



Sufa Educational and Welfare Society's
DSR College of Education (B.Ed. & M.Ed.), Aurangabad
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Report: Plastic-Free Program at Fatiyabad

In alignment with the nationwide movement towards environmental sustainability and in response to the urgent need to reduce plastic pollution, DSR College of Education organized a comprehensive **Plastic-Free Program at Fatiyabad**. The initiative aimed to raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about the harmful effects of single-use plastics and to encourage sustainable practices within the college premises and beyond.

1. Objectives of the Program

- To educate students and staff about the environmental hazards of plastic.
- To promote the use of eco-friendly alternatives.
- To reduce and eliminate single-use plastic items on campus.
- To engage students in environmental action through practical activities.

2. Pre-Program Activities

Prior to the main event, the following preparatory steps were taken:

- **Awareness Campaigns:** Posters and banners with anti-plastic messages were displayed around the college.
- **Classroom Sessions:** Special lectures and discussions were conducted in Environmental Studies classes.
- **Student Volunteers Enrollment:** A group of enthusiastic students volunteered to take the lead in organizing and executing the event.

a. Inauguration Ceremony

The program began with a formal inauguration in the college multipurpose hall. The Principal, Dr. Syed Azaz Ali, addressed the gathering and emphasized the significance of sustainable practices. All participants took a *Plastic-Free Pledge* committing to reduce, reuse, and refuse plastic products in their daily lives.

c. Campus Clean-Up Drive

Students and staff participated in a mass clean-up of the college premises. Special attention was given to removing plastic waste. The collected waste was later segregated into recyclable and non-recyclable categories.

d. Eco-Friendly Alternatives Exhibition

An exhibition of eco-friendly alternatives such as cloth bags, bamboo toothbrushes, metal straws, and biodegradable cutlery was organized. Vendors and local entrepreneurs showcased sustainable products.



e. Poster Making & Slogan Writing Competition

Students took part in creative competitions with the theme *Say No to Plastic*. The best posters and slogans were awarded and later displayed around the college.

f. Plastic Waste Collection Drive

Students were encouraged to bring plastic waste from their homes. The collected plastic was sent to authorized recycling units.

5. Outcomes of the Program

- Increased awareness among students and faculty about plastic pollution.
- Significant reduction in the use of single-use plastics in the campus canteen and offices.
- Students committed to adopting eco-friendly practices at home and in their communities.
- Strengthened student involvement in environmental initiative.

The Plastic-Free Program at DSR College of Education was a resounding success, promoting environmental consciousness and sustainable habits. It stands as a testament to the power of education and community action in creating a greener future. The college aims to build on this momentum by organizing follow-up events and integrating sustainability into campus policies.

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