

*“Social Transformation Through Dynamic Education”*

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## **Introduction**

Plastics are non-biodegradable substances that take several years to decompose. Since plastic does not decompose. So, plastics are accumulating and cause environmental pollution. They cannot be burnt as when burnt, they release poisonous gases into the atmosphere which cause air pollution. Chlorinated plastic can release harmful chemicals into the surrounding soil, which can then seep into groundwater or other surrounding water sources, and also the ecosystem. This can cause a range of potentially harmful effects on the species that drink the water. The benefits of reducing plastic consumption include: Preventing pollution by lessening the amount of new raw materials used. Saves energy. Reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute towards climate change. Some creatures get entangled in the plastic debris, while others like seabirds, turtles, fish, oysters and mussels ingest the plastics, which end up clogging their digestive systems and causing death. Fish and birds mistake smaller plastic particles for food and feed on them in enormous quantities.

## **Objectives:**

- To encourage innovation in development of alternatives to identified single use plastic items and digital solutions to plastic waste management.
- To ban use of single-use plastics in canteens, shopping complexes in the institution's premises and hostels, etc.
- To carry out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics.


- To avoid students bringing non-bio-degradable plastic items to the institution.
- To encourage the students to sensitize their respective households about harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic free'
- To adopt policies and practices towards cleaner and plastic free campuses.

## Plastic Ban Policy

As per guidelines of UGC and Government of India our Institute made a policy for **Say no to plastic** by college campus development committee. To bring plastic free campus culture in every stakeholder in campus following policy has been framed.

1. Organization of awareness programs like workshops, lectures regarding plastic pollution and impact of single use of plastic
2. Organization of Cleanliness campaign in the campus and nearby areas.
3. Ban on single use of plastic in canteen and provision of alternative of cup, dishes, food packing etc. in premises and hostels etc.
4. Motivation of students to sensitize their relatives to aware about harmful effect of house hold plastic to make plastic free home.
5. Mandatory use of plastic water bottle to all department, office and students and encouraged to avoid bringing of non biodegradable plastic items to institute and switch out plastic bags for reusable bags.
6. Motivation to use reusable non-plastic food storage containers.
7. Promotion of awareness program and encouraging staff and students to shift alternative products to create plastic-free campus'.
9. Installation of necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the use of plastic water bottles, and encourage use of alternative solutions like cloth bags, paper bagsetc., instead of plastic bottles, bags, covers and other goods on campuses.



  
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