

Government General Degree College at Pedong

(NAAC Accredited with Grade B)

Pedong, Kalimpong West Bengal - 734311 Affiliated to University of North Bengal

ADMISSION PROSPECTUS

Academic Session 2025-2026

About the College

The hilly region in the North part of West Bengal has always been a centre of attraction for the people of pan India for its discrete and unrivalled beauty of diversified natural landscapes. Government General Degree College at Pedong affiliated to the University of North Bengal has in fact enhanced the charming appeal of the region to a considerable extent. Established in 2015 on 5 acres of space for its smooth functioning, the college is basically situated upon a maiden hill skirted by fresh greenly backdrops, 22 Kilometers away from Kalimpong town. Born out of the tireless efforts of the conscious civil society of Pedong and the good will of the Govt. of West Bengal the institution is really deemed to be a milestone for the educational progress of the region and the surroundings as well.



The college blazes the trail of its journey in 2015 successfully when **Shri Navin Poudyal** takes over his charge as the Officer-in Charge of the college. Initially, the college starts with the unconditional help from St. George H.S. School but now it has developed into a full-fledged college with an ardent team of teachers under W. B. E. S.

The college offers undergraduate MAJOR courses in various Arts and Science subjects under **Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)** NEP 2022 which is going to be implemented from the current academic year 2023-24. Under NEP, our college offering **BA Major in English, Nepali, History, Sociology and Political Science and B. Sc. Major in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Geology**.

Although there are some natural impediments due to its hilly location, the college is devoted to impart knowledge to the student community and illumine the region and thus would continue to be a great seat of learning.

From the Desk of the Officer-in-Charge:

Dear Students, Guardians and other stakeholders

Government General Degree College at Pedong is a pioneer of higher education in this region and beyond. The vision of our college is to mould the students into responsible citizens with education, advanced knowledge and moral values. Our mission is to inclusively uplift the youth by imparting quality education and equip them to cope with the latest requirements through innovative teaching and learning practices.



Government General Degree College at Pedong nestled in the Himalayas, claims the distinction of being West Bengal's farthest centre of higher education. It was established in 2015 and has completed 11 years of its academic journey. The College at present has 25 fulltime teaching faculty and 7 (3+4) support staff and offers 9 Honours Degree Programme and 3 multidisciplinary (MDC) Programme in B.A & B.Sc. In such a short period of time the College has seen success however, the path to this was not easy nor was it laid out with easy directions for us to pursue. All of us, the teachers, the support staff, students, guardians, local civil society, local administration and the Government through our combined efforts have not just been able to make this path but now we forge ahead this path to new found successes and glories every day.

As we continue this joint effort to become a model institution of higher studies, we aspire to offer more new programmes and even start with offering PG Degree Programmes at a foreseeable future. Under the caring and loving guidance of the local administration and the Government of West Bengal and that of the local civil society in Pedong we are sure that we will achieve this sooner than expected.

Finally, I want to assure that the college administration, our team of experienced, dedicated teachers and support staff believing in our college motto that is **Gyanam Sarvottam Samapada**– "Knowledge is the Best Asset" are doing their utmost, to give to our students the required edge to make their mark in this global world and to make them as ideal citizens of this great nation.

Mission and Vision:

Vision: Our institution aspires to be a catalyst for change in the region, fostering a culture of inquiry and addressing pressing regional, as well as global, human, social, and scientific challenges. We are dedicated to upholding the highest ethical standards, nurturing responsible citizenship, and cultivating empathetic individuals who embrace problem-solving and innovative thinking.

Furthermore, we are committed to championing gender equality by actively supporting local women in their pursuit of education and empowerment, overcoming socio-economic and ethnic barriers. Our vision is not only to recognize their achievements but also to implement tangible strategies to sustain and amplify their progress, ensuring a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

Mission:

- Promoting Academic Excellence: To provide quality education that adapts to changing needs, integrating contemporary developments and fostering a culture of invention.
- **Expanding Institutional Impact:** To address environmental, social, and cultural challenges, promoting free exploration, lifelong learning, and an innovative mindset.
- Empowering Stakeholders: To enhance stakeholders' abilities, foster entrepreneurship, provide access to information, and facilitate job opportunities through diverse initiatives. Additionally, we foster an ethical ethos and nurture responsible citizenship, with a focus on empowering local women in their fight for gender equality and rights.
- Enhancing Support for Academic Excellence: To enhance support structures, prioritizing investment in relevant research and teaching tools, along with academic and administrative resources, to realize our institution's vision.
- Equipping Students for Success: To educate students with skills for selfemployment and adaptive problem-solving, fostering resilience and selfmotivation.
- Pioneering Research for Societal Impact : Our goal is national recognition for basic and social sciences research, achieved through a step-by-step approach starting from local to state-level recognition, characterized by innovative approaches and creative thinking.
- Promoting Women's Independence and Safety: We provide women with life-centric education alongside formal structures, aiming to enhance their economic and psychological independence, thereby reducing the incidence of crimes against them.

