



A youth led campaign to get single-use plastic bags banned in Kathmandu

Buyer Beware

Lots of unsuspecting customers are getting cheated into buying **Non-Woven Plastic Bags** by people who claim these bags to be an environment-friendly option.

These bags, unfortunately, have flooded the markets.

Even reputed Development Agencies, I/NGOs, Corporate Houses are seen using/promoting them.

MYTH	REALITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-Woven bags, that gives cotton-like feel, are bio- degradable.• Since the Non-woven bags are recyclable, they are more environment- friendly than polythene bags.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More than 90% of the bags that are currently being used in the market are made up of 98.3% Polypropylene fiber.• Like polythene, polypropylene does not decompose naturally.• It is not commercially feasible to recycle Polythene bags, and therefore they almost never get recycled even in rich countries.• Recycling of Non-woven bags is even more costly. It needs more energy to recycle, and releases more pollutants into the environment.

'No Thanks I Carry My Own Bag' campaign volunteers actively work to promote

- The habit of regularly using re-usable bags to help displace single-use plastic bags from our city,
- Creating incentives for those refusing single-use shopping bags including plastic bags and disincentives for those using plastic bags, and
- Creation of Green jobs for disadvantaged Nepali women who make bio-degradable shopping bags made of cotton, jute and used paper.

The Campaign is led by

The Gen Nep -Nation First (www.gennep.org) **Youth Leadership Group** in association with **HamriBahini –The Green Angels Social Enterprise** (www.hamribahini.org).