

Press Release

The Government of Tamil Nadu in G.O. dated 25.06.2018, notified ban on the manufacture, store, supply, transport, sale or distribution of certain “use and throwaway plastics” such as plastic sheets, plastic plates, plastic coated tea cups/tumblers, plastic straws, plastic flags, plastic water pouches and carry bags(irrespective of thickness) and came into force from 01.01.2019 in the State of Tamil Nadu effectively.

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board is continuously carrying out various meetings and awareness campaigns involving representatives of hotels, kalyana mandapams, textile shops, shopping malls, super markets, traders, retailers, etc. for effective implementation of the ban notification.

In continuation to the above, Board has conducted a meeting with the representatives of the Chief Engineers Forum of the Star Hotels of Tamilnadu on 06.11.2019 at TNPCB Auditorium, Corporate Office, Chennai to interact on the action taken by the respective hotels to avoid use and throwaway plastics in their premises along with effective solid waste management.

The meeting was presided by the Chairman, TNPCB and the Member Secretary, TNPCB welcomed the representatives of Star Hotels from Chennai and from other districts of Tamilnadu and the officials of TNPCB. During the meeting, presentations were made by the Vice-President, Chief Engineer’s forum, representatives from the Taj Coramandel, The Leela Palace, ITC Hotels & GRT Hotel on the current practices carried out to avoid use and throwaway plastics in the hotel activities, best practices on solid waste management, utilization of treated sewage in an effective and economical manner. The meeting provided useful

information to all the participants on the effective management of solid and plastic waste and treated sewage.

The Chairman, TNPCB informed the Chief Engineers Forum of the Star hotel members to make short films on their best practices carried out in solid and plastic waste management and reuse of treated sewage and also to include and encourage school children & under-privileged people in Community awareness programs, to provide Rain Water Harvesting and further emphasized to avoid single use plastics other than banned items in their premises.

The Chairman, TNPCB concluded the meeting by presenting posters, handbook on banned use and throwaway plastics & its alternatives, pamphlets and awareness CD to all the participants.

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