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POLICY FOR MINIMIZATION OF PLASTIC USE

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1. Policy Statement

MITS is committed to reducing avoidable plastic use, preventing litter and promoting safe collection and recycling of plastic waste. The University shall discourage unnecessary single-use items and comply with applicable restrictions on identified single-use plastic products, while promoting feasible reusable or lower-waste alternatives.

2. Purpose and Objectives

- Implement applicable national and state restrictions on prohibited single-use plastic products.
- Reduce disposable plastic in canteens, meetings, procurement and campus activities.
- Promote source segregation, collection, recycling and awareness for SDG 12 and SDG 15.

3. Scope

This policy covers University-managed canteens, hostels, academic and administrative buildings, campus events, procurement, vendors and waste-collection arrangements. Visitors and contractors are expected to follow campus requirements while on site.

4. Definitions

Single-use plastic: A plastic item intended to be used once before disposal or recycling. Prohibited single-use plastic: Items specifically banned under applicable Plastic Waste Management Rules and notifications. Recyclable plastic: Plastic that can be collected and processed through a suitable authorised channel; recyclability does not justify avoidable consumption.

5. Policy Provisions

1. University units and vendors shall avoid identified prohibited single-use plastic items, including banned disposable tableware and other products covered by current law.
2. Suitable reusable items, refillable water arrangements, cloth bags and durable serving materials shall be encouraged, with safety and hygiene considered.
3. Plastic waste shall be segregated at source using appropriately labelled collection points; mixed and littered waste shall be discouraged.
4. The responsible facilities or housekeeping office shall arrange transfer to authorised collection or recycling agencies and maintain waste handover records when available.
5. Campus procurement and event planning shall consider packaging reduction, reusable options and contractual communication to vendors.

6. Plastic restrictions shall be described using current legal categories; a universal ban on all plastics or a blanket 100-micron definition shall not be assumed from the older policy.

6. Implementation and Monitoring

Office / Unit	Responsibility
Site Office / Housekeeping / Estate	Provide segregated collection and monitor waste handling.
Canteen / Stores / Procurement / Vendors	Follow applicable bans and reduce unnecessary packaging or disposables.
NSS / Student Clubs	Conduct plastic-reduction drives and document participation.
SDG Cell / IQAC	Collect records, review implementation and coordinate revisions.

7. Monitoring and Compliance

Periodic campus inspections should review signage, use of restricted items, bin placement, vendor practices and plastic waste collection. Any reported non-compliance shall be referred to the responsible office for corrective action, with records of follow-up. Waste-reduction achievements shall be reported only from documented comparisons.

8. Awareness and Training

The University may observe International Plastic Bag Free Day (3rd July) and other suitable awareness events to encourage reusable alternatives, responsible collection and waste prevention.

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