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POLICY ON THE MAINTENANCE OF HYGIENE, CLEANLINESS IN THE CAMPUS AND SURROUNDINGS - 2019

PREAMBLE

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (SBV) is a young Health Sciences Deemed-to-be-University that has been accredited by NAAC with “A” Grade in the very first cycle (November 2015).

SBV has under its ambit, five constituent colleges that include two Medical Colleges, a Dental College and two Nursing College, besides, SBV is endowed with Allied Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy, Physiotherapy and Five designated Centres that cater to the diverse needs in the frontiers of Academics, Patient Care, Research and Extension.

1.0 RELEVANCE OF CLEANLINESS IN THE CAMPUS

It is needless to state that cleanliness is important for promulgating the overall health and safety within the campus as well as in the surroundings. Garbage, Rubbish, Unused boxes and other obstacles including fringe waste items enhance the likelihood of mishaps, besides casting a poor impression on the minds of all the stakeholders. Furthermore, if a serious injury is attributed to a disorganised work environment, it can culminate in several possibilities including legal suits and a pronounced decline of productivity as well as loss of faith in the higher education institution.

Maintaining clean environs sets a good instance to students and staff alike, besides encouraging the young minds to owe allegiance to their workplace synonymous with pride and gratification, having been able to abide by the tenets of cleanliness and sanitation.

As applied to the holistic functioning of a Health Sciences University, cleanliness paves the way for curbing the spread of epidemics in the constituent colleges and thus would enable the staff and students to partake of a comfortable learning and working environment.

A sustained activity largely aimed at the overall acceptability of any campus, in general and a Health Sciences Higher Education Institution, in particular calls for protecting and maintaining college infrastructure. Electronic equipment, accessories, furnishings and other mandatory resources constitute an important facet of college infrastructure. As a corollary, cleanliness and orderliness occupies a pivotal position in the day to day functioning of the constituent colleges and Centres.

3.0 MODALITIES OF CONSERVING NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

The ideal strategy for conserving a non-renewable energy resource in the campus is aimed at the three R's namely, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

- As regards the first R solar generators could be installed thereby reducing the need for heat and electricity.
- The second R refers to Reuse, this could be enabled by repairing the equipment's instead of replacing them with the recently acquires products.
- The third R essentially refers to recycling which denotes processing of unwanted items and materials into new products without having to discard them.

Campus maintenance would take into due considerations the Three R's.

4.0 GANDHIAN PRINCIPLES AND THOUGHTS IN THE REALMS OF CLEANLINESS AND SANITATION

The second day of October 2014 witnessed a cardinal happening when the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi made a clarion call for cleanliness, neatness and sanitation. Thus, a nationwide monumental cleanliness campaign was launched synonymous with Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. The concept of Swachh Bharat unfurled itself to help provide sanitation facilities to each and every family in India. This massive initiative lay due emphasis on toilets, besides focussing attention on solid and liquid waste disposal systems. A clean rural India assumed top priority. The day has arrived, namely October 2nd, 2019 signifying the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of our nation and our commitment and dedication towards sustaining cleanliness and sanitation should be total.

'na main gandagi karoonga, na main gandagi karnedoonga' (I shall not litter and won't allow anyone to do so) should be our watchword and panacea.

Gandhiji strongly emphasized that observing cleanliness in lavatories-domestic and public should be inherently inscribed in the hearts and minds of every Indian. Gandhiji firmly believed that the cause of many a disease could be attributed to the unclean lavatories. The habit of cleanliness in the Mahatma had become ingrained into his personality. All Indians should emulate the ideals of the Mahatma in this regard.

“So long as you do not take the broom and the bucket in your hands, you cannot make your towns and cities clean”, thus emphasised the Mahatma.

“You will make your institution ideal, if besides giving the students literary education, you have made cooks and sweepers of them”. This extols the value and validity of cleanliness.

Catching the minds of the young, especially, students were an important priority for Gandhiji. “If you become your own scavengers, you will make your surroundings clean. It needs no less courage to become an expert scavenger than to win a Victoria Cross”. This still remains an evergreen quote of Gandhiji that could motivate many a student in the present era to tread on the path towards achieving optimal success in their quest for cleanliness and general hygiene.

