

Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management, Nagpur

Environment Audit

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Environment Audit Team has prepared this report for **Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management (RCOEM), Nagpur** based on input data submitted by the representatives of College complemented with the best judgment capacity of the expert team. The audit was conducted on the sample basis by visiting the college and interacting with the various stakeholders. Audit was conducted by interviewing the concerned persons, observing on-site implementation and verifying the documents and records.

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in recognition of the organizational efforts towards environment
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management (RCOEM), Nagpur engaged in creating awareness about the environment consciousness. The institute takes initiatives to organize different events of green practices to percolate the knowledge amongst students, teachers, and nonteaching staff. This green message being transferred along with its practical dimensions among the families, societies and thereby to the stakeholders, forms a chain and network to spread the message at large. College is also aimed at giving solution to the different burning topics related to the environment, its awareness as well as its protection. As the government is taking initiative to sensitize mass with environment protection, newer concepts are being introduced to make college eco-friendly. To create and conserve the environment within the campus and to solve the environmental problems such as promotion of the energy savings, energy conservation, water reduction, water harvesting, solid waste management, improvement in the air quality of the campus, control on noise pollution, and minimizing the use of Plastic, etc. is one of the prime objective of the college.

Environment audit report is one such initiative that has been introduced to make the educational institute environmentally sustainable and active in spreading the education about the same. The base of assessment is ISO 14001:2015 EMS and applicable legal requirements. It is a tool to assess general practices implemented by the organization in terms of the impact on environment. The report also aEnvironment to spread the awareness on the adverse practices that are responsible for the degradation of the environment and how strongly the institute is involved in curtailing those practices. It helps in recognizing the need of a college to work around the year for environment sustainability. Thus, Environment audit forms the base line survey to decide for the Environment policy as below-

Management faculty and staff of Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management is committed for carrying out its activity for sustainable development. This we will achieve through the following-

- To Use Solar Energy on College Campus by installing Solar Lamps and Solar water Heaters in Girls and Boys hostels.
- To sensitize the students and staff regarding the use of water properly
- To bring in use the 'Rain Water Harvesting' on the campus.
- To maximize the use of ICT and minimize the use of paper. It will help to go towards 'Paperless Office'.
- To use the solid waste through vermin-compost on the campus and use it as a fertilizer.
- To reduce the 'sound pollution in the campus,
- To protect and nurture the Flora and Fauna on the campus.
- To maintain green campus

OVERALL GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES BY COLLEGE:

1. College has formed the team of faculty and student as REEF which works to maintain biodiversity on the campus and also participates in preventing pollution in society through various drives.
2. College has installed solar panels and increasing upto its maximum capacity.
3. Environmental subject is included in teaching plan.
4. College has a system of e- waste disposal through authorized agency.
5. Tree plantation at college premises is taking place and encourages students to plant the trees.
6. College has Vermi composting facility installed.
7. College has installed sewage treatment plant for the purification of entire effluent water collected from the college.
8. College has developed a Environmental Policy.
9. Arranged training program for the staff of the college on Green Environment.
10. **As a part of the Green Initiatives the practices followed are:**
 - 460 kW Roof top PV Solar power plant
 - 200 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant
 - Rain Water Harvesting to improve the Ground water Table
 - Overall lighting through LED Bulbs in campus
 - Student participation in environment activities announced by AICTE
 - Eco –Club , REEF
 - Green Audit-by ISO 14001 guidelines

OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure Environment policy, Environment objectives, Environment conservation plan availability.
2. Ensure availability of current version of MPCB manual and ISO14001:2015 standards.
3. Display the applicable Environment monitoring parameters and acceptance limit as per MPCB at prominent locations.
4. Disposal of waste to MPCB approved agency. Maintain the record of waste disposal as per local authority norms.
5. Environment (Air, Water, Stack, Noise etc.) testing and monitoring with defined frequency to be ensured.
6. Facilitate & Ensure PUC for all the fuel vehicles.
7. Motivate for use of bicycle/walking inside the premises. Adopt car pooling.
8. Plantation of traditional trees as CSR activity can be undertaken.
9. Green initiatives/practices, 3R (Reuse, Recycle, Reduce) to be adopted/researched upon.
10. Ban on single use plastic.

11. Set up a compost facility to turn biodegradable (Incl. Canteen waste) waste into compost. This can be used for cultivating organic vegetables in grow bags and pots.
12. Store electrical and electronic waste and hand it over periodically to scrap dealers to ensure its proper recycling
13. Covering green infrastructure technology topic in Civil Engineering.
14. Environment friendly poster displays.
15. Installation and maintenance of ETP as per regulatory norms.
16. Adoption of electronic facility during admission process.
17. Rainwater harvesting system needs to be strengthening.
18. Periodic maintenance of utilities to avoid leakages/loss of energy.
19. Identification and updation of Environmental aspects/risk, disaster management plan and control.
20. Awareness building related to Environmental acts and rules, Good practices amongst the staff and students.

INTRODUCTION:

Environment Audit is a process of systematic identification, quantification, recording, reporting and analysis of components of environmental diversity of various establishments. Audit is to analyze environmental practices within and outside of the concerned sites, which will have an impact on the eco-friendly ambience. Environment Audit can be a useful tool for a college to determine how and where they are using the most energy or water or resources; the college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. It can also be used to determine the type and volume of waste, which can be used for a recycling project or to improve waste minimization plan. It can create health consciousness and promote environmental awareness, values and ethics. It provides staff and students better understanding of Green impact on campus. If self-enquiry is a natural and necessary outgrowth of a quality education, it could also be stated that institutional self-enquiry is a natural and necessary outgrowth of a quality educational institution. Thus it is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future. As environmental sustainability is becoming an increasingly important issue for the nation, the role of higher educational institutions in relation to environmental sustainability is more prevalent.

A Nation's growth starts from its educational institutions, where the ecology is thought as a prime factor of development associated with environment. Educational institutions now a days are becoming more sensitive to environmental factors and more concepts are being introduced to make them eco-friendly. To preserve the environment within the campus, various viewpoints are applied by the several educational institutes to solve their environmental problems such as promotion of the energy savings, recycle of waste, water reduction, water harvesting etc.. The activities pursued by colleges can also create a variety of adverse environmental impacts. Environmental auditing is a process whereby an organization's environmental performance is tested against its environmental policies and objectives. Environment Audit is defined as an official examination of the effects a college has on the environment. As a part of such practice, internal environmental audit is conducted to evaluate the actual scenario at the campus. Environment Audit can be a useful tool for a college to determine how and where they are using the most energy or water or resources; the college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. It can also be used to determine the type and volume of waste, which can be used for a recycling project or to improve waste minimization plan. Environment auditing and the implementation of mitigation measures is a win-win situation for all the college, the learners and the planet. It can also create health consciousness and promote environmental awareness, values and ethics. It provides staff and students better understanding of Green impact on campus. Green and Environment auditing promote financial savings through reduction of resource use. It gives an opportunity for the development of ownership, personal and social responsibility for the students and teachers. Thus it is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future. As environmental sustainability is becoming an increasingly important issue for the nation, the role of higher educational institutions in relation to environmental sustainability is more prevalent. 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. ISO 14001-2015 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.

