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## Impact of the strangulating manacles of plastic on humans and environment



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The environmental discourse of the 21st century is characterised by two fortuitous yet explicit ironies. One being the overarching need for avoiding plastic in contemporary environmental crusade and the other being the vicious nature of plastic as a substance itself, which once produced, is resilient to any attempt to obliterate it from the ecosystem. Back when the plastic industry started thriving in India during the late 20th century, no one could have imagined that a substance which feeds into almost all modern appliances and consumer utilities of routine use would pose the most draconian threat to global environment in multifaceted ways, in just a couple of decades to come. Reeling under the on-

slaughts of rapid industrialisation and subsequent urbanisation, most newly industrialised nations (NIDs), were grappling with conventional ecological challenges such as rising greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial activities, until almost the 90's. A major milestone in the global environmental discourse was the 1992 Earth Summit in Brazil, which led to the creation of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Until the 1970's baring few scientists and researchers, public concern about plastic, and polythene pollution or its adverse impact on human and ecological health alike, was minimal. It was only at the beginning of 1990's decade that ecologists began the discourse on linking plastic waste with wider issues like over-consumption, marine and air pollution.

Governments, NGO's and local communities across many developing countries, where waste disposal protocols are feebly implemented, began their roar towards banning single use plastics, including bags, straws, containers and microbeads. Eventually the term "microplastics" became prominent as plastic traces began being found in ground water, soil, agriculture produce and most shockingly even human blood samples. By 2022 there were ample evidences to prove the all pervasiveness of micro plastics. By 2010 most cities and countries had initiated legislation against single-use plastics. Fast forward to 2025

and it is public parlance that plastic use, poor recycling or disposal mechanisms and seepage of micro plastic particles in food chain, are the most perilous dangers looming over the planet. As we gear up for World Environment Day 2025, once again the menace of plastic pollution has been brought to limelight, just as it had been in 2023. And rightly so.

Today microplastic shreds, which are plastic particles less than 5 millimeters in size, are found in almost all organs of the human body, including the brain, liver, and kidneys, causing critical non communicable diseases. Myriad health disorders such as cognitive decline, hormonal disruptions, memory loss, and neuroinflammation, are becoming common among younger population. Bisphenol A (BPA) and phthalates, chemicals integral to plastics, are known endocrine disruptors, triggering not only cardiovascular diseases but also higher mortality in those with chronic co morbidities. Studies have also been pointing out to the unregulated toxins present in black plastics which have gained popularity in recent times. The impending economic burden on health systems in developing counties is already an explosive crisis. Microplastics are being found in atmospheric dust in remote regions like the Arctic coasts and Himalayas. When deposited in the soil, snow and ground water in mountainous regions, nano plastic fibres completely disrupt native flora and

fauna. According to the Zero Waste Himalaya Alliance, about 70% of the plastics collected from across the Himalayan belt from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh are non-recyclable and have no market value. Rivers and lakes become pathways for microplastics to glide from land to sea. No wonder then that more than 80% of marine litter is composed of plastics. According to UNESCO Ocean Literacy Portal research by 2050, "plastic will likely outweigh all fish in the sea. In the last ten years, we have produced more plastic products than in the previous century". The economic burden is yet another facet. The annual costs of plastic in the ocean is estimated to be between around \$6-19bn USD (UN estimates). This is owing to the disruption of tourism, fisheries, and cleaning efforts undertaken to dislodge heavy plastic deposits from the sea. As heaps of discarded plastic waste keep rotting across hills, rivers and seas, protocols like Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (amendments 2021 & 2022), have been implemented half heartedly. These regulations

