

# **Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya Green Campus and Plastic-Free Policy**

**Policy Title: Green Campus and Plastic-Free Initiative**

**Effective Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Review Date: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

## **1. Purpose**

The University is committed to fostering a sustainable environment by promoting eco-friendly practices and reducing plastic waste. This policy outlines our commitment to creating a green campus while eliminating single-use plastics.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all university stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors, across all university properties and events.

## **3. Policy Statement**

The University aims to:

- Create an environmentally sustainable campus.
- Educate the university community about sustainability and waste reduction.
- Eliminate the use of single-use plastics within the university.

## **4. Implementation Strategies**

### **A. Green Campus Initiatives**

- **Energy Efficiency:** Implement energy-saving measures in all university buildings, including LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and smart thermostats.
- **Sustainable Transportation:** Promote the use of public transportation, biking, walking, and carpooling. Provide bike racks and support shuttle services.
- **Waste Reduction:** Establish a comprehensive recycling program that includes composting organic waste. Provide clearly marked recycling bins across the campus.
- **Green Spaces:** Maintain and develop green spaces on campus, including gardens and tree planting initiatives to enhance biodiversity.

### **B. Plastic-Free Commitment**

- ❖ **Ban on Single-Use Plastics:** Prohibit the sale and distribution of single-use plastics, including plastic bags, straws, utensils, and containers on campus.
- ❖ **Promote Reusable Alternatives:** Encourage the use of reusable containers, water bottles, and bags. Offer discounts at campus vendors for students and staff who use their own containers.
- ❖ **Educational Campaigns:** Conduct regular workshops and seminars on the impacts of plastic pollution and the importance of sustainability.

## **5. Roles and Responsibilities**

- University Administration: Responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and allocating resources for sustainability initiatives.
- Sustainability Committee: A designated committee will monitor progress, recommend improvements, and report on sustainability efforts to the university community.
- Faculty and Staff: Expected to incorporate sustainability practices into their daily activities and support campus initiatives.
- Students: Encouraged to actively participate in sustainability programs and adopt eco-friendly practices.

## **6. Monitoring and Evaluation**

The university will regularly assess the effectiveness of the Green Campus and Plastic-Free Policy through:

- Surveys and feedback from the university community.
- Regular audits of campus waste and recycling practices.
- Progress reports from the Sustainability Committee.

## **7. Compliance**

All university stakeholders are expected to comply with this policy. Non-compliance may result in corrective actions or sanctions as determined by university regulations.

## **8. Review and Amendments**

This policy will be reviewed annually and amended as necessary to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with best practices in sustainability.

### **Contact Information:**

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