

Biowaste management programme is one among the unique programmes initiated by the University to popularize the best practices to uplift the society. Biowastes are the major misplaced natural resources. Their better utilization by recycling them as composts is one of the fundamental duties of any civilized society. To enact in this direction the university initiated this programme during 2010. With the support of Mysore City Corporation in providing infrastructure facilities, the university has developed a centre for the management of Solid wastes generated in the campus. This centre, has the following facilities.

Composting shed (size 8.4x24 mtr) Storage shed (Size 9.7x 42.3mtr), segregation shed (8.07x20 mtr), washing platform (6.3X 20 mtr), parking shed (9.2x25.5mtr), Office cum tool room (12x 4.5 mtr), Toilet (3.8x4.8mtr), a sump for water storage, a store room and all-round barbed wire fencing.

Major emphasis is given to the composting of huge quantity of leaf litter and other biowastes generating in the campus. This centre was functioning with the following objectives.

1. To demonstrate the commitment of the university to the public by recycling the biowastes generated in its campus by producing compost and vermicompost.
2. To disseminate the knowledge and technique of composting through training, demonstration and teaching programmes.
3. To create the facilities to the students to undertake research and project works in the field of waste management, composting, vermicomposting of biowastes, organic/ natural farming etc.

The main motto is to teach the society that reducing, reusing and recycling the wastes is a very important activity for development. As a primary responsibility of the programme, various products viz., vermicompost, enriched vermicompost, compost, enriched vermicompost, vermiwash and earthworms are produced and sold to the public. Further, technical guidance on composting, vermicomposting was given to the public and school children who visited the center. In addition, MSc. Students of Sericulture, Botany, zoology, Env. Sci. have carried out project works on species of earthworms, suitable feed to earthworms, vermicomposting of Horse dung, silkworm bed refuse, Eichhornia, algal scum of Kukkarahalli lake etc.