

CONCEPT NOTE: GREEN OFFICE, IIT HYDERABAD

Start date and Infrastructure:

- The Green Office at IITH will start functioning from 1st, April, 2013 (Monday)
- The Green Office will function from a “virtual” location, and will not need a separate room dedicated to it in the campus.

Proposed Activities:

- 1) GREEN AUDIT: The Green Audit will cover all aspects mentioned in the Concept Note (Annexure –X) circulated by the SCIC. An Annual Green Audit will be conducted with the help of IITH staff, after consultation with a 3-member panel of external experts (see Proposed Structure).
- 2) CAMPUS BIODIVERSITY: The Green Office will supervise and coordinate tree plantation activities to ensure that indigenous species of flora are planted, and will take measures to improve biodiversity.
- 3) RECYCLING PROGRAM: A solid-waste management program will be implemented which will include source-segregation and recycling.
- 4) RECHARGING WATER TABLE: Three low lying areas on campus have been identified as rain-fed artificial ponds. These ponds will harvest water and help recharge the water table
- 5) ENERGY CONSERVATION: The Green Office will help individual offices of faculty/staff to become eco-friendly. This will include installing recycling bins, recommending low-energy fixtures, and other measures that will reduce the faculty/staff’s energy demands. This help shall be available on-demand, and is apart from energy conservation measures recommended for the campus. Solar energy will be used by setting up a solar farm on the campus.
- 6) OUTREACH: Sustainable development will be included in the course curriculum. We are also planning a Center for Sustainable Development.

Proposed Structure:

- a) Green Office shall report directly to the Dean, Planning of IIT Hyderabad.
- b) Green Office shall have a Faculty Convenor coordinating its activities.
- c) Each of the afore-mentioned activities will be monitored by a separate committee. Each committee will have a minimum of 4 members consisting of faculty, students, and staff.
- d) An Administrative assistant at the level of Executive Assistant (or, temporarily, Project Assistant) shall be hired/deputed to help with the periodic work of the Green Office.
- e) An Experts Panel consisting of 3 members, outside of IITH, shall be consulted annually. They will meet with the Green Office at least once a year to assess and suggest improvements in the activities and functioning of the Office. Experts Panel will be chosen by the Director, IITH from a list of suitable names proposed by the Green Office.