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7.1.3 Quality audits on environment and energy regularly undertaken by the Institution. The institutional environment and energy initiatives are confirmed through the following

The strengthening of the Eco Green Club in the college has been a foremost concern of the IQAC since this accreditation cycle. The college sought to address the looming environmental crisis through a series of simultaneous initiatives addressing, to the best of its ability the diverse issues inherent in the same. As the very survival of the planet is at stake due to environmental pollution and climate change among other factors, threatening the survival of all created species it is imperative to respond responsibly to the situation so that the condition of the earth may be salvaged while it is still reversible.

Measures undertaken in this context by the institution: The Eco Club under the guidance of the IQAC has adopted the following measures in its effort to institutionalize its environmental policy:

- It has re-purposed the existing Rainwater Harvesting System in the institution, collecting and discharging/distributing 280000 liters of water annually for groundwater recharge through recharge pits and waste water management in the cisterns and toilets of the ground floor.
- The Eco Green Club has collaborated with the Swachh Bharat Mission team in the college to accomplish the greening of the campus, the segregation of dry and wet waste, the minimizing of the use of plastic, putting up appropriate signage for the edification of students, renovation of the hostel, fitting it with dedicated water filter (AquaGuard), and the renovation and modernization of the washrooms for the students.
- The institution has switched over largely to LED appliances to cut down on energy consumption.
- A number of non-teaching teaching staff members use bicycles and the majority of students and faculty members, including the Principal use public transport.
- Earth Day is celebrated almost every year with a renewed focus on the greening of the campus and sometimes with the distribution of potted plants.
- A strip of land at the back of one of the buildings which was earlier left vacant has now been turned into a garden, narrow though it is.
- * The college campus multiple plants in single pots have been introduced in the micro-ecology of the institution.
- A Green Audit of the college has been conducted by the Centre for Contemporary Communication, an NGO committed to the protection of the environment. NGO - TRYAM
- The Eco Club took the initiative in the installation of a sanitary napkin additional

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vending machine (funded by the Company) in to keep the environment clean.



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- The College has a 20 KW Solar Roof top Grid Connection Energy System that is fully donated/funded by the Atul Foundation, Atul Ltd.given by our Chairman Swati Lalbhai.
- The institution has a method of e-waste disposal in place whereby it sells its discarded electronic items to a company, recycles electronic gadgets and paper as far as possible, and has resisted the use of air- conditioners as far as possible (using energy-saving models wherever possible).WE tied up with TRYAM NGO for the Waste Management Programme and Green Campus drive .
- Regular programmes are held in the college to make the students aware of environmental concerns. Students are also taken to environmental programmes organized on World Environment Day Day and to other relevant events.
- Student volunteers under the pioneering efforts of the Eco Green Club have also participated in clean-up drives in the locality.
- It has been difficult to keep the immediate environs of the college clean because of the lack of awareness on the part of the local people. The college has repeatedly approached Nagarpalika of the ward to look into the matter.. Our Eco Club volunteers have also gone on a door-to-door campaign to spread awareness on the subject. Our NSS volunteers too have sought to educate the residents of a nearby slum to use toilets and keep thecivic spaces clean.
- **Outcome:** The institution, through these and other proposed measures in the future intends to remain committed to the cause of protecting the planet from environmental damage to the extent that it is capable of and thus discharge an aspect of its Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR).
- The students who have become sensitized about the need to protect the earth's environment have now started to organize programmes on the subject themselves enlightening their peers about the latter and it is to be hoped that this beneficial influence will thus percolate further through the ripple effect.
- The students and staff members have lessened their dependence on paper (by switching to digital means and recycling paper whenever possible) and on plastic (by embracing glass and metal).
The institution, as a whole has cut down its energy consumption by changing over to LED lights and solar power.

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- **Students, staff using bicycles and public transport:**

- a) **Bicycles:**

- Most of the male Supporting Staff members use bicycles.

- b) **Public Transport:**

- Most of the students and many of the Staff members including the Principal and Secretary use public transport.

- c) **Pedestrian Friendly Roads:**

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- **Plastic free campus:**

- a) The campus is sought to be rendered plastic-free as far as possible.

- b) Plastic water bottles have been replaced by glass and metal ones.

- c) Signage for a plastic-free campus has been strategically displayed.

- d) Seminars organized by the Eco Club has sought to popularize the use of natural fibres such as jute in lieu of plastic.

- **Paperless office:**

- a) The institution has a fully automated, wifi-enabled office with a policy of using recycled paper whenever feasible.

- b) From the maintenance of students' records and the institutional accounts and payroll to most other work the office minimizes the use of paper.

- **Green landscaping with trees and plants**

- a) As the institution does not have grounds and most of the area is in the form of built up infrastructure it makes optimal use of potted plants, and of whatever

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grounds it has.

It has a herbal garden and a sylvan strip.

Date	Program	Activity
7/2/22	Green Club Association	Tree Plantation
25/2/22	Drip irrigation Treatment to Plant	Allow water to drip
1/3/22	Eco club & NSS organized Programme for T-shirt Distribution	Involvement of student in activity
28/4/22	Eco Club Shah Nhcc Mou with nursery	Plantation in college campus
4/6/22	World Environment Day	Celebration
19/7/22	Dr.Bhairviben Joshi visited regarding waste management programme and Green campus	To create awareness of waste management
25/7/22	Launched programme on clean and green campus	To create awareness of clean environment

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