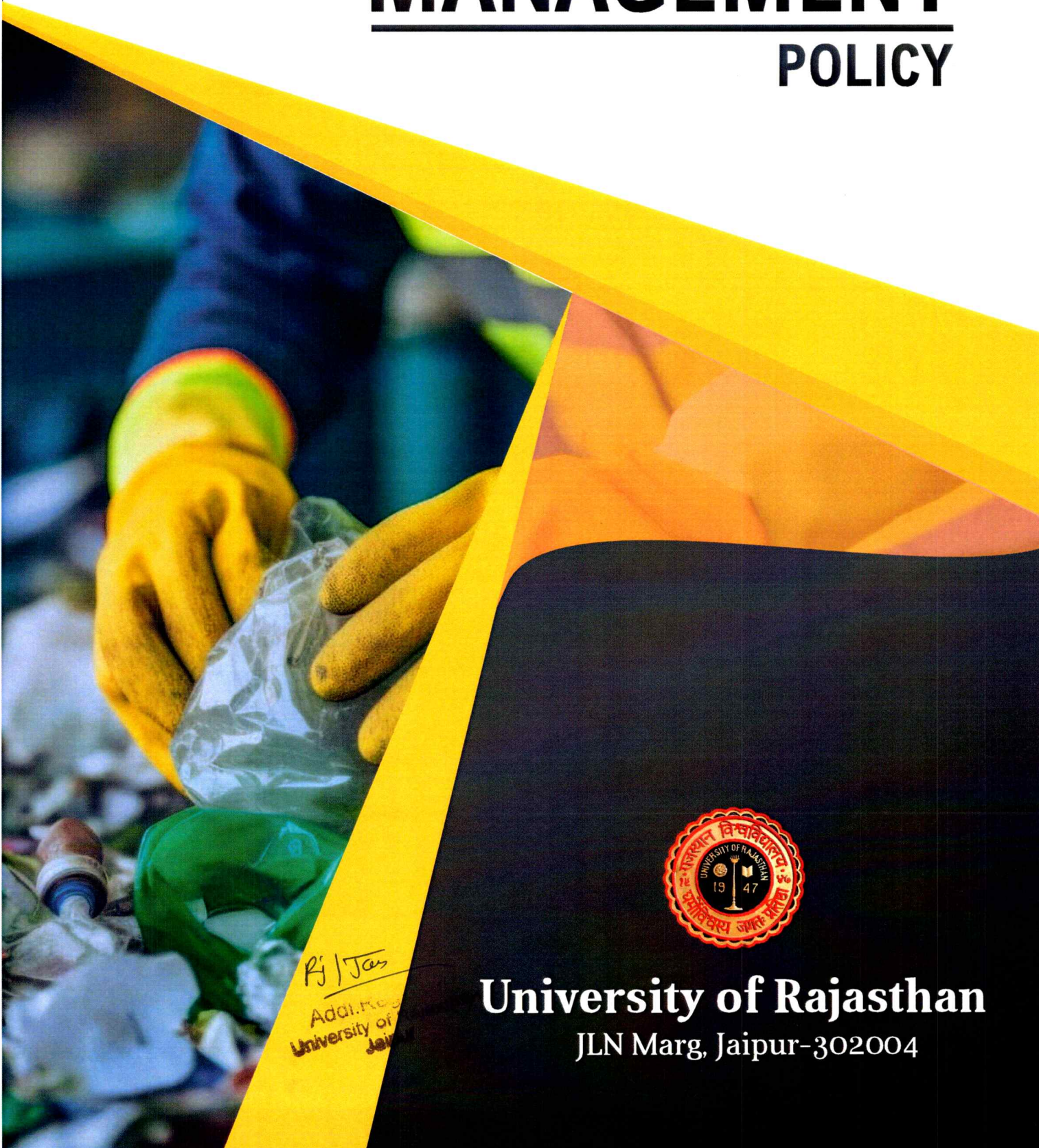


WASTE MANAGEMENT

POLICY



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INTRODUCTION

University of Rajasthan established in 1947 is committed to promotion of excellence in education and research inculcating independent critical thought and scientific temper. It has been transforming lives through pursuit of excellence in teaching, learning and lifelong learning from last 75 years.

University of Rajasthan realizes the importance of sustainable and holistic waste management. Waste management directly influences human health outcomes, as improper waste disposal can lead to contamination of air, water, and soil, resulting in serious health hazards. By prioritizing scientific waste management, the University of Rajasthan wishes to safeguard the well-being of its students, teaching and non-teaching employees, visitors and the surrounding communities, ensuring a healthy and safe environment for all.

Waste management plays an important role in the field of environment and sustainability. It is a generic term given to activities associated to waste including generation, segregation, storage, handling and transportation from point of source to the place of disposal. Hence, planning of the waste management for all kinds of generated waste is a huge task.

University of Rajasthan has a duty to ensure that all the campus wastes are disposed of responsibly by using proper waste segregation mechanism at the source and if possible, converting it into value added environment friendly product.

The University shall encourage the student community as well as other stakeholders to understand the importance of environmental sustainability through scientific waste management. Thus, initiation of waste management policy and accompanying strategies were undertaken in University of Rajasthan.

