## **Policy on Reducing Plastic Waste on Campus**

- 1. Title: Policy on reducing plastic waste on campus
- 2. Authority: Registrar, Amity University Haryana
- 3. Purpose of this Policy: To reduce plastic usage and waste on the campus and create a healthy green environment
- 4. Date of Incorporation: 12 Nov 2021
- 5. Date of Review: Once in three years. This can also be reviewed as per the requirement of the University

In terrestrial and marine environments, plastic contamination is pervasive. Plastic garbage in the ecosystem causes issues and is a serious concern for all living things. Due to indiscriminate use, poor recycling practices, and accumulation in landfills, plastic production, and accumulation in the natural environment are occurring at a previously unheard-of rate. We have made unintentional and intentional contributions to this issue. We must make an effort to lessen and end plastic pollution.

All schools and departments do take the lead in this university-wide initiative. Amity University Haryana has chosen to implement the plastic ban as a university-level campaign to address the environmental risks brought on by the careless usage of plastic. All students and staff must actively participate in the campaign to outlaw the use of single-use plastics.

Therefore, it is increasingly important for every stakeholder to "Say No to Plastics" as well as raise community awareness of the need to end this pollution and leave a clean, green world for future generations.

The policy pertains to everyone associated with the University community including students, employees, contracted service employees, vendors and visitors.

**Communication.** The policy is published widely through various University outlets and will be included in the *Student Handbook* and *website*. Signage indicating that the University is plastic free are posted on campus. Existing policies, regulations and penalties governing plastic usage inside university property will remain in effect as promulgated.

## Compliance.

- 1. To conduct educational workshops and awareness campaigns about the negative effects of single-use plastics.
- 2. To outlaw the use of plastics inside the building.
- 3. To encourage students to run comparable initiatives in their communities.
- 4. To provide drinking water units to reduce the use of disposable water bottles.
- 5. To educate about campus alternatives to plastic bottles and other products, such as cloth bags, etc.
- 6. To conduct awareness campaign to reduce the usage of single-use plastic.

During the first few years of implementation, enforcement consisted of policy reminders by Campus Vigilance officers and other members of the community, without reprisals, along with the distribution of educational material that fosters the no plastic policy.

**Support to Foster plastic Usage Cessation.** The University will continue to sponsor programs and events that increase awareness of the negative effects and health risks of plastic usage. A committee will be formed to initiate innovative and alternative materials to plastic.

The cooperation of all members of the university is needed in order to ensure a healthy environment for everyone.

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