

GOA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (GIM)

I firmly believe that higher education institutes can play a significant role in the green transformation of all human activity and contribute towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals as stated by the United Nations. With this conviction, we at GIM are continuously striving to reduce our carbon footprint and increase the positive impact on the lives of all our stakeholders through robust governance processes. Sustainability is part of our mission and essential to our decision-making processes. We realise we still have a long way to go but are committed to making our planet a better place to live in.

Over the last couple of years, we have taken initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint significantly, and installing solar roof-top panels is one of them. We are very proud that over the last year, we have generated more than 1 million units of power using renewable energy, which accounts for around 40% of our consumption. Other initiatives like aerated taps, waterless toilets, installation of the energy management system, and rainwater harvesting have contributed to better utilization of existing resources. On the social front, our emphasis on employing local human resources for the housekeeping, cafeteria, and security teams has helped increase income and improve the quality of life for the communities around us.

As an institution, GIM has been at the forefront of advocating for sustainability. We are committed to transitioning to greener sources of energy, having a more diverse and equitable campus that is inclusive and encompassing to all stakeholders, and to adopting and promoting the PRME Principles.

We are currently working on our Sustainability Policy. We are determined to make our policy consultative and inclusive, and to achieve this during the next academic year; we will have conversations around the policy with various stakeholders. As a result, in the coming years, we hop e to continue our quest for improved sustainability and become self-sufficient in using natural resources, thus moving closer to net-zero.

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