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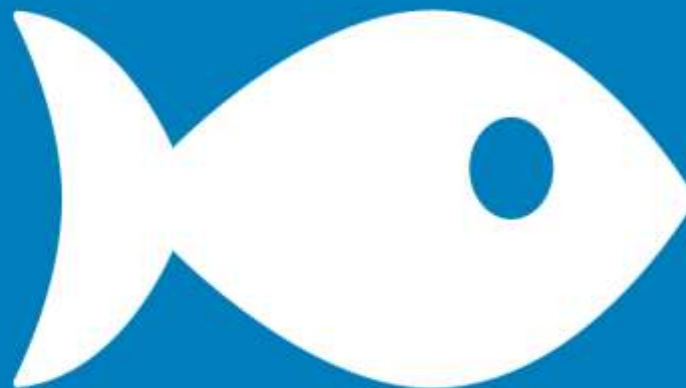
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SDG – 14: Life Below Water

**(Initiate Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change
and its Influences)**

**14 LIFE
BELOW WATER**





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Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra recognizes “Life Below Water” as a vital component of sustainable development and aligns its vision with the global objective of conserving and sustainably using oceans, seas, and marine resources. Oceans cover over 70% of the Earth’s surface, regulate the global climate, and provide essential resources such as food, livelihoods, and oxygen, yet marine ecosystems are increasingly threatened by pollution, overfishing, habitat destruction, and climate change.

The institution integrates environmental sustainability into its academic curriculum at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, covering critical issues such as water scarcity, water pollution, species conservation, bio-magnification and bioaccumulation in aquatic food webs. Through seminars, webinars, poster-making competitions, rallies, and outreach programs, students and faculty are sensitized to the importance of preserving rivers, lakes, and marine resources.



National Seminar on "International Day for Action on Rivers"

The University also adopted comprehensive environmental policies focusing on water conservation, pollution control, and sustainable resource management. Rainwater harvesting systems have been implemented across the campus to recharge groundwater and reduce dependency on external water sources. Regular green and energy audits are conducted to monitor sustainability performance and identify areas for improvement. Ground cover



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practices and plantation drives enhance soil retention, promote biodiversity, and improve water absorption capacity, thereby reducing surface runoff and protecting nearby water bodies from contamination. These measures contribute indirectly but significantly to the larger objective of protecting aquatic ecosystems and reducing the burden on marine environments.

In addition to infrastructure initiatives, the University promotes research in environmental sciences, particularly in areas such as bioremediation techniques aimed at restoring polluted water bodies. By encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and establishing functional Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with national and international institutions, the University strengthens research and knowledge exchange related to aquatic biodiversity and ecosystem restoration. Plans for scaling up rainwater harvesting infrastructure and installing Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) further reflect its proactive approach toward wastewater management, ensuring that untreated effluents do not pollute freshwater streams that ultimately connect to larger marine systems.

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MoU between UP Jal Nigam and University



Overall, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra demonstrates a comprehensive and forward-looking approach toward the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 14. Through policy integration, academic enrichment, awareness campaigns, water conservation infrastructure, and research-driven solutions, the University contributes meaningfully to the protection of life below water. Its commitment reinforces the understanding that safeguarding oceans and marine resources begins with responsible actions at the institutional and local levels, ultimately advancing sustainable development for present and future generations.



Rainwater Harvesting Pits



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Rainwater Harvesting Pits at different location of university