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Plastic Ban Policy

Sacred Heart College following the global urge for sustainable environment and sustainable development decide to ban the use of all kinds of plastic in the College campus from the current academic year (2010-11). This policy which comes into existence from this academic year pertains to all the domains and activities of the College.

- a) The institution shall undertake a systematic campaign to reduce the usage plastic, especially of the single use plastic
- b) The use of single-use plastic items by the stakeholders is detrimental to the environment, public health, and welfare of the society
- c) The distribution of single-use plastic items requires utilization of natural resources and results in the generation of greenhouse gas emissions,
- d) Single-use plastic items contribute to environmental problems, including litter in the landscape, drains, rivers and streams, and the ocean.
- e) Single-use plastic items impose unseen costs on the stakeholders, local governments, the state, and environment and constitute a public nuisance,

Sacred Heart College therefore declares that it should ban the use of single-use plastic items:

1. Ban the use of single-use plastics in canteens, hostels and in all the premises of the College
2. Conduct awareness sessions, training programmes and workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics
3. Encourage students, faculty and administrators to avoid bringing non-bio degradable plastic items to the institution

4. Encourage students to sensitize their respective households about the harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic free'.
5. Mandate all departments/offices to avoid the use of plastic water bottles, encourage use of alternative solutions like jute files, paper folders, cloth bags, paper bags etc. for programmes, instead of plastic bottles, bags, covers and other goods on the campus.
- 6 The College shall make provisions to provide steel cups and plates for serving food on the occasions of programmes organised by different clubs and associations.

