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SDG 2 REPORT 2024



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About This Report

At Vishwakarma University (VU), our steadfast commitment to sustainable development is profoundly aligned with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These global goals delineate an aspirational vision for a sustainable future, one that VU has deeply integrated into its institutional framework and curriculum.

Our foundational principle, Unleashing Human Potential, reflects our dedication to cultivating an environment conducive to the holistic development of our students, empowering them with the resilience and confidence required to navigate contemporary challenges.

As part of our sustainability mission, VU has reimagined itself as an Eco-campus, exemplifying innovative and sustainable practices. This report details our continual efforts to minimize our carbon footprint and highlights the impactful partnerships underpinning these achievements. For instance, our Certificate Programme in Sustainability Management, developed collaboratively with Hof University of Applied Sciences, Germany, equips students with advanced competencies in business management and contemporary sustainable practices. Additionally, through a strategic partnership with the Wilo Foundation, we have established the Water Quality Centre of Excellence, aimed at advancing water treatment, purification, and public awareness of clean drinking water.

VU's commitment to sustainability extends beyond environmental stewardship. We have launched a dedicated Center for Sustainability, NEXUS, that undertakes activities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our mission is to cultivate informed, ethical, and skilled individuals who uphold principles of equity, inclusivity, and excellence. By engaging students in practical applications of their knowledge, we bridge the divide between theoretical frameworks and real-world challenges.

Our participatory development model actively involves students and industry stakeholders, ensuring that our academic philosophy equips learners with the competencies essential for addressing the complexities of the modern business landscape. VU's extensive network, encompassing over 45 collaborations with prominent industries and educational institutions—including the Maharashtra State Faculty Development Academy, Queen Mary Technical Institute, Buldhana Urban Cooperative Credit Society, and TATA Technical Limited—facilitates industry projects, live projects, internships, and placements, thus enhancing practical exposure and career prospects for our students.

Furthermore, VU is committed to fostering a well-rounded education and community engagement through initiatives such as the VU-Centre for Communication Development, the Sahyadri Communication Project, and the VU Legal Aid Clinic, all integral components of our VU-iPAR Model. This model emphasizes community involvement, and we encourage student leadership through programs such as the National Service Scheme (NSS) and the Student Council. In alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, we offer NEP 2020 courses and have established the VUWCOE – VU Wellness Center of Excellence, supporting holistic development in both academic and wellness dimensions.

In summary, Vishwakarma University's commitment to sustainable development and the SDGs is firmly embedded within our institutional ethos. Through collaborative engagement with diverse stakeholders, we consistently integrate sustainability into our operations, fostering a culture of innovation, research, and learning. VU remains committed to preparing future leaders equipped to drive impactful change, contributing meaningfully to the global vision of sustainable development.

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VU's Participation in the THE Impact Rankings 2024

Vishwakarma University (VU) also participated last year in Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024, which looks at global universities' commitment and performance in furthering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

VU took part in the 4 SDGs listed below plus the mandatory SDG 17 and the results were as follows:

Overall Ranking 1001+





2 ZERO
HUNGER



Zero Hunger

In alignment with SDG 2: Zero Hunger for AY 2024-25, Vishwakarma University undertook significant initiatives to promote nutrition and well-being on campus. The Department of Psychology organized a two-day "Eating Disorder Awareness" event to educate the university community about the importance of healthy eating habits and provide support for those affected by eating disorders. Additionally, the School of Pharmacy celebrated World Pharmacists Day with the theme "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs," emphasizing the crucial role of pharmacists in nutrition and public health. Complementing these efforts, the university offers a dedicated vegetarian cafeteria that provides nutritious, affordable meals prepared under hygienic conditions for staff and students, supporting healthy dietary choices and environmental sustainability. Through these activities and facilities, the university demonstrates its commitment to eradicating hunger, improving nutrition, and promoting overall health, in line with the objectives of SDG 2.

"Eating Disorder Awareness" event

The Department of Psychology, under the leadership of Dr. Ankita Sangle, organized an "Eating Disorder Awareness" event as part of Vishwakarma University's commitment to SDG 2: Zero Hunger in AY 2024-25. This two-day program focused on raising awareness about eating disorders, promoting healthy eating habits, and providing support to individuals affected by these conditions. Through expert talks, interactive sessions, and counseling activities, the event educated students and staff about the importance of balanced nutrition and mental well-being, furthering the university's efforts to foster a healthy, supportive, and inclusive campus environment.

