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Smoking-Free Campus Policy

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1. Introduction

Amity University Rajasthan (AUR) is committed to promoting a safe, healthy, and sustainable learning environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors. In alignment with the University's vision of holistic well-being and global standards of health promotion, AUR adopts this **Smoking-Free Campus Policy**. This policy also supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and complies with national regulations including the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, and relevant state guidelines. Exposure to tobacco smoke is a significant health risk, and AUR aims to prevent all forms of smoking and tobacco use within its premises through a comprehensive, structured approach.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect members of the university communities from harmful effects of smoking.
- Provide clear guidelines restricting the use of tobacco products within the campus.
- Demonstrate institutional commitment to health-promoting campuses and SDG-3.
- Ensure full compliance with national and international health directives.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy is applicable to all:

- Students, faculty, staff, contractual employees, vendors, and visitors
- All university-owned, rented, or managed spaces
- Indoor and outdoor campus areas, including:
    - Academic and administrative buildings
    - Research facilities and laboratories
    - Libraries, auditoriums, seminar halls
    - Hostels, residential areas, and guest houses
    - Canteens, food courts, and common areas
    - Sports grounds and recreation spaces
    - Parking lots, pathways, and open areas
    - University buses and transportation vehicles

The policy prohibits all forms of smoking and tobacco use, including: Cigarettes, bidis, cigars, pipes, hookah, e-cigarettes, heated tobacco products, gutkha, pan masala, khaini, and other smokeless tobacco.

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4. Policy Statement

Amity University Rajasthan is a **100% Smoking-Free and Tobacco-Free Campus**. Smoking or use of tobacco in any form is **strictly prohibited** across the entire campus without exceptions. No designated smoking areas exist within the university premises.

5. Implementation Strategies

5.1 Awareness & Communication

AUR will undertake ongoing awareness and sensitization initiatives including:

- Displaying "Smoking-Free Campus" signage at gates, corridors, and strategic points.
- Informing students during orientation and induction sessions.
- Conducting workshops, seminars, posters, and health campaigns in collaboration with healthcare experts and NGOs.

5.2 Enforcement Mechanisms

To ensure strict compliance:

- University security and designated officers will monitor policy adherence.
- Faculty and staff will encourage students to follow policy norms.
- Violations will be recorded and forwarded to relevant authorities.

5.3 Disciplinary Actions

- **Students**: Counselling, warning notices, and disciplinary actions as per the Student Code of Conduct.
- **Employees**: HR will enforce disciplinary measures according to service rules.
- **Visitors/Vendors**: Immediate request to cease the act or exit campus premises.

5.4 Support for Tobacco Cessation

Recognizing tobacco dependence as a public health concern, AUR will support cessation through:

- Counselling and psychological support via the Health Centre/Wellness Cell.
- Referral to government-approved Tobacco Cessation Centres.
- Organizing stress-management, yoga, and wellness activities to encourage lifestyle change.

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Responsibilities

University Administration

- Provide leadership and resources for implementation.
- Ensure signage, communication, and periodic reviews.
- Integrate the policy into institutional governance and regulatory compliance.

Faculty & Staff

- Act as role models and reinforce the policy.
- Guide students about health hazards associated with smoking.

Students

- Adhere to the policy and promote a respectful, healthy campus culture.

Security Personnel

- Monitor and report violations.
- Politely intervene when prohibited behavior is observed.

Conclusion

Through this Smoking-Free Campus Policy, Amity University Rajasthan affirms its commitment to maintaining a healthy and pollution-free academic environment. This policy is a core component of the university's efforts to foster student well-being, prevent lifestyle-related health risks, and fulfil its responsibilities toward community health and SDG-3.