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Dibrugarh University Environmental Sustainability Policy

Objectives:

This policy demonstrates Dibrugarh University's commitment to environmental sustainability. This policy is aimed at minimizing the negative impacts of the activities of the University on the environment and also at maximizing the positive impact through research, teaching and operations.

Policy Statement:

Dibrugarh University is committed to

- (a) Protecting and enhancing the environment to prevent habitat and biodiversity loss, combat climate change and prevent the pollution of land, water and air.
- (b) Complying with the relevant environmental legislation, regulatory requirements and other standards.
- (c) Maintaining and continually improving the ISO140001 certified Environmental Management System (EMS) to enhance environmental performance.
- (d) Allocating responsibilities and adequate resources for the implementation of this policy.
- (e) Incorporating relevant sustainability criteria into procurement documentation to ensure suppliers meet the University's objectives when delivering services, goods and construction works.
- (f) Providing training and giving students the opportunity to embed sustainability and sustainable development into their formal or informal education.
- (g) Supporting the delivery of the Sustainable development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations: the relevant SDGs are
 - (1) Quality Education (SDG4)
 - (2) Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG6)
 - (3) Sustainable Cities and Communities (SDG11)
 - (4) Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG12)
 - (5) Climate Action (SDG13)
 - (6) Life below Water (SDG14)
 - (7) Life on Land (SDG15)

Sustainability Targets:

The University sets environmental sustainability targets, which will be reviewed and progress reported annually, against the following objectives:

- (a) Carbon and Energy: The University thrives to maximize energy efficiency and reduce absolute greenhouse gas emissions.

- (b) Water: The University thrives to increase water efficiency across the campus through design and maintenance of the campus.
- (c) Waste and Resource Use: The University thrives to promote responsible consumption, minimize the amount of waste produced and maximize reuse and recycling where generation of waste cannot be prevented.
- (d) Biodiversity: The University thrives to maintain and enhance the green spaces on the campus to support biodiversity and health and wellbeing.
- (e) Clean Air: The University thrives to contribute to reducing air pollution and mitigating the impact of poor air quality around the campus.
- (f) Construction and Refurbishment: The University thrives to manage construction, refurbishment and post-completion occupancy of the buildings of the university to reduce environmental impact and enhance wellbeing of the stakeholders.
- (g) Partnership and Community Engagement: The University thrives to collaborate with other internal and external parties to promote knowledge sharing, community engagement, and to accelerate achievement of local, regional, national and global goals.
- (h) Training and Awareness: The University thrives to raise awareness of sustainability issues and provide opportunities to develop skills and knowledge.

Sustainable Development Working Group:

The University will constitute a Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) which will have the responsibility to ensure the implementation of the Policy.

Reporting:

The SDWG will submit its report annually on the implementation of the Policy defined targets and related strategic actions to the University Authorities.

Review:

The Policy may be reviewed as and when required.