

REPORT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AUDIT



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Introduction

What is e-waste?

In the simplest of terms, Electronic Waste – e-waste for short – or Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ("WEEE"), includes all types of electronic equipment's/ products which have become obsolete or have been discarded due to: Advancement in technology

Changes in fashion, style, status or perception

Nearing the end of their useful life

The term 'e-waste' is generally understood to refer to any old, obsolete, end-of-life appliances using electricity which have been disposed off by their owners. E-waste thus would include discarded old computers, television sets, refrigerators, radios, telecommunication equipment, laboratory equipment, and other handheld gadgets – basically any electrical or electronic appliance that has reached its end-of-life.

E-waste has been one of the fastest growing waste streams in the world. While ewaste contains valuable materials such as aluminum, copper, gold, palladium and silver, it also contains harmful substances like cadmium, lead and mercury. In the absence of suitable techniques and protective measures, recycling e-waste can result in toxic emissions to the air, water and soil and pose a serious health and environmental hazards.

Electronic Waste: An Alarming Global Phenomenon









Computer Waste - Largest Component of E-Waste in India

Computer waste is the most significant of all e-waste due to the quantity as well as rate at which it is generated. The computer hardware sector has displayed a phenomenal growth in the past few years keeping pace with the rapid growth in the software sector. And given the continuous innovations and technological up gradations that take place in the hardware segment, obsolescence risk remains a key area of concern for companies that have made huge investments in their IT systems.

This obsolescence could be brought about by several factors such as the perception that superior efficiencies could be achieved by investing in superior IT equipment, or due to the poor design of computers that do not facilitate easy upgradability, or due to the steady decline in prices of computers and computer peripherals, making it them more affordable to increasing number of businesses.

The most disturbing aspect of computer waste – or techno-trash, as it is also known - is the rate at which it is accumulates. According to a study by the Manufacturers Association for Information Technology ("MAIT"), together with GTZ, the German Technical Cooperation agency, India generated 330,000 MT of electronic waste in 2007, while an additional 50,000 MT was illegally imported into the country. By 2011, it is estimated that e-waste generated in India would touch 470,000 MT.

E-waste Recycling: The Indian Scenario

Increasing Demand in the Brown Goods/ White Goods Segment Though organized e-waste recycling is an established industry overseas, it is a phenomenon that is still gaining currency in India.

With the Indian economy having registered a sustained growth rate of eight percentage points-plus in the past, changing economic trends have resulted in a significant rise in the disposable incomes and the rise of an Indian consumer with a greater propensity to spend. This has translated into a massive demand for consumer durables – especially white goods such as television sets, microwave ovens, air-conditioners, cellular phones, etc.

The E-Waste Recycling Industry in India

Scrap-dealers Using Unsafe Methods to Recycle E-Waste



E-waste Hazards

WEEE equipment's are made up of a number of components – some containing toxic substances which can have an adverse impact on human health and the environment if not handled properly. Often these hazards arise due to the improper recycling and disposal processes used.

For instance, Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT) has high content of carcinogens such as lead, barium, phosphor and other heavy metals. When disposed carefully in a controlled environment, they do not pose any serious health or environmental risk. However,

breaking, recycling or disposing off CRTs in an uncontrolled environment without the necessary safety precautions can result in harmful side effects for the workers and release toxins into the air, soil and groundwater.

Another dangerous process is the recycling of components containing hazardous compounds such as halogenated chlorides and bromides used as flame-retardants in plastics, which form persistent dioxins and furans on combustion at low temperatures (600-800 degrees centigrade). Copper, which is present in printed circuit boards and cables act as a catalyst for dioxin formation when flame-retardants are incinerated. The PVC sheathing of wires is highly corrosive when burnt and also induces the formation of toxins.

Land-filling of e-waste, one of the most widely used methods of disposal, is prone to hazards because of leachate which often contains heavy water resources. Mercury, cadmium and lead are among the most toxic leachate. Mercury, for example, will leach when certain electronic devices such as circuit breakers are destroyed. Lead has been found to leach from broken lead-containing glass. In addition, landfills are also prone to uncontrolled fires which can release toxins.

Anatomy of a computer – A storehouse of toxic substances

A computer is a storehouse of several toxic substances. Key components of the computer are broken down by the kabadies, often in a crude and hazardous manner to extract whatever worth that is possible from them. Key items of computer waste that finds their way to scrap dealers are:

Monitors

Scrap dealers least prefers the monitors once they enter the post-consumer phase unless the cathode ray tube (CRT) is in working condition. The recovered CRT is procured by TV mechanics, which in turn use it in portable TV sets.

Circuit boards and motherboards

Circuit boards and motherboards are used to recover working components manually after which the boards are heated to recover thin copper sheets. In some recycling units they are cut into 5-10 mm bits and then they are exported for recovery.

Printers

The most important components recovered from a printer are the motor and the circuit boards.

Hard disks

Hard disks are either resold or broken to recover the steel casing, actuator (magnet), platter, and circuit board inside. These are sold separately.

Plastics

Nearly 20 per cent of a computer is made up of plastics – primarily Alpha Butadiene Styrene (ABS) used for making CPU and keyboard housings. In recent years, even polycarbonate is used to enhance the aesthetics. ABS plastics are a high quality plastic and harder than most other varieties. Their hardness and the requirement of specialised equipment for their recycling discourage its retrieval. ABS plastics from

computer components are separated and sold on weight basis to plastic recyclers. These recyclers collect ABS plastics from various other sources, and after pelletising them, pack them off to Mumbai or Delhi where the pellets are recycled into chairs and trays. According to experts from the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) there is very little chance of this coming back to the manufacturing stream.

