

Kumaun University, Nainital Uttarakhand

Distinctive Area– Thrust on Holistic Growth of Students with Promotion of High-Quality Education, Research, Values and Environmental Sustainability.

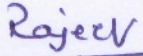
Kumaun University Nainital is located in a beautiful scenic Himalayan city of Nainital, the geographical location offers abundance of natural beauty along with a responsibility to preserve the sanctity of the pristine, clean environment. The University being one of the oldest University in the state has always been at the forefront of adopting sustainable practices. All the campuses follow a strict “No Smoking” policy and the University aims to reduce waste at generation at the source, continuous and successful attempts are made to use ICT and reduce the use of paper to save the environment and for all the essential printing, use of both sides of paper is encouraged. The University use smart and sustainable ways of waste disposal with an aim of conservation of nature and maintaining a sustainable environmentally friendly work process. The focus on adopting sustainable practices goes beyond processes and extends to the practical solutions emerging as research output of the University, which offers a distinct character to the Kumaun University wherein thrust on holistic growth of students with promotion of high-quality education, research, values and environmental sustainability is ensured.


The accomplishments of Kumaun University in the field of research and development have been exemplary in the past five years. The University continuously undertakes efforts and initiatives to mobilize funds needed for the academic growth and infrastructural expansion. The research work conducted by faculties and researchers of the University not only adds value to the existing body of knowledge but also offers solutions for a sustainable future. The ongoing research programmes in various faculties of the University are sponsored by various agencies and Institutions some of them are DST, CSIR, DBT, NMSHE, MOEF, DST-Women Scientists, INSPIRE, MOES, DST&MOES Programs on Himalayan Seismicity, DST-SERB, UGC, ICSSR, ICHR, ICSSR, RUSA, ICFRE (Dehradun), UNNAAT BHARAT ABHIYAN, HUMBOLDT (Germany), DAAD (Germany), FULLBRIGHT (USA), Nano Technology, ICIMOD (Kathmandu), MIT (USA), JSPS etc. The focus is on creating an environment of innovation and design thinking that can offer sustainable solutions to existing problems.

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With that aim and offering sustainable solutions for the future the University has started 'Nano Science and Nano-Technology' Centre where one of the thrust areas is to make use of Nano hydrocarbons in production of solar energy cells. The centre makes continuous research in the related field aiming to offer practical solutions to the energy problems and plans to offer affordable and adaptable solutions . In next few years, it is proposed that all electric appliances are replaced by devices run by solar energy. COVID-19 has made humanity rethink its priorities with respect to maintain hygiene and social distancing along with other considerations. During the entire lockdown, due to limited human and industrial activities nature seems to heal itself with reduced pollution. But the use of single-use plastic has tremendously increased posing another challenge of plastic accumulation. The Chemistry department of the University was already working on converting waste plastic into Graphene which will offer a sustainable solution to a problem which poses great danger to maintenance of ecological balance in the Himalayan region and the entire world. Numerous patents and collaboration and MoUs filed and signed by the University indicate the great priority to high quality research given by the University. The distinctiveness offered and University's best institutional practices and quality initiatives have resulted in the overall improvement of the ranking and ratings of the University. The University has been accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with a prestigious 'A' grade. It is also an ISO 9001:2008 certified institution. Kumaun University has been ranked in the first ever QS India ranking 2019 under QS world University ranking 2019. The University was ranked 66th in QS India ranking and 301 in BRICS University ranking. University was ranked 25th in India Today University ranking 2019. The WEEK magazine ranked Kumaun University 15th in the North Indian Universities. Kumaun University was also awarded Education Excellence Award by Berkshire Media, USA. University is a permanent member of Himalayan Consortium of ICIMOD, Kathmandu, along with 65 prestigious global universities. It is a matter of pride that Pharmacy College of Kumaun University ranked 75th in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2020. The University focuses on offering excellence in the field of education and research by focusing on holistic growth of students with promotion of high-quality education, research, values and environmental sustainability in all its endeavours.


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