Objectives of the Audit:

The main objective of the Environment Audit is to promote the Environment Management and Conservation in the College Campus. The purpose of the audit is to identify, quantify, describe and prioritize framework of Environment Sustainability in compliance with the applicable regulations, policies and standards. The main objectives of carrying out Environment Audit are:

1. A baseline survey to know the real status of green practices.
2. Identification of the problems faced while practising green practices in the college campus.
3. Examination of the current practises that have impact on the environment such as resource utilization, waste management, energy conservation etc.
3. Analysis and suggestion for the plausible solutions for problems identified from Audit Report.
4. Increasing and spreading the awareness for environmental consciousness and sustainable use of resources amongst the students, teaching and non-teaching staff members.
5. Identification and assessment of any environmental risk if any inside the college campus.
6. Giving direction and guidance working on local environmental issues. In order to perform Environment audit, the methodology included different tools such as preparation of questionnaire, physical inspection of the campus, observation and review of the documentation, interviewing key persons and data analysis, measurements and recommendations.
 - a. **Water management**
 - b. **Energy management**
 - c. **Green belt area & Bio-diversity**
 - d. **Environment parameter monitoring**
 - e. **Waste management**

Review of the Documentation:

Environment Policy, ISO14001 Environment Management System and applicable legal requirement and standard practices.

Interviews:

Interviews were conducted with the Principal, and also faculties and students.

Physical Inspection:

The audit team visited the college to inspect the campus and review Environmental actions.

ABOUT COLLEGE:

Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management (RCOEM) was established in 1984 by Shri Ramdeobaba SarvajaniSamiti (SRSS), a trust which has been involved in community service for over four decades. More than 30 years of existence has helped RCOEM grow deep roots and establish a strong foundation in technical education. Journey of a student in this institute has always involved comprehensive knowledge building from practical skills, theoretical knowledge to personality development, which has given them a head-start in their career.

We encourage all to adhere to the highest ethical standards and professional integrity and aim to enhance the satisfaction level of all stakeholders. Autonomy RCOEM was granted progressive academic autonomy from the session 2011-12. Various statutory bodies such as Board of Management, Academic Council, Board of Studies, and Finance Committee have been constituted and an industry need-based syllabus has been introduced.

Name of the Institute: Shri Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management.

- No. of Branches:UG-09, PG: MTech-07, MBA, MCA, MBA (Integrated)
- No. of Students: Intake UG-810, PG-441, Total: 4685
- No. of Faculty Members:279
- No. of Non-Teaching Members:159
- No. of Buildings:12+ 1 Temple+1SubStation
- Total campus area: 44596.35 m²
- College building Spread Area: 34011.08 m²
- Girls common room: 12

	No. of Student	No. of Teachers	Non-teaching staff
Gents	2872	167	124
Ladies	1813	112	35

- **Lab:76**
- **Class room:66**
- **Boys class room:3**
- **First aid/Sick room:1**

No of Branches(18)

Departments • First Year Engineering

• Applied Sciences & Humanities

- Chemistry o Humanities
- Mathematics o Physics
- Physical Education

• **Computer Application**

• **Engineering**

- Civil
- Computer Science
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Electronics and Communication
- Electronics Design Technology
- Industrial o Information Technology
- Mechanical

• **Management Technology**

No of Buildings & its details

1. Admin Block
2. Mgmt Tech Building
3. Civil Engg
4. IT Block
5. Electrical Block
6. Workshop
7. EN Block
8. First Yr. Block
9. MCA Building
10. Boys Hostel
11. Boys Mess & Gym Area
12. Girls Hostel

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

DOCUMENTATION REVIEW:

The audit covered the following areas to summarize the present status of environment management in the campus:

Sr.No	The following documents related to Environment are checked with ISO 14001:2015 standard.	Status
1	Environment Policy	Available
2	Environment Objectives	Available
3	Environment/ MPCB Manual	Current version to be made available
4	Environment Monitoring Records	Evident
5	Identification of Environmental Aspects- impact and associated risk-control	To be reviewed & updated.
6	SWOT analysis required to be carried out.	To be reviewed & updated.
7	Environmental contextual issues that are internal and external issue affecting the performance to be identified and action plan.	To be reviewed & updated.
8	The requirement of interested parties to be identified and full filled	To be reviewed & updated.
9	The training related to legal, environmental is to be given to the employees.	Evidenced. Frequency & coverage to be increased.
10	Regular Internal audit and management review as per the required version of new standards is required to be carried out.	To be carried out.

System implementation as per ISO14001:2015 requirements:

Env. Check points	Status
1. Do you have separate Env. Cell/section	Available
2. Do you have Env. Officer	Available
3. Organization chart, responsibility authority	Available
4. List of applicable statutory & regulatory requirements with details (License/registration, submissions etc.)	Available
5. Records of details to be submitted to Pollution control board periodically.	Available
6. Do you have latest versions of Acts/Rules copies.	Available

7. Copies of consents, licenses, registrations etc.	Available
8. Air, Water, Soil monitoring frequency & record, availability of measuring instruments/outsourced	Available
9. Water consumption monitoring frequency & record, availability of measuring instruments/outsourced	Available
10. Fuel and Oil consumption monitoring frequency & record, availability of measuring instruments/outsourced	Available
11. Heat/Energy level monitoring frequency & record, availability of measuring instruments/outsourced	Available
12. Any legal complaint/cases	Available
13. ETP, STP details (capacity, legal requirement, monitoring record)	Available
14. Reutilization of ETP water	Available
15. Disposal of Haz.waste, ETP sludge	Available
16. Disposal of scrap	Available
17. KPI: Sp. Water consumption, Sp. Oil consumption, Tree plantation	Available
18. MSDS certificates if applicable	Available. To be implemented.
19. Env. Policy	Available
20. Display of Env. Posters	Available
21. Env. Related trainings	Available
22. Stack emission analysis	Available
23. Do you have separate Env. Lab	Available
24. Aspect-Impact analysis	Available
25. Disaster management Plan/Emergency Preparedness & Response Plan (covering environmental emergencies)	Available. To be reviewed & updated.
26. Summarization of applicable requirements under each Legal Acts/Rules/Consents and its compliance status	Available
27. CSR activity considering Environment	Available
28. Green initiatives taken if any.	Available

DATA ANALYSIS & SITE VISIT:

A. WATER MANAGEMENT:

This indicator addresses water consumption, water sources, irrigation, storm water, appliances and fixtures. A water audit is an on-site survey and assessment to determine the water use and hence improving the efficiency of its use.

Water conservation is a key activity as water availability effects on the development of the campus as well as on all area of development such as farming, industries, etc. Keeping this in view water conservation activity is carried out by the college.

Observation:

1. Domestic Water

The college uses approximate 1500 Taps. It has 4 wells with 1 dug well and 3 bore wells. Main source of water is Municipal water. The present depth of water is 30 feet in well. The college stores the water in overhead tank and sump. There are two sumps storing 2 Lakh & 1.5 Lakh liters of water and overhead tank with 1 L capacity. Every day about 1 Lakh liter of NMC water is pumped. Wastage of water is prevented by closing the valves manually. No leakage of water is detected during the audit. The waste water mainly comes from labs, washrooms & kitchen & waste water is released to soap pit. Construction of STP is in progress. At present waste water is not used for any other purposes. At present lab water is released in common drainage of qty. 5000 Ltr/week. Treatment of lab water is carried out at present. In order to reduce the amount of water used in college, push taps or timers in urinal is proposed. The details of the pump used for pumping the water in overhead tanks are as follows-

Sr.No/	No. of Pumps	Power	Location
1	4	5HP	Main water tank
2	3	3	MBA, IT &Electrical Dept
3	1	1	Admin. Building

- Dug well gets dry and has pump of 3HP and is operated 3 days for 2 Hrs. while bore well has 2 pumps of 3 HP and one pump of 1Hp and operated daily for 3 Hrs.



