## Hatichong College, Nagaon

## **Policy for Green Campus Initiatives**

# "Green Campus is a Cleaner, Safer and Healthier Place to Live and Work"

The green campus concept offers an institution the opportunity to take the lead in redefining its environmental culture and developing new paradigms by creating sustainable solutions to environmental, social and economic needs of the mankind. The Green Campus, Energy and Environment Policies will develop exciting new co-curricular and extracurricular practices that encourage students to take the lead in creating positive change. These initiatives call for a thorough review of all infrastructural, administrative functions from the standpoints of energy efficiency, sustainability and the environment.

Since 1988, Hatichong College has been adopting sustainable initiatives for making the College campus clean and green. The College has initiated the green campus program in order to support a sustainable and climate-friendly environment. Major area of the institution is left in its natural form and acts as a natural habitat for biodiversity and a large variety of species of grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees. The College is surrounded by Green Trees and Grass. The Following are the Objectives of the College for Green Campus Initiatives...

#### **Objectives:**

- To protect and conserve ecological systems and resources within the college campus.
- To ensure judicious use of environmental resources to meet the needs and aspirations of the present and future generations.
- To integrate environmental concerns into policies, plans and programmes for social development and outreach activities.
- To work with all stakeholders and the local community to raise awareness and seek the adoption of environmental good practice and the reduction of any adverse effects on the environment.
- To continuously improve our contribution to climate protection and adaptation to climate change and to the conservation of global resources.
- To continuously improve the efficient use of all resources, including energy and water, and to reduce consumption and the amount of waste produced, recovering and recycling waste where possible.
- To increase the green cover in and around the campus.

• To make the campus plastic free.

#### **Conduct Green Audit:**

The institution aims at regularly conduct of Green Audit of the college campus to assess our strengths and weaknesses to further our goals of long-term sustainability. A green audit is a useful tool to determine how and where most energy or water or resources are being used. The college can then consider how to implement changes and make savings. It can determine the type and volume of waste. Recycling projects or waste minimization plans can be adopted. It will create health consciousness and promote environmental values and ethics. It provides a better understanding of the impact of eco-friendly practices on campus. It is imperative that the college evaluate its own contributions toward a sustainable future.

#### **Conduct Energy Audit:**

From the year 2020, Hatichong College regularly conducts Energy Audit by M/S. Kamakhya Electronicals (Govt. Registered Electrical Contractor & Supplier). The energy audit, with its specialized tools will identify wastage of energy. Such an inspection often reveals several different flaws which cause a loss of significant amounts of energy which the college will not be able to detect. These flaws often have easy and affordable solutions and provide significant savings.

### **Plastic-Free Campus:**

Hatichong College has been observing most of its duties in terms of solid waste management since 2017. In view of the Government of India's resolution to ban all single use plastics due to the hazardous impact of plastic use and pollution, the college administration strictly bans the use of single use plastics in its premise to make it a "Plastic Free Campus".

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