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ELIMINATION OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS (SUPS)
POSSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW INDIA

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Elimination of single-use plastics: solutions, possibilities and opportunities for new normal.

In conjunction with the mandates of South Asia Secretariat-India (SASAI) Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi who has committed to phase out Single Use Plastics (SUPs) by 2022, every plastic was inverted by the 36th National Shop. It has been the year of our modern reuse. This National Big, Righteous and durability of plastics has been a concern of mankind for centuries. Reusing and recycling of plastic has been a success in many areas. From using a plastic container, drinking water or a plastic bottle for water, to using a plastic bag for shopping, the use of plastic has become ubiquitous. All this has been happening in the face of one of the greatest environmental threats, social and economic challenges.

SUPs refer to plastics which are used just once, in disposable packaging such as plastic, grocery bags, plastic, and others. Plastic is one of the most ubiquitous materials in our daily lives, having almost endless uses to the daily activities, any plastic made from polymers of high density polyethylene, polypropylene, and other various plastic-based materials.

Besides, a growing number of governments at the state and local levels are also taking steps to address the challenge of SUPs through import bans. In this direction, several states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and others have already been conducting a ban on plastic bags, leaflets, and other plastic materials for wider public awareness.

Many successful stories can be drawn from these different states of India that can provide meaningful solutions for the sustainability of the environment. Learning the experience of different states across India as well as strategies across the globe that have introduced bans and regulations on SUPs can help us from taking appropriate actions.

In addressing the incomplete expansion of SUPs, as well as effective implementation of the Indian government’s initiatives to phase out SUPs would require governments at national and state levels to expand the use of SUPs to businesses to innovative and individual.

SUPs have become a national challenge, a matter of academic and policy analysis. Rachana Prasad, Professor at IIMB (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore) has given a context to address the contemporary social policy, political and governance challenges through research, dissemination and awareness among various workshops and seminars on this subject level. In continuation with the Indian government’s initiative to phase out SUPs, the National Convention would be themed around “Elimination of Single Use Plastics: Possibilities and Opportunities for New Normal”.

The main aim of the National Convention is to deliberate on some pertinent questions: What are the relations of national and core levels to eliminate the use of SUPs? What have the government created to strengthen businesses and individuals achieve at national and state levels to reduce the consumption of SUPs? What are the reasons for the practice of SUPs by policymakers who are either regarding the production and use of SUPs? What are the measures that the government need to take to phase out SUPs? What are the limits of financial resources that the government needs to invest in the re-use of SUPs? What will be the potential source of benefits of different states and initiatives?

The National Convention on the following stakeholders working in phasing out of SUPs, such as:

- Scientists and academicians
- Business entities and academics
- Government officials and officials
- Environmentalists, etc.
- Think tanks and civil society members
- Private sector representatives and industry leaders
- Startups and NGOs
- Non-government organizations (NGOs)
- Students

With this objective in mind, research papers, policy anecdotes and successful case-studies are welcome for submission for the National Convention. The papers can be prepared and submitted on any of the following sub-themes:

- Plastic: Effects on Environment, Health and Civic Management
- Achieving Plastics (SUPs) Free India through alternative plastics
- The other side of the Plastic Story: Effect on Industry and Jobs
- Roadmap to SUP Free India: Role of Society, Government, Industry

- The National Convention presents an opportunity for stakeholders across different sectors and arena working on issues of Single Use Plastics (SUPs), to come together and explore ideas to advance at phases to phase out SUPs. The convention aspires participation from all the individuals and organizations who are deeply engaged in answering the game-changing questions on current status of SUPs, on the impact, policy solutions, on-ground implementation and the innovations to counter the issues could arise.

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