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Government Degree College

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ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT
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The REST Pvt Ltd acknowledges with thanks the cooperation extended to our team for completing the study at Sri Chintalapati Varapasada Murthy Raju Government Degree College (SCHVPMR).

The interactions and deliberations with SCHVPMR team were exemplary and the whole exercise was thoroughly a rewarding experience for us. We deeply appreciate the interest, enthusiasm, and commitment of SCHVPMR team towards environmental sustainability.

We are sure that the recommendations presented in this report will be implemented and the SCHVPMR team will be further improve their environmental performance.

Kind regards

Your sincerely



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Executive Summary

The growth of countries across the world is leading to increased consumption of natural resources. There is an urgent need to establish environmental sustainability in every activity we do. In a modern economy, environmental sustainability will play a critical role in the very existence of an organization.

An educational institution is no different. Built environment, especially an educational institution, has a considerable footprint on the environment. Impact on the environment due to energy Consumption, water usage and waste generation in an educational institute is prominent. Therefore, there is an imminent need to reduce the overall environmental footprint of the institution.

As an Institution of higher learning, Sri Chintalapati Varaprasada Murthy Raju Government Degree College (SCHVPMR) firmly believes that there is an urgent need to address the environmental challenges and improve their environmental footprint.

True to its belief, SCHVPMR has implemented rainwater harvesting in the campus. Continuing with rainwater harvesting, the college can also investigate the following recommendations:

- **Attain water positive status:** SCHVPMR should focus on capturing the harvested rainwater to substitute freshwater consumption, work on sustainable groundwater beyond the fence and create a framework towards attaining water positive status over a period. Presently, SCHVPMR is consuming nearly 1500 L of fresh water per day. Since metering is not available, the water consumption is calculated rather than measure value. The first step is to increase the water conservation activities in the campus to reduce water consumption at source. The next step is to increase the rainwater harvesting capacity to completely offset the freshwater requirements of the plant. Sri Chintalapati Varaprasada Murthy Raju Government Degree College can also explore adopting lakes, desilting of ponds and restoration of water bodies in localities surrounding the campus. Water getting harvested in those structures can offset the freshwater consumption of the college.
- **Install water efficient fixtures:** The best way to conserve water is at the source. Therefore, SCHVPMR will have to install water efficient fixtures to reduce water consumption. Some of the water efficient fixtures are:
 - Waterless urinals
 - Electronic taps (e-taps)
 - Electronic flush urinals (e-flush)
 - Foam taps
 - Spring loaded push taps
 - Low flush cistern
- **Install water flow meters:** Water flow meters are vital in understating the water consumption patterns of the campus. Presently, the water consumption is calculated rather than being

measured. Water flow meters gives an accurate status if water consumption in the campus and from the water consumption values, the roadmap for water conservation activities can be prepared.

- **Segregate waste at source:** SCHVPMR has provided bins for waste collection. SCHVPMR must embark on awareness creation methods to increase the effectiveness of collection and provide more bins for proper waste segregation.

Environmental Audit

SCHVPMR and REST are working together to identify opportunities for improvement in water management, and waste management. This report highlights all the potential proposals for improvement through the audit and analysis of the data provided by SCHVPMR for water consumption and waste management. The report details the process conducted for the analysis such as on ground surveys performed for listing the type of water consumers with consumption per year, types of waste generated and disposal mechanisms.

Submission of Documents

Environmental audit at SCHVPMR was carried out with the help data submitted by SCHVPMR team. SCHVPMR team was responsible for collecting all the necessary data and submitting the relevant documents to REST Pvt Ltd for the study.

Preliminary Study

After the receipt of documents, a desktop review of the data for quality check, followed by preliminary study was carried out by Sustainable Living Inc. In case of discrepancy/inadequacy/non-clarity of data, REST Pvt Ltd team got in touch with the SCHVPMR team for clarification/additional information.

Environmental Audit

Data submitted and collected during the visit was used to assess the water and waste management practices of the campus and finally provide necessary recommendation for environmental improvement.

Note

Environmental audit is based on the data provided by SCHVPMR team. The scope of the study does not include the exclusive verification of various regulatory requirements related to environmental sustainability.

REST Pvt Ltd has the right to recall the study, if it finds (a) major violation in meeting the environmental regulatory requirements by the location and (b) occurrence of major accidents, leading to significant damage to ecology and environment.

Water Conservation

To achieve a water positive status by continuous reduction of freshwater consumption should be the ultimate focus of SCHVPMR. Increased and focused attention should be given to attain water sustainability in future by inculcating the discipline of water conservation.

Fresh water consumption of SCHVPMR college : 1500 L per day

Rainwater harvesting : Carried out for roof area

According to the report, 'Water in India: Situation & Prospects', India is the largest consumer of groundwater in the world with an estimated usage of 230 km³ per year. Approximately 60 per cent of the demand from agriculture and irrigation, and about 80 per cent of the domestic water demand, is met through groundwater. As per the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation nearly 90 per cent of the rural water supply is from groundwater sources. This has led to an increased pressure on aquifers and the resulting hydrological imbalance.

