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<u>Criterion:5</u> <u>Best Practices, Innovation and Institutional Distinctiveness</u>

5.2: Special Initiative Taken for:5.2.4: Plastic Free Campus

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The initiatives for plastic free campus could be seen in collecting single use plastic in college canteen and its management. The single use plastic is banned in the college campus or we have framed a policy to minimize the use of single use plastic.







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Plastic Free Campus Policy

Vision:

Green and Eco-Friendly Campus Plastic Free Campus

Mission

- Reduction in the use of plastic in the campusin a phased manner.
- Awareness regarding the increasing menace of pollution emanating from plastic.
- Reuse, recycle and reduce policy will be implemented in college.
- Mechanism of collection and management of single use plastic/garbage in collaboration with local Municipal Council.
- Active participation of students, parents and community for the effective implementation of plastic free policy.

Policy

As a dangerous component, plastics pose a serious threat to the nature, survival of humanity and other living things. Because of plastics, the environment is becoming more polluted in the era of modern materialistic approach. In order to conservation of environment and prevention of pollution, concrete plan and policies are being framed by the institute for sustainability of environment. Hence institute strives to sustain clean, green and eco-friendly campus through involvement of stakeholders and collaboration with the government and private agencies.

Scope

Following the policy of three R'si.e., REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE, the college has resolved to implement the reduction of uses of plastic in a phased manner in the campus with the assistance of stakeholders.

Phase -1

- Reduction on single-use plastic packaging materials from canteen and campus.
- To explore the alternatives for disposal of non-plastic-packaged food and beverages offered in canteens.
- Mandatory recycling of single-use plastic bottles with a capacity of one liter or less during internal gatherings and events.
- Segregation of non-biodegradable plastics and disposal safely through approved channels.
- Usage of single-use plastic banners should be reduced.
- Prohibition of using plastic materials for event decorations.

Implementation and Compliance

- All departments, various clubs, societies, NSS, NCC, R&R, etc., are implementing plans and policies.
- Assistance of local administration is sought to implement the policy.

Awareness & Campaigns:

The students of college will also carry out awareness drives and sensitizing workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics among the Students and Staff to encourage following:

- Every student will strive to make his/her household plastic free.
- Students to be incentivized to carry out similar campaigns at community level.
- Installation of necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the purchase and use of plastic water bottles.
- Ensure presence of alternative solutions like cloth bags etc., in place of plastic bottles, covers and other goods on campus.
- Conducting events and poster competitions etc. on designing ecological and environment friendly goods to minimize the use of single use plastic.
- Installation of signboards in the campus for publicity and awareness.

