



## POLICY FOR SMOKE-FREE AND TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS

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### 3.1 STATEMENT OF POLICY

- a) End the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases.
- b) Reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being.
- c) Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol.
- d) Halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents.
- e) Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes.
- f) Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.
- g) Substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.
- h) Strengthen the implementation of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries, as appropriate.
- i) Support the research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and non-communicable diseases that primarily affect developing countries, provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines, in accordance with the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement





and Public Health, which affirms the right of developing countries to use to the full the provisions in the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights regarding flexibilities to protect public health, and, in particular, provide access to medicines for all.

- j) Substantially increase health financing and the recruitment, development, training and retention of the health workforce in developing countries, especially in least developed countries and small island developing States.
- k) Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks

### **3.2 REASON FOR THIS POLICY**

B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology intends to provide a smoke-free, tobacco-free, alcohol-free, drug-free atmosphere and ambience for its students, research scholars, faculty/staff members, and visitors in recognition of smoke, nicotine, alcohol, and drug-related health risks. The Policy for Smoke-free and Tobacco-Free Campus shall apply to all facilities, property, and vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location in the Institute.

### **3.3 RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **3.3.1 Policy Principles**

B.S. Abdur Rahman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology campus shall be entirely smoke-free and tobacco-free by meticulously following the policy principles mentioned below.

- i. This policy applies to all the stakeholders of the Institute including but not limited to students, research scholars, faculty, staff, other employees, contractors, volunteers, visitors and members of the public, and is applicable 24/7 round the clock.





- ii. The use of tobacco products/stuff, alcohol, narcotic drug shall not be permitted on all campus property, including, but not limited to, sports fields, gym, parking areas, streets, food courts, recreational areas, and as well as in all personal/hired vehicles while on campus.
- iii. The use of tobacco products and smoking are prohibited in any enclosed place, including, but not limited to, all classrooms, laboratories, offices, restrooms, conference halls, board rooms, community areas, auditoriums, hostels and staff quarters.
- iv. Smoking products including e-cigarettes, tobacco products/stuff, alcohol, narcotic drug shall not be sold or distributed in any form inside the campus.
- v. Tobacco/alcohol-related advertising or sponsorship shall not be permitted on Institute property.
- vi. No individual or campus unit subject to this policy may discriminate or retaliate against any person who makes a complaint of a violation of this policy or provides information concerning a violation of this policy.

### 3.3.2 Dissemination of Policy

- i. Signs boards prohibiting smoking, use of tobacco products, alcohol and narcotic drug shall be displayed at across the campus including common places like library, canteen etc.
- ii. Awareness programmes on smoking, consumption of alcohol, drug and its adverse effects to be conducted on a regular basis.
- iii. The policy for smoke-free and tobacco-free campus and the compliance for the same shall be posted on the Institute website.
- iv. The policy shall be updated whenever required and the same shall be updated on the Institute website to ensure the awareness among all stakeholders in the campus.





### 3.3.4 Enforcement of Policy

- i. The Chief Proctor and Chief Security Officer of the Institute are responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy, reporting the breaches and providing solutions.
- ii. They are expected to take steps to ensure the policy is made aware to the students, staff members, visitors and complied with. Steps may include requesting a visitor not to smoke, or asking a visitor to leave the campus or facility should they wish to smoke.
- iii. Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action prescribed by the code of conduct of the Institute.

### 3.4 HISTORY OF THE POLICY

Policy Created on	July 2009
1 <sup>st</sup> Revision amended on	IQAC Meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revision amended on	IQAC Meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021

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