7.1.5 The institutional initiatives for greening the campus are as follows:

- 1. Use of Bicycles/ Battery powered vehicles
- 2. Pedestrian Friendly pathways
- 3. Ban on use of Plastic landscaping with trees and plants
- 4. Restricted entry of automobiles
- 5. Landscaping with trees and plants
- 1. Restricted entry of automobiles: The college operates with buses covering to facilitate the students and staff. The institute encourages the staff and students to use the college transport instead of their own vehicles for safety, security, fuel conservation and to reduce environmental pollution. The college buses are checked for pollution by the authorized agency. The vehicles for two wheelers or four wheelers, security measures are mandatory.
- 2. Use of bicycles: Our Institute is located nearly 4 km away from the Lonavala City and is located in Rural area. So it is not possible to carry bicycles by the students or staff. But every year our institute celebrates "No Vehicle Day" during celebration of Birth Anniversary Dr. G.V. Shingre, Chairman of V.P. Sabha Pune. During the celebration of "No Vehicle Day" Students and staff coming prefer bicycle as a mode of transport for attending the college. It is environment friendly and prevents pollution.
- 3. Pedestrian friendly pathways: Vehicle parking space is provided at the main entrance of the college campus. As the campus is vehicle free with some exceptions, students and staff experience comfort walking through the pedestrian friendly pathways. The internal roads are lined with trees and solar lights and they are properly maintained by the campus maintenance committee.
- **4. Ban on use of plastic**: Single-use plastic items such as plastic bottles, bags, spoons, straws and cups are banned completely and awareness is created among staff and students through orientation and display boards in the premises. To restrict the use of plastic, measures have been taken to replace plastic tea cups and glasses with paper tea cups in the canteen. The staff and students are informed to use steel or copper water bottles instead of plastic bottles.

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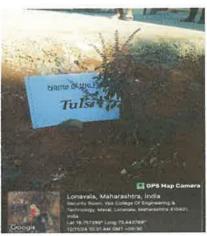
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5. Landscaping with trees and plants: Landscaping of the college is worth seeing and reflects aesthetic sense. The institute has a lush green campus with large number of trees and plants to make the environment pollution free to safeguard the health of all the inmates. The lawns and the trees provide shade and beautiful ambience. Utmost care is taken to develop and maintain green landscaping by trained gardeners and supervisor. The construction, maintenance and beautification committee constituted in the college looks after the development and maintenance of the greenery in the campus. constituted in the college looks after the development and maintenance of the greenery in the campus.

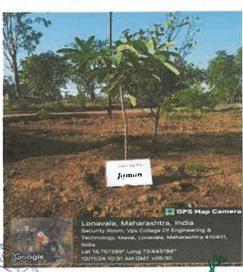




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