

# **Plantation drives**

Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU) is deeply committed to environmental sustainability and actively celebrates dedicated tree planting initiatives and participates in large-scale plantation drives throughout the year. These efforts are aligned with our vision of creating a 'Green Campus' and nurturing a culture of environmental responsibility among students, faculty, and staff.

#### **Tree Plantation Drive on the Occasion of Harela Festival**

Harela, a traditional and revered festival in Uttarakhand symbolizing environmental conservation and nature worship, is celebrated annually at SRHU with a campus-wide plantation drive. In recent years, over 100 trees of various ecological and medicinal importance such as **Jamun**, **Amla**, **Litchi**, **Pipal**, **Haldi**, **Amaltas**, **Lagerstroemia**, **and Gulmohar** have been planted. These events are led by university leadership, including **Chancellor Dr. Vijay Dhasmana**, who emphasize on the need to connect the younger generation with their roots and the significance of nature conservation.





Ocassion of harela being marked by planatation drive





Plantation drive on the occasion of Harela festival

## Large-Scale Plantation under 'Namami Gange' Programme

In alignment with the Namami Gange Integrated Conservation Mission, SRHU initiated an extensive plantation campaign with the Uttarakhand Forest Department. A four-kilometre green belt is being developed with over 3,300 trees including Kachnar, Burans, Bedu, Guriyal, Semal, Sal, and Tun species. This initiative is part of SRHU's long-term Green Campus Initiative aimed at reducing pollution, enhancing biodiversity, and supporting the Ganga River catchment.





Plantation campaign in action at SRHU in association with Uttarakhand Forest Department In alignment with the Namami Gange Integrated Conservation Mission



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## Community Engagement through the 'Family Adoption Programme'

The University encourages different departments to engage communities in tree plantation. Recently the Department of Community Medicine conducted a plantation drive in Gauhri Mafi Village (20th September 2023), as part of a broader community health initiative. With active participation from over 150 medical students, the drive planted 434 saplings, including Guava, Mango, Jamun, Litchi, Tulsi, and Marigold, selected to thrive in local climatic conditions and support ecological balance.







Students participating in tree plantation drive in the community

### **Independence Day Initiative: 'A Tree in the Name of Mother'**

On 15th August 2024, a special plantation drive titled 'A Tree in the Name of Mother' was launched during the 78th Independence Day celebration. This initiative reflects the University's integration of national values with environmental stewardship. The campaign was spearheaded by Chairman Dr. Vijay Dhasmana, and witnessed participation from faculty, staff, and students.

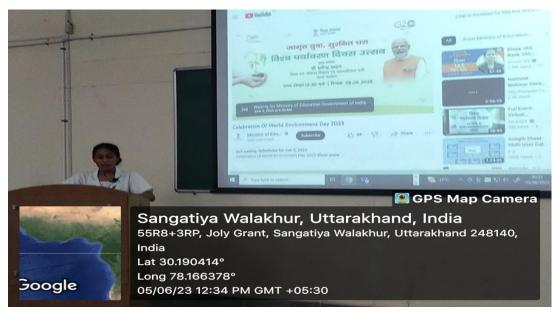
#### **World Environment Day Initiatives**

Every year on June 5, SRHU commemorates World Environment Day through impactful environmental activities:

- Tree plantation drives are organized across the university and in surrounding villages.
- The day serves as a platform for reinforcing the university's ongoing commitment to biodiversity, sustainability, and climate action.
- Students and faculty from all departments actively participate, making it one of the most widely observed environmental events on campus.



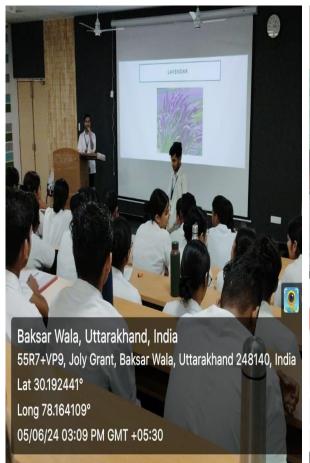
Students participating in Poster compettion and lecture on environment consvervation fostering sense of responsibilty amongst students towards consveration of environment



Students attending online talk on the occasion of World Environment Day



Guest talks and special lectures conducted for students to senstize students on the conservation of environment





Poster and Quiz competition under progress on World Environment Day