- Rainwater harvesting is done by the college. Paver blocks are installed.
- There are no technical data at present to analyse the amount of water lost.
- There are no water fountains.
- Drip irrigation is used to water the plants.
- Garden is watered twice in a day for 2 Hrs each.
- College can prepare water management plan with new water saving techniques.
- Slogan for water saving are displayed at various places in the college and in hostels buildings.
- Water management is part of the civil engineering curriculum.

Sources of Water:

- Municipal corporation Water
- Well water
- Bore water
- No. of flow meters attached and their locations.: One near OHT

Location/ Area	Avg. total consumption of water per day
1.College	68330
2. Gardening	41000
3. Labs	27330
4. Hostel	95665
5. Utilities/uses	13665
6. Canteen	27330

In college campus water conservation is done at two levels:

1. Rain Water Harvesting
2. Reuse of Waste Water

Water Conservation Initiatives:

Rain Water Harvesting:

Rain water harvesting (RWH) is a technique of collection and storage of rainwater into natural reservoirs or tanks, or the infiltration of surface water into subsurface aquifers (before it is lost as surface runoff). One method of rainwater harvesting is rooftop harvesting. With rooftop harvesting, most any surface — tiles, metal sheets, plastics, but not grass or palm leaf — can be used to intercept the flow of rainwater and provide a household with high-quality drinking water and year-round storage. Other uses include water for gardens, livestock, and irrigation, etc. The tanks also served as natural aquifers and helped recharge groundwater.



There were two recharge pits for rain water harvesting. Due to geographical reason as there were rocks beneath the college premises it is difficult to build the more water recharge pits in the college.

Waste Water Treatment Facility:

College has installed one ETP for treating the college effluent and drainage the good water in drain.

The sources waste water are categorized in two types:

- I. Laboratory Waste Water which can be said as Effluent and
- II. Domestic Waste Water i.e. Sewage Water.

The effluent produced in this college is about 5000 liters per week per laboratory and there are two such laboratories producing effluent. One, first year Chemistry Laboratory and second, the Environment Laboratory in Civil Engineering department. The effluent produced in chemistry department is released after treating and neutralization into the common drainage.

The Sewage water mainly comes from washrooms of college, hostel, kitchen and canteen. The sewage is released in ETP for treating the effluent and drainage the good water in drain.

Recommendations:

The team of Auditors appreciates the College administration for the good practices in conserving water such as regular plumbing services, regulating the water flow from top and some of the flushes are switched to water efficient flushes. There is willingness to explore the option of Waste Water Treatment thus the (plant based) recycled water can be utilized for the toilet flushing and gardening if it is implemented successfully. It is not possible to estimate the exact quantity of water used by different departments. However the highest consumption of water is most likely happening in toilets, hostels, canteen, and in chemical lab in view of the escalation of water scarcity in the region team recommend basic steps be carried out to optimize the water utilization at the college level, which will also contribute to reducing the related expense:

- I. Putting up notices in all washrooms and near all water coolers about the need for saving water, and simple tips like ensuring all the taps are properly closed, leakages are immediately brought to the notice of the management, respective floor cleaning staff could be given the responsibility to keep a check on every floor if any taps are open or leaking.
- II. To eliminate the spillage and over usage of water in washbasins, urinals and toiler push taps are highly recommended.
- III. Training to the cleaners in economical use of water for cleaning purposes and a system in place for immediate response when issues of water leakage are observed so that water losses are prevented.
- IV. Need of monitoring, controlling overflow is essential and periodically supervision drills should be arranged. In campus small scale/medium scale/ large scale reuse and recycle of water system is necessary.
- V. Minimize wastage of water and use of electricity during water filtration process, if used, such as RO filtration (Drinking Water) process and ensure that the equipment's used for such usage are regularly serviced and the wastage of water is not below the industry average for such equipment's used in similar capacity.
- VI. Ensure that all cleaning products used by college staff have a minimal detrimental impact on the environment, i.e. are biodegradable and non-toxic, even where this exceeds the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) regulations.
- VII. Electrical fittings and plumbing kept in proper condition to prevent electricity leakage and water dripping. All water taps to be checked for its leakage particularly in toilet (Hostels).
- VIII. Identification of areas to be carried out such as compost making area, water harvesting tank, bore well used for water harvesting purpose, bore well used for consumable purpose, parking area of staff, students, hazard area etc.
- IX. Water meter to be installed in both borewell as well as well which is used and daily monitoring and record of water used to be kept.
- X. Cleaning schedule of water purifier to be made and followed.
- XI. Water consumption of the college to be monitored and graphs/table to be prepared.
- XII. Water to be tested from various source including the potable water purifiers and in canteen.
- XIII. Maintenance of water purifier to be done including replacement of filters.
- XIV. Step by step include the water meter or flow meter to each and every building and monitor the water consumption record.
- XV. Special Internal Water Audit to be conducted quarterly and should be headed by HOD Civil Department

B. ENERGY MANAGEMENT:

This indicator addresses energy consumption, energy sources, energy monitoring, lighting, appliance, natural gas and vehicles. Energy use is clearly an important aspect of campus sustainability and thus requires no explanation

for its inclusion in the assessment. The college primarily uses energy in the form of electricity provided by MSEDCL. A proper analysis of energy consumption, we need to understand the electricity consumption over at least one academic year, and ideally three previous years. Major use of the energy is at office and laboratories of different departments for lighting, practical and laboratory work. The main electric appliances in the college are mechanical workshop, fans, computers and LCD projectors, and computers , lab equipments, lifts, mechanical workshops and accessories Major energy consumption equipments are the high wattage electrical appliances such as Air conditioners, water coolers, geyser installed at boys and girls hostels, deep freezers, etc.

Aim and objective:

- To save conventionally produce electric energy
- Use of non- conventional source of energy
- Use carbon neutral electricity
- Minimization of electric expenses

Good Practices:



ICACER-2019 has been inaugurated on 15 th March 2019 at Chitnavis Centre, Civil lines, Nagpur

In all sections of campus lecture rooms, office rooms, laboratories etc are spacious voluminous and airy, having proper natural light and ventilation. Hence actual requirement energy consumption in lightening is minimal. The air conditioners in the management chamber or in Principal Chamber are rarely used and avoiding unnecessary use of the same is a part of the green practice in the College. Besides this, **solar system is also installed in the campus as an alternate renewable source of energy,**. Equipments like Computers are used with power saving mode. Also, campus administration runs switch –off drill on regular basis.

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Observations

Following Energy Sources are used in the college:

- **Solar**
- **Electrical**
- **Diesel**
- **LPG**
- **Petrol**



Some of the “Green Practices” on the Campus includes; the display of the instruction boards/notices displayed on each classrooms/ lab for switching of the fans and lights when not required.



Switching to star rating electric appliances in phase wise manner, new fans are installed in phases, step by step process of replacing CFL with LED light,. The College building has 4 lifts; the lift is operated for disabled person and for old person only. The instructions are displayed.

