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Plastics for Packaging of Foodstuffs, Pharmaceuticals and Drinking Water

Food Safety an Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011, Government of India declares that "Containers made of plastic materials should conform to the following Indian Standards Specifications, used as appliances or receptacles for packaging or storing whether partly or wholly, food articles namely:-

IS 10146 (for Polyethylene) / IS 10142 (for Polystyrene) / IS 10151 (for PVC)
IS 10910 (for Polypropylene) / IS 11434 (for Ionomer Resins) /
IS 11704 (for Ethylene Acrylic Acid copolymer) / IS 12252 (for PET) /
IS 12247 (for Nylon 6) / IS 13601 (for EVA) / IS 13576 (for Ethylene Methacrylic Acid – EMAA) etc (Chapter 2)

It is thus clear that all the above mentioned plastics materials are approved for use in contact with foodstuffs. By virtue of the Bureau of Indian Standards specifications, all these plastics materials are approved for use in contact with pharmaceuticals and drinking water too. The list of BIS approved plastics materials for food etc contact applications is available in ICPE ENVIS website.

When certain plastics material (or any other material for that matter) is approved for use in direct contact with foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals and drinking water by Bureau of Indian Standards, which is a Member of International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), which is followed by 163 countries worldwide, it is obvious that these are safe packaging materials. There is thus no ambiguity about the position that plastics are safe packaging materials.

Despite these positive attributes of plastics, there are some issues which have been surrounding the material ever since its growth rate increased. These issues mostly relate to the management of waste created by plastics products after its use, mostly in the packaging applications. The important issue of waste management as a fallout of improper disposal of plastics packaging waste has been addressed by plastics recovery / recycling system. Technologies have been developed for recycling all types of plastics waste and recovery of the latent energy. However, segregation of Dry and Wet Waste at source of waste generation is the most important step for achieving success in the implementation of any waste management activity including plastics waste management.

ICPE has been working in the area of Plastics Waste Management since its inception in 1999 by way of setting up of pilot projects on segregation and recycling in some parts of the country and organising Awareness Programmes among students and general mass to think and spread the message of proper waste management to keep our environment clean. In the developed countries world over, stake holders including the manufacturers and users of plastics packaging products, join hands with the local civic bodies / municipalities in packaging waste activities. In India too, this practice should prevail for our own safety.

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ICPE had participated in the 9th International Plastics Exhibition & Conference held during February 5 – 10, 2015 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. ICPE had focused its Awareness Programme on the Benefits of Plastics, Issues related to the handling of the waste generated after the use of plastics – mainly from the packaging sector and the scientific solutions thereof with the help of Case Studies, by way of Display Panels, Notes and Samples of recycled plastics products. Although plastics products, especially plastics packaging, are used by common mass in their day to day life in all sections of the economic levels and in all areas of geographical spread of the country (in all over the World), however the general mass as well as policy makers in many occasions, are unable to appreciate the real facts about how plastics benefit the environment in many ways. Through the Display Panels, Realities of Plastics were brought forth to the public view. It was observed that many of the facts about plastics – especially the fact that plastics emit least Green House Gas to the atmosphere compared to the alternate packaging materials like glass, aluminium, paper etc, are not known to general mass. The fact that plastics consume least energy compared to alternative materials and thus saving the environment to a great extent is also not realised by the critics. Special Panels were displayed to show how all types of plastics

waste, without any segregation could be Co-processed in Cement Kilns as a source of energy in partial replacement of conventional Coal in a scientifically proven method. Plastics waste of the entire country could be disposed of in a scientific manner benefiting the environment. Panels on other methods of plastics recycling also were on display. Throughout the exhibition period, ICPE Pavilion screened short Awareness Films on the benefits of plastics, various issues and solutions. Visitors, including students who visited ICPE Pavilion had said that they had learned the realities about plastics. Shri Surjit K Chaudhary, IAS, Secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers and Shri Avinash Joshi, IAS, Joint Secretary of the same Ministry had visited ICPE pavilion among others. During the exhibition period, the organisers - Plastindia Foundation, had hosted the Conference of 24th Asia Plastics Forum on 6th and 7th February, 2015. Country representatives of Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Vietnam and India made presentations on the status of Plastics Waste Management in their respective countries. Shri Tushar K Bandopadhyay of ICPE made the presentation on the Country Paper on the Status of Plastics Waste Management in India.







