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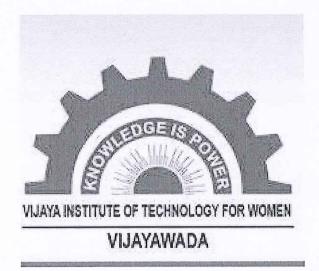
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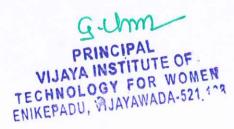
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Carbon footprint and Energy audit at Vijaya Institute of Technology for Women

The Sustainable Living Inc acknowledges with thanks the cooperation extended to our team for completing the study at Vijaya Institute of Technology for Women (VITW).

The interactions and deliberations with VITW team were exemplary and the whole exercise was thoroughly a rewarding experience for us. We deeply appreciate the interest, enthusiasm, and commitment of VITW team towards environmental sustainability.

We are sure that the recommendations presented in this report will be implemented and the VITW team will further improve their environmental performance.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely, Hiran Prashanth

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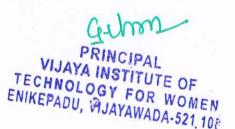
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Executive Summary

The growth of countries across the world is leading to increased consumption of natural resources. There is an urgent need to establish environmental sustainability in every activity we do. In a modern economy, environmental sustainability will play a critical role in the very existence of an organization.

An educational institution is no different. Built environment, especially an educational institution, has a considerable footprint on the environment. Impact on the environment due to energy consumption, water usage and waste generation in an educational institute is prominent. Therefore, there is an imminent need to reduce the overall environmental footprint of the institution.

As an Institution of higher learning, Vijaya Institute of Technology for Women (VITW) firmly believes that there is an urgent need to address the environmental challenges and improve their environmental footprint.

True to its belief, VITW has installed biogas plant for processing canteen waste and solar powered street lamps for campus lighting. VITW is also in the process of replacing conventional lamps with energy efficiency lamps. Sustainable Living Inc Team congratulates VITW team for their efforts.

Keeping VITW's work in energy efficiency, we recommend the following to be taken by the competent team at VITW:

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Work towards achieving carbon neutrality: INDC emphasizes creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030. VITW's net carbon emission for the year 2021-22 is 144 MT CO2e. VITW should focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon sequestration as tools that will enable them to offset the present carbon emissions and achieve carbon neutrality.

Installation of solar rooftop: Renewable energy plays a very important role in improving the environmental footprint of an organization. VITW has already installed solar powered street lights for campus lighting. By increasing the share of renewable energy in VITW's energy portfolio, the overall carbon footprint of the college can be reduced. Generally, minimum available rooftop area in campus building will be 5400 sq. ft. For the available roof area, a minimum of 50 kWp of solar PV can be installed. As an initial step, VITW could look at installing 25 kWp of solar PV which can generate 40500 units per year. The renewable share will also reduce the 33 MT CO2e.

Installation of biogas plant: In 2021-22, VITW had used 1.14 MT of LPG. There is an opportunity to install a biogas plant to generate biogas from sewage water. Presently, sewage water is being let out to the drain without treatment. An opportunity exists to generate biogas from the untreated sewage water and use the generated biogas to substitute LPG used in the college. By generating biogas from sewage water, about 0.93 MT of LPG can be replaced which will result in carbon savings of 2.79 MT CO2e.

Improve energy efficiency of the college: It is recommended to adopt latest energy efficient technologies for reducing energy consumption in fans, lighting, and air conditioners. We recommend the following projects to be implemented at the earliest:

- Replace conventional 70W ceiling fans with energy efficient BLDC fans of 30W
- Replace conventional lights with energy efficient LED lamps
- Install solar water heater for the hostel

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Carbon Footprint and Energy Audit

Vijaya Institute of Technology for Women (VITW) and Sustainable Living Inc are working together to identify opportunities for improvement in energy efficiency and carbon reduction. This report highlights all the potential proposals for improvement through the audit and analysis of the data provided by VITW for lighting, air conditioning, ceiling fans, and biogas potential.

