

## **Plastic-Free Campus Initiative**

**Government College Sanjauli, Shimla**

**Criterion:** Green Campus / Plastic-Free Campus

### **Criterion 5.4 –Plastic-Free Campus Initiatives**

**Institution:** Centre of Excellence, Government College Sanjauli, Shimla

The Centre of Excellence, Government College Sanjauli has taken sustained and systematic initiatives to promote a **plastic-free and eco-sensitive campus** under the broader framework of **Green Campus initiatives**, primarily implemented through the active functioning of the **Eco-Club** of the institution.

The Eco-Club has undertaken regular **awareness-based and action-oriented programmes** aimed at minimizing plastic usage and enhancing environmental sustainability within the campus as well as in its surrounding peripheral areas. One of the key initiatives includes **tree plantation drives** conducted both **inside the college premises and in nearby localities**, which not only contribute to green cover enhancement but also encourage responsible environmental behavior among students and staff .

During these plantation drives, students were sensitized to the harmful impact of plastic waste on soil health, plant growth, and biodiversity. As a complementary activity, **cleanliness and plastic segregation drives** were organized in the campus and surrounding areas, wherein students actively collected plastic waste, segregated it from biodegradable waste, and disposed of it responsibly. This initiative helped in **reducing visible plastic litter**, especially single-use plastics, from academic blocks, pathways, and nearby community spaces .

Furthermore, the Eco-Club has actively engaged students in **environmental awareness programmes** such as World Environment Day celebrations, skits, poster-making, slogan writing, and debates focusing on sustainable living, environmental conservation, and reduction of plastic pollution. These activities have played a crucial role in **behavioural change**, encouraging students to adopt eco-friendly alternatives and avoid plastic usage in daily campus life .

Through these consistent efforts, the institution has successfully fostered a culture of **environmental responsibility and plastic minimization**, aligning with the objectives of Criterion 5.4. The integration of plantation drives, plastic segregation, cleanliness campaigns, and student-led awareness programmes demonstrates the college's strong commitment to maintaining a **plastic-free, green, and sustainable campus ecosystem**.

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