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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 Waste Disposal and Recycling Policy is hereby notified as under.

Waste Disposal and Recycling Policy

Introduction

DMIHER (DU) recognizes the importance of sustainable waste management practices in promoting environmental responsibility and public health. As an academic and healthcare institution, DMIHER (DU) generates various types of waste that require proper disposal and recycling to minimize environmental impact. This policy outlines the university's commitment to reducing landfill contributions, enhancing recycling efforts, and ensuring compliance with Indian waste management laws. By implementing structured waste disposal and recycling practices, DMIHER (DU) aims to foster a cleaner, safer, and more sustainable campus environment for all students, staff, and visitors.

Objective

The objective of this policy shall be for DMIHER (DU) to commit to responsible waste management practices by measuring and tracking the amount of waste sent to landfills versus the amount of waste recycled. This policy shall establish guidelines to minimize landfill contributions, increase recycling rates, and ensure compliance with relevant Indian waste management laws, contributing to DMIHER (DU)'s sustainability goals.

Need and Scope

This policy shall be applicable to all departments, facilities, and third-party vendors responsible for waste disposal within DMIHER (DU). It shall cover general waste, recyclable, organic waste, hazardous waste, and e-waste generated across the university's academic, administrative, and healthcare facilities.

Purpose

1) The purpose of this policy shall be to provide a structured approach to measuring waste disposal and recycling, to ensure compliance with Indian waste management laws (including the Solid Waste Management Rules, Plastic Waste Management Rules, Hazardous Waste Rules, E-Waste Management Rules, and Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules), and to promote sustainable waste practices by reducing landfill contributions and increasing waste diversion through recycling and composting.

2) DMIHER (DU) shall require all facilities to segregate waste at the source into distinct categories, such as landfill waste, recyclables (including paper, plastics, and metals), organic waste, hazardous waste, and electronic waste. Clearly labelled, color-coded bins shall be placed across the campus to support proper segregation, as mandated by the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. All staff, students, and third-party contractors shall receive training in proper waste segregation practices to ensure compliance with regulations and improve waste handling.

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3) The university shall systematically measure the volume or weight of all waste sent to landfills, maintaining records for each department. Separate measurements shall also be maintained for recyclable materials, including monthly data on the types and amounts of materials diverted from landfills through recycling or composting. Digital scales, volume records, and other tracking systems shall be utilized at waste collection points to monitor waste amounts consistently.

4) In accordance with the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, and E-Waste Management Rules, 2016, DMIHER (DU) shall ensure that plastic and electronic waste is handled responsibly, engaging certified vendors for proper recycling and disposal. The university shall also comply with the Hazardous and Other Wastes Rules, 2016, and Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, by segregating hazardous and biomedical waste at the source and tracking its disposal through authorized handlers.

5) Each department shall submit monthly reports detailing the quantities of landfill and recyclable waste generated, which shall be consolidated by the central waste management office. Waste data shall be maintained centrally, enabling ongoing tracking and trend analysis to support the university's waste reduction and recycling targets. DMIHER (DU) shall publish an annual report on its waste management practices, summarizing waste data, achievements, and areas for improvement, reinforcing its commitment to transparency and environmental responsibility.

6) To further its sustainability goals, DMIHER (DU) shall set annual targets for reducing landfill contributions and increasing recycling rates, with benchmarks reviewed periodically. Waste management performance for each department shall be assessed against established benchmarks to ensure progress toward the university's sustainability objectives. All vendors and contractors involved in waste disposal shall be required to comply with this policy and relevant Indian waste management laws. The university shall conduct regular checks to ensure that third-party vendors accurately measure, report, and dispose of waste in alignment with the university's standards and regulatory requirements.

7) DMIHER (DU) shall promote reducing the use of single-use items and prioritizing reusable or biodegradable alternatives to lower landfill contributions. Organic waste generated on campus shall be composted on-site or sent to local composting facilities in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules. Departments shall be encouraged to reduce paper usage by transitioning to digital documentation wherever possible.

8) To ensure adherence to the policy, DMIHER (DU) shall conduct waste audits periodically, assessing the effectiveness of waste segregation and verifying the accuracy of waste disposal measurements. The central waste management office shall review monthly and annual data to ensure compliance with the policy and identify areas needing improvement. DMIHER (DU) shall also regularly conduct workshops, seminars, and provide informational resources on waste management, recycling, and sustainability.

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9) Awareness campaigns shall be held periodically to educate students and staff on the importance of recycling, waste reduction, and environmental sustainability. Furthermore, DMIHER (DU) shall submit annual reports to local authorities as required by relevant waste management regulations, ensuring full transparency and accountability in waste management.

This policy shall be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with current laws and best practices in waste management and sustainability. Adjustments shall be made based on audit findings, data analysis, and stakeholder feedback to enhance waste reduction and recycling efforts.

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