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ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COLLEGE IN PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS

A healthy environment is vital for human health. Clean air, water, and soil are fundamental to our well-being. As an educational institution, it is the responsibility of us, both teachers and students to understand the fundamental necessity of a clean healthy environment. The environment maintains the delicate balance of ecosystems. This balance is crucial for the survival of different species, including humans, as it ensures the functioning of the natural processes that support life, such as nutrient cycling, soil formation, and oxygen production. The environment plays a key role in regulating the Earth's climate. Forests, oceans, and other ecosystems act as carbon sinks, absorbing Carbon dioxide and mitigating the effects of climate change. Protecting these natural systems is critical in combating global warming. The environment is home to an incredible variety of life forms. Biodiversity is essential for ecosystem resilience, providing food, medicine, and other resources. It also has intrinsic value, with each species contributing to the overall health of the planet. Natural resources such as water, minerals, and timber are the foundation of many economies. Sustainable management of these resources is crucial for long-term economic stability and growth. Environmental degradation can lead to resource scarcity and economic challenges.

Protecting the environment is an ethical imperative. Current and future generations have the right to a healthy environment. It is our responsibility to ensure that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The environment is crucial for maintaining life-supporting systems, human health, economic stability, biodiversity, and overall quality of life. Its protection and preservation are vital for current and future generations.

HARIMOHAN GHOSE COLLEGE is actively engaged in green campus initiatives to promote environmental sustainability. Geographically our college is located near an important port of Eastern India, and residents depend on the river Ganges for economic sustenance as well as revere the river for its life sustaining quality.

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Throughout the years, the subject of ENVS is mandatory for all first year students of the college where they are taught the importance of the environment, the need for a green Earth, the responsibility of young students of the college is nurturing the green surroundings.

- HMGC has started several green initiatives as part of their Clean and Green Campus Initiatives. They have encouraged the local students to come to college by bicycle rather than automobiles to reduce emissions, banned the use of single-use plastics, and
 - prohibited tobacco products on campus. The college also emphasizes landscaping with trees and plants to create a greener environment within the space restrictions of our campus.
- The NSS Wing of the college actively promotes the clean and green campus initiatives with tree plantation drives and campus cleaning initiatives.
- Though the college campus is limited in space, our students and staff actively use the area of the campus to create green borders, plant flowering and decorative plants which generate a soothing beautiful atmosphere.
- The college plays a significant role in these activities, including organizing events and projects that focus on sustainability and environmental awareness. These initiatives reflect a growing commitment among Kolkata's educational institutions to foster a sustainable and healthy environment on their campuses.
- In our events, seminars and workshops, the college consciously gifts the honorable speakers flowering plants instead of flower-bouquets.
- The students are given projects where they are asked to grow a sapling, nurture it for weeks and demonstrate their green thumb as well as understanding of the green environment.

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