

CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY

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SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

1. Policy Statement

Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna is committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by embedding sustainability principles into its academic, administrative, and operational practices. The University promotes quality education, environmental stewardship, energy and resource efficiency, climate action, social inclusion, and ethical governance.

Through this Sustainability Policy, CNLU seeks to foster responsible citizenship, minimize its environmental footprint, ensure equity and inclusivity, and strengthen transparent and accountable institutional practices, thereby contributing to sustainable development at the local, national, and global levels.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- I. Promote efficient use of energy, water, and natural resources
- II. Minimise environmental impact through eco-friendly campus practices
- III. Integrate sustainability into teaching, research, and outreach
- IV. Foster inclusive, ethical, and responsible institutional governance

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- I. All academic, administrative, and residential units of CNLU
- II. Students, faculty, staff, and service providers
- III. All institutional activities and operations

4. Key Sustainability Practices

Environmental Sustainability

- I. Adoption of renewable energy and energy-efficient systems
- II. Rainwater harvesting, water conservation, and wastewater reuse
- III. Waste segregation, composting, e-waste management, and plastic reduction
- IV. Development and maintenance of a green and pedestrian-friendly campus

Academic & Research Sustainability

- I. Integration of environment, sustainability, and climate change in curriculum
- II. Promotion of research, seminars, and publications on sustainability themes

Social Sustainability

- I. Promotion of gender equity, inclusiveness, accessibility, and community engagement
- II. Legal awareness and outreach programmes through NSS and Legal Aid Clinics

5. Capacity Building & Awareness

- I. Regular awareness programmes, workshops, and observance of environmental days
- II. Student participation through clubs, committees, and extension activities

6. Monitoring & Review

- I. Sustainability initiatives shall be documented annually
- II. The policy shall be reviewed periodically to align with NAAC and statutory guidelines

7. Governance & Implementation

The Sustainability Committee shall be constituted to oversee the implementation of the Sustainability Policy. The Committee shall monitor initiatives and submit report annually to the University.

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ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY

1. Policy Statement

Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna is committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), by promoting energy conservation, enhancing energy efficiency, and adopting renewable and alternative energy sources across the campus. Through this Energy Conservation Policy, the University seeks to integrate sustainable energy practices into its infrastructure, operations, and academic environment to reduce environmental impact and foster a culture of responsible energy use.

2. Objectives

- I. Reduce overall electricity consumption and operational energy costs
- II. Promote energy-efficient infrastructure and practices
- III. Encourage adoption of renewable and clean energy
- IV. Create awareness and behavioural change among stakeholders
- V. Minimise the University's carbon footprint
- VI. Integrate sustainability into planning and procurement.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- I. All academic, administrative, residential, and common facilities of CNLU
- II. Students, faculty members, officers, staff, and outsourced service providers
- III. All energy-consuming equipment and systems on campus

4. Energy Conservation Measures

Infrastructure & Technology

- I. Use of LED lighting, star-rated appliances, and energy-efficient equipment
- II. Gradual adoption of solar energy and other renewable sources
- III. Installation of timers, sensors, and power-saving devices where feasible

Operational Practices

- I. Regular maintenance of electrical equipment to ensure efficiency
- II. Switching off lights, fans, air-conditioners, and equipment when not in use
- III. Optimal use of natural lighting and ventilation

Monitoring

- I. Periodic energy audits and consumption tracking
- II. Identification and replacement of high-energy-consuming systems

5. Awareness & Capacity Building

- I. Awareness programmes, posters, and digital campaigns on energy conservation
- II. Observance of Energy Conservation Day and related activities
- III. Student involvement through NSS, clubs, and committees

6. Monitoring, Documentation & Review

- I. Energy conservation initiatives shall be documented annually
- II. Data and actions shall be included in institutional annual reports
- III. The policy shall be reviewed periodically for improvement and compliance

7. Governance & Implementation

The Energy Conservation Committee shall be constituted to oversee the implementation of the Energy Conservation Policy. The Committee shall monitor initiatives and submit report annually to the University.

ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION POLICY

1. Policy Statement

Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna is committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDGs 11, 12, 13 and 15, by promoting environmental conservation through sustainable campus practices, responsible resource management, and environmental awareness across its academic and operational activities.

2. Objectives

- I. Conserve natural resources and biodiversity
- II. Reduce pollution, waste, and carbon footprint
- III. Promote sustainable behaviour among stakeholders
- IV. Integrate environmental responsibility into academics and outreach

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- I. All academic, administrative, residential, and common facilities of CNLU
- II. Students, faculty members, officers, staff, and outsourced service providers

4. Environmental Conservation Measures

Green Campus

- I. Plantation and green landscaping
- II. Plastic-free and clean campus initiatives

Water Conservation

- I. Rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge
- II. Water-efficient fixtures and reuse practices

Waste Management

- I. Waste segregation (wet/dry/e-waste)
- II. Composting and authorised disposal

Pollution Control

- I. Pedestrian-friendly campus
- II. Noise and emission reduction measures

5. Academic, Research & Outreach Integration

- I. Environmental law and sustainability topics in curriculum
- II. Environmental research, seminars, legal awareness camps, and NSS activities

6. Monitoring, Documentation & Review

- I. Data shall be documented through:
 - a) Green / Environmental Audit
 - b) Plantation records, utility bills, photographs, vendor receipts
- II. Policy reviewed periodically for continuous improvement

7. Governance & Implementation

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WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

1. Policy Statement

Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna is committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), by promoting water conservation, efficient use, and sustainable management of water resources across the campus. The University recognizes water as a vital natural resource and integrates responsible water practices into its infrastructure, operations, and institutional culture.

2. Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- I. Reduce dependence on freshwater sources through efficient water use
- II. Promote rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge
- III. Encourage reuse and recycling of wastewater
- IV. Prevent wastage and ensure equitable water availability
- V. Create awareness and promote responsible water-use behaviour

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- I. All academic, administrative, residential, and recreational facilities of CNLU
- II. Students, faculty members, officers, staff, service providers, and residents
- III. All water-consuming activities and infrastructure on campus

4. Water Conservation Measures

4.1 Rainwater Harvesting & Recharge

- I. Installation and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems on rooftops and open areas
- II. Groundwater recharge through pits, trenches, or percolation systems

4.2 Efficient Water Use

- I. Installation of water-efficient fixtures (aerators, low-flow taps, dual-flush systems)
- II. Periodic inspection and prompt repair of leaks and pipelines
- III. Use of water meters for monitoring consumption where feasible

4.3 Wastewater Reuse

- I. Recycling and reuse of treated wastewater for gardening, landscaping, and non-potable purposes
- II. Gradual adoption of sewage treatment and reuse systems, subject to feasibility

4.4 Sustainable Landscaping

- I. Promotion of native and drought-resistant plants
- II. Reduction of water-intensive landscaping practices

5. Awareness & Capacity Building

- I. Regular awareness programmes, posters, and campaigns on water conservation
- II. Observance of World Water Day and related activities
- III. Student participation through NSS, eco-clubs, and outreach programmes

6. Monitoring, Documentation & Review

- I. Water usage data, initiatives, and outcomes shall be documented annually
- II. Evidence shall be maintained through:
 - Water bills and meter readings
 - Photographs of infrastructure
 - Committee minutes and reports
- III. The policy shall be reviewed periodically for continuous improvement and NAAC compliance

7. Governance & Implementation

The Water Conservation Committee shall be constituted to oversee the implementation of the Water Conservation Policy. The Committee shall monitor initiatives and submit report annually to the University.

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PLASTIC BAN POLICY

1. Policy Statement

Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna is committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDGs 12 and 13, by eliminating the use of single-use plastics on campus and promoting responsible consumption, waste reduction, and environmentally sustainable alternatives.

2. Objectives

- I. Eliminate single-use plastic on the University campus
- II. Reduce plastic waste generation and environmental pollution
- III. Promote sustainable and eco-friendly alternatives
- IV. Create awareness and behavioural change among stakeholders

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- I. All academic, administrative, residential, and common areas of CNLU
- II. Students, faculty, staff, vendors, contractors, visitors, and event organisers
- III. All University-organised activities and services

4. Prohibition under the Policy

The following are strictly prohibited within the campus:

- I. Plastic carry bags, plastic cups, plates, spoons, straws, and stirrers
- II. Single-use plastic water bottles and food containers
- III. Thermocol and plastic flex materials for decoration
- IV. Plastic packaging used during events and functions

5. Permitted & Recommended Alternatives

- I. Cloth bags, jute bags, paper bags

- II. Steel, glass, biodegradable, or compostable utensils
- III. Refillable water bottles and water dispensers
- IV. Eco-friendly signage and reusable display materials

6. Awareness & Capacity Building

- I. Display of plastic-free campus signage
- II. Orientation programmes for students, staff, and vendors
- III. Observance of World Environment Day / Plastic Ban Campaigns

7. Monitoring, Enforcement & Penalty

- I. Regular inspections by the Committee
- II. Reporting and documentation in institutional annual reports
- III. Penalties and warnings may be imposed for non-compliance as per university rules

8. Review & Documentation

- I. Compliance shall be reviewed annually
- II. Evidence shall include:
 - a) Photographs
 - b) Vendor agreements
 - c) Event notices
 - d) Awareness material

9. Implementation & Governance

The Plastic Ban Committee shall be constituted to oversee the implementation of the Plastic Ban Policy. The Committee shall monitor initiatives and submit report annually to the University.

A. VENDOR UNDERTAKING FORMAT

(Plastic Ban Compliance)

UNDERTAKING

(To be submitted on vendor letterhead or with signature)

I/We, _____

(Name of Vendor/Agency)

having business address at _____

engaged as _____

(canteen / catering / housekeeping / event / supply vendor)

do hereby undertake that:

1. I/We have read and understood the **Plastic Ban Policy of Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna.**
2. I/We shall **not use, sell, store, distribute, or supply any single-use plastic items** within the CNLU campus, including but not limited to:
 - Plastic carry bags
 - Plastic cups, plates, straws, spoons
 - Plastic water bottles
 - Thermocol or plastic packaging
3. I/We shall use only **eco-friendly, biodegradable, reusable, or compostable alternatives** such as paper, cloth, steel, glass, or certified biodegradable materials.
4. I/We understand that **violation of this undertaking may lead to penalties, termination of contract, or blacklisting**, as per university rules.
5. I/We agree to cooperate with inspections conducted by the University authorities.

This undertaking is given voluntarily and shall remain valid for the entire duration of engagement with CNLU.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Vendor: _____

Name: _____

Mobile No.: _____

Seal (if any):

B. PLASTIC-FREE EVENT DECLARATION FORMAT

PLASTIC-FREE EVENT DECLARATION

This is to declare that the event titled:

Name of Event: _____

Organising Body/Committee: _____

Date(s): _____

Venue: _____

has been organised at **Chanakya National Law University (CNLU), Patna** in full compliance with the **Plastic Ban Policy of the University**.

The Organising Committee confirms that:

- No single-use plastic items were used during the event
- Only eco-friendly / reusable / biodegradable materials were used
- Water dispensers/refill stations were used instead of plastic bottles
- Event banners, displays, and decorations were plastic-free

Signature of Event Coordinator: _____

Name & Designation: _____

Signature of Committee Chair / Faculty Coordinator: _____

Date: _____

Seal of Department / Committee