# Naipunnya To reach the unreachable

# Naipunnya Institute of Management & Information Technology

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#### PLASTIC FREE CAMPUS POLICY

#### 1.0 Introduction

In March 2020, NIMIT reaffirmed its commitment to being a single-use plastic free campus. Naipunnya Institute of Management & Information Technology is now taking steps to become a campus that has totally outlawed the use of single-use plastics. The campus has a single-use restriction because it's better for the environment. This prohibition is responsive rather than authoritative.

Single-use plastic won't vanish overnight; instead, behaviour adjustments and personal decisions made by each person can contribute to change. It is essential to reduce single-use plastic in the fight against climate change. A ban on single-use plastic will lessen pollution, plastic waste, and the need for plastic production, all of which are factors in the global climate change. As a result, eliminating plastic from our lives is a necessary yet challenging effort given how pervasive plastic is in our daily lives. However, there is a need for such actions to be taken right away, and they are feasible if carried out gradually with adequate alternatives and their responsible use.

#### 2.0 Purpose

To sensitize the students about the dangers behind plastic usage and to reduce plastic pollution in the college campus with special focus on the reduction and elimination of single-use plastics.

## 3.0 Scope

This policy pertains to all the domains and activities of the institution.

# 4.0 Responsibility

Naipunnya Institute of Management and Information Technology will phase out the usage of plastics, particularly single-use plastics, on its campus. Every member of NIMIT is responsible to reduce and minimize the usage of plastic in the campus.

## 5.0 Policy

The institution has resolved to implement ban of plastics in the following fashion.

- ➤ Ban on Single-use plastic materials in Canteen & Stores
- ➤ Ban on Single-use plastic bottles for in-house meetings and events
- Reduction in usage of Single-use plastic banners
- > Segregation of Non-Biodegradable plastics disposal of the same through authorized agencies.
- ➤ Ban on use of plastic materials used for decorations at the events.
- ➤ Encourage students to sensitize their respective households about harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic free'
- Carry out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics.



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### 6.0 Awareness & Campaigns

The Bhoomithrasena club and NSS will conduct campaigns and workshops to educate the students and staff about the negative effects of single-use plastics in order to promote the following:

- > Every student will work to eliminate plastic from their homes.
- > Students will be encouraged to organize similar efforts at the local level.
- Alternative facilities, such as water dispensers, will be installed to reduce the need for and usage of plastic water bottles.
- Ensure that there are alternatives to plastic bottles, covers, and other items on campuses, such as cloth bags, paper pens, etc.
- ➤ Holding contests and other activities to promote the creation of environmentally friendly and ecologically sound products to reduce the usage of single-use plastic.



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