



**GREEN CAMPUS
AND
ENVIRONMENT POLICY,**



**WILLIAMNAGAR GOVERNMENT COLLEGE,
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya**



An initiative

by

**The 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club,
Williamnagar Government College**



Green Campus and Environment Policy

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Verification Report

on the

practices adopted by Williamnagar Government College through its
Green Campus and Environment Policy

This report summarizes the validity of the Green Campus and Environment Policy adopted by Williamnagar Government College.

I congratulate the team of the 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club for putting forth a Policy pertaining to the environmental issues and preservation to be adopted and implemented in the Institution. In examining the Policy and on inspecting the practices adopted by the College, I admire the dynamic goals set by the Institution towards environmental awareness and preservation through environmental practices in everyday life although comprising of only six Arts Departments, in the absence of a Science Stream. The key areas that the Institution has chosen to work on shows the determination of all the stakeholders of the college who are determined to ensure that change can be brought in our educational institutions and community.

Furthermore, on inspecting the campus, my findings on the initial steps taken by the Institution in adopting eco-friendly practices are meticulously executed. The Policy itself is an evolving document, as stated by the Convener of the 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club, therefore, I can only hope that more issues and areas of environmental preservation would be undertaken by the Institution in the future. The Policy highlights the significant role that educational institutions can play in addressing environmental issues and brings elements of education that provide a coherent and effective reforms in the environment and the community. I am confident that the Institution would see the fruition of its Green Campus and Environment Policy and thrust in the area of environmental preservation.



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Head, Dept. of Botany

Tura Government College

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From the desk –



Principal's Message



It is a matter of great pride that the College, through the 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club has put their best efforts in framing the Green Campus and Environment Policy of the Institution to encourage the faculties and students to address the pressing environmental issues. This Policy document highlights the key issues that have been recognized by the Institution to be addressed through various efforts from the Institution to bring about solutions and environmental awareness, not only to the students of the college, but also to the community of East Garo Hills.

Through this Policy, the College seeks to inculcate a sense of responsibility of each individual in the society towards preservation of the environment and its resources, to promote a dynamic academic atmosphere that shifts learning from the classrooms and integrates the significance of academia in the community, and to uphold academic integrity through social responsibility.

Let us therefore strive for innovative ideas that bring changes and solutions to pressing environmental issues in order to transform our community and environment around us.

I extend my gratitude to the Department of Botany, Tura Government College, for verifying the credibility of this Policy of our Institution and the practices adopted thereafter to promote a conducive environment for promoting eco-friendly practices in the college.

"There is only one purpose in the whole of life — education. Otherwise what is the use of men and women, land and wealth?"

- Swami Vivekananda

Shri. Rajiv K Marak
Principal

Williamnagar Government College

**Message of the
Convener, 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club**

Williamnagar Government College



On behalf of the 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club, it gives me immense pleasure to bring forth the Green Campus and Environment Policy of the Institution. This Policy highlights the goals of the Institution in fostering environmental awareness as part of a holistic approach to education. The College is comprised of only an Arts Stream; however, the enthusiasm of the faculties and students has led to the establishment of an Environmental Club and accordingly a Policy was much needed that would govern and ensure that the Institution adheres to eco-friendly practices, with an objective to transform the student community who would trickle down such practices to the community.

As a Government Institution, we believe that we have a greater responsibility of generating awareness and solutions to the community on various socio-economic and environmental issues. The role of academic therefore, is to move beyond the classroom walls and to incorporate theory into practice. Thus, the objective of adopting this Policy is to address environmental issues and undertake the necessary steps to bring forth solutions; to sensitize the community on the protection and preservation of the environment for a sustainable future; and to nurture a student community that is socially responsible.

The Policy is itself an evolving document which would incorporate more areas of environmental problems to thrust in the future, thus elevating enthusiasm and persistently providing a platform for the Institution to offer education that brings social and environment good.

"The highest education is that which does not merely gives information but brings our life in harmony with all existence." - Rabindranath Tagore

Smt. Bandakerlin Lyngdoh
(Asst. Professor, Economics)

Convener

'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club

VISION of the Institution

To provide college education within reach of the common man and woman.



MISSION of the Institution

To develop a dynamic community of lifelong learners and leaders who celebrate the interconnections among individuals and are disciplined in the pursuit of improving society and human condition.

VISION and MISSION

of the

'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club, WGC

The 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club was constituted on the 26th May, 2022 at the behest of the Principal, Shri. Rajiv K Marak with the aim to promote environmental awareness in the Institution.

Vision: The Club envisions to create environmental awareness among the students, faculties and non-teaching staff of the Institution by addressing the pressing environmental issues and initiating solutions to address them.

Mission: The Club seeks to implement environmental practices in the Institution which would create an appreciation for green surroundings; preserving the environment; youth mobility in addressing environmental issues and climate change; community sensitization on environmental issues; participation in environmental activities to improve and maintain the quality of the environment around us.



