

### **7.3.1 Portray the performance of the institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust**

#### **Plastic Free Campus**

Use of disposable plastics and non-biodegradable substances that may damage the environment are prohibited on the campus. Students are advised to abolish the use of harmful plastic products such as plastic plates, plastic cups, plastic water bottles and switch on eco-friendly materials. A wide awareness is created among the students about the harmful effects of plastics. The use of plastics is strictly restricted on the campus. Students have learnt to avoid plastic carry bags and food packed in plastic containers and polyethylene bags. The institution has banned use of single-use plastics in the premises, canteen, and hostel. It carries out awareness drives and conducts sensitization programmes on the harmful impacts of single-use plastics. It encourages students to avoid bringing non-biodegradable plastic items to the campus. The policy of “Refuse, Reduce and Reuse” is promoted in the institution. If plastic water bottles, plastic cups and plastic plates are found anywhere on the campus, immediately they are collected and disposed, and the disastrous plastic items are discarded. The institution stresses the importance of alternative solutions like cloth bags, paper bags instead of plastic bags. The institution emphasizes the students to kick the habit of using plastics and stop doing something harmful to the environment and to the future generation.