

JUSTIFICATION TO USE FOREST LAND FOR UNIVERSITY

Kuvempu University is one of the vibrant rural University, established during 1987-88 by Government of Karnataka at Shankaraghatta, Shimoga Dist. and has been recognized by the Ministry of Human Resources Development ,Government Of India.

Kuvempu University was established exclusively to cater the rural demand. Commencing from 1987 till date Kuvempu University has catered to the demand and requirements of Shimoga, Chikamagalur, Davanagere and Chitradurga district. University has introduced various new academic programmes like Wild Life and Management Studies, Applied Zoology, Plant Science, Microbiology, Biotechnology, Earth Science and Remote Sensing Management and many more. Apart from the above University has proposed to introduce other state of the art applied courses.

Around seventy five thousand students are admitted to various undergraduate and Post- Graduate degree courses of this University every year. They are trained academically, culturally and socially. There are some specialized courses in the University about basic health programme, eradication of illiteracy, communal harmony, conservation of forests, water conservation, environmental issues / swachbharath abhiyan, yoga, physical education and many International/National Seminars were also being held/ Conducted for the benefit of the general public. Western Ghats Research project, bio-diversity programmes are the very important ones. With this the strength of the students for higher education population in this University present jurisdiction in two Revenue Districts are benefited in social status.

Since Kuvempu University is in the forest land it is providing protection to forest land and wild life. Kuvempu University's part in protecting the forest is immense. Every year University is planting various saplings to enhance the green cover around its buildings and other vacant land. The forest cover is helping University students of Wildlife management, Botany, Zoology and Environmental Science departments to understand the subject better and gain practical knowledge. Students have done various research projects about flora and fauna in this campus region, identifying Bird Species, frogs and toads and many more.

For last 30 years the University is imparting knowledge to the stake holders and spent sufficient of money in constructing infrastructure and other developments. As the strength of the university Student are increasing, University has to enhance its infrastructure facilities to cater to the increasing demand.

Though various courses have been introduced, University does not have separate departments for each course. Under one roof many departments are being run. It is mandatory by UGC to have separate building for each department. As strength of the students is always increasing especially female students are more, it is essential to have independent hostels, boarding and lodging facilities. Each department to have a separate lab facility, hostel, library is mandatory.

For that it is necessary for the University to construct more academic amenities. In the light of the above facts, University seeks the fullest cooperation not only from the State Government but also from Department of Forests and Union Government.



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