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## PLASTIC FREE CAMPUS POLICY

### Aim

To foster a sustainable and environmentally conscious atmosphere by significantly reducing the use and reliance on plastics within the institution, hence cultivating a culture of environmental responsibility within the institution's community.

### Scope

This policy pertains to all members of the institution, encompassing students, staff and visitors, and also the various activities of the institution.

### Responsibility

Under the Principal's leadership along with the active support of the institution's management, the Green Guardian's Club is thus responsible for implementing this policy in close association with NSS and the departments of the institution.

### Objectives

- To avoid the utilization of single-use plastics within the institution encompassing all its members including students and staff.
- To consistently enhance the institution's efforts in the practices for a plastic free campus.
- To maximize the efficient use of reusable alternatives instead of plastic materials throughout the institution.
- To continuously monitor the effectiveness of the institution's plastic free practices and make necessary adjustments to improve performance.
- To increase public awareness regarding the significance of avoiding plastic in day to day activities.
- To encourage responsible environmental habits among individuals and communities to forsake the use of plastic.





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## Policy

- The institution bans the purchase and prohibits utilization of all single-use plastic items among its members.
- The institution promotes the usage of reusable alternatives, such as water refill stations and reusable bags.
- Canteens and dining halls do not utilize single-use plastics and offer sustainable alternatives.
- The institution ensures proper disposal of plastic wastes that might be found in the premises of the campus, through strategically placed colour-coded bins for degradable and non-degradable wastes along with the help of Harithakarmasena of Palakkad panchayat.
- All events, conferences and activities of the institution are adhered to follow the Plastic-Free initiatives.
- The institution actively engages all staff and students are actively engaged by providing awareness on the environmental impacts of plastic wastes.
- All the members of the institution are encouraged to make informed choices and be part of the sustainable practices.
- The institution is transparent about its progress and challenges in implementing the Plastic-Free Initiative.
- The Plastic-Free Initiatives are reviewed and updated regularly to ensure their effectiveness and address emerging challenges.
- The institution is committed to continuous improvement in its efforts to avoid plastic consumption and create a more sustainable campus.
- The institution undergoes Green, Energy and Environment audit to ensure continuous improvement in environmental performance.
- All members of the institution, including staff and students, have a collective responsibility to actively participate in the Plastic Free Campus initiatives of the institute.



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