areas. If human civilisation wants to dawn to a safer, healthier and sustainable tomorrow, then there is barely a little time to take constructive action but definitely no time anymore to waste, when it comes to making clean or green environmental choices. Not only do the existing climate mitigation protocols at the national and global level need urgent implementation, communities need to be sensitised about adopting safer alternatives to plastics such as bamboo, beeswax coating, ceramics, and biodegradable plastics. The Himalayan state of Uttarakhand, once steeped in pristine natural beauty, has been jostling with massive and unsystematic waste generation since over a decade now. Even remote Himalayan regions are dotted with plastic waste owing to high eco tourism and commercialisation. Although the state Government has adopted several initiatives towards mitigating this challenge, like Polythene Waste Banks, Plastic-Free Villages Initiative, incorporating Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) as a component of Solid Waste Management Rules,

mandatory recycling and collection, there is a long road ahead. There are multiple bottlenecks due to lack of active community participation in environment protection programme. Only when people become proactive in waste reduction, source segregation, voluntary recycling, and willingly adopt green alternatives to plastic for routine necessities, can the world aspire to become free from the manacles of plastics.

(The author is a retired civil servant; views are personal)

## BIS engages industry leaders through Manak Samvaad on WED

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) organised the Manak Samvaad programme on World Environment Day to strengthen collaboration with the industrial sector. The event focused on enhancing the quality culture in India and encouraging active industry participation in standardisation efforts. During the programme, BIS urged industry leaders

Tiwari addressed the gathering and encouraged industries to contribute to the standard formulation process by sharing their requirements and experiences. He referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement that Indian standards are now at par with international standards and said this serves as motivation for the industry. The cabinet minister and chief guest at the event Ganesh Joshi also congratulated BIS on the initiative. He called upon industry representatives to support the quality ecosystem and participate in the ongoing efforts to raise standards. He emphasised that collaboration between BIS and industry is essential to build a strong quality infrastructure. On the occasion of World Environment Day, attendees took a pledge to plant more trees and ensure their protection. They also committed to contributing towards making the city free from plastic waste. The event concluded with the distribution of licences to new entrepreneurs.



to adopt Indian standards to improve competitiveness and gain consumer trust. The director of BIS, Dehradun, Saurabh

## DAPIC collaborates with Metropolis Healthcare for advanced diagnostics in U'khand

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Diagnostic chain in Dehradun, Dr Ahuja's Pathology and Imaging Centre (DAPIC) announced its partnership with Metropolis Healthcare Group—India's second-largest diagnostic chain—through a Business Transfer Agreement.



Currently, DAPIC operates two NABL-accredited laboratories and nine patient service centres in Dehradun while Metropolis runs one laboratory and six centres in the city. Through this partnership,

the combined network is poised to launch 100 new centres over the next three years, extending diagnostic services to about 25 towns across Uttarakhand, including Haridwar, Rishikesh, Roorkee, Nainital, Mussoorie, Almora, Rudrapur and Khatima.

Over the next year, DAPIC will leverage Metropolis' portfolio of over 4,000 diagnostic tests to double its current offerings.

Lauding the collaboration, the founder of DAPIC, Dr Alok Ahuja said that this partnership with Metropolis would allow them to scale their vision and bring better services to more people across Uttarakhand.

The chief scientific and innovation officer, Metropolis Healthcare Limited, Dr Kirti Chadha said that this collaboration represented their commitment to extending advanced diagnostics beyond urban centres and strengthening local healthcare ecosystems in Uttarakhand.

## UCOST marks World Environment Day with day-long deliberations

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The Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST), in collaboration with the Himalayan Academy of Science and Technology (HAST) and the Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB), organ-



ised a day-long programme focused on environmental education and Himalayan ecological awareness to mark World Environment Day at the Regional Science Centre, Vigyan Dham on Thursday. The theme of the event was "Himalaya Naam Nagadhiraj - Dedication to Himalayan Knowledge and Environment for the Future of Mankind".