Mechanism Employed for Recovery of Components from Computers					
Computer Component	Recovered Component	Mechanism Employed			
Monitor	circuit board copper,	Dismantled using screw drivers; the broken CRTs are usually dumped at landfills			
Hard disk	Steel, aluminium, actuator (magnet), platter,circuit board	Broken using hammers			
Circuit board	gold, copper, chipped board	Gold recovery through acid treatment Copper recovery through heating Crushing of boards by custom-made crushers			
Printer	Motor, plastics	Dismantled using screw drivers			
Cables and wires	Copper, aluminum	Burning or stripping			

Toxic elements of a computer				
Toxic Constituents	Components of PCs			
Lead and cadmium	Printed circuit boards			
Lead oxide and cadmium	Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs)			
Mercury	Switches and flat-screen monitors			
Cadmium	Computer batteries			
Poly Chlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	Capacitors and transformers			
Brominated Flame Retardants	Printed circuit boards, plastic casing cable			
(BFRs)				
Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC)	Cable insulation releases highly toxic dioxins			
	and furans when burned to retrieve copper			
	from the			
	wires.			

E-waste management: key challenges in India

While the overall challenges regarding management of e-waste in India are the same faced by other developing economies, the vast geographical diversity and economic disparities between regions often make e-waste management challenges unique in India. A few of the key challenges faced are:

Rapidly increasing e-waste volumes, both domestically as well as generated through imports. Imports are often disguised as second-hand computer donations towards bridging the digital divide, or as metal scrap.

Limited accuracy in the estimates of the quantity of e-waste generated and recycled Low level awareness among consumers about the hazards of incorrect e-waste disposal

Widespread e-waste recycling in the informal sector using rudimentary techniques such as acid leaching and open air burning resulting in severe environmental damage

E-waste workers have little or no knowledge of toxins in e-waste and are exposed to serious health hazards, etc.

E-waste Recycling: The Global Scenario

E -waste has been widely recognized as one of the rapidly growing environmental problems of the world. United Nations Environment Programme ("UNEP") estimates that up to 50 million tons of electronic waste is being generated globally on an annual basis, comprising more than 5% of all municipal solid waste. In developed countries, e- waste equals 1% of the total solid waste generation and is expected to grow to 2% by 2010. In the United States alone, it accounts up to 3% of the total municipal waste generation. In the European Union, e-waste is growing three times faster than average annual municipal solid waste generation. It is estimated that the total amount of e- waste generation in EU ranges from 5-7 million tons per annum or about 14-15 kgs per capita, and is expected to grow at a rate of 3% to 5% per year. In developing countries, e-waste accounts for up to 1% of the total municipal solid waste generation. In countries like China and India, though the annual generation per capita is less than 1 kg, it is growing at an exponential pace. Given the above scenario, e-waste recycling has been an activity that has been attracting significant global attention.

An Overview of Key Recycling Legislation

In the 1990s, some European countries banned the disposal of e- waste in landfills, paving the way for creation of an e-waste processing industry in Europe. The European Union implemented a similar system under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (2002/96/EC) (the "WEEE Directive"), imposing the responsibility of disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment on the manufacturers of such equipment. The WEEE Directive has since been transposed in all national laws in all member countries of the European Union. The Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive ("the RoHS Directive") is another piece of legislation (2002/95/EC) adopted by the European Union to control the hazardous substances in e-waste.

The E-Waste Recycling Life-Cycle

Though individual countries might have their own domestic laws governing specific aspects of e-waste management, the overall mode of execution of an e-waste recycling model in developed countries in current times includes the following three broad stages – collection of Advance Recycling Fee at the point-of-sale of EEE components, disposal of WEEE at dedicated collection points at their end of life and the final recycling/ safe disposal of e-waste by recyclers. This activity flow can be

pictorially captured as follows:



Stage #1: The first step in e-waste recycling takes place at the time of buying new electric or electronic products, when the customers are charged an Advance Recycling Fee ("ARF", or Advance Disposal Fee, "ADF") which contributes towards the expense incurred for all processes required for a safe disposal of the article at the end of its life. The amount of ARF is defined by the type of the product and is included in the sales price and is usually stated separately in the invoice. This introduction of ARF enables customers to return retired equipment free of charge at designated collection sites.

Stage #2: The second step in the process is at the time of returning the various endof- life appliances. Customers are not allowed to dispose off WEEE through other than certain dedicated collection points. Retailers, traders and manufacturers are obliged to take back WEEE free of cost and independent of any purchase for all types of products that they deal in. In other words, if a retailer sells only computers belonging to a certain brand, he would be obliged to take back computers of all brands, but not televisions or refrigerators.

Stage #3: The final stage in the process is the recycling of e-waste material. This broadly involves segregation of e-waste (e.g., into monitors, keyboards, CPUs, etc.), and the dismantling of equipment's in order to obtain recyclable material. E-waste is subjected to processes such as crushing, shredding, and magnetic/ eddy current/ air separations in order to segregate recyclable material from the e-waste.

The final step in the recycling process is extraction of precious materials and safe disposal of hazardous waste. After subjecting the e-waste to crushing, shredding, etc. material that contain precious metals such as the printed circuit boards is usually sent to refineries such as Umicore in Belgium, Boliden in Sweden, etc. where it is subjected to refinement and precious materials are extracted. The hazardous components of e-waste are sent to authorized waste treatment and disposal facilities for their safe treatment/ disposal.

Overview of Regulatory Framework

E-waste trade comes under the broad regulatory framework related to environment, foreign trade and local rules & regulations. The following section makes a reference to some of the relevant rules and regulations which facilitate this trade.

