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Report: Plastic-Free Program at Raipur

Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues globally. In an effort to combat this crisis and promote sustainable practices, a **Plastic-Free Program** was organized at Raipur. The aim of the workshop was to sensitize future educators about the harmful effects of plastic usage and equip them with knowledge and strategies to spread awareness in their classrooms and communities.

1. Objectives

- To understand the environmental impact of plastic, especially single-use plastic.
- To explore eco-friendly alternatives and sustainable practices.
- To encourage the role of teachers in environmental education.
- To initiate steps toward making the campus plastic-free.

2. Workshop Activities

a. Inaugural Session

The workshop began with a formal inaugural session. The Principal, Syed Azaz Ali, addressed the gathering and emphasized the critical role of educators in shaping environmentally responsible citizens.

b. Expert Session on "Plastic and Its Impact"

A detailed presentation on:

- History and evolution of plastic
- Types of plastic and their toxicity
- Effects on land, marine life, and human health
- Government regulations and global policies
- India's ban on single-use plastic items

c. Group Activity: Identifying Plastic Use in Daily Life

Students were divided into small groups and asked to list out how plastic is used in their daily routines. They were then tasked to brainstorm eco-friendly alternatives. Each group presented their ideas, which sparked insightful discussion.

d. Demonstration: Making Eco-Friendly Products

A hands-on session was held where participants learned to create:

- Paper bags
- Cloth pouches
- DIY planters using old bottles
- Compostable bin liners



This practical segment helped students understand how small changes can make a big difference.

e. Open Forum Discussion

An interactive discussion allowed students to express their views and concerns. Topics included:

- Challenges in implementing plastic-free policies in schools
- How to involve school children in environmental activities
- The role of digital platforms in spreading awareness

f. Plastic-Free Campus Action Plan

Towards the end of the workshop, a draft **Action Plan** was prepared to make the college campus more sustainable. Measures discussed included:

- Banning single-use plastic bottles and cups on campus
- Installing water dispensers
- Promoting reusable items among staff and students
- Organizing regular awareness drives

The Plastic-Free Workshop proved to be a meaningful and action-oriented program that not only educated but empowered future educators to lead change in their classrooms and communities.

Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. S. S.", written over the printed name of the Principal.

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