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## Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) or Green Purchasing Policy

SPPND Government Degree College Samba is fully adhered to Sustainable Development Goals as reflected in its environmentally preferable purchasing or Green Purchasing that promotes the selection of products and services that have a reduced environmental impact throughout their lifecycle. While procuring goods and services as per college requisition, considerable importance is given to factors such as production processes, materials used, energy consumption, waste generation and disposal impact. The goal is to reduce harm to the environment while supporting sustainable practices in procurement decisions.

## **Policy Objectives:**

- 1. Sustainable Product Selection: Focus on products that are energy-efficient, made from renewable or recycled materials, and are biodegradable or recyclable.
- 2. **Energy Efficiency:** Prioritize products and services that consume less energy during their use phase, contributing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.
- 3. Reduction of Toxic Materials: Avoid purchasing products that contain harmful chemicals or substances, such as lead, mercury, or other toxic components that could harm both human health and the environment.
- 4. **Reduced Packaging:** Opt for products with minimal or environmentally friendly packaging, or packaging that can be reused or recycled.
- 5. Local and Sustainable Sourcing: Favor locally sourced materials to reduce transportation-related emissions and support local economies.
- 6. **Durability and Longevity:** Choose products that are durable, repairable, or upgradable, to extend their lifespan and reduce waste.
- 7. Certifications and Labels: Look for products with certifications like Energy Star, Fair Trade, Organic, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and other recognized eco-labels that signify sustainability.
- 8. Recycling and Reuse: Support the purchase of products that can be recycled, reused, or returned for repurposing at the end of their lifecycle.