

## **Waste Management Policy**

### **Introduction**

Dev Samaj College of Education, Chandigarh was established under the aegis of Dev Samaj Society in 1981 with a mission to bring reforms in society through women education. It is a premier institution of North India championing the cause of Teacher Education with courses like B.Ed., M.Ed., Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance & Counselling, Post Graduate Diploma in Child Guidance & Family Counselling, Diploma in Nursery Teacher Training (DNTT), Nursery Teacher Training (NTT) and Yoga Teacher Training (YTT). The following attributes highlight the eminent position of our institute in the region:

- Government aided institution, affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh and Recognised by UGC
- First college in northern region to be recognized by NCTE in the year 1997
- Accredited and reaccredited by NAAC thrice: -in 2002 with Four Star status, -in 2010 with highest 'A' grade and -in 2017 with 'A' grade with an improved CGPA of 3.22

### **Scope of the Policy**

The policies and initiatives for the conservation of energy, environment and green campus activities will develop a positive attitude towards nature and will create challenge for protecting our resources amongst the prospective teachers. Being the future nation builders of the society, the student teachers are expected to disseminate the same to the young generations of the schools through various activities.

### **Objectives of the Policy**

1. To make student teachers understand the importance of environment and its problem areas.

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2. To educate student teachers to create awareness amongst public.
3. To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within and outside the campus.
4. To work with the local community to enhance the environment protection practices and energy conservation strategies among the rural community.

### **Policies at a Glance**

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### **Preamble**

Proper Environment management is essential for sustainable development of all living organisms including humankind. The institution realizes that protection of environment is the part of social responsibility of the student teachers who are going to become torchbearers of the society. College takes various measures to protect environment include awareness policies, waste management plastic free campus initiatives and rainwater harvesting.

### **Statement**

Dev Samaj college of Education, Chandigarh has a clear waste management policy for disposing off dry, wet, e-waste and waste water management.

### **Objectives**

- Segregating solid waste on daily basis
- Reducing the quantity of solid waste disposed off in the campus
- Reusing and recycling the solid waste wherever possible
- Taking efforts to make the campus Plastic free
- Creating environmental consciousness through observation of various days

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### **Action Plan**

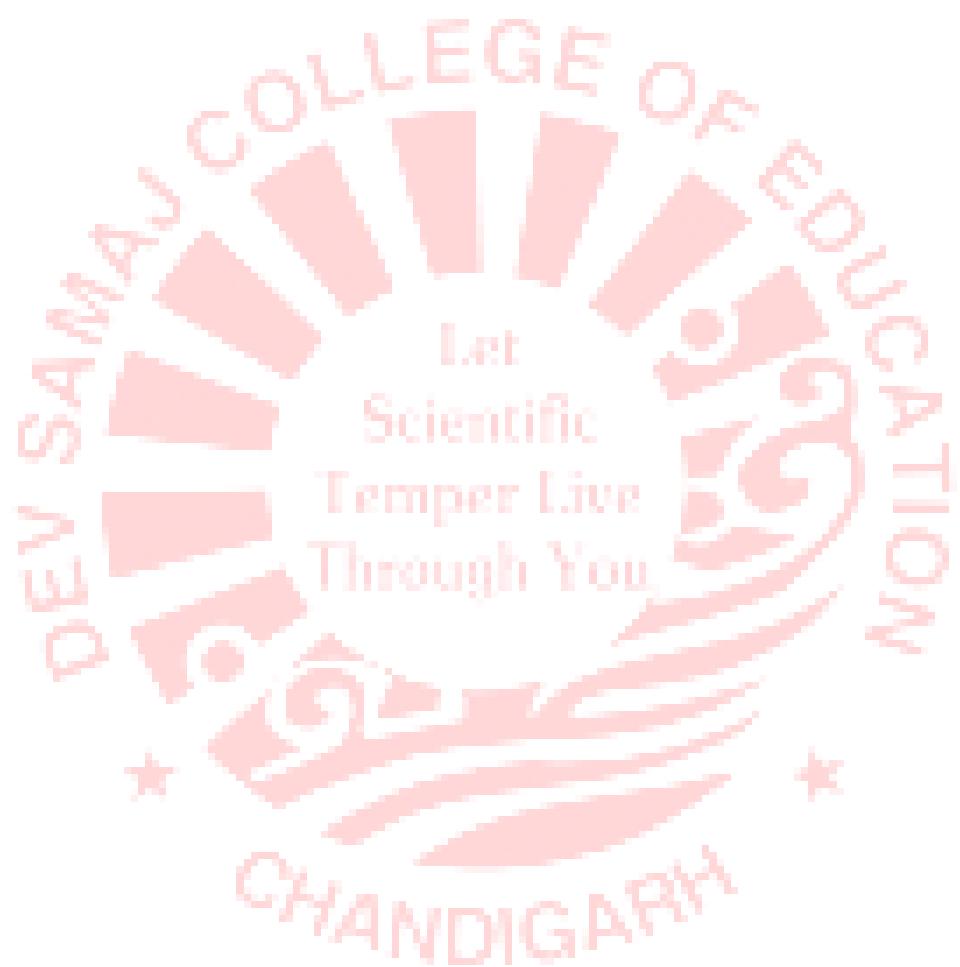
Dev Samaj College of Education is committed to take appropriate measures to reduce solid waste and reuse them wherever possible in the following ways:

