SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Title	:	Smoke-Free Policy
Authority	:	Registrar, GD Goenka, University (Haryana)
Purpose of this Policy	:	The purpose of this policy is to foster the good health and wellbeing of all members of its University community
Date of Incorporation	:	16 Dec 2019
Date of Review	:	Once in three years. This can also be reviewed as per the requirement of University.

Smoke-Free Policy

The smoking of any substance is not permitted in any of the classrooms, faculty halls or cabins, hostels, cafeteria, seminar halls, auditoriums, sports ground, or any open or closed spaces on the University premises. This also extends to at least a 1km radius of the University campus.

GD Goenka University, Haryana, is committed to fostering the good health and well-being of all members of its university community. It aims to reduce pollution and hazardous air pollutants through this prohibition. Medical research confirms the many health risks of smoking and tobacco usage, as well as the negative effects of second-hand smoke.

The policy covers all property and vehicles owned, leased, rented, or operated by GD Goenka University, Haryana, and includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, dipping tobaccos, snuff, other smokeless tobacco, hookah, marijuana, cannabis, and related electronic and other products.

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 smoke-free and tobacco-free is posted on campus. Existing policies, regulations, and penalties governing smoking and tobacco usage inside university property will remain in effect as promulgated.

Compliance: Anyone who elects to continue to smoke or use tobacco products on public sidewalks must stay clear of any building entrances and dispose of these items properly in the designated areas provided on the periphery of the campus.

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 smoking and tobacco usage cessation.

Support to Foster Smoking and Tobacco Usage Cessation: The University will continue to sponsor programs and events that increase awareness of the negative effects and health risks of smoking and tobacco usage. The Counselling and Guidance Centre and the Health Services office offer supportive services and information for those who wish to quit smoking and tobacco usage.

- **Fine if found indulging in undesirable activities** 

Any student who is found indulging in undesirable activities such as ragging, physical assault, possession / consumption of tobacco / liquor / intoxicants / drugs, damage to property, causing inconvenience to other inmates, involved in public display of affection, and non – compliance of any of the student's code of conduct or violation of any other rules defined above will be liable to the following punishments as per rules laid in the University student Handbook and revised from time to time:-

1. Smoking inside the Campus / Carrying cigarette packets - Rs. 10, 000
2. Consuming Alcohol inside the Campus / carrying alcohol bottles - Rs. 25,000
3. Substance abuse inside the campus - Rs. 25,000
4. Exiting the campus without the exit slip (applicable for hostellers). Rs. 5,000
5. Not carrying the I-card- Rs. 500
6. Breaking any other rule – Rs. 5000
7. Carrying any firearm-Immediate rustication/cancellation of admission.

- ❖ All the fines will be doubled if the offence is repeated.

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

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Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

1. Policy Statement

GD Goenka University, Haryana, is firmly committed to promoting the health, safety, and well-being of all members of its university community. In alignment with national health guidelines and the institution's dedication to maintaining a clean and safe learning environment, the University strictly prohibits smoking and the use of any tobacco or related products on its premises and within a one-kilometer radius of the campus.

2. Scope of Prohibition

Smoking or the use of tobacco in any form is **strictly prohibited** in all areas of the University, including but not limited to:

- Classrooms, lecture halls, seminar rooms, and auditoriums
- Faculty offices, cabins, and administrative areas
- Hostels, cafeterias, and dining facilities
- Sports complexes, gymnasiums, and playgrounds
- Corridors, washrooms, and parking areas
- Open and closed spaces within University premises

This prohibition extends to **all University-owned, leased, rented, or operated properties and vehicles**.

3. Substances Covered

The policy applies to the smoking, possession, or use of the following substances and products:

- Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, and vapes
- Hookah, marijuana, cannabis, and related products
- Dipping tobaccos, snuff, and other smokeless tobacco products
- Any other intoxicating or hazardous smoking material or device

4. Applicability

This policy is applicable to **all individuals** within the University premises, including:

- Students (regular, part-time, and visiting)

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- Faculty members and administrative staff
- Contracted service employees and vendors
- Visitors and guests to the University

5. Communication and Awareness

The Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Policy is communicated widely through:

- University website and Student Handbook
- Notices and email communications
- Prominent signage across campus stating "Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Campus"

Additionally, the University regularly organizes awareness campaigns highlighting the health risks associated with smoking and second-hand smoke exposure.

6. Compliance and Enforcement

All members of the University community are expected to comply with this policy.

- Individuals who continue to smoke or use tobacco products in public areas outside the campus must stay clear of building entrances and responsibly dispose of smoking materials in designated receptacles at the campus periphery.
- During the initial years of implementation, enforcement focused on **awareness and education**, supported by reminders and distribution of cessation materials by vigilance officers and community members.

7. Support for Smoking and Tobacco Cessation

GD Goenka University is committed to assisting individuals who wish to quit smoking or tobacco usage.

- The **Counselling and Guidance Centre** and the **Health Services Office** offer information, guidance, and supportive programs for cessation.
- The University also organizes health talks, workshops, and awareness drives promoting a tobacco-free lifestyle.

8. Penalties for Violation

Any student found indulging in undesirable or prohibited activities as listed below will be liable to disciplinary action and monetary fines as per the University's Student Handbook (subject to revision from time to time):

Offence	Fine (INR)
Smoking or carrying cigarette packets within the campus	₹10,000
Consuming alcohol or carrying alcohol bottles on campus	₹25,000
Substance abuse (drugs or intoxicants) within the campus	₹25,000

Exiting the campus without an exit slip (for hostellers)	₹5,000
Not carrying University ID card	₹500
Breach of any other University rule	₹5,000
Carrying any firearm	Immediate rustication and cancellation of admission

Note: All fines will be **doubled** in case of a repeated offence.

9. Responsibility and Cooperation

Ensuring a smoke-free and healthy environment is a shared responsibility. The University seeks the **full cooperation** of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors in upholding this policy and fostering a safe and healthy campus for everyone.

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