Department of Psychology, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, Vishwakarma University Pune has organized a two-day event "Eating Disorder Awareness" as a part of Eating Disorder Awareness week, it is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about eating disorders, promoting understanding, and providing support to individuals affected by these conditions. It aims to challenge misconceptions, reduce stigma, and encourage early intervention and treatment. Through various activities, discussions, and campaigns, the week strives to foster understanding and compassion for individuals struggling with eating disorders while promoting body positivity and mental well-being. Throughout the event, attendees had the opportunity to engage with a range of informative sessions and activities aimed at raising awareness, fostering understanding, and promoting support for those affected by eating disorders.

DAY 1

Quiz Competition:

Quiz competition was conducted as a part of the Eating Disorder Awareness week celebration on 8th February 2024. This event served as an engaging and educational platform to increase knowledge and understanding about eating disorders among our students. The competition, attracted a diverse group of participants eager to test their knowledge and learn more about this important topic. Teams were formed, consisting of enthusiastic students from various academic years, each bringing their unique perspectives to the table. There were total 5 teams consisting of 3-4 people. Basic myths and facts questions were formed and throughout the question series, our aim was to spread awareness from basic things to the names and symptoms of disorders, by the end of the Quiz Competition, participants were aware about all the basic things through creative interactions.

DAY - 2

Poster-Making Competition:

Poster-Making Competition conducted on the theme of Eating Disorder Awareness. This activity showcased the creativity, talent, and commitment of our students in raising awareness about a critical

issue affecting millions worldwide. The competition attracted a diverse group of participants from various academic backgrounds, all eager to express their understanding and perspective on eating disorders through art and design. Participants were tasked with creating visually compelling posters that conveyed messages of empathy, understanding, and support for individuals affected by eating disorders. The participants understood the importance of promoting mental health and body positivity. Each poster was a unique work of art, reflecting the diverse experiences and perspectives of the creators. After much deliberation, winners were announced in various categories such as the poster attracting the most attention and standing out. The winner of this competition created a poster which was unique, creative and grabbed the attention of any passer-by.

Skit:

On the occasion of “Eating Disorder Awareness Week” The Department of Psychology arranged a Skit on EDA (Eating Disorder Awareness).

Through the skit the students of B.A. Sem 2 and 4 tried to convey a struggling life by representing a journey from one disorder- “Binge Eating Disorder” to another disorder - “Anorexia Nervosa” we conveyed the Symptoms, facts and the emotional Rollercoaster a person goes through while experiencing these disorders. We also showcased that the best way to deal with these disorders is accepting your uniqueness and if you are concerned that you might have disorders it is very important to seek help from professionals. The skit for Eating Disorder Awareness Week shed light on the complexities and challenges faced by individuals grappling with eating disorders. The performance underscored the importance of compassion, understanding, and support in combating this pervasive issue. It had a significant impact on the audience making them aware of the importance of knowledge about these eating disorders and seeking help from a professional to come out of them. The skit portrayed the perspective of a patient suffering with an eating disorder very well.

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“Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs.”

The Department of Pharmacy, led by Prof. Yogita Shinde and Prof. Dipali Telele, celebrated World Pharmacists Day at Vishwakarma University under the theme “Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs.” This event highlighted the vital role pharmacists play in supporting community health and nutrition by ensuring the safe and effective use of medicines and health supplements. Through expert lectures, awareness activities, and community engagement, the department emphasized the importance of pharmacists in addressing nutritional deficiencies and promoting public health, in alignment with the objectives of SDG 2: Zero Hunger.

