

## Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University) Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh



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Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh following the global push for sustainable environment and sustainable development, has highly discouraged the use of plastic in the Vishwavidyalaya campus. This policy applies to all areas and activities of the Vishwavidyalaya.

The use of single-use plastic items by stakeholders is harmful to the environment, public health, and the well-being of society. The distribution of single-use plastic items requires the use of natural resources and results in the generation of greenhouse gas emissions. Single-use plastic items contribute to environmental problems, including pollution of landscapes, sewers, rivers and streams, and oceans. Single-use plastic items impose invisible costs on stakeholders, local governments, the state, and the environment, and are a public nuisance.

Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh therefore discourage the use of single use plastic items. For this purpose, the following measures are taken:

- ❖ Vishwavidyalaya do not appreciate the use of single-use plastics in the entire campus.
- Entire GGV family (students, faculty, and administrators) to be encouraged not to bring non-biodegradable plastic items to the Vishwavidyalaya campus.
- Students are encouraged to make their respective households aware of the harmful effects of plastic and to make their households 'plastic free'.
- All departments/offices are advised to avoid the use of plastic item (like water bottles, carry bags etc.) and encourage the use of alternative solutions such as jute bags, paper folders, cloth bags, paper bags, etc.
- ❖ All the departments of Vishwavidyalaya ensure the use steel water bottles, paper cups and plates for serving food at programmes organised by various clubs and associations in the campus.
- ❖ The Vishwavidyalaya conducted various campaign in its adopted villages to transform it into "plastic-free villages" by promoting awareness and encouraging switching to alternative products.

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