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Introduction:

Plastic waste has become an integral part of modern life due to its versatility, durability, and low cost. However, the widespread use and improper disposal of plastic especially single-use plastic have led to serious environmental challenges. Plastic waste contributes to soil and water pollution poses significant threats to human health and ecosystem balance.

Assam down town university aims to reduce, manage, and ultimately eliminate single-use and non-recyclable plastic waste generated within the campus. It supports the institution's commitment to environmental sustainability, responsible consumption, and awareness among students, staff, and visitors. AdtU is committed to ensuring that all forms of plastic waste generated to ensuring that all forms of wastes generated are handled based on the RRRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover) principles following appropriate source segregation protocols.

Objective:

The objectives of a Plastic Waste Minimization Policy in the University center on enhancing to reduce, manage, and ultimately eliminate single-use and non-recyclable plastic waste generated within the campus.

- ❖ To maintain minimum use of plastic in AdtU campus.
- ❖ To lay down standard operating procedure for plastic waste disposal in AdtU campus.
- ❖ To aware the AdtU fraternity about plastic waste's adverse effect on environment and its disposal procedure.
- ❖ To regulate unnecessary plastic use in the Campus.
- ❖ To ensure the implementation of Good Disposal Practice for Plastic use in the AdtU campus.

Role & Responsibilities:

A university's role and responsibilities towards the Plastic Waste Minimization Policy are as:

- ❖ Reduction of Plastic Usage
- ❖ Ban or phase out single-use plastics (e.g., plastic bottles, cups, straws, carry bags) in all campus facilities.
- ❖ Prohibit sale or distribution of beverages and food items in single-use plastic packaging in campus canteens.
- ❖ Encourage refill stations for drinking water across campus.

Application & Management:

- ❖ Waste Segregation at the time of collection need clearly labeled bins for segregation at source (biodegradable, recyclable, and non-recyclable). Collaborate with authorised recyclers or municipal bodies for safe collection and disposal.
- ❖ Ensure regular monitoring of waste segregation practices by the Campus Maintenance/Environment Cell.
- ❖ All departments and vendors must comply with the institution's sustainable procurement policy.
- ❖ Preference shall be given to suppliers offering eco-friendly packaging and materials. Event organizers (internal or external) must avoid plastic-based decorations, banners, or disposables.
- ❖ Conduct periodic workshops, campaigns to promote awareness about plastic waste minimisation. Integrate sustainability and waste management themes into co-curricular activities.
- ❖ The university monitors and documents its efforts to reduce plastic usage through periodic waste audits and annual sustainability reports.
- ❖ Departments and campus units shall be required to reports on the implementation of plastic reduction measures and compliance with procurement guidelines.

- ❖ The University should offer specialized support services for Lifelong Learning students, including evening/weekend advising, career counseling focused on re-skilling / up-skilling, and dedicated technical support.
- ❖ Implement flexible payment plans, per-module fee options, or government subsidy management to ease the financial burden associated with continuous learning.
- ❖ Effective management includes monitoring and ensuring the quality and relevance of Lifelong Learning offerings. Need to establish mechanisms for continuous feedback from industry partners and employers to ensure Lifelong Learning curriculum remains current, relevant, and meets the demands of the labor market.
- ❖ Develop specific quality assurance metrics for Lifelong Learning programs (e.g., completion rates for micro-credentials, learner satisfaction, employment/promotion rates after completion) separate from traditional degree program metrics.