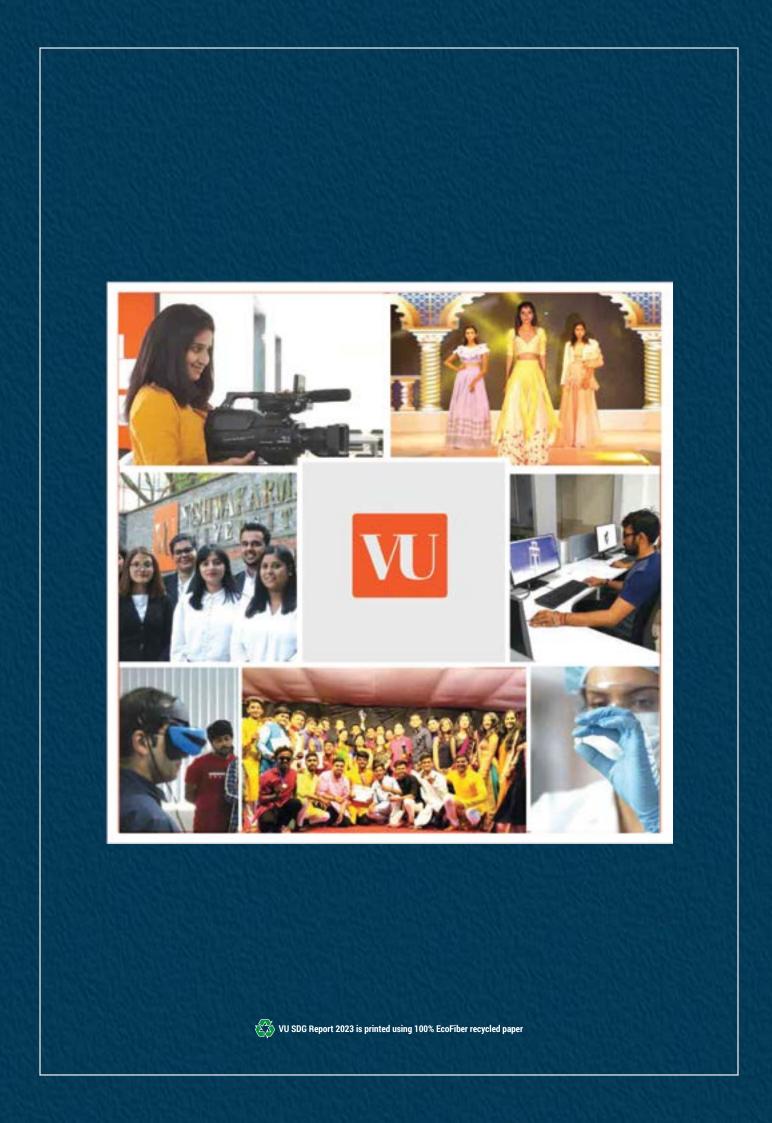
VISHWAKARMA UNIVERSITY SDG 2 REPORT 2023









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Maximising Human Potential

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.

Prof. (Dr) Siddharth Jabade Vice-Chancellor Vishwakarma University, Pune, India

VU's Participation in the THE Impact Rankings 2023

Vishwakarma University (VU) also participated last year in Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023, 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+







End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture In 2023, Vishwakarma University actively contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 2 – **Zero Hunger** by implementing various initiatives aimed at promoting food security and nutrition on campus. These included a well-structured food facility providing nutritious vegetarian meals for staff and students, a rigorous food quality analysis report ensuring the highest standards of hygiene and nutrition, and a food wastage facility integrated with a bio-gas plant to minimize waste and promote sustainability. Furthermore, the university celebrated National Nutrition Week from September 4th to 7th, 2023, raising awareness about balanced diets, food sustainability, and the importance of proper nutrition among the campus community.

National Nutrition Week

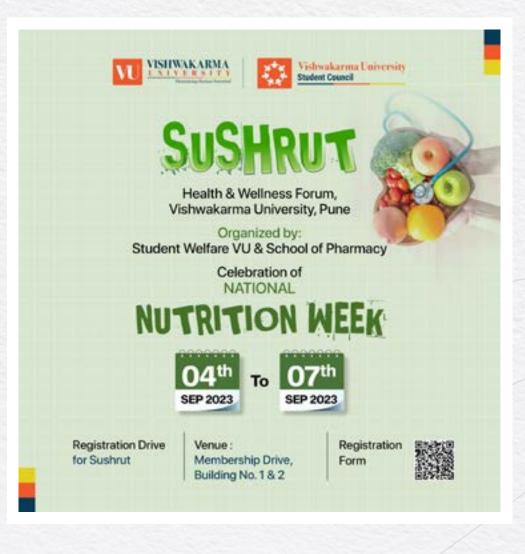
Under the category of SDG 2, Vishwakarma University in Pune celebrated National Nutrition Week from September 4th to 7th, 2023.

Announcement on social media

We are delighted to announce the National Nutrition Week Celebration and the launch of the Health and Wellness Forum, Sushrut by Students Welfare, VU. Cheers to good health and good life!

