

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Acharya Narendra Deva University of Agriculture & Technology, Kumarganj Ayodhya (U.P.) organizes various programmes/events regarding gender equity and ensures equal participation and representation of both men and women at all levels of academic and administrative pursuits. The university has a total of 19.33% female teachers and most of them given administrative and other responsibilities. The university ensures safety and security through round the clock vigilance of security persons and CCTV cameras systems and by its efficiently working Anti-Ragging Cell, Gender Committee, Prevention of Women Harassment Cell and Student Grievance Redressal Cell. The university conducts orientation programmes regularly. Most of the constituent units of the university have common room facility for girl students and women staff. Two daycare centres for young children has been established in the university. The university has facilities of alternate sources of energy and energy conservation measures like solar energy system, wheeling to the grid, sensor-based energy conservation, and LED bulbs/ power efficient equipment. The university has developed the facilities for the management of degradable and non-degradable waste. Water conservation facilities like rain water harvesting, borewell/open well recharge system, tanks and bunds, wastewater recycling, and maintenance of water bodies and distribution system are available. The university restricted the entry of automobiles, banned the single use plastic and has good landscaping. The university is a “no vehicle zone” on every Tuesday and bicycles/ battery powered vehicles and pedestrian friendly pathways are being used. The university has been certified for green audit, energy audit, environmental audit and beyond the campus environmental promotion activities. The university has built congenial environment like ramps for easy access to classrooms, divyangjan friendly washroom, signage including tactile path, lights, display boards and signposts, assistive technology and mechanized equipment for divyangjan students and employees. Students from different states and abroad are residing in the hostels, and the university is providing an inclusive environment regarding tolerance and harmony towards the cultural, regional, linguistic, communal, socio-economic and other diversities in term of celebration of festivals and organization of cultural programmes and awareness programmes on socio-economic issues. The university regularly conducts the sensitization programmes for the students and employees regarding the constitutional obligations. The students and employees are bound to follow the prescribed code of conduct and the university organizes programmes regularly in this regard. National and international commemorative days, events and festivals are celebrated regularly. The two best practices successfully implemented by the university include “Socio-economic upliftment of Tharu community” and “Crop residue management”. The performance of the university in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust includes “Wasteland management” under which vast area of land has been reclaimed. The university has developed the salt tolerant varieties of Aonla, Bael, Ber, Mahua and Paddy suitable for cultivation in sodic soil. The university has developed various orchards of Aonla (*Phyllanthus emblica*), Ber (*Ziziphus mauritiana*), Bael (*Aegle marmelos*) and Guava (*Psidium guajava*) with intercropping system on 720 acres of wasteland and is acting as a role model for the farmers regarding wasteland management.