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Pioneering Sustainability at Nalanda University: Development of the World's Largest Triple Net-Zero Self-Sustainable Campus Presented By

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World Largest Net-Zero, Green & Sustainable Campus: A Role Model for the habitats, Campuses, and Future University

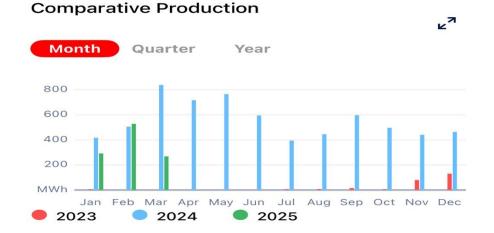




||आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतो:||



If Nalanda University had not adopted the net-zero energy approach, it would have been responsible for the equivalent deforestation and cutting of more than one lakh trees and 3.4 thousand of Tons of Co2 Emission in the past year.





INTRODUCTION



Net-Zero Fourney Towards Shunyata

Revival of ancient glory of Malanda with a malgamation of the traditional concept a modern technology. An exemplary and model campus promoting as is tainable future and environmentally-friendly habitats.

- □ Nalanda Net-Zero campus is modelled after ancient Indian indigenous energy models on 455 Acre sustainable campus with over 200 Buildings / structures with hybrid concept featuring renewable energy sources and its integration with various innovative technologies paired with demand optimization techniques.
- **□** Some of the most important aspects -
 - Reduce Green House Gases
 - Sustainable water management
 - Integrated waste management
 - Reduce energy consumption
 - Reduce dependence on Fossil Fuel
 - Protect our environment for future generation.



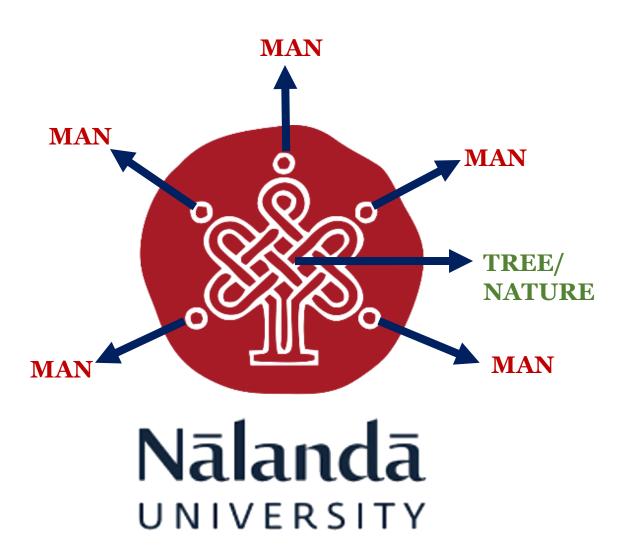
Pillars of Net-Zero, Self Sustainable & Eco-Friendly Campus





The Mandate:

- > The Nalanda Logo The central idea of Nalanda University Logo articulates deep respect for Nature & Sustainability based on the ancient sustainable concept of harmony and peace:
 - 1) Man Living In Harmony With Man
 - 2) Man Living In Harmony With Nature
 - 3) And Man Living As Part Of Nature



BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT



The **Nalanda University**, ancient seat of higher learning, the idea was mooted by former Hon'ble President of India, **Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam**, in March 2006. This new international avant-garde university was established through an Act of the Indian Parliament with a mandate to promote **regional peace and cooperation**. The reestablishment of the Sustanble University garnered support from **17 countries**. The university now occupies a **sprawling 455-acre sustainable**, **green**, **and largest net-zero**, **eco-friendly campus** nestled at the picturesque foothills of Rajgir. The campus land given under the dynamic leadership of **Shri Nitish Kumar**, **Hon'ble CM Govt. of Bihar**.



RELEVANCE



- ➤ The pollution, temperature rise, carbon emission, the health of the livings, Ozone layer depletion Global warming, Loss of biodiversity and accommodation of the increasing population are the global challenges.
- To address these, the world is still trying to balance and overcome with these burning challenges. The Prime Minister, Govt of Indian, Shri Modi Ji has emphasizes on :
 - "One Earth, One Family, One Future" during the G20 Summit and the enduring message of "Panchamrit" during COP26 continue to inspire us for our responsibilities towards nature and environment.
- In this connection, he has highlighting the glory of ancient Nalanda University and its profound connection to the "Vedas" mantra, has set an unparalleled benchmark.









