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GOVERNMENT GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE AT PEDONG

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Distinctiveness of Government General Degree College at Pedong

The institutional distinctiveness of *Government General Degree College at Pedong* encompasses **inclusive practices of empowering First-generation learners**. The very geographical location of the college with its rural setting; proximity to cultural, natural, and regional characteristics and attractions, plays a pivotal role in its distinctiveness. The college's mission statement and core values shape its identity and guide its decisions and actions. The composition and characteristics of the student body, including diversity, academic achievements, extracurricular interests, and community involvement, contribute to the college's unique identity.

Being a newly established Govt. College under the *University of North Bengal* that started its initial journey back in 2015 under the visionary leadership of the Officer-in-charge, the college offers quality education at a reasonable cost to its students who are mostly first-generation learners as well as access to financial aid and scholarships as per the rules and regulations framed by the Govt. of West Bengal. The College relentlessly tries to provide excellence in education with the distinguished faculty members coming from different parts of West Bengal and creates a learning environment having unity and integration that fosters intellectual growth and achievement. Disseminating higher education to this hilly area of Pedong the college primarily fulfils the need of an educational institution which provides the scope and opportunities for further study after higher secondary level for the students of this region. The local *Pedong Educational Society* was instrumental in identifying the educational needs and ensuring the successful establishment and ongoing success of the college making it a representative institution for local development and progress.

Nestled in a vibrant hilly region with opportunities *Government General Degree College at Pedong* strives continuously and engages its students for involvement in both academic and extracurricular activities that enhance the overall college experience. Embracing diversity and promoting a welcoming and inclusive campus environment the college celebrates and fosters cultural understanding. Teachers of the college acknowledge the diverse backgrounds and experiences of first-generation learners and cater the needs so that students feel valued and understood. Teachers remain dedicated for extra classes that address specific challenges and regularly assess students' progress and adjust teaching methods as needed to ensure effective learning. Teachers establish strong and trustful relationships with students ensuring that there are no such barriers in the effective Teaching-Learning process. Faculty members are sincere to academic advising and career counseling to help students succeed academically and personally. They also inculcate and instill ethical and moral values in students promoting integrity, social responsibility, and ethical leadership. Through Parent-Teacher Meetings, Teachers engage with

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the families of first-generation learners to help them understand the educational process and build self-confidence among them with positive reinforcement. Beyond the purview of academic pursuits in the inclusive environment, students are also encouraged for engagement and active participation in workshops, seminars, events, field visits and cultural programmes organized by the college.

The library of Government General Degree College at Pedong plays a crucial role by providing essential resources and services supporting the educational needs of the students. The library offers access to various resources including textbooks, reference books, journals and magazines, making it an integral part for academic success, lifelong learning, and promoting intellectual growth within the college community.

The NSS unit of *Govt. General Degree College at Pedong* performs over the years in the holistic development of students encouraging them to engage with the community contributing to nation building through various activities and promoting a sense of social responsibility giving importance to societal issues. Involvement in NSS activities helps our students to develop a range of skills including leadership, team work, communication, management and build confidence, empathy, and a sense of accomplishment among them. Thus, the NSS Unit enriches the college experience of students by bridging the gap between academic learning and practical community-oriented services.

The Anti Ragging Cell of the college typically undertakes various activities, initiatives and organizes orientation programs, workshops, and seminars to educate students about the anti-ragging policies, and the importance of maintaining a ragging free campus. The Cell also displays posters, banners, notices, and helpline numbers across the campus to spread awareness. By implementing these activities, the Anti Ragging Cell promotes zero tolerance for Ragging in the college campus creating a safer and supportive environment for all.

A holistic approach to college education emphasizes the development of the student community, as most of our students come from the local rural background. As a part of interdisciplinary curriculum, Teachers encourage students to explore various fields and understand the connections between them, fostering critical thinking and creativity. We tailor educational experiences to individual goals, possible due to the conducive ratio of students and teachers. The College also focuses on developing essential life skills of students such as communication, collaboration, problem-solving and leadership through various curricular and extracurricular activities. The College practices the motto of harmonious development giving educational access to all and hence Teachers inspire students in engaging activities to keep themselves motivated and involved. Backing students from the economically challenged society, Teachers provide access to diverse resources and prepare them with the skills to adapt in the

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Higher education system for the integration and overall learning experiences. The academic thrust of the college is based on the principle of life-long learning rather than enabling students to be graduates. Though it is a relatively new college it has an alumni association which communicates and offers support for college students. Despite the remote location and difficult connectivity, the college has adapted and overcome its challenges to produce well-rounded successful students in different subjects contributing positively to the locality. In future, *Government General Degree College at Pedong* will also go on representing hopes for the students in the most affordable and accessible way possible and empowering them to achieve their full potential through education and making them responsible future citizens.

