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### **Notification**

It is for the information of all concerned that as approved by the Academic Council and Executive Council in its meeting held on 27.6.2024 and 1.7.2024 respectively, the Policy for Minimization of Disposable Items is hereby notified as under.

### **Policy for Minimization of Disposable Items**

#### **Introduction**

DMIHER (DU) strives to create a sustainable and environmentally-conscious campus by minimizing the use of disposable items and prioritizing reusable, eco-friendly alternatives. Recognizing the environmental impact of disposable items, this policy aligns with the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2016, and relevant state regulations to promote waste reduction, enhance resource efficiency, and support a culture of sustainability across the university.

#### **Objective**

The objective of this policy shall be for DMIHER (DU) to foster a sustainable campus environment by reducing disposable items, enhancing resource efficiency, and ensuring compliance with applicable Indian laws and regulations.

#### **Need and Scope**

The minimization of disposable items shall be essential to reducing environmental impact and advancing DMIHER (DU)'s sustainability goals. This policy shall apply to all departments, staff, students, vendors, and contractors associated with DMIHER (DU), covering various disposable items used in academic, administrative, healthcare, and residential settings.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy shall be to:

1. Encourage the reduction of single-use and disposable items on campus.
2. Promote the use of durable, reusable, and environmentally-friendly alternatives.
3. Ensure compliance with Indian regulations that support waste reduction and sustainable practices.
4. Raise awareness about the environmental impact of disposable items and foster a culture of resource conservation within the university community.

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### Implementation

- 1) DMIHER (DU) shall discourage the use of single-use and disposable items, including plastic cutlery, plates, cups, packaging materials, and other non-biodegradable items, across all campus areas, including cafeterias, events, and offices. The policy shall support the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, by extending the same approach to non-plastic disposable items wherever feasible.
- 2) The university shall promote the use of reusable items such as metal cutlery, glass containers, refillable water bottles, and cloth bags. DMIHER (DU) shall prioritize vendors and suppliers who minimize disposable packaging and provide bulk delivery options. All vendors and contractors on campus shall be expected to avoid single-use and disposable items in their services, aligning with university standards and applicable state laws.
- 3) To support waste segregation, clearly marked bins shall be placed across campus, designated for compostable, recyclable, and non-recyclable waste. In alignment with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, DMIHER (DU) shall promote voluntary initiatives to reduce waste and support sustainable practices throughout the campus.
- 4) DMIHER (DU) shall designate specific areas, such as libraries, cafeterias, and event spaces, as "Disposable-Free Zones" to reduce waste and encourage responsible practices.

This policy shall be reviewed annually to incorporate new practices, technologies, and updates to legal requirements, including any additional regulations introduced under the PWM or SWM Rules. Continuous improvement in sustainable waste management shall remain a priority, fostering an environment where resource conservation is a shared responsibility across the university community.

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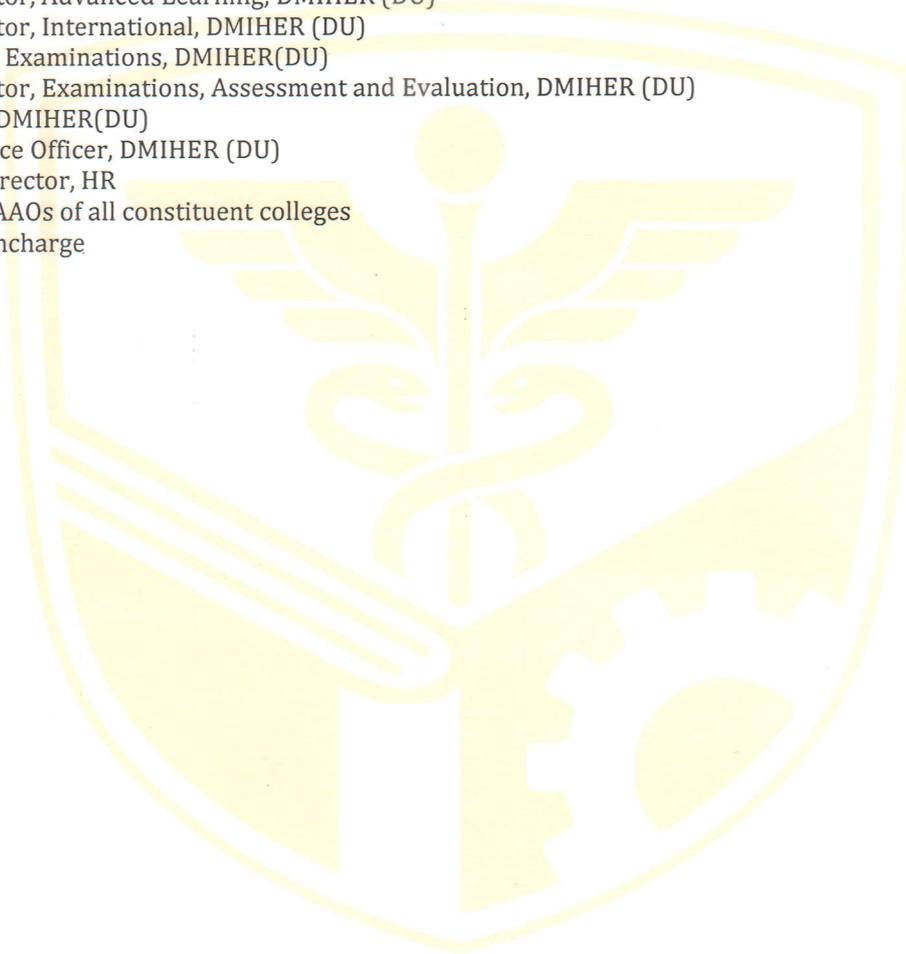


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