Link of event -

https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=671858488330415&set=a.548314407351491



Program Detail

Purpose:

To celebrate National Nutrition Week 2023. Event Details: Date: September 4th – 7th, 2023 Venue: Vishwakarma University, Building No. 02, Pune

Session Attendees:

All students and faculty members of Vishwakarma University, School of Pharmacy, Pune.

About the Event:

The Nutrition Week Celebration, held from September 4th to 7th, 2023, at Vishwakarma University, was a commendable initiative promoting health and wellness among students.

Objective:

- The main objective was to raise awareness about maintaining a healthy lifestyle and provide students with valuable insights into their body composition.

Participants:

Approximately 80 students actively participated in the BMI calculation activity, indicating a keen interest in understanding and improving their health.

BMI Calculation Process:

The process involved measuring each participant's height and weight to compute their BMI, indicating whether they fell within the underweight, normal weight, overweight, or obese categories.

Awareness Campaign:

In addition to the BMI calculation, organizers conducted an awareness campaign on nutrition, regular exercise, and balanced lifestyle through informational posters, pamphlets, and interactive sessions.

Outcomes:

The Nutrition Week Celebration successfully fostered a culture of health consciousness among students. Participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to gain health insights and appreciated the organizing team's efforts.



Food Facility in Vishwakarma University for Staff and Student

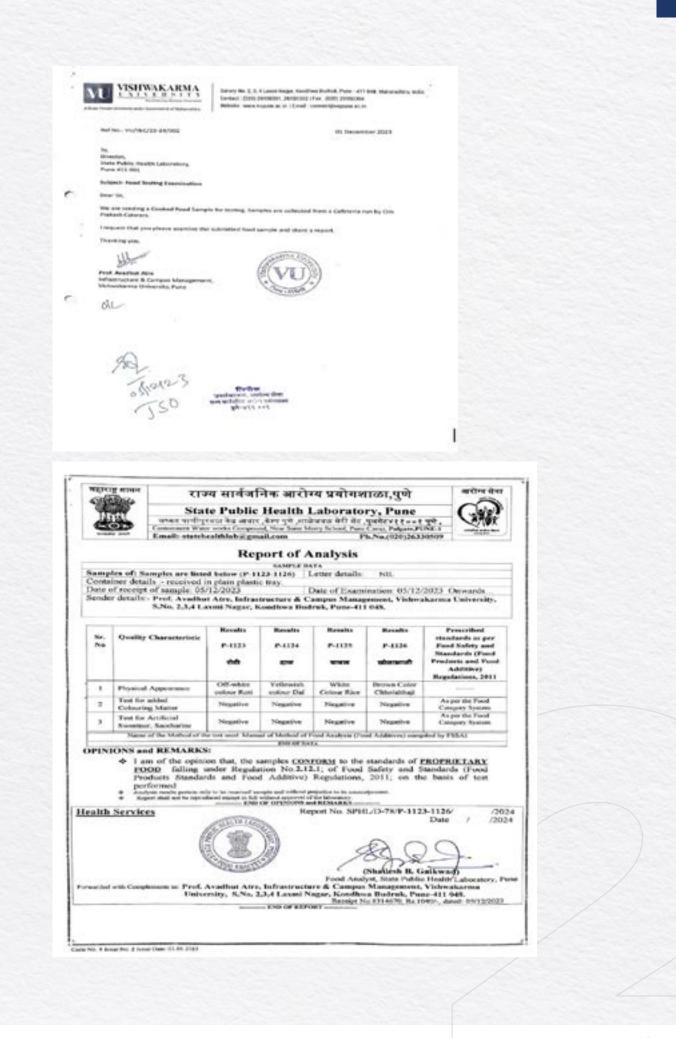
Vishwakarma University offers a dedicated vegetarian food facility in its campus cafeteria, catering to both staff and students. The cafeteria serves a variety of nutritious and affordable vegetarian meals, including traditional Indian dishes, healthy snacks, and beverages, ensuring a well-balanced diet. 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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Food Wastage Facility In Vishwakarma University Campus

Vishwakarma University has implemented a bio-gas plant as part of its food wastage management facility to promote sustainability. The plant processes organic food waste collected from the campus cafeterias, hostels, and canteens, converting it into biogas through anaerobic digestion. This biogas is used as a renewable energy source for cooking and heating purposes on campus, reducing reliance on conventional fuels. Additionally, the by-product of this process, nutrient-rich slurry, is utilized as organic fertilizer for the campus gardens, creating a closed-loop system that minimizes waste and enhances environmental responsibility.



Conclusion

Vishwakarma University made significant strides in 2023 towards achieving SDG 2 – Zero Hunger by fostering a campus environment that emphasizes food security, nutrition, and sustainability. The provision of a dedicated vegetarian food facility ensured access to healthy meals for both staff and students, while the comprehensive food quality analysis report reinforced the commitment to maintaining high standards of safety and nutrition. The food wastage facility, including a bio-gas plant, highlighted the university's efforts to reduce waste and promote eco-friendly practices. The celebration of National Nutrition Week further solidified the university's dedication to educating the campus community about balanced diets and food sustainability, making substantial progress towards the goal of ending hunger and promoting well-being.



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