

WATER POLICY  
OF  
GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, IASE  
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## VISION

This policy visualises a society that is able to realize the value of water as a precious natural resource and the implications of callous consumption of water. We need to strive to maintain our water resources and not treat them as a dumping place of wastes.

## INTRODUCTION

Deterioration of water bodies is a serious challenge that we are facing in both rural and urban set ups combined with the fact that only less than one percent of the Earth's water is the accessible freshwater. India is staring at an imminent water crisis that can in no ways be denied and if the conditions remain unchanged, the situation may get worsened with every passing year and the time might come soon when demand for water will outstrip the supply. The college being one of the leading colleges of the valley and always taking a lead in environmentally sustainable activities, has drafted a policy for conserving water as much as possible.

Students and staff play a significant role in implementation of this policy to maximum possible limit and being committed to fulfilling the objective of water conservation.

## WATER CONSERVATION INITIATIVES OF COLLEGE

1. Ensuring the adequacy of water taps and other sanitary fixtures
2. Dedicated staff for water maintenance
3. Periodic mending and repairs of leaks in taps and pipes
4. Planting indigenous variety of plants and less water requiring plants, not relying on the exotic varieties that are more water consuming.
5. Organising water conservation awareness programmes for the faculty and students on the campus
6. Installed water purifiers for availability of drinking water on-spot in the campus.
7. Maintenance and use of the rainwater harvesting system wherever installed in the campus.
8. The collected rooftop water is used for irrigating the College Herbal Garden and supplying water to its fountain.
9. Water from the borewell is used for cleaning, mopping, etc.
10. Display boards/posters about fair use of water fixed at particular places in the campus.

## WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE

1. Work on the toilet flushes and efficient water use from the flush by installing two levels of flushing.
2. Installation of water use meters.
3. Identifying water recycling opportunities on the campus.
4. Avoid planting the species that have high water requirements.
5. Select the species that are resilient, fruit-bearing and shade bearing.

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