Thus, these elements of inclusive practices shape the institutional distinctiveness of *Govt. General Degree College at Pedong* providing a supportive and enriching learning environment and contribute to its overall identity, reputation, and appeal to the prospective students, faculty members, and stakeholders.



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Celebration of College Foundation Day with Pedong Educational Society



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Observation of World Environment Day at the campus of GGDC at Pedong



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Participation in Games and sports by the students of GGDC at Pedong



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Campus Cleaning Drive at Govt. General Degree College, Pedong





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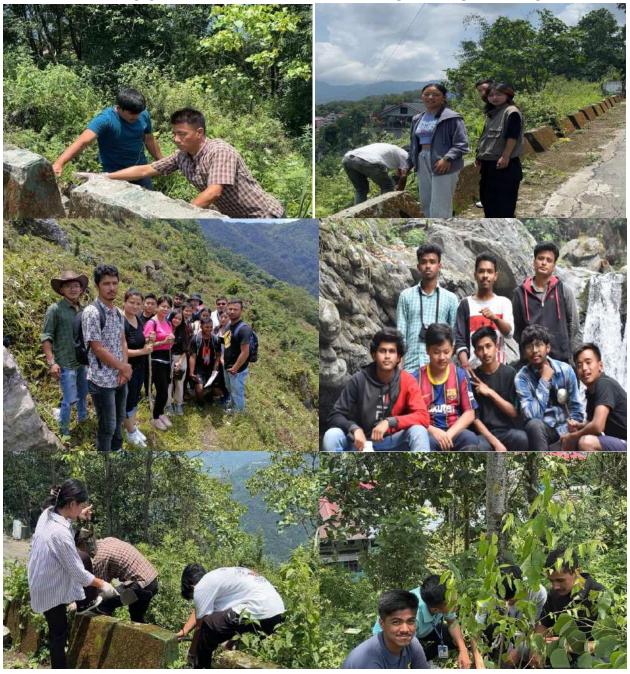
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Engagement with Nature, Govt. General Degree College at Pedong



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Visit to the Court & Police station by the Dept. of Political Science, GGDC at Pedong



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Glimpses from the Student Seminars organized by the College









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Awareness Programme on Gender Sensitization organized by GGDC at Pedong



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Zero tolerance for Ragging at the campus of Govt. General Degree College at Pedong







Anti Ragging Helpline : 1800-180-552

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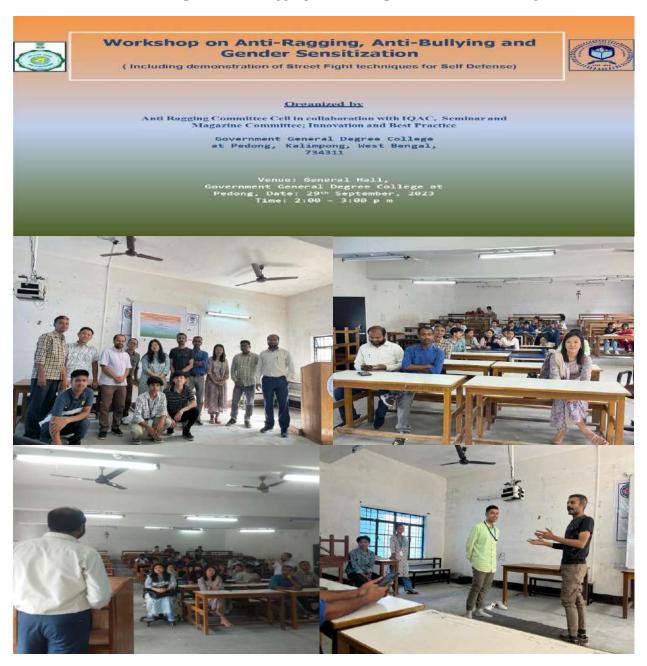
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Workshop on Anti-Ragging at the campus of GGDC at Pedong



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A Brief look at the Library, Govt. General Degree College at Pedong









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Some snapshots of the Farewell programme organized by GGDC at Pedong



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Field work & Visit to the places of Historical Interest



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Nepali Bhasa Manyata Divas organized at the campus of Govt. General Degre College at Pedong



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Electoral Literacy Club & Participation in Youth Parliament Competition





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Participation in National Service Scheme by the students of Govt. General Degree College at Pedong



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