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SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

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1. Policy Statement

MITS is committed to maintaining a healthy, safe and smoke-free campus for students, employees and visitors. Smoking, vaping and the use of tobacco products are prohibited in University-managed indoor and outdoor areas under this institutional policy. The University also seeks to reduce involuntary exposure to smoke and promote awareness of tobacco-related health risks.

2. Purpose and Objectives

- Protect campus users from smoke exposure and support public health.
- Communicate campus restrictions and provide clear procedures for responding to violations.
- Support prevention, orientation and awareness under SDG 3.

3. Scope

The policy applies to students, faculty, administrative and support staff, visitors, vendors and contractors in classrooms, offices, hostels, canteens, parking, sports grounds, staff quarters and other University-controlled areas. Relevant campus transport shall follow applicable operating rules.

4. Definitions

Smoking: Use of lighted tobacco or similar smoking materials. Tobacco products: Cigarettes, bidis, cigars, gutkha, khaini and related products. Vaping: Use of an electronic device to inhale an aerosol; such use is prohibited under this campus policy regardless of whether nicotine is present.

5. Policy Provisions

1. No smoking or vaping areas shall be designated within the University campus; the prohibition shall be communicated in induction and campus notices.
2. The sale, promotion and distribution of tobacco products within University-controlled premises are prohibited.
3. The University shall display suitable smoke-free or no-tobacco signs at prominent campus locations and inform visitors and contractors of requirements.
4. Security and responsible offices shall respond to reported breaches through documented instructions and appropriate institutional processes.
5. Restrictions on sale of tobacco products near an educational institution under applicable law shall be communicated to competent external authorities where violations are noticed; the University shall not claim powers beyond its premises.

6. Health and wellness activities shall promote tobacco cessation information and healthy behaviour without disclosing individual medical information.

6. Implementation and Monitoring

Office / Unit	Responsibility
Health and Wellness Committee	Coordinate preventive messaging and health-related awareness.
Security / Estate / Administration	Monitor campus signage and reported policy breaches.
NSS / NCC / Student Activities	Conduct suitable tobacco-control sensitisation activities.
Heads of Departments / SDG Cell / IQAC	Communicate requirements and consolidate implementation records.

7. Violations and Corrective Action

A first substantiated breach may result in a warning and counselling under University rules. Repeated or serious breaches may be referred for appropriate disciplinary or contractual action, with records and procedural fairness. Any statutory enforcement shall remain with the competent authority.

8. Awareness and Training

Orientation programmes shall inform students and employees of restrictions and available support. World No Tobacco Day (31st May) and suitable collaborations with public-health authorities may be used for awareness activities.

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