



**SANTOSH**  
**Deemed to be University**  
(Established u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

### **POLICY ON SMOKING FREE CAMPUS**

Smoke Free Campus Policy has been implemented by the University in order to ban tobacco smoking in University and reduce exposure to smoke, harmful health outcomes, reduce smoking prevalence, de-normalize tobacco use, and potentially discourage youth smoking initiation. The University also has a Tobacco Cessation Unit that is run in the Dental College. The University consistently promotes activities to ensure promotion of smoke free environment in Campus.

The OBJECTIVE of this policy is to provide a smoke-free, tobacco and other narcotics free environment for all Stakeholders that includes Faculty, Students and Employees. It also ensures all visitors within the University campuses which also covers all the vehicles that enters the premises and facilities such as Cafeteria, Canteen, Play Grounds, GYM's, and Hostels. Several sign Boards are placed in the Campus as an Educative and Informative Campaign towards ensuring the above such as "No Smoking" "Smoke Free Zone" etc. Information regarding the policy has been given to all admitted students and displayed on all notice boards.

Tobacco Cessation is necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality rate related to tobacco use. The Tobacco Cessation Unit is a service run by our University in order to aid persons wishing to quit smoking or other tobacco related habits. The role is to diagnose tobacco use, advise, motivate and help to quit smoking. The University undertakes tobacco Cessation activities in the Tobacco Cessation centre for the common public in view of offering service to the society at the large.

This Policy also ensures restriction of Tobacco usage with in the University campus and any Violation of this policy is a punishable offence with fine and severe action will be taken by the competent authority.