

# ELIMINATION OF **SINGLE USE PLASTICS (SUPs)**

## POSSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW INDIA National Convention 2020

18-19 JANUARY 2020  
RMP - Knowledge Excellence Centre, Keshav Srushti, Uttan, Bhayander, Thane (Near Mumbai)

### Call for Papers

Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) is organizing the National Convention 2020 on the topic of **“Elimination for Single Use Plastics (SUPs): Possibilities and Opportunities for New India”**. We are pleased to invite academicians, researchers, industry leads, social entrepreneurs, policy makers, and other stakeholders to send in abstracts for research papers, successful case studies, innovations, anecdotes and posters for a cohesive policy dialogue to be conducted at the National Convention.

#### Brief about the National Convention:

Plastic products have become an integral part of our daily lives and an important piece for the global economy, resulting in production of polymer at a massive scale globally. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan is also focusing on phasing out single use plastics by 2022, addressing the seriousness of the need for a campaign to cater to issues of plastic waste management. India is currently producing about 15,000 tonnes of plastic waste daily out of which only 9,000 tonnes is recycled. The remaining plastic is either burnt or dumped in landfills leading to toxic air fumes and land pollution, resulting in various concerns for the municipal administrations and the communities in close proximity to these areas. The intensity of the economic and social impact of SUPs utilization and production has to be given high priority, and therefore strategies and policies for waste management and phasing out of SUPs becomes important.

Multiple stakeholders, including government bodies, whether at the state or local level, are all coming together to take action to address the challenge of SUPs by imposing bans. Punjab, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka and many other states have introduced bans on the manufacturing, production, distribution, use and storage of plastic carry bags among other plastic materials. SUPs have become a national challenge and as a result of that are subject to debate in the academic discourse and policy deliberation. Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) has set a tradition to address the contemporary societal, policy, political and governance challenges through research, dissemination and awareness by organising various workshops and seminars on such pertinent issues.

This National Convention is taken as an opportunity to bring together voices, ideas and innovations in strategies and policies to have a cohesive impact-oriented dialogue. RMP has released a call for abstracts for the same. The key themes for the convention are as follows:

#### Themes:

- The Plastic Problem: Effects on Environment, Health and Civic Management
- Achieving Plastic (SUPs) Free India through Alternatives to Plastic
- The other side of the Plastic Story: Effect on Industry and Jobs
- SUP Elimination: Successful Public and Private Case Studies
- Roadmap to SUP Free India: Role of Society, Government and Industry

## Who can participate?

The convention anticipates participation from all individuals and organisations that are engaged in answering the germane questions on current status of SUPs, on their impact, policy solutions, on-ground implementation and the innovations to counter the issue at hand.

The National Convention invites participation from the following stakeholders working on phasing out of SUPs, such as

- Scientists and academicians
- Government stakeholders across all levels
- Educational institutes
- Think tanks and civil society members
- Private sector representatives and industry leads
- Start-ups
- Non-government organizations(NGOs)
- Students

## Abstract submission and Deadlines:

Please click on the following link (<https://forms.gle/Knc2qwHvj6RAiXLw5>) and fill out the google form to notify us about your paper.

Last Date for Abstract Submission: **December 25, 2019**

Announcement of List of Selected Abstracts: **December 25, 2019**

## Notification for Submission of Paper:

Last Date for Full Paper Submission: **January 15, 2020**

### Please note:

- Send your abstracts (not more than 250 words) in English/ Hindi to [rmpdelhi@rmponweb.org](mailto:rmpdelhi@rmponweb.org) before the deadline.
- Selected presenters will be called to present their papers at the National Convention on 18-19 January 2020 at RMP- Knowledge Excellence Centre, Keshav Srushti, Essel World Road, Uttan Village, Bhayander (W), Thane, Maharashtra. They will be reimbursed for 3 tier AC travel fare. Their lodging and boarding too would be taken care of by RMP.
- Presented papers will be published in RMP's Annual Souvenir 'Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini Patrika 2020'.

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