

Students take centrestage in 'Eco Campus Initiative' at Vishwakarma University

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AFTER TAKING up several eco-friendly measures on Monday, the Vishwakarma University (VU) aims to turn into a completely eco-friendly university in the next two years.

As part of the 'Eco Campus Initiative', the university also aims to go paperless by 3 to 5 per cent by 2020.

Students are at the centre of this initiative and have pitched in ideas and presented nine projects towards this cause. Among the ideas include Internet of Things (IoT) based on sensors to automatically switch on or off electric appliances when not in use, implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning mainly to reduce the use of paper and tuning computers in the labs to automatically turn on the hibernation

mode when not in use.

"We have conducted interactive sessions and workshops for students and professors in order to find out practical solutions towards addressing the energy problems," said Nilesh Jadhav, director of the Eco Campus Initiative at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, one of the partners along with Integrated Environmental Solutions (IES) Ltd.

"The main aim remains in

making the campus digital, increase energy conservation and make use of renewable energy sources along with spreading awareness among students and professors on the importance of numerous eco-friendly measures," said Kailas Patil, director of Eco Campus Initiative at VU.

The students had earlier carried out an energy audit of the entire campus and results were presented before the measures were taken up.

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