

Hoshiarpur DC makes office plastic free



“If you want to change others, you must change yourself first,” is the adage that Ms. Isha Kalia, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Hoshiarpur, Punjab believes. Having heard the PM’s request during the launch of Swachhata Hi Seva 2019 about making India free from single-use plastic, she decided to act upon the same.

The determined DC resolved to make her office plastic free and set about the task with the help of the district sanitation team. She also appealed to all staff working in the office to refrain from using plastic bags in the office.



Thereafter, she allowed a Self Help Group (SHG) from an NGO called Mount Carmel to organize a stall within the collectorate premises. The SHG has been making jute bags which they sold at a nominal cost. She insisted that all staff members

use jute bags instead of plastic bags.

Moreover, she appealed to the residents of Hoshiarpur to curb using plastic bags given their adverse effect on health and the environment. She went on to announce that the district administrative complex would be declared plastic free very soon.

Meanwhile, Swachhta Hi Sewa 2019 campaign was launched across the State of Punjab with much enthusiasm. Many activities and programmes were held to spread awareness amongst the communities.

