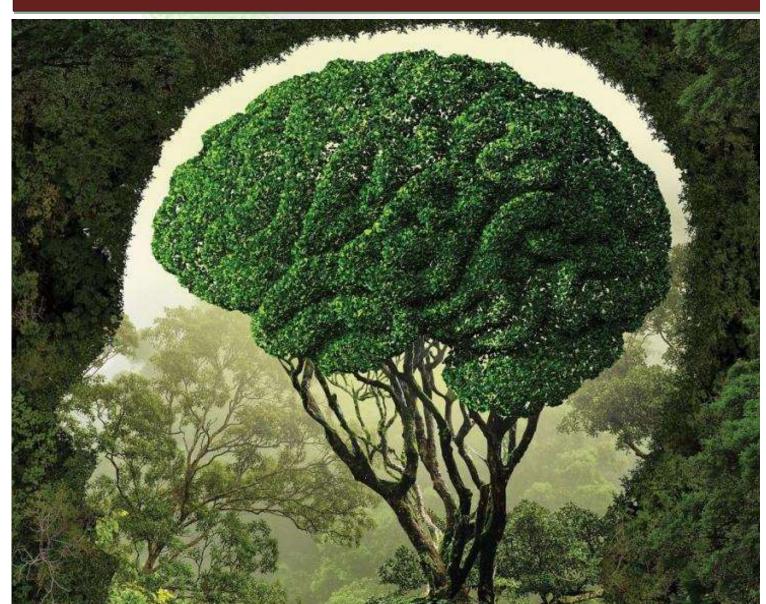


# CARBON FOOTPRINT REPORT OF MAITREYI COLLEGE

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# **ABBREVIATIONS**

Abbreviations	Full Form			
GHG	Greenhouse Gases			
CF	Carbon Footprint			
FY	Financial Year			
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum gas			
Kg	Kilograms			
Yr.	Year			
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change			
KWh	Kilowatt hour			
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas			
e	equivalent			
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide			
CH <sub>4</sub>	Methane			
N <sub>2</sub> O	N <sub>2</sub> O Nitrous oxide			
BEE	Bureau of Energy Efficiency			

#### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### 1.1 ABOUT THE PROJECT

Carbon Footprint refers to the potential climatic impact (Global Warming) of the Greenhouse Gases (GHG) emitted directly or indirectly due to an organization's activities.

A Carbon Footprint Disclosure of any educational institution is very important to understand such that its key emission sources can be identified and necessary mitigation measures can be adopted for carbon reduction.

In today's date, very few colleges disclose their carbon emissions. Maitreyi College under Delhi University is a STAR College that has taken a first-time initiative to compute its carbon footprint and set a benchmark for other Colleges/Universities. The college has adopted a carbon reduction strategy to undertake this project.

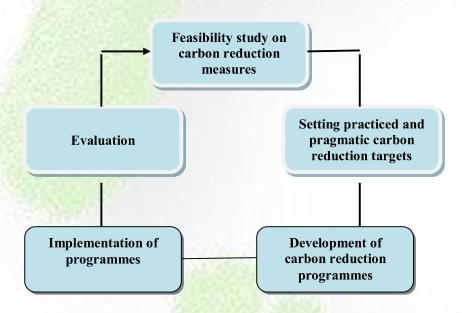


Figure 1: Carbon Roadmap Strategy

The report indicates GHG emissions assessed for Maitreyi College for the Financial Year 2018-19. The report highlights the current key emission sources of the college and sets a baseline data for setting up college-wide emission reduction targets for next Financial Years (FY). Several recognized national and international standards have been referred for the computation of the footprint of the college.

The project was carried out in three phases namely, **Planning**, **Collection of data and Estimation of CO<sub>2</sub>** following with suggestive measures for reduction. The project was initiated with understanding the intent of management, post which a core team was formulated comprising of teachers and students from different departments. Several site visits and face to face interactions were done with the departments to collect the required data. The study included extensive research on latest emission factors for computing the footprint. Both

qualitative and quantitative data was collected from the college. An online survey was conducted for capturing data on commuting. The survey was carried out for a month and was rolled out to the teachers, non-teaching staff and students.

The successful completion of this project is dedicated to the entire college because of its hard work & enthusiasm shown. Cooperation from all the departments led to the smooth running of the project throughout 3 months.