The report also details the carbon emissions from college operations. For carbon emissions, scope 1 and scope 2 emissions are calculated from the data submitted by VITW. The report emphasizes the GHG emission reduction potential possible through a reduction in power consumption.

Submission of Documents

Carbon footprint and energy audit at VITW was carried out with the help of data submitted by VITW team. VITW team was responsible for collecting all the necessary data and submitting the relevant documents to Sustainable Living Inc for the study.

Carbon Footprint and Energy Audit

Data submitted and collected was used to calculate the carbon footprint of the campus and assess energy consumption and finally provide necessary recommendations for environmental improvement.

<u>Note</u>

Carbon footprint and energy audit are based on the data provided by VITW team and discussions the Sustainable Living Inc team had with VITW team. The scope of the study does not include the exclusive verification of various regulatory requirements related to environmental sustainability.

Sustainable Living Inc has the right to recall the study if it finds (a) major violation in meeting the environmental regulatory requirements by the location and (b) occurrence of major accidents, leading to significant damage to ecology and environment.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

As a part of the overall environmental improvement study at VITW, carbon footprint calculations were also carried out. The objective of calculating the carbon footprint of the campus is find the present level of emissions from campus operation and what initiatives that the VITW can take to offset the emissions. By offsetting the emissions, the college can become carbon neutral in the future by adopting energy efficient processes, increase in renewable energy share and tree plantation.

Carbon footprint calculations:

To help delineate direct and indirect emission sources, improve transparency, and provide utility for different types of organizations and different types of climate policies and business goals, three "scopes" (scope 1, scope 2, and scope 3) are defined for GHG accounting and reporting purposes.

For calculating carbon footprint of the campus, Scope 1 & Scope 2 emissions are being considered. Since day scholars use college provided transportation and hostelers stay in campus, Scope 1 and Scope 2 are the highest contributor to overall emissions. For this reason, Scope 3 is not being calculated.

Scope 1: Direct GHG Emissions

Direct GHG emissions occur from sources that are owned or controlled by the company, for example, emissions from combustion in owned or controlled DG sets, canteen, vehicles, etc.; emissions from chemical production in owned or controlled process equipment. Direct CO2 emissions from the combustion of biomass shall not be included in scope 1 but reported separately.

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VITW Scope 1 emissions for 2021-22:

Sources of Scope 1 emissions in VITW:

- 1) Diesel used for college-owned transportation
- 2) LPG used for canteen
- 3) Diesel used for generator

S No	Fuel Type	Description	Activity Data	Units	CO2 eq. Emissions (tons)
1	LPG	Canteen	1.14	MT	3.40
<u>т</u>	Diesel	Transport	8.08	KL	221.32
3	Diesel	Generator	0.45	KL	1.19

Total Scope 1 emissions of VITW

25.90 Tons (for year 2021-22)

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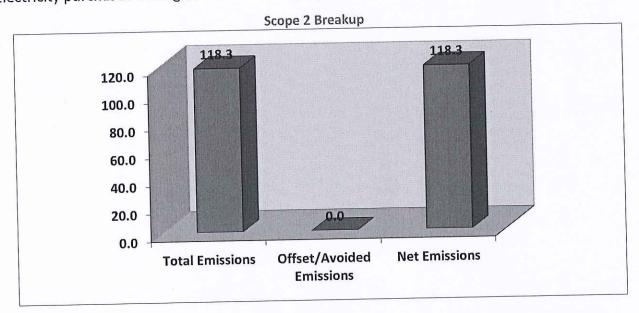
Scope 2: Electricity Indirect GHG Emissions

Scope 2 accounts for GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by a company. Purchased electricity is defined as electricity that is purchased or otherwise brought into the organizational boundary of the company. Scope 2 emissions physically occur at the facility where electricity is generated.

