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**POLICY DOCUMENT FOR GREEN
CAMPUS**



About the college

Sikkim Government College (SGC), Burtuk was established in July 2012 to cater to the increasing number of students aspiring for higher education, better opportunities and greater exposure in the State's capital, Gangtok. The College made a humble beginning in the District Institute of Education and Training (D.I.E.T.) building at Lower Burtuk as the 2nd campus of Sikkim Government College (SGC), Tadong. But this was a purely temporary arrangement after completion of the renovation work, the College permanently shifted to the Old India Press Complex at Balwakhani, Gangtok in July 2013. On 12th August 2014, this institution became affiliated to Sikkim University. Thus from this date, it ceased to be the 2nd campus of SGC, Tadong and became another independent Government College in Gangtok.

Set amidst pristine hills, with a panoramic view of the entire town, this College is spread over an area of 3.5175 hectares of land. The College is on the verge of completing almost ten years of its fruitful existence and has ambitious plans of expansion and development on the horizon. The College started with an enrolment of 198 students in 2012-13. This was followed by an enrolment of 300 students in 2013-14, 401 students in 2014 -15, 464 students in 2015-16 and 678 students in 2016-17. The total enrolment at present is 1548 with female students (886) outnumbering male students (662).

The College has an ideal atmosphere for teaching and learning with sufficient, large, well-lit classrooms and qualified, dedicated faculty. The College follows the semester system of education. Honours courses are offered in Humanities and Commerce Stream. The medium of instruction is English.

GREEN CAMPUS POLICY

The green and clean Campus policy will incorporate practices that will encourage the faculties and students to participate and take a lead in creating a clean and positive environment. Some the policies are highlighted below:

- **Plantation and Cleanliness Drive:** The NSS and ECO Club cell of Sikkim Government College Burtuk, College frequently organizes plantation and cleanliness drive in and around the college campus with the involvement of Teachers, Students and administrative staffs. The college has also set up Herbal Garden under the guidance of Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim.
- **Plastic Free Campus:** Sikkim Government College, Burtuk has a Plastic free Campus policy and is making constant effort instilling sustainable lifestyle amongst students and faculty to make the environment a cleaner and better place. The college has been strictly following State government notifications related to Ban on Use of Plastic carry bags, Styrofoam products and Plastic Packaged Water Bottles. Students and faculty carry their own reusable water bottles. The canteens within the premise also comply with the above policies.
- **No Smoking Zone:** Sikkim Government College, Burtuk takes pride in the fact that the college campus is a No Smoking Zone. Use and sale of tobacco products within college premises and its vicinity is strictly prohibited. Awareness Programmes are organized in regular basis to spread awareness among students and staffs about adverse effects of tobacco products in the life of an individual as well as on the environment
- **Restricted Vehicle Entry:** In-order to curb air and noise pollution, the college authority restricts and regulates the entry of vehicles in the premise. Only the vehicles with Authorized “Vehicle Pass” are allowed to enter the college campus during working hours.
- **Bus Services/ Car Pooling:** The College provides Bus services to the students and staffs of college. Two college buses have been provided with the intent to reduce the emission level and put a check in the individual carbon footprint. The faculties of college also practice the culture of Car Pooling which aids in lessening the carbon footprint.
- **Water and Sanitation:** For the judicious and conscious usage of water, the college has a proper functioning water supply system. The entire water supply system is checked frequently for any kind of leakage in the pipes or taps in order to avoid unnecessary wastage of water. By putting signs near the wash basins and drinking place, the students are reminded to turn off taps soon after its use. The college also has a functional water filtration system installed for drinking purpose. There are sufficient numbers of separate toilet units for boys and girls. A separate washroom for specially - abled is also set up.
- **Solid Waste Management:** The College practices waste segregation at source. Separate dustbins (blue and green) are provided for the collection of biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes. The biodegradable wastes are converted into composts. The non-

biodegradable wastes are brought inside the waste management room wherein few of the reusable wastes are retained and converted into decorative items, handicrafts etc by the students as a part of co-curricular activities. The remaining non-biodegradable wastes are handed over to the garbage disposal unit of Gangtok Municipal Corporation.

- **Energy Conservation:** The College is situated on the South-Western (SW) aspect and SW aspect are known for its ample natural lighting and natural heating. The classrooms are supplied with ample natural lighting during the day. Hence, there is minimal requirement of artificial lighting for conducting the classes. Further, due to natural heating of the classrooms, the usage of additional heating appliances are not used or required. Further, the college has taken up actions to promote the usage of green energy through the installation of about 20 numbers of solar powered street lights.
- **Paperless Activities:** The College has initiated many activities with the goal to become paperless in the near future. Some of the efforts made by the college are:
 - The notices and information from the principal's office which used to consume a lot of paper earlier is being done digitally.
 - Most of the assignments that the students submit are accepted in the softcopy form.
 - The admission procedure is entirely online