Regulations and Their Scope

Electronic waste is being partly covered under the broad regulatory framework related to hazardous waste in India. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, is the nodal agency at the central level for policy, planning, promoting and coordinating the environmental programs. The Environment (Protection) Act 1986, umbrella legislation covers hazardous waste and provides broad guidelines to address it. The policy statement on the abatement of pollution issued by the government of India in 1992 reiterated its commitment towards waste minimization and control of hazardous wastes. India is a signatory to Basel Convention on the control of trans- boundary movement of Hazardous Wastes and Disposal. India ratified and acceded to it in 1992. The ratification of this convention obliges India to address the problem of trans- boundary movement and disposal of dangerous hazardous wastes through international cooperation.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests ("MoEF") has issued the following notifications related to hazardous waste:

The Public Liability Act, 1991 Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 The National Environmental Tribunal Act, 1995 Municipal Solid Wastes Rules, 2000 and 2002 The Recycled Plastic Manufacture and Usage (Amendment) Rules 2003 The National Environmental Tribunal Act, 1995, provides for expeditious remedies to parties injured by environmental crimes. Legislation on the Community's Right to Know, 1996, has been adopted to provide more access to information regarding potential hazards from industrial operations.

Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000, provides for collection, segregation, storage, transportation processing and disposal of municipal solid wastes.

The recycled plastic Manufacture and Usage (Amendment) Rules 2003. These rules essentially deal with plastic recycling and products made out of plastic recycling.

Role of Educational Institutions in India

Educational institutions are playing important role in a nation's growth and development which starts from maintenance of Different wastes without harming the environment (Chan and Lam, 2018). A clean and healthy environment in an Organization determine effective learning skills and offers a conducive learning environment to the students. Educational institutions are insisted by both Central and State Governments to offer eco-friendly atmosphere to the stakeholders (Rajalakshmi *et al.*, 2021). In addition, all the Educational institutions are asked to save the environment for future generations and to resolve the environmental problems (accumulating solid wastes and wastewaters/effluents and their careless disposal, enormous utility of plastics, uneconomical consumption of water, irresponsible in water harvesting and storage procedures, etc.) through Environmental Education. Implementing Swachh Bharath Abhiyan Scheme launched by the Indian Government thro' the Educational institutions plays a major role in terms of giving neat and clean environment to people across the country.

Seminar, Conference, Workshop, training and awareness programmes on environmental Waste Management awareness programmes may be conducted periodically by the Management and Administrative people of an Organization to the stakeholders.

Waste Management auditing is a systematic method whereby an organization'senvironmental performance is checked against its environmental strategies and compliances of the Government guidelines. This audit process is definitely useful for the Educational institutions to maintain the campus neatly and can give pure atmosphereto the students and staff members including management people (Vergara and Tchobanoglous, 2012). It is like an official examination of the environmental effects onan organization's campus as per the Government guidelines. The audit report may be useful to improve the organization's campus significantly by following the recommendations and suggestions given in the report. The Waste Management processes are being undertaken by ISO EMS 14001:2015 criteria and the concept of Swachh Bharath Abhiyan under Clean India Mission (Gnanamangai *et al.*, 2021).

Waste Management and Environment Policy

Waste management and environment policy aims to provide an education and awareness in a clean environment to the stakeholders with regard to environmental compliance. Scope of the policy applies to all employees and students of the Institution/ organization to provide an ecofriendly atmosphere (Ghiani *et al.*, 2014). Waste Management Policy dealt with cleanliness of the campus maintained through proper disposal of wastes and steps to be followed to recycle the biodegradable wastesand utilization of eco-friendly supplies to maintain the campus free from hazardous wastes /pollutants (Cardenas and Halman, 2016). The concept of ecofriendly culture is disseminated among the students as well as rural community through variousawareness programmes. Head of the Organization, Departmental Heads and Senior Managers/ Management Representatives are responsible for monitoring the "waste management" initiatives of the College / University and maintain a clean campus whileeach and every individuals of the organization should adhere to the policy.

Environment Friendly Campus

As stated earlier, Organization is liable to provide an eco-friendly atmosphere along with waste management facility to all the stakeholders (students and staffmembers). All non-compostable and single-use disposable plastic items, plastic utensils, plastic straws and stirrers should be avoided. Demonstration/awareness programme on establishing plastic-free environment and utility of organic alternativesfor all incoming and current students, staff and faculty should be organised. Reductionof use of papers alternated with e-services, e-circulars, etc. and proper disposal of wastes, recycling and suitable waste management system should be considered to establish environment friendly campus. Environment Friendly Campus is plays an important role in terms of imposing waste management scheme.

Importance of Waste Management Auditing

The Management of the Organization (Auditee) should be exposed their inherent commitment towards making ecofriendly atmosphere through the Waste Managementand ready to encourage/follow all types of waste management activities. They should promote all kinds of waste management activities such as conduct of environment awareness programmes, usage of segregation bins, avoiding of single use plastics, utility of organic alternatives prior to and after the Waste Management (Suwartha and Sari, 2013). The administrative authorities should formulate 'Waste ManagementPolicies' based on technical report of Waste Management auditing. A clean and healthyenvironment will enhance an effective teaching/learning process and creates a favourable learning clean environment to the scholars. They should create the awareness on the importance of waste management through environmental education among the student members and research scholars. Waste Management is the most effective, ecological approach to manage environmental complications.

Waste Management may be beneficial to the campus in improving the greenery activities which in turn useful to save the planet for future generation. It is necessary toconduct Waste Management audit frequently at least once in three years in campus because students and staff members should aware of the Waste Management and its beneficial effects in order to save planet by means of 'Go green concept' which in turnsupport the institution to set environmental models ('icon') for the community. Waste Management is a professional and useful measure for an Organization to determine how and where they are retaining the campus eco-friendly manner (Kaseva and Gupta, 1996). It can also be used to implement the alleviation measures at win-win situation for the stakeholders and the planet. It provides an opportunity to the stakeholders for the development of ownership, personal and social responsibility.

BROAD CATEGORIES OF WASTE

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW): It is commonly known as garbage collected by the municipality and/or disposed of at the municipal waste disposal site. Based on the sources of waste generation, it is further categorized into residential, commercial, institutional, and municipal services. MSW include food items, packaging materials, newspapers, clothes, containers, bottles, batteries, and durable goods like furniture, etc.,generated by households, offices, hotels, shops, schools, and other institutions (USEPA, 2020). Some fractions of demolition and construction debris, hazardous waste materialssuch as used electric light bulbs, batteries, automotive parts, and a very small quantity of biomedical waste such as discarded medicines and used syringes, are often found incollected municipal solid waste. Once collected, they are sorted and treated for recycling and reuse before their final disposal.

