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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 Smoke Free Policy is hereby notified as under.

SMOKE-FREE POLICY

Objective

The objective of this policy is to establish and maintain a 100% smoke-free campus, prohibiting the use of tobacco products across all indoor and outdoor areas within the University campuses and affiliated institutions of DMIHER (DU). This policy applies to all faculty, students, employees, contractors and their employees, visitors, and vehicles on the premises. Covered facilities include the Cafeteria, Food Court, Playgrounds, Gyms, and Hostels. Unlike partial smoke-free policies that permit designated smoking areas, this policy enforces a completely smoke-free environment across all indoor and outdoor locations within DMIHER (DU) campuses, with no designated smoking areas allowed. It emphasizes cultivating a community culture of health and respect by educating all stakeholders toward a tobacco- and substance-free environment.

Need & Scope

Aligned with the University's mission to provide affordable health care education and health care services for all, this policy contributes to the 'Health for All' action plan. Addressing critical health concerns, the policy promotes a 100% smoke-free and substance-free environment, covering tobacco, nicotine products, and other narcotics. This initiative aligns with the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA 2003), a comprehensive law prohibiting smoking in public places across India, reinforcing DMIHER (DU)'s commitment to health and safety.

Purpose

This smoke-free policy serves not only as a preventive measure but also as an educative tool, promoting health awareness among all stakeholders of DMIHER (DU) campuses and affiliated institutions. It aims to ensure clean air and a healthy environment by protecting passive smokers, including vulnerable groups such as women, children, and the unborn. This initiative aligns with the university's 'Health for All' mission, advocating for preventive health measures and safeguarding all members of the community. The entire campus area including academic building, hospitals, administrative blocks and hostels shall be regarded as smoke free zones.

Signage & Monitoring

To support this policy, signboards are strategically placed across campus with messages like "Thanks for Not Smoking" and "Smoke-Free Zone" as part of an educational campaign. Tuck Shops on campus are closely monitored to ensure tobacco products are not sold, reinforcing the smoke-free

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commitment. Additionally, service providers, their employees, and visitors are engaged in the educational campaign, ensuring awareness of their role in supporting this policy.

This policy is uniformly implemented across all affiliated institutions, including all vehicles entering the premises, which display educational stickers reinforcing the smoke-free initiative. Signage is prominently displayed in facilities such as the Cafeteria, Food Court, Playgrounds, Gyms, and Hostels to underscore the university's commitment.

Tobacco cessation clinic :

Tobacco cessation clinic shall be functional on all working days for students, staff and local community. Annual activities and awareness programs on ill effects of tobacco shall be conducted by the clinic.

Educational Initiatives

On designated Non-Smoking Days, special campaigns and seminars are held to educate on non-smoking and health awareness, focusing on the harmful effects of tobacco and other substances. These initiatives include annual workshops and educational sessions that provide updates on resources and strategies for smoking cessation, encouraging a smoke-free lifestyle as part of DMIHER (DU)'s holistic approach to health education.

Compliance

All individuals covered by this policy are expected to comply fully, and cooperation is requested to support a smoke-free, substance-free environment. Faculty, students, and community members are encouraged to report any violations to campus administration, furthering the collective commitment to health and safety. Violators may be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions, and external parties are held to the same standards.

This Smoke-Free Policy shall be periodically reviewed and updated to align with current health standards, legal regulations, and the evolving needs of the university community.

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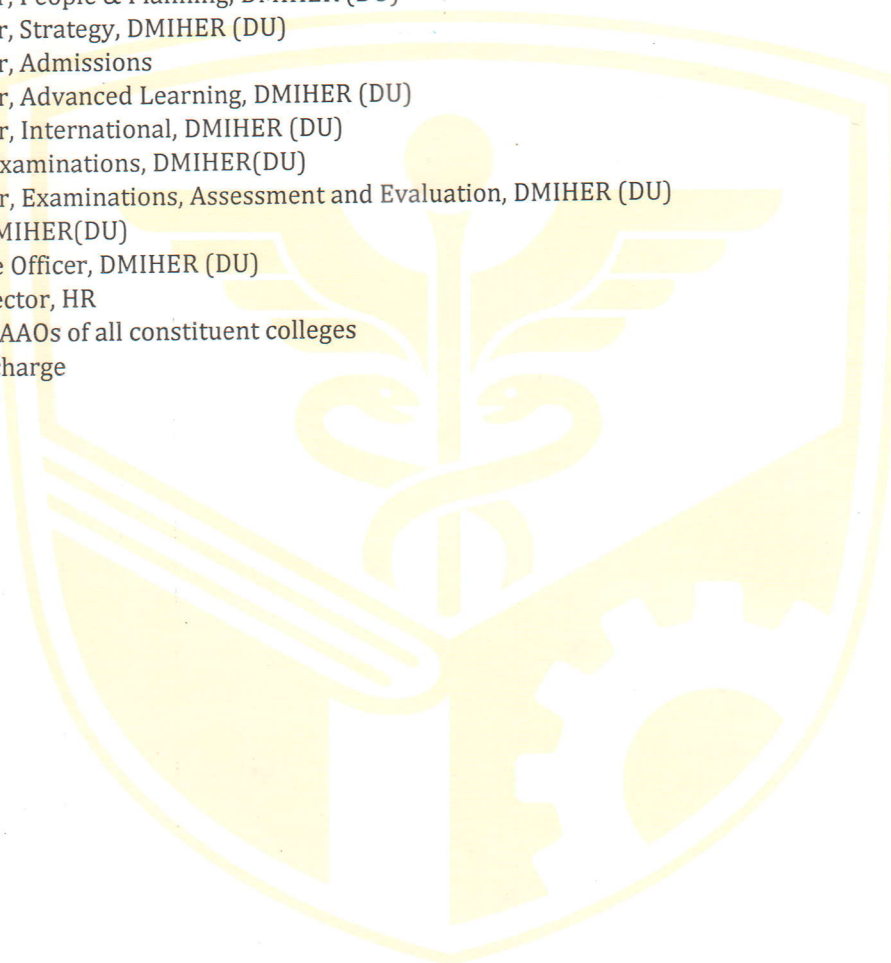
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