

## ETHICAL SOURCING POLICY

### 1. Introduction

GMRIT is committed to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its Ethical sourcing of food and supplies policy which makes the campus a sustainable and environment friendly green campus. This Policy applies to all the operations and activities of the campus including all supply chain partners and client who supplies food inside the campus. The institute recognizes the importance of meeting legal requirements to manage the ethical sourcing of food and supplies. At GMRIT, we have a catering team in charge, who are responsible for developing the sustainable food policy and ensuring an effective implementation of the policy. The policy major components include (1) providing healthy food for students, staff, and visitors; and (2) Providing food with a reasonable price.

### 2. Policy Statement

GMRIT practices a well-defined 'Ethical Sourcing Policy' to promote questionable and sustainable sourcing ensuring the high standards of food served and supplied in the campus. Moreover, this policy enables the institute to remove the affected and contaminated products from the campus, hence reducing incidences of food-borne illnesses. This policy is applicable for all supply chain partners and clients who supplies food and beverages in the campus.

### 3. Policy Objectives

The principal objectives of this policy follow as given below:

1. To assure the excellent quality of foods provided and supplied in the campus canteens and hostel mess.
2. To provide free drinking water to students, staff, and visitors, where the water dispensers are distributed inside all buildings inside campus to allow refilling of water bottles.
3. It also works closely with its food suppliers to ensure that its sustainable food agenda is followed
4. Develop rainwater harvesting network to meet water requirements during high demand. Identify locations within and in the vicinity of the institutional area to maximize the collection and storage of rainwater.

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5. Recording of types and quantities of food waste discharges in the faculty and hostel mess.

#### 4. Roles and Responsibilities of the institute.

The institute has taken following roles and responsibilities to implement the ethical sourcing of food.

- (i) The institute will maintain a proper food traceability mechanism for every food supplied in the campus.
- (ii) The institution will not permit goods derived from contaminated sources, such as child labour, exploitative labour, gender discrimination, or harsh working conditions at the supplier's factory or manufacturing units. All vendors must completely comply with all local laws, health, safety, and environmental laws and regulations.
- (iii) The institute will adhere to all statutory and regulatory rules, as well as food safety norms established by the Government of India. In addition to all aspects of this policy, all Suppliers must completely comply with the legal requirements of the country

#### 5. Management

1. The Management of the institute constitute a committee for the effective implementation of this policy.
2. The Committee constituted of four or more members nominated from the Faculty and Staff of the institute and another member from outside of the institute familiar with the issue of food safety.
3. The committee members shall be appointed for a term of three years



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