

GOVERNMENT ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE, CALICUT



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POLICY DOCUMENT FOR ESTABLISHING A PLASTIC-FREE/GREEN CAMPUS

INTRODUCTION

Government Arts and Science College Calicut is committed to environmental sustainability and recognizes the importance of reducing plastic usage and promoting eco-friendly practices on its campus. This policy document outlines the guidelines and initiatives for transitioning towards a plastic-free and green campus environment.

ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

The utilization of the following single-use plastic items will be strictly prohibited on campus:

1. Plastic bags
2. Plastic straws and stirrers
3. Plastic cutlery and plates
4. Plastic water bottles
5. Other single-use plastic items that are not deemed essential for health and safety reasons

To ensure a smooth transition, the college will provide a designated period for adjustment to this policy. During this time, departments and individuals are strongly encouraged to deplete their existing stock of single-use plastics and transition to sustainable alternatives.

In order to facilitate the adoption of sustainable practices, Government Arts and Science College Calicut will take the necessary steps to make affordable and environmentally friendly alternatives readily available on campus. This will include, but is not limited to:

1. Installation of water refill stations throughout the campus.
2. Offering reusable items such as bottles, cups, and utensils at campus stores.
3. Encouraging campus food services to utilize and provide compostable or reusable foodware.

To raise awareness about the detrimental effects of plastic pollution and emphasize the significance of this policy, the college will initiate an education campaign. This campaign will encompass:

1. Workshops and informational sessions for students, faculty, and staff.
2. Distribution of educational materials through various channels such as the campus website, social media, and newsletters.

To ensure compliance with the policy, a dedicated task force will be established. This task force will monitor adherence to the policy, address any challenges that may arise, and implement appropriate measures to reinforce compliance. Non-compliance will be addressed through educational reinforcement and, if necessary, disciplinary actions.

CONCLUSION

Government Arts and Science College Calicut is committed to creating a sustainable future by fostering a plastic-free and green campus environment that promotes environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and innovation. Through collaborative efforts and collective action, we can achieve our vision of a healthier, greener, and more sustainable campus community.

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