Environmental Reema Pant highlighted that environmental education is not just a subject but a vital life skill, stressing the need for personal accountability and a conscious reduction in plastic use to support sustainable living. She also noted that the day marked one year since the establishment of the HAST making the occasion even more significant in the context of environmental commitment and knowledge-sharing. UCOST director general Durgesh Pant urged the gathering to minimise the use of plastic and highlighted the council's environmental conservation initiatives such as "Maa Dharma Ko Naman" and the Tons river rejuvenation programme. HAST president GS Rawat emphasised the active involvement of youth in strengthening environmental education in the Himalayan region. UCOST joint director DP Uniyal highlighted the Importance of science communication and in-

tellectual property rights in the context of environmental education. Uttarakhand State Commission for Protection of Child Rights chairwoman Geeta Khanna emphasised the need to promote STEM education. She

proposed the launch of an E-waste collection campaign at the school level to foster environmental responsibility among children.

## Venkateshwara Group celebrates Environment Day along with UP Forest dept

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

To mark the World Environment Day, tree plantation, a seminar and environmental awareness rally were organised under the joint aegis of Shri Venkateshwara Group of Institutions, Shri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences and Multispecialty Hospital and Uttar Pradesh Forest department. Speakers on the occasion included the chairman of the Venkateshwara Group of Institutions, Sudhir Giri, pro-chancellor of Shri Venkateshwara University, Rajeev Tyagi and



senior Forest department officer of Uttar Pradesh, S P Singh. Giri exhorted all to take a pledge to gift

plants on social occasions like birthdays, wedding anniversaries and naming ceremonies. Tyagi in his address stressed on living life in harmony with nature, dedicated to conservation and promotion of nature. Singh said that in a laudable initiative, 2100 saplings of medicinal and shady trees were being planted in Meerut and Moradabad divisions under the joint aegis of Shri Venkateshwara Group and Forest department to mark the day.

## Saplings planted in 20K Anganwadi centres

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Dehradun

To mark the World Environment Day, the State Women Empowerment and Child Development department conducted a simultaneous plantation drive in about 20,000 Anganwadi centres spread across Uttarakhand. Explaining the objective behind the programme, the minister Rekha Arya said that environment protection was not just a government re-

sponsibility but of the society as a whole. The Anganwadi workers and their assistants planted saplings along with local children, their mothers and others, giving priority to fruit-bearing, shady and medicinal plants. The director of the department, Prashant Arya informed that the responsibility of taking care of the saplings planted on the day in each An-

ganwadi centre has been entrusted to those working in the respective centres. On this occasion, the officers and employees of the department along with the Anganwadi workers took oath to protect the environment and resolved to cooperate in keeping the State clean, green and beautiful through such initiatives in future as well.

**TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**  
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**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**  
(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notices as mentioned below calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The borrower, in particular, and the public in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the TATA Capital Housing Finance Limited, for an amount referred to below along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from date mentioned below.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s) (Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s))	Amount & Date of Demand Notice	Possession Date
10481567	Mr. Azeem A (as Borrower) and Mr. Mohd Nazim Alias Mohd Najim (Co-Borrower) and Mrs. Nasim Jahan (Co-Borrower) and M/s United Health Care Through his Proprietor (Co-Borrower)	Rs. 36,53,785/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five Only) as on 19-03-2025	03.06.2025

**Description Of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties:-** All Piece & Parcels of Plot with three shops each measuring 8x8 Ft., having land measuring East-25 Ft., West-25Ft., North-53.3 Ft., South-53.3 Ft., total land area of 1333 Sq. Ft. i.e. 123.805 Sq. Mtrs., comprised in Khassa no 283 Min. Situated at Shekuri Roorkee (within limits of Nagar Nigam Roorkee) Pargana Roorkee Tehsil Roorkee & District Haridwar with all common amenities under sale deed. Boundaries: East: Rasta 20 Ft. wide, West: Plot of Lateef, North: Rasta 8Ft. wide, South: House of Anwar

**DATE :- 06-06-2025**  
**PLACE:- Roorkee, (Uttarakhand)**

**Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER, FOR TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

**ICICI Home Finance** Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400059, India  
Branch Office: 1st floor, Ashirwad Tower, Model Colony, Near Ranipur Mor, Haridwar-249407.

