



A STEP FURTHER TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

INTRODUCING THE CLOTH BAG VENDING MACHINE

Let's join hands to

AVOID

entry of


SINGLE USE PLASTIC

in our campus



BAN ON SINGLE USE PLASTIC

- The Punjab government had imposed a ban on single-use plastic since July 2022. UGC had also issued guidelines on the same.
- Since then, our campus had also advised staff and students to avoid use of single use plastic in the campus.
- Now, on the same lines, with effect from **20 February 2023**, entry of single use plastic into campus would be **strictly checked, and restricted**. Kindly appreciate the need of the environment and co-operate with the Administration and Security.



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

“Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign”

UGC Guidelines for Ban of Plastic Use in Higher Education Institutions

Whereas plastic waste has emerged as one of the biggest environmental concerns adversely impacting the soil, water, health and well-being of citizens at large;

Whereas excess-consumption of plastic combined with limited waste disposal systems has become a challenge to the urban waste disposal systems, and has choked the rivers and water systems in rural areas;

Whereas the time has come for a systematic campaign to reduce the usage of plastic, especially the single use plastic;

Whereas the Government has decided to take plastic ban as a national level campaign to address the environmental hazards being and bring attitudinal changes that shun use of plastics; and

Whereas the educational institutions have the unique spread and influence to educate the students and households on the need for avoiding usage of plastics,

University Grants Commission hereby issues the following guidelines for all the higher educational institutions in the Country:

Guidelines

- 1. Scope of guidelines:**
 - (a) These guidelines are applicable to all the higher educational institutions (HEIs) in the Country.
 - (b) They encourage HEIs (universities and colleges) to adopt policies and practices towards cleaner and plastic free campuses.
- 2. All the HEIs in the Country shall strive to make their campuses 'plastic-free' by systematically banning use of plastics and replacing the same with suitable environmental friendly substitutes.**
- 3. Every HEI shall:**
 - a. Ban use of single-use plastics in canteens, shopping complexes in the institution's premises and hostels, etc.
 - b. Carry out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics.
 - c. Mandate all students to avoid bringing non-bio-degradable plastic items to the institution.
 - d. Encourage their students to sensitize their respective households about harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic free'
 - e. Install necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the use of plastic water bottles, and encourage use of alternative solutions like cloth bags, paper bags etc., instead of plastic bottles, bags, covers and other goods on campuses.
- 4. All HEIs which have adopted villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan shall undertake a campaign in their adopted villages till they are converted into 'plastic-free villages' through promoting awareness and encouraging shift to alternative products.**



- We would always encourage you to use your own cloth bags or paper bags for shopping purposes.
- We understand that many a time the material that you may have purchased is provided in a single use plastic bag by the vendor.
- But there could be a situation where you neither have a cloth bag or paper bag and the situation arises where you need to carry the material into the campus in a single-use plastic bag.
- Hence, we have placed a **Cloth Bag Vending Machine** at our Main Gate. You can procure a cloth bag from the machine based on your requirement and dispose off the plastic bag in the concerned dustbin placed at the venue.

CLOTH BAG VENDING MACHINE



It's placed in the Visitor's Lounge at the Main Gate

HOW TO USE THE MACHINE

- **All that you need to do**

- Insert the required number of coins (denominations mentioned below) into the Cloth Bag Vending Machine and the desired size of cloth bag can be collected.
- These bags are **reusable** – just remember to carry with them next time too, when you go shopping. **These can easily be folded and kept in your pockets.**

- **Cloth Bags Available**

- There are 3 sizes of bags available in the vending machine.
 - **Small**
 - **Medium**
 - **Large**
- Users can choose the size of bag they would like to procure, while inserting the coins.
- In case of any concern , the security staff at the venue shall support you.



Think
outside
the BAG

Keep paradise plastic free