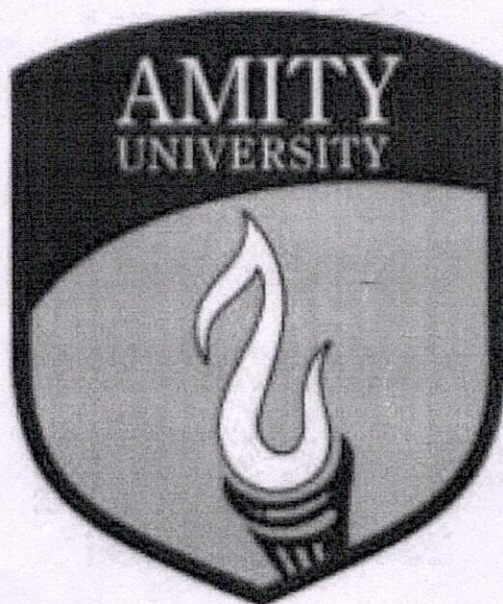


# **AMITY UNIVERSITY MADHYA PRADESH**



**Public Access to Green Spaces Policy  
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## **Policy Guideline on Public Access to Green Spaces**

### **1. Introduction**

#### **1.1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for facilitating public access to university green spaces while ensuring their preservation and responsible use. It aims to balance public enjoyment with the protection of natural resources, the maintenance of safety, and the fulfillment of the university's commitment to sustainability.

#### **1.2. Scope**

This policy applies to all designated green spaces on university property, including parks, gardens, courtyards, and recreational fields. It governs access for students, staff, faculty, visitors, and members of the general public. The policy also includes guidelines for the use of these spaces for events, recreational activities, and environmental stewardship initiatives.

### **2. Policy Objectives**

The primary objectives of this policy are:

**Promote Public Access:** Ensure that university green spaces are accessible to the public for recreational, educational, and cultural purposes.

**Preserve Environmental Integrity:** Protect the natural environment and biodiversity within green spaces, preventing damage and ensuring sustainability.

**Maintain Safety and Order:** Implement measures to ensure that green spaces are safe and well-maintained for all users, while minimizing risks related to misuse or overcrowding.

**Support University and Community Goals:** Align the use of green spaces with the university's mission to promote education, research, and community engagement, while preserving spaces for student and staff use.

**Encourage Sustainable Practices:** Promote environmentally responsible behavior among users, including waste management, water conservation, and the protection of flora and fauna.

### **3. Guiding Principles**

The following principles guide the management of public access to university green spaces:

#### **3.1. Open and Inclusive Access**

University green spaces are open to the public during specified hours, and visitors are encouraged to use these areas for leisure, reflection, and recreational activities. All members of the community are welcome to enjoy these spaces, regardless of background, with respect for others and the environment.

#### **3.2. Protection of the Natural Environment**

Visitors are required to respect the natural landscape, flora, and fauna. Damaging plants, trees, or wildlife, littering, or otherwise harming the ecosystem is prohibited. Special care will be taken to preserve areas of ecological significance, such as native plant gardens or wildlife habitats, through signage and restricted access where necessary.

#### **3.3. Responsible Use of Space**

Visitors must use green spaces in a way that does not interfere with university operations or disrupt academic activities. Large gatherings, events, or recreational activities that could impact the surrounding environment or campus life may require prior approval. The use of green spaces for commercial activities, such as vending or promotional events, is not permitted unless authorized by the university.

### **3.4. Health, Safety, and Security**

Green spaces will be regularly monitored to ensure the safety and security of visitors. This includes the maintenance of walkways, benches, lighting, and signage. Visitors must adhere to safety regulations, such as not entering restricted areas, avoiding damage to infrastructure, and following any posted rules regarding the use of recreational equipment, such as bicycles or sports gear.

### **3.5. Environmental Stewardship**

The university is committed to promoting environmental sustainability within its green spaces. Initiatives such as waste recycling, water conservation, and energy-efficient lighting systems will be implemented and supported by the community. Educational programs and signage will encourage visitors to act as stewards of the environment by reducing waste, conserving water, and respecting the natural habitat.

## **4. Programs Supporting Public Access to Green Spaces**

To enhance the experience of using green spaces and foster community engagement, the following programs and initiatives will be in place:

### **4.1. Public Events and Activities**

The university will organize public events such as outdoor yoga, guided nature walks, sustainability workshops, and cultural festivals to encourage community use of green spaces. These events will be planned with environmental impact in mind to ensure minimal disruption to the ecosystem. Special events, including academic and social gatherings, may be held in designated areas of green spaces. These must be approved by the university's event management office to ensure they align with the policy objectives.

### **4.2. Educational and Environmental Awareness Programs**

The university will offer educational programs that raise awareness about environmental conservation, biodiversity, and sustainability practices. These programs may include public lectures, volunteer opportunities, and exhibitions related to green space management and ecology. Partnerships with local schools and community groups will be encouraged to engage a broader

audience in environmental stewardship.

#### **4.3. Volunteer and Community Gardening Initiatives**

Community gardening programs may be established to allow students, staff, and local residents to participate in maintaining and beautifying university green spaces. This includes planting native species, maintaining flower beds, and participating in tree-planting events. Volunteers will be provided with training on sustainable gardening practices and the ecological significance of native plants and landscapes.

#### **4.4. Accessibility Enhancements**

The university is committed to ensuring that all visitors can enjoy its green spaces. Accessibility features such as ramps, paved pathways, and designated seating areas will be maintained to provide ease of access for individuals with disabilities. Programs and initiatives will be inclusive, allowing all community members to engage with green spaces in a meaningful way.

### **5. Monitoring and Control**

To ensure that university green spaces are used responsibly and remain well-maintained, the following monitoring and control measures will be in place:

#### **5.1. Security and Surveillance**

Security personnel and surveillance cameras will be used to monitor green spaces for inappropriate activities, vandalism, and unauthorized events. Regular patrols by security teams will help enforce the rules governing public access and ensure safety. Emergency response procedures will be implemented to address incidents such as accidents, medical emergencies, or natural hazards (e.g., flooding, storms) within green spaces.

#### **5.2. Maintenance and Upkeep**

The university will ensure that all green spaces are regularly maintained, including lawn care, tree pruning, waste management, and infrastructure repairs. Any hazards, such as broken benches or uneven walkways, will be promptly addressed to prevent accidents. Special attention will be given to

maintaining environmentally sensitive areas, ensuring that pathways and recreational areas do not encroach on protected habitats.

### **5.3. Reporting and Feedback**

A system for reporting issues, such as safety concerns or maintenance needs, will be made available to visitors. This may include a hotline or an online form where visitors can report problems or offer suggestions for improving the use of green spaces. Periodic reviews will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the policy and identify areas for improvement based on visitor feedback and environmental assessments.

### **6. Conclusion**

This policy outlines the university's commitment to providing open access to its green spaces while ensuring the protection of the natural environment and the safety of all visitors. By promoting responsible use, encouraging environmental stewardship, and supporting public engagement, the university aims to create a vibrant, sustainable, and accessible outdoor environment for the entire community.

Ongoing monitoring, regular maintenance, and public feedback will be key to the successful implementation of this policy. Regular reviews will ensure that the policy remains relevant and effective in meeting the needs of both the university and the public.

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