PURPOSE

Due to the diverse nature of activities undertaken by University of Rajasthan, a wide variety of waste is produced ranging from general wastes and recyclable materials to hazardous wastes. The University has a duty to ensure that all this waste is disposed of responsibly, through smart and efficient waste management practices. University of Rajasthan is dedicated towards enabling a circular economy through the principles of refuse, recover, reduce, reuse, and recycle being an environment-friendly organization.

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The policies and initiatives for the conservation of energy, environment and green campus activities will develop a positive attitude towards nature and will protect our resources. Being

the future nation builders of the society, the students and teachers are expected to disseminate the same to the society through various environmental protection actions.

POLICY STATEMENT

University of Rajasthan will adopt the principles of the “best practicable environmental option” in the delivery of its waste management services. All teaching and non-teaching staff, students, guests, visitors and anyone else making use of the premises will be required to comply with this policy to ensure compliance with all waste legislations. Any solid waste generated in the campus shall be managed and handled in accordance with the compliance criteria and the procedure laid down in Solid Wastes Management Rules, 2016, published under the notification in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

It will be helpful to educate students, teachers and community to create and enhance awareness about the environment protection practices, energy conservation strategies and conservation of ecological systems and resources within and outside the campus. From time-to-time awareness campaign will be organized by units of University of Rajasthan for the same.

University of Rajasthan along with all its associates and any third parties acting on behalf of University, including suppliers, partners, contractors, vendors, and affiliates are responsible for supporting and complying with this policy. The Co-Ordinator (IQAC) shall be accountable for communicating the progress of the implementation of this policy with the Pollution Control Board along with associates, customers, suppliers, and partners of University of Rajasthan.

OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

The objectives of the policy is to make easier to carryout the proper management of waste (hazardous and non-hazardous both), including their minimization and environmentally sound management.

- To ensure that waste management practices align with current and future legislative standards.

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- To provide clearly defined guidelines for identifying and coordinating activities related to waste management in University of Rajasthan
- To promote environmental awareness to encourage waste minimization, reuse and recycling efforts among the university community.
- To ensure safe handling and storage of waste on the campus to prevent environmental and health risks.
- To maintain the campus with minimal plastic usage to reduce environmental impact and promote sustainability.
- To promote a holistic approach to waste management within the campus emphasizing the interconnectedness of waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and environmental sustainability.
- To promote environmental awareness among teachers, staff, students, residents and other stakeholders about waste reduction, reuse, and recycling initiatives.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The responsibilities and organizational arrangements for effective implementation of Waste Management Policy with the Advisory Board which would consist of following:

- i. Vice-Chancellor- Chairperson
- ii. Co-Ordinator (IQAC)- Member Secretary
- iii. Dean Faculty of Science
- iv. Heads and Directors
(Indira Gandhi Centre for HEEPS, Physics and Chemistry Departments)
- v. University Executive Engineer
- vi. Two outside experts (to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor)

Frequency of Meeting: The committee shall meet at-least one time in a year or as and when required.

Quorum: Two-third members will constitute the quorum. In case the quorum is not attained for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the declaration of next date.

Term: The tenure of the members shall be three years.

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Functions of Advisory Board:

- To set 'Environmental Performance Indicators' for management of waste and report annual progress.
- To monitor and audit the waste management system and to ensure safety along with legal compliance.
- To ensure that all contractors comply with the University's Waste Management Policy.
- To make provisions for training for all personnel who are responsible for waste management.

The Member Secretary in consultation with the Chairman shall prepare and circulate the agenda of the meeting well in advance. The Member Secretary shall maintain the minutes of the meeting and action taken report.

University Executive Engineer will be responsible for:

- Overseeing the day-to-day transportation of general waste and recycling services.
- Monitoring the performance of the university contractor according to the agreement.
- Operational monitoring of waste management systems across the campus.
- Compiling and keeping a record of waste transfer data and recycling collections.

Heads of Department/Directors will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that no hazardous waste is disposed of through the general or waste recycling streams.
- Nominating a faculty member within the department to coordinate waste disposal for general, hazardous or any laboratory wastes.
- Informing the Member Secretary, about the nominated faculty member. The tenure of the nominated faculty member will be two years.

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Staff/Supervisor (contractual) will be responsible for:

- Disposing of waste responsibly (at both office and residence), through the appropriate waste disposal system (segregation of waste), in accordance with University policy and procedures.
- Reporting any problems with waste collection system to University Executive Engineer.

Students will be responsible for:

- Disposing of waste responsibly, through the appropriate waste disposal system, in accordance with University policy and procedures.
- Reporting any problems related department/laboratory waste or waste collection procedure to the Head of Department/ Director.

ACTION PLAN AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

At the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, an innovative and comprehensive action plan is in place for waste management and disposal, reflecting the institution's commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible resource utilization. The strategies employed are not only effective but also creative, ensuring minimal environmental impact and maximum resource recovery.

University of Rajasthan manages all types of wastes in accordance with the current applicable procedures including government regulations/legislations. University promotes to utilize the concept of circularity with the aim to eliminate waste and endorses to continually refuse, reuse, reduce, share, repair, refurbish, and recycle resources in a closed-loop system. This concept helps to reduce waste and minimize pollution as well as carbon emissions.

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