Net-Positive Energy: Renewable Sources





Solar hours – PV Solar System

Non – Solar hours – Biogas based CHP engine

On-Grid Solar PV captive power plant (6.5 Mega Watt – DC) Solar Integrated Thermal Storage and Geothermal Technology for HVAC System

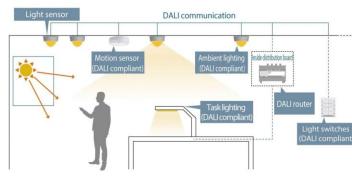
Biogas operated Combined Heat & Power (CHP) engine

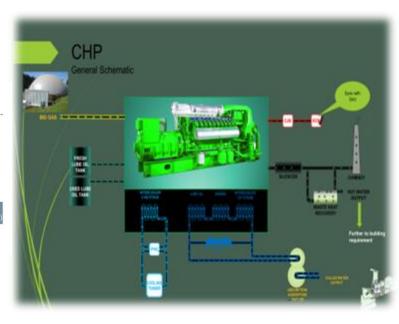
Mitigation of burning of agricultural waste

Automated approach (SCADA, Smart Grid, IBMS, PLC.) for Integrated Service Management.

More than 19 thousand tons of CO2 emissions will be saved on an annual basis.







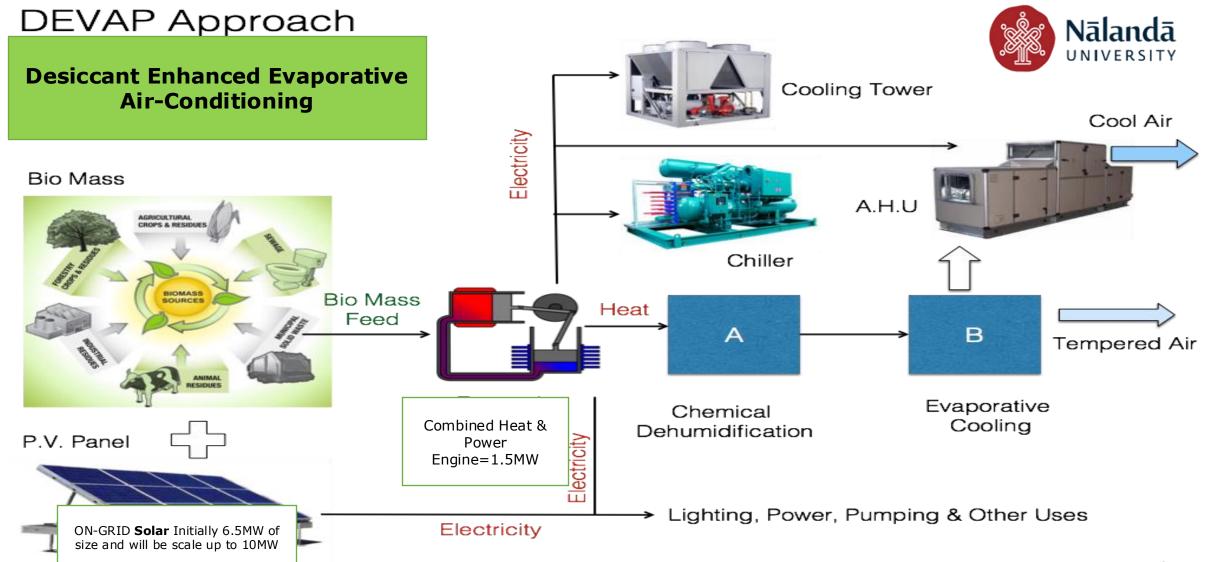
- Smart Energy Generation & Storage
 - Bio-fuel
 - **■** Solar
 - Micro-climate
 - Modular Power Solution
 - **■**Bio-mass
 - ► Human Waste (Food & Sewage)
 - ■Animal Waste
 - Agricultural Waste
 - Water Exchange
 - **■** Close Cycle Operation



