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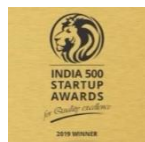
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The REST Pvt Ltd acknowledges with thanks the cooperation extended to our team for completing the study at RRDS Govt. Degree College (RRDS GDC).

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

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

Kind regards

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Executive Summary

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

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

As an Institution of higher learning, RRDS Govt. Degree College (RRDS GDC) firmly believes that there is an urgent need to address the environmental challenges and improve their environmental footprint.

True to its belief, RRDS GDC has installed LED lights and bulbs and there is no normal bulbs and tubes, REST Pvt Ltd team congratulates RRDS GDC team for their efforts.

Keeping RRDS GDC work in energy efficiency, we recommend the following to be taken by the competent team at RRDS GDC:

Work towards achieving carbon neutrality: NDC emphasizes creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO₂ equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030. RRDS GDC's net carbon emission for the year 2022-23 is >20MT CO₂e. RRDS GDC should focus on energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon sequestration as tools that will enable them to offset the present carbon emissions and achieve carbon neutrality.

Installation of solar rooftop: Renewable energy plays a very important role in improving the environmental footprint of an organization. By increasing the share of renewable energy in RRDS GDC's energy portfolio, the overall carbon footprint of the college can be reduced. The roof area available at RRDS GDC is around 4068 sq. ft on roof top. For the available area, as an initial step, RRDS GDC could look at installing 25kWp of solar PV which can generate 40,500 units per year. Still the renewable share will also reduce the 33 MT CO₂e. For the current assessment year power consumption to reduce, roof top can be utilized for solar power to expand.

Increase the operating power factor: Presently, based on the energy bills, it is understood that the institution maintains a power factor of 0.65. Since the institution pays electricity bills for the KVAH consumed, the lower the power factor, higher is the energy bill for the same KWH consumption. It is recommended to install capacitor banks to improve the power factor and save energy bill. RRDS GDC can save up to Rs. 20,000 per month.

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

- Replace conventional 75W ceiling fans with energy efficient BLDC fans of 30W
- Install air conditioners energy savers to save energy in split air conditioners
- Replace all conventional tube lights with LED lamps



Carbon Footprint and Energy Audit

RRDS Govt. Degree College (RRDS GDC) and REST Pvt Ltd are working together to identify opportunities for improvement in energy efficiency and carbon reduction. This report highlights all the potential proposals for improvement through the audit and analysis of the data provided by RRDS GDC for lighting, air conditioning, ceiling fans, and biogas potential.

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

Submission of Documents

"Carbon footprint and energy audit at RRDS GDC was carried out with the help of data submitted by RRDS GDC team. RRDS GDC team was responsible for collecting all the necessary data and submitting the relevant documents to REST Pvt Ltd for the study.

Note

Carbon footprint and energy audit are based on the data provided by RRDS GDC team and discussions the REST Pvt Ltd team had with RRDS GDC team. The scope of the study does not include the exclusive verification of various regulatory requirements related to environmental sustainability.

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

Opportunities for improvement

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

Carbon footprint calculations:

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

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

Scope 1: Direct GHG Emissions

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

RRDS GDC Scope 1 emissions for 2022-23:

Sources of Scope 1 emissions in RRDS GDC:

- 1) Diesel used for college-owned transportation: Nil
- 2) Diesel consumption for the generator for the assessment year 2022-23: Nil
- 3) LPG used for canteen: 6 cylinders/year

Scope 2: Electricity Indirect GHG Emissions

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

RRDS GDC Scope 2 emissions for 2023: Electricity purchased from grid 1693 units.

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

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

- Renewable energy potential of RRDS GDC and the maximum offset that can be achieved at RRDS GDC
- Percentage substitution with renewable energy that RRDS GDC wants to achieve in a specified time frame

Key tasks that need to be executed to achieve the renewable energy target

- Specific financial break up for each of the projects highlighting the amount required, available and the utilization status as on date
- A regular review mechanism to ensure progress along the lines of the roadmap should be framed
- The roadmap should also highlight important milestones/key tasks, anticipated bottle RRDS GDC & proposed

Renewable energy roadmap should be used as a base to frame GHG emissions reduction target

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

Explore the option of other onsite and offsite renewable energy projects

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

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

Calculation for Installation of 25 kWp of Solar PV in RRDS GDC Campus

Renewable energy is one of the important steps to be taken up by the college to reduce their overall carbon footprint. Based on the details provided by RRDS GDC team, The roof area available at RRDS GDC is around 4068 sq. ft on roof top. For the available area, as an initial step, RRDS GDC could look at installing 25kWp of solar PV which can generate 40,500 units per year. However, for report calculation, only 25 kWp capacity is considered.