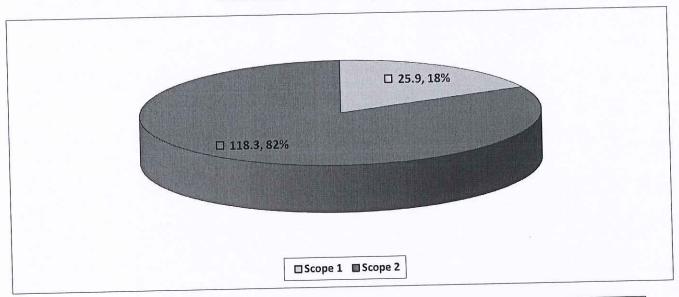
VITW Scope 2 emissions for 2021-22:

Electricity purchased from grid

1,44,240



GHG Emission Summary of VITW



Scope 1	25.90	MT CO2 eq.
Scope 2	118.30	MT CO2 eq.
Total	144.20	MT CO2 eq.

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Develop a roadmap to increase contribution of renewable energy in the overall energy consumption

To have a continued focus on increasing renewable energy utilization to 100% which will also lead to reduction in GHG emissions, it is suggested to develop a detailed roadmap on RE utilization. The road map should broadly feature the following aspects -

- Renewable energy potential of VITW and the maximum offset that can be achieved at VITW
- Percentage substitution with renewable energy that VITW wants to achieve in a specified time
 frame
- Key tasks that needs to be executed to achieve the renewable energy target
- Specific financial break up for each of the projects highlighting the amount required, available and the utilization status as on date
- A regular review mechanism to ensure progress along the lines of the roadmap should be framed
- The roadmap should also highlight important milestones/key tasks, anticipated bottleVITWks & proposed

Renewable energy roadmap should be used as a base to frame GHG emissions reduction target. It is suggested to use the developed renewable energy roadmap to correlate the GHG reduction that each of the renewable energy project will achieve. This approach will provide a base to set targets for reduction in GHG emissions. The action plan for renewable energy will shoulder the action plan for GHG emissions reduction and work towards achieving carbon neutrality.

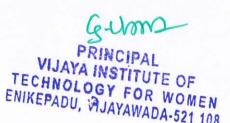
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Explore the option of other onsite and offsite renewable energy projects

The renewable energy field has been witnessing many private investors due its increased market demand and attractive policies in many states. There are Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers (RE IPPs) who have installed RE based power plants like wind, small hydro and solar PV. GOC can consider having a long-term power purchase agreement with these RE IPPs in purchasing fixed quantity of power for a period of 5 to 10 years.

Evolve a system to monitor the implementation of various GHG mitigation opportunities

VITW has an action plan to reduce its GHG emissions. VITW should also evolve a system to monitor the implementation of various GHG mitigation opportunities. It is recommended to use a Gantt chart to mark out the action plan for the activities and track its implementation. Gantt chart will serve as an excellent way to instantly monitor and comprehend all different tasks in one place which would ease tracking of implementation.



Install 25 kWp of Solar PV in VITW campus

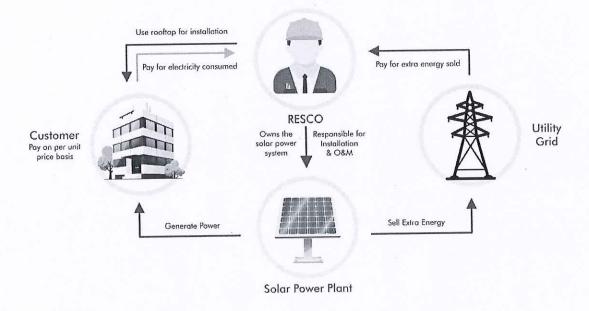
Renewable energy is one of the important steps to be taken up by the college to reduce their overall carbon footprint. Based on the details provided by VITW team, the total rooftop area available is 5400 sq. feet. In 5400 sq. feet of area, 50 kWp of solar PV can be installed. However, for this report calculation, only 25 kWp capacity is considered.