Plastic waste: Plastic wastes are the discarded products made of plastic, such as packaging material, carry bags, pouches, etc. whose life is over and are of no use as prescribed in the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. They are recyclable materials. It is necessary to manage plastic waste properly because the accumulation of plastic discarded objects causes adverse effects on wildlife, the marine environment, and human beings. Plastic waste can be easily seen everywhere which causes damage to humans and the whole environment.

Electronic waste: Electronic waste, also known as "E-waste," refers to unwanted or useless electronic or electrical products that are non-working, broken, rejected, or have reached the end of their useful life. Some examples of electronic waste are computers, cell phones, tablets, televisions, photocopiers, fax machines, etc. They are dangerous in nature due to toxic chemicals they release and can harm the environment. Although they can be refurbished, reused, or recycled.

6.4. Food waste: It refers to the decrease in mass (quantitative) or nutritional value (qualitative) of food - edible parts - throughout the supply chain that was intended for human consumption. It also refers to food that gets spilled, spoilt or otherwise lost, or incurs reduction of quality and value during its process in the food supply chain before it reaches its final product stage. It is typically taking place at production, post-harvest, processing, and distribution stages in the food supply chain.

Scope of Waste Management Audit

Waste management audit is sought to examine whether the institution has identified waste as a risk to environment and health, accurately assessed the amount of different kinds of waste being generated in the institution and drafted a policy on waste management which focused on waste minimization and waste reduction, as compared to waste disposal, as the more effective ways to manage waste (Rajeshwari *et al.*, 2015;Trung and Kumar, 2015).

In addition, the waste management audit sought to examine whether all kinds of waste had been covered under legislation for safe disposal and whether agencies had been allocated responsibility and accountability for the management of waste.

Benefits of the Waste Management Auditing

There are several benefits on conduct of Waste Management by the Organization which may be definitely useful to improve the campus significantly based on the audit report. The Waste Management contained methodology followed and both qualitative and quantitative measurements including physical observation of availability of adequate dust bins, usage of personnel protected materials, separate transportation trolley and method of disposal of waste.

Following are the major benefits of the waste management process

- Availability of adequate number of user-friendly dust bins as per Guidelines (Red, Yellow, Blue, and Black & Green Bins) in the campus for various wastes' collection, segregation and disposal.

- Maintenance of 'Record Register' for waste disposal and puncture proof containers for sharps / blue bags in the campus.

- Availability and usage of personal protected materials like Gloves, Caps, Masks, Aprons & Gum boots etc. as per the Guidelines in the campus.

- Availability of 1% fresh Sodium hypochlorite or Bleaching Powder solution as per guidelines for maintaining the pest and disease free hygiene environment.

- Proof of Licensed companies signed MoU with the organization for wastes collection and disposal as per the Central and State Govt. regulation.

- Norms are being followed by the Organization as per the Central and State Government Pollution Control Board.

- Different Forms, Formats, Annual Report, etc. are available for waste collection and mode of transportation.

- Availability of a trained dedicated with skilled personals for waste management in each campus in department / sector wise.

- Checking whether e-wastes and plastic wastes, are mixed at the source of generation.

- Checking whether the waste collected in covered bins and is the bins filled up to more than ³/₄ th level.

- Checking whether the bins are cleaned with soap and disinfectant regularly and iste stored waste kept beyond 48-72 hrs.

- Checking whether the waste transported in closed containers or open bags and are the waste collection bins/Trolleys/wheel barrow used for transporting wastes.

- Checking whether the concept of E-Waste, Plastic Waste, management is followed in the campus.

- Whether E-Waste management practices included in the purchase policy of

electronic items and observe the E-waste refurbished and used again in the institution.

- Whether the importance waste and their implications on environmental and personal hygiene through awareness programmes are conducted for stakeholders.

About the Organization

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Anjuman - I - Islam is a premier Educational and Social Organization of India, established in the year 1874 by a group of visionaries led by the Late Justice Badruddin Tayabji. It has a glorious past of more than 130 years dedicated to the cause of education and social service.

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Mission

To emphasize upon Theory and Practical- where the students gain the breadth of knowledge and the depth of experience that address the evolving needs of business and industry.

Vision

To Inculcate Excellence in Hospitality Education and State of the Art Technology



Procedures followed in Waste Management Audit

Waste Management has been conducted as per the checklist of GREENGLOBE through the authenticated Professionals forpeople qualified to investigate and evaluate the campus for validating the best environmental practices. Professional team of ISO Environment Management Audit (14001:2015), Indian Green Building Council Accredited Professionals, Experts of waste management Lead Auditors were selected to conduct the Waste Management process.

During the audit, Availability of Adequate number of Dust Bins as per Guidelines (Red, Yellow, Blue, and Black & Green Bins) in the campus for various wastes' collection, segregation and disposal, maintenance of 'Record Register' for waste disposal and puncture proof containers for Sharps / Blue Bags in the Campus, Availability and usage of personal protected materials like gloves, Caps, masks, apronsand gum boots etc. as per the guidelines of Tchobanaglous *et al.* (2007), PIB Gol (2016)and Tewari (2021) in the campus,

Availability of 1% fresh Sodium hypochlorite or Bleaching Powder solution as per guidelines is checked to assess the personal and hygiene environment. Checking whether e-wastes and plastic wastes mixed at the source of generation, checking whether the waste collected in covered bins and is the bins filled up to more than ³/₄ th level are monitored. In addition, checking whether the bins are cleaned with soap and disinfectant regularly and is the stored waste kept beyond 48- 72hrs, checking whether the waste transported in closed containers or open bags and are the waste collection bins/Trolleys/wheel barrow used for transporting wastes are also monitored ring the audit process. Checking whether the E-Waste refurbished and used again in the institution are also done during the audit process as per the protocolof Gnanamangai *et al.* (2021).

