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OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Policy on Plastic Use Minimization at Kalinga University, Raipur

With the objective of promoting **plastic use reduction, environmental protection, resource conservation, waste minimization, and sustainable campus operations**, Kalinga University hereby implements the **Plastic Use Minimization Policy** to reduce the consumption and generation of plastic waste across the University campus.

The policy aims to minimize dependence on **single-use and disposable plastics**, encourage the use of reusable and environmentally responsible alternatives, improve plastic waste segregation and recycling, and promote awareness among students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders. The initiative contributes particularly to **SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 13 (Climate Action)** by promoting responsible consumption, waste reduction, resource conservation, and environmental sustainability.

Under this initiative:

- 1. Reduction of Single-Use Plastics:** The University shall encourage the reduction and, wherever feasible, avoidance of single-use plastic items on campus.
- 2. Reusable Alternatives:** Preference shall be given, wherever feasible, to durable, reusable, recyclable, and environmentally responsible alternatives to disposable plastic products.
- 3. Plastic-Free Campus Practices:** University departments, offices, laboratories, cafeterias, events, meetings, and other activities shall be encouraged to minimize the use of unnecessary plastic materials.
- 4. Alternative Materials:** The use of alternatives such as reusable bottles, containers, bags, metal or glass items, paper-based products, and other suitable environmentally responsible materials shall be encouraged wherever feasible.
- 5. Responsible Procurement:** Procurement of plastic products shall, wherever feasible, consider necessity, durability, reusability, recyclability, packaging requirements, and potential environmental impact.



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6. **Plastic Waste Segregation:** Plastic waste generated on campus shall be segregated at the point of generation and kept separate from biodegradable and other categories of waste to facilitate proper recycling and disposal.
7. **Recycling and Recovery:** Recyclable plastic waste shall, wherever feasible, be collected and channelized through appropriate recycling or authorized waste-management mechanisms.
8. **Reduction of Plastic Packaging:** Departments and procurement personnel shall, wherever feasible, encourage suppliers and vendors to reduce unnecessary plastic packaging and adopt environmentally responsible packaging alternatives.

The Plastic Use Minimization Policy demonstrates **Kalinga University's commitment to environmental protection, responsible consumption, resource conservation, and sustainable campus operations.** Reducing plastic consumption helps minimize plastic waste generation, conserve resources, reduce pollution, and encourage the adoption of more sustainable alternatives.

The University shall encourage all concerned stakeholders to follow the principles of **reduce, reuse, recycle, responsible procurement, source segregation, sustainable alternatives, and responsible disposal** in their day-to-day activities.

All concerned departments, administrative personnel, students, faculty members, housekeeping staff, maintenance personnel, contractors, vendors, and other stakeholders are hereby directed to ensure the **effective, responsible, and timely implementation** of this Office Order and to comply with the University's prescribed plastic minimization and waste-management procedures.

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