



## Plastic Free Campus

Plastic waste management is one of the priority areas of this institute, not only to help reduce environmental degradation but also to conserve it for future generations. Going in line with the decision of the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, the college administration gives alerts and warnings to the students and the staff from time to time against the use of the products made of plastic and polythene that have been completely banned in H.P. Accordingly, these items have been banned for their use inside the college campus, and the inmates are motivated and educated as to not to use the banned items made of plastic, polythene, thermocol cups, plastic cutlery, etc. not only inside the college but outside too.

This institution is a plastic-free campus. We aim to measurably reduce plastic waste and pollution on our campus and the nearby area around us. To achieve this, we have undertaken some major steps. Our institution has banned the use of single-use plastics on the college premises. We carry out awareness drives and sensitization programs on the harmful impacts of single-use plastics. Our institute has banned the use of single-use plastic on the college campus. All the students are required to bring non-biodegradable plastic items to the college, and students are also encouraged to make their homes 'plastic-free' by making them aware of the harmful effects of plastic.

The management of the plastic waste by the college involves the principle of the 3 **R's**, i.e., **Reduce**, **Reuse**, and **Recycle** the waste. The goal is not only to become self-reliant in the area of waste management but also to create and generate a model that may be followed by others in order to reduce human efforts in the management of plastic waste.

The staff and students are sensitized about optimum and judicious utilization of resources like equipment, articles, paper, and other stationery items. Every possible effort is made to reduce the generation of waste Time to time. In addition to routine collection, the waste from campus as well as from different localities is collected through special drives. The waste generated is segregated at source. Understandably, separate dustbins with prescribed color codes for collection of wet, dry, and hazardous waste are placed at designated spots on the campus.

Awareness drives and sensitization programs were organized by the NSS, NCC, R&R, and ECO CLUB UNITS of GC Seraj on the harmful impacts of single-use plastics from time to time. The main motto of the program was to eradicate the use of plastic. Faculty members and students of the college are actively involved in organizing a program of plastic-free awareness on the college campus and around the nearby villages. College administration installed necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the use of plastic waste on campus.