

## **Manipal University Jaipur Measuring Water Usage**

Water is a finite and essential resource, and universities are among the institutions with a significant demand for it. This demand arises from various sources within the campus, including academic buildings, dormitories, sports facilities, and lush green landscapes. Measuring the total volume of water used in university, along with understanding the sources of this water, is an integral part of sustainable campus management. By implementing metering systems, analyzing data, and adopting eco-friendly practices, Manipal University Jaipur reduces their environmental impact and contributes to a greener and more sustainable future. These efforts not only benefit the environment but also instill a sense of responsibility and environmental awareness in the university community.

Manipal University Jaipur measures its total water usage with precision. Implementing advanced metering systems is one of the primary methods Manipal University Jaipur employs to measure water consumption accurately. These systems track the flow of water in real-time, enabling the university to monitor usage patterns, detect leaks, and identify areas of improvement. The data collected from metering systems are analyzed to gain insights into water consumption trends. By understanding peak usage times and high-demand areas, Manipal University Jaipur develops strategies to optimize water usage efficiently. Manipal University Jaipur has access to groundwater from aquifers. While extracting water from these sources, Manipal University Jaipur adheres to sustainable practices and maintains ecological balance.

Manipal University Jaipur has a clear understanding of its water usage and sources, it implements various sustainable practices to reduce consumption and minimize environmental impact. Installing low-flow faucets, toilets, and showers in campus buildings can significantly reduce water consumption (Picture 1, 2 & 3). Adopting xeriscaping techniques and using drought-resistant plants can lower irrigation needs for campus landscapes (Picture 3). Implementing water reuse systems for activities like irrigation or cooling can maximize water efficiency. Promoting water conservation awareness among students and staff encourages responsible water usage throughout the campus. Regular monitoring and assessment of water usage and sustainability initiatives are crucial to ensure continuous improvement. Universities can set clear goals for water reduction and sustainability and measure progress over time.

Manipal University Jaipur recognizes the importance of measuring and optimizing their water usage, considering the sources from which it is drawn, such as mains supply, desalination, and extraction from rivers, lakes, or aquifers. Manipal University Jaipur measures its water consumption and is taking sustainable actions to ensure a greener campus.