World Pharmacists Day is celebrated worldwide to acknowledge and honour the contributions of pharmacists. This year, the event was organized by the School of Pharmacy at Vishwakarma University, Pune, under the theme “Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs.” The theme underscored the expanding role of pharmacists in addressing complex healthcare challenges globally. The celebration included a series of engaging and informative activities designed to encourage participation, learning, and community service among pharmacy students and faculty. The day commenced with an Elocution Competition, where students presented on topics such as “Pharmacists and Telehealth,” “Drug Resistance: A Growing Concern,” and “Sustainable Practices in the Pharmaceutical Industry.” Esteemed judges, Dr. Makarand Puri, Dr. Vijay Khedkar, Dr. S. Sunitha and Dr. Nitish Bhatia, evaluated the participants based on their knowledge, presentation skills, and insights. Following this, the Inno-Pharm Expo from 10:00 am to 11:00 am provided a platform for students to exhibit innovative projects aligned with the theme. This segment encouraged creativity and critical thinking, with support from faculty coordinators Dr. Nitish Bhatia, Dr. Dipali Talele, Prof. Yogita Shinde. An Expert Talk by Dr. Jolly Gathani, Director of Medline Health Consultants, was held from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Dr. Gathani delivered an insightful session on “Shaping a Healthier Future: Essential Lifestyle Modifications,” emphasizing the importance of lifestyle changes in promoting long-term health and preventing disease. Her talk resonated with the theme and inspired students and faculty alike to consider pharmacists’ roles in preventive healthcare. The program followed with a Pharma Awareness Rally.

Led by faculty coordinators, the rally aimed to spread awareness in the community about the significance of pharmacists in enhancing public health. The final segment was the Essay Competition, where students wrote on topics like “Smart Pills: The Future of Drug Monitoring” and “Green Pharmacy.” Prof. Snehal Hase coordinated the event, with Prof. Archana Shaha serving as the judge. This competition provided a reflective platform for students to articulate their understanding of emerging trends and sustainability in pharmacy. The event concluded with a Prize Distribution and Vote of Thanks. Prizes were awarded to winners of the competitions, recognizing their hard work and talent. The coordinators, Prof. Yogita Shinde and Dr. Dipali Talele, expressed gratitude to all participants, judges, and organizing committee members, especially acknowledging the efforts of the discipline and photography committees for their support. Number of Attendees: 100 students Co-ordinators: Dr. Dipali Talele and Prof. Yogita Shinde Summary: The World Pharmacists Day celebration successfully highlighted the importance of pharmacists in global healthcare and inspired students to take pride in their profession. The event reinforced the commitment of the School of Pharmacy at Vishwakarma University to cultivate a generation of pharmacists who are equipped to meet global health challenges with innovation, responsibility, and compassion.

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WORLD PHARMACISTS DAY CELEBRATION

Organised by
School of Pharmacy

25th Sep 2024

Theme: Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs

Events

1. Elocution Competition
2. Inno-Pharm Expo
3. Expert Talk
4. Pharma Awareness Rally
5. Essay Competition

Coordinators:
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Organising Members:
Dr. Nitish Bhatia | Prof. Archana Shaha
Prof. Vipul Parab | Prof. Snehal Hase
Convenor: Dr. S. Sumitha

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Expert Talk:
SHAPING A HEALTHIER FUTURE: ESSENTIAL LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS

Organised by
School of Pharmacy

Theme: Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs

Speaker:

Dr. Jolly Gathani
MBBS
Director, Medcliniq Health Consultants

Coordinators:
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Food Facility in Vishwakarma University for Staff and Student

Vishwakarma University offers a dedicated vegetarian food facility in its campus cafeteria, catering to both staff and students. The cafeteria serves a variety of nutritious and affordable vegetarian meals, including traditional Indian dishes, healthy snacks, and beverages, ensuring a well-balanced diet. The food is prepared under hygienic conditions, with an emphasis on quality and freshness. The vegetarian menu is thoughtfully designed to cater to diverse dietary preferences while promoting sustainable and eco-friendly food practices, aligning with the university's commitment to health and environmental consciousness.

Cafeteria Photos with Faculty and Students



Food Quality Analysis Report In Year 2023

In 2023, Vishwakarma University conducted a comprehensive food quality analysis report to ensure the highest standards of hygiene and nutrition in its campus dining facilities. The analysis focused on factors such as ingredient freshness, food preparation practices, hygiene levels, and compliance with safety regulations. Regular inspections were carried out in the cafeterias and canteens, and food samples were tested for nutritional content and contamination risks. The report highlighted a strong adherence to quality standards, with improvements recommended in areas like waste reduction and portion control. Overall, the food quality in 2023 was rated highly, reflecting the university's commitment to providing safe and nutritious meals to its students and staff.

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Pune 411 001

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I request that you please examine the submitted food sample and share a report.