Overview of the College

Location:

It is situated at Pedong which is about 22 kilometers away from the main town Kalimpong beside the Reshi Road. Government and private buses/taxis are available from the nearby towns like Kalimpong, Lava and Siliguri.

Departments:

The college has 9 undergraduate departments, where Honours courses and associated Multidisciplinary courses are taught. The Multidisciplinary course curriculums are also offered to the students. All courses will follow the proposed NEP structure in accordance with guidelines issued by North Bengal University.

Arts/Humanities:

1. Department of Nepali:



Name : SRI NAVIN POUDYAL Designation : Assistant Professor & O.I.C. Department : Dept. of Nepali Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Fiction





Name : SRI DIPESH LAMA Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Nepali Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Modern short story, Nepali Folklore



Name : SRI LAXUMAN SHERPA Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D. Department : Dept. of Nepali Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Drama

2. Department of English:



Name : SMT. SHIKHA TAMANG Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of English Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Indian English literature and Indian Writings in English



Name : DR. YOUSUF ALI Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D. Department : Dept. of English Qualification : M.A, Ph.D. Specialization : T.S. Eliot and Modern English Poetry



Name : SRI BABUL PRAMANIK Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of English Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Postcolonial Literature & Indian Writing in English

3. **Department of History:**



Name : SMT. PEMA JANGMU BHUTIA Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D. Department : Dept. of History Qualification : M.A.

Specialization : Modern India



Name : SMT. BABIN BALA MOKTAN Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of History Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Modern India



Name : KAUSAR ANSARI Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of History Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Economic History of India From 1757 to 1947AD

4. Department of Political Science:



Name : DR. BARUN ADHIKARY Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D Department : Dept. of Political Science Qualification : M.A., M.Phil, Ph.D. Specialization : Vidwan Expert ID: 527531

Name : DR. AMBIKA THAMI Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Political Science Qualification : M.A., Ph.D. Specialization : Political Thought and Theory Vidwan Expert ID: 516343



Name : DR. DIPTI TAMANG Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Political Science Qualification : M.A, Ph.D. Specialization : International Politics; Gender and Pol Vidwan Expert ID:



Name : MRS. NATASHA LAMA Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Political Science Qualification : M.A.. Specialization : Political Thought and Theory Vidwan Expert ID: 536825

5. <u>Department of Sociology:</u>



Name : SMT. PRATIVA PRADHAN Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D. Department : Dept. of Sociology Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Rural and Urban Sociology; Sociological Thought and Theory Vidwan Expert ID: 505995



Name : SMT. EESHA MOKTAN Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Sociology Qualification : M.A. Specialization : Ethnicity and Ethnic Identity; Gender and Urban Studies Vidwan Expert ID: 504025



Name : DR. SUPANA BAGDAS Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Sociology Qualification : M.A, M.Phil, Ph.D Specialization : Discrimination and Exclusion, Social Stratification and Gender Studies Vidwan Expert ID: 605349



Name : SMT. PRIYANKA PRADHAN Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Sociology Qualification : M.A, B.Ed. Specialization : Rural and Urban Sociology Vidwan Expert ID: 601872

Science:

1. Department of Geology:



Name : DR. KOUSTAV CHATTERJEE Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Geology Qualification : M.Sc., Ph.D Specialization : Structural Geology Vidwan Expert ID: 514728



Name : DR. SUBHASISH KUMAR Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Geology Qualification : M.Sc., Ph.D Specialization : Sedimentology Vidwan Expert ID: 511860

2. <u>Department of Chemistry:</u>



3. Department of Mathematics:



Name : SRI BAPON CHANDRA SAHA Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Mathematics Qualification : M.Sc. Specialization : Advance General topology & Measure & Integration



Name : DR. IKBAL HOSSEIN SARKAR Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D. Department : Dept. of Mathematics Qualification : M.Sc, B.Ed, Ph.D. Specialization : Coral Reef Dynamics

4. Department of Physics



Name : MD. MINARUL SAIKH Designation : Assistant Professor Department : Dept. of Physics Qualification : M.Sc. Specialization : Condensed Matter Physics Vidwan Expert ID: 508262



