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# **Site Information**

Name of College	Ideal College of Law
College Address	Village Posheri Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra, 241303
Execution Partner	ELION Technologies & Consulting Pvt Ltd
Communication Address	307, 3rd Floor DDA Lal Market H-Block Vikas Puri, New Delhi, 110018
Date of Audit	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Year of Audit	2023 – 2024
Total Built Up College Area	60000 Sq. Feet
Total Green Area	10 Acres

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# Concept

The term 'Environmental audit' means differently to different people. Terms like 'assessment', 'survey' and 'review' are also used to describe similar activities. Furthermore, some organizations believe that an 'environmental audit' addresses only environmental matters, whereas others use the term to mean an audit of health, safety and environment-related matters. Although there is no universal definition of Environmental Audit, many leading companies/ institutions follow the basic philosophy and approach summarized by the broad definition adopted by the International Chambers of Commerce (ICC) in its publication of Environmental Auditing (1989).

The ICC defines Environmental Auditing as:

"A management tool comprising a systematic, documented, periodic and objective evaluation of how well environmental organization, management and equipment are performing with the aim of safeguarding the environment and natural resources in its operations/projects."

The European Commission, in its proposed regulation on environmental auditing, has also adopted the ICC definition of Environmental Audit.

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# Introduction

A clean and healthy environment aids effective learning and provides a conducive learning environment. There are various efforts around the world to address environmental education issues.

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) is very popular in the industrial sector, but the general belief is that EMS is something pertaining to industries only. Other parts of the world have started adopting compatible environmental management systems either voluntarily or for promoting standards by external certification. International environmental standards do not suit the existing Indian educational system.

A very simple indigenized system has been devised to monitor the environmental performance of educational institutions. It comes with a series of questions to be answered on a regular basis. Environmental conditions may be monitored from angles that are relevant to Indian requirements, without stress on legal issues or compliance. This innovative scheme is user- friendly and totally voluntary. The environmental monitoring system helps the institution to set environmental examples for the community and to educate young learners. It can be adapted to urban and / or rural situations.

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# **Overview of Campus**

Activities of the Promoting Body since inception: (On Academic, Social & Industrial Activities and details on other institutions run by the Promoting Body) Members are involved in academic, social and industrial activities. The President of the society is engaged in the Social activities, which include academically and financially helping the poor and / or meritorious students. Some members of the promoting body are involved in academic field and managing educational institutions.

The College derives its strength and ethos from the highly qualified and dedicated faculty. The college has the unique and proud privilege of intimate association with prominent legal professionals of distinction as visiting faculty who regularly conduct lectures, workshops and discussions with students despite their hectic schedules and preoccupations.

The mission of Ideal Law College is to create lawyers and legal professionals, who are well versed in national and trans-national legal systems. The emerging technologies have changed the laws governing communication and intellectual property rights. Modern lawyers are expected to remain in the know-how of these changes and acquire proficiency in these practices. It is our commitment to produce legal eagles who would add new dimensions to the legal profession and contribute significantly towards the social equity and make legal practice value based.

## List of courses offered by the institute:

Following are the list of courses offered by the institute:

- LLB
- BLS.LLB
- LLM

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# **Audit Objectives**

The broad aims/ benefits of the eco-auditing system would be -

- Environmental education through systematic environmental management approach.
- Improving environmental standards.
- Benchmarking for environmental protection initiatives.
- Reduction in resource use.
- Financial savings through a reduction in resource use.
- Curriculum enrichment through practical experience.
- Development of ownership, personal and social responsibility for the college campus and its environment.
- Enhancement of university profile.
- Developing an environmental ethic and value systems in young people.

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# **Executive Summary**

An environmental audit is a snapshot in time, in which one assesses campus performance in complying with applicable environmental laws and regulations. Though a helpful benchmark, the audit almost immediately becomes outdated unless there is some mechanism in place to continue the effort of monitoring environmental compliance.

This is second environmental audit of campus for NACC affiliation; QS Program and doing their bid towards environmental protection and environmental awareness at local and global front. Audit criterion is environmental cognizance, waste minimization and management, biodiversity conservation, water conservation, energy conservation and environmental legislative compliance by the campus. A questionnaire is used during audit. This audit report contains observations and recommendations for improvement of environmental consciousness.

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# **Environmental Audit**

The areas of eco/environmental/green auditing to be followed/practiced by participating institutions:

- I. Waste Minimization and Recycling
- II. Greening
- III. Energy Conservation
- IV. Water Conservation
- V. Clean Air
- VI. Animal Welfare
- VII. Environmental Legislative
- VIII. General Practices

# Is any Environmental Audit conducted earlier?

No, this is the first time.

#### What is the total permanent population of the Campus?

	Male	Female	Total
Students	441	315	626
Teachers	24	12	12
Non-Teaching Staff	30	08	22
Sub Total	274	337	621
Approximate Number of Visitors (Per day)			2
What is the total number of working days	of your campus	in a year?	298

#### Where is the campus located?

The campus is located in Plot no 40, Posheri village, Pimplaj road, Taluka Wada, District Palghar, Maharashtra, 421303.

