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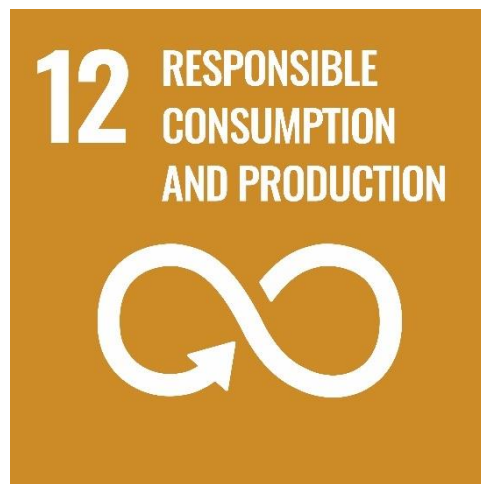
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### Pondicherry University Policy for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (draft)



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## **Policy Heading**

Pondicherry University Policy for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production (Draft)

## **Introduction**

Pondicherry University, established in 1985, is a Central University with a jurisdiction spread over the Union Territory of Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Its objectives include advancing knowledge through teaching and research, offering courses in Humanities, Sciences, and Engineering, and promoting interdisciplinary studies, and research. The University's main campus is located in Kalapet, spanning over 800 acres, and it also has satellite campuses in Karaikal, Mahe, and Port Blair. The University has signed MOUs with several International Institutions, industries, and research-based non-governmental organizations for collaboration and faculty development.

SDG 12, which aims to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns, is critical for addressing the environmental and social challenges of our time. The overexploitation of natural resources and the production of waste and pollutants pose a serious threat to the planet and its inhabitants. By promoting sustainable consumption and production practices, SDG 12 seeks to reduce our ecological footprint, conserve natural resources, and protect the environment while ensuring social and economic well-being.

Upholding SDG 12 is vital for Pondicherry University to ensure that its operations and practices are sustainable, responsible, and aligned with its commitment to sustainable development. This involves minimizing waste and pollution, promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and adopting circular economy approaches that prioritize the reuse, recycling, and repurposing of materials. In addition, also drafts target-specific policies, protocols, and standard operating procedures for solid, plastic, biomedical, sanitary napkins, chemicals, hazardous, food, event organizer, and e-waste.

## **Policy Statement**

Pondicherry University is committed to taking every measure in supporting the student and communities through Responsible Consumption and Production in every sphere of life both on and outside campus in tandem with the targets of the goal.

## **Target**

Pondicherry University will reach out to its students and communities through its main campus, its satellite campuses, its off-campus, and affiliated institutions in equitable partnership with government departments, relevant stakeholders, and working groups implementing SDG 12 at all levels.



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## Policy

1. **Pondicherry University shall uphold SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns in all the sectors of the campus that will prevent and reverse the harm that we have inflicted on the earth.**
2. **Pondicherry University shall implement the sustainable on-campus consumption and production and waste management framework ensuring resource availability, pollution minimization, and resource conservation.**
3. **Pondicherry University shall develop an action plan covering the water-air-food-energy-biodiversity nexus to achieve sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources, and substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse.**
4. **Pondicherry University shall develop separate policies, protocols, and standard operating procedures for solid, plastic, biomedical, sanitary napkins, chemicals, hazardous, food, event organizer, and e-waste for the operation process, waste generation, and waste disposal and have a separate dedicated office/ officer to measure the amount of waste generated, up-cycled, downcycled, reused, and sent to landfill.**
5. **Pondicherry University shall achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle within the campus, in accordance with the national and regional acts, rules, bye-laws and international frameworks, to significantly reduce their release to air, water, and soil and to minimize their adverse impacts on human, animals, and environmental health.**



6. **Pondicherry University shall in accordance with national policies and priorities identify and select companies providing warranties like: ‘extended producer responsibility’, ‘buy back’, and ‘waste take back’, for all of its procurement practices to ensure sustainability.**
7. **Pondicherry University shall educate and ensure that students and staff have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles in harmony with nature, and promote the same to local communities in collaboration with diverse actors.**
8. **Pondicherry University shall provide green skills and green capacity promoting local culture and producing local products, creating green jobs and ecopreneurs, for the ecotourism industry, and develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for ecotourism.**
9. **Pondicherry University shall strengthen the faculties and students’ scientific and technological knowledge to adopt more sustainable patterns of consumption, production, and management and to encourage the same in schools, colleges, industries, and neighboring communities.**
10. **Pondicherry University shall educate and provide guidance to the outsourced services and the supply chain contractors like food caterers (mess, event organizer, and canteens), cleaning, security guards, suppliers of equipment, stationary, and building contracts, on ethical sourcing of food and supplies to provide service in a responsible manner by generating less waste.**