Maitreyi College, through this project, has reported on its scope 1, 2 & 3 carbon emissions, emerging as the first Delhi University College to undergo such disclosure. Through this, other educational institutions will be motivated to undertake similar disclosure projects and bring to the table innovative & cost effective carbon reduction measures for education sector. The benefits of the project will manifest in substantial utility cost reductions across the oncampus operations and will lead to both financial as well as environmental sustainability of the college.

#### 1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- Identify key emission sources of GHG at the campus
- Compute Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions for operations carried out at Maitreyi
- Analyze the results and provide cost effective & efficient measures for reducing the GHG emissions.

#### 1.3 RELEVANCE

Today's changing climate has resulted in an increased temperature (global warming) world-wide. In addition to this, the year 2018 experienced some of the catastrophic climate extremes, including disastrous storms, floods, droughts, heat waves etc. causing huge loss and damage to both life and property.

India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) commit to reduce its emission intensity per unit GDP by 33 to 35% below 2005 by 2030 under the Paris Agreement. This has resulted in the need for various sectors to come up and report their carbon emissions so that appropriate measures can be adopted. Reporting the emissions will enable them to set practical targets for carbon reduction in upcoming years.

An educational institution plays an influential role in both local and national policymaking, both by informing society through research and educating graduates. It sets ground for

imparting responsible perspectives to the young minds who act as successful incubators for innovation, from which many sustainability initiatives originate.

Computing Carbon Footprint of Maitreyi College will allow them to position themselves favourably in tackling the future challenges associated with a changing climate. Maitreyi College being a pioneer Delhi University College provides a diverse range of graduate, post graduate and other courses. Therefore, it holds a significant position in population, economic importance and societal influence.

With the help of such projects, students, teachers and other staff will get a chance to understand the importance & relevance of global warming, GHG emissions & carbon footprint. Such projects will help students develop knowledge on key areas and gain first-hand experience which will invite career opportunities for them in the field of climate change. The project will empower them to suggest new innovative ideas on how emissions can be reduced across the college operations. Prioritising carbon reductions at the college campus will not only yield environmental benefits to them but will also promote financial savings and increase competition among other educational institutions.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

Currently, Global warming has become one of the most prominent issues faced by world community at local, national and global level. The most instant and obvious effect of global warming is the increase in temperatures around the world. GHG emissions are one of the primary causes of global warming. The valuable first step towards the emission reduction and understanding disaster risk, is quantifying the GHG emissions due to various human activities.

Carbon Footprint (CF), as an indicator of climate performance, helps identify major GHG emission sources & potential areas for improvement. It has been introduced as a tool to guide the relevant emission cuts and verifications that will facilitate the understanding of the risk of global warming at the very first stage. According to Carbon Trust (2007), "Carbon Footprint is defined as a measurement of the total GHG emissions caused directly and indirectly by an individual, an organization, event or product and is expressed as a carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e)". An organizational carbon footprint measures the GHG emissions from all the activities across the organization, including energy used in buildings, industrial processes, fugitive emissions and organization's vehicles. Besides quantifying organization's total GHG impact, a CF analysis will provide the organization with a comprehensive GHG inventory, allowing it to identify and target reductions from its major emissions sources. Different sectors like Manufacturing Industries, Hospitality, Hotels, Educational Institutions, Agricultural Sector, Medical Industry etc. estimate their carbon footprint nowadays.

The study is an initial step of action, towards mitigating the emissions of the college and formulates an environmental policy framework. It will give an overall picture of the campus CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; help identify major emission sources & potential areas of improvement.

#### 3. STUDY AREA

#### **3.1. ABOUT REPORTING ENTITY:** Maitreyi College, University of Delhi.

Carbon Footprint was carried out at the campus of Maitreyi College in Chanakyapuri spread over 10 acres of land in lush green surroundings with extensive play grounds and open spaces.

#### 3.2.REPORTING PERIOD: 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

The emissions reported for FY 18-19 will be considered as baseline to set emission reduction targets for upcoming FYs.

#### 3.3.SCOPE OF PROJECT:

- a) Physical boundary
  - Location of the building: Maitreyi College, Bapudham Complex,
     Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021
  - Description of areas excluded from GHG accounting: The new Science block (non-operational) and the Girls Hostel (under construction) were not in the scope.