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Indian Centre for Plastics in the Environment ICPE, was set up on the recommendation of a task force constituted by the ministry of environment and forest (MoEF), Government of India in January, 1999, to act as a nodal agency to handle all issues related to Plastics in the Environment in the country





Plastics for Environment and Sustainable Develope (Contribution from IIT-D & KGP, NCL, ICMR, IIP, CIPET)



Plastics for Food Packaging - (by IIP)

Plastics on Conservation of Land, Water, Forests - (by IIT, KGP)

Safe Use of Plastics in Food and Food Products - (by CFTRI, Mysore)

LCA Study – Milk Pouches, Atta Packaging and Lube Oil Packaging – (by IIT, Delhi)



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ICPE AS A RESOURCE CENTRE

ICPE remains the Resource for Drafting Answers to Parliament Queries on Plastics



PE is one of the Top Environmental Information System Centres (ENVIS), of MoEF (Govt. of India), ICPE Website www.icpeenvis.nic.in contains wide range of Environmental Information on Plastics







ICPE provides inputs on Science & Technology of Plastics to all stake holder Industries & Associations to highlight positive roles of Plastics in various applications



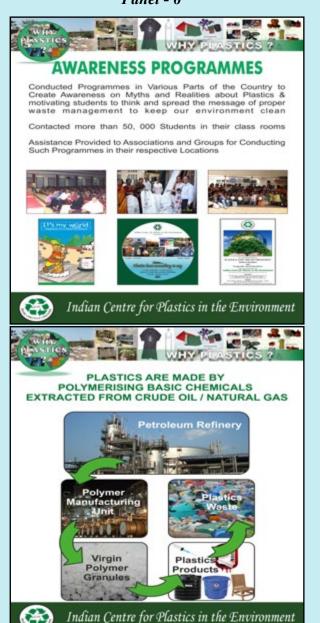
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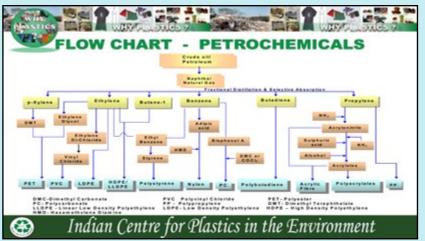


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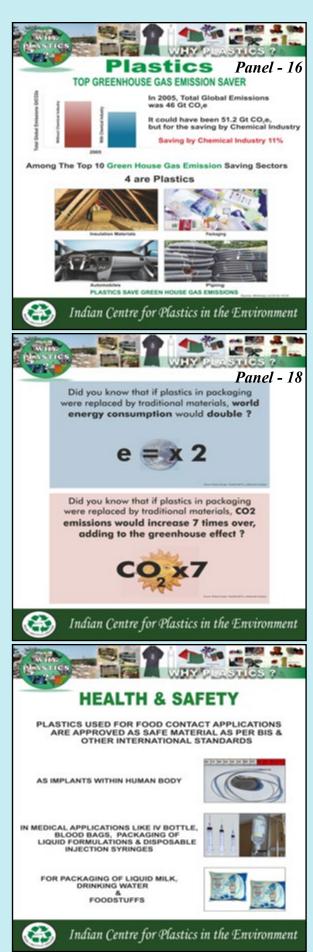


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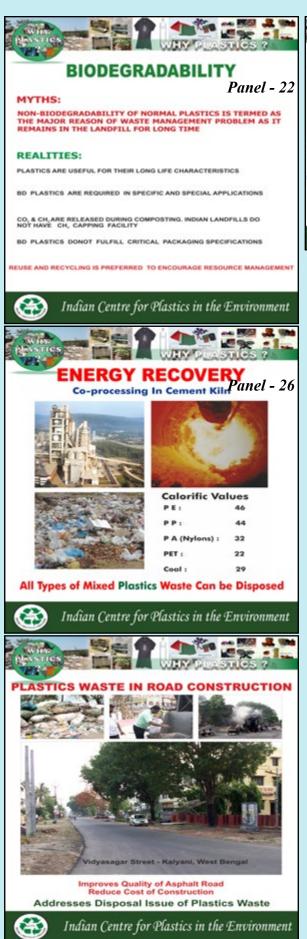
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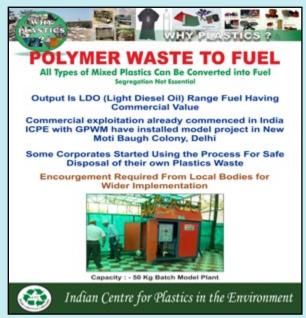


