



## Oriental University, Indore (M.P.)

### 7.1.5 Green Campus Initiatives:

#### Response:

Oriental University Indore has always advocated for creating and maintaining a green campus. The university minimizes the use of plastic, believes in recycling and reusing of the waste materials as much as possible and encourages sustainable and eco-friendly practices in all areas of campus.

#### 1. Restricted Entry of Automobiles

At present, parking facilities have been provided to the selected parking areas only, and automobiles are restricted in the main university areas. Each visitor's vehicle license number is recorded in the visitors' entry register at the main gate of the university and efforts are being made to reduce pollution on campus.

For the future, a proper parking system for automobiles has been planned for restricted entry of automobiles in the university campus.



**Figure.1: Parking Facility outside the Campus**

## 2. Use of Bicycles/Battery Powered Vehicles

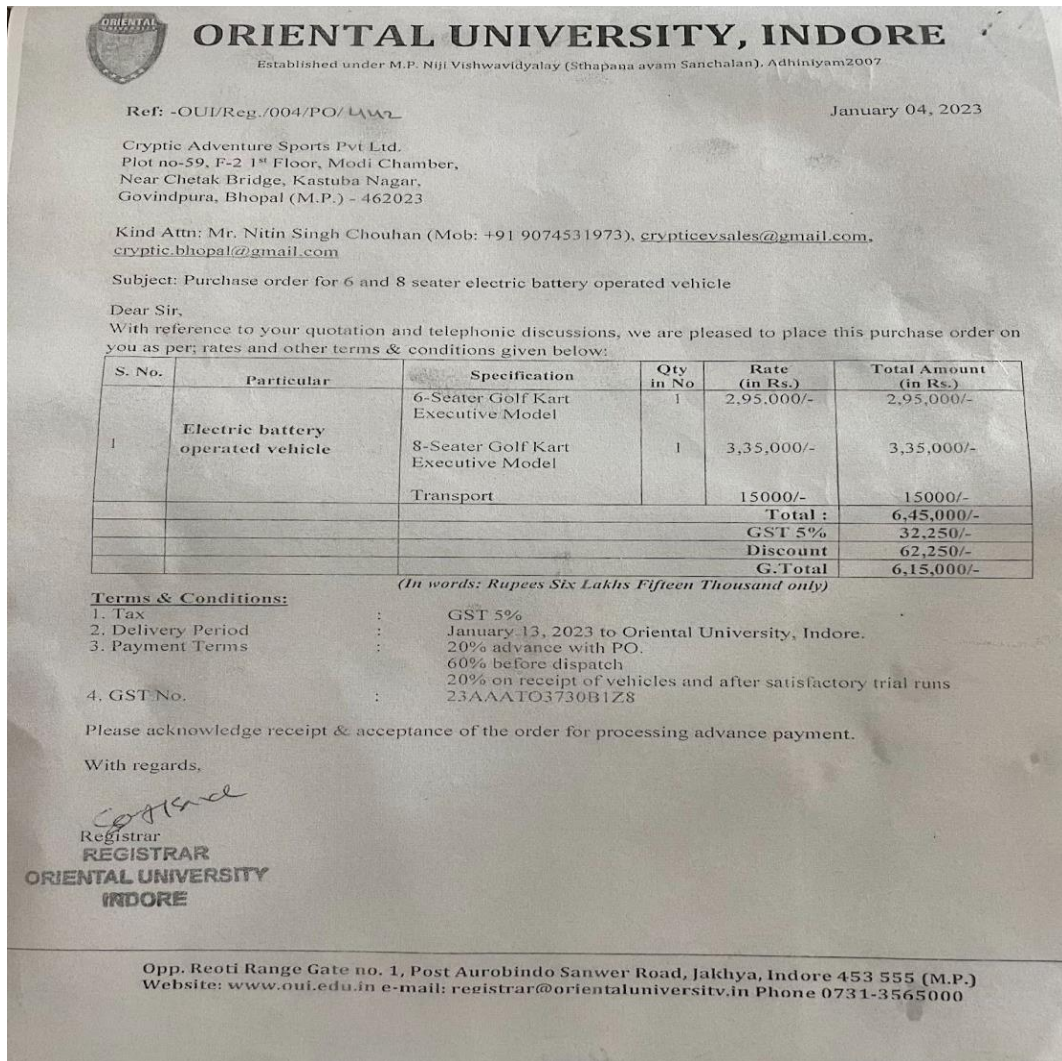
Use of bicycles has been planned in the restricted areas of university. In the campus, battery-operated vehicles were introduced in 2023. Through this initiative, the University has adopted a green culture and promotes a greener ecosystem along with providing pollution-free living conditions for its residents.