Recommendations:

1. Don't Leave Electronic Appliances On Standby Mode: It is a common tendency among the people to switch off their electrical appliances using the remote, leaving them on standby mode. They fail to realize that the device is still consuming 85% of electricity energy and wasting the valuable energy reserve. Instead, by switching off the main power button or by unplugging the socket, they can make a commendable contribution in saving electricity energy.

2. Avoid Using Electric Tumble Dryer: An electric tumble dryer consumes a large amount of electricity energy in a home. To save the exhaustible electrical energy, user must switch over to the traditional method of line-drying the clothes.
3. Lighting: The traditional bulbs and tube lights consume a large amount of electricity energy, making a contribution of almost 10 to 15 percent in the electricity bill. In lieu of these outdated bulbs, one must prefer purchasing an energy saving bulb and the fluorescent tubes that glows brightly without consuming more energy.
4. Bring Home Solar Garden Lights: To lighten your garden and add grace to its look, one can easily bring home the highly efficient solar garden lights as they do not entail you to dig trenches or set up wiring connections. Users can easily arrange these fitting anywhere they desire and highlight the dark areas of their gardens. These lights get charged up during the day and illuminate the garden at night.
5. Check out The Energy Star Label: While purchasing electronic appliances like air conditioner, refrigerator, microwave and other household appliances, one must make sure that the appliance has an energy star label on it that can help to cut almost 30 percent of the electricity bills.
6. All electrical loose wire to be dressed up properly.
7. Electrical Earthing of the college to be checked regularly.
8. Awareness for the use of electricity and paper to be developed in the college.
9. Instruction such as all electrical appliances (lights/fans/AC) shall be switched off when not in use or at the end of the day to be displayed.
10. College takes steps to purchase fans, refrigerators and air conditioners with low energy consumptions with maximum star ratings.
11. College has to replace resistance regulators with electronic regulators, CRT monitors with LED monitors and DOT matrix printers with Deskjet printer.
12. Use of Diesel generator to be avoided (to reduce the consumption of oil following format can be used).
13. Enhanced renewable energy source capacity.
14. The display of the instruction boards/to be displayed on each classrooms/ lab for switching of the fans and lights when not required.
15. Switching to star rating electric appliances in phase wise manner.
16. Carbon Sequestration study shall be carried out before plantation of Green Belt.
17. Energy Consumption for each building should be estimated to design the energy conservation plan.
18. Instead of out-sourcing the Annual Maintenance of Electrical Equipment college concern department staff shall take that responsibility
19. Energy saving awareness shall be done by displaying the boards at appropriate place.
20. List of electrical gadgets used in every section, departments, hostels, canteens to be prepared with electrical capacity required.

21. Encourage natural ventilation and illumination by alteration in the building structures whenever going for new constructions.
22. Think of installation of Morse's lamp near turbo ventilator.
23. Air condition in offices needs to be set on 26oc.
24. All the lifts must have the following legal requirement as
 - a. Emergency phone No.
 - b. Lift license

c. GREEN BELT AREA & BIO-DIVERSITY:



The Green Belt Area is meant for conservation of nature and esthetic value of the college premises, the total area of the plot is 44596.35 m² . As per the requirement of National Green Tribunal the green belt shall be developed as per the guide lines of Central Pollution Control Board. The area of Green Belt in this College ought to be 14716.8 m² i.e. 33% of the total plot area. The Green Area in the college includes the plants, greenery and sustainability of the campus to ensure that the buildings conform to green standards This also helps in ensuring that the Environmental Policy is enacted, enforced and reviewed using various environmental awareness programme.

The area is immensely diverse with a variety of tree species performing a variety of functions, Sprawling lawn/garden. Most of these tree species are planted in different periods of time through various plantation Programmes organized by the authority and have become an integral part of the college. The trees of the college have increased the quality of life, not only the college fraternity but also the people around of the college in terms of contributing to our environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conservation of water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife, controlling climate by moderating the effects of the sun, rain and wind. Leaves absorb and filter the sun's radiant energy, keeping things cool in summer. Many spices of birds are

dependent on these trees mainly for food and shelter. Nectar of flowers and plants is a favorite of birds and many insects. Leaf – covered branches keep many animals, such as birds and squirrels, out of reach of predators.



Different species display a seemingly endless variety of shapes, forms, texture and vibrant colours. Even individual trees vary their appearance throughout the course of the year as the seasons change. The strength, long lifespan and regal stature of trees, enormous variety of flowering plant, give them a monument – like quality. They also remind us the glorious history of our institution in particular. We often make an emotional connection with these trees and sometime become personally attached to the ones that we see every day. A thick belt of large shady trees in the periphery of the college have found to be bringing down noise and cut down dust and storms This includes the plants, greenery and sustainability of the campus to ensure that the buildings conform to green standards This also helps in ensuring that Environmental Policy is enacted, enforced and reviewed using various environmental awareness Programmes.



Observation:

Campus is located in the vicinity of approximately 80 types (species) trees. Various tree plantation programs are being organized during the month of July and August at college campus and surrounding villages through NSS unit. This program helps in encouraging eco-friendly environment which provides pure oxygen within the institute and awareness among villagers. The plantation program includes various types of indigenous species of ornamental and medicinal. Instead of maintaining biodiversity the similar species planted is observed for example “NEEM”. The dominant species in green belt are Neem, Pongam Tree, Amaltash, Copepod and Sita Ashok. This Bio-diversity never fulfills the aim of green belt development.

- Total land area available for plantation.Apprx.10,000Sq.Ft
- Total land area covered by plantation.5250 Sq.Ft.
- No. of trees planted in campus.725



Recommendations:

The Management of College may consider on top priority that:-

- The Green Belt is to be developed as per the guidelines of NGT
- Total 33% area is to be reserved for plantation and around 4368 plants to be planted in the area as per the guidelines of the CPCB
- The Biodiversity is to be maintained while considering the plantation in future.
- The selection of trees species to be based on environmental conservation and carbon sequestration value.
- Artificial nests and water ponds are recommended to attract different birds in their migrating and breeding season
- Three Tier Aero-dynamic tree plantation along the boundary of the collage in all direction
- Plant survival rate is to be maintained
- Watering schedule to be planned according the season
- Drip irrigation is strongly recommended to conserve the water
- Reuse of the water shall be done instead of use of fresh water

- The car case of the plant is to be maintained to enhance the esthetic value of premises.
- Special Tree Plantation shall be celebrated every year on environment day and also competitions for bird species identification and knowing the tree values in terms of medicinal and environment conservation.

d. ENVIRONMENT PARAMETER MONITORING

Since air quality plays a vital role for good health. Air Quality monitoring instrument is used to monitor quarterly the criteria pollutants. The most important air quality parameters, which are measured, are NO₂, SO₂& PM₁₀. The other criteria pollutants such as Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Lead are not measured because there are no nearby Industries located near the institute, which are emitting these pollutants. Noise equally plays a vital role in the environment, hence noise measurement are also done at the institute quarterly.

Observation:

Presently, environment monitoring is not carried out by college.

Recommendation:

Environment monitoring/testing needs to be carried out with defined frequency as per applicable regulatory requirements.

e. WASTE MANAGEMENT:



This indicator addresses waste production and disposal of different wastes like paper, food, plastic, biodegradable, construction, glass, dust etc. and recycling. Furthermore, solid waste often includes wasted material resources that could otherwise be channeled into better service through recycling, repair, and reuse. Solid waste generation and
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management is a burning issue. Unscientific handling of solid waste can create threats to everyone. The survey focused on volume, type and current management practice of solid waste generated in the campus. The different solid wastes collected as mentioned above.