Name : DR. SAJAD ALI Designation : Assistant Professor & H.O.D Department : Dept. of Physics Qualification : M.Sc., Ph. D. Specialization : Experimental Nuclear Physics Vidwan Expert ID: 504035

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Infrastructure:

Since it is established in 2015, this college has come a long way in infrastructure development. The three storey building has a large number of well-lit and spacious classrooms with white boards. We have an auditorium with all technologically smart set up like projectors, sound system etc. We also have smart class infrastructure. There is a provision of common room for girls. We have water purifiers with coolers to ensure drinking water supply for the students. For science courses, the college has well equipped laboratory for conducting practical classes. For additional security of girls, the college has CCTV cameras at different locations in all the floors with a live feed to the Principal's office.

Library:

Library in the twenty first century has become more important and essential for any educational sphere. For higher education, however, it has come to be adjudged a part and parcel of the education sector. Since there is a huge competition in the job market now-a-days, a library is supposed to be answering to the demand for more study materials. Therefore, a library replete with all sorts of study materials plays a pivotal part not only in helping students get through a certain course of study but also in aiding them for the preparations for their career in the job market. Given these aspects, Govt. General Degree College at Pedong also possesses a spacious library. Although it is new and is not fully furnished yet but still the library consists of a considerable body of books which the college is proud of. We also look forward to receiving more funds from the Govt. of West Bengal and will accordingly multiply materials in the future for facilitating our students in the maximum.



Scholarship/ Free studentship:

As per existing government rules, merit based scholarships from the Government based West bengal include:

- 1. Swami Vivekananda Merit cum Means Scholarship
- 2. OASIS for SC, ST and OBC students
- 3. Kanyashree
- 4. Aikyashree
- 5. Nabanna Scholarship
- 6. Merit based scholarship from the Government of India : National Scholarship Portal
- 7. Student Credit Card Scheme (SCC)

These scholarships are provided to meritorious and poor students of the college.

National Service Scheme:

The National Service Scheme Unit of the college formally came into existence in the year 2017. The unit is an added sphere to the higher education system so as to make the students contribute to the community with their service whilst learning from books and beyond. The unit aims to make the students understand the community they live, identify the problems that exist in their community while trying to solve them ensuring their active participation while they do so. The NSS unit also focuses on developing the social as well as civic responsibility amongst the students. This is put into action by performing regular activities like cleanliness drives, tree plantation, seminars and awareness programs and a special camp held every academic year for a span of one week at the adopted village where students engage in depth with the village community to improve and help the adopted village and its members. The NSS unit looks forward to the view that by the end of their student career, the personality as well as character of the students will improve through their voluntary community services.

This year a group of approximately 60 volunteers participated in the special camp at our adopted village of Merong Gaon, Newang from 17.03.2024- 23.03.2-24 where they conducted and participated in various activities as follows:

- Maintenance of S.S.K School.
 - Painting the school
 - Replacing the broken doors

- > Creation of Reading/ Learning space for Children.
- An awareness program on Good Touch / Bad Touch for the students of SSK and children from the village.
- > A teaching on First Aid for the students and making of a first aid kit for the school.
- > Cleaning drive at the school and the village.
- > Distribution of stationery and school uniforms.
- > Health Camp in collaboration with Pedong BPHC.
- > Eye Check Up in collaboration with Pedong BPHC.
- > Installing dustbins in the village.









Games and Sports:

"You will be nearer to Heaven through football than through the study of Gita".

Vívekananda

Sports not only increase one's physical fitness. It also helps in the holistic growth of one's character by inculcating the values of ambition, discipline, social responsibility and teamwork thereby promoting the development of a healthy mind and body. Hence, it is imperative that equal importance be given to both education as well as physical fitness.



We provide the students with various opportunities in terms of both indoor and outdoor games.

Indoor Games:

- ✓ Table Tennis
- Chess
- ✓ Ludo
- ✓ Carrom

Outdoor Games: ✓ Football ✓ Cricket ✓ Volleyball ✓ Badminton Additionally, our large campus welcomes students to engage in outdoor games. By competing in and winning district-level intercollegiate sports events, our students have brought pride to our school. Every winter, the institution hosts an annual sports festival that provides students with the chance to participate in events and display their abilities. This is a fantastic opportunity for the young people of Pedong, a distant and underdeveloped area. These sports-related activities foster in the kids a culture of sportsmanship by encouraging them to accept both success and failure in their stride.