Projects, Dissertations and Thesis are the academic effort credentials that always fosters the innovative ideas on thinking and implementation of new innovative approaches towards the waste management. These should be disseminated through presentations and publications in social media, books, magazines and journals so as tospread the innovative ideas and methods to the broad public. These efforts taken by thestudents and staff members were deliberated while conducting the waste management. Waste management processes are taking place as per the following flow-chart starting from the receipt of application forms from the auditee (organization) and ending upon the submission of final report to the concerned organization (Leal Filho et al., 2015). During the audit process, the best environmental practices followed and new initiatives undertaken in the organization to reduce the environmental pollution and steps taken for nature conservation that brings added value to the organization in maintaining the eco-friendly campus with respect to waste management process were assessed (WGBC,2021). In addition, supporting activities of the scholars and staff with regard to "Visionand Mission" of the waste management activities of the Organization is also evaluated.

Onsite Waste Management Audit activities

Opening meeting is the first step between the audit team and auditee along the Management Representatives where the purpose of the audit, procedures to adopted

for the conduct of the audit, verification of the documents and the time schedules were discussed, in brief. Followed by opening meeting, onsite inspection will be conducted which is the second step in the audit where the Audit team members visited different sites in the campus and required photographs were taken then and there for preparing the audit report. During the onsite phase of visit, it is vivid how the various facilities made by the ANJUMAN I ISLAM'S INSTITUTE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT to the stakeholders to ensure the waste management in the campus. It is observed how the environment is protected in the campus and by what means an eco-friendly atmosphere is being given to the stakeholders. The assessment reveals the strengths and weaknesses of the Auditee's Management facilities. Collecting audit proofs ie, data collection and information from the auditee as per the audit protocol were carried out. An exit meeting was conducted to describe the findings of the audit with Management Representatives and staff members along with the audit team in brief.

Waste Management Organization	
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Institution / Organization / Company /Ind Receipt of Application	ustry/ Project Site
Date of Audit	
confirmation	
Check list preparation and verification of the Auditing	Audit onsite visit and
organization	Documentation
Physical Examination of audit site	
Discussion with Management Representatives	
Submission of Final Audit Report Clarification / Re-auditif required	
Flow-chart of Waste Man	agement Audit Procedures

Pre-Audit stage activities

A pre-audit meeting (opening meeting) is conducted with Management and Administrative people along with staff coordinators of waste management audit process, wherein, audit protocol and audit plan were discussed in brief. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a chance to emphasize the scope and objectives of the audit and discussions held on the feasibilities associated with the audit (Marrone et al., 2018). Pre-audit stage activities are an essential prerequisite for the Waste Management to meet the auditee and to gather information about the campus and required documents were collected directly from the Organization before the start of the audit processes.

Target Areas of Waste Management Auditing

Waste Management is nothing but a professional tool to assess the waste management activities in the educational institutions and give a value addition to the campus and considered as a resource management process. Waste management process may be undertaken at frequent intervals and their results can demonstrate improvement or change over time. Eco-campus focuses on the reduction of carbon emissions, water consumption, wastes to landfill and enhance energy use conservation to integrate environmental considerations into all contracts and services considered to have significant environmental impacts (Choy and Karudan, 2016). There are several target listed in the waste management process in which a few are taken into consideration as per the Indian scenario is concerned. They are the various sources (source of plastics, wood, construction and demolition waste and hazardous waste), segregation of waste, storage area of the waste, collection and transport units.

Impact of Waste on Health and Environment

A specific environmental hazard caused by waste is leachate, which is the liquid that forms, as water trickles through contaminated areas leaching out the chemicals. Leachate entering surface water, ground water or soil contaminates soil and can harm plants when they take up contaminants from their roots. Eating plants or animals that have accumulated soil contaminants can adversely affect the health of humans and animals. Landfills are a big source of release of greenhouse gases, which are generated when organic waste decomposes. E-waste contains a mix of toxic substances such as lead and cadmium in circuit boards; lead oxide and cadmium in monitor cathode ray tubes; mercury in switches and flat screen monitors; cadmium in computer batteries; polyvinyl chloride in cable insulation that release highly toxic dioxins and furans when burned to retrieve copper from the wires. Thus, improper handling of waste has consequences both on the environment as well as on the health of the people.

Management of Wastes

Waste management can be simply defined as the collection, transport, recovery and disposal of waste together with monitoring and regulation of the waste management process. Waste prevention means measures aiming at the reduction of the quantity and harmfulness for the environment of diverse waste streams. Prevention is the most desirable waste management option as it eliminates the need for handling, transporting, recycling or disposal of waste. It provides the highest level of environmental protection by optimising the use of resources and by removing a potential source of pollution. Themost popular types of waste management are Recycling, Incineration, Landfill, Biological Reprocessing and Animal feed. According to United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), waste management includes both the components of prevention and disposal of waste. Rather than regarding 'waste' as a homogenous mass that should be buried, they argued that it was made up of different materials that should be treated differently i.e. some should not be produced, some should be reused, some recycled orcomposted, some should be burnt and others buried. According to this hierarchy, the priority of any country should be to extract the maximum practical benefits from products and prevent and minimize the waste that is generated. Thus, strategies for waste disposal should focus on waste prevention and minimization through 7R's - Recycle, refuse, Reduce,

Reuse, Repair, Re-gift and Recover.

Incineration is the disposal of waste materials by means of burning. The power produced by burning waste materials to produce heat, energy or steam. One of the drawbacks of this disposal process is that it can be a source of air pollution.. Chemical waste materials, such as kitchen waste and paper goods, can be reused after a procedure called biological reprocessing which is another popular system amongst the varied types of waste management. Multiple physiological systems, including recycling and biomass gasification, are used in biological reprocessing. Composting is a normal biological mechanism that is carried out under control conditions. One of the ends of the stock is natural gas, which is used to produce heat and electricity. Biological reprocessing is commonly used for the disposal of industrial waste. Food waste can be preserved by manure and livestock feed and this is also one of the ecological types of waste management methods.

