



Smoking-Free Campus Policy

Preamble Adichunchanagiri University is committed to fostering a healthy, safe, and productive environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors. In alignment with national health guidelines and the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, the University hereby adopts a comprehensive **Smoking-Free Campus Policy** to eliminate exposure to tobacco smoke and promote well-being.

1. Policy Objective To establish Adichunchanagiri University as a 100% smoking- and tobacco-free campus, protecting the community from the adverse health effects of active and passive smoking.

2. Scope and Applicability ; This policy applies to:

- All University premises, including academic buildings, hostels, administrative blocks, libraries, laboratories, auditoratories, sports facilities, cafeterias, and open spaces.
- All individuals on campus, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, vendors, and visitors.
- All forms of tobacco and nicotine products, whether smoked, chewed, or vaped.

3. Prohibited Activities : The following are strictly prohibited within University premises:

- Smoking cigarettes, beedis, cigars, hookahs, or any combustible tobacco product.
- Use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), including e-cigarettes, vapes, and heated tobacco products.
- Chewing or consumption of smokeless tobacco (gutkha, pan masala, khaini, zarda, etc.).
- Possession, distribution, or sale of any tobacco/nicotine product.

4. Designated Areas

- **No designated smoking zones** exist on campus. The policy enforces a complete ban across all areas, including parking lots, rooftops, stairwells, and corridors.

5. Enforcement Mechanisms



- **Awareness and Education:** Regular campaigns, workshops, and orientation programs to educate the community on the hazards of tobacco use.
- **Signage:** Prominent display of “Smoking-Free Campus” signage in English, Kannada, and pictorial formats at all entry points and strategic locations.
- **Monitoring:** Formation of a **Tobacco Control Committee** comprising faculty, student representatives, and security personnel to oversee compliance.
- **Reporting:** Confidential reporting channels (hotline/email) for violations.

6. Penalties for Violations: Violations shall be addressed progressively:

- **First Offence:** Written warning and mandatory attendance at a de-addiction counseling session.
- **Second Offence:** Fine of ₹500 and community service (campus cleanliness drive).
- **Third/Subsequent Offence:** Fine of ₹1,000, suspension of campus privileges (hostel/library access), and referral to the Disciplinary Committee.
- **Staff/Contractors:** Salary deduction and termination for repeated violations.
- **Vendors:** Cancellation of license/permission to operate on campus.

7. Support for Cessation

- Free access to **Tobacco Cessation Clinics** in collaboration with the University Health Centre.
- Counseling services, nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), and referral to external de-addiction centers.
- Peer support groups and annual “Quit Tobacco” challenges with incentives.

8. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Students:** Adhere to the policy and report violations.
- **Faculty/Staff:** Model compliance and integrate anti-tobacco education into curricula/co-curricular activities.
- **Security:** Conduct routine checks and confiscate prohibited items.
- **Management:** Allocate resources for enforcement and cessation programs.

9. Review and Amendment The policy shall be reviewed annually by the Tobacco Control Committee, with amendments approved by the University Executive Council.