Having battery powered vehicles installed on campus will allow the University to go one step forward in trying to be on par with the Government of India's efforts to promote renewable energy sources. It facilitates transportation for university members on campus, and it is helpful for all residents. The two Battery Powered Vehicles (One is 8 seater and another is 6 seater) has been purchased by the university.





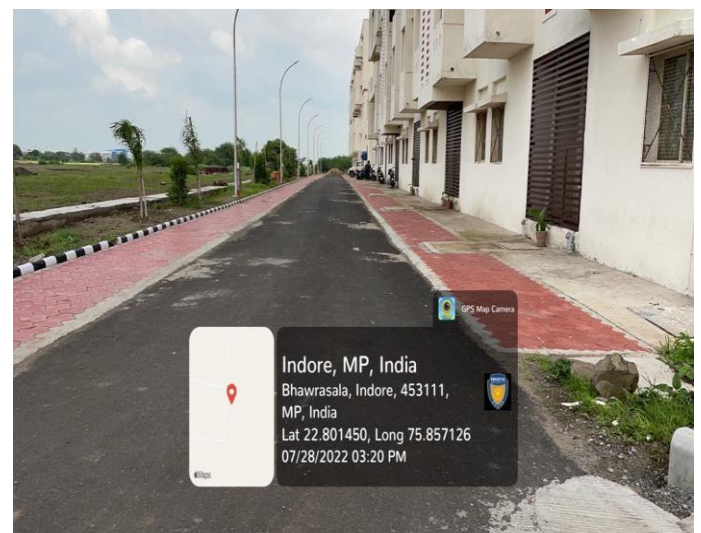
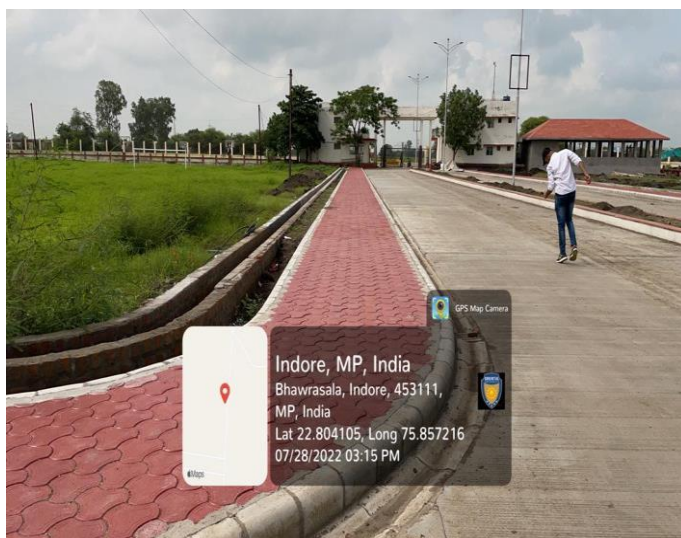
**Figure.2: Battery Powered Vehicles within the campus**



**Figure.3: Purchase Order for Battery Powered Vehicles**

### 3. Pedestrian Friendly Pathways

In university, in different locations, pedestrian friendly pathways are constructed, due to which students/faculty members/staff members, etc. can move from one to other places(s) easily. These pathways connect, main teaching blocks to hostels, mess, canteen, and residency. There are concrete boundaries and painted lines on either side of the roads. Maintenance is carried out on these roads regularly to prevent mud, dust, and vegetation from growing on them. University campuses are made even more beautiful by these well-maintained roads.