Observations of Waste Management

During the waste management audit processes, how the organization is managing the various waste materials like e-wastes, wood wastes, construction wastes, plastic wastes, in the campus effectively without harming the environment. It is ensured that a proper storage of the wastes as per their classification, characterization, mode of treatment and disposal and analysis of disposal and recycling process of wastes as per the guidelines of MPCB & CPCB are carried out.

Qualitative Measurements of Waste Management

Sr. No.	Requirements and checklists of the audit	Conformity		
			No	NA
1.	Adequate number of Dust Bins as per Guidelines (Red, Yellow, Blue, and Black & Green Bins) are made available in the campus for various wastes, collection, segregation and disposal.	V		
	Record Register for waste disposal and Puncture proof Containers for Sharps / Blue Bags are made available inthe campus	V		
	Personal protected materials like Gloves, Caps, Masks, Aprons & Gum boots etc. used are adequately madeavailable as per the Guidelines in the campus.	V		
	Around 1% fresh Sodium hypochlorite or Bleaching Powder solution is made available as per guidelines*			V
	Proof of Licensed Companies signed MoU with the Organization for wastes collection as per the Govt.regulation	V		
	Norms are being followed by the Organization as per the Central and State Government Pollution Control Board	٧		
	Different Forms, Formats, Annual Report, etc. are available for waste collection and mode of transportation	N		
	Availability of a trained dedicated with skilled personals for waste management.	V		
	Is the waste segregated at the site of generation? If not, where are they segregated?		V	
	Is the infectious waste and non-infectious waste mixed at the source of generation?*			V
11	Is e-wastes, wood wastes, plastic wastes, mixed atthe source of generation?			

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Is the waste covered in covered bins? And Is the bins 12filled up to more than ³ / ₄ th level?			V
13Are the bins cleaned with soap and disinfectant regularly and bins are overfilled? And is the stored waste keptbeyond 48-72 hrs?*	V		
14Is the waste transported in closed containers or open bags? And Are the waste collection bins/Trolleys/wheel barrow used for transporting wastes?			N
15 Is the personal protective gears like mask and gloves used while collecting the wastes from the site of deposition?	٧		
16Whether the concept of E-Waste management is followed in the campus?	V		
17Has a Management Representative, E-Waste Specialist, Laboratory Staff been assigned?	V		
18Whether E-Waste management practices included in the purchase policy of electronic items?	V		
19Whether an authorized refurbrisher appointed to manage the E-waste	V		
20Are the E-Waste refurbished and used again in the Institution?	٧		
21Whether the importance waste and their implications onenvironmental and personal hygiene through awareness programmes are conducted for stakeholders?		V	
22Signing MOU with Government and NGOs ensure proper handling of waste materials	٧		
23Whether plastic wastes are burnt inside the campus? Any air pollution due to plastic materials burning takes place?	V		
24 Projects and dissertation works, scholarly publication onvarious wastes and their management carried out by staff members and students		V	
25 Have programmes for the achievement of plastic free area objectives and targets been established and implementedas on today? Any display board is made in the campus?	V		
26Are recycling of plastic polymers promoted in the campus among the stakeholders?	N		

27Wood waste are collected and recycled properly and they used for fuel and degradation / green manuring purposes?	V	
28Residual wastes are properly disposed in the campus after burring the soil with proper dilution with water.	V	

* Applicable for Hospitals/Labs/Pharmaceutical Industrial sectors

PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste management audit conducted at INSTITUTE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT is ensured the methodology adopted to reduce the use of plastics among the stakeholders. The institute is collecting plastic items periodically and subjected to proper segregation into recyclable and non-recyclable wastes in appropriate colour coded and labelled bins. After segregation of



plastic wastes, they are given to the Mumbai Municipal Corporation for its further disposal and recycling processes as per the Centraland State Government policies. The College Campus has taken sufficient attempts to reduce use single use plastics in the campus and 'say no to plastics' in places like dining areas, corridors, etc. to the students, parents and public. The Management encourages use eco-friendly bags made from organic materials likeplant fibres which are easily decomposable in nature. These efforts are very much essential to keep the environment neat and clean to conserve nature.

Listing & Identification

The College has performed the estimation of the amount and type of recyclable and non-recyclable waste materials that are expected to be generated on site. Listed all expected quantities of each type of waste and recycled into aggregates which are effectively used in the construction of pillars and pathways.

Segregation of Waste at the source of generation by using different colored dustbin observed inside the Campus.



AIIHM MUMBAI Campus, has taken efforts to dispose the waste properly that are generated from various Department laboratories. The Management has a certain protocol to dispose waste as well as expiry chemicals properly. The usage of chemicals has been recorded very low inside the campus.

Electronic Waste

e-wastematerials were collected from the INSTITUTE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT campus are being segregated and then sold to Authorized Agencies e-wastes are segregated from other waste and collected in red colored bin. Due to this e-waste activity disposal, the e-waste pollution is significantlyreduced in the Campus.



Segregation of E – Waste observed at AIIHM MUMBAI

Solid Waste Management

The term, solid waste control refers to the method of accumulating and treating solid wastes by following eco- friendly methods. It also offers solutions for recycling objects that do not belong to garbage. In the solid waste management, the wastes are accrued from different parts and are disposed of based on degradability materials like paper and nondegradability materials like glasses, plastics and metals. Integrated Solid Waste Management



(ISWM) is an activity that promotes reduction of waste, recycling, composting, and disposal besides offering methods/solution to manage stable wastes in the context of protect all living organisms in the ecosystem. As per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India), solid waste refers to solid or semi-solid wastes generated from domestic, commercial, institutional, catering, and markets and other non-residential wastes (street sweepings, silt removed or collected from surface drains, horticulture/agriculture and dairy waste, According to the rules, the local authorities are responsible to collect, treat and dispose the solid wastes. The 'Central Board of Solid Waste Management' is the monitoring authority and is responsible for granting authorization to local bodies for processing and disposal of solid waste.