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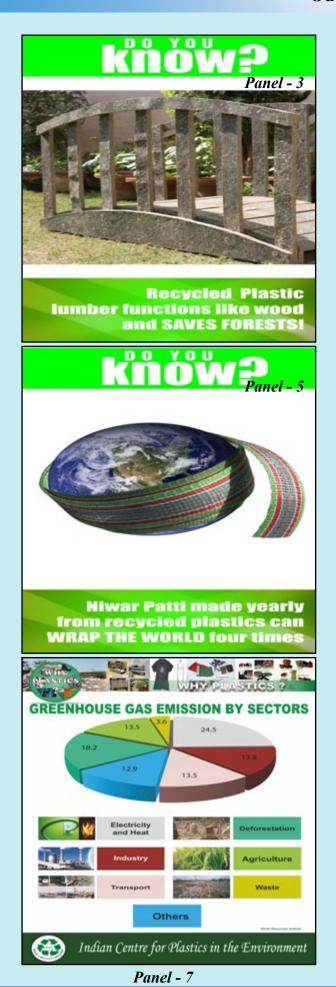
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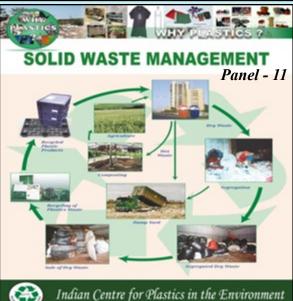




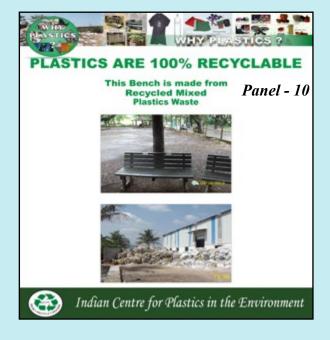
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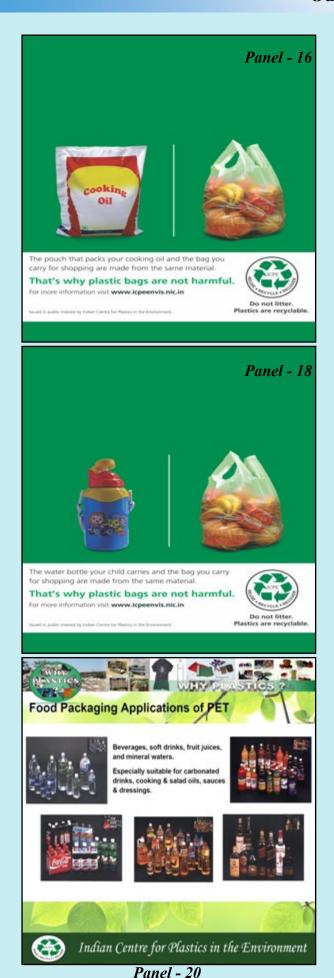


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Regional ENVIS Evaluation - Cum - Workshop (Western Region) of MoEFCC at NEERI, Nagpur from 16th to 17th February, 2015

A two day evaluation-cum-training Workshop for ENVIS Centres of Western Region (i.e., those located in the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh) was held at Nagpur, Maharashtra hosted by ENVIS Centre at CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute during 16th and 17th February, 2015. Around 30 participants of 13 thematic as well as State/UT ENVIS Centres participated in the Workshop.

The Workshop was inaugurated by the Director NEERI, Dr. Satish R. Wate. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Wate stressed on the significance of environmental information as all important policy decisions hinge on the insightful information. He congratulated the Ministry for feeling the need to establish ENVIS Scheme and hoped that ENVIS will keep serving the stakeholders and public at large for their multifarious information requirements. Shri Abhay Kumar, Deputy

Economic Adviser, MoEFCC said that the Ministry has roped in distinguished experts cutting across various fields to evaluate as well as advise the Centres. Among the experts who attended the Workshop for evaluation included Shri Krishna Rao T.V.P., Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Dr. A.K. Soni and Dr. Tamil Selvan. Two parallel sessions for evaluating the activities of Thematic and State ENVIS Centres were carried out in the Workshop.

Shri T K Bandopadhyay, ICPE Envis Coordinator, had launched their centre's Newsletter at the workshop. The second day of the Workshop was marked by a crucial training by NRSC official Shri Arul Raj on Bhuvan portal, a geospatial portal to enable the GIS-based information in the websites of the ENVIS Centres. The Workshop concluded with a thought- provoking session by experts who shared their observations and suggestions followed by comments by coordinators of ENVIS Centres.