Picture1: Sensor based toilets at MUJ campus



Picture2: Sensor based low faucets in MUJ washrooms



Picture 3: Water reused for drip irrigation



Picture 4: Installation of low-flow faucets, toilets



# Water Consumption and Treatment 2021-2022

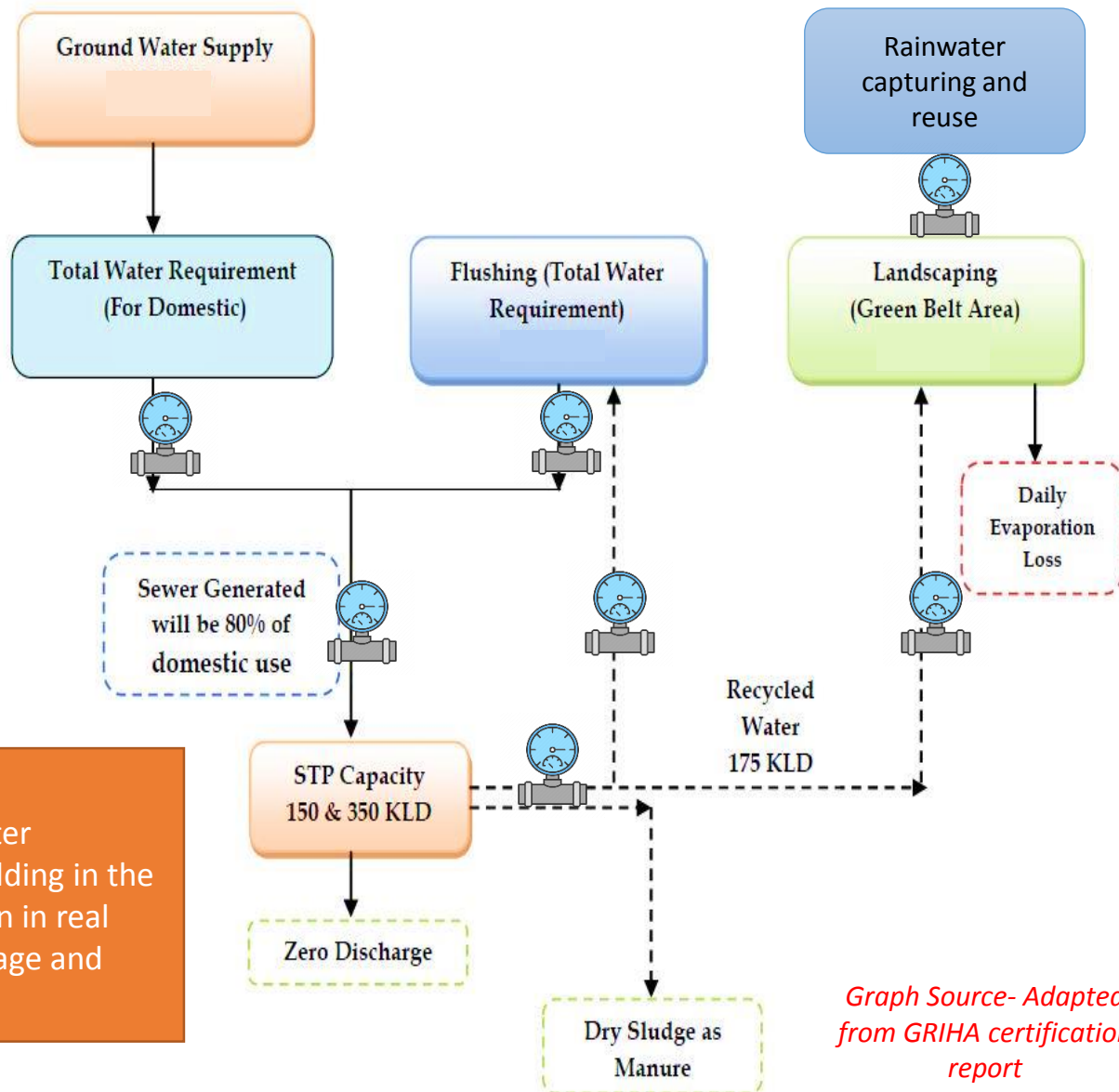
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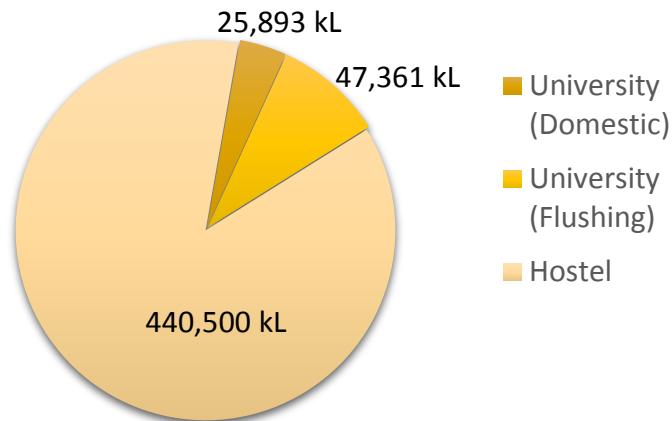
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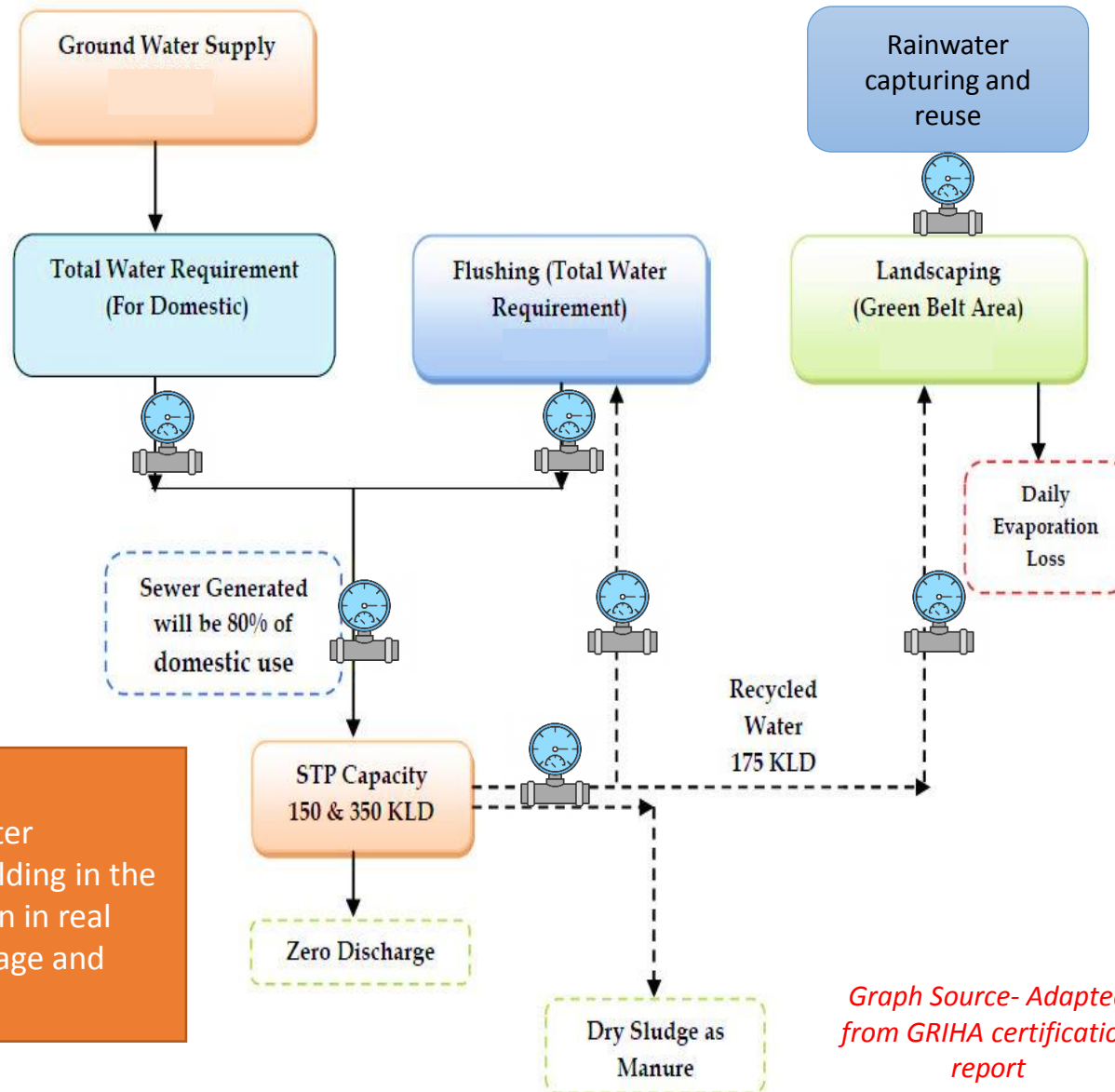