### b) Operational boundary

- Scope 1 Direct GHG emissions from:
  - Combustion of fuels in stationary sources-diesel used in electricity generators
  - Combustion of fuels in stationary sources LPG consumption in canteen and Chemistry laboratories
  - Combustion of fuels in mobile sources- CNG used in owned vehicle (College Bus)
  - Fugitive emissions from Refrigeration/air-conditioning equipment
- Scope 2 Indirect emissions from:
  - Purchased electricity
- Scope 3 Other Indirect GHG emissions from:
  - GHG emissions due to daily commuting of Teaching Staff, Non-Teaching Staff and Students to and from college
  - GHG emissions due to paper consumption
  - GHG emissions from garden waste generation across the campus

# 4. METHODOLOGY FOR GHG QUANTIFICATION

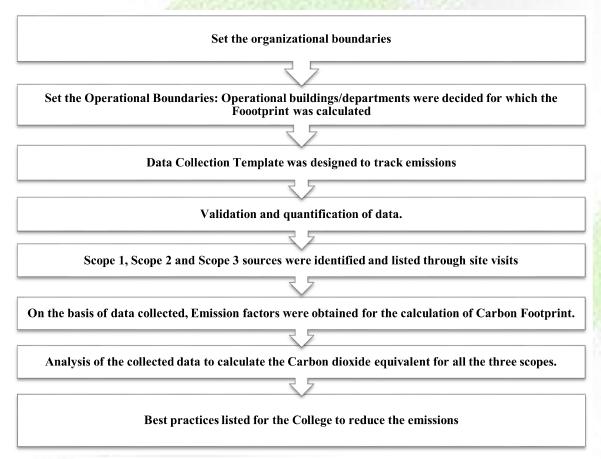


Figure 2: Flowchart showing adopted methodology for estimation of Carbon Footprint

Both qualitative and quantitative data was collected for the project:

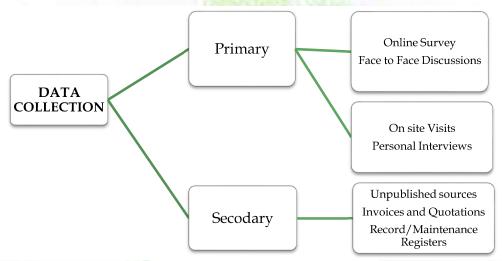


Figure 3: Types & methods of data collection

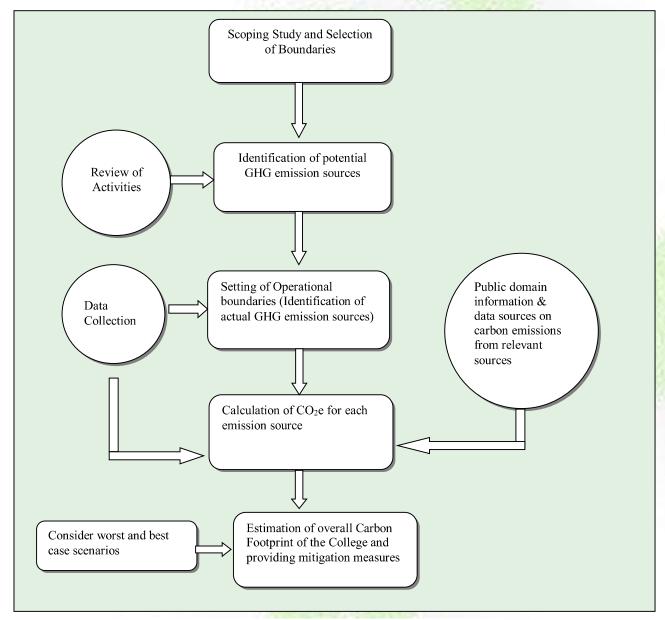


Figure 4: Scheme adopted for the implementation of CF methodology

Calculation of GHG emissions from the unit of activity data requires emission factors for various Greenhouse Gases (specifically CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>and N<sub>2</sub>O). These factors enable GHG emissions to be estimated from a unit of available activity data (e.g. Kg of fuel consumed, Kg of product produced etc.). These are multiplied with their respective conversion factors to be expressed in terms of kg CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (kgCO<sub>2</sub>e). These emission factors were researched and extracted from various national and international standards. Compilation of all the latest required factors was done in the Agile Carbon Footprint Toolkit<sup>©</sup> which was later used in the computation of the carbon footprint.

#### 4.1.ABOUT THE AGILE CF TOOLKIT ©

Agile CF Toolkit $\bigcirc$  is the software used for calculating the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent. The software uses latest applicable emission factors sourced from published reliable databases for specific country of computation.

