

Carry cup, get free coffee in IIT Hyderabad

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Sangareddy: Come Monday, we will see the students and faculty of Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H) carrying their own coffee cups or mugs or tumbler to Shiru Café, a 100 per cent complimentary coffee shop, to get their cup of coffee.

Supporting the IIT-H management's effort to transform the institute, spread in 576 acres, premises into a Green Campus, the Shiru Café Management has decided to serve free coffee to all the students and faculty if only they bring their own cup or mug to the Coffee Shop, located in academic building.

Shiru Café management, which has been serving the Coffee in paper cups until now, has decided to discontinue the practice to restrict the garbage coming out from it. The announcement has become an instant talk of the IIT-H campus as the decision spread to all the communities within minutes on Friday.

Five Japanese corporate companies Rakuten Cookpad, Murata, SMS Data Tech and Works and Applications had together come up with the idea of setting up Shiru Cafes on the premier Japanese Universities to serve and hot and cool drinks to the students, free of cost. Since IIT-H is having a collaboration with Japan, its industry and institutes, they have set up the Shiru Café in 2016 on the campus.

It has been a big draw since it is the only coffee shop to operate on the campus until recently. It draws some 700 to 1,000 visitors a day.

Since his appointment, last August, Director, IIT-H, Prof BS Murthy, has initiated several measures to transform the campus into a Green Campus. He has banned using mineral water bottles even official meetings, seminars and conferences. He has further got installed water purifiers at 21 places at various places in the campus to discourage the students, and faculty from using mineral water bottles.

In addition to that, the Director has further made the plantation of saplings a must in the first week of every month. Even during the meetings, Prof Murthy has been regularly talking about the importance of restricting the use of plastic in day to day life.

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