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# Which of the following are available in your campus?

Garden area	Yes
Playground	Yes
Kitchen	Yes
Toilets	Yes
Garbage Or Waste Store Yard	Yes
Laboratory	Yes
Canteen	Yes
Hostel Facility (Numbers)	Yes
Guest House	Yes
	Playground  Kitchen  Toilets  Garbage Or Waste Store Yard  Laboratory  Canteen  Hostel Facility (Numbers)

# Which of the following are found near your campus?

1	Municipal dump yard	No
2	Garbage heap	Yes
3	Public convenience	Yes
4	Sewer line	Yes
5	Stagnant water	No
6	Open drainage	No
7	Industry – (Mention the type)	No
8	Bus / Railway station	Yes
9	Market / Shopping complex / Public halls	No

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#### I - WASTE MINIMIZATION AND RECYCLING

1.	Does your campus generate any waste? If so, what are they?	Dry waste generated from all buildings and wet waste generated in canteen.
2.	What is the approximate amount of waste generated per day? (in Kilograms/month) (approx.)	2-3 KG/Month.
3.	How is the waste generated in the campus managed? By  1 Composting  2 Recycling  3 Reusing  4 Others(specify)	Recycling
4.	Do you use recycled paper in campus?	Yes
5.	Do you use reused paper in campus?	Yes
6.	How would you spread the message of recycling to others in the community? Have you taken any initiatives? If yes, please specify.	Through awareness seminars, posters, slogans etc.
7.	Can you achieve zero garbage in your campus? If yes, how?	Not till now.

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# II – GREENING THE CAMPUS

1.	Is there a garden in your campus?	Yes
2.	Do students spend time in the garden?	Yes
3.	Total number of Plants in Campus	2000
4.	Provide some names of trees and plants in the campus.	Shami, Babul, Rose, Jamun, Mango, Saptaparni, Papita, Rudraksh, Chirata, Chandan, Kanchnar,Palash, Harsingar, Shtavari, Champa, Neem etc.
5.	Is the university campus have any Horticulture Department?	No
	If yes, number of Staff working in Horticulture Department?	-
6.	Number of Tree Plantation Drives organized by institute per annum.(If Any)	2-3
7.	Number of Trees Planted in Last year.	415
	Survival Rate	90%
8.	Plant Distribution Program for Students and Community	Yes
9.	Plant Ownership Program	Yes

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## III – ENERGY

1.	List down ways that you use energy in your campus. (Electricity, LPG, firewood, others). Using this list, try to think of ways that you could use less energy every day.	<ol> <li>LPG is used for cooking purpose in the college canteen.</li> <li>Electricity for running all the electrical equipment's like, motors, pumps, computers, machines, lights and fans.</li> </ol>
2.	Are there any energy saving methods, equipments, techniques employed in your campus? If yes, please specify. If no, suggest some	<ol> <li>Yes five star ACs.</li> <li>Use of LED lights.</li> <li>Banners and posters to save energy.</li> </ol>
3.	Give an estimate of number of lights installed in your campus along with numbers?	1372
4.	Are any alternative energy sources employed/ installed in your campus? (photovoltaic cells for solar energy, windmill, energy efficient stoves, etc.,) Specify.	Solar Power Plant – 10KW.
5.	Do you run "switch off" drills at campus?	Yes
6.	Are your computers and other equipment's put-on power-saving mode?	Yes
7.	Does your machinery (TV, AC, Computer, weighing balance, printers, etc.) run on standby modes most of the time? If yes, how many hours?	Yes, 3-4 hours.

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# **IV - WATER CONSERVATION**

1.	List all the uses of water in your campus?  How does your campus store water?	<ol> <li>Drinking &amp; Cooking in canteen</li> <li>Irrigation for Garden</li> <li>Washing &amp; Cleaning</li> <li>Washrooms</li> <li>10,000 Litres.</li> </ol>
	(mention tanks with capacity) Are there any water saving techniques followed in your campus?	
3.	If there is water wastage, specify why and how can the wastage be prevented/ stopped?	No such wastage as such.
4.	Locate the point of entry of water and point of exit of waste water in your campus.  Entry-  Exit-	Entry – Ground Water Exit - Sewage waste line
5.	Write down few ways that could reduce the amount of water used in your campus?	<ol> <li>Check our toilet for leaks.</li> <li>Stop using our toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.</li> <li>Put a plastic bottle in your toilet tank.</li> <li>Take shorter showers.</li> <li>Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.</li> <li>Turn off the water while not in use.</li> </ol>
6.	Record water use from the campus water meter for six months (record at the same time of each day). At the end of the period, compile a table to show how many litres of water have been used.	Yes, 10000 litres per day.