S.No	Kinds of Wastes	Collection (kg/year)	Collection frequency	Name of the	Agency
1.	Plastic wastes	100-200	Monthly	Mumbai Corporation	Municipal
2.	Construction and demolition wastes	Quantity is not known	Weekly	Utilized Camp itself	by the uspremises
3.	E-wastes	100-200	Yearly	Mumbai Corporation	Municipal
4.	Hazardous wastes	Quantity is not known	Weekly	Mumbai Corporation	Municipal

Table 1. Wastes Management Strategies in is AIIHM MUMBAI.

Both degradable and non-degradable items are being collected from different Departments and laboratories and dumped in the place which is subsequently segregated based on the nature of degradability. The segregated items are neatly packed in eco-friendly covers and subjected to degradation without harming the environment. In addition, dust bins are kept in different places across the campus to provide a dust free atmosphere to the stakeholders. The dust bins are labelled properly for the indication of degradable and non-degradable items.

Vermicompost, Organic and Green manures

The College is at the initial stage of Composting system. Campus houses basic Vermicompost Unit. Wherein the waste in the form of fallen leaves, stems, fruits, nuts, seeds and other kitchen based wastes are segregated and dumped in the Vermicompost Pit. This aids in converting all the dumped wastes into green /organic manures.

The soil, air, water and sunlight are the four major natural resources any campus gets. Biofertilizers such as Nitrogen fixing bacteria, Potassium and Phosphorus solubilizing bacteria, Potassium mobilizing fungi (VAM), farmyard manure, dried cow dung manure, vermicompost manures and biofungicides and biopesticides are extensively used in Campus to cultivate new plants and nourish existing plants. Agrochemicals, chemical fertilizers, pesticides and fungicides are not used. These practices are very well appreciated because air, water and soil pollution due to use of agrochemicals is eradicated which in turn to improve the soil health significantly.

Napkin Disposal Facility

Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) is an indispensable part of the Swachh Bharath Mission Guidelines (SBM-G) for adolescent girls and ladies. The Campus Management is implementing the safe practices of disposing of napkins using small scale incinerators in ladies' hostels. Incinerator's facility and disposal structures in the proper directions and other social stigmas connected to menstruation influences the sanitary waste disposal conduct of women within the campus is very much appreciated. The Management is taking care of adolescent girls and ladies significantly in their personal hygiene.

Environmental Education on Waste Management

Curriculum implements subject pertaining to environment studies and sustainability. It is a multi-disciplinary field integrating Social, Environmental and natural sciences. This subject is useful to convey the importance of ecosystem, ecology and environment to the students and scholars.

Action Plan and Suggestions for Waste Reduction in the Organization

Preparing one's own waste reduction action plan allows one to rethink procedures toproduce less waste or redesign processes and hence boost efficiency. There are eightsteps that can be taken by the Organization as per the following:

<u>STEP 1</u>

Review the site waste audit report and ensure 3R's actions to be followed Review site Waste Audit Report and gather information about the 3R's actions that are currently in place, such as waste reduction strategies, quantity of current waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and analysis of operating costs after following 3R's.

<u>STEP 2</u>

Using the 3Rs, identify major waste reduction opportunities

Examining the materials that make up a substantial part of the waste produced isa key aspect in identifying 3R's potential for waste reduction. Consider the cost of waste disposal, the potential for source separation, the potential to reduce, reuse, or recycle, the complexity of handling, and current and potential regulatory requirements.

STEP 3

Determine waste reduction after identifying potential areas.

Possible impacts of other priorities on the 3R's should be investigated when developing a waste reduction action plan in which review the costs and benefits of eachwaste reduction opportunity.

STEP 4

Figure out why waste is produced?

When evaluating waste reduction possibilities, the Organization should start by asking, "Why is this material being used?" It may reveal the possibilities for reducing, reusing, or recycling the waste significantly. There are some questions such as 1) wherewaste can be eliminated during the operations by reducing the use of specific materialsor procedures, 2) where other materials that can be reused or recycled can be used, 3) where it is possible to utilize disposable materials and 4) where can we put controls in place to limit waste production during the operations?

<u>STEP 5</u>

Evaluate impact of material purchasing practices on waste reduction Material purchasing procedures involve a lot of waste reduction possibilities. Actions to change the materials used to manufacture the products or provide very good services which may involve discussions with suppliers. Replacing non-recyclable materials with reusable or recyclable materials gives economic benefits and greater waste diversion.

<u>STEP 6</u>

Identify activities on specific waste materials as well as the total amount of waste reduced, reused, and recycled.

<u>STEP 7</u>

- Identify the waste reduction, reuse, and recycling opportunities

The following are some opportunities to improve the management of waste products: **Reduce Waste**

Employees at campus facility may already be employing a variety of wastereduction techniques. Some disposable products may have already been replaced with reusable products in the facility. Use fewer disposable supplies and equipment that weuse.

Minimize Paper Usage

Avoiding the waste of paper by implementing double-sided printing and photocopies. E-mail memos and reports to staff or clients instead of providing hard copies. Encourage staff to save digital copies of documents instead of printing them. Remove names from mailing lists if magazines or catalogues are no longer needed.

Bulk Purchasing

To get volume discounts, look into buying in bulk. Bulk purchases frequently come with less packaging than items purchased individually.

Disposable / Reusable / Eco-friendly Packaging

Request loose products rather than individually packed ones when purchasing supplies. Instead of using disposable tape dispensers, use permanent tape dispensers. Request that the package be "taken back" by the vendor or it should be reusable or eco-friendly.

