

Policy for Curbing Plastic Pollution of SRM Institute of Science and Technology (2023)



As a forward-thinking educational institution, SRM Institute of Science and Technology has taken a proactive stance in tackling the pressing issue of plastic pollution. Recognizing the urgent need for action, this policy is a testament to the institution's commitment to environmental sustainability. It outlines various measures and initiatives to address plastic pollution within its operations and foster an eco-conscious culture among its students, faculty, and staff.

1. Reduction in the consumption of plastic products

Restriction of production and distribution of single-use plastics and encourage the usage of alternative sustainable materials.

2. Promote plastic-free campus

All campus events and activities shall adhere to strict guidelines to minimise plastic waste generation and littering, requiring compostable or recyclable materials and promote responsible waste management practices to ensure a plastic-free environment.

3. Promotion of sustainable technology development for plastic waste recycling

Establishment of an efficient and accessible recycling infrastructure, including collection systems, segregating facilities, and recycling plants, with a focus on increasing plastic recycling rates within the campus. Encourage research and development for solutions to manage plastic waste, sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics, including biodegradable materials, compostable packaging, and innovative recycling technologies.

4. Outreach programs and plastic waste clean-up drives

Conduct regular awareness campaigns, workshops, and seminars to educate the campus and surrounding local community about the impacts of plastic pollution and promote eco-friendly alternatives.

5. Capacity building and training program for plastic waste management

SRMIST will emphasise the establishment of workshops, seminars, and hands-on training sessions, fostering a culture of awareness and empowerment where individuals become change agents in promoting sustainable plastic waste management practices within the campus community and beyond.

This policy on curbing plastic pollution seeks to protect our environment, conserve natural resources, and promote a sustainable future for the generations to come. Multi-stakeholder cooperation involving the government, businesses, communities, and individuals is required to collectively address this pressing global challenge within the context of SRM Institute of Science and Technology.

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