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Zero Plastic Policy

1.	Administrative Policy Number (APN): SCWAPN/49	Functional Area: Reducing & Eliminating pollution due to plastics across all the college functions- academic & non-academic, College campus & all stakeholders.
2.	Brief Description of the Policy:	Purpose: To create awareness on adverse impacts of usage of plastics, Ban use of single-use plastics in canteens, offices, departments and institution's premises. Promote the usage of environment friendly alternates to plastic. Audience: All stake holders
3.	Policy Applies to:	All stake holders (students, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, guest faculty, admin & support staff, vendors of the college)
4.	Effective from the Date:	26 th November, 2018
5.	Approved by:	College Development Committee (CDC)
6.	Responsible Authority	IQAC Coordinator
7.	Superseding Authority	Principal
8.	Last Reviewed/ Updated:	New policy
9.	Reason for the policy	Build a 'Zero Plastic' culture, Become a 'Plastic-free' college campus by systematically banning use of plastics and replacing the same with suitable environmentally friendly substitutes.
10.	References for the policy	UGC Guidelines for Ban of Plastic Use in Higher Education Institutions Notification No. G. S. R. 571(E) dated 12th August 2021, issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, for Prohibiting Production, Stocking, Distribution, Sale and Use of 'Single Use Plastic' Environmental Management System ISO 140001:2015

1. Introduction

Sophia College for Women relentlessly strives to protect the environment. One of the key aspects is the usage of plastics, especially single use plastic which is most detrimental to the environment. Sophia College is thus, committed to having a Zero Plastic Campus.

2. Zero Plastic Policy & Objectives

Zero Plastic Policy: Reduce plastic pollution, eliminate single use plastic, promote use of environmentally sustainable alternatives.

Zero Plastic Objectives:

- Eliminate Single use Plastic
- Promote use of environmentally sustainable alternatives to plastics
- Build and reinforce a 'Zero plastic' Culture

3. Zero Plastic Policy: Practice Principles

- Work towards elimination of single use plastics.
- Ban '**Single Use Plastic**' in college premises, canteens and offices since the implementation of the policy.
- Encourage students and faculty for use of plastic item alternatives such as cloth bags, paper bags, etc.
- Conduct campaigns/ workshops through college students and teachers to create awareness about adverse effects on health and environment due to usage of '**Single Use Plastic**'
- Work towards a mitigation plan for dealing with the problem of plastic pollution through research.
- Sensitize college students and faculty about harmful effects of plastics and assist them to shift towards a 'plastic free' household.
- Promote, Recognize and Reward Innovative ideas towards eliminating use of plastics.

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