1. Segregation of waste is done on daily basis. Almost all solid waste generated is segregated.
2. There are separate-coloured bins for dry (blue) and wet (green) waste.
3. Use of Jute and cloth bags is encouraged for the faculty as well as students.
4. The dry saleable materials like paper, files, plastic, old furniture and other waste is regularly sold to recycling agents thus generating some income for outreach activities. The waste thus collected from the campus is collected by the garbage collectors and recycled as per the policy of Municipal Council, Chandigarh Administration.
5. The wet waste such as kitchen and garden waste are disposed of into the dustbins earmarked for the purpose.
6. The wet waste is recycled into the vermicompost pit dug for the purpose which is monitored from time to time.
7. E-waste bin has been placed in the corridor to collect E-Waste.
8. Instead of taking CD'S from students, data is taken in Pen drives or through email and students upload the pdf of the assignments in Google classroom.
9. Consciousness is created among staff and students about the ways in which waste is generated and the means by which they can reduce waste generation and manage the waste they produce by following the five "R" principle of reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse and regenerate.
10. Collaborated with "Karo Sambhav", an NGO for the disposal of e-waste.
11. Collaborated with scrap dealers to recycle waste paper collected from campus.
12. Use of sanitary napkin incinerator for eco-friendly disposal.

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13. Creating environmental consciousness through observation of various days of importance such as car pool day, world bicycle day, world environment day, plastic free day, world water day, energy conservation day, van mahotsava, wildlife week etc.
14. Students are encouraged to minimize e-waste by submitting assignments in google classroom, through email and pen drive and not on paper and CD's.
15. E-Waste is safely disposed off in E-waste bin obtained by CREST kept in the corridor. For reducing use of E-waste by avoiding to take assignments on paper sheets as far as possible. The college takes care of the safe disposal of e-waste such as camera, hard disk, mobiles, printers, UPS, laptops, CPU, mouse, scanner, cables, old computers, electrical switches, LCD Monitor, photo copier, fax Machines, pumps and other miscellaneous items.
16. *Wall of Kindness* is a noble initiative to use the college boundary wall for promoting reuse of old materials and sustainability started by the Peace club of the college in association with Yuvsatta, an NGO. This is the first ever "Wall of Kindness" in the city, started in the campus which has been in operation since 2016 with an objective of bridging the divides between 'Have & Have-nots' segment of society and to promote human bonds and friendship in peace city Chandigarh. The Wall of Kindness is a symbol of charity and concern for the needy and underprivileged. Teachers and students donate clothes and other materials to the poor people to meet the cause of this project. This wall is always open for the needy to take things whenever required. People donate articles, clothes etc. and the needy pick them up without any humiliation. The citizens are also depositing books, toys and footwear apart from clothes. The motto is "Take what you need. Leave what you don't".
17. *Vermicomposting* tub is there in the campus which is a method of using worms to transform organic waste into a nutrient-rich fertilizer. The main

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