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Plastic waste has emerged as one of the biggest environmental concerns adversely impacting the soil, water, health and well-being of citizen at large. Excess-consumption of plastic combined with limited waste disposal systems has become a challenge to the urban waste disposal systems, and has choked the rivers and water systems in rural areas. The time has come for a systematic campaign to reduce the usage of plastic especially the single-use plastic. The University has decided to take plastic ban as a campaign of importance to address the environmental hazards of plastic & being and bring attitudinal changes that shun use of plastics.

The educational institutions have the unique spread and influence to educate the students and households on the needs for avoiding usage of plastic. As per the University Grant Commission (UGC) guidelines to ban the use of plastic in Universities/educational institutions and in support of the 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' Campaign, launched by the Government of India with an aim to eliminate the use of plastic and to dispose of plastic waste, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University implement strict ban on single use plastic in its campus, constituent colleges and affiliated institutions with immediate effect.

Towards achieving the objective, following measures will be taken to make their campuses 'plastic-free' by systematically banning the use of plastic and replacing the same with suitable environment-friendly substitutes at all institutions and adoption of policies and practices towards cleaner and plastic-free campuses.

For this, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University Adopted following rules:

- a) Banning use of single-use plastics in canteens, shopping complexes in the institution's premises and hostels, etc.
- b) Carrying out awareness drives and sensitization workshops on the harmful impacts of single-use plastics.

- c) Mandating all students to avoid/bringing non-bio-degradable plastic items to the institutions.
- d) Encouraging students to sensitize their respective households about the harmful effects of plastics and make their households 'plastic-free'
- e) Installing necessary alternative facilities like water units to avoid the use of plastic water bottles and encouraging the use of alternative solutions like cloth bags, paper bags, etc, instead of plastic bottles, bags, cover, and other goods in University campus.
- f) Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University will adopt villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan shall undertake a campaign in their adopted villages till they are converted into 'plastic-free villages' through promoting awareness and encouraging the shift to alternative products.