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Policy Document on Green Campus and Energy Conservation

Government General Degree College, at Pedong is situated at an altitude of 1.240 meters and is located at a distance of 22 kms. away from the main town, Kalimpong. This facilitates to further create the 'social situatedness' that is considered ideal for the holistic development of young minds. The institution offers a calm and peaceful environment and is at a considerable distance from the hullabaloo of the town. Its close proximity with nature provides a suitable environment in which young minds can thrive. Green, luscious tree and plants flanks the college from all sides. The institution has a rich flora and a small garden of medicinal plants of its own. Pedong itself is a very small village which has remained untouched by any form of urbanization and industrialization and as a result of which its environment is free from any modern day contamination and adulteration. The institution is aware of this privilege that it holds and tries its level best to keep the nature of its surroundings in its original state and safeguards it against any human induced hazards. The college not only tries to conserve energy but at the same time tries to shift to the usage of alternative and more sustainable source of energy. To achieve this end the institution drafts its own set of policies that is binding to all, whosoever becomes a part of it. This policy document outlines the principles, objectives, and actions necessary to create a greener, more sustainable campus.

Focus Areas

- 1. **Sustainability:** Integrating sustainable practices into daily operations and long-term planning while keeping topography of the land under consideration.
- 2. **Waste Management:** Establish a comprehensive waste management and recycling. program for bio-degradable, non-degradable waste. Implement composting facilities for organic waste.

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- 3. **Green Landscaping:** Create and maintain community gardens and green landscaping with plantation of trees and plants.
- 4. **Spread Education and Awareness:** Disseminate information to awaken Environmental Consciousness and a sense of responsibility towards nature.
- 5. **Community Engagement:** Encouraging participation and collaboration towards sustainable development and green initiatives from the community and other welfare societies in the locality.
- 6. **Innovation:** Embracing innovative measures and technologies to reduce environmental waste, reuse and recycle.
- 7. **Continuous Assessment:** Conduct regular assessments and audits to track progress like Green Audit and Gender Audit.

Objectives of the Policy

- To promote and propagate the habit of maintaining cleanliness in and around the institution.
- To conduct campaigns, workshops, seminars in order to arouse environmental consciousness among the students and inculcate within them a sense of belonging and oneness with nature.
- To collaborate with local communities and participate with them in green campus initiatives.
- ✤ To conserve energy and make judicious use of the available energy resources.
- ◆ To shift towards more sustainable and alternative sources of energy and resources.
- ✤ To promote eco-centric viewpoint.
- To encourage students to walk to college, carpool or use other more sustainable forms of transportation.

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- ✤ To curtail the use of plastic, reuse it and try level best to make the campus plastic free
- Discourage the students from using plastic bottles and bags and opt for sustainable alternatives.
- ✤ To reduce wastage and reuse waste materials innovatively.
- ✤ Ensure and monitor safe disposal of waste.

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