Cafeteria Waste

Single-serve condiment containers should be avoided. Customers that bring theirown coffee/travel mug should receive a discount. To cut down on waste, go over the menus again, focusing on portion sizes. Start a "litter less lunch" campaign to encourage employee or students to bring lunches in reusable containers. Napkin dispensers mighthelp to avoid using too many napkins.

Washrooms

Replace disposable hand towel dispensers with hand dryers where possible.

Reuse Equipment

Reusable things can be donated or sold. The organizations are typically interested in equipment and supplies that are no longer needed.

Donate Left Over or Unused Food

Donations of consumable fresh foods and out-of-date packaged foods are welcomed by many food banks. To determine if it can assist in this way, contact the local social organisations.

Recycle Waste

Many recyclable materials, such as corrugated cardboard, office paper, newspaper, glass, aluminum, steel, plastic products, and food waste, have markets. Asthe markets grow, more items may be added to the recycling list.

Use of Recyclable Materials

Look for ways to include recycled materials in products development. The success of recycling is dependent on stable material markets. It can also contribute to the environment by buying products containing recycled materials.

Internal Recycling

Recycle the own products' materials. Where feasible, introduce processes to support internal recycling of waste materials.

Employee Training on Source Separation

Make sure that the segregation in different types of waste materials at source of origination. All personnel should be trained in source-separation techniques and givenenough well-labelled containers and storage facilities to collect recyclable

material.

Organic and Inorganic Wastes

Examine the options for composting and look into composting organic materialslike food waste, leaves and yard trash, and paper towels with private operators or the local Government sectors.

Internet or Business Directory

Find recycling companies in the Organization campus area by using a local business directory or by doing a search on the internet.

<u>STEP 8</u>

Recommendations for Sustainable Waste Management

A proper step may be taken to minimize the environmental degradation by means of developing 'Sanitation and hygiene policy', 'Waste management policy', 'Green campus and Environment policy', 'Energy policy' and 'Purchase policy' in collaboration with Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations. Waste disposal management for both dry and wet wastes should be proper in which from collection to disposal of the waste, together with monitoring and regulation of the same may be undertaken. Attempts may be made to segregate the wastes and to convert organic wastes into fertilizing material through recycling and composting processes which may be used for vegetation purpose.

Students may be taken to some industrial areas including the waste management sites to teach about the recycling of wastewaters, solid wastes, natural ecosystem, pollution-free environment and environmental education.

Best Practices on Waste Management Initiatives followed in the Organization

1. The Campus has taken green and environmental protection initiatives in a substantial manner by means of creating solid waste management, wastewater treatment, sanitation, and natural vegetation in the campus without harming the environment.

2. Various kinds of degradable and non-degradable wastes are segregated properly and given to Mumbai Municipal Corporation for their further processing.

3. Management is also taking efforts in maximizing vermicomposting, identification of waste reduction reuse, and recycling opportunities, use of disposable / reusable / eco-friendly packaging materials in the campus in a big way.

4. The dust bins and eco-friendly trashes are kept in different places across the campus to provide a dust free atmosphere to the stakeholders which are labelled properly for the indication of degradable and non-degradable items.

5. The management has created a very good campus ecosystem for making a coexisting and sustainable environment which includes natural and planted vegetation.

Swachh Bharath Abhiyan is being implemented effectively to promote cleanliness across the city.

Follow 3 R : Reduce , Reuse and Recycle

REDUCE

Buy less and use less.

Purchase recycled papers.

Use softcopy instead of hard copy

Purchase environmentally friendly office supplies.

Choose to purchase items with less packaging.

Double-side printing and photocopying.

Use one-sided printed paper instead of throwing in trash.

Print and use on the one blank side of the paper

Print notices on half-sheets.

Use emails instead of faxes.

Post newsletters online.

Avoid printing out emails.

Host paper-free meetings by setting the agenda on the board.

Use fewer paper towels in the washroom or replace them with electric hand dryer.

Use refillable soap dispenser in washroom

Encourage waste-free lunches.

Reduce the use of tetra-packs by using refillable containers.

Purchase condiments, sweeteners, salt, and pepper in bulk.

Use dispensers instead of individually packaged servings.

REUSE

Replace disposable items with reusable items and learn to share or donate o avoid the landfill.

Reuse the other side of used paper.

Use reusable coffee cups and water bottles.

Stock food consumption areas with reusable or biodegradable plates, cups, and cutlery.

Donate used computers, eyeglasses, cell phones, clothes, textbooks, andother items.

RECYCLE

Divert garbage by recycling items such as paper, glass, plastics, cans, tetra packs, and cardboard.

Recycle computers and IT related waste.

Compost organic waste.

Limit contamination of recycled items by ensuring they are clean.

Recycle ink and toner products.

Ensure correct disposal methods are used for chemicals.

Conclusion

ANJUMAN - I – ISLAM'S INSTITUTE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT is a wellestablished Institute in India in terms of academic and social activities. The Management is taking enormous efforts continuously in providing an eco-friendly atmosphere to the students, research scholars, parents and staff members. It is observed that the green and environmental protection initiatives are substantial by means of sanitation, and natural vegetation in the campus without harming the environment. Various kinds of degradable and non-degradable wastes such as plastics, electronic, solid & liquid wastes, organic & inorganic wastes are segregated properly and subjected recycle and/or given to Mumbai Municipal Corporation for their further processing. The Management is also taking efforts in expanding Vermicomposting, establishing recycling opportunities, use of disposable / reusable / eco-friendly packaging materials in the campus in a big way. Waste management audit is carried out to provide an indication on how the environmental organization system is working towards the noble cause of environmental protection and nature conservation. To conclude the waste management audit report, the College is an eco-friendly campus and providing very good amicable atmosphere to the stakeholders.

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ANNEXURE - CERTIFICATE OF RECYCLING & DISPOSAL



ANNEXURE – CAMPUS PHOTOS





*****END OF THE AUDIT REPORT*****

THANKS!!!