A renewable energy capacity of 25 kW of solar panel may be installed can generate **40,500** units of electricity per year. Additionally, 25 kWp of solar rooftop can offset **33 MT CO2e** per annum.

RESCO model for solar rooftop installation:

A Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) is an ESCO Energy service company which provides energy to the consumers from renewable energy sources. RESCO or BOOT model is about pay as you consume the electricity.

- Solar Power Plant is owned by the RESCO or Energy Company
- Customer must sign a Power purchase Agreement (PPA) with actual investor at mutually agreed tariff and tenure
- Customer only pays for electricity consumed
- RESCO developer is responsible for its annual operations & maintenance (O&M)
- The RESCO gets the benefit by selling the surplus power generated to the DISCOM



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Install biogas plant at VITW campus

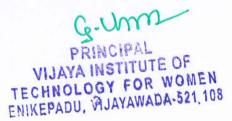
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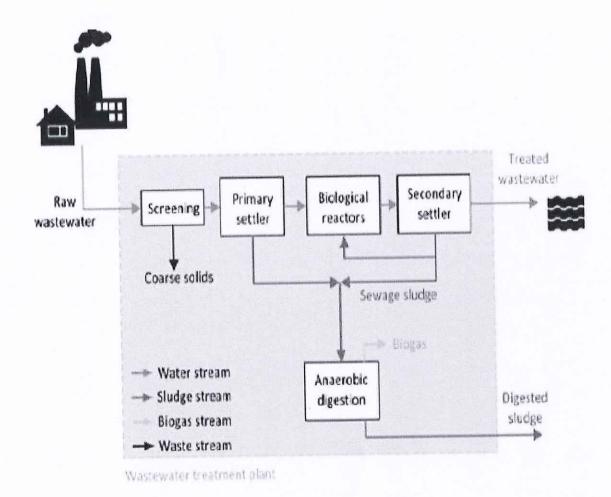
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Biogas Production Potential of Wastewater

The sewage water is a useful waster as 1% of it in any quantity is a sludge which when subjected to anaerobic digestion will produce biogas. Wastewater is the effluent from household, commercial establishments and institutions, hospitals, industries and so on. Sewage water source contains large amount of organic material which can be efficiently recovered in as sludge which and when subjected to anaerobic digestion, the sludge produces methane gas (biogas).

Biogas is a mixture of gases containing 50-75% Methane, and 25-50%Carbon dioxide while 0-10% Nitrogen, 0-3% Hydrogen disulphide and 0-2% Hydrogen may be present as impurities which is produced by anaerobic digestion of organic material i.e. a sequential enzymatic breakdown of biodegradable organic material (Biomass) in the absence of oxygen. The process is usually carried out in a digester tank known as biodigester. Biogas is an important energy source used as cooking gas, to generate electricity, etc. thus producing biogas from wastewater is an efficient and sustainable waste management and renewable energy technique. One of the major environmental problems of the world today is waste management and wastewater constitutes a huge environmental problem to the society thus the need for wastewater treatment to recover and also recycle the recovered water for usage.





The physical process: this is the mechanical treatment of the water that involves removal of debris from the raw wastewater right from the point it enters the plant. The screening and primary settling of debris. Wastewater enters the treatment plant through the inlet chamber from where it is channeled to the coarse screen that removes solid waste.

The biological process: this involve the biotreatment of the sewage in the bioreactors. It is the heart of the treatment plant where a biological process takes place. The bioreactors of a treatment plant are usually large tanks consisting of several mammoth rotors and submersible mixers. While the rotor introduces atmospheric oxygen into the sewage, the submersible mixers keep the biomass in suspension thus several reactions takes place in the bioreactors.



