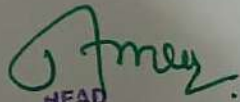


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Key Indicator - 7.2 Best Practices

| Metric No. | |
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| 7.2.1 | Describe one best practice successfully implemented by the Institution as per NAAC format provided in the Manual. |
| Q _i M | Provide the weblink on the Institutional website regarding the Best practices as per the prescribed format of NAAC. Title of the Best practice: Greening the campus 2. Objectives of the practice To develop greenery in the campus to improve the aesthetics as well to maintain rich biodiversity mostly with native species. |


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3. The context

Sri Krishnadevaraya University spread over 500 acres is located in the arid zone of Peninsular India with a meagre average annual rainfall of 400 mm. During 1960-2000, the landscape was devoid of much vegetation and tree growth is limited and next decade visualised here and there with small plantations. Hence huge drive in improving greenery was taken up during the past one decade. Efforts were made to arrest the grazing of animals, prevent wild grass fires and constructing water harvesting structures.

4. The Practice

University administration appointed Estate Officer for developing greenery in the campus that had over 30 years of research and extension experience in biodiversity conservation.

In 2020-21: A tractor with all field accessories was bought and used almost 6-8 hours a day to make the campus clean and green. RUSA funded-two grass lawns of 14,000 sft were raised near the main gate of the university campus with bordered line of Baganvilleas and 120 trees of Kadamba and Pogada. A Ficorium, first of its kind in the state of Andhra Pradesh was raised with all the 25 wild species of Ficus of Andhra Pradesh with the support of AP Urban Greening Corporation. New garden area spread over 5 acres was fenced to prevent biotic interference. All the litter under fallen trees was collected and dumped in the central manure yard in the university botanic garden. This year new roads of 250 metres (12 feet wide) were developed with brick lining in the university botanic garden. A plantation of 75 wild tree species was done on August 15, 2021. About 250 individuals were planted in the university botanic garden.

5. Evidence of success

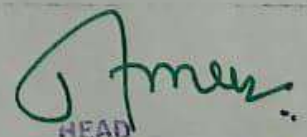
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6. Problems encountered and resources required

Water shortage and financial limitations to green the campus. Additional funding is required for improving the greenery in the campus.

7. Notes (optional)

Many representatives of other institutions were visited the campus and were inspired and planning to train and implement the greenery models developed in the university campus.


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