

Shiv Nadar University

Environment Policy

Shiv Nadar University (SNU) is committed to maintaining, and wherever possible, improving the quality of its environment, both for the people who live and work in the University and for the wider community. Accordingly, the Environment Policy of SNU seeks to make the most effective and efficient use of all University resources, to regulate all academic and extra-curricular activities as well as services within the Campus and in designated areas outside the Campus so as to minimize any adverse environmental impact, to comply with relevant legislations, and it encourages all members of the University community to develop a sustainable approach to their work and lifestyle.

Scope

The Environment Policy applies at each stage of development of academics and extracurricular activities as well as services, from research through to full-scale operation, in all its domains. It applies to every stage in the life cycle of the process and services i.e. a cradle to grave assessment. It applies to new as well as existing processes and services.

Implementation

A. In implementing the Environment Policy, SNU will

- Use standards of environmental safety, which are scientifically sustainable and commonly acceptable.
- Review and continuously improve processes, performance of services and operations as measured by their environmental impact.
- Work in cooperation with members of fraternity, government agencies, relevant environmental bodies, suppliers, transporters, caterers and service providers to promote achievement of high standards in environmental care.
- Promote responsibly, and show case real advantages it has achieved without making false or misleading claims on environmental protection.

B. SNU undertakes

- To appoint and empower a member of SNU to oversee all environmental matters and to manage relevant communication both internally and externally.
- To analyze the University's environmental footprint and initiate changes necessary to improve the University's environmental performance.
- To comply with all local and national environmental laws and regulations.
- To comply with all government guidelines and codes of practice.
- To operate the best practices in accordance with guidelines produced by SNU or an appropriate body.
- To cooperate and interact with national and local authorities concerned with protection of the environment.
- To participate, whenever possible, with consultative bodies advising on environmental legislation and thereby substantially contribute to provide and enhance local knowledge and experience vis-a-vis international attitudes.
- To operate the University in a manner which demonstrate awareness of the nature and extent of the impact on the environment.
- To maintain effective procedures, consistent with available technology, to prevent environmental incidents.
- To store and use chemicals or other materials in a safe manner and in such a way as to minimize risks of pollution incidents.

- To maintain procedures enabling quick response in the event of a hazardous accident, thereby minimizing environmental damage or nuisance.
- To minimize usage of raw materials through optimization of process controls, especially in chemical and fuel related operations.
- To maximize the energy efficiency of processes, thereby minimizing emission of carbon dioxide and other flue gases and discharging them in a safe way
- To fully assess the environmental impact of new processes completely at the design stage.
- To obtain raw materials of precise chemical composition from material suppliers to design good disposal techniques after its end-use. This procedure prevent disposal of even trace quantities of material which may be harmful to the environment.
- To recycle waste or recover economically useful materials from waste as far as is reasonably practicable.
- To provide appropriate training for user groups, emphasizing individual responsibilities for sound environmental management.
- To carry out internal audits to demonstrate compliance with policy and local and national regulations.
- To maintain procedures for the investigations of all environmental incidents, requests and complaints and to take reasonably practicable action (wherever possible)to prevent or minimize its recurrence.
- To practice good housekeeping which is fundamental for a sound environmental management system.

C. The Policy will be implemented at the operating level. The overall responsibility for implementation and maintaining standards of the Environment Policy rests with the Safety Officer. S/He will

- Take steps in protecting the environment through continuous improvement in the environment impact of SNU operations.
- Meet or exceed the requirement of legislation.
- Increase environmental awareness by appropriate training of user groups.
- Ensure that in the implementation of the policy, SNU is able to call upon expertise available from suitable specialists within or outside the University campus.

All individuals have specific responsibility for the implementation of the policy in areas of their control. They are required to ensure that all activities are conducted in a responsible manner, which is compatible with the objectives of the SNU Environment Policy.

All individuals have a duty to observe rules and practices, which apply to the job or work area in which they are employed, and to report any faults or malpractice to their immediate supervisor. They should be aware of any action which may have an effect on environmental issues and at all times must co-operate with SNU to ensure that legal requirements, the Environmental Policy and internal procedures are satisfied.