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Today (01.06.2024), in KCBT, the Green brigade formed by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board along with the CMDA officials & BVG Staff are inspected all the shops operating in this campus and awareness activities are carried out to the shop vendors and distributed pamphlets on plastic free zone.

Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus at Kilambakkam was came into operation since 30.12.2023 and is currently operating in full swing, while a large number of facilities have already been established for the benefit of the passengers, additional works are being carried out to provide a pleasant travel experience and for the safety of the passengers. A total of 41 shops including 18 restaurants, 19 snack shops and 4 miscellaneous shops are currently operational in this bus terminal. 3 - 4 tonnes of garbage are being collected daily from the KCBT premises.

In order to improve the clean operation of the bus terminal and to protect the environment, the **entire KCBT campus has been declared as a "single-use plastic free zone" from 01.05.2024**. In order to implement it, various works have been carried out for the past one month to create awareness among the Shop vendors, Employees, Transport Department Employees and the passengers. In particular, a meeting was held on 06.05.2024 and 20.05.2024 with the shop vendors and employees of the shops currently operating and awareness activities were carried out through the Tamilnadu pollution control board and the District level officials of the Food Safety Department about the banned plastic products at the campus and the alternate products that should be used.

LIST OF BANNED PLASTIC ITEMS & ALTERNATE PRODUCTS

Sl. No.	List of banned plastic items	List of Alternative products
1.	Plastic sheet / cling film used for food wrapping	Aluminium Foil
2.	Plastic sheet used for spreading on dining table	Paper Roll
3.	Plastic Theromocol Plates	Lotus leaf plates, bamboo plates
4.	Plastic coated paper plates	Earthen clay products
5.	Plastic coated paper cups	Rice husk cups
6.	Plastic tea cups	Wooden Cups
7.	Plastic tumbler	Areca Leaf Tumbler
8.	Thermocol cups	Terracotta Products
9.	Plastic carry bags of all size & thickness	Cloth bags
10.	Plastic coated carry bags	Paper bags
11.	Non-woven carry bags	Jute bags
12.	Water pouches / packets	Glass bottles
13.	Plastic straw	Paper straws
14.	Plastic flags	Ear buds with bamboo sticks

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15.	Ear buds with plastic sticks	Balloons with paper sticks
16.	Candy with plastic sticks	Candy with bamboo sticks
17.	Ice-cream with plastic sticks	Ice cream with bamboo sticks
18.	Polystyrene for decoration	Paper material for decoration
19.	Cutlery such as plastic forks	Edible cutlery items
20.	Plastic spoons	Areca, wooden spoons
21.	Plastic knives	Bamboo knives
22.	Wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes	Paper boxes
23.	Wrapping or packaging films around invitation cards	Paper invitation
24.	Wrapping or packaging films around cigarette packets	Bio degradable packaging
25.	Plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron	Cloth banners
26.	Plastic stirrers	Wooden stirrers
27.	Plastic trays	-

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Also, in this regard, awareness posters have been pasted all over the KCBT premises to create due awareness among the Passengers, Employees and all other sections. After the awareness activities are completed, the campus will be periodically inspected and penalties will be imposed on the violators.

Therefore, in order to improve the functioning of the Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus at Kilambakkam and to protect the plastic-free environment, various measures are being taken to ensure the single-use plastic free zone. Therefore, all the stakeholders are requested to kindly support to make the Kalaignar Centenary Bus Terminus as a plastic-free campus.

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