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Progress Report
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The United Nations General Assembly's 17 Goals for Sustainable Development (SDG's) provide priorities to work towards the well-being of the Earth and its people. Integral University understands the importance and urgent nature of SDG's and is committed to contribute in achievement of SDGs. The commitment towards SDGs is reflected through the work done within departments, and other units of the university. Progress reports of SDG 2 is as follows.

Metric	Description
2.1 Research on Hunger	Millions of people are impacted by hunger, which is still one of the world's most urgent problems, especially in emerging nations like India. Multidisciplinary strategies are needed to combat hunger, spanning from social interventions and policy-making to food security, nutrition, and agricultural breakthroughs. Through a 118 research papers, Integral University, a renowned academic institution in India, has been making contributions to this worldwide issue. The University conducts a wide range of research on hunger with the goal of comprehending the fundamental causes of malnutrition and hunger and creating workable remedies. Investigating sustainable farming methods, improving food security via technological advancements, and researching the socioeconomic causes of hunger are some of the research projects.
2.2.1 Campus food waste tracking	Food waste from both in-house and contracted food facilities is actively measured by Integral University, which is committed to sustainability. For reliable data on the production of food waste, our policies require strong tracking systems. In previous occasions, we worked with food suppliers to maximize portion sizes, ran awareness campaigns teaching the public about responsible consumption, and put waste reduction techniques into practice. Through the measurement and management of food waste, we aim to reduce our environmental impact and encourage a conscious consumption culture at the institution. We are unwavering in our resolve to promote an ethical and sustainable method of managing food.
2.2.2 Indicator: Campus food waste	Through extensive programs, Integral University places a high priority on alleviating student hunger and food insecurity. We have already carried out projects like campus community gardens and nutrition assistance programs. The goal of these initiatives has been to give kids experiencing food insecurity both short-term respite and long-term remedies. Furthermore, financial aid initiatives and awareness efforts have played a significant role in fostering a positive atmosphere. We work to guarantee that every student has dependable access to wholesome meals by continuously assessing and improving these programs, creating a campus environment where academic achievement and well-being coexist.
2.3.1 Student food insecurity and hunger	In higher education, student hunger is a problem that is frequently disregarded, despite the fact that it has a significant impact on students' general wellbeing, academic achievement, and health. In order for students to concentrate on their studies without being distracted by food insecurity, it is imperative that student hunger be addressed. Although Integral University has taken steps to comprehend and address this problem, more can be done to guarantee that every student has access to a healthy diet. The problem of student hunger has been addressed by Sharda University. To help students afford meals, the University provides meal plans and subsidized food selections in campus cafeterias. Furthermore, students in need can get financial aid from the university's student welfare services, which helps lessen some of the financial strains that lead to hunger. Food drives and other programs have been



	held at Integral University in recent years to assist students who are experiencing food poverty. Distribution of food and other necessary supplies to students in need has been made easier by partnerships with neighborhood NGOs and community organizations.
2.3.2 Students hunger interventions	Addressing hunger among employees and students is a priority for Integral University. Proactive measures like setting up food banks and pantries are part of our policy to provide consistent access to wholesome meals. In previous initiatives, we launched financial aid programs, coordinated food drives, and worked with nearby communities. By creating a friendly atmosphere, these programs sought to prevent and lessen hunger. We hope to establish a campus where no employee or student experiences food insecurity by consistently improving these interventions, which is consistent with our commitment to the health and diversity of the university community.
2.3.3 Sustainable food choices on campus	With a variety of vegetarian and vegan options available on campus, Integral University places a high priority on sustainable food choices for everyone. In the past, initiatives have included serving wholesome plant-based meals in dining establishments to raise awareness of environmental and health issues. Our dedication to obtaining sustainable and organic food is demonstrated by our partnerships with nearby farms. Events like campaigns and themed feasts have raised awareness of the advantages of vegan and vegetarian diets. These programs demonstrate our commitment to creating an atmosphere on campus where people may make sustainable and knowledgeable food choices, improving their own health and promoting a healthier planet.
2.3.4 Healthy and affordable food choices	Integral University is dedicated to offering everyone on campus wholesome and reasonably priced food options. A range of wholesome, well-balanced meal options were introduced, and price rules were used to guarantee affordability. Events such as themed lunches and health awareness campaigns have emphasized the value of choosing healthful foods. The availability of fresh and reasonably priced foods is improved through partnerships with regional farmers and suppliers. Our dedication to developing a campus community where all individuals have access to and enjoy wholesome meals, enhancing their general well-being and establishing a satisfying dining experience, is in line with these initiatives.
2.4.1 Indicator: Proportion of graduates in agriculture and aquaculture	Programs in agriculture and allied subjects are available at Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Integral University with the goal of giving students the information and abilities they need to handle today's agricultural problems. These initiatives prioritize the preservation of natural resources, technology developments in agriculture, and sustainable agricultural methods. To guarantee that students obtain real-world experience, the curriculum frequently incorporates internships, practical training, and partnerships with businesses.
2.5.1 Access to food security knowledge	By giving local farmers and food producers access to information, expertise, and technology in sustainable agriculture, aquaculture, and food security, Integral University actively supports them. Workshops, training sessions, and knowledge-sharing activities have been organized in the past. In order to provide local communities with the newest innovations and sustainable practices, the University works with agricultural specialists. By building resilience and encouraging ecologically sustainable methods, these initiatives seek to improve the capacities of farmers and food producers. The dedication of Integral University to knowledge exchange aids in the growth of strong, sustainable farming methods in the neighbourhood.
2.5.2 Events for local farmers and food producers	Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Integral University actively organizes gatherings for nearby farmers and food producers, establishing forums for networking and information sharing. Previous efforts have included setting up forums, interactive sessions, and agricultural fairs where farmers can communicate, exchange stories, and learn about the newest developments. The goal of these gatherings is to promote teamwork so that best practices and expertise may be shared. University's support of these programs demonstrates its commitment to advancing sustainable methods, helping the local farming community, and improving the region's general well-being.



2.5.3 University access to local farmers and food producers	By granting local farmers and food producers' access to university resources, Integral University is committed to advancing sustainable farming methods. This includes plant stocks, state-of-the-art equipment, and labs to improve their agricultural methods and understanding. The university has previously held training sessions and workshops where community people might take advantage of these tools. Integral University promotes sustainable agriculture by actively interacting with the local farming community and creating a cooperative atmosphere for mutual learning and development.
2.5.4 Sustainable food purchases	Integral University places a high priority on buying goods from sustainable, local suppliers in order to boost the local economy and encourage eco-friendly behaviour. Previous efforts have included forming alliances with regional farmers and suppliers and making sure that the goods purchased meet sustainability standards. The institution lessens its environmental impact and supports the economic growth of the community by actively putting this policy into practice. These initiatives demonstrate Integral University's commitment to promoting an ethical and sustainable procurement strategy, which is consistent with its commitment to social and environmental responsibility.
