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Online Workshop held on Assessment and Monitoring Tools for Marine Plastic Litter under the India-EU Trade and Technology Council WG2

The India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) Working Group 2 on Green & Clean Energy Technologies organized an online workshop on "Assessment and Monitoring Tools for Marine Plastic Litter " on 8th November, 2024, bringing together experts and officials from India and the European Union (EU) to address plastic pollution and discuss innovative monitoring solutions.

Read more At:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2071909>

CPCB targets plastic waste breaches, tightens PWM compliance in tenders

In response to rising complaints regarding violations of the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has issued stringent orders to State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) to enforce immediate action against offenders.

Read more at:

https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/cpcb-targets-plastic-waste-breaches-tightens-pwm-compliance-in-tenders-124102800924_1.html



Liquid waste management units to be set up at 122 villages in Bhiwani

Deputy Commissioner Mahavir Kaushik said liquid waste management units would be set up in 122 villages of Bhiwani district. He presided over a meeting of the District-Level Swachh Bharat Mission Management Committee at the DRDA hall in the Mini-Secretariat here.

Read more at:

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/haryana/liquid-waste-management-units-to-be-set-up-at-122-villages-in-bhiwani/>

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Managing the lifecycle of plastics: A balanced approach to economy and pollution



Plastic has become an indispensable part of modern life, embedded in everything from health care to packaging and infrastructure. Its versatility and cost-effectiveness have fueled global economic growth, driving innovation across industries. In health care, plastic is essential for sterile medical equipment, while in packaging, it ensures food preservation and reduces waste.

Read more at:

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/ht-insight/climate-change/managing-the-lifecycle-of-plastics-a-balanced-approach-to-economy-and-pollution-101730896848182.html>

India Builds 40,000 Km Of Rural Roads With Plastic Waste, Sustainable Highways Next

Nearly 40,000 kilometres of rural roads have been constructed using plastic waste under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, a senior official revealed on Tuesday (1 October). According to Vini Mahajan, Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), 13,000 kilometres have been completed using this sustainable method in the past two years alone.



Read full story:

<https://swarajyamag.com/infrastructure/india-builds-40000-km-of-rural-roads-with-plastic-waste-sustainable-highways-next>

GOACAN sounds alarm over Deposit Refund Scheme

GOACAN has expressed concern about the Deposit Refund Scheme (DRS) promoted by the Environment Department due to its implications for consumers who purchase products in the market and as taxpayers in their respective village panchayats and municipal councils. It may be noted that the DRS was notified on August 16, 2024 in the official Gazette without extensive consultations with all stakeholders concerned.

Read more at:

<https://www.heraldgoa.in/goa/goa/goacan-sounds-alarm-over-deposit-refund-scheme/415501>

GOA WILL BE 1ST IN COUNTRY TO IMPLEMENT DRS

- > **Deposit Refund System (DRS)** is a process where refundable deposit amount is collected from buyer while purchasing products with non-biodegradable packing and is refunded once consumer returns empty container to authorised return point
- > DRS will apply to products like **plastic bottles, aluminium cans and glass bottles**. The fee will vary depending on product packing
- > System aims to **reduce load on oceans, forest ecosystems** and ensure cleaner beaches in Goa
- > Govt feels DRS will **incentivise consumers to return empty containers**, strengthen recycling industry, create green jobs and boost local economy



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Road to Busan | Plastic Pollution INC-5



The fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5), is scheduled to take place from 25 November to 1 December 2024 at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center in Busan, Republic of Korea. The session will be preceded by regional consultations on 24 November 2024.

Read more at:

<https://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/resources/updates/road-to-plastics-inc-5/>

Business Leaders Call For Global Rules To Curb Plastic Waste

More than 20 chief executives from some of the world's largest companies have called on governments to agree 'global binding rules' to address the issue of plastic pollution. The 21 business leaders have signed an open letter organised by the Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty ahead of next month's United Nations treaty negotiations to curb plastic waste in Busan, Republic of Korea.

Read more at:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiehailstone/2024/10/27/business-leaders-call-for-global-rules-to-curb-plastic-waste/>



National Industry Consortium For Extended Producers Responsibility

WeCare is a growing consortium of self-motivated businesses focused on sustainable management of plastic and committed to Extended Producers Responsibility.



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