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Introduction

In 2025, Nakhchivan State University (NSU) continued its commitment to environmental sustainability and sustainable campus development, aligning its initiatives with SDG 11. The university focused on enhancing green spaces, promoting sustainable infrastructure, and raising environmental awareness among students and staff to create a campus that is resilient, eco-friendly, and inclusive.

Key Initiatives in 2025

Tree Planting Campaigns

- NSU organized multiple tree planting events during the year.
- Over 350 new trees were planted across campus.
- These campaigns improved the aesthetic appeal, enhanced air quality, and increased biodiversity on campus.

Sustainable Landscaping

- The university implemented eco-friendly landscaping practices, including:
 - Use of native plant species that require less maintenance and water.
 - Water-efficient irrigation systems to conserve resources.
 - Sustainable maintenance practices to reduce environmental impact.
- These efforts contributed to a resilient and sustainable campus environment.







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Cultural Heritage Preservation and Community Engagement

NSU has embedded cultural heritage preservation into its SDG 11 strategy, aligning with Target 11.4 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which stresses safeguarding the world's cultural and natural heritage. Key efforts include:

- Cultural events and exhibitions that showcase Nakhchivan's rich historical and artistic traditions. These help build awareness and appreciation among students and the broader community.
- Museum and exhibition initiatives that support preservation and public engagement through educational resources.

These activities help connect academic learning with cultural continuity, encouraging both students and residents to value and protect local heritage.







Campus Safety and Inclusive Infrastructure

NSU's work toward SDG 11 focuses on creating a safe, accessible, resilient, and inclusive campus environment — aligning with the broader SDG 11 targets for safe and inclusive public spaces and accessible infrastructure.

Security Enhancements:

- Expansion of CCTV systems across key academic buildings and student housing to enhance monitoring and deterrence.
- 24/7 monitoring in residential areas to ensure student safety around the clock.



Emergency Preparedness:

- Fire evacuation drills conducted across major campus facilities to prepare students and staff for emergencies.
- Upgraded alarm systems and emergency infrastructure installed in multiple buildings to improve response readiness.

These measures contribute to a more secure and resilient campus environment, which is foundational for SDG 11's goal of safe and inclusive spaces.

Conclusion

In 2025, Nakhchivan State University demonstrated a strong and integrated commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 11 by advancing environmental sustainability, cultural heritage preservation, and inclusive campus development. Through extensive tree planting campaigns and sustainable landscaping practices, the university enhanced campus biodiversity, improved air quality, and promoted efficient use of natural resources, contributing to a greener and more resilient environment.

At the same time, NSU strengthened its role as a guardian of cultural heritage and community engagement by organizing cultural events, exhibitions, and museum initiatives that celebrate Nakhchivan's historical and artistic legacy. These efforts reinforced the connection between academic learning and cultural continuity, fostering a sense of shared responsibility among students, staff, and the wider community.

Complementing these initiatives, NSU prioritized campus safety and inclusive infrastructure by upgrading security systems, improving emergency preparedness, and ensuring safer residential and academic spaces. The expansion of CCTV coverage, 24/7 monitoring, and regular emergency drills contributed to a secure, accessible, and inclusive campus environment for all.

Overall, NSU's 2025 initiatives reflect a holistic approach to sustainable campus development—one that balances environmental stewardship, cultural preservation, and human well-being. By aligning its actions with SDG 11, the university continues to build a campus that is not only sustainable and resilient, but also inclusive and culturally vibrant, setting a positive example for higher education institutions in the region.