For Plastic and waste generated in the college there is a provision to dispose the same with waste collection vehicle of corporation on daily basis under the swatch Bharat Abhyaan. The wastage from the canteen needs to be used in the composting purpose rather than disposing it through other sources.

Also college encourages their staff and students for using the plastic bags of more than 50 micron or use clothes bags or paper bags makes with the waste paper through awareness training.

The collecting, treating, and disposing of solid material that is discarded because it has served its purpose or is no longer useful. Improper disposal of municipal solid waste can create unsanitary conditions, and these conditions in turn can lead to pollution of the environment and to outbreaks of vector-borne disease—that is, diseases spread by rodents and insects. The tasks of solid-waste management present complex technical challenges. They also pose a wide variety of administrative, economic, and social problems that must be managed and solved.

The sources of solid waste include residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial activities. Certain types of wastes that cause immediate danger to exposed individuals or environments are classified as hazardous; these are discussed in the article hazardous-waste management. All nonhazardous solid waste from a community that requires collection and transport to a processing or disposal site is called refuse or municipal solid waste (MSW). Refuse includes garbage and rubbish. Garbage is mostly decomposable food waste; rubbish is mostly dry material such as glass, paper, cloth, or wood. Garbage is highly putrescible or decomposable, whereas rubbish is not. Trash is rubbish that includes bulky items such as old refrigerators, couches, or large tree stumps. Trash requires special collection and handling.

Construction and demolition (C&D) waste (or debris) is a significant component of total solid waste, although it is not considered to be part of the MSW stream. However, because C&D waste is inert and nonhazardous, it is usually disposed of in municipal sanitary landfills

Another type of solid waste, perhaps the fastest-growing component in many developed countries, is electronic waste, or e-waste, which includes discarded computer equipment, televisions, telephones, and a variety of other electronic devices. Concern over this type of waste is escalating. Lead, mercury, and cadmium are among the materials of concern in electronic devices, and governmental policies may be required to regulate their recycling and disposal.



Once collected, municipal solid waste may be treated in order to reduce the total volume and weight of material that requires final disposal. Treatment changes the form of the waste and makes it easier to handle. It can also serve to recover certain materials, as well as heat energy, for recycling or reuse.

Observation:

- 1) Types of waste-paper, plastic, waste books, e-waste etc.
- 2) Dataforeachtypeforlast3yearsrequiredtobedocumented.
- 3) Paper consumption-collected at separate stores at hostel.
- 4) Re use of paper – system is evident. Paper recycling is done by both side usages.
- 5) Garbage - segregated into wet and dry, monitored by security.
- 6) Garbage – plastic black bags are sent to external agency named ‘Email Scrap Centre’.
- 7) Canteen wet garbage is given to external vendor.(LaxmikantRajmane)
- 8) Book recycling is evident by library.
- 9) Old magazines–from2010areevident.
- 10) Waste collected quantity: Average 100Kg -125Kg.
- 11) Waste segregation in various dustbins at place
- 12) College have vermiculture composting of 150 Sq.Ft.capacity



Type of waste generated in college and its disposal system adopted.

1. Plastic Waste:

The plastic are strongly restricted to bring in the college or if brings the same, its thickness shall be more than 50 micron as per the government rules and regulations. Otherwise in the State of Maharashtra 'Plastic is Ban'.

2. Hazardous Waste;

The chemical hazard which is being generated in the chemical lab is now collected in drum (identified), and neutralized the same before it is being drained to effluent treatment plant. Now days due to Covid-19 pandemic, online classes are carried out. Therefore the amount of chemical waste generation is almost nil. The other hazardous waste is Florescent Tubes and CFL Bulbs, Electrical waste, Laboratory Waste, etc. The disposal plan needs to be prepared.

3. Wooden Waste: Damaged Furniture, Wooden Packaging

The wooden policy is being followed. The new purchases in the form of solid wood are not carried out, instead particles boards are used. College has appointed carpenter permanently for repair of old furniture. They used old chair and tables to build and repaired the new chair and tables instead buying any new wood from the market. All the chair and tables, cupboard is now from metal, PVC material with recyclable material.

4. Metal Waste: Scrap Metal, broken utensils, and damaged machinery from Laboratory. Metals if possible reused and scrape out to respective scarp dealer.

5. Food Waste:

The only area from where the food waste is generated is canteen, and hostel mess. The canteens has well displayed importance of avoiding the food waste poster in the canteen. Also if it is noticed that the food is wasted by any person/girls, then the same may be brought to their notice. The food waster generated in the canteen is being transferred to Gaushaala.



6. E-waste: E-waste is given to the authorized vendor M/S.Suritex Pvt. Ltd. Certificate of e-waste management Form No.6 is provided. Reg.No. MPCB/ROHG/HSMB/AOTLO/16/EW-333 through MPCB wide letter 28.11.2016 valid 19.02.2021 Waste generated in RCOEM:

E-waste can be described as consumer and business electronic equipment that is near or at the end of its useful life. This makes up about 5% of all municipal solid waste worldwide but is much more hazardous than other waste because electronic components contain cadmium, lead, mercury, and Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that can damage human health and the environment.

Certificate No.	285
Date of E-waste Receipt	5 th October, 2018.
Weight	1 Lot.
Location	Nagpur



SURITEX PRIVATE LTD.

E-Waste Management Company

Certificate of E-Waste Recycling
This is to Certify that E-waste received for recycling
From

Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management.

Has been safely disposed at our registered facility in an environment friendly manner.

For Suritex Pvt. Ltd.

Authorized Signatory



- E-waste Management
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Website: www.suritex.co.in

Plant : B-111, MIDC Butibori, Nagpur
Office : 5 & 6 Zal Complex , Residency Road , Sadar , Nagpur 440001
Mobile no. : 9049981347 , 9960627347

Form-6
[SEE E-WASTE (MANAGEMENT) RULES, 2016]- RULE 19]
E-WASTE MANIFEST

1	Sender's name and mailing address (including Phone No.)	Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management, Nagpur.
2	Sender's Authorization No., if applicable.	
3	Manifest Document No.	RCUEM/ E WASTE / 16-17/02
4	Transporter's Name & Address (including Phone No.)	MH 40 N 187, Nagpur Dharamraj Sahu
5	Type of Vehicle	(Truck / Tanker / Special Vehicle)
6	Transporter's Registration No.	
7	Vehicle Registration No.	MH 40 N 187
8	Receiver's Name & Mailing Address (including Phone No.)	Suritex Private Ltd Works, B - 111, MIDC, Butibori, Office: 5-6 Zal Complex, Residency Road Sadar, Nagpur - 440001, Mobile No. :- 09049981347
9	Receiver's Authorization No., if applicable	MPCB/RO(HQ)/HSMD/Autho/16/EW-333
10	Description of E-Waste (Item, Weight/ Numbers)	E-Waste
11	Name and stamp of Sender* [Manufacturer or Producer or Bulk Consumer or Collection Centre or Refurbisher or Dismantler]	Ramdeobaba College of Engineering and Management, Nagpur. Month Day Year 0 9 2 6 2 0 1 6
12	Transporter Acknowledgement of Receipt of E-Waste	MH 40 N 187 Dharamraj Sahu Month Day Year 0 9 2 6 2 0 1 6
13	Receiver* (Collection Centre or Refurbisher or Dismantler or Recycler) certification of receipt of E-waste	Suritex Private Ltd Works, B - 111, MIDC, Butibori, Office: 5-6 Zal Complex, Residency Road Sadar, Nagpur - 440001, Mobile No. :- 09049981347 Month Day Year 0 9 2 6 2 0 1 6

* As applicable
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E-waste generated in the campus is very less in quantity. The cartridges of laser printers are refilled outside the college campus. Administration conducts the awareness programmes regarding E-waste Management with the help

of various departments. The E- waste and defective item from computer laboratory is being stored properly. The institution has decided to contact approved E-waste management and disposal facility in order to dispose E-waste in scientific manner.

