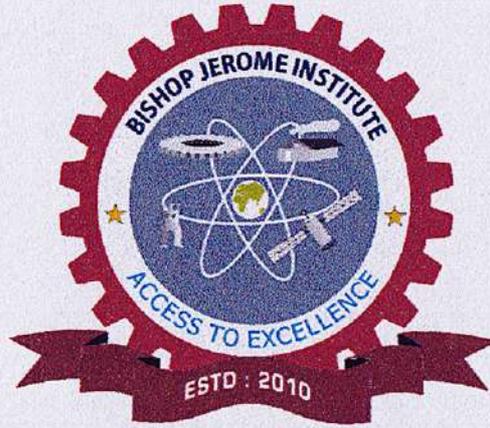


ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



BISHOP JEROME INSTITUTE

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Policy on Environmental Consciousness

It is the policy of **Bishop Jerome Institute (BJI)** to include environment conservation in decision making at all levels and to ensure awareness about conservation of environment and natural resources.

It is the policy of BJI to encourage projects and initiatives on afforestation, landscape and ecosystem restoration, soil and water conservation, quality maintenance, waste management, green energy resources and climate change mitigation.

Statement of the Policy:

The Policy of BJI is to conserve natural environment, develop sustainable solutions, innovations and startups, promote rural technologies and control energy consumption in order to:

- Build awareness among students about the importance of conservation of natural resources and development of sustainable environments for national prosperity.
- Facilitate development of technologies in rural India for inclusive growth.
- Adopt a fair, ethical and environment-friendly approach, which incorporates everything from implementation to training of students through intuitions.
- Evolve futuristic technologies and develop engineering design that could be pivotal for the sustainable utilization of the augmented natural resources.
- Help build up a society that has conservation-oriented aptitude and exists in harmony with nature.

Policy Objectives:

The long-term goals for the institution include:

- To educate and engage students and employees on environmental concerns and sustainability.
- To recognize and appreciate the efforts of students and institution towards environment conservation and sustainable development.
- To promote innovation and startups for sustainable development



- To help and encourage the Institution to adopt working styles and evolve R&D programs that could turn them into a carbon-negative institute.
- To include environmental policy in all related and applicable policies of BJI.
- To take into account environment, occupational health and safety aspects in planning and decision making.
- To encourage rural development programs and provide the region with professional resources support from the college
- To encourage projects and initiatives on afforestation, landscape and ecosystems restoration, water conservation, water quality maintenance, waste management, clean energy resources and climate change mitigation.
- To develop collaborations of the college with key Government flagship programs and foster collaborations between governance, knowledge institutions and local committees.
- To become an institution totally compliant to ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.

Policy Implementation:

BJI understands that ecological sustainability is a key component of its social responsibility and therefore, strives to make an impact on environment conservation by inspiring environment-friendly, professional and safe operations among the students of the College. This includes conserving scarce resources such as raw materials, energy and water, as well as avoiding and reducing CO₂ emission and wastes.

BJI has adopted a fair, ethical and environment-friendly approach that incorporates everything from production to management and training of students in the Institution.

Scope:

1. The College shall include the Policy on Environmental consciousness in all the policies and strategies.
2. Institution shall mention the activities and initiatives undertaken under this environment policy in its Annual Report and ensure publication of the same on the institution website.



Inclusion in Curriculum:

1. BJI Curriculum to include subjects that enhance Environment Management and conservation awareness and knowledge, as far as possible, within the limitations of the curriculum of the affiliating University.
2. Student Induction Program to include awareness on Environment and activities like visit to nearby villages.
3. Approved courses to ideally incorporate and duly consider inclusion of engineering in Environment, marine, water technologies, carbon engineering etc.. that can help develop technologies for enhancing or safeguarding the environment.
4. Facilitate development of research areas such as drinking water, agricultural and rural industries etc.. which have development aspects.
5. BJI activity point to be made part of Curriculum (through internship policy); BJI Activity points include the following.
 - a. Plan to create local job opportunities.
 - b. Plan to improve education quality
 - c. Development of a sustainable water management system.
 - d. Plan to improve health consciousness amongst students and the community alike
 - e. Promote and plan to participate in the national drive to promote low-cost sanitation facility accessible to every citizen.
 - f. Plan innovative approaches to promote local tourism as Kollam is geographically one of the beautiful land on earth.
 - g. Pursue technological solutions that will improve quality of life
 - h. Implement solutions for energy conservation
 - i. Plan to upskill and provide employment to youngsters
 - j. Explore localized techniques to reduce construction cost



- k. Implement plans to bring gender equity and more women to leadership roles and to productively contribute in social and economic issues
 - l. In line with the college's green campus initiative, increase efficiency in waste management system, in addition to the already implemented improvements.
 - m. Initiatives to productively contribute in any national level initiative of the Government of India, like Digital India / Skill India / Swatch Bharat Internship, etc..
6. Inclusion of human values as a credit course in the 3rd or 4th year. The curriculum, as developed by NCC-IP (National Coordinating Committee - Induction Program) would be taught. One of the modules includes Harmony with Nature, which is about environmental conservation and sustainable development.
7. Environmental Awards:
- a. The College shall consider instituting Awards for Rural development initiatives, environment development initiatives, sustainable development initiatives, etc., to be announced for institutions annually.
 - b. Promote and initiate other awards among and within institutions for enhancing awareness and implementation of Environment Management and Sustainable Development.

(inclusion and implementation of the above in the curriculum will be subject to approval by the affiliating university as BJI is only an affiliated educational institution).

Issued as approved by the Institutional Academic Council.

Policy Approved by:

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Principal
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Environment Policy Statement

Bishop Jerome Institute (BJI) commits itself to maintain, protect and enhance the environment of the campus by reducing any negative impact on the environment arising from its various activities by:

- Consciously conserving natural resources
- Reducing paper, plastic and bio-waste.
- Implementing adequate waste management system, namely:
 - Systematical collection and segregation of waste in separate containers;
 - utilization of general incinerator, lady's incinerator, etc..
 - Contractual tie-up with authorized waste collecting entity.
- Responsibly handling of e-waste, plastic and chemical wastes
- Optimizing water usage.
- Re-cycling of water by systematically harvesting rain water; and recycling of the pond water
- Optimizing the energy consumption for various activities within the campus
- Creating a culture of environmental consciousness
- Complying with all statutory obligations with respect to environmental protection.
- Making best efforts to improve the campus to be the best environment friendly one.
- Adopting possible afforestation efforts.
- Conduct regular Environment Awareness Programs.

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