

# KURUKSHETRA UNIVERSITY, KURUKSHETRA

(Established by the State Legislature Act-XII of 1956)

(A<sup>+</sup> Grade, NAAC Accredited)

A meeting of the committee constituted by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor consisting of the following members to prepare the "Policy Document on the Green Campus" of the university was held in the office of Convener on 24/06/2022 at 12:30 pm

1. Prof. R. K. Moudgil (Convener), Department of Physics, KUK
2. Dr. Sandeep Gupta, Institute of Environment Sciences, KUK (*On leave*)
3. Executive Engineer, KUK
4. Incharge, Horticulture, KUK

The committee members held intense deliberations for preparing a "Policy Document on the Green Campus". Besides noting the existing decisions/guidelines on this matter by the university, following recommendations were made.

- I. For preserving greenery on the campus, the university has been following the policy of restricted entry to automobiles on the campus. Entry is prohibited for auto-rikshaw and any type of public transport vehicles. Faculty, staff and students have been issued vehicle stickers, while entry of visitors on the campus is monitored through a token/ entry-register system.
- II. The university has been following the policy of observing a vehicle-free day on every Tuesday wherein the University fraternity is encouraged to use either bicycles or walk to their work places. Moreover, to facilitate easy movement of students/staff/visitors within the campus, cycle-rikshaw stands with pre-registered rikshaw-pullers have been operating.
- III. Pedestrian friendly pathways have been carefully developed and maintained for the safe movement of pedestrians.
- IV. Recently, the university has adopted the policy of prohibiting the use of following single-use plastic items:
  - (a) Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene (Thermocol) for decoration.
  - (b) Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.

For effective implementation, it is recommended that


- (a) Assistant Registrar (General Branch) may give a wide publicity to the prohibition of single-use plastic by way of putting environment-friendly banners on prominent locations on the campus. Slogan(s) on banner may be finalized in consultation with Institute of Environmental Sciences. Once banners are fixed, geo-tagged photographs of banners be sent to the Director, IQAC. It may also be ensured that items made of the banned plastic and affixed on the campus prior to ban, are removed.
- (b) Institute of Environment Sciences may be entrusted with the task of organizing special seminars/lectures on the theme of ban on single-use plastic.








- (c) Office(s) responsible for allotting different venues like Auditorium, Senate Hall, R. K. Sadan, Faculty Lounge, Teacher and Non-teaching Clubs, Community Centre, etc. should devise a mechanism to ensure that the prohibited plastic items are not used during functions at these venues.
- V. Parking facility (near the main entrance gates) for visitors on the campus may be made fully operational, and the CSO may devise a system in this regard.
- VI. Students residing in university hostels may be encouraged to avoid bringing and using vehicles on the campus.
- VII. Whenever any single tree is damaged naturally or otherwise, the horticulture department of the university should ensure that at least ten new trees are planted and nurtured in its lieu at appropriate location(s) on the campus.
- VIII. For maintaining proper landscaping of the campus, tree plantation drives by different organizations should be undertaken in consultation with the horticulture department of the university. A notice in this regard may be issued by the horticulture department.
- IX. Age of trees reflect naturally the age of an institution. Therefore, old trees on the campus should be identified, protected, and preserved.

  
(R. K. Moudgil)

  
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From Overleaf:-

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Dated: 10/08/2022

A Copy of the Minutes related to "Policy Document on the Green Campus", duly approved by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action:

1. Director, Institute of Environment Sciences [for necessary action against point no. IV-(b)]
2. Director, Y&CA [for necessary action against point no. IV-(c)]
3. Chief Security Officer [for necessary action against point no. V & VI]
4. Assistant Registrar (General Branch) [for necessary action against point no. IV-(a)]
5. Officer In-charge, Horticulture Department [for necessary action against point no. VII, VIII & IX]

  
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