



Evidence(s) THE-Impact Ranking



University : Sri Sri University
Country : India
Web Address : www.srisriuniversity.edu.in

SDG11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

11.2.4

Public access to green spaces

Sri Sri University is a place where environmental friendly practices and education combine to promote sustainable and eco-friendly practices in the campus. Away from the hustle and bustle of Cuttack, the lush green campus is tucked away in a picturesque highland area and is home to a diverse range of flora and wildlife. Each structure on the campus is designed to incorporate green spaces and sustainable landscaping with its own space for vegetation. Because they provide greater seclusion and quiet, these locations draw visitors to the university. This not only improves the campus's environmental footprint but also serves as an educational tool for students interested in ecology and sustainability. This location has a large variety of flora and fauna on the campus.

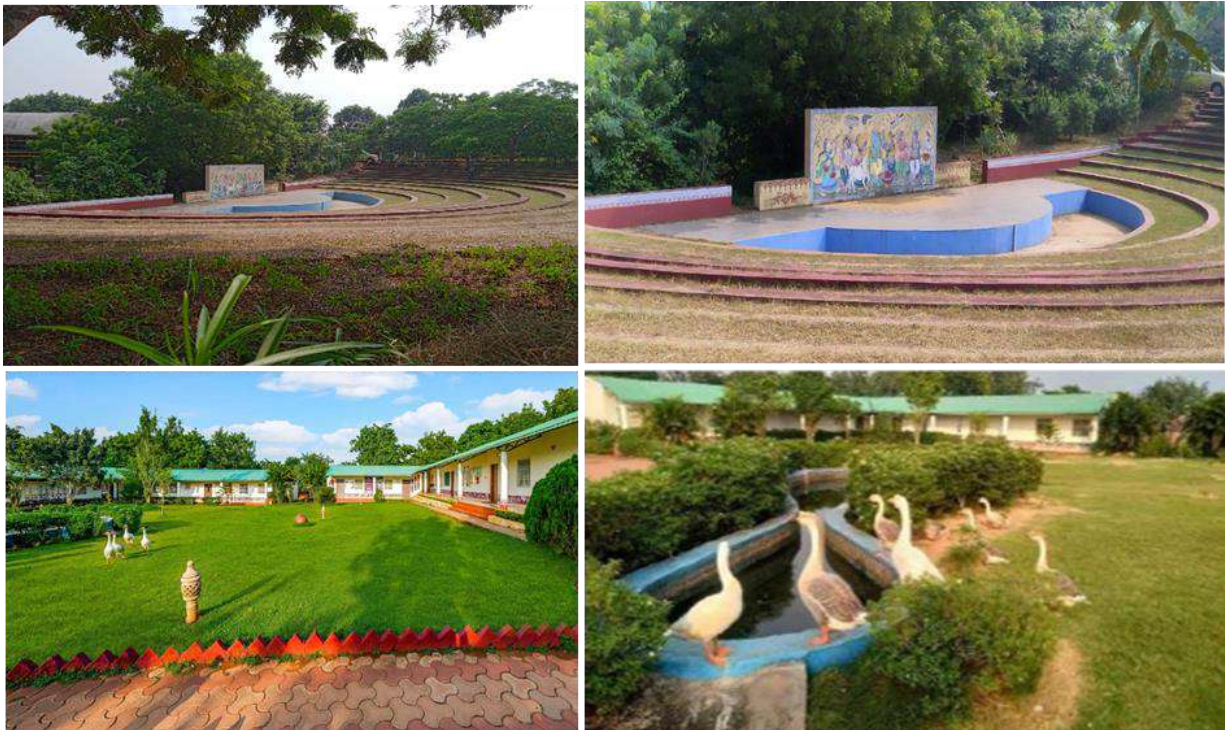


Figure 01: Open Air theatre and Landscaped open areas in Sri Sri University

Public access to a vast Open Air Theatre (OAT) is accessible during cultural events and on national holidays. The horticulture garden created by Sri Sri University's Agriculture and Horticulture department is also open to the public. The care that students and professors provide to the medicinal plants in this garden can be a form of meditation that lessens tension, anxiety, and depression. The



Evidence(s) THE-Impact Ranking



University : Sri Sri University
Country : India
Web Address : www.srisriuniversity.edu.in

SDG11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

satisfaction of seeing a plant flourish and expand can increase self-esteem and foster a happy mind-set. There are a ton of these horticulture gardens scattered over the campus. Beautifully landscaped gardens contribute to the overall aesthetic appeal of the campus, creating an inspiring and pleasant atmosphere for everyone.

There are open areas on the campus that provide a natural environment where students and staff can relax, exercise, or engage in recreational activities. These spaces offer a break from the classroom or office environment and can improve overall well-being. These open areas can also be used for various campus events. The play grounds on the campus fosters encouraging participation in sports and contributing to overall student well-being and academic success. There are badminton courts, football and basketball courts, cricket ground which are open to the students of even other universities during Sports competitions and annual festival of the University.



Figure 02: Intercollege Sports competition in Open spaces of Campus



Evidence(s) THE-Impact Ranking



University : Sri Sri University
Country : India
Web Address : www.srisriuniversity.edu.in

SDG11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

The open areas are also used for various activities like conducting NCC and NSS camps and training workshops on the campus. The Range firing, a weapon training range was inaugurated on 03rd Aug. 2022 on the Sri Sri University campus. This range will facilitate around 3000 NCC cadets from various Institutions within 100 kms radius of Sri Sri University. 30 Cadets of 06 institutions participated in this inauguration programme and participated in firing of 22 Deluxe Rifle under the supervision of the Training JCO.



Figure 03: Range firing inauguration on the campus of Sri Sri University

Nakshatra Vanam (The healing forest):

Nakshatra Vanam is based on astrological and medical factors and it has a variety of unusual plants with therapeutic advantages. This Vanam helps astrologically to the one who is sitting and meditating under the tree, according to one's Nakshatra (Birth star). The idea for the vanam came from the book Vrukshayurveda, as suggested by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The garden was constructed by the Department of Dravyaguna and Sri Sri College of Ayurvedic Science and Research Hospital (SSCASRH), and the planetary positions were verified by the astrological team from the Vaidic Dharma Sansthan.



Evidence(s) THE-Impact Ranking



University : Sri Sri University
Country : India
Web Address : www.srisriuniversity.edu.in

SDG11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES & COMMUNITIES

Because sitting and meditating beneath a specific tree according to one's Nakshatra has a positive impact on one's health, the vanam could be thought of as the repository of health.



Figure 04: Nakshatra Vanam at Sri Sri University