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Sub: World Environment Day, 2018-Global theme "Beat Plastic Pollution"

On the eve of World Environment Day, 2018, Shri Om Prakash Sharma, IFS, APCCP/Director, Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, J&K, Srinagar vide letter No. DEERS/18/E-101/617-19 dated 26.5.2018 (copy enclosed) has highlighted its concern on the issue of over-consumption, unscientific disposal, burning and opening dumping of different kinds of non-biodegradable micro-plastic and macro-plastic items which has become a very serious health hazard and therefore, need to be addressed by all stake holders in the interest of safe Environment.

In light of the above, it is impressed upon all University Officers to kindly direct their offices/units working under their control to follow the instructions in letter and spirit to "Beat Plastic Pollution" as contained in the aforesaid letter.

Sd/-

Registrar

No: AUJ/Est./G-81/18-19/ 1669-01
Dated: 22.06.2018.

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➢ All officers of the University
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Assistant Registrar (Est.)
The Vice Chancellor,
SKUAST Jammu/Kashmir

No: DEERS/19-20/ 617 - 619 Dated: 05-05-2018

Sir,

Over consumption, un-scientific disposal, burning and open dumping of different kinds of non-biodegradable micro-plastic and macro-plastic items has become very serious health hazard and need to be addressed by all stakeholders in the interest of safe Environment. It needs multipronged approach to get rid of widespread persistent hazard of plastic waste, which has degraded quality of soils, polluted waterbodies and directly or indirectly has the potential to poison the entire food chain and impact lives of humans.

Scientific analysis of 259 bottled drinking water of 11 different brands taken from 19 locations in 9 countries has revealed an average of 325 plastic particles for every litre of water sold in the market. In one litre of mineral water bottle concentration was reported as high as 10000 plastic particles per litre of water. Out of 259 bottles tested only 17 were found free of plastic according to a study. Considering micro and macro plastic materials as menace to the water environment, it also leads to the changes in soil health, impacts eco-systems and affects bio-diversity which is a serious global concern.

In this backdrop, you are requested to issue directions to all the officers under your jurisdiction to refrain from using mineral water bottles during conferences, workshops, seminars and also motivate general public to not promote consumption of plastic packaged non-nutritious food items at sensitive eco-tourism destinations in the State.

This is issued in the interest of environment in general and health of the citizens in particular.

Yours faithfully

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(Om Prakash Sharma) IPS
APCCF/Director
Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing
J&K, Srinagar

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1. The Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar for information.