



## WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

**Context:** This Policy underlines our commitment with regard to sustainable waste management. It outlines a set of agreed aims and deliverables for all aspects of sustainability, including recycling and waste management.

The college adheres to the following principles of the waste management:

- Prevent – avoid creating waste
- Reduce – minimising the amount of waste produced
- Reuse – repair, refurbish or relocate items
- Recycle – promote segregation of waste to increase the quantity of waste recycled
- Recovery – send non-recyclable waste to energy recovery
- Disposal – this will only be used as a last resort if all other options are exhausted.

### Solid Waste Management

- Measures shall be taken for minimal or optimal use of papers: Instead of taking hard copies of documents, keep in digital format as far as possible.
- Strategies to lessen the generation of paper waste are adopted: double-sided printing, printing in reduced font size, printing in “fast draft” mode etc.
- e-billing is promoted to reduce use of paper.
- Use of paperclips (over staples) is encouraged.
- Reusing of envelopes with metal clasps and file folders by sticking a new label over the previous one is promoted.
- Dustbin system is employed for segregation of solid waste. These solid wastes including biodegradable as well as non-biodegradable materials are collected by the SLRM workers of Kokrajhar Municipal Board for recycling and productive use.
- A paper cutter machine is used for the management of (biodegradable) paper waste.
- A compost pit is functional to produce manures from biodegradable wastes in the college campus.
- Cleaning or emptying of dustbins is ensured at regular intervals daily.

### Biological waste management:



- The Girls' Common Room and the Girls' Hostel are being provided with incinerators for the hygienic disposal of sanitary napkins.

#### **E-waste management:**

- All solid wastes including e-wastes are managed properly by SLRM.
- The College makes efforts to use electronic/electrical goods to their maximum productive period before rejection.

#### **Hazardous chemicals and radioactive waste management:**

- Hazardous liquids released from the chemistry and Zoology laboratory are disposed of in a soak pit especially constructed for the safe disposal of such wastes.
- At present, no radioactive waste is generated in the College campus.
- The students are motivated to adopt eco-friendly practices about waste management, sanitation, and cleanliness.
- The students are also encouraged and mobilized for green practices and waste management through field trips for Environmental Studies, which is a compulsory subject for undergraduate students.