From the bioreactor, the sewage enters the sedimentation tank. Here the biological process ends and sludge is separated from water such that the clean water is passed to the disinfection tank for disinfection and onward discharge for use while the sludge is removed by the returned activation sludge (RAS) pump that removes and sends part to the anaerobic digestion chamber while some are return to the anaerobic bioreactor for reactivation.

Production of biogas is an anaerobic digestion whereby microorganisms break down biodegradable material in the absence of oxygen to produce methane/carbon dioxide used to generate electricity and heat. Sludge from the treatment plant (primary and activated sludge) is the main feedstock (biodegradable organic matter) in the biogas production plant of a wastewater treatment plant and the biogas production process involves series of steps. The combine sludge resulting from primary and secondary water treatment is gathered, sieved and thickened to a dry solids content of up to 7% before entering the digesters. Optionally, the sludge can be pretreated by disintegration technologies with the aim to improve the gas yield. In the anaerobic digestion process, the sludge is pumped into the anaerobic continuously stirred tank reactors where digestion takes place.

In the process, microorganisms break down part of the organic matter that is contained in the sludge and produce biogas, which is composed of methane, carbon dioxide and trace gases. The raw biogas produced is dried and hydrogen sulphide and other trace substances removed and burned in burners after treatment. The digested sludge is dewatered, and the water reintroduce into the treatment plant while the remaining undigested matter used for organic fertilizer.

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Calculations:

Sewage water available per day : 5 KL (Least value considered for calculation)

Sludge in 10KL of sewage water : 1% (100 kg)

From 6kg of organic waste : 1 kg of biogas can be produced

Therefore, from 50 kg : 8.33 kg of biogas can be produced

Kg of biogas : 0.45kg of LPG

Per day equivalent LPG production : 3.25 kg per day

Annual LPG production for 250 days : 937.50 kg

No. of 19 kg LPG cylinders that can be substituted: 49 cylinders

Cost of 19 kg cylinder : Rs. 1350 / cylinder

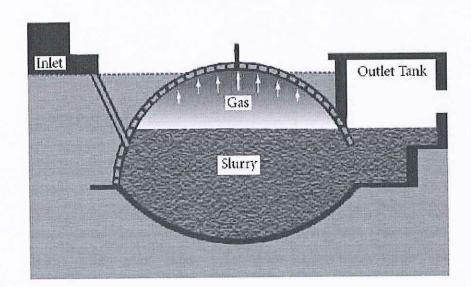
Savings : 49 cylinders X Rs. 1350 / cylinder

: Rs. 66, 150 / annum

Investment : Rs. 2, 50, 000

Payback : 36 months (3 years)

Annual emission reduction potential : 2.79 T CO2



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Annual energy consumption of VITW campus is 1,44,240 units. There are major blocks in the campus which consumes energy for their operation. Major energy consumers are:

- 1. Fans
- 2. Lighting
- 3. Install solar water heaters for hostel hot water requirements

Replace Conventional Ceiling Fans with Energy Efficient BLDC Fans

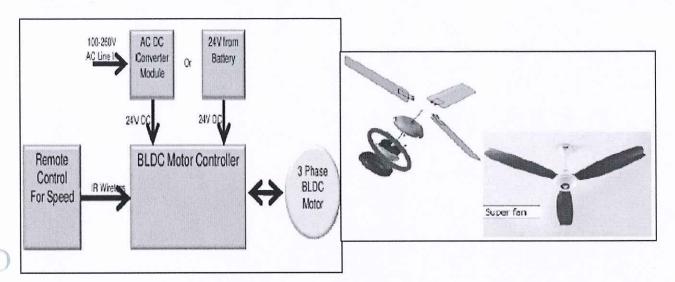
During the Energy Audit at VITW, a detailed study was carried out to identify the potential for replacing the existing ceiling fans with BLDC super fans. There are 300 fans operating in VITW campus.