Waste	Quantity Generated/Day
1. Plastic Waste	Avg. 2-3 Kg
2. Hazard Waste	1-2 Ltr
3. Wodden Waste	Avg. 5-7 Kg
4. Metal Waste	Avg. 10 Kg
5. Food Waste	Avg. 25Kg
6. E-Waste (Computer/Machine parts)	0.50Kg or 10Tons/Year
Batteries	0.10Kg

Non-Biodegradable Waste: - Papers, Plastic Coated Papers etc. The college has framed policies for handling and disposal for these wastes.

Biodegradable Waste: - Tree Leaves and biomass produced in garden, uncooked vegetable remaining from Kitchen of Mess and Canteen.



Recommendations:

- With keeping view to minimize the pollution created through the e-waste, we have carried out the scientific disposal of e-waste by two ways

- Collection of e- wastes in e- waste box and sale it to concerned firm for its disposal.
- Reuse of the component of unused electronic devices in laboratory viz. Physics.
- Recycle or safely dispose of white goods, computers and electrical appliances.
- Use reusable resources and containers and avoid unnecessary packaging where possible.
- Always purchase recycled resources where these are suitable.
- Use of MSDS for handling, storing & disposal of the chemicals/reagents/fuels/oils.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES:

- Water Tap Survey**
- Poster Making Competition**
- Guest Lecture on Noise Pollution**
- Nylon Removal Drive**
- Ambazari Cleaning Drive**
- Bird-watching / Nature Trail**
- Bird Rescue**

25. Water Tap Survey

Initiated for a noble cause, the “Digital Water Tap Survey” started on 28th September 2019. It aimed at conserving water, by identifying various leaking taps throughout the campus, and repairing them. The Survey was conducted in an eco-friendly manner, using online forms. The gateway was circulated through social media.

We received multiple reports and complaints, which were directed to the maintenance department for repair.



26. Poster Making Competition

After declaration of “Nation-wide Plastic Ban”, it was time to spread awareness.

As an interactive activity, A “Poster Making Competition” was organized on 22nd October 2019. The theme was selected as : “Plastic Ban: Harmful effects of Plastic”.



The event took place at the Open Air Theatre. It saw participation of some very talented artists of our college. Hence it became difficult for our judges, Dr. S. D. Mohgaonkar and Dr. Deepshikha Mehra, to select the winners.

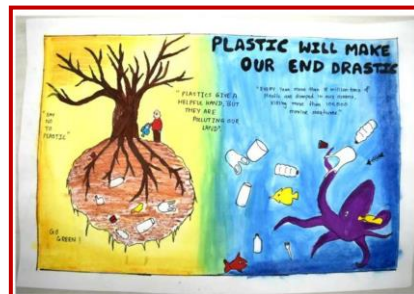
Winners of this competition were:

Winner **Anchal Yadav**(Civil, 1stYear)



First Runner-up **Shruti Kumbhare**(EN, 1st Year)

Second Runner-up **Bhagyashree Chilate**(EN, 1st Year)



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27. Guest Lecture on Noise Pollution

A prominent NEERI (National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur) engineer, Er.Satish Lokhande, was invited to deliver a speech on “Noise Pollution”, organized on 21stDecember 2019, in the Main Auditorium.

He has developed a “Noise Tracker” mobile application, which measures real-time noise level and indicates, whether it is within permissible limits or is exceeding it. He briefed us, and gave a tutorial to use this app.

28. Nylon Removal Drive

Nylon “Manjas” are still used during the Makar Sankranti. It is a hazard to nature, and poses a serious threat to birds.

A Nylon removal drive, “Clean the GREENS”, was organized by GroWill Foundation on 19th January 2020. REEF participated and contributed towards this cleaning drive. Various urban jungles were parsed, and large amount of Nylon Manja was collected.

The Bharat Van jungle, Ambazari backwaters, and various other places were selected. Teams were made and sent to each such location to collect Manja. This Manja was then used to manufacture recycled products, and was even used to stuff inside soft toys

29. Ambazari Cleaning Drive

The Forest Department organized Ambazari Cleaning Drive, on the occasion of World Wetlands Day, 2nd February 2020. Various teams of 10-15 people were formed, and each team was allotted an area.

Each team was accompanied by forest officials and rangers, to guide them, as well as for their safety. Large amount of plastic waste was collected from each area, which was sent to recycling plants. Forest officials concluded the event by sharing the information on the biodiversity of the region.

a. Bird-watching / Nature Trail

It is one of the favorite hobbies of nature lovers. REEF members take out time to follow this activity. Most visited spots are Gorewada jungle, Gorewada dam site, ambazari jungle, etc.

With the guidance of experienced bird-watchers, our team is learning the art of identifying birds, and observing their behavior. This activity requires lots of patience.

Usually, weekend mornings or evenings are chosen for bird-watching, as the activity is peak at these times. Common birds, such as Cattle Egret, Green Bee Eaters are spotted easily throughout the year. Some migratory birds, such as Red Crested Pochards, Northern Pintails, Bar Headed Geese, can be spotted in and around the water bodies during winters.

30. Bird Rescue

Multiple incidents have occurred when our team members were informed about injured birds in the campus. We have tried our best, to rescue them if needed. If the injury is minor, and the bird can recover on its own, then it is kept at a secure place.

In case of serious injuries, we take the birds to Transit Treatment Center, where they are treated by certified

veterinary doctors.



Poster Making Competition participants, with REEF members



Judges Dr. S. D. Mohgaonkar and Dr. Deepshikha Mehra, with REEF Mentor Faculty, Dr. S. L. Mudliar, Prof. A. V. Bharati, and Prof. Meenal Joshi.



Er. Satish Lokhande, with REEF Mentor Faculty Dr. Mudliar and Chemistry Dept

ORIENTATION

The newly selected REEF members (REEFlings) were taken on a nature trail and bird watching session on 17th September 2017 at Gorewada Biodiversity Park. The orientation of new members to environment started with a Page 35 of 43

walk for bird watching. All the REEFlings were divided into pairs. After the bird watching session each pair of REEFlings was asked to introduce each other. They had to also associate their partner to a bird as a process of knowing each other. REEFlings were also introduced to REEF, its objectives, achievements and activities by chief coordinator Atharva Mangrulkar. They were also introduced to the five domains of REEF, their objectives and activities by the respective domain coordinators.

