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15.3 Supporting land ecosystems through action

15.3.1 Sustainable use, conservation and restoration of land (policy)

Have a policy to ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems associated with the university, in particular forests, mountains and drylands



Plate 1. Plantation with native species



Plate 2. Plantation in a degraded land



Plate 3. Infrastructure development in a quarry



Plate 4. A quarry site transformed into nursery



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Description:

Sri Sri University has well defined policy on Sustainable use, conservation and restoration of land. The policy essentially addresses the conservation of native species, landscaping through native flowering plant, avenue trees, fruit trees, soil binder, etc. protection of habitat and conservation of animal, species. The policy is reviewed and revised if required (**Policy attached**).

Our Activities

1. The Sri Sri University campus covers an expanse of 188 acres of land. Prior to the university's establishment, the area had suffered significant degradation due to quarrying activities. Presently, through consistent plantation efforts, the campus has been transformed into a picturesque landscape. Only indigenous species are utilized for assisted regeneration across the campus (**Plate 1**).
2. Selection of exotic species is based on functional traits that do not disrupt the structure of the native species community.
3. All degraded sites within the campus have been rejuvenated with the assistance of native plant species, particularly flowering shrubs and trees (**Plate 2**).
4. The university campus provides a habitat for a diverse array of bird and butterfly species. Regular monitoring of these species is carried out.
5. Within the university campus, several disused quarries are found, which are unsuitable for planting. Instead, these quarries have been repurposed for infrastructural development, including building construction (**Plate 3**), the creation of playgrounds, water harvesting, and nursery establishment (**Plate 4**). This policy effectively safeguards fertile land and the variety of tree species present on the campus. The university remains steadfast in its commitment to preserving any stressed species within the campus.