One Day Workshop on Municipal Solid Waste Management with special emphasis on Plastics Waste Management at Kolkata on 20th March, 2015

Under the sponsorship of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, a One Day Workshop on Municipal Solid Waste Management with Special Emphasis on Plastics Waste Management was jointly organised by the ENVIS Centres of ICPE and NSWAI (National Solid Waste Association of India) at Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal, Salt Lake, Kolkata on 20th March, 2015. Shri Kaushik Ghosh, Asst. Professor, Urban Management Centre, was the principal coordinator of the programme on behalf of the Administrative Training Institute, Government of West Bengal.

Professor Ms. Nandi of the Centre and Ms. Maumita Chatterjee, an NGO, helped organising the programme. Shri T. K. Bandopadhyay of ICPE had conducted the main session on Plastics Waste Management and Dr. Amiya Kumar Sahu of NSWAI had conducted the session on MSW Management. 86 officials from 42 Municipalities of different Districts of West

Bengal had attended Workshop. One Deputy Mayor and several Elected Councilors had attended the Workshop and were fully satisfied with the contents. Representatives of some local Waste Management Equipment Manufacturers also participated. This was a successful Workshop considering that all the Municipalities were eager to know about the practical solutions to scientific disposal of 'non-recyclable' (differently recyclable) plastics waste. Various technologies were discussed including Co-processing in Cement Kiln, Pyrolysis of Plastics Waste in to Fuel and Use of Plastics Waste for Construction of Asphalt Road.

ICPE assured to cooperate the Municipality Authorities for implementation of any of the technologies for safe disposal of plastics waste. At the end of the Workshop, all the participants were awarded Certificate of Participation in the Workshop. All were enthusiastic for attending similar follow up programme for performance analysis.











Plastics Consumption and Waste Generation in India

No authentic survey has been made in India so far to estimate the generation of plastics waste. In absence of any direct survey, an indirect yet logical estimation may be made on how much plastics waste the country generates, which remain in the municipal solid waste stream (MSW) unattended. The methodology consists of analysing the life span of different applications of plastics and by characterizing the waste reaching the landfills and by assessing the activities of waste pickers who picks up the waste plastics (and other recyclable dry waste) from the landfills for selling the same to the recyclers directly or through waste dealers.

InthefirststepplasticsconsumptionfigureinIndiaforaparticular year, say 2008-09, may be considered. Government of India, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC) figure for plastics consumption in that year was 6.181 million tons. In this consumption figure, there are long to very long term applications such as Pipes and Fittings, Profiles, Wires & Cables, Automobile, Industrial applications, Home Appliances, Furniture, Household Rigid products like buckets, tubs, water tanks etc. These applications do not generate any waste in the short term. Out of the 6.181 million tons, more than 1.5 million tons were used for pipe applications, more than 0.5 million ton were used for wires & cable applications, 0.2 million tons were used for performance sector / engineering applications like gears, casings, tools etc. These applications do not generate waste in the short term.

Consumption of Select Plastics Materials Product Wise 2008-09(KT)				
	Commodity Plastics	Consumption		
1	Low Density Polyethylene	273		
2	High Density Polyethylene	1115		
3	Polystyrene	194		
4	Polypropylene (Inc. Co-Polymer)	1901		
5	Expandable Polystyrene	53		
6	Poly Vinyl Chloride	1388		
7	Linear Low Density Polyethylene	1013		
	Total	5937		

	Performance Plastics	Consumption
1	ABS Resin	88
2	Nylon-6	47
3	Polymethyl Methacrylate	3
4	Styrene Acrylonitrile	64
5	Nylone 6,6	1
	Total	203

Source: Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Govt. of India

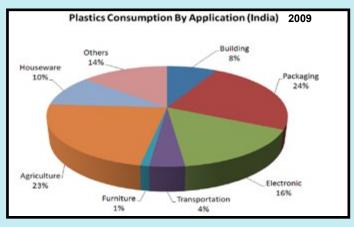
Plastics goes for various other applications like household items - chairs, buckets, tubs, mugs etc. which are not discarded immediately or in short duration. These are used for a long time. It is only part of the flexible packaging applications, which are discarded immediately after consuming the products. Even in the flexible packaging sector, thick plastic bags are used and reused for a long time. 0.6 million tons of polypropylene were used for making woven sacks, which, although falls under flexible packaging sector, are not discarded to the waste stream immediately. Rigid packaging materials like bottles, jerry cans, drums etc. are not discarded in the MSW stream.

