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#### **BEST PRACTICE-02**

University for Sustainable Environmental Responsibility by Green Initiatives

2018-19 to 2022-23







### OBJECTIVES



- Enhancing campus aesthetics
- Developing a sustainable model
- Conserving biodiversity
- Implementing water conservation practices
- Creating income opportunities
- Promoting green consumption, solar energy usage, biogas production, and encouraging water and soil conservation through rainwater harvesting

#### THE CONTEXT



In the realm of green practices, higher education institutions are increasingly prioritizing environmental responsibility and sustainability. Leading by example, they not only reduce their environmental impact but also inspire communities to pursue constructive transformations towards sustainability. Amidst urbanization, population density, fragile environments, and climate crises, universities serve as models for environmental stewardship. The university fulfils its social obligation by providing green spaces, addressing environmental pollution, promoting a healthier urban environment and sustainability.

#### THE PRACTICE



The lush green campus of the University is spread over 723 acres at its main campus and its satellite campus at Dharashiv. Over 51636 trees were planted with a specific purpose. It includes plantation of 7335 under dryland horticulture for greenery, setting plants demonstration unit for land use as well as sustainable income generation and training. Plantation of 44311 plants increased green cover, aesthetics and supported biodiversity.

Name of plant	Numbers	Area (Acres)	Income generated in Rs.
A. Horticultural plantation			
Tamarind	1540	33.37	2,53,000.00
Amla	945	23.62	33,100.00
Mango	1325	21.19	13,08,000.00
Custard apple	3000	12.00	1,10,510.00
Sapota	415	10.37	2,19,140.00
Coconut	100	1.00	
Total (A)	7325	101.55	19,21,750.00
B. Plantation and Gardening			
Nala side plantation	2800	41.03	
Barren land plantation	1700	4.00	
Miyawaki forest	13000	4.60	
Gardens	3800	40.00	
Botanical garden	4045	41.03	
Roadside plantation	7800	6.00	
Teak plantation	916	1.00	
Babul	10250	3.00	
Total (B)	44311	140.66	
Total (A+B)	51636	239.21	

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Energy and water conservation efforts significantly reduce utility bills.

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Sustainable waste management, including biogas plants.

Promotion of eco-friendly transportation options like battery cars and bicycles.

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Power Consumption Policy.

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