5.0 SBV INITIATIVE TOWARDS MAINTAINING HYGIENE AND CLEANLINESS

1. Introduction of Short-term Certified Courses in:-
 - a. Patient hygiene and safety
 - b. Biomedical waste management
 - c. Cleanliness, Hygiene and Sanitation Education. This course would be planned on the lines of National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER), an Inter University institution
 - d. Occupational Biohazards in the hospital setting
2. Extending the Concept of Hygiene and Cleanliness to the Community through the Department of Community Medicine by extension activities and launch of sanitation campaign at the level of each individual at the Rural and Urban Health Centres.
3. Encouraging the Institutions and Hostels to maintain clean lavatories/wash rooms through House Keeping Maintenance and recognizing the efforts by giving special prizes to the House Keeping Official In-charge of the respective areas on the Foundation Day celebrations of SBV held on 04th August each year.
4. Inculcating the practice of cleaning hands and feet of employees and staff to maintain hygiene. Conducting programs for all staff members with respect to hygiene by installing spittoons, garbage cans for biodegradable materials separately in the Hospital in select places and also in the wards. Properly maintaining coloured containers for different type of waste materials (Hospital waste) and separate containers for Municipal waste.
5. SBV will ensure that the water saving and sanitation program will be conducted within the campus and training programs to be held to observe nodal days such as Global Hand Washing Day, World Toilet Day, etc., to express solidarity and concern.

6. SBV will strive through its constituent colleges and centres to educate the public about the perils of chewing betel leaf/chewing tobacco, smoking and consuming alcohol and to maintain oral hygiene and cleanliness.

6.0. SBV COMPLIANCE ON WASTE SEGREGATION AND DISPOSAL

a. **Statutory Requirements:**

The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and Solid Waste Management Rules will be strictly followed.

b. **Prohibition of Burning of any type of waste:**

A separate segregation yard and shed will be maintained for segregation of food and general waste separately each day. The wet food waste will be taken to a pit at the boundary of the Institution for drying, after which the plastic packets will be kept separately in a nearby shed to be disposed through a contractor every week. The food waste is buried as it is biodegradable.

c. **Disposal of Biomedical Waste:**

The biomedical waste is collected in different colour codes bags and outsourced to the Pondicherry Solid Waste Management (Recommended by Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC)) and care will be taken that the biomedical waste is not mixed with other type of waste.

d. **Appointment of Technical Persons to look after Waste Management:**

The Technical persons employed by the Pondicherry Solid Waste Management collect the waste and disposed the same as per norms. The designated employees of SBV will help them to collect the same from the source point and all staff nurses and attendants are trained to make them aware of the requirements.

With respect to food and general waste SBV employs their own staff headed by the House Keeping Department and a separate In-charge of waste disposal, who is duly qualified will take care of the requirements.

e. **Records to be maintain for waste management:**

SBV will ensure that records are being maintained separately for biomedical waste and food and general waste.

7.0 SBV COMPLIANCE WITH UGC INITIATIVE ON CLEANLINESS

The apex commission governing Indian Higher Education Institutions, namely the University Grants Commission (UGC) has given directives to consider giving academic credits to students participating in Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

The commission has approved providing two credits that is similar to 'Elective' under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) to students in higher educational institutions. This is facilitated by allowing the students to embark on the stipulated 15 days (100 hours) at the summer internships under the direct purview of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan endeavour.

Besides student participation in enforcing overall cleanliness in villages and slums, endeavours would be facilitated so as to establish value and need based systems for sustaining cleanliness and sanitation efforts. The commission has asked higher education institutions to consider implementation of this elective course. SBV would launch this course, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

8.0 SBV'S THRUST ON SMART CAMPUS

- Cleanliness and waste management would be our main thrust aimed towards achieving the status of smart.
- Save water, save electricity, disseminate the ideals of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation would be our mantra.
- Well formulated policies and initiatives in the campus would largely focus on clean hospital premises, clean and hygienic kitchen for staff, students and patients.
- To make available water with reference to the modernisation of toilets & kitchen equipment.
- To bring SBV campus under the cover of eco friendliness, safe disposal of garbage and biomedical waste.
- To realise the significance of renewable energy resources with particular reference to environmental sustainability objectives.

“SRI BALAJI VIDYAPEETH WOULD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY THAT EXTOLS THE ROLE OF STUDENTS IN ADDRESSING THE BURNING ISSUES SUCH AS WATER CONSERVATION, POLLUTION, CLEANLINESS, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES AS WELL AS CLIMATE CHANGE - MATTER OF GLOBAL CONCERN TOO”

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