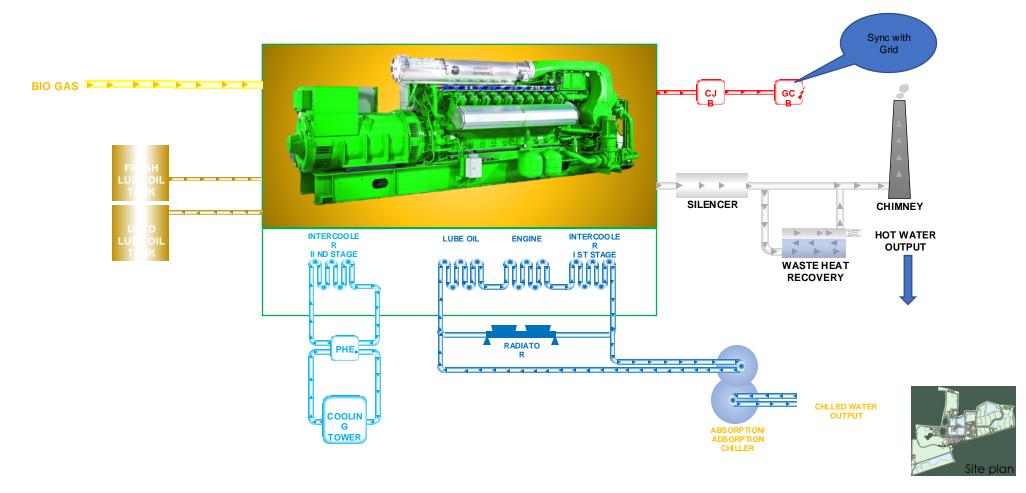


THE HYBRID MODEL WITH DEVAP APPROACH











Indigenous Palette of Concepts for Energy Optimization – Demand Side Management (DSM)

- Use of thick cavity walls to increase thermal resistance
- Use of integrated boxes of masonry for seismic stability
- Use of Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) blocks instead of common burnt clay bricks
- Use of day light occupancy sensors
- Building orientations for optimal capture of natural light but not heat.
- Passive architectural design or the veranda concept to get the natural reflective light inside.
- 3 Layers of plantation from boundary to buildings woodland, orchard, herbal and aquatic resulted in purification of air, temperature and mosquito repellent.
- DEVAP, DEWAT, Geo-Thermal, and Thermal Storage in place of conventional battery.















Indigenous Palette of Concepts for Energy Optimization – Demand Side Management (DSM)



Climate appropriate landscape design to reduce portable water demand

Smart LED lighting, Day Lighting Auto Sensing Controls, DALI Technology

Biogas operated Combined Heat & Power (CHP) engine

Use of Desiccant Evaporative (DEVAP) technology for cooling/heating of the buildings