GREEN CAMPUS and ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Introduction

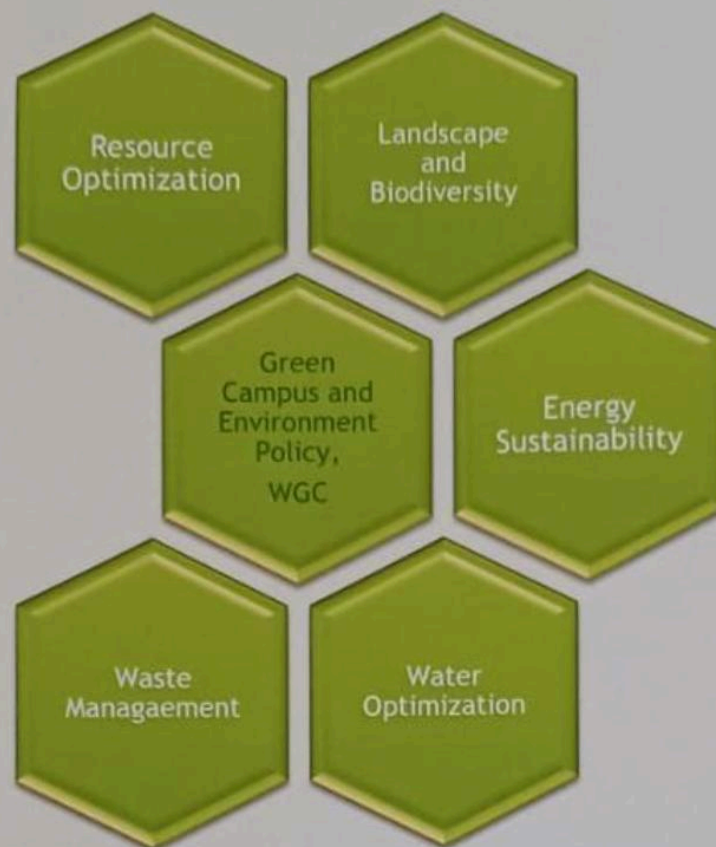
Williamnagar Government College envisions to promote a clean and green campus, whereby environmental awareness and practices are promoted within and beyond the campus of the Institution. The Green Campus and Environment Policy would enable the Institution to put forth the solutions in addressing environmental issues and instill environmental ethics which would lead the way for the community of East Garo Hills District, Meghalaya.

Furthermore, the Green Campus and Environment Policy is framed based on the SATAT framework for Eco-friendly and Sustainable Campus Development in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) published by the University Grants Commission (UGC) on November, 2019 (<https://www.ugc.ac.in/e-book/SATAT%20ENGLISH/mobile/index.html#p=3>).

Thus, the increasing environmental issues and climate change calls us to make unprecedented efforts in acknowledging and providing solutions to these problems through various approaches to bring the necessary changes by incorporating environmental awareness and education.

Objectives of the Policy

- To promote environmental awareness for the students, faculties and non-teaching staffs of the Institution.
- To encourage environmental practices to be adopted in our daily lives.
- To organize students to create awareness in the community with regards to environmental issues.
- To create solutions and innovations in addressing the pressing environmental problems around us.



In pursuing our Green Campus and Environment Policy, we strive on the above major areas.

❖ **Resource Optimization**

- Promote the use of materials that last for a longer duration, thereby reducing replacement of such materials.
- Promote the use of recyclable materials in the campus.
- Promote the recycling and reuse of construction waste such as cement and masonry, by crushing the wastes to be utilized in building pavements and driveways.



❖ Landscape and Biodiversity

- Landscaping by planting trees to improve the air quality in the Campus.
- Trees planted in the campus must be of local species in order to protect the biodiversity and enrich the local flora and fauna.
- Promote a litter free and green campus through sign-boards, thereby creating awareness to the students and the community.
- Promote the celebration of the World Environment Day.

❖ Energy Sustainability

- Promote the use of LED bulbs in the classrooms and administrative building.
- Turn off the lights when not in use.
- Turn off the fans when not in use, and opt for natural ventilation.
- Unplug devices when not in use. Wherever possible, turn off the monitor of the computers or log out when not in use.
- Promote awareness and adaptation of renewable energy sources, such as Solar Energy which can be adopted in the College campus.

❖ Water Optimization

- Promote the judicious use of water in the campus through reminders or sign-boards at every faucet.
- Turn off the taps when not in use.
- Promote and advocate for the adoption of Rain Water Harvesting in the campus, thereby enabling rain water to be accumulated and utilized for various purposes in the campus.
- Encourage the students to create awareness on water conservation at their homes and in the community.

❖ Waste Management

Air Pollution

- The Institution has a committee on the "Tobacco Free Educational Institution" which promotes awareness on the harms of tobacco, as well as the environmental impacts of air pollution through tobacco use. Accordingly, sign boards are placed in the campus prohibiting the consumption of tobacco and tobacco products within the college premises.
- Limit the entry of vehicles in the college campus.