As Ken Doherty said: "The five S's of sports training are: stamina, speed, strength, skill, and spirit, but the greatest of these is spirit."

Cultural Activities:

Education includes a child's overall growth and goes beyond a certificate that students earn upon finishing a course. In the words of Asia's first Nobel Laureate and international "cultural icon," *Kobiguru Rabindranath Tagore*—

"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence."



Academies have a significant role in molding a student's entire personality. Taking part in cultural activities helps students develop their social and life skills. It increases their confidence and provides them with the opportunity to sharpen their social skills with fellow classmates. Through these activities, they develop a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and the ability to overcome difficult obstacles and solve difficulties that arise in everyday life.

Several cultural activities are observed within our college premises, with enthusiastic involvement from teachers, students, and non-teaching staff alike such as Nepali Vasa Manyata Diwas, Freshers/Farewell programme, Tecaher's day, College foundation day, World Environment day etc.

Courses Offered:

The college offers the following courses at the Under-graduate level:

- 4-Year Under-Graduate Bachelor's degree in Arts (Honours and Honours with Research) with Major in Nepali, English, History, Pol. Science, Sociology.
- 4-Year Under-Graduate Bachelor's degree in Science (Honours and Honours with Research) with Major in Geology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.
- 4-Year Under-Graduate Bachelor's degree with Multidisciplinary program of studies in Humanities (Nepali, English, History, Pol. Science and Sociology).
- 4-Years Under-Graduate Bachelor's degree with Multidisciplinary program of studies in Pure Science (Geology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics).
- 1. <u>Course subjects Single Major and Single Minor course B.A. 4 year U.G.P:</u>

(Students should choose any one subject as Major and choose the Minor from the remaining subjects)

Sr.	MAJOR/MINOR SUBJECT					
1.	NEPALI					
2.	ENGLISH					
3.	HISTORY					
4.	POLITICAL SCIENCE					
5.	SOCIOLOGY					

2. Course subjects Single Major and Single Minor course B. Sc. 4 year U. G. P:

(Students should choose any one subject as Major and choose the Minor from the remaining subjects)

Sr.	MAJOR/MINOR SUBJECT				
1.	MATHEMATICS				
2.	CHEMISTRY				
3.	GEOLOGY				
4.	PHYSICS				

3. <u>Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary) for B. A.:</u>

(Students should choose any two subjects from any two Combinations as Major subjects and choose the third subject from the other remaining Combinations as Minor subject.)

MAJOR / MINOR SUBJECTS						
COMBINATION-A	COMBINATION – B	COMBINATION - C				
ENGLISH	POLITICAL SCIENCE	HISTORY				
NEPALI		SOCIOLOGY				

4. <u>Three Discipline Specific Courses (Multidisciplinary) for B.Sc.:</u>

(Students should choose any two subjects from any two Combinations as Major subject and choose the third subject from any one of the remaining two Combinations as Minor subject.)

MAJOR / MINOR SUBJECTS								
COMBINATION-A	COMBINATION – B	COMBINATION - C	COMBINATION-D					
PHYSICS	MATHEMATICS	CHEMISTRY	GEOLOGY					

Eligibility Criteria

a) General eligibility criteria

I. 4-Year Under-Graduate Bachelor's degree in Arts/Science (Honours and Honours with Research):

A student will be allowed to take admission in the Single Major Single Minor Course of B.A./B.Sc., if he/she/transgender has passed in at least four (04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto. Provided that a candidate who has obtained-

(a) 55% marks in the aggregate,

Or

(b) 50% in the aggregate with 60% marks in a subject / related subject in the last qualifying Examination shall be eligible to apply for Single Major and Single Minor course in that subject. Admission will be on merit and availability of seats, provided that for SC/ST OBC-A/OBC-B/PWD Candidates, the minimum marks for eligibility will be as per rules of the State Government. Provided further that in matter of eligibility 54.5% marks or above shall be equal to 55%, 49.5% and above shall be equal to 50% and 59.5 marks or above shall be equal to 60%.

II. 4-Year Under-Graduate Bachelor's degree with Multidisciplinary program of studies in Arts/Pure <u>Science:</u>

A student will be allowed to take admission in the Multidisciplinary Course of B. A. /B. Sc., if he/she/transgender has passed in at least four (04) subjects with English as compulsory subject in the Higher Secondary [10+2] Examination held by the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education or any other Examination which is recognized by the University as equivalent thereto.

A candidate shall be allowed to pursue B.A. / B. Sc. Multidisciplinary Course if he/ she have passed the qualifying Examination in Vocational Stream subjects. Such students shall have the option to study up to the end of 6th semester.