### **4.2.LIMITATIONS DISCLOSURES**

- In the absence of exact quantity of refrigerant load on installed air conditioners, refrigerators and water coolers, industry recommended values for capacity and type of equipment were considered.
- The data used for computation of carbon footprint was as provided by the Institution. In case the data did not include travel related information for few employees and students, the same have been ignored.
- The electricity units were taken from the actual electricity meter bills and the same is considered to be accurate.
- There could always be a calibration error in the system while the computation was made.

#### 5. DATA COLLECTION

# **5.1.SCOPE 1 DIRECT GHG EMISSIONS**

Direct GHG emissions occur from sources that are owned or controlled by the organization, for example, emissions from combustion in owned or controlled boilers, furnaces; emissions from combustion of fuels in vehicles, fugitive emissions etc.

### 5.2.SCOPE 2 ELECTRICITY INDIRECT GHG EMISSIONS

Scope 2 accounts for the GHG emissions from the generation of purchased electricity consumed by the organization.

### 5.3.SCOPE 3 OTHER INDIRECT GHG EMISSIONS

It includes emissions from outsourced activities i.e. from the activities of members of the organization but occurred at sources owned/controlled by another organization. (E.g. commuting activities, waste generation etc.)

Table 1: Types of Data Collected and their source and units

GHG ACCOUNTING ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY SUBSET	DATA COLLECTION SOURCES	UNITS  Kg of LPG/ yr.		
Stationary Combustion	LPG Consumption in Canteen & Chemistry Lab	Record Registers from the respective department			
<b>Stationary Combustion</b>	Diesel used in DG	Purchase Record Books	Liters of Diesel/ yr.		
Mobile Combustion	CNG used in College Bus/Distance Travelled by Bus in FY 18-19	Transport Record Books	Amount of Fuel or total distance covered/ yr.		
Fugitive Emissions	Refrigerant used in Refrigerators & Air Conditioners	Invoices, Quotations, Equipment Photographs, On site Visits	Kg of Refrigerant/ yea		
Purchased Electricity	Units of electricity used during the FY 18-19	Monthly Electricity Bills	KWh / yr.		
<b>Employee Commuting</b>	Distance travelled, Mode of Transport used	Online Survey	Distance travelled/ yr.		
Students Commuting	Distance travelled, Mode of Transport used	Online Survey	Distance travelled/ yr.		
Paper Consumption	Amount of paper (fresh & recycled) used	Data Shared by College Administration	Kg of Paper Consumption/yr.		
Garden Waste	Amount of garden waste generated	Data shared by college Gardner	Kg of waste/yr.		

### 6. DATA ANALYSIS: CALCULATIONS AND RESULTS

With reference to the data provided by the college, the number of students, teaching staff and non-teaching staff considered for the project is:

Students: 3106Teaching Staff: 156Non-teaching staff: 96

Table 2: A summary of the estimation of Maitreyi College for the Reporting Year 2018-19

GHG Emissions	Scope 1				Scope 2	Scope 3			Total
Total kgCO2e	LPG Consu mption	Diesel Consumpti on	Mobile Source emission	Fugitive Emissions	Purchased Electricity	Commuting	Paper Consump tion	Garde n Waste	(kgCO <sub>2</sub> e)
	6,744.82	5,135.73	11.94	695.60	2,66,910.98	1,91,957.2	8860.3722	6	480322.64

In Financial Year 2018-19, Carbon Footprint of Maitreyi College was computed to be 480.32 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent or carbon intensity as 0.143 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/individual for the identified GHG emission sources. The major source of emissions came from Scope 2 emissions i.e. 266.91 tCO<sub>2</sub>e followed by Scope 3 which is 200.82 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. The minimum contribution is by Scope 1 which was computed to be 12.59 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.

The scope wise breakdown is analyzed as follows:

#### **6.1 SCOPE 1 GHG EMISSIONS**

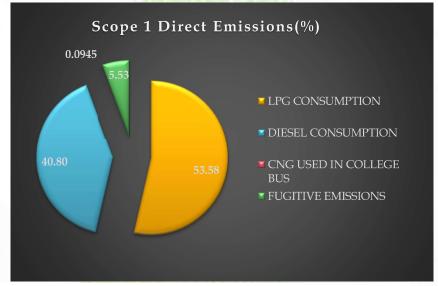


Figure 5: Pie chart showing Scope 1emissions (%) emissions for different activities