Solid Waste Management

- Promote the use of dustbins in the campus.
- Reduce waste generation in offices by promoting 'Paperless Office' practices, whereby documents can be converted into digital form and printout can be limited which will reduce the use of paper.
- In the classrooms, lecture notes, syllabus and reading materials can be distributed to the students through online platforms such as WhatsApp, Google Classroom, etc. to reduce the use of paper.
- Promote the adoption of waste segregation in the campus.
- Display waste management instructions at relevant locations in the campus.
- Encourage the students, faculties and staffs of the institution to avoid purchasing single-use plastic in the campus.
- The Institution has a drinking water tank; therefore, students, teachers and staffs are encouraged to bring water bottles to refill.

Liquid Waste Management

- Proper disposal of liquid waste in the campus through proper drainage system.
- Proper disposal of wet wastes in the provided dustbins.

❖ Green Initiatives beyond the Campus

- The Institution has signed an MoU with the Nokma of Bolkinggre on the 14th September, 2022 and officially adopted Memo Lake on the 7th November, 2022 as its ***"Adopt-a-Lake" Community Outreach Programme*** for a period of 5 years. The objective of the ***Programme*** is to increase the awareness and pride in the community's natural resources such as lakes, rivers and the aesthetic beauty of the environment around us. The Programme is designed as an extra-curricular activity for our students, while also incorporating the approach of involving them in the Community.
- The Green Campus and Environment Policy of the Institution should be encouraged beyond the campus in order to promote environmental sustainability in the campus and the community. The communities can be given awareness on various environmental issues and the approaches of solutions that can be undertaken.
- Student-led Programmes must be encouraged through initiative by student members of the 'Ong'telaigipa' Environmental Club, the NCC and NSS Units of

the College. Thus, such initiatives would enable the students to be the change in the community and society.



Convener

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Principal

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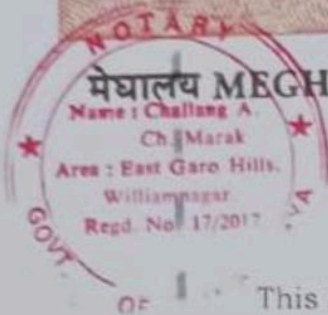
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This MOU is signed on 14th September, 2022 at Williamnagar-

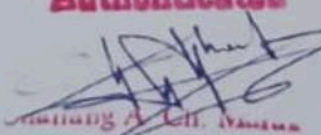
BETWEEN

Shri. Petwilson K Sangma-
Nokma, Bolkinggre A-king- No.
IV-56, East Garo Hills
hereinafter referred to as 'the


-AND-

"Ongtelaigipa Environmental
Club" represented by Shri.
Rajiv K. Marak- Principal of
Williamnagar Government
College hereinafter referred to
as the **SECOND PARTY**

WHEREAS the First Party is a registered present Nokma who acts as the custodian of the Bolkinggre A-king- No. IV-56, East Garo Hills and possess sole authority in respect of the land under his jurisdiction.

Authenticated

Challeng A. Ch. Marak
NOTARY
East Garo Hills, W/Nagar.


Rajiv K. Marak
Williamnagar Govt. Colln.
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya


Shri Petwilson K. Sangma
A-king No.
Bolkinggre A-king- No. IV-56
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya

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IN ADDITION, both the parties also mutually agreed that:

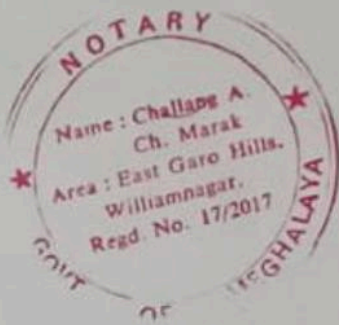
1. This MOU shall remain in force for a period of 5 (Five) years and is irrevocable during lock-in period except by giving three month notice in writing by any Party citing the intention and grounds for termination of this MoU.
2. The 2nd Party will conduct 2 or more activities in each year for the period of five years,
3. The 2nd Party can peacefully conduct any educational activities or program without any interference from anybody whatsoever.
4. The 1st party also agreed and assure to involve personally or through his agent or representatives during social activities such as cleaning drive.
5. Any additions and amendments if desire to this MoU shall be made by a mutual written consent of the parties. Such additions and amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the procedures established by law as may be prescribed.
6. Any disputes arising out of the implementation and interpretation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably by negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Authenticated

Challang A Ch Marak
NOTARY
East Garo Hills, W/Nagar.

Williamnagar Govt. College
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya

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A King Nob
Bokongre / Ashan
Mouza No. IV-6
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya



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7. The parties further specifically acknowledge that this MOU does not create an obligation to commitment of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any of the parties.
8. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with other previous agreements or contracts entered into between the Nokma and Tourism Department, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of the MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF both the Parties have put their respective hands the day and year first hereinabove written in the presence of following witnesses.

WITNESSES:

1. B. M. M. M.
2. B. M. M. M.

PKJ
Shri Petwilson K. Sangma
A King Nokma
Bokongre / Ass. Chief
Mouza No. IV-6
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya

FIRST PARTY/NOKMA

I have read over and understand the contents of each and every paras and I admitted to be true and correct.

Authenticated
[Signature]
Challang A. Ch. Marak
NOTARY
East Garo Hills, W/Nagar.

[Signature]
Principal
Williamnagar Govt. School
East Garo Hills, Meghalaya
SECOND PARTY/PRINCIPAL