Admission will be on merit and availability of seats, provided that for SC/ST Candidates, the minimum marks for eligibility will be as per rules of the State Government.

Provided however that:

1. A candidate will be allowed to take up any subject except Computer Science, Microbiology, and such other interdisciplinary subjects in B.A. /B.Sc. FYUG Program, if he/she/transgender has passed in the corresponding subject (s) at the Higher Secondary Examination (10+2) recognized as equivalent by the University.

2. A candidate will be allowed to take up Sociology if he/she/transgender has passed in the previous qualifying examination of any stream.

3. A candidate will be allowed to take up Physics Subject if he/she/ transgender have passed in Mathematics and Chemistry along with Physics and other subject as prescribed at the qualifying examination.

4. A candidate will be allowed to take up Chemistry Subject if he/she/ transgender have passed in Mathematics and Physics along with Chemistry and other subject as prescribed at the qualifying examination.

5. A candidate will be allowed to take up Mathematics Subject if he/she/ transgender have passed in Physics and Chemistry along with Mathematics and other subject as prescribed at the qualifying examination.

6. A candidate will be allowed to take up Geology subject if he/she/ transgender has passed in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry at the qualifying examination.

7. No student other than those of Science stream and Economics/Geography of Arts stream will be allowed to take Science subjects as Minor Subjects.

8. A candidate pursuing Major in a subject will not be allowed to take up the same subject as Minor.

9. A candidate will be NOT allowed to pursue a Major Course if he/she/transgender has passed the qualifying examination in Vocational Stream subjects. The candidate will be allowed to pursue a maximum of Three Year under a Multidisciplinary Course if he/she/transgender has passed the qualifying examination in Vocational Stream subjects.

MERIT POINT CALCULATION

Admission to all the Honours and MDC Courses will be based strictly on merit. Merit shall be calculated as per the following norms:

MERIT POINT
$$= T/4$$

Where T is:

1. For a Single Major and Single Minor course, where student has studied the subject at +2 (H. S.) level:

T = Marks obtained in Major/related subject + Marks obtained in English + Best marks obtained in other two subjects (excluding EVS, the subject opted for MAJOR & English).

2. For a Single Major and Single Minor course, where student has not studied the subject at +2 (H. S.) level:

T = Marks obtained in English + Best marks obtained in other three subjects (excluding EVS, the subject opted for MAJOR & English).

TIEBREAKING RULES:

If the merit point T is equal for candidates then following tiebreaking rules will be applied consecutively:

- 1. Percentage of marks obtained in the chosen Major subject. If this does not break the tie then,
- 2. Total percentage of marks obtained in H. S. /10+2/Diploma shall be considered for the merit and candidate having higher percentage of marks shall be ranked higher in the merit list for admission.

Subject/Course wise Intake/Seat Capacity:

SUBJECT/COURSE	UR	UR PWD	sc	SC PWD	ST	ST PWD	OBC- A	OBC- A PWD	OBC- B	OBC- B PWD	EWS	EWS PWD	TOTAL SEATS
ENGLISH	21	1	10	1	3	0	5	0	3	0	5	0	49
NEPALI	17	1	8	1	2	0	4	0	3	0	4	0	40
SOCIOLOGY	21	1	10	1	3	0	5	0	3	0	5	0	49
HISTORY	17	1	8	1	2	0	4	0	3	0	4	0	40
POLITICAL SCIENCE	17	1	8	1	2	0	4	0	3	0	4	0	40
MATHEMATICS	11	1	6	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	28
PHYSICS	11	1	6	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	28
CHEMISTRY	11	1	6	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	28
GEOLOGY	11	1	6	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	3	0	28
Multidisciplinary Course of B. A.	78	4	38	2	10	1	17	1	12	1	17	1	182
Multidisciplinary Course of B. Sc.	21	1	10	1	3	0	5	0	3	0	5	0	49

Fee Structure:

FEE STRUCTURE for ADMISSION IN 1ST SEMESTER	B. A. MAJOR and B. A. Multidisciplinary	B. Sc. MAJOR and B. Sc Multidisciplinary			
ADMISSION FEE	100	100			
TUITION FEE	450	550			
LIBRARY FEE	20	20			
SESSION FEE	200	200			
UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION FEE	300	300			
SPORTS FEE	150	150			
LABORATORY FEE	0	15			
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE	200	200			
ID CARD FEE	50	50			
TOTAL	1470	1585			

"Come to Pedong, to build your future alongside nature"