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Policy Document on Green Campus and Plastic free Campus

As an institution of higher education, APC Roy Government College recognises the critical role it plays in shaping the future of our planet. It is our responsibility to instil environmental consciousness and promote sustainability practices amongst our students, faculties, staffs, and other stakeholders. This policy document outlines our commitment towards creating a green and plastic free campus.

Objectives:

1. To reduce our environmental footprint by adopting sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations.
2. To promote environmental consciousness amongst our students, faculties, staffs and other stakeholders.
3. To collaborate with external stakeholders to create a sustainable and eco-friendly community.

Policy:


1. **Energy Efficiency:** We attempt to adopt energy-efficient technologies and practices to reduce our energy consumption. This includes the installation of LED lights, solar power lights, energy-efficient appliances, and equipment. We will also try our utmost to ensure that all new buildings and renovations meet green building standards.
2. **Waste Management:** We will implement a comprehensive waste management system for solid waste, biomedical; waste, liquid waste and non-hazardous chemical waste that includes segregation, recycling, and composting. We will place adequate number of dustbins and initiate segregation of waste according to colour coded dustbins – green, blue and yellow for food waste, paper waste and plastic waste, respectively – on each floor including the canteen. The solid biodegradable waste, non-biodegradable waste and un-hazardous chemical waste will be stored outside of the campus and will arrange to dispose those waste through external stakeholders. The institution will try to install sanitary vending machine with incinerator for proper disposal of sanitary wastes used by female staffs, faculties and students. We will also promote the reduction of waste by encouraging the use of reusable products and reducing the use of disposable items. We will repair and reuse electronic items as much as possible to minimise the generation of e-waste in accordance with the suggestions made by CAG, West Bengal.

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3. **Water Conservation:** We will try to adopt water-efficient practices to reduce our water consumption. This includes the installation of water-efficient fixtures and equipment, rainwater harvesting unit, and the sensitization about water conservation amongst our students, faculties and staffs.
4. **Transportation:** We encourage sustainable modes of transportation such as bicycling, walking, and public transport, such as e-rickshaws. We will also provide facilities for these modes of transportation, such as bicycle parking, pedestrian pathways.
5. **Green Procurement:** We will prioritize the purchase of sustainable products and services. This includes products with minimal packaging, products made from sustainable materials, and the use of eco-friendly cleaning products. We intend to introduce the practice of gifting plants/saplings to visiting dignitaries and guests in the college.
6. **Minimal usage of paper:** We believe in decreasing the use of paper by adopting digital mode of communication. Notices and other important documents are circulated via email and WhatsApp. Syllabi and sample question banks are made available online. Moreover, as a government college functioning under the e-Governance model of the Government of West Bengal, service related matters are conducted via the IFMS portal.
7. **Awareness and Education:** Promotion of environmental consciousness amongst our students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders is an important aspect of our educational goals. This includes the integration of environmental education into our curriculum, the organization of environmental awareness events such as regular cleanliness drives, save the local streams campaign, observance of World Environment Day, World Plastic Free Day, awareness on dengue prevention, etc., and the promotion of sustainable practices.
8. **Community Collaboration:** We collaborate with external stakeholders, such as local communities and government bodies, to create a sustainable and eco-friendly community. This includes participating in community environmental initiatives, collaborating with local environmental groups, and promoting sustainability practices beyond our campus through our NSS unit and individual efforts of different departments.
9. **Green/Environment Audit and Energy Audit:** We plan to conduct green/environment audits as well as energy audits on a regular basis in order to assess our success as an institution committed to ensuring environmentally sustainable practices. Action shall be taken on the basis of the audit reports and the same shall be duly posted on the college website.

Conclusion:

APCR Government College recognises its responsibility towards the creation of a sustainable and eco-friendly future for the planet. Through the adoption of sustainable practices and the promotion of environmental consciousness, it strives to do its bit in inculcating environment-friendly values amongst its staff and students.



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