Instead of conventional ceiling fans, latest technology BLDC fans which consume only 30W can be installed in the newly constructed building. A brushless DC (BLDC) motor is a synchronous electric motor powered by direct-current (DC) electricity and having an electronic commutation system, rather than a mechanical commutator and brushes. A BLDC motor has an external armature called the stator, and an internal armature called the rotor.

The rotor can usually be a permanent magnet. Typical BLDC motor-based ceiling fan has much better efficiency and excellent constant RPM control as it operates out of fixed DC voltage. The proposed BLDC motor and the control electronics operate out of 24V DC through an SMPS having input AC which can vary from 90V to 270V. The operational block diagram of a BLDC motor is as follows:

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Calculations:



With the replacement of existing ceiling fans with Super Fans the energy consumption is likely to reduce by 55% per fixture. Considering 100 fans being replaced with super-efficient BLDC fans, 3.50 kW can be saved. Considering the average operating hours to be 2000 and unit cost as Rs. 7.50, the calculations are as follows:

Total no. of fans in college : 100

Energy consumption per fan : 70 W

Total energy consumption of fans : 70W X 100 fans

: 7 kW

Super-efficient BLDC fans energy consumption: 30 W

Savings from 70W to 30 W : 55%

Total savings in fans energy consumption : 55% of 7kW

: 3.5 kW

Savings per year : 3.5 kW X 2000 hrs X Rs. 7.50 / unit

: Rs. 0.75 Lakhs

Investment : Rs. 2, 50, 000

: 52 months

Annual emission reduction potential : 6.00 T CO2

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Replace Conventional Lamps with LED Lamps

As per the data submitted, the total number of all the lighting fixtures installed are 150 tube lights. VIPW has already taken an excellent step of replacing conventional lamps to LED lamps. We congratulate the team for the excellent step.

Under failure replacement policy, at least 100 lamps can be changed in the first year.

Types of fixtures	36 W Tube
No of fixtures	100
No of hours in Operation	2000

The campus should be keen in harnessing the day lighting available thereby reducing the use of artificial lighting.

Based on the occupancy, monitoring should be ensured to reduce excessive consumption of energy.

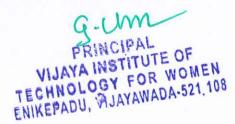
Major savings in energy through lighting fixtures can be achieved by replacing all the above existing fixtures with LED's meeting the required LUX levels. The LED's being less energy consuming while maintaining the equivalent lux is the more sustainable option. The replacement of lighting fixtures should be done as per failure replacement policy i.e. change the old fixture with LED when it fails

Advantages of LED

 Lower energy consumption: The energy consumption of LEDs is low when compared to the other conventional sources for the same amount of Lumen output.

Performance comparison of different type lights

Type of Lamp	Lumen/ Watt	CRI	Life hours
HPSV lamps	90-120	Bad (22-25)	15,000- 20,000
Metal Halide Iamps	65-00	Good (65- 90)	18,000
LED lamps	100-150	Very Good (> 80)	10,000 – 12,000



- **High S/P ratio**: LEDs have higher scotopic/photopic ratio (S/P ratio). The eye has two primary light sensing cells called rods and cones cones function in day light and process visual information whereas rods function in night light. The cone dominated vision is called photopic and the rod dominated vision is called scotopic. The S/P ratio indicates the measure of light that excites rods compared to the light that excites cones. In office environments, illumination is more effective if the S/P ratio is high as it is under scotopic region. LEDs hence are ideally suited for these applications as they have a high S/P ratio.
- Longer life-time: LEDs have longer life time of around 1,00,000 hours. This is equivalent to 11 years of continuous operation or 22 years of 50% operation.
- Faster switching: LED lights reach its brightness instantly upon switching and can frequently be switched on/off without reducing the operational life expectancy.
- Greater durability and reliability: As LEDs are solid-state devices and uses semi-conductor
 material; they are sturdier than conventional sources that use filaments or glass. LEDs can also
 withstand shock, extreme temperatures and vibration as they don't have fragile materials as
 components.
- Good Colour Rendering Index (CRI): The color rendering index, i.e., measure of a light sources'
 ability to show objects as perceived under sunlight is high for LEDs. The CRI of natural sunlight
 is 100 and LEDs offer CRI of 80 and above.
- LED offers more focused light and reduced glare. Moreover, it does not contain pollutants like mercury. LED technology is highly compatible for solar lighting as low-voltage power supply is enough for LED illumination.

