

7.1.5 - Green campus initiatives include

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7.1.5.1 - The institutional initiatives for greening the campus are as follows:

1. Restricted entry of automobiles

Around 5,000 students are staying on the campus. During class hours there is a heavy rush as students move by hired autorickshaws and walk from Halls to the University academic campus on public road. So vehicles are not a necessity. This is also important to prevent accidents since we have a highway nearby which witnesses heavy traffic. Keeping in mind the safety of students and residents, the students are banned from plying power-driven vehicles (two wheeler/four wheeler) inside as well as outside the campus. **(It is included in the rules for halls of residence (xix) in information brochure available <https://vssut.ac.in/INFORMATION%20BROCHURE-19-20.pdf> ). Day boarders are also asked to park outside academic campus of the University in designated parking area.** Unauthorised entry of vehicles is prevented at the main gate by security personnel. Check point is there at the main gate.

[Security for no students bike and traffic control.jpeg](#)

**Fig.1 (Ref main gate photo)**

2. Use of bicycles/ Battery-powered vehicles

Use of bicycles is encouraged. Students and faculty members use bicycles.

[Cycles by students.jpg](#)

**Fig. 2 (Ref photo of cycles parked).**

3. Pedestrian-friendly pathways

The Campus is beautifully maintained and big shady plants make the pedestrians comfortable moving inside the academic campus on foot even during summer. **(Ref Pedestrian photo)**. The plantation drive is taken up to plant more trees on the public roadsides, where some big trees were cut down during road widening.



**(Ref Pedestrian photo).**

#### 4. Ban on use of plastic

Campus residents as well as shop owners are advised time and again not to use plastic bags and plastic disposable glasses and plates. **(Ref Plastic free campus).** The Social Service and Guides (SSG) Society has put up boards to sensitize students.

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#### 5. Landscaping

In VSSUT the roads inside the academic campus has trees on their sides. The canteen area is covered with big *Caesalpinia* trees known for its natural green. In the spring the roads have a mesmerizing view covered with yellow flowers. Sitting places are created beneath the trees around the academic campus. Lawns and gardens are developed from rainwater harvested. Besides this, different parts of the campus are properly landscaped with potted plants seasonal floral and other decorative plants such as the rose garden, central garden in the boys halls of residence, garden in Rohini, Arundhati hall of residence and Anuradha Hall of residence etc. In the campus expansion, the plantation is being carried out in a planned way. All the roads inside

academic blocks are covered with trees on their sides. The faculty quarters are also covered with big fruit-bearing plants such as mango, jack fruit etc.



Fig.3. The entrance gate of the University



Fig.4. Central open air theatre



Fig.5 The canteen path with trees on both sides



**Fig.6 The Caffeteria**

**(Ref landscaping photos and videos)**



Fig.8. Plantation near E-learning centre



Fig.9. Plantation drive





Fig. 10. Plantation of ornamental plants inside campus



Fig.11 Plantation of ornamental plants inside campus



Fig.12. Garden of Rohini Hall



Fig.13. Rose garden in VSSUT



Fig.14. Shady plantation outside Anuradha Hall



Fig.15. Garden in Anuradha Hall