Thanking you,

Prof. Avadhut Atre
Infrastructure & Campus Management,
Vishwakarma University, Pune

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2	Test for added Colouring Matter	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	As per the Food Category System
3	Test for Artificial Sweetener, Saccharine	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative	As per the Food Category System

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QS THE Impact Ranking Report: SDG 2 – Zero Hunger

Vishwakarma University | Academic Year 2024-25

Vishwakarma University exhibits a strong commitment to advancing SDG 2: Zero Hunger through comprehensive initiatives addressing nutrition awareness, healthy food accessibility, mental well-being, and food quality. The university's documented activities align well with QS THE impact ranking indicators, reflecting measurable progress and a sustainable approach toward eradicating hunger and promoting nutritional health on campus.

Institutional Initiatives and Alignment to QS THE Indicators

QS SDG 2 Metric/Indicator	Description	Vishwakarma University Evidence and Response
2.2.1 Campus food waste tracking	Measurement of campus food waste	Food waste reduction recommended in the 2023 food quality report
2.2.2 Campus food waste	Total food waste relative to campus population	Improvement efforts noted
2.3.1 Student food insecurity & hunger	Programmes addressing student hunger	Eating Disorder Awareness Week with quizzes, poster competition, skits, counseling support programs
2.3.2 Student hunger interventions	Interventions such as food banks or pantries	Psychological and awareness support provided; no physical food distribution detailed
2.3.3 Sustainable food choices campus	Availability of vegetarian/vegan and sustainable options	Dedicated vegetarian cafeteria offering nutritious, affordable, hygienic meals campus-wide
2.3.4 Healthy and affordable food choices	Availability of affordable, nutritious food for campus members	Healthy, affordable vegetarian menu maintained consistently
2.3.5 Staff hunger interventions	Interventions supporting staff food security	explicit interventions detailed
2.4.1 Graduates in agriculture/aquaculture	Number of graduates in relevant sustainability courses	--
2.5.1 Access to food security knowledge	Knowledge sharing and resources to local farmers/producers	--
2.5.2 Events for local farmers/producers	Events connecting farmers and producers to university	--
2.5.3 University access for farmers/producers	Provision of facilities for sustainability improvements	--
2.5.4 Sustainable food purchases	Prioritization of local, sustainable food purchasing	Sustainable sourcing practices described at cafeteria, though specific data not quantified

Highlights of Impactful Activities

Eating Disorder Awareness Event:

Organized by the Department of Psychology, this event engaged students and staff over two days with interactive activities, competitions, and a skit that increased awareness of eating disorders and promoted mental and nutritional well-being.

World Pharmacists Day Celebration:

The School of Pharmacy emphasized pharmacists' roles in public health and nutrition through lectures, innovation expos, community awareness rallies, and student essay competitions fostering understanding of sustainable health practices.

Campus Food Facility:

The university maintains a vegetarian cafeteria serving diverse, nutritious, affordable, and hygienically prepared meals, promoting sustainable and healthy dietary choices for staff and students.

Food Quality Monitoring:

A detailed 2023 food quality report confirms strong adherence to hygiene and nutrition standards with ongoing efforts targeting waste reduction and enhancing food safety.

Vishwakarma University demonstrates dedicated efforts fulfilling key QS THE SDG 2 ranking indicators, notably in promoting nutritional awareness, offering sustainable campus food options, and maintaining food quality. Progress in student-focused hunger interventions is clear, while staff hunger support and local community (farmers/producers) engagement present opportunities for enhancement.

Conclusion

Through a multifaceted approach involving awareness events, professional celebrations, robust food facilities, and regular quality assessments, Vishwakarma University has demonstrated a deep and sustained commitment to the objectives of SDG 2: Zero Hunger. By addressing both the physical and psychological aspects of nutrition through initiatives like the Eating Disorder Awareness Week and World Pharmacists Day, the university has fostered an environment that supports healthy eating habits, mental well-being, and professional responsibility in meeting global health needs. The availability of nutritious, hygienic, and sustainable vegetarian meals on campus, coupled with rigorous food quality monitoring, ensures that students and staff have continuous access to safe and wholesome food. Collectively, these efforts underscore the university's ongoing dedication to eradicating hunger, promoting nutrition, and cultivating a healthy, inclusive, and environmentally conscious academic community.

Vishwakarma University's integrated approach to SDG 2: Zero Hunger shows significant alignment with QS THE impact ranking criteria. Through sustained programs and facilities fostering healthy eating and food security awareness, the university upholds its commitment to combating hunger and improving nutrition on campus. Further development in community outreach and staff inclusivity will enhance future impact reporting and rankings.



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