

### THOMAS JONES SYNOD COLLEGE

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**NAAC ACCREDITED 'B' GRADE** 



#### GREEN CAMPUS AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY,

#### THOMAS JONES SYNOD COLLEGE, JOWAI

#### **ECO-CLUB**

Green Campus and Environment Policy formed by the Eco-club unit of the college with the approval of the Principal of the College.

Convener: Smt. Sniawbhalang Dkhar (Asst. Professor, Environmental Studies)

**Members:** Smt. A. Lamare (Asst. Professor, Department of Education)

Smt. U.G Lamare (Asst. Professor, Department of Education)

Smt. R.N. Rymbai (Asst. Professor, Department of Philosophy)

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Smt. E.N. Lamare (Office Superintendent)

Chairman: Dr. D. G. Lyngdoh, Principal, Thomas Jones Synod College, Jowai

#### Vision and Mission of the Eco-Club

The Eco-club was constituted in the year 2015 with Smt. Sniawbhalang Dkhar as the Convener of the Club.

Motto of the Club: Serve to Conserve

**Vision:** The club envisions to create awareness especially about the environment among the students, faculties and non-teaching staff of the institution by addressing the present environmental issues and finding solutions to address them.

#### **Mission:**

- -To create awareness among the students to Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.
- To create awareness among the students to reduce the use of plastic in the campus and also in the community.
- To inculcate proper attitude about environment and its conservation.
- -To create an appreciation for green surroundings.
- To empower students to participate and take up meaningful environmental activities.

#### **Introduction:**

Thomas Jones Synod College envisions to promote a clean and green campus whereby environmental awareness and practices are promoted within and beyond Campus of the institution. This policy would enable the institution to put forth the solutions in addressing environmental issues and instill ethics which would be a blessing to the people of Jowai as a whole.

The Green campus and Environment Policy is framed based on the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, No.29 of 1986, (23<sup>rd</sup> May 1986). It provides for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment for the prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development.

We are facing increasing environmental issues like air pollution, poor management of waste, growing water scarcity, water pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change etc. This calls for unprecedented efforts in acknowledging and if possible providing solutions to these problems through various approaches and strategies in order to bring necessary changes by incorporating environmental awareness and education.

#### **Objectives of the policy:**

- To inculcate environmental awareness for the students, faculties and non-teaching staffs of the institution.
- To help everyone in the campus to acquire knowledge of environmental pollution and environmental degradation.
- To provide students with the opportunity to be actively involved at all levels in environmental activities and participate in any programme related to environment protection and conservation.
- To organize students to create awareness in the community.
- To create innovations and measures in addressing the present scenario of the environment problems around us.
- To spread awareness of the reasons behind environmental degradation among students, faculties and non-teaching staffs of the institution.
- To develop a sense of responsibility among the students to protect the environment.
- -To promote the 3Rs initiative- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle among the students so as to build a sound-material- cycle society through the effective use of resources and materials.

#### GREEN CAMPUS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, 2023

An act to provide for the protection and improvement of environment in the campus and for matter connected there with:

Whereas it is considered necessary further to implement the decisions aforesaid in so far as they relate to the protection and improvement of environment and the prevention of hazards to students, faculty members both teaching and non-teaching staffs.

#### CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1)This Act may be called the Thomas Jones Synod College, Green Campus and Environment Policy 2023.

It extends to the whole of the College Campus.

#### 2.DEFINITIONS-

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

- (a) "environment" includes water, air and land and the inter- relationship which exists among and between water, air and land, and human beings, other living creatures, plants, micro-organism and property;
- (b) "environmental pollutant" means any solid, liquid or gaseous substance present in such concentration as may be, or tend to be, injurious to environment:
- (c) "environmental pollution" means the presence in the environment of any environmental pollutant.

#### **CHAPTER II**

#### GENERAL POWERS OF THE ECO-CLUB

- 1) The Club shall have the power to take all such measures as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the environment in and around the College campus
- 2) Inspection of the College premises including cleanliness, waste management, number of trees, trees species grown in the Campus etc., as it may consider necessary to take steps for the prevention, control and abatement of environmental pollution.

# CHAPTER III PREVENTION, CONTROL AND ABATEMENT OF GREEN CAMPUS AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- >To promote the use of dustbins in every corner of the campus.
- >To promote the use of recyclable materials in the materials.
- >Promote the use of recyclable materials in the campus.
- >To promote the adoption of waste segregation in the campus.
- >To reduce waste generation in offices by promoting "Paperless office" practices.
- >Encourage students, faculties and staffs both teaching and non-teaching to avoid the purchase of single-use plastic in the campus.
- >To promote proper disposal of hazardous waste in the campus.
- >To promote proper disposal of liquid waste in the college canteen through proper drainage system.
- >Promote the judicious use of water in the campus through awareness programme also through reminders or signboards.
- >To adopt rainwater harvesting in the Campus.
- >Limit the entry of vehicles in the College campus by not allowing students to bring their two-wheeler or vehicles inside the campus.

>Planting trees to improve the air quality in the Campus.

>Promote the celebration of World Environment Day, World Water Day, International Biodiversity Day and many others important environmental events in the campus.

>Promote the use of renewable energy sources like solar energy in the campus.

>Promote the use of LED bulbs in the entire classrooms and administrative building.

>To save energy natural light should be use during day time.

>In the classrooms lectures notes, syllabus, reading materials can be distributed to the students through online platforms such as WhatsApp, Google Classroom, etc. To reduce the use of paper and save forest resources.

>The Institution has 7 Aqua Guard; therefore, students and faculties are encouraged to stop using one use bottle instead to bring water bottles to refill thus reduce plastic waste in the campus.

>The institution has a sign board in front of the campus prohibiting the consumption of tobacco and tobacco products within the College campus.

#### **CHAPTER IV MISCELLANEOUS**

The Green Campus and Environmental Policy of the Institution should be encouraged beyond the campus by encouraging students to create awareness at their home and in the community. To promote sustainability of the campus and to the town itself. Students' participation should be encouraged in the community and through initiative by student and teacher members. The Eco-club can work together with the NSS, NCC and RRC Units of the college to improves the environment and brings better change

in the college and community.

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