**Figure.4: Pedestrian Friendly Pathways**

#### 4. Ban on use of Plastic

Oriental University, Indore is strictly committed to the ban on plastic concept, and at every level tries to reduce the use of plastic. For this purpose, well designed stickers have been placed at different locations of the university, which guide for restricted use of plastic in university campus, hostel and mess.



(a) Day Care Center

(b) Canteen

(c) Mess

**Figure.5: Stickers recommending the Ban on Plastic**



**Figure.6: Events recommending the restricted use of Plastic**

Besides it, on a regular basis different points of time, competitions and events are organized which recommend the students to reduce the use of plastic in the university campus. In this series Oriental University has signed the MOU with Jwala Mahila Samiti. Jwala is a Non-

Profit Organization that stems from the idea of revolutionizing the status of women empowerment in India. Such events guide the students and faculty members, as well, to avoid the use of plastic.

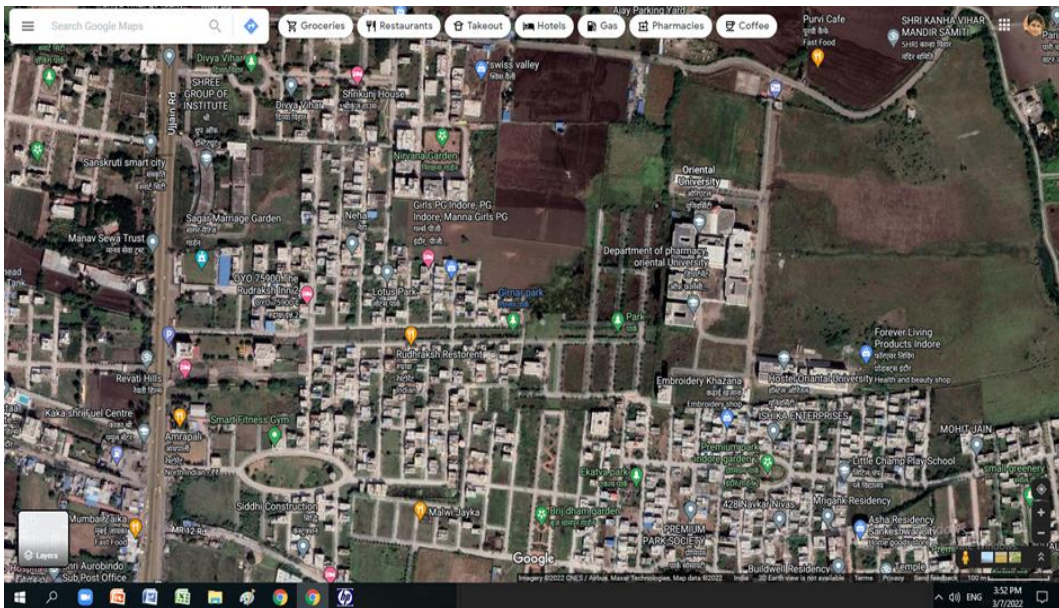


**Figure.7: Activity for banning the use of single-use plastic in the university campus**

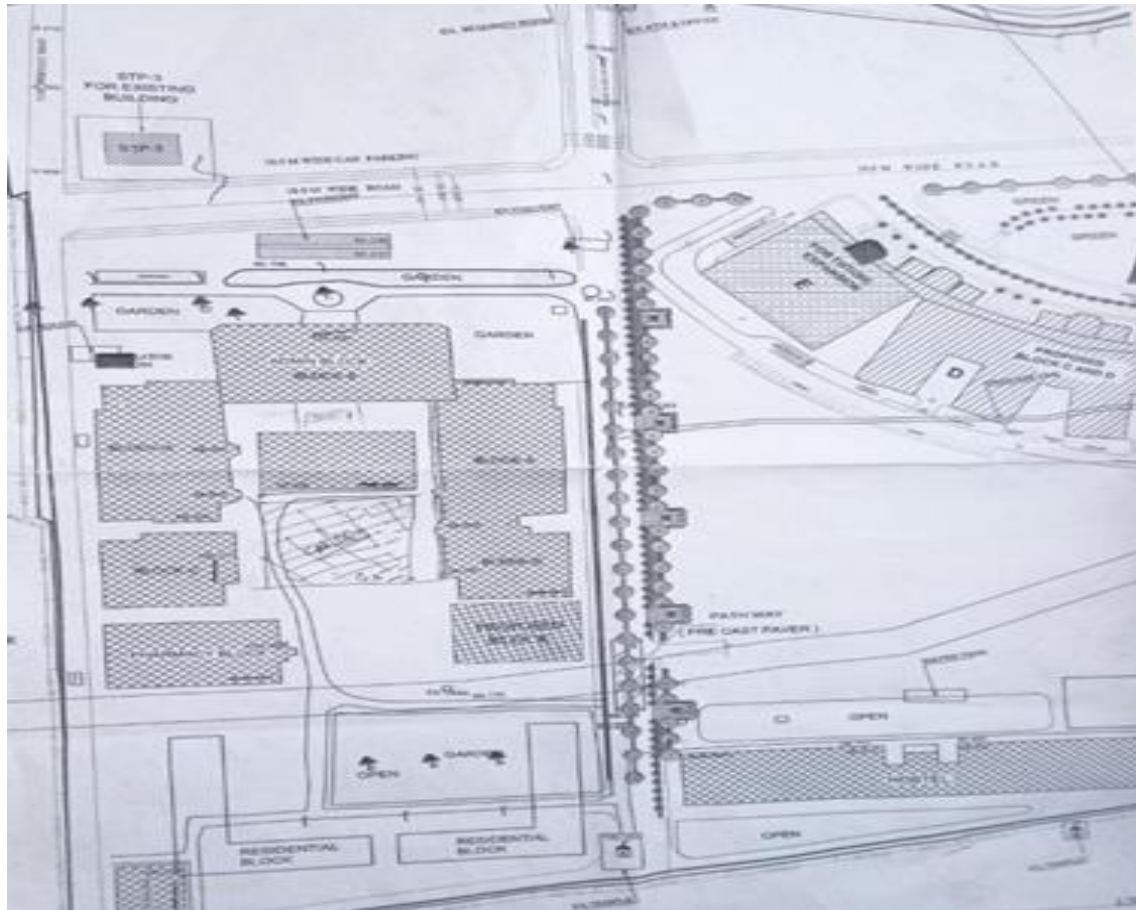
## 5. Landscaping with Trees and Plants

The process of making a garden or other piece of land more attractive by altering the existing design, adding ornamental features, and planting trees and shrubs is called landscaping. At Oriental University, Indore, extreme care has been taken in preserving the beauty of nature via landscaping of trees and plants. A figure provided below, gives an idea about the landscaping practices at Oriental University, Indore.





**Figure.8: Landscaping at Oriental University, Indore**



**Figure.9: Plan for Greenery at Oriental University, Indore**

Besides these activities, on a regular basis, plantation drives are also organized at university level to increase the greenery. For this purpose such events are organized on national and international days like Ozone Day, World Pharmacist Day, and other days in order to memorize the importance of these days. These activities run round all the year, due to which students also understand the importance of plants and trees in their lives.





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**Tree Plantation Drive  
 under "Meri Mati Mera Desh"  
 programme & the occasion of "Kargil Diwas"**

**Date & Duration**  
 26 July 2023  
 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**Venue**  
 Open Area, Oriental  
 University Campus, Indore

**Convener**  
 Dr. Narender Kumar  
 (HOD Agri. Dept.) &  
 Dr. Parikshit Joshi (NSS Officer)

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**Figure.10: Plantation Drives at Oriental University, Indore**