## **School of Chemical Sciences**

## Report on Plastic Collection cum Cleanliness Drive Report: World Environment Day Celebration on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at 10:00 am at Faculty Block E

On 2nd June 2023, in a week long celebration of World Environment Day, the School of Chemical Sciences organized a Plastic Collection cum Cleanliness Drive in the surrounding area of Faculty Block E. The event aimed to raise awareness about the environmental impact of plastic pollution and actively contribute to cleaning the campus. The participants included 25 research students, 15 non-teaching staff, and 4 faculties from the School of Chemical Sciences including Dean and Vice- Dean Academic.

The primary objective of the Plastic Collection cum Cleanliness Drive was to actively engage the SCS community in promoting environmental responsibility and fostering a cleaner and healthier campus environment. The specific goals were to collect plastic waste, raise awareness about the adverse effects of plastic pollution, and inspire sustainable practices among participants. The participants were divided into teams of 4 each and were provided with gloves, bags, and other necessary equipment for the cleanliness drive.

With enthusiasm and dedication, the participants actively engaged in collecting plastic waste from designated areas around Faculty Block E. The teams scoured the surroundings, including walkways, parking and other common areas, diligently collecting plastic bottles, bags, wrappers, and other plastic debris.

Throughout the drive, discussions and interactions took place among the participants, fostering a sense of camaraderie and shared commitment to environmental stewardship. Participants shared personal experiences, insights, and knowledge on the impact of plastic pollution, emphasizing the need for sustainable alternatives and responsible plastic waste management.

The Plastic Collection cum Cleanliness Drive organized by the School of Chemical Sciences was a resounding success. The active participation of research students, non-teaching staff, and available teachers demonstrated a collective dedication towards creating a cleaner and greener environment.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the participants, research students, non-teaching staff, and faculties from the School of Chemical Sciences for their active involvement and contributions to the Plastic Collection cum Cleanliness Drive. Their enthusiasm and commitment made this event a remarkable success. Glimpses of the event can be found on the last page of this document.

Together, let us strive for a sustainable and plastic-free future!

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