AWARENESS AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES GLOBAL TIGER'S DAY 2017



Global Tiger Day (GTD) is marked on 29th July every year to create awareness about decreasing tiger population and its conservation on a global level. This year REEF focused at encouraging schoolchildren to contribute towards tiger conservation. Past 2 years REEF has been organizing an interschool competition on GTD. The competition named as 'How Green Is Your Campus? - Challenges beyond Boundaries' comprised of various activities to inculcate sense of responsibility towards environment and tiger conservation in the young blood. REEFians approached various schools in the city and amongst them 11 schools participated in the competition. All the activities were divided into two categories-'within boundary' and 'beyond boundary'. Both of the categories had some compulsory and some optional activities. Activities like making a wall art, organizing a competition, performing a cultural act, making a digital herbarium, making an awareness video etc. were included under 'within boundary'. And tasks like cleaning campaign, tiger rally, awareness in NMC schools, and research and bird race were included under 'beyond boundary'.



REEF also organized an exhibition, 'Tiger vaganza' on 28th July 2017 in the RCOEM campus. As a part of the competition, schools had to make creative out of waste for the 'Best out of waste' segment. These creative were displayed by the school students in the exhibition. The exhibition also included camera traps for display, wildlife themed tattoo artist, wildlife accessories shop from Pench tiger reserve, wildlife themed delicacies shop and wildlife themed photo booth. On 29th July 2017, the final event of the competition was conducted in MBA auditorium. The winner of the competition turned out to be Centre Point School (Dhaba).

WILDLIFE WEEK

Wildlife week is celebrated all over the country from 2nd to 8th October every year with a view of conserving the flora and fauna of India. For the past two years REEF, the environment club of RCOEM has been actively celebrating the wildlife week with great enthusiasm and zeal.

This year, REEF organized various activities to spread awareness of conserving the wildlife under the theme of IUCN (International Union of Conservation of Nature). An event was organized in college campus on 6th and 7th October for Wildlife week. In the event, wildlife photographs clicked by REEF members in college and during educational tours were exhibited.

MANJHA REMOVAL AT RAJ BHAVAN

REEF members as an annual activity removed manja from Raj Bhavan which is rich biodiversity hotspot and has more than 174 species of birds. Manja that is entangled on tree is a big hazard to the birds of that area. The effort taken by REEF each year is for ensuring bird conservation.

EARTH HOUR

As part of the initiative by WWF, Earth hour is celebrated each year, world over. REEF has been taking part in this endeavor for the past many years. This year through REEF, RCOEM switched off lights during its working hours, students made and distributed paper bags to generate awareness about ill effects of plastic bags, conducted a survey to understand what the plastic usage behavior is. REEF also took part in a campaign taken up by WWF in SitaBuldi

area of Nagpur where shopkeepers were requested to switch off lights from 8.30 to 9.30pm.

BALGRAM (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

Ganesh idol making: The resident children of Blagram made the idol of Ganesh with the help of REEF members.

ELECTIONS AND HERBARIUM ACTIVITY:

Another activity was held on 9th November 2017 in which REEFians conducted elections in Balgram to elect monitors for library, cleanliness, and hygiene. Nominated candidates in each category addressed all the kids before the elections took place. This activity was followed by a herbarium activity on 10th November 2017 in which a tree species was allotted to a kid and a REEFling. The pair had to study about different features of the allotted tree and share it with other groups of REEFling and kid.

BIRDING

Bird baths installation: REEF members installed bird baths on 1st April 2017 at various places in the College campus to fulfill the water requirements of thirsty birds. A total of 14 bird baths were installed. These bird baths are taken care of by the gardening staff along with the REEF members.

LIST OF BIRDS SPOTTED IN & AROUND RCOEM

1 Ashy Prinia	53 Red Wattled Lapwing
2 Asian Koel	54 Red-rumped Swallow
3 Asian Pied Starling	55 Red-Throated Flycatcher
4 Barn Owl	56 Red Avadavat (Red Munia)
5 Baya Weaver bird	57 Rock Blue Pigeon
6 Black Drongo	58 Rose ringed Parakeet
7 Black Kite	59 Rosy Starling
8 Black Redstart	60 Rufous Treepie
9 Black Shouldered kite	61 Scaly-breasted Munia
10 Blyth's Reed Warbler	62 Shikra
11 Brahminy Starling	63 Small Minivet
12 Brown Rock Chat	64 Spotted owlet
13 Cattle Egret	65 Verditer Flycatcher
14 Chestnut Starling	66 White Throated Fantail
15 Common Hoopoe	67 White Browed Wagtail
16 Common Iora	68 White-throated Kingfisher
17 Common Kestrel	69 Wire-tailed Swallow
18 Common Myna	70 Yellow eyed babbler
19 Common Rosefinch	71 Yellow Wagtail

20 Common Tailor bird	72 Yellow-footed Green Pigeon
21 Coppersmith Barbet	73 Indian Scops Owl
22 Dusky Crag Martin	74 Common Chiffchaf
23 Golden Oriole	75 Common Kingfisher
24 Greater Coucal (crow pheasant)	76 Red naped Ibis (in flight)
25 Green Bee-eaters	77 Common Hawk Cuckoo
26 Greenish Warbler	78 Grey Bellied Cuckoo
27 Grey Wagtail	79 Indian Peafowl
28 House Crow	80 Grey Francolin
29 House Sparrow	81 Paddy Field Pipit
30 House Swift	82 Rufous tailed Lark
31 Indian Grey Hornbill	83 Indian Cormorant (in flight)
32 Indian Pond Heron	84 Spotted Dove
33 Indian Robin	85 Yellow Crowned Woodpecker
34 Indian Roller	86 Common Woodshrike
35 Indian Silverbill	87 Brown Shrike
36 Indian Spotted Eagle	88 Bay-Backed Shrike
37 Jungle Babbler	89 Ashy Drongo
38 Laughing Dove	90 Black Naped Monarch
39 Lesser Goldenback	91 Rufous Treepie
40 Little Egret	92 Cinnerious Tit
41 Long tailed Shrike	93 Black-lored Tit
42 Orange-Headed Thrush	94 Ashy-Crowned Sparrow Lark
43 Oriental Magpie Robin	95 White Browed Bulbul
44 Oriental white eye	96 Red Breasted Flycatcher
45 Pied cuckoo	97 Zitting Cisticola
46 Pied Kingfisher	98 Booted Warbler
47 Plain Prinia	99 Syke's Warbler
48 Plum headed parakeets	100 Sulphur Bellied Warbler
49 Purple Heron	101 Lesser Whitethroat
50 Purple rumped sunbird	102 Ultramarine Flycatcher
51 Purple Sunbird	103 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
52 Red vented Bulbul	104 Grey-Headed Canary Flycatcher

The college campus is rich in bird biodiversity and thus it's a step to conserve it. A video was also made by REEFian Atharva Mangrulkar regarding the activity and posted on the REEF's Facebook page to spread awareness about the bird baths in College campus, and urged the College students and staff to refill the empty bird baths and also install bird bath at their place to help the birds survive the rising temperatures in the summer season.

Bird rescue: On the morning of 6th April 2017, a baby house swift was found lying on the ground in the Civil Department. Students informed REEF members through a call. After initial assessments, it was found that it had fallen from its nest. The baby swift was cared for and given water while REEFians tried to identify its nest. As soon as the nest was identified, the swift was put back into it by REEFians. On 26th April 2017, two juveniles of Laughing Dove were found to have fallen from their nest in a Lab in Civil Department. REEFians monitored and looked after them until their mother arrived and took care of them. These are few of the many rescues that REEF has done this year. Owing to high temperatures and lack of water, these cases are common in the College campus during summers.

