



# SIKKIM GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, NAMCHI

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### BEST PRACTICE

- For more than 2 decades, Sikkim Government College, Namchi has catered to more of female students in comparison to male students. In 2022, the total number of girls in comparison to boys was 1749 to 1551. The institution has been a beacon of light for the education of the girl child not only within the home district but also to the neighbouring district of Geyzing and the neighbouring districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong in West Bengal.
- The college has more than 40 percent of campus covered in greenery and natural landscape. A government employed gardener is employed to look after the upkeep of the natural surroundings of the campus. Over 500 different types of trees have been planted, which are fruit and non-fruit bearing. An In-house nursery is maintained by the Department of Botany and during the early monsoon months plantation drives are conducted. The college has purchased sprinklers which are used by the gardener for watering the plants and the wastewater from the water harvesting units is used for horticulture purpose. Plant markers are also used for trees and other plants to identify variety and species information.

The institution has set up a seed bank which is managed and maintained by the Department of Botany. Compost pits are located in several spots across the institution and provides organic

manure for plantation and other gardening purposes. The Department of Botany has been researching on local trees that take up minimal water and are good for the ecosystem (local, resilient species). Plantation of such species during monsoon and taking care of them (Vanamahotsav) has been an adopted practice since the past three years.

Landscaping in the campus is also done as an interdepartmental activity.

Other green practices that have been adopted so far include:

- Use of organic manure for the plants
- New buildings on the campus will follow green building norms
- Partner with local NGOs and CSR organizations in this field
- Growing Miyawaki forests/Nakshatravanam on barren land/Village Greenery Programme

Parking of vehicles is restricted to seventeen number, which is the designated allotted space for parking vehicles. There is a complete ban of plastic use throughout the state of Sikkim. Footpath and stairs for students is constructed keeping in mind the safety of students from vehicular movement.