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# ADARSH ARTS and COMMERCE COLLEGE, DESAIGANJ (Wadsa) DIST- GADCHIROLI



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#### Introduction:

21<sup>st</sup> century has inspired all-round development in human life. Rapid urbanization and industrial revolution fueled by economic growth on a local, regional, and global scale have resulted in various environmental and ecological issues. India is a developing country that is utilising science and technology for its vivid advancements. On the one hand, there is an improvement in lifestyle, but on the other hand, it is leading to environmental exploitation. Luxurious living is posing an environmental threat, making it unsuitable for future generations.

Gadchiroli district is rich in indigenous herbal and medicinal plants as well as dense forest. Greenery and pollution-free environment define the district. However, with the passing time, the forest area is reduced and trees are cut resulting in increase in the temperature in the district. Auditing for Green Campus Management Trees play an important ecological role within the local environment, as well as support improved public health and provide aesthetic benefits to citizens. The amount of oxygen released by the trees of the campus is good for the people in the campus. So, while the students and teachers are busy studying and working on earning those good grades, all the trees in campus are also working hard to make the air cleaner for them.

The green audit is beneficial for detecting and monitoring sources of pollution in the environment, and it focuses on waste management of all types, energy consumption monitoring, water quality, stakeholder safety, and even disaster management. The objectives in the present report involved evaluation of biodiversity, water management practices and indoor air quality in the campus. The findings from this audit are expected to have an impact

on student/faculty health, productivity, operational costs, and the ecological systems in the campus. This audit is conducted by the experts:

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#### **AUDIT STAGE**

Green auditing in Adarsh Arts and Commerce College, Desaiganj (Wadsa), Dist- Gadchiroli began with the assessment of the status of the green cover of the Institution followed by waste management practices and energy conservation strategies etc. The team monitored different facilities at the college, determined different types of appliances and utilities (lights, taps, toilets, fridges, other electronic equipments, etc.) as well as measuring the usage per item (Watts indicated on the appliance or measuring water from a tap) and identifying the relevant consumption patterns (such as how often an appliance is used) and their impacts. The staff and learners were interviewed to get details of usage, frequency or general characteristics of certain appliances. Data collection was done in the sectors such as Energy, Waste, Greening, Carbon footprint and Water use. College records and documents were verified to clarify the data received through discussions.

### Green Campus

Total number of plant species identified- 38

Total number of plants in the campus - 648

### Floral Diversity:

A total of 38 species of flora have been identified and documented from the campus. The floral diversity of the campus is classified into trees, shrubs and herbal plants belonging to various families.

The department of National Service Scheme (NSS), Nature Club, Campus Beautification Cell and Premises Cleanliness Committee strive together to increase the number of trees in the

Campus every year. They together with the active participation of the student volunteers and staff, plant new varieties in the campus and take care of them.

The details of these varieties are as follow-

## <u>Herbs</u>

Sr. No.	Common Name	Botanical Name	No. Of Plants
1.	Taxas sage	Leucophyllum frutescens	02
2.	Coleus	Solenostemon	06
3.	Bonsai	Polyscius fruticosa	03
4.	Cleistocalyx operculatus	Syzygium nervosum	03
5.	Veitch's screwpine	Pandanus veitchii	25
6.	Santa maria feverfew	Parthenium hysterophorus	30
7.	Tulas	Ocimum Sanctum	20
8.	Shevanti	Chrysanthe xgrandiflorum	35
9.	Excoecaria	Excoecaria cochinchinensis	10
10.	Rhapis	Rhapis excelsa	05
	Total		139

# **Shrubs**

Sr. No.	Common Name	Botanical Name	No.of Plants
1.	Water canna	Canna glauca jatropha	04
2.	Picea abies	Norway spruce	04
3.	Pigeon berry	Duranta erecta	25
4.	Hibiscus	Hibiscus rosa sinensis	10
5.	Banana	Musa acuminata	02
6.	Rui	Calatropis Procera	15
7.	True indigo	Indigofera tinctoria	08
8.	Cuatard apple	Annona reticulata	10
9.	Pinwheelflower	Tabernaemopntana divaricata	01
10.	Mehandi	Duranta erecta	250
11.	Rose	Rosa rubiginosa	15
12.	Indian Olender	Nerium indicum	03
13.	coatbuttons	Tridax procumbens	45
	Total		382

### **Trees**

Sr.	Common Name	Botanical Name	No. Of Plants
$\frac{\text{No.}}{1}$	Yellow bells	Tecoma stans	01
2	Neem	Azadirachta indica A. Juss	16
$\frac{2}{3}$	Ber	Zizipus mauritiana	10
		Psidium guajava	02
4	Guava Ashoka Tree	Polyaiithia longifolia	16
5	Cassia trees	Senna Siamea	15
6		Syzygium cumini	02
7	Jamun	Mangifera indica	02
8	Mango	Ficus religiosa	05
9	Peepal Chafa Plant	Magnolia Champaka	06
10	Gulmohar	Royal poinciana	10
11	Jackfruit	Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam	01
1.2	Almond Tree	Prunus dulcis	06
13	Laurel	Cocculus laurifolius	07
14		SynonymPongamia Pinnata	28
15	Karanji	Total	127

#### **Routine Green Practices:**

Every year college celebrates World Environment Day, World Water Day and Ozone Day in the campus. The main focus of these programems is to provide awareness to the students about the importance of the environment, its conservation and sustainable use of environmental resources. The programmes are conducted through seminars, poster presentation, quiz competition, debates etc.

### Water management:

The water resources in the campus mainly include one dug well, one bore well and water connection of Municipal Corporation. The influx of water to these systems comes from both the rainwater runoff and also from the ground below. The low-lying area on the campus was selected as the site for these systems as it would enable storm water to flow into it without the help of any artificial means like pipes.

### **Indoor Air Quality:**

Humans spend more than 80% of their lifetime in indoor environments. On the college campus, students often spend a considerable amount of time in various indoor spaces such as

classrooms, laboratories, libraries etc. In indoor environments, inhabitants are exposed to various hazardous compounds due to lower degradation rates. Indoor dust is an important matrix that exposes humans to a broad spectrum of chemicals. Further, with new chemicals being introduced into various consumer products and materials every day, there is an urgent requirement to detect the migration of these compounds into the dust and their effect on human health. Some of these pollutants are reported to be endocrine disruptors, mutagenic and carcinogenic. In this context, we found the environment in the classrooms, laboratories, washrooms, gymnasium and library clean, well-ventilated. The large windows help air move smoothly. The campus has lot of space for fresh air to blow.

#### Waste Management:

Garbage beans have been placed at various crucial spots at all floors in the building. Use of plastic has been banned in the premises.

### Recommendations for Green Campus:

In order to increase the carbon credit and greenery of the campus, it is recommended to plant more indigenous and evergreen / fruit trees inside the campus. It is recommended to promote planting of native species that enhance our natural environment and ecology, rooftop rainwater harvesting as a better option for effective water management and continuous monitoring of hazardous substances in indoor air and dust.

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