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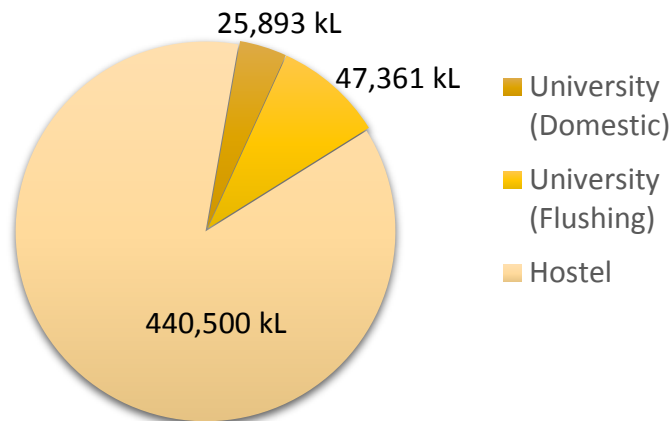
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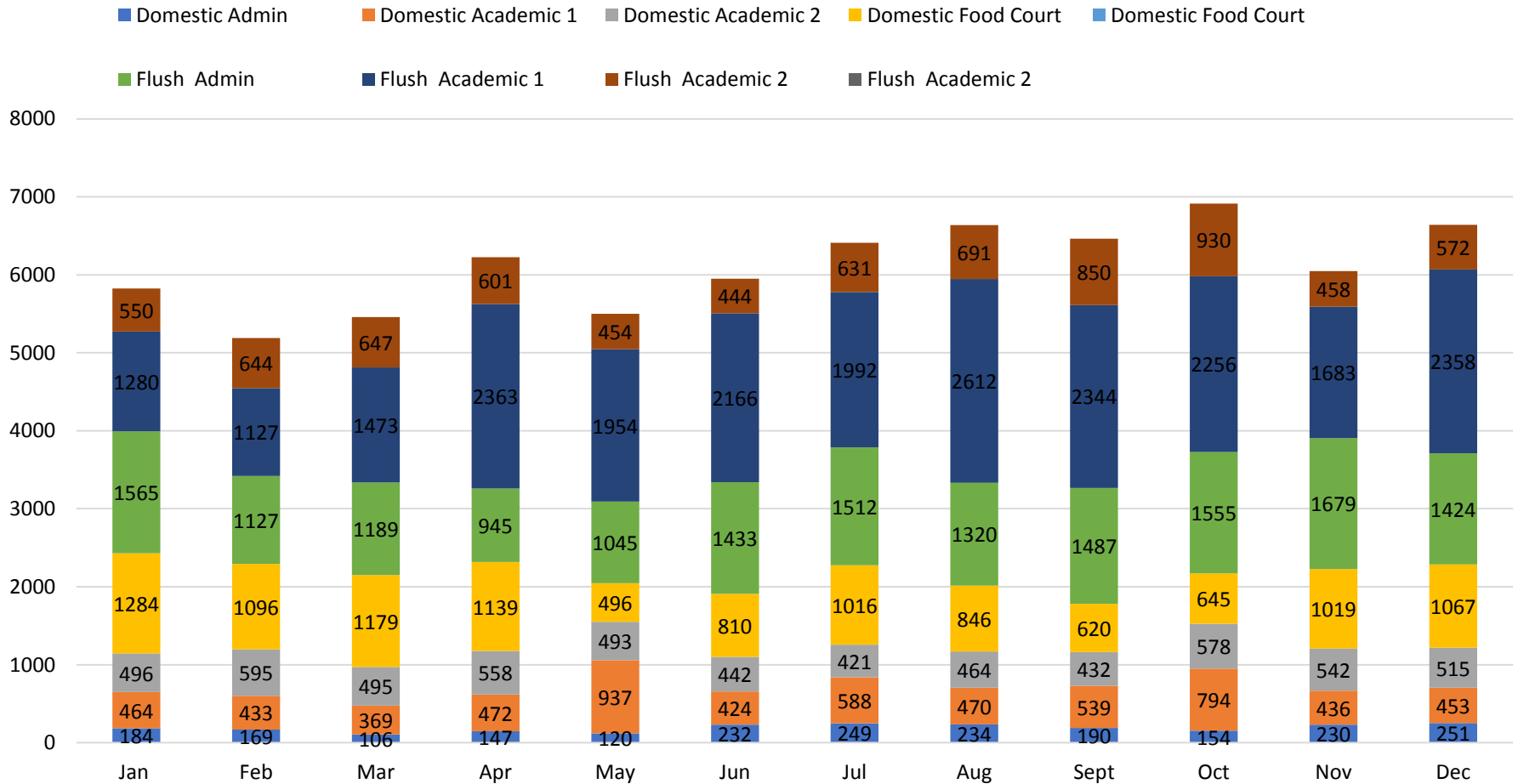