Notice for sale of immovable assets									
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.									
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:									
Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured Asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date and Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	
1.	Ashok Kumar (Borrower) Jyoti Taneja (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHDEH00001492046/ LHDEH00001492240	1 Nagar Nigam House Tax No 254 Mohalla Ramnagar Roorkee Inside Nagar Nigam Roorkee Pargana Roorkee Haridwar Haridwar Roorkee 1 Roorkee Uttarakhand 247667	Rs. 72,39,396/- 27,2025	Rs. 67,68,800/- Rs.6,76,880/-	June 30, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 08, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 07, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession	
2.	Aaksh (Borrower) Lexmi Devi (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHH4WR00001507037/ LHH4WR00001507038	40 Plot No. 40 and 41 Khassa No. 41 Khassa No 440 Situated at Village Raipur Pargana and Tehsil Bhagwanpur District Haridwar Haridwar- 249402 40 Haridwar Uttarakhand 249403	Rs. 7,27,700/- 27,2025	Rs. 7,29,000/- Rs.72,900/-	June 30, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	July 08, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	July 07, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession	

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BidDeal.in>) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgages/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till July 07, 2025 before 5:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before July 07, 2025 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before July 07, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. - Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhc.com/>

Date: June 06, 2025  
Place: Haridwar

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited",  
CIN Number:- U65922MH1999PLC120106

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**  
15 days Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
On account of the amalgamation between Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. and Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. vide the Scheme of Amalgamation dated 11.03.2024 duly recorded in the Order passed by the National Company Law Tribunal - Ahmedabad on 24.03.2025, all SARFAESI actions initiated by Aditya Birla Finance Ltd. in relation to the mortgaged property mentioned, stands transferred to Aditya Birla Capital Ltd., the amalgamated company.  
Accordingly, the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Capital Limited / Secured Creditor had taken possession of the following secured assets pursuant to notice issued under Sec. 13(2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) for recovery of the secured debts of the secured creditor, for the dues as mentioned herein below with further charges and cost thereon from the following Borrowers and Co-Borrowers. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers that e-auction of the following property for realization of the debts due to the Aditya Birla Capital Limited will be held on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis.

**DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 24.06.2025, BETWEEN 11:00 A. M. TO 01:00 P. M.**  
**LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF KYC & EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD) : 23.06.2025**

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers & Co-Borrowers	Description of Properties / Secured Assets and Date of Possession	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)/ Incremental Value (in Rs.)	Demand Notice Date & Total Amt. (in Rs.)
1.	M/s. Wellmed Biotech Through its Proprietor Sneha Lata Gupta, 2. Mrs. Sneha Lata Gupta, W/O. Jitendra Kumar Gupta, 3. Mrs. Deepali Goel, 4. M/s. Fresh N Fine Homemade Soap, Through its Proprietor Deepali Goel, 5. Mr. Vipul Goyal LOAN AC. NO. :ABHARST000000637731	A Property 2 BHK Flat No. B-4, Without Roof Rights At Second Floor, Having Total Area 910 Sq. Ft. i.e. 84.55 Sq.mt., Situated At Mohalla New Adarsh Nagar, Village Malakpur Latipur (Within Municipal Limits Roorkee) Pargana & Tehsil Roorkee District Haridwar, Having Its Khata No.443, Khassa No.276 & 277, Bounded & Butted In East-By Property Sunil Kumar Jain, West- By Property Sunil Kumar Jain Than Passage 22 Feet Wide, North-By Property Sunil Kumar Jain, South- By Nala	Rs. 30,02,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lacs and Two Thousand Only)	Rs. 3,00,200/- (Rupees Three Lacs Two Hundred Only) Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand Only)	22.04.2024 & Rs. 35,92,498.71 (Thirty Five Lacs Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight And Seventy One Paise Only) due as on 12.04.2024

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aditya Birla Capital Limited / Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://abfl.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/IndividualProperties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx> or <https://BidDeal.in>

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Place: Haridwar, Uttarakhand  
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