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7.	Does your campus harvest rain water? (Please explain the method and uses)	No	
8.	Is there any water recycling System.	Yes	

## V - CLEAN AIR

1.	Are the Rooms in Campus are Well	Yes				
	Ventilated?					
2.	Number of windows per room (aggregate value to be provided)	2-3 winc	lows per	room.		
3.	What is the ownership of the vehicles used by your institute? (Please Tick ✓		Yes			
	only one)		Operat	or-owned	vehicles	
		Yes	Institut	e-owned	vehicles	
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4.	Provide details of institute-owned motorized vehicles?	Buses	Cars	Vans	Other	Total
	No. of vehicles	2	14	7	-	-
	No. of vehicles more than five years old	-	-	-	-	-
	No. of Air conditioned vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
	PUC done	-	-	-	-	-
5.	Specify the type of fuel used by your	Buse	s C	ars	Vans	Other
	institute's vehicles:					
	Diesel	-	-		-	-
	Petrol	-	-		-	-
	CNG	-	-		-	-
	LPG	-	-		-	-
	Electric	-	-		-	-
6.	Air Quality Monitoring Program (If Any)	Yes		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	,	
7.	Students suffer from respiratory ailments? (If Any)	Yes				

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8. Detai	Is of Diesel/Gas Generator. (Rating &	5 Star rating.
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## VI – ANIMAL WELFARE

1.	List the animals (wild and domestic) found on the campus (dogs, cats, squirrels, birds, insects, etc.) (if any)	No
2.	How many dogs in your area have undergone Animal Birth Control - Anti Rabies (ABC - AR)?	NA
3.	Does your campus have a Biodiversity  Programme or a KARUNA CLUB?	NA

#### VII - ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

1.	Are you aware of any environmental Laws pertaining to different aspects of environmental management?	Yes
2.	Does your campus have any rules to protect the environment? List possible rules you could include.	<ul> <li>Consume less. Curbing consumption can have a huge impact on the environment.</li> <li>Compost.</li> <li>Choose reusable over single-use.</li> <li>Upcycle more.</li> <li>Recycle properly.</li> <li>Shop secondhand.</li> </ul>
3.	Does Environmental Ambient Air Quality  Monitoring conducted by the Campus?	No
4.	Does Environmental Water and Wastewater  Quality monitoring conducted by the  Campus?	Yes

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5.	Does stack monitoring of DG sets conducted by the Campus?	Yes
6.	Is any warning notice, letter issued by state government bodies?	No
7.	Does any Hazardous waste generated by the Campus? If yes explain its category and disposal method.	No
8.	Dose any Bio medical waste generated by the Campus? If yes explain its category and disposal method.	No

# VIII - GENERAL

1.	Are you aware of any environmental Laws pertaining to different aspects of environmental management?	Yes
2.	Does your campus have any rules to protect the environment? List possible rules you could include.	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>Use Reusable Bags.</li> <li>Print as Little as Necessary.</li> <li>Recycle.</li> <li>Use a Reusable Beverage Containers.</li> <li>Don't Throw Your Notes Away.</li> <li>Save Electricity</li> <li>Save Water.</li> <li>Avoid Taking Cars or Carpool When Possible.</li> </ul>
3.	What is the housekeeping schedule of garden and common areas in your campus?	Weekly
4.	Are students and faculties aware of environmental cleanliness ways? If Yes Explain	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>Volunteer for Different Projects.</li> <li>Use Your Creative Potential.</li> <li>Attend a March or Rally.</li> <li>Effective Use of social media.</li> <li>Emphasize on Individual Action.</li> <li>Create Informative Content.</li> </ul>

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5.	Does Important Days Like World Environment Day, Earth Day, and Ozone Day etc. celebrated in your Campus?	Yes
6.	Does Campus participated in National and Local Environmental Protection Movement?	Yes
7.	Does Campus has any Recognition/certification for environment friendliness?	Yes
8.	Does Campus using renewable energy?	Yes
9.	Does Institution conducts a green/environmental audit of its campus?	No, this is first time.
10.	Has the institution been audited/ accredited by any other agency such as NABL, NABET, TQPM, NAAC etc.?	Yes

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# Recommendations

- Environment Policy to be adopted by the Campus.
- Waste handling policy shall be prepared and followed.
- Equipments when not in use shall be switched off and should not run in standby modes or ideal.
- Prepared water flow diagram to quantify water use at various locations.



# **Photographic Evidences**



**Tree Plantation** 



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# Conclusion

This audit involved extensive consultation with all the campus team, interactions with key personnel on wide range of issues related to Environmental aspects. Overall, a large are of campus is for landscaping. The audit has identified several observations for making the campus premise more environmentally friendly. The recommendations are also mentioned with observations for university campus team to initiate actions.

The audit team opines that the overall site is maintained well from environmental perspective. There are no major observations but recommendation is made in this report which would further strengthen the goal to achieve 100% environment friendly campus.

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- E-waste management rules 2016
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- The Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling and Trans-boundary Movement)
   Rules, 2008 (Amended 2016)
- The Noise Pollution Regulation & Control rules, 2000 (Amended 2010)
- The Batteries (Management and Handling) rules, 2001 (Amended 2010)
- Relevant Indian Standard Code practices

# **End of Report**

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