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Pondicherry University Goal-Specific Sub Policy for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production - “SDG 12.8 - Policy for Campus Food Sustainability”





Policy Heading Pondicherry University Goal-Specific Sub Policy for SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production – “SDG 12.8 - Policy for Campus Food Sustainability”.

Introduction Established in 1985, Pondicherry University holds the status of a Central University and possesses jurisdiction that extends over the Union Territory of Puducherry, as well as the territories of Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The university's core objectives revolve around the advancement of knowledge through the realms of teaching and research. This is exemplified by the diverse array of courses it offers, spanning the fields of Humanities, Sciences, and Engineering. The heart of its operations resides in its expansive main campus situated in Kalapet, spanning an impressive 780 acres, while its influence extends further through satellite campuses strategically located in Karaikal, Mahe, and Port Blair. A testament to its global outlook, the university has forged collaborative MOUs with various international institutions, industries, and research-focused NGOs.

The university's commitment to advancing SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production involves the integration of various subsidiary measures. In conjunction with the specific objective outlined in SDG 12, the "Campus Food Sustainability Policy" closely corresponds to a sub-policy SDG 12.8. SDG 12.8 aims to ensure the reduction of food waste, promote efficient resource use, and adopt sustainable practices. Here's how university campus food sustainability ties into SDG 12: campus sustainability initiatives can influence student behavior and consumption patterns, fostering a generation of environmentally conscious individuals who carry these values into their personal and professional lives. By focusing on the campus food systems, university campuses play a vital role in driving awareness, education, and tangible actions aligned with SDG 12.

University campus food sustainability initiatives have a multifaceted impact. They educate individuals, raise awareness, promote sustainable practices, contribute to research and innovation, and potentially enhance national food security by fostering a culture of responsible food production and consumption. As campuses serve as microcosms of larger societies, their efforts can influence broader attitudes and practices toward food sustainability, and the well-being of present and future generations while ensuring sustainable food production.

Policy Statement Pondicherry University is committed to taking proactive measures to ensure that the food served on campus is sustainably farmed and sourced. In addition, also promotes sustainable on-campus farming practices and recognizes the way it is produced and consumed to significantly reduce the impact on the environment.

Target As Pondicherry University stands at the vanguard of this noble cause, its resolute dedication to food sustainability and national food security serves as an inspiration, igniting the flames of transformative action at all levels far and wide.





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Policy

1. **Pondicherry University shall uphold the United Nations definition of food sustainability as the idea that something (e.g., agriculture and preparation of food) is done in a way that is not wasteful of our natural resources and can be continued without being detrimental to our environment or health and contributing to the food security.**
2. **Pondicherry University shall provide healthy and affordable food choices both vegetarian and non-vegetarian for all on-campus students and others emphasizing local produce.**
3. **Pondicherry University shall promote plant-based food options, and encourage the consumption of plant-based foods to reduce the environmental impact of animal farming and also shall have a vegan day of the week to highlight the importance of nutrition, traditional practices, and agricultural produce.**
4. **Pondicherry University shall have a food committee and sub-committee to decide on the meal plan for the students.**
5. **Pondicherry University shall instruct the food committee to inspect the kitchen and dining area periodically for cleanliness and quality of food produced and provide monthly reports to the administration.**



- 6. Pondicherry University shall have multiple catering services in strategic locations for hostellers, day scholars, and others covering the hostel mess, canteen, snacks bar, tea shop, and others.**
- 7. Pondicherry University shall have monitoring and educating systems in place to provide affordable, nutritious, and quality food in sufficient quantity to the students from poor and vulnerable communities to prevent students' food insecurity and hunger.**
- 8. Pondicherry University shall prioritize the purchase of products from local farmers, local food producers, and other sustainable and perennial sources to minimize food miles, wastage, and carbon emissions.**
- 9. Pondicherry University shall instruct the mess, canteen, and cafeterias and monitor vigilantly that, no food waste should enter the drainage pipeline or the campus ground, in any manner, rather it must be upcycled as appropriate.**
- 10. Pondicherry University shall ensure that the service providers (canteens, students' mess, snack bar, event organizer, and others) manage their food waste in accordance with the relevant policies, protocols, and standard operating procedure of the Government and Pondicherry University to curb the greenhouse gas emission and pathogens from the food waste.**
- 11. Pondicherry University shall instruct the mess and canteen contractors to strategically evolve meal plans to minimize food wastage, to divert the excess food to orphanages or poor people by ensuring its quality, and also ensure that the foods are consumed within the recommended time limit before its quality compromised.**
- 12. Pondicherry University shall in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, celebrate student-centered and student-led 'campus food sustainability week' annually complementing World Bread Day.**
- 13. Pondicherry University shall encourage students, scholars, faculties, staff, and quarters dwellers to be involved in on-campus agricultural activities and to showcase their produce during the 'campus food sustainability week'.**
- 14. Pondicherry University shall through the students collaborate with local non-governmental organizations to promote food sustainability activities among the affiliated institutions, schools, and communities fostering climate change adaptation and national food security.**
- 15. Pondicherry University shall have a dedicated team/ office to educate on cooking nutrition-rich food, minimize food waste generation, and measure, track, and control the amount of food waste generated from food produced within the university and for the food outsourced.**





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