Several studies done by NEERI and other NGOs have estimated around 5 – 8% plastic waste in the MSW. In fact studies done by NGOs in Mumbai city, Delhi & Jhansi reveal that substantial quantity of plastics wastes are picked up from the land fill itself leaving behind only a negligible quantity, to the tune of about 1.5 %. Although in the recent years, consumption of plastics has gone up (about 9.182 million tons in 2013 – 14), however several new technologies also have been developed for feedstock recycling, road construction or energy recovery from plastics waste. Co-processing of all types of plastics waste in cement kilns is one such development. With efficient waste collection mechanisms, India can effectively address the plastic waste management issues.

Consumption of Plastics Materials in India 2008-09(KT)					
		Commodity Plastics	Performance Plastics		
1	Production	5060	145		
2	Imports	1275	67		
3	Exports	357	9		
	Consumptions (1+2-3)	5978	203		

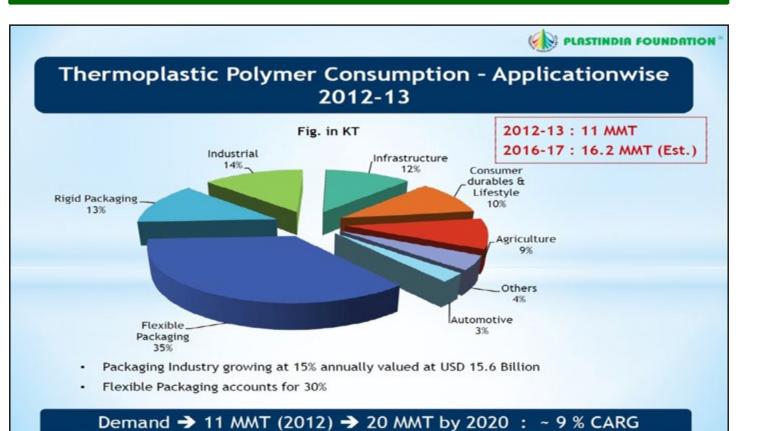
Total

6181 KT
Source: Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Govt. of India



A British Plastic Federation Overview for Indian Plastics Industry

DATA SHEET



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Plastics Recycling

- Last industry study on Recycling published in 2008
- Number of Organised Recycling Units: 3500

Source: PlastIndia Foundation Committee

- Number of Unorganised Recycling Units: 4000
- Major Types of Plastics Recycled: PET, HDPE, PVC, LDPE/LLDPE, PP, PS & others like ABS, PMMA etc.
- Manpower directly involved in Plastics Recycling: around 6, 00,000
- Manpower indirectly involved in Plastics Recycling: around 10, 00,000
- Quantum of Plastics Recycled per annum: 4 MMT. Estimation based on following facts:
 - Almost 100% of Rigid Packaging products is recycled except EPS
 - > 70% of PET Bottle is recycled
 - Large imports of Plastic scrap & waste pairings
 - Waste generated by Plastic Industry, Industrial Plastic Waste
 - Recycling including the ones from household, furniture etc applications
 - Plastic products which went into municipal solid waste

Source: ICPE 45

THINK Before You THROW

How to dispose waste wisely.

At Household Level

Keep two waste bins or even two plastics garbage bags.

 Think and throw Dry Waste into one and Wet waste into the other.

Instruct your sweeper to handle them separately.





- Instruct the Sweeper to keep the collected Dry Waste and Wet Waste Separately.
- Construct two separate areas to store Wet Waste and Dry Waste.
- Local Municipality authority would arrange to collect the Dry Waste and Wet Waste

What is Dry Waste: Consists of plastics, paper, glass, cloth, rubber, metal, etc., i.e., all recyclable material. This forms nearly 70% of the volume of waste

What is Wet Waste: Consists of garden waste, kitchen waste such as fruit and vegetable peels, egg shells, tea leaves etc., i.e. all bio-degradable material

IT'S SMART TO SEGREGATE WASTE

because the waste generated in households, consists of

Dry Waste and Wet Waste

Most of the Dry Waste can be recycled for manufacturing useful items. Wet Waste Can be composted / vermiculated to make manure for growing plants.

Do it - For the Sake of our Environment Do it - Because it is now the LAW!

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