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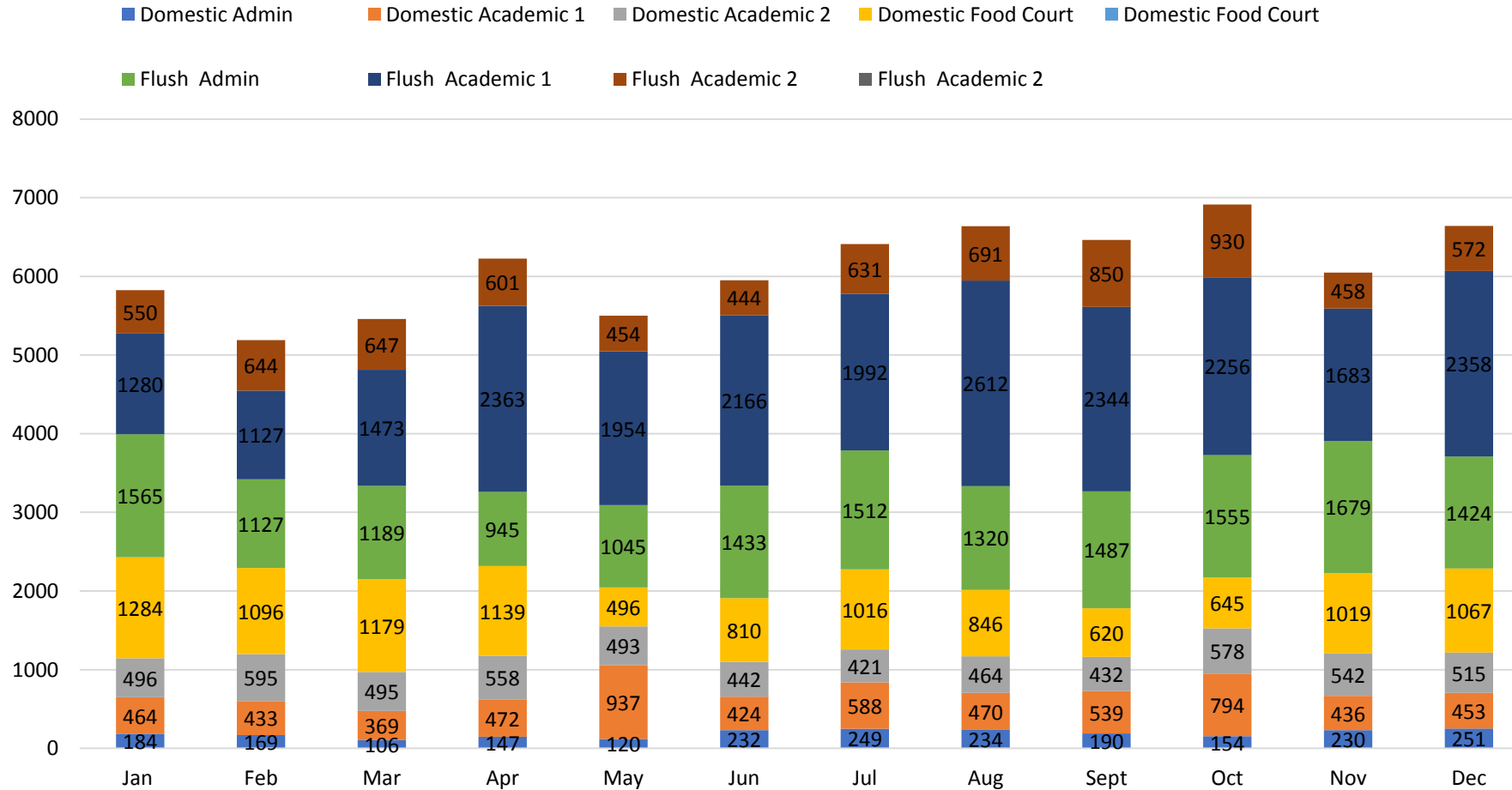
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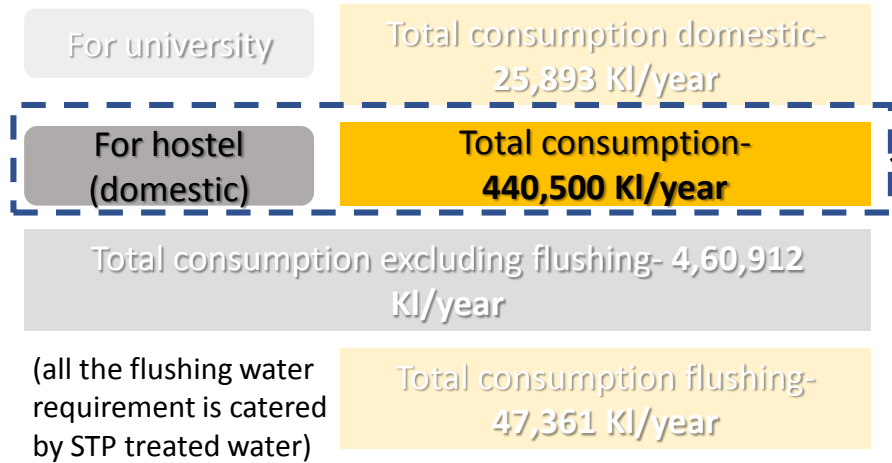
