## GOVT. COLLEGE AMARGARH

## PLASTIC BAN POLICY

Focusing on the eco-friendly environment for teaching learning practices there are numbers of reasons for formulating a policy for banning the plastic in the campus because it is one of the biggest environmental concerns adversely impacting the soil, water, health and wellbeing of citizen at large. However excess-consumption of plastic combined with limited waste disposal systems has become a challenge to the urban waste disposal systems which can choke the water systems in College campus. The time has come for a systematic campaign to reduce the usage of plastic especially the single-use plastic, the College has decided to take plastic ban as a campaign of importance to address the environmental hazards being and bring attitudinal changes that avoid use of plastics, the educational institutions have the unique spread and influence to educate the students and households on the needs for avoiding usage of plastic. As per the University Grant Commission (UGC) guidelines to ban the use of plastic in Universities/educational institutions and in support of the 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' Campaign, launched by the Government of India with an aim to eliminate the use of plastic and to dispose of plastic waste. Govt. College Amargarh following the global urge for sustainable environment and sustainable development decide to ban the use of all kinds of plastic in the College campus.

- 1. The College shall undertake a systematic campaign to reduce the usage plastic, especially of the single use plastic.
- 2. The use of single-use plastic items by the stakeholders is detrimental to the environment, public health, and welfare of the society.
- 3. The distribution of single-use plastic items requires utilization of natural resources and results in the generation of greenhouse gas emissions.
- 4. Single-use plastic items contribute to environmental problems, including litter in the landscape, drains, rivers and streams, and the ocean.
- 5. Single-use plastic items impose unseen costs on the stakeholders, local governments, the state, and environment and constitute a public nuisance, Govt. College Amargarh therefore declares that it should ban the use of single-use plastic items:

1. Ban the use of single-use plastics in canteens and in all the premises of the College.

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- 2. Conduct awareness sessions, training programmes and workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics.
- 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.
- The College shall make provisions to provide steel cups and plates for serving food on the occasions of programmes organized by different clubs and associations.

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