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GOVERNMENT GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE AT PEDONG

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Other relevant Information of Institutional Distinctiveness, GGDC at Pedong

1. The Department of Geology, Govt. General Degree College at Pedong

The Department of Geology at GGDC in Pedong stands as a unique academic cornerstone in Northern West Bengal, being the only college in the region to offer a dedicated Geology program since 2015. Staffed by three dedicated faculty members, the department is well-equipped with a petrology lab containing microscopes, a computer lab for students and practical classes, and a classroom showcasing diverse rock, mineral, and fossil samples. Graduates from the department have predominantly pursued higher education, advancing to master's and doctoral programs at various esteemed institutes, while others are employed in professions such as mining and exploration, school education, or the banking sector. Committed to experiential learning, the department regularly conducts field visits, allowing students to engage with natural and social environments. Additionally, the department utilizes specialized instruments, mainly a projector and a sandbox instrument, to develop an understanding of relevant phenomena related to earth sciences through the use of Information and Communication Technology tools and analog modeling. Faculty members actively contribute to the academic community as members of the Affiliating University's Board of Studies, playing a crucial role in curriculum development. The department initially followed a 1+1+1 system until 2017-18, transitioned to the university's CBCS system in 2018-19, and has recently adopted the Four-Year Undergraduate Program in the 2023-24 session. This continuous evolution and commitment to academic excellence make the Geology Department at GGDC a distinguished entity in the region.



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Glimpses of 2019 Field visit to Purulia. Top Left: Breakfast time. The remaining pictures shows the mapping and data collection activity during the field work.

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Class rooms of the Department: 1. Petrology Laboratory cum class room. 2. Class room showcasing the geological specimens, 3. Classroom with Computers for students and Practical classes

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Glimpses of 2022 and 2023 Field visits in the surrounding rock exposers, mainly, Santook Khasmahal (Top) Pala River Section (Middle Frame) . The bottom frame, Students are having lunch (Reili River Section)

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2. Whispering Hills Literary Society (WHLS)

Under the patronage of the Officer-in-Charge, Govt. General Degree College at Pedong formed a literary society named *Whispering Hills Literary Society* in the year 2019 which was a joint venture by the Dept. of Nepali and the Dept. of English. The Literary Society meets to discuss books, share insights, and explore different genres and authors. Students are encouraged to make engaging debates and discussions on literary topics, themes, and the impact of literature on society. The Literary society organizes competitions that encourage the students to showcase their writing talents and recite their own literary pieces in front of an audience. There was a literary programme organized by the *Whispering Hills Literary Society* on 12th March 2022 at the campus of *Govt. General Degree College at Pedong* on the auspicious occasion of the official book launch (*She Blooms Anyway* (A Collection of Poems) and *Love (Noun) Needs Love (Verb) to be True* (A Collections of Poems) of Miss Rippandi Lepcha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, Government General Degree College at Pedong.

These activities help the student community to develop their literary skills, gain exposure to different literary forms and traditions, and foster a community of like-minded individuals who are passionate about literature.



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Snapshots of the Programme organized by Whispering Hills Literary Society



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