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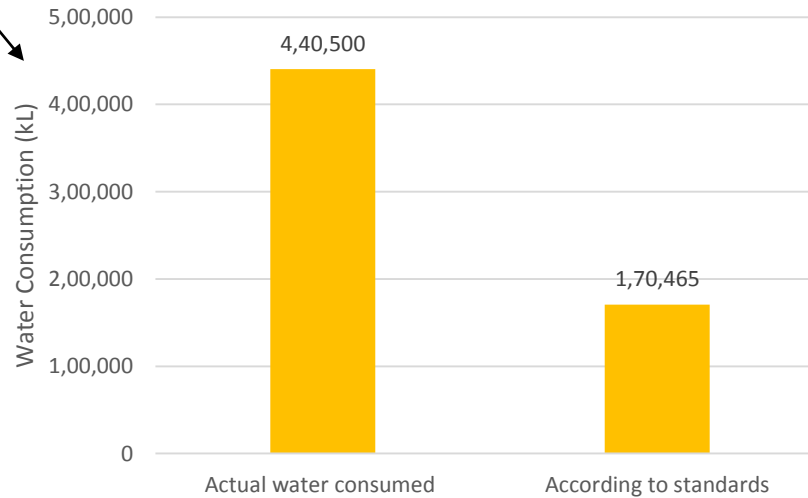
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## Water Consumption