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

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

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



Source: www.bluebirdsolar.com

Energy Efficiency

Annual energy consumption of RRDS GDC campus is 1693 units from grid. There are major blocks in the campus which consumes energy for their operation. Major energy consumers are:

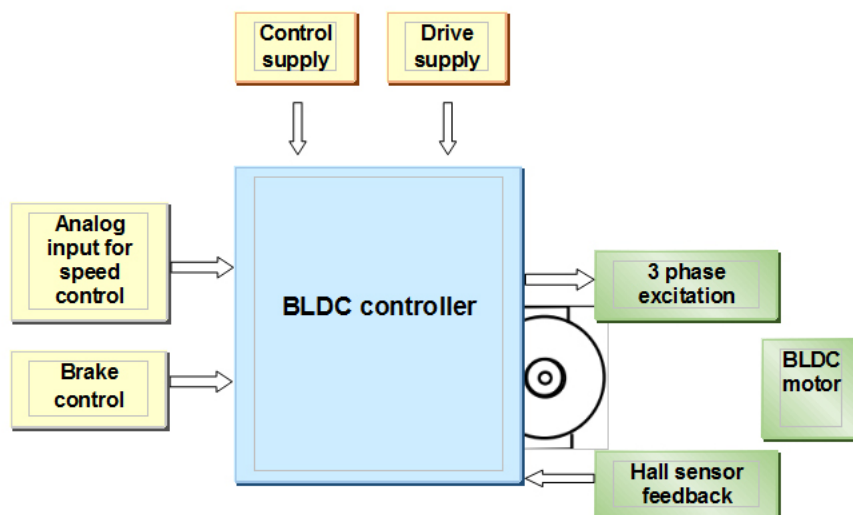
1. Fans
2. Lighting

Replace Conventional Ceiling Fans with Energy Efficient BLDC Fans

During the Energy Audit at RRDS GDC, a detailed study was carried out to identify the potential for replacing the existing ceiling fans with BLDC super fans. There is 1.764kW power consumption by 49 fans operating in RRDS GDC campus.

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

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





With the replacement of existing ceiling fans with Super Fans the energy consumption is likely to reduce by 55% per fixture. Considering 49 fans being replaced with super-efficient BLDC fans, 1.70 kW can be saved. Considering the average operating hours to be 2000 and unit cost as Rs.

9.0, the calculations are as follows:

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Total power consumption by fans in college : | 1.764kW |
| No. of fans considered for calculation : | 20 (First cycle of change) |
| Energy consumption per fan : | 75 W |
| Total energy consumption of fans : | 75W X 20 fans |
| : | 1.5 kW |
| Super-efficient BLDC fans energy consumption: | 30 W |
| Savings from 75W to 30 W : | 40% |
| Total savings in fans energy consumption : | 40% of 1.76kW |
| : | 0.7 kW |
| Savings per year : | 0.7 kW x 2000 hrs X Rs. 9.0/unit |
| : | Rs. 12,675 |
| Investment : | Rs. 50,000 |
| : | 48 months |

Annual emission reduction potential in case of replacing 50% fans : 10MT CO2

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

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

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

Advantages of LED

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

Performance comparison of different type lights

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

- **High S/P ratio:** LEDs have higher scotopic/photopic ratio (S/P ratio). The eye has two primary light sensing cells called rods and cones - cones function in day light and process visual information whereas rods function in night light. The cone dominated vision is called photopic and the rod dominated vision is called scotopic. The S/P ratio indicates the measure of light that excites rods compared to the light that excites cones. In office environments, illumination is more effective if the S/P ratio is high as it is under scotopic region. LEDs hence are ideally suited for these applications as they have a high S/P ratio.
- **Longer life-time:** LEDs have longer life time of around 1,00,000 hours. This is equivalent to 11years of continuous operation or 22 years of 50% operation.
- **Faster switching:** LED lights reach its brightness instantly upon switching and can frequently be switched on/off without reducing the operational life expectancy.

- **Greater durability and reliability:** As LEDs are solid-state devices and uses semi-conductor material; they are sturdier than conventional sources that use filaments or glass. LEDs can also withstand shock, extreme temperatures and vibration as they don't have fragile materials as components.
- **Good Colour Rendering Index (CRI):** The colour rendering index, i.e., measure of a light sources' ability to show objects as perceived under sunlight is high for LEDs. The CRI of natural sunlight is 100 and LEDs offer CRI of 80 and above.

LED offers more focused light and reduced glare. Moreover, it does not contain pollutants like mercury. LED technology is highly compatible for solar lighting as low-voltage power supply is enough for LED illumination.

Conclusion

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