

# DFCC Bank Implements Energy-saving Initiatives

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DFCC Bank, through its Sustainability Strategy seeks to create a resilient world for everyone.

The Strategy maps out the Bank's sustainability goals for the next decade, with a vision to emerge as the leading Bank contributing towards sustainability by 2030.

As part of the Sustainability Strategy, the Bank works on its big goals; A Carbon Neutral Bank by 2030, the Bank for Green Finance in Sri Lanka, and to achieve Sustainable work lifestyles by 2030.

To meet the goal of transforming into a carbon-neutral bank, DFCC Bank has identified energy efficiency and electricity savings as key focus areas, particularly against the backdrop of Sri Lanka's present energy crisis. In this endeavor, the Bank has launched many initiatives to optimize energy efficiency across its entire network while reducing its environmental impact.

One of the most innovative mechanisms for increasing energy savings and improving energy efficiency at DFCC Bank is the DFCC Energy Saving App. The App was built in-house. It gathers, evaluates, measures, reports, analyzes, and forecasts electricity consumption data across the Bank's network. The App also acts as an Eco-Management System, which extracts, transforms, and loads data to analyze and present via energy dashboards. The dashboards show various analyses, including pattern recognition and outlier analysis.

Thimal Perera, Director/CEO of DFCC Bank, said, "In our quest to do our part to reduce our energy usage and increase efficiency amidst the ongoing challenges, our Energy Sub-Committee has designed and launched an energy-saving app. It provides key insights across our network and shows, on a geographic level, where energy consumption is highest. In addition, we have also implemented a variety of interactive energy-saving activities, such as competitions designed to conserve electricity. By gamifying the process of energy-saving and efficiency enhancement, we involve all our staff in this noble and critically important endeavor."

DFCC aims to become 100 percent paperless internally and 50 percent paperless in total by the year 2024. To achieve this, the Bank has taken various measures; one that stands out the most is the “Paperless Certification Program”. Under this program, all departments are encouraged to change their respective processes to reduce paper by at least 85 percent and submit those processes to be independently audited and certified as paperless.

The Bank has also commissioned solar power generation arrays at Kurunegala, Negombo, and Ramanayake Mawatha branches, with plans for other branches in the works. With these initiatives, the Bank could save a considerable amount of grid consumption during the last few years.

DFCC Bank was ranked amongst Business Today’s Top 40 Corporates in Sri Lanka.



*Rooftop Solar Power System installed at DFCC Bank Kurunegala Branch.*