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Following the global call for a sustainable environment and sustainable development, St. Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala has decided to ban all kinds of plastic materials on campus. The plastic pollution crisis is an environmental emergency. Plastic usage has devastating effects on ecosystems and the climate. We have all heard about the terrifying reports of the Environmental agencies that say that if we stay in our current plastic-based mode, we will soon face unprecedented problems. We take part in the no plastic campaign to support the creation of a plastic-free campus.

#### THE GREEN PROTOCOL OF THE COLLEGE

- 1. Reduce waste at the source.
- 2. Avoid wastage of food.
- 3. Encourage use of ink or paper pens.
- 4. Use stainless steel containers to bring food and water. Avoid disposable materials.
- 5. Do not litter waste deposit them in waste bins.
- 6. Segregate waste at the source deposit biodegradable and degradable waste in the waste bins marked for the same.
- 7. Avoid use of plastic cups and plates at functions where food is served.
- 8. Avoid presenting flowers draped in plastic covers and use of flex items for welcoming dignitaries on public events.
- 9. Avoid use of sellotapes or insulation tapes to paste any kind of items on the walls.

In the college campus premises, we do not use any plastic that cannot be recycled, and students pro-actively support the campaign through the following methods:

- Avoid use of plastic shopping bags
- Avoid single-use plastic utensils
- Avoid all polystyrene-based service products
- Avoid disposable to-go and take-out plastic containers
- Avoid single-use plastic-lined cups and plates
- Avoid plastic-wrapped condiments