

The Goa Tourism Development Corporation bans use of plastic bottles, cups, and straws

The Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) has announced the elimination of plastic bottles/cups/straws starting this practice from its headquarters to its hotels (GTDC Residencies) across the State.

This decision was taken at a recently held GTDC Board meeting where henceforth water, tea, coffee etc will be served in cups of paper or glass. Water dispensers, water filters will be installed at the tourism head office and residencies. Water will be served in metal or glass bottles which will be re-fillable.

Plastic bottles are amongst the major plastic items used in the tourism industry and they alone contribute to over 20 per cent of plastic pollution in the oceans. GTDC's residencies across the State will phase out the use of plastic bottles, plastic cups and straws in the next three months.

On achieving this, it will rope in the tourism stakeholders and other partners in the hospitality sector to be part of the large campaign against use of plastic bottles and plastic items.