Recommendations for water conservation

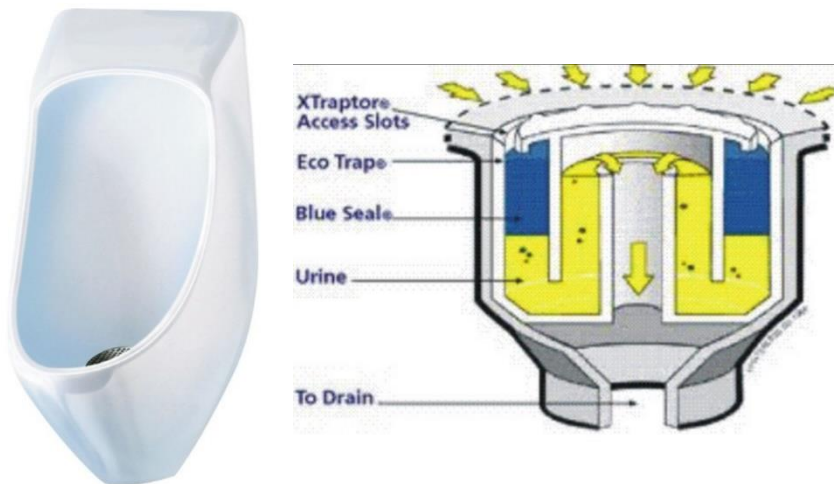
1) Waterless urinals: Waterless urinals look like regular urinals without a pipe for water intake. Men use them normally, but the urinals don't flush. Instead, they drain by gravity. Their outflow pipes conduits to a building's conventional plumbing system. In other words, unlike a composting toilet, which leaves you to deal with your waste, these urinals send the urine to a water treatment plant.

a. Urine flows into the drain insert of the EcoTrap.

b. Inside of the EcoTrap the urine moves through a floating layer of proprietary immiscible Blue Seal liquid, which creates a barrier, preventing sewer gases and urine odours from entering the restroom area.

c. The urine below the Blue Seal barrier overflows into the central tube and travels down into the drain line.

Waterless Urinal



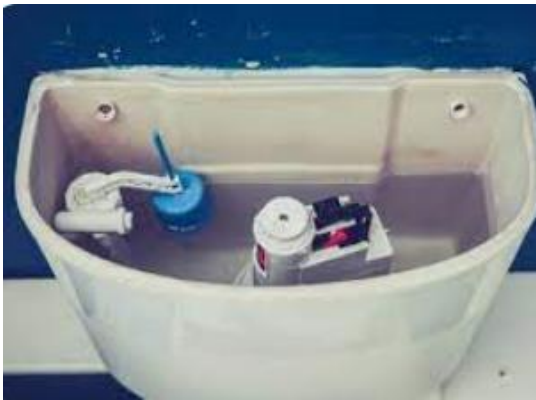
d. Approximately 1500 sanitary uses are possible with just 3 ounces of BlueSeal. When the BlueSeal liquid is gone, it is simply replenished. This only takes about 20 seconds to perform and the EcoTrap is not touched.

e. Urine sediments are retained within the EcoTrap. Replacement is easy and need only be done 2 to 4 times per year depending on traffic to the urinal. As tool called the X-Traptor must be used to remove the EcoTrap. The use of the special tool helps to minimize vandalism. The entire process of replacement only takes 3 to 4 minutes.



Waterless urinals are available for women. Indian manufacturers are supplying waterless urinals technology. Ekameco is one such company providing solution for women waterless urinals. You may visit www.ekameco.com and mail info@ekameco.com for more details on waterless urinals for women.

2) Volume reduction in flush tanks: One simple method is to add a one-liter equivalent water bottle in the flush tank thereby reducing its consumption majorly. One-liter savings in the tank will help to save approximately by 20% and doesn't require any investment.



3) Rainwater harvesting: Water harvesting or more precisely rainwater harvesting is the technique of collection and storage of rainwater at surface or in subsurface aquifer, before it is lost as surface run off. In artificial recharge, the ground water reservoirs are recharged at a rate higher than natural conditions of replenishment. According to a report by the Central Groundwater Board published in 2007, the selection of a suitable technique for artificial recharge of ground water depends on various factors. They include:

- a) Quantum of non-committed surface runoff available
- b) Rainfall pattern
- c) Land use and vegetation
- c) Topography and terrain profile
- d) Soil type and soil depth
- e) Thickness of weathered / granular zones
- f) Hydrological and hydrogeological characteristics
- g) Socio-economic conditions and infrastructural facilities available
- h) Environmental and ecological impacts of artificial recharge scheme proposed

Rainwater Harvesting Techniques in Urban Area

In urban areas rainwater is available from roof tops of buildings, paved and unpaved areas. This water could be stored and used to replace freshwater as well as used for recharging the aquifer.



4) Display water balance/conservation status at entrance of all blocks for overall involvement of all students & staff.

