PLASTIC-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

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1. Preamble

In line with the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended) and Gujarat's own restrictions on single-use plastic, P. P. Savani University is committed to eliminating single-use plastic from its campus operations. This policy sets out the scope of the campus-wide restriction and the alternatives the University will adopt.

2. Objectives

- To eliminate single-use plastic items from university operations and campus outlets.
- To promote reusable and biodegradable alternatives across hostels, canteens and offices.
- To ensure compliance with applicable central and Gujarat state plastic-waste regulation.
- To build sustained awareness of plastic-reduction practice among students and staff.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all canteens, mess facilities, University events, administrative offices and outlets operating on campus, including third-party vendors permitted to operate within university premises.

4. Definitions

Single-Use Plastic (SUP): Plastic items intended to be used once and discarded, including carry bags below prescribed thickness, plastic cutlery, straws, cups and plastic packaging film, as defined under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

Approved Alternative: A reusable, compostable or paper-based item approved by the Green Campus Committee for use in place of a restricted single-use plastic item.

5. Policy Statement

5.1 Campus-Wide Restriction

The use, sale and distribution of single-use plastic items including plastic carry bags, cutlery, straws, cups, plates and plastic packaging film restricted under applicable law is prohibited across all canteens, mess facilities, offices, hostels and University-organised events.

5.2 Vendor Compliance

All third-party vendors, caterers and stall operators permitted to operate on campus, including during festivals and University events, shall be contractually required to comply with this policy as a condition of access to campus.

5.3 Approved Alternatives

Canteens and mess facilities shall transition to approved alternatives such as cloth or jute bags, steel or reusable cutlery, and paper or compostable packaging, coordinated by the Green Campus Committee.

5.4 Event Management

Departments and student clubs organising campus events shall plan for plastic-free catering and signage arrangements, and event budgets shall provision for approved alternatives.

5.5 Procurement Restriction

The University's Purchase Office shall not procure single-use plastic items for institutional use, including for hostel messes, guest hospitality, or administrative functions.

5.6 Enforcement

The Green Campus Committee, together with the Estate Office, shall periodically inspect canteens and vendor stalls for compliance, and repeated non-compliance by a vendor may result in withdrawal of permission to operate on campus.

5.7 Awareness

The University shall conduct plastic-free awareness campaigns, particularly around World Environment Day including student-led drives to identify and phase out remaining sources of single-use plastic on campus.

6. Roles & Responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Green Campus Committee	Policy compliance monitoring, vendor inspection, and awareness campaigns.
Estate Office	Vendor access management and enforcement follow-through.
Purchase Office	Ensuring institutional procurement excludes single-use plastic.

7. Implementation Measures

- Periodic canteen and vendor-stall compliance inspection.
- Vendor agreements updated to include a plastic-free compliance clause.
- Distribution of reusable bags and bottles during student induction.



- Annual plastic-free campus awareness drive.

8. Monitoring & Review

The Green Campus Committee shall report annually to the Academic Council on compliance status and progress towards eliminating residual sources of single-use plastic. This policy shall be reviewed every three years or upon change in applicable plastic-waste regulation.

9. Grievance Redressal

Instances of non-compliance by vendors or campus outlets may be reported to the Estate Office.

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