



RKDF University
Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal

Ban of Plastic Use in university
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PREAMBLE

Ministry of Human Resource Development and University Grants Commission (UGC) has requested state governments to issue appropriate instructions to all schools and colleges in all State/UTs in the country to avoid the usage of single-use plastic. UGC has also issued guidelines to higher education institutions across the country to impose a ban on single-use plastic. Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is leading the efforts to scrap the usage of single-use plastics by 2022, which has been launched with a nationwide ban and prohibition on as many as six items on October 2, 2019, on the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. The items include plastic bags, cups, plates, small bottles, straws, and certain types of sachets.

The UGC guidelines state that the University should systematically ban the use of plastic on their campuses and replace it with "environment-friendly substitutes." It also mandates that every higher education University in the country should ban single-use plastics in canteens, hostels, and shopping complexes in the University premises. "Carry out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single-use plastics, mandate all students to avoid bringing non-biodegradable plastic items to the University, install necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the use of plastic," the guidelines said. The UGC guidelines also ask the University to encourage the students to sensitize their respective households about the harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic-free'. The guidelines are an effort to encourage the universities and colleges to adopt policies and practices towards cleaner and plastic-free campuses.

Guidelines

The RKDF University, Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal, has adopted policies and practices towards cleaner and plastic free campus:

- Ensure plastic-free campus in the University. Students and faculty must work towards this in mission mode.
- Usage of plastics to be stopped in canteens, shopping complexes in the University premises and hostels, etc.

- Alternative solutions like cloth bags etc., to plastic bottles, covers, and other goods should be made available on campus.
- Students and staff members are not permitted to bring non-bio-degradable plastic items to the University.
- Student and staff members to be encouraged to make his/her household plastic free.
- Students to be incentivized to carry out similar campaigns at the community level.
- Installation of necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the purchase and use of plastic water bottles.
- To carry out awareness drives and sensitizing workshops on the harmful impacts of single use plastics.
- Conducting events and poster competitions etc., on designing ecological and environment friendly goods to minimize the use of single use plastic.

Plastic pollution is currently one of the biggest environmental concerns. The short-term benefits and convenience of plastic and plastic goods have led to a boom in the production and consumption of plastic. Over the past century, excess consumption of plastic has surpassed the management of plastic waste and led it to become a scourge to the planet. Plastic is a menace that impacts not the environment as well as our health and wellbeing. We have all contributed to this problem, knowingly and unknowingly, and we must work to reduce and eliminate plastic pollution.

Educational University must lead this nationwide endeavor plastic ban. There is a need for educational University to actively contribute to the effort of banning the use of single use plastics. This is an unprecedented commitment and a moral undertaking for RKDF University, but the students, staff, and faculty are ready for the challenge. They understand the detriment single-use plastics pose to our environment and health.