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Plastic Free Campus Policy

Introduction

Plastics are a major threat to the universe and all living creatures on this planet. The environment is being rampantly polluted due to this hazardous element. Environmentalists have been warning every government to look into this issue and say No to Plastic. Therefore it behooves us as citizens of our country and of the world for us to join hands and stop this pollution. An awareness has to be created in each and every mind that it is of utmost importance to leave behind a green, pollution free planet for our future generations.

Scope

To “replace, reduce, reuse and recycle” plastic in the Institute, a common decision was taken by the management to ensure that certain steps be taken for the institute and surrounding areas to retain its green cover and work towards reducing plastic and making the VMSIHE a Plastic Free Campus.

Measures

The Institute has taken several measures to ensure that plastic disposables are not used on the campus. Though no standard guidelines were found to be issued for the declaration of a plastic-free campus, one of the major parameters that came out in literature review is avoiding single-use items. Thus, the Institute can declare itself as a plastic-free campus, after ensuring the following points:

- No single-use disposable cutlery, crockery items, straws, water bottles, banners are being used in the Institute during regular operation or during events.
- Plastic bottles used for drinking water is discouraged and replaced with glass bottles.
- Ban on use of plastic materials used for decorations at events and other functions.
- All plastic packaging that comes as a default with the grocery items purchased is segregated and handed over for recycling to the authorized agency.





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- As far as possible we try to ensure that orders for goods/items are placed with green vendors/suppliers.
- Milk packets are returned to the dairy supplier for recycling.
- There is strictly no burning or dumping of plastic waste by the Institute within or outside its campus.
- Students and staff are briefed about this policy during induction or while joining the Bio-diversity club.

