

## **TITLE: - GREEN CAMPUS**

In Govt. Degree College for Women Kathua, emphasis is laid down to maintain a clean, green and pollution free environment that provides a natural backdrop for an effective teaching-learning experience. Various steps have been taken to conserve the natural resources like plantation, water and solid waste management etc. and to provide a pollution free environment. The college strives its best to develop a green ecosystem to provide enrichment to the mind, heart and soul of the students. All the avenues and roads within the campus are, therefore, adorned with tall beautiful trees.

The first step taken for the Green Campus is to establish a viable Green- Campus/beautification committee, with in the organizational structure of the college. The administration of the college believes that everyone has to work out time bound strategies to implement the green campus initiatives. These strategies need to be incorporated into the institutional planning and budgeting processes with the aim of developing a clean and green campus. The college IQAC has framed the Green Policy, Environment Policy, Swachta Policy with action plan and Green Initiatives for its campus. These Green Campus Initiatives have enabled the institution to develop the ambience of the campus.

### **Use of LED Bulbs**

There are a lot of variables when it comes to a student's success in the college. Good study habits, passionate teachers and valuable campus resources that students experience, all contribute to a positive college experience. One unexpected way in which a college can have a positive impact on learning atmosphere is indoor and outdoor LED lighting system. LED bulbs have been installed in the classrooms and other parts of the college which fulfill the lighting needs as well as reduce electric energy consumption. Thus, the use of LED bulbs provides financial benefits to the institution and also, conserve energy.

### **Utilizing Natural Light**

The college building architecture is designed in such a manner that permits the free flow of air and allows natural light to cover all the corners in the building. The natural light provides enough light to avoid the usage of electric lights in the corridors. Thus, it reduces electric energy consumption.

### **Waste segregation**

In GDCW Kathua, encouragement is given to adopt environmentally friendly practices like solid waste management. To reduce waste at the institute, students and staff are educated on cleanliness and proper waste management practices through lectures, displaying the slogan boards in the campus. The waste is collected on a daily basis from various sources and is separated as dry and wet waste. Color coded dustbins are used for different types of waste. Green for wet and blue for solid waste. Daily garbage is collected by the sweepers and is properly disposed. All waste water lines from toilets are connected with Municipal Drainage system. Waste material like sheets/papers are collected and sold out to scrap vender from time to time.

## **Keeping Campus Clean and green**

Sweeping and mopping of the whole campus is done on daily basis. Toilets are also cleaned regularly to maintain hygienic environment. The use of plastic is banned inside the college campus. The students are motivated to keep campus clean through Swachhta Abhiyans conducted by NCC/NSS units. The plantation drives are conducted every year to maintain greenery in the campus. Every year, the flowers are planted and maintained to provide ethnic ambience to the institution. The college campus is enriched with a vast number of trees of different species. Various Environmental conservation programs and promotion activities like seminars, symposiums and painting competitions on Environment Day, Ozone Day etc. are conducted to aware the students about the need to maintain a clean and green campus.

Thus, the college faculty, students and staff understand their collective responsibility of contributing towards maintaining a sustainable clean and green environment. The college is doing its best to maintain a pollution free environment in the Kathua district. which can be a source of inspiration for others to follow.