



**CHITKARA UNIVERSITY, PUNJAB**

# **POLICY ON DRINKING WATER**

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## 1. Access to Clean and Safe Drinking Water

- **Access to safe drinking water:** Free and safe drinking water shall be made accessible to all stakeholders (students, faculty, staffs, visitors) within university premises, at all times.
- **Multiple water filters:** Availability of sufficient, free and clean drinking water stations and water taps, in key areas like academic buildings, hostels, administrative blocks, and recreational areas shall be ensured with water purification systems such as Reverse Osmosis (RO) and Ultraviolet (UV) filters.
- **Regular maintenance and monitoring:** Regular inspections and maintenance of water filters would need to be ensured, so that the water quality meets the safe drinking water standards.

## 2. Health and Hygiene Standards

- **Water quality testing:** Conducting periodic water quality tests through our water research labs, should be adhered to, so that the standards set by health and safety organizations are met. The periodical cleaning of water tanks also needs to be ensured, so that the water provided is free from contaminants.
- **Tanks to be Locked** - The water station tanks shall be always locked, with no access to the public, to ensure no contamination of water takes place with the tank staying open.
- **Proper signage and communication:** Clear instructions and labels should be displayed on water stations to inform users that the water is safe and suitable for drinking.
- **Clean Drinking Water Station Areas** - The drinking water station areas shall be maintained clean and hygienic always through the concerned housekeeping teams in Academic, Refreshment as well as Residential areas. The concerned records shall be maintained.

### 3. Student and Staff Awareness on Clean Drinking Water

- **Campaigns for water conservation:** The University should make conscious efforts in educating students and staff about the importance of water conservation through seminars, posters, and online platforms.
- **Workshops and collaborations:** Efforts should be made by th University for partnering with environmental groups or organizations to conduct workshops on water sustainability and hygiene.

### 4. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

- **Use of reusable water bottles:** The University encourages the use of reusable water bottles (steel/ glass bottles) to reduce plastic waste and to contribute towards reducing single-use plastic on campus. Usage of single use plastic is strictly banned on campus premise.

### 5. Enforcement

- Compliance with this policy will be monitored by the Office of Administration.
- Departments, clubs, and event organizers that promote the use of reusable bottles will be recognized through the university's sustainability awards program.
- Continued non-compliance with this policy, such as using or promoting plastic bottles, could result in corrective measures or penalties as determined by the university administration.

### 6. Review and Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as per requirement or within 2 years from date of last revision (whichever is earlier), by the management, to assess its effectiveness and make necessary updates to improve its implementation.