

## HERE IS THE HEART OF THE CAMPUS

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This is how mother Nature nurtures her dear ones .She always has her own support mechanism for all the needs of men in touch.Be it the struggle for a step further , a quest for excellence or even a balancing act for mere existence , she has her own tactics to lend a hand.

*Raveendrasarovaram* , the vast expanse of clear blue rain water storage which holds a pride of a place in the heart of Mahatma Gandhi University campus, tells brilliant stories of exploiting the bounties of nature as well as exploring her possibilities by the imaginative and creative minds that blessed this blissful spot. The project ,named after Sri. N.Raveendranadh, former Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University (2000-2004) who monitored the project mindfully at every stage of execution,speaks volumes on the commitment of an educational establishment to men and nature in equal measure .

The rock solid foundation of this abode of knowledge owes greatly to this place where the serene *sarovaram* flourishes now.After a brisk period of quarrying during the initial days of inception of the University , the place was abandoned for being 'useless' following a usual practice prompted by sheer pragmatism.

But, soon enough, re-writing the fate of the entire area in pure green ink came up the idea of reclaiming and converting it into a giant rainwater reservoir. The place being most ideally located on the lap of a rocky hillock sprinkled with evergreen bushes which naturally replaced the rubber trees felled , the idea worked one hundred percent. Besides being nourished naturally by the downstreams , rain water channelled through pipes from the roof tops of nearby buildings kept on enriching the treasure with the passage of each year. Currently, this unparalleled gift of nature is supported by rain water from some twenty buildings located around ,including the Silver Jubilee Pareeksha Bhavan with a roof area of 25,000 Sq. ft. With a storage capacity of 4.5 Crore Litres of water this blue wonder now has the potential to address almost the entire drinking water needs of the establishment, once replenished by a normal monsoon.

During the peak of monsoon, the sight of clear water spilling out from here is a feast for those eyes that care for the treasures of Nature.