

Airports Authority of India
Press Release

AAI Airports complete one year of being Single-Use Plastic Free

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Rampant modernisation and commercialisation are leading to exerting our planet and making it devoid of its natural resources. Being an environmentally-conscious public sector enterprise and for underlining its commitment towards its Corporate Social Responsibility, Airports Authority of India taking a pioneering initiative, decided to make its airports plastic free by banning the use of single-use plastic items at its airports across the country in September 2018.

Proactively acting on the Hon'ble PM's clarion call and as per the directions issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to beat plastic pollution, in first phase, 35 AAI Airports namely Agartala, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Calicut, Chandigarh, Chennai, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Goa, Guwahati, Imphal, Indore, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Patna, Port Blair, Pune, Raipur, Ranchi, Srinagar, Tiruchirappalli, Tirupati, Trivandrum, Udaipur, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vijayawada & Visakhapatnam were declared 'Single-Use Plastic Free Airport Terminals' in January 2019.

During the year 2019, more airports joined the mission and a total of 85 AAI Airports are now plastic free zones. Various steps were undertaken to eliminate the single-use plastic items at passenger terminals and city side of AAI Airports. These steps include banning of single-use plastic items like straws, plastic cutlery plastic plates etc. and switching over to other packaging alternatives and replacements. AAI has also enhanced its waste management systems and is

promoting the use of eco-friendly sustainable alternatives progressively like use of bio-degradable garbage bags in the garbage bins and installation of plastic bottle crushing machine at airports.

In ensuring the successful implementation of dissuading the usage of single-use plastic items, AAI has been carrying out internal audits of its airports along with stakeholders. AAI also engaged Quality Council of India to assess/check the implementation of the ban of single-use plastic items at its airports in November, 2018.

In its quest for making environmental conservation an ingrained organisational mission, Airports Authority of India has formulated an Environment Policy which envisages its commitment for reduction of Green House Gases (GHG) and sustainable development by implementing cost effective carbon mitigation action to conserve environment and reduce adverse impact on society, community and ecosystem thus contributing to national sustainable development goals.

As a part of this policy, AAI is conscious and committed towards sensitizing all employees and stakeholders to fulfil environmental obligation by reducing carbon footprint.

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Plastic Crusher Machine installed at DABH Airport, Indore



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