It is suggested to display specific water consumption numbers in terms of domestic use at the entrance of each blocks to create awareness among all students and stakeholders visiting the facility. This daily/continuous awareness creation will ultimately help in reduction of water consumption by students.

Water Saving Gadgets

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Electronic Taps (e-taps)

The latest trend in industries is to install electronic taps (e-taps). The advantages of using e-taps are as mentioned below:

- Unlike conventional taps, there is no twisting or turning in e-taps. They have a sensor, which cuts off water supply completely when not in use. This helps in saving up to 70% water during hand wash.

E-taps enable hands free operation. No fear of cross contamination or contact with germs. E taps score very high on hygiene. It is the most ideal choice for multipurpose and multi-user washrooms.

- E-taps can work efficiently up to raw water TDS of 1,800 ppm.

The touch free electronic taps, available in AC and DC models consume minimal power only. The AC model has an efficient battery back-up, while the DC model runs on just 4 alkaline batteries.



Hand wash

Foam taps

Conventional taps are used in the hand wash areas which results in wastage of large quantities of fresh water. Foam taps are a better fit in these high consumption areas. They consume 25-30% less water than conventional taps.

Foam taps



Spring loaded Push taps

Spring loaded push type tap is an alternate device for minimizing hand wash water. The spring-loaded push taps operate with the simple mechanism of pressing the knob for water. The knob is automatically released back to close position in 5-7 seconds. This saves about 30-40% of water compared to the conventional taps.

Spring loaded push taps



Low flush cistern

The latest model closets are water efficient and operate in dual mode, with a single flush releasing 2 litres of water and the dual flush releasing 4 litres per flush. This results in excellent water savings.

Low flush cisterns



Install water flow meter:

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Water Meters would have many advantages:

- Encourage water conservation - important given strain on water resources
- Encourage allocatively efficient distribution. People would consume to where the marginal cost = marginal utility
- In long term lower overall water consumption would reduce leading to even lower water bills.



Waste Management

India has drawn world's attention with its high paced urbanization and industrialization. Over the last decade, India has emerged as the fastest growing country with rapid economic growth. A renewed focus on sustainable growth and development is imperative as India strives to maintain its high GDP growth rate in its pursuit of achieving developed country status by the year 2022. However, the flip side of higher economic growth has resulted in increased consumption of the natural resources, increased waste generation and hence ecological degradation.

Present status: has initiated waste management activities inside its facility. Separate bins have been provided for different types of wastes. Waste bins are provided throughout the campus and students are being urged to use the bins effectively.

Recommendation: The waste management yard must be maintained in a similar fashion as that of a raw material storage room. Therefore, a total revamp of the waste storage yard is to be carried out. By doing so, the quality of the materials stored in the yard will not deteriorate and can be used as a raw material for a subsequent process.

Enhance awareness creation, training and capacity building

SCHVPMR should focus on implementing sustainable waste management practices. SCHVPMR should regularly interact with Pollution Control Board and TSDF operators to enhance knowledge on waste management. The team should also take efforts to communicate the waste management and other policies and activities to all students in the college.

Achieve zero liquid discharge status

SCHVPMR may install a STP to treat and recycle water. The treated water from STP can be used to substitute freshwater by utilizing the treated water in both high end and low-end applications.

Conclusion

Environmental sustainability is a continuous process and there is always a scope for improvement. SCHVPMR has displayed itself as an advocate of environmental sustainability by getting environmental audit carried out. The organization has implemented several initiatives and measures to enhance efficiency and to optimize resource intensity. The journey ahead in the path towards environmental excellence has immense scope for improvement as brought out by this report.

SCHVPMR college needs to focus and work on areas efficiency levels needs to be enhanced. For example: waste management. The observations and suggestions put forth by the report would help the facility in improving its environmental performance and pave way for ecologically sustainable growth.

This report may be taken as a guide and roadmap for achieving higher performance rating in environmental stewardship. As one of the pioneers and leaders SCHVPMR degree college shoulder the task of further 'learning-teaching-learning' to improve, excel, and continue the innovative efforts for success of their students and associates.

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Water bodies & distribution system

The major source of water for the use of both students and staff is local panchayat water connection. It is distributed to the RO plant for purification, to the toilets, to the ground, to the plantation area, to the labs and washbasins etc. Further, the college ground is on the bank of a flowing canal on two sides.

We have a rainwater harvesting pit on the campus. However, there are no open charge borewells, bunds, and waste water recycling units. Usually, waste water is streamlined towards plants.

Ro water is supplied to the students as well as staff.



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Certificate



*This is to certify that **S Ch V P M R Government Degree College, Ganapavaram , AP** is now a **Recognized Swachhta Action Plan Institution**. The Institution has successfully formed the Swachhta Action Plan Committee and constituted the working groups Post COVID-19 for **Sanitation & Hygiene, Waste Management, Water Management, Energy Management and Greenery** along with the observation of two environment related days to inculcate in faculty, students and community, the practices of Swachhta and Reduction, Reuse and Recycling of Resources.*

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