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Plastic-Free Campus Policy

Introduction

Plastic pollution is one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. Recognizing the harmful effects of plastic on our environment, health, and future, Chandrakanti Ramawati Arya Mahila P.G. College, Gorakhpur, is committed to becoming a plastic-free campus. This policy outlines the college's commitment to reducing plastic use, fostering a culture of sustainability, and ensuring that all members of the campus community—students, staff, and teachers—are aware of their responsibilities in achieving this goal.

Objective

The primary objective of this policy is to eliminate single-use plastic from the campus, reduce plastic waste, and promote sustainable alternatives. The college aims to create a healthy, clean, and eco-friendly environment conducive to learning and growth.

Scope

This policy applies to all members of the Chandrakanti Ramawati Arya Mahila P.G. College community, including students, faculty, non-teaching staff, and visitors. It covers all activities conducted on the college premises, including classrooms, offices, hostels, canteens, and events organized by the college.

Policy Guidelines

1. Awareness and Education

- **Workshops and Seminars:** Regular workshops and seminars will be conducted to educate students, faculty, and staff about the environmental impact of plastic and the importance of adopting sustainable practices. These sessions will include



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expert talks, documentary screenings, and discussions on sustainable alternatives to plastic.

- **Incorporation into Curriculum:** Environmental education, including the effects of plastic pollution and sustainable practices, will be integrated into the curriculum where appropriate. Special emphasis will be placed on practical knowledge and real-world applications.
- **Posters and Signage:** Informative posters and signs will be placed around the campus to remind everyone of the importance of reducing plastic use. These will include tips on avoiding single-use plastics and promoting eco-friendly alternatives.

2. Responsibility of Students

- **Avoiding Single-Use Plastics:** Students are encouraged to avoid using single-use plastics such as plastic bags, straws, bottles, and cutlery. Instead, they should use reusable items such as cloth bags, metal or glass bottles, and stainless-steel cutlery.
- **Participation in Clean-Up Drives:** Students will be encouraged to participate in regular campus clean-up drives to maintain the cleanliness of the college grounds. These drives will help reinforce the importance of keeping the campus free from plastic waste.
- **Eco-Clubs and Green Initiatives:** Students will be encouraged to join or form eco-clubs that focus on sustainability initiatives, including plastic reduction. These clubs can organize events, campaigns, and competitions to promote environmental consciousness.

3. Responsibility of Faculty

- **Leading by Example:** Faculty members are expected to set a positive example by minimizing their use of plastics and promoting sustainable practices. This



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includes using reusable teaching materials, avoiding plastic in their offices, and supporting student-led sustainability initiatives.

- **Integrating Sustainability into Teaching:** Faculty should incorporate discussions on sustainability, environmental protection, and plastic pollution into their teaching, regardless of the subject. This will help instill a sense of responsibility in students.
- **Mentorship:** Faculty members are encouraged to mentor student groups or projects focused on sustainability. They can guide students in conducting research, organizing events, and implementing plastic-free initiatives on campus.

4. Responsibility of Non-Teaching Staff

- **Sustainable Practices in Daily Operations:** Non-teaching staff should adopt sustainable practices in their daily operations. This includes using reusable containers, avoiding plastic packaging, and properly disposing of plastic waste.
- **Training and Awareness:** Non-teaching staff will receive training on the importance of reducing plastic use and the proper disposal of waste. They will be informed about the college's plastic-free policy and their role in its implementation.
- **Waste Management:** Non-teaching staff involved in waste management are responsible for ensuring that plastic waste is minimized and that any unavoidable plastic waste is disposed of properly through recycling or other environmentally friendly methods.

5. Campus Operations

- **Plastic-Free Events:** All events, functions, and gatherings on campus must be plastic-free. Event organizers are required to avoid plastic decorations, cutlery, and packaging. They should opt for biodegradable or reusable materials instead.
- **Sustainable Canteen Practices:** The college canteen will eliminate the use of plastic cups, plates, and straws. Instead, the canteen will provide food and



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beverages in reusable or biodegradable containers. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own reusable containers.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Plastic Audit:** The college will conduct regular audits to assess the use of plastic on campus and identify areas where improvements can be made. The audit will involve tracking plastic usage, waste generation, and the effectiveness of implemented measures.
- **Feedback Mechanism:** A feedback mechanism will be established to allow students, staff, and faculty to report issues, suggest improvements, or share ideas for reducing plastic use. This feedback will be reviewed regularly to ensure continuous improvement.
- **Annual Review:** The Plastic-Free Campus Policy will be reviewed annually to assess its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments. The review will consider feedback from the campus community, audit results, and developments in sustainable practices.



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7. Penalties and Incentives

- **Penalties for Non-Compliance:** Individuals or groups found violating the plastic-free policy will be subject to penalties. This could include fines, community service, or other disciplinary actions. The aim is to encourage compliance rather than punish, so the focus will be on education and awareness.
- **Incentives for Compliance:** To motivate compliance, the college will introduce incentives such as awards for the most eco-friendly department, class, or individual. Recognition will also be given to those who actively contribute to making the campus plastic-free.



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8. Community Outreach

- **Collaboration with Local Communities:** The college will collaborate with local communities and organizations to promote plastic-free practices beyond the campus. This includes participating in community clean-up drives, awareness campaigns, and educational programs.
- **Workshops for Local Schools:** The college will organize workshops and seminars for local schools to spread awareness about the dangers of plastic pollution and the benefits of sustainable practices. This will help extend the impact of the college's efforts to the broader community.

9. Conclusion

Chandrakanti Ramawati Arya Mahila P.G. College, Gorakhpur, is dedicated to creating a sustainable, plastic-free campus. This policy represents a collective effort involving every member of the campus community. By working together, we can significantly reduce our plastic footprint, protect our environment, and set a positive example for others to follow. The success of this policy relies on the commitment and participation of all students, faculty, and staff, making our campus a model of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

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