Decentralized Water Treatment (DEWAT) systems

Strategies for efficient waste management system



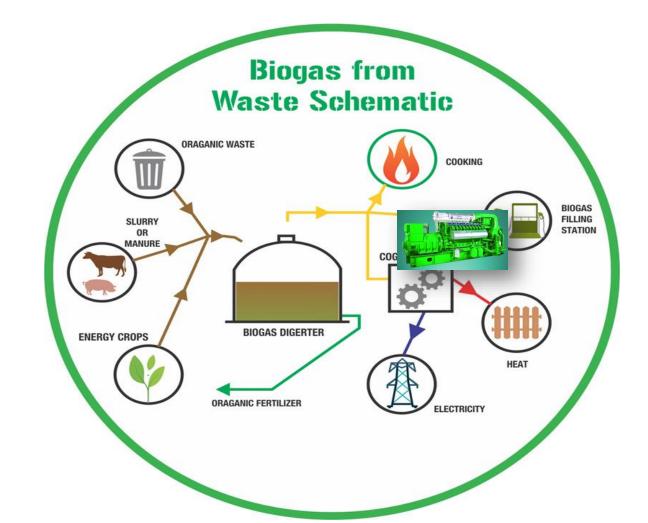


NET ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT



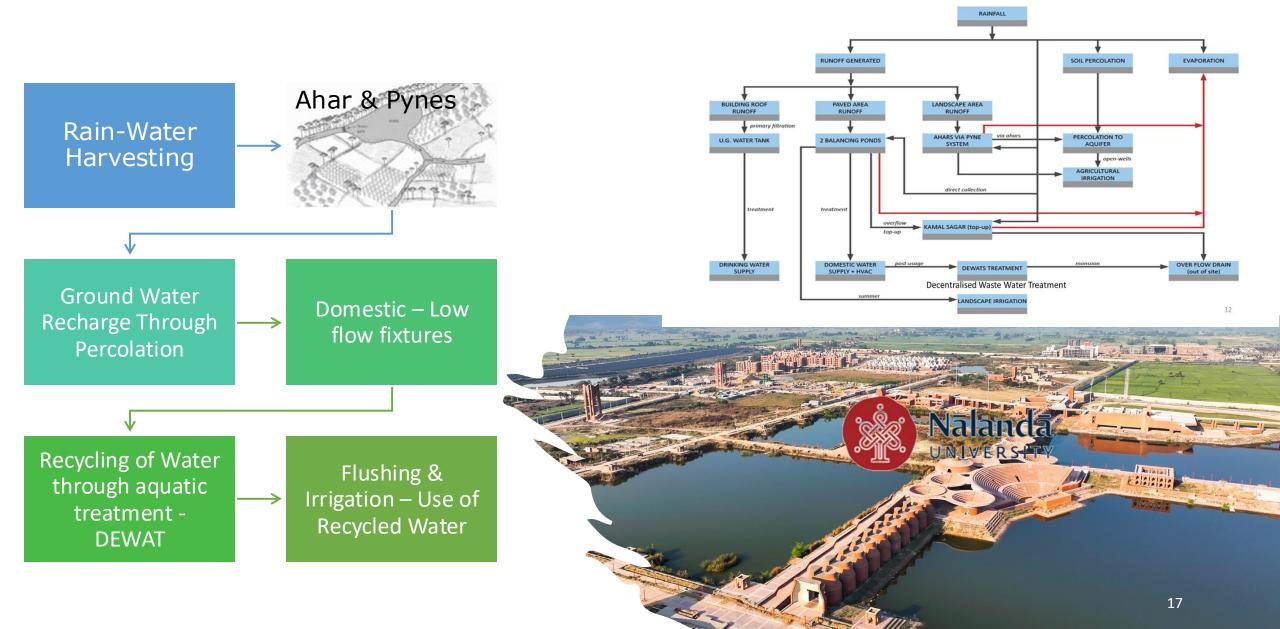








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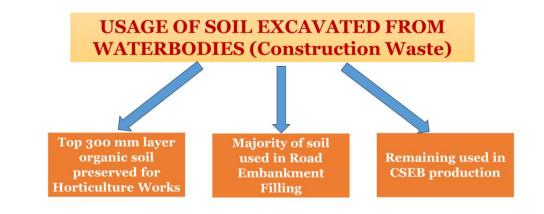
SGF NET ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT

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- ✓ Recycling of all type of wastes: Organic waste will be profitably utilized either for energy or as compost. The policy will actively discourage use of non-disposable, non-degradable materials within the campus. The approach also emphasizes construction-waste minimization or elimination.
- ✓ Decentralized Wastewater Treatment (DEWAT) Systems are installed in adequate numbers for treating the sewage during operational phase and the treated water will be totally reused for land irrigation.
- ✓ The wastes collected from within the campus and from the neighbouring villages are to be used to generate biogas to produce electricity with the help of the Combined Heat & Power Engine (CHP).
- ✓ The heat energy generated by CHP will be used for heating the water to meet hot water demand and thereby reducing energy cost.



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NET-ZERO GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSION

- > Use of Compressed Stabilized Earth Blocks (CSEB) as the main building materials.
- > These unburnt bricks (CSEB) manufactured at site with soil excavated from the waterbodies which have less carbon footprint in comparison to the common burnt clay bricks.
- > CSEB consume 11 times less energy than the common burnt clay bricks
- > Use of soil from the site itself as against procuring from off-site to manufacture compressed stabilized earth blocks reduces GHG emission due to transportation.
- > Use of integrated boxes of masonry to achieve seismic stability causing less use of concrete & steel resulting in lower GHG Emission.
- > Use of thick cavity walls to increase thermal resistance resulting in reduced energy demand.



KEY TAKEAWAYS / RECOMMENDATIONS



Regulatory Related Recommendations:

- The changes and amendments in net-metering for renewable energy based captive consumer are being recommended herein –
- A. The caping value limited and generally it is fixed upto 1MW in regulations which need to be allowed upto sanctioned demand of the captive consumer.
- B. Hybrid model should be opted, Net-Metering facilities are mainly notified for the Solar PV generations which should be allowed for all possible renewable energy generations with the combination of all together or part thereof.
- C. The net-metering should be amended with net-banking.
- D. Peak hours settlement at least with effective and weightage generated unit wrt peak hours charge should be extended to the captive consumers.
- E. Policy Related Recommendations:
- ➤ The amendment in the govt policies are also required the captive consumer should be allowed to opt the open exchange power trading platform for the export of excess energy generation, As the VGF schemes restricts for captive consumer and the scheme is framed for the PSU generators
- ➤ All the campuses like educational institutions, Govt offices, districts and subdistricts level govt campuses should be have the optimal energy to meet zero and nearly zero goals (export-import =0) as a mandatory requirements.
- > New campuses / habitats NOC and sanctions should be given with the target to follow and acheve the net-zero goals.
- > The carbon credit and trading benefits are recommended to increase more.



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