Calculations are as follows:

36 W Tube
3.60 kW (100 lamps)
15
1.50 kW
2.00 kW
2000

Annual monetary savings

Rs 38,250/-

Investment needed

Rs 90,000/-

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Annual Emission reduction potential: 4.18 MT of CO2

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Install solar water heater for hostel hot water requirements

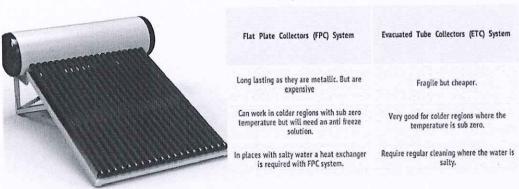
Heaters are being used for the hot water requirements of the hostel. Generally, the heaters in the hostel will be rated for 2 kW with a capacity of 25 liters per heater. Electrical heaters are one of the highest energy consumers in the hostel.

Replacing the electrical heaters with solar water heaters is the best solution for eliminating the power consumption of the heaters.

The following explanation of solar water heaters is taken from www.bijlibachao.com.

A solar water heater is a system that utilizes solar energy (or the energy from sunlight) to heat water. It has a system that is installed on a terrace or open space where it can get sunlight and the energy from the sun is then used to heat water and store it in an insulated tank. The system is not connected to electricity supply and thus does not have an on-off switch, but it uses the sunlight throughout the day to heat the water and store it in the storage tank. Most of the solar water heater on a sunny day can provide heater water at about 68° ±5° C temperature. Water from the storage tank can then be used for any application as desired. One can feed this heated water to the electric geyser so that when sunlight is not enough, it uses electric energy to heat the water to the desired set temperature. This is also called Hybrid Water Heater.

Solar Water Heaters Types and Benefits



Benefits of a 100 Its Solar Water Heater in India.

	Northern Region	Eastern Region	Southern Region	Western Region
Expected no. of days of use of hot water per year	200 days	200 days	300 days	250 days
Expected yearly electricity saving on full use of solar hot water (units of electricity)	1000	1000	1500	1250



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For this report, a 100-liter capacity solar water heater is considered. A 100-liter, EPC solar water require requires 20 square feet of space. The energy saving from the system is calculated a follow:

Heat required (kcal) = M (Mass of water) x Cp (Specific heat of water) x delta T (Difference in starting temperature and desired temperature)

kW saving = M (Mass of water) x Cp (Specific heat of water) x delta T (Difference in starting temperature and desired temperature) X 0.0012 (conversion from kcal to kW)

= 100 kg X 1 X (50 Deg C - 25 Deg C) X 0.0012

= 3 kW

Therefore, for heating 100 litres of water, the energy saving would be 3 kW.

Cost of 500-liter EPC solar water will be Rs. 60,000.

For a 500-litre solar water heater the energy saving will be 15 kW.

Cost saving for 250 days of operation will be Rs. 28,000.

Pay back will be in 25 months.

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Conclusion

VITW has initiated few energy efficiency activities in their campus. While Sustainable Living Inc appreciates the plant team for their efforts, we would like to emphasize that opportunity exists further reduce the energy consumption. Installation of renewable energy is to be given major focus. RESCO model can be adopted to install renewable energy without upfront capital investment. We in Sustainable Living Inc are sure that all the recommendations mentioned in the report will be implemented by VITW team and the overall environmental performance of the campus will be improved.

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