BoV Templates: Templates on body parts of birds, and their families were posted on Birds of Vidarbha (BoV) every week. For this activity, domain members were divided into groups and each group was allotted 3-4 bird families. These templates help the new birders to improve their identification skills and knowledge about bird's ecology. During the quarter templates about the following families were posted on BoV:

- Jacanidae
- Psittacoidea
- Nectariniidae
- Pteroclididae
- Alcedinidae
- Glareolidae
- Phalacrocoracidae
- Leiothrichidae
- Hirundinidae
- Rhipiduridae

Lessons Learnt: Birding trips were conducted regularly to various birding hotspots in the city like Mihan, Ambazari, Wena and Gorewada Biodiversity Park. After every birding trip, the members shared their observations, experiences and learning about various bird species, their behavior and biology from that trip on the WhatsApp group. The following trips were conducted in the quarter:

1. Ambazari Backwaters: Birding trips were conducted to Ambazari backwaters on 2nd April, 14th and 22nd May and 4th June.
2. Gorewada Biodiversity Park: Birding trips were conducted to Gorewada on 4th April and 18th June.
3. A birding trip was conducted to Degma on 12th June 2017. It is a rich birding hotspot. After birding REEFians discussed about the competition to be organized for schools for Global Tiger Day (GTD).

REEFians never misses a track between photography and birding narrated his experience of shooting the nesting of Indian Paradise flycatcher. He shared how difficult it was when he lacked resources and time. The video he shot told the story of the Indian Paradise flycatcher and its struggle to exist. One beautiful incident he narrated was that, the nest that the female Indian Paradise flycatcher was making was at the cross point of two branches of different

trees, and when he found these branches were going apart the other day, he tried to tie them with a twig, and this one attempt gave the bird her nest back!

The seminar was attended by 45 REEF members. It was an interactive session and was knowledgeably interesting at the same time which boosted REEFians interest towards birding. The seminar ended on a happy note and it was appreciated by all.

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2. Gorewada Biodiversity Park: Birding trips were conducted to Gorewada on 15th October, 3rd, 19th and 24th December 2017

ONLINE ACTIVITIES:

1. Online quizzes were conducted by the domain coordinators regularly on the domain's WhatsApp group. These are aimed at improving the knowledge of domain members about bird identification from habitat, call and behavior:
2. The first bird quiz was conducted on 14th October on the WhatsApp group. The members needed to identify 10 common bird species from the pictures posted on the group.
3. In the second quiz the members had to identify the bird species and its habitat. It was conducted on 22nd October 2017.
4. The fourth quiz was conducted on 29th October 2017 wherein the members had to identify the bird species and match it with its call. Pictures and calls of birds were posted on the group.
5. The fifth quiz was aimed at identifying bird species living near or in water bodies. It was conducted on 12th November 2017.
6. Online discussions were conducted regularly about different species of birds, their behavior and habitat. On 21st December 2017 an online discussion was conducted on 'Birds as natural indicators'. The importance of different bird species and how they act as natural indicators of changes in the environment were discussed. It was an informative discussion.

PHOTOWALK AT GOREWADA:

During wildlife week, REEFians participated in photo walk organized by Rotary Club of Nagpur in association with FDCM, Nagpur (Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra) at Gorewada Biodiversity Park.

The photo walk was conducted on 5th October 2017. It started at 6 am at Gorewada Biodiversity Park where participants were allotted 90 minutes to walk in the forest and click photographs. After the photo walk, the participants were asked to mail best 3 photographs clicked by them during the walk. Among all entries panel shortlisted top 10 photographs which will be displayed in forest resorts.

TRANSITION OCTOBER:

An online bird photography competition, 'Transition October Fortnight' was conducted by Birds of Vidarbha (BoV) from 16th to 30th October 2017. Birds of Vidarbha (BoV) is a Facebook forum for bird watchers of Vidarbha region. This competition provided a platform to bird watchers as they shared bird photographs clicked by them in October 2015, 2016 or 2017 with the hash tag transition October fortnight'.

SALIM ALI BIRD COUNT:

REEFians participated in 'Salim Ali bird count' organized by BNHS (Bombay Natural History Society) and IBCN (Indian Bird Conservation Network) on 12th November 2017. On this day, two teams of REEFians did bird watching at Ambazari backwaters from 7 to 11.30 am and spotted more than 50 bird species including warblers, flycatchers and waders. Special sightings were Red-headed bunting, Siberian Stonechat, Sykes warbler, sulphur-bellied warbler, Tickell's blue flycatcher, Ultramarine flycatcher, Red-breasted flycatcher and Piedbushchat.

MELGHAT BIRD RACE:

REEFians participated in 'The amazing Melghat Bird Race' organized by Melghat Tiger Conservation Foundation on 16th and 17th December 2017. For the bird race, 5 teams were shortlisted out of which 2 teams were of REEF. REEFians had an amazing experience exploring the wilderness of Melghat Tiger Reserve and learning about its birdlife. Special sightings during the bird race included Forest Owlet, Bar-winged Flycatcher shrike, Indian Nuthatch, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and Tickell's thrush.

CAMPUS BIODIVERSITY

CAMPUS MONITORING: REEFians monitor the greenery in the college campus once in a week. They have been divided into seven groups for this purpose. The college campus has also been divided into seven patches. Each group is allotted a patch to monitor. They do bird watching for an hour in the morning and evening, once in a week to record the bird species found in the campus. They also monitor the condition of trees and plants found in their patch. Each group submits an online response Google form for the respective patch so as to record the monitoring activity. REEF is planning to make a Biodiversity Register of the College and this monitoring activity helps record the bird and tree diversity present in the campus.

TREE NUMBERING:

REEFians numbered the trees as a part of making the Campus Biodiversity Register that would help us know the status, count, diversity, ongoing changes and factors responsible for the change of the campus green cover. It was the first step that REEF took towards making the biodiversity register of the college campus. The college campus has been divided into 7 different patches. The identification of the trees was done with the help of PDF guide of trees. More than 1000 trees were numbered which included Neem, Common white frangipani, Mango, Guava, Sweet orange, Gulmohar, Copperpod, Yellow bells, Teak, Banyan, Ashok etc. REEF members, in the process learned the bark, leaf patterns and shapes, inflorescence of various new species of plants. In the process REEFians gained knowledge about tree identification.

SEASON WATCH:

To track the climate changes, REEFians started Season Watch i.e. collecting information about the climate changes before it becomes hard to respond to the change. The environmental issues are result of such changes. As the climate changes, its effect is seen on plants too. To track the changes supported by proof and data.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Instagram account: Regular Posts were made on REEF's Instagram account created on 2nd February 2017. The objective behind it was to reach out to more people and spread awareness about various environmental issues. It has also helped in creating awareness about REEF and its activities as an environment club so as to encourage masses in doing their bit towards conserving nature and protecting our environment. The posts made on Instagram included past activities, college level events, photographs captured during birding sessions, etc.

Facebook Page: Following were posted on REEF's facebook page to spread general awareness about various environmental issues and festivals:

- Video about 'Genetic Pollution' on 2nd April
- Templates about noise pollution and Ram Navami festival on 4th April
- Templates on World Migratory Bird Day on 10th May
- Templates on World Biodiversity Day on 22nd May
- Templates on World Environment Day on 5th June
- Templates on World Oceans Day on 8th June
- Templates on Global Wind Day on 15th June