Total no of students in hostel in 2021 - 4140  
According to NBC,  
Water required for domestic purpose is 135 liters per person per day  
Estimated water consumption for 305 days of operation is 170,465 kL/year



**COST IMPLICATIONS:**  
Regular monitoring of water use in the buildings can save – 2,70,036 kL  
1 litre of water cost – INR 60/kL  
Calculated cost savings – 1,62,02,160 INR

**HYPOTHESIS -**  
As the water savings can be upto 61%, there is a merit of investigating further the water consumption in the hostel area. This can be done by active remote monitoring of water consumption at the building level

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## Sewage Treatment plant

Manipal University Jaipur has zero discharge waste-water policy. Hence 100% of the wastewater generated on site is treated to tertiary standards and reused within the campus for various purposes like Flushing, **cooling tower makeup**, Horticulture etc.

MUJ has two Sewage treatment plants with **150kLd** and **350 kLd** respectively.

Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) type Sewage Treatment plant with total capacity of **500 kLd** is commissioned at MUJ university campus considering the future developments & excess wastewater from hostels.

A standalone 350 kLd Sewage Treatment plant is commissioned to serve only the Hostel blocks, excess wastewater is sent to University STP.

Wastewater treated on site will have projected water quality standards meeting Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) norms.



### Observations:

- Annually **1,14,609 kl/year** of treated water is available for flushing and landscape uses in MUJ Academic side
- 30,726 kl/year** i.e. **26.7%** of total available treated wastewater is used for non potable uses in all the buildings.
- 83,883 kl/ year** i.e. **73.3%** of total available treated wastewater is used for landscape requirement in university campus.

### HYPOTHESIS-

If the treated water used for landscape can be reduced by 10-15% then this water can be used for flushing purpose as the 2019 water consumption was flushing is not 100% catered by treated water.



## Annual Rainwater Potential

Annual rainfall is the sum of daily rainfall, that is collected from building roof area. With this calculation we understand the potential usage of this collected water that can be used for irrigation and flushing purpose. The table explains the effective harvesting possibilities.



\*\*Source:

Surface areas – Provided by MUJ

Rainwater tank sizes – GRIHA report

Rainfall data - <https://en.climate-data.org/asia/india/rajasthan/jaipur-3888/#climate-graph>

NAME	ROOF AREA (sqm) - X	RUNOFF COeF. - Y	ANNUAL RAINFALL (m) -Z	Effective Harvesting Potential (m <sup>3</sup> )- (X*Y*Z)
Admin block	6860	0.95	0.536	3,493
Mess block	5185	0.95	0.536	26,402
AB_1 block	7814	0.95	0.536	3,978
Garden Lawn	3571	0.2	0.536	382
AB_2 block	8565	0.95	0.536	4,361
Garden	3517	0.2	0.536	377
Road	15567	0.95	0.536	7,926
<b>Total (in kL)</b>				<b>23,160</b>

**536 mm** is the annual rainfall. The driest month is December. There is 3 mm | 0.1 inch of precipitation in December. Most of the precipitation here falls in July, averaging 178 mm | 7.0 inch.

**The peak rainfall months (July & August) harvesting potential is 7700 kL (i.e. 256kLd).**



### Observations:

- Rainwater holding capacity at MUJ **Hostel blocks 670 kL & University blocks is 490 kL**
- Rainwater from roofs is collected on site in the rainwater harvesting tanks and used for irrigation purposes in the MUJ campus.
- Rainwater from different areas on site is conveyed to RWH tanks through channels.

Hypothesis & Recommendations: The RWH tanks currently used for harvesting the rain water are **not sufficient** to hold the peak demand of rainfall, which is around **7700 kL** for peak rainfall month (i.e. **256 kL/day**). It is important to **increase the harvesting capacity of RWH** tanks to catch the surplus rainwater and utilize it for domestic/ potable purposes in the university campus.

## Storm Water Harvesting Potential

Storm water harvesting is the sum of daily rainfall, that is collected from the ground area. With this calculation we understand the potential usage of this collected water that can be used for irrigation and flushing purpose or ground water recharge. The table explains the effective harvesting possibilities.

Surfaces	GROUND AREA (sqm) - X	RUNOFF COEFFICIE NT - Y	ANNUAL RAINFALL (m) -Z	Effective Harvesting Potential (m3- (X*Y*Z)
Granite Flooring	2,381	0.95	0.536	1,212
Road Median	568	0.25	0.536	76
Lawn	14,818	0.2	0.536	1,588
Football ground	10,392	0.35	0.536	1,949
Cricket Ground	16,286	0.35	0.536	3,055
Open Area (batching plant)	15,544	0.5	0.536	4,165
Open area Thadi	16,912	0.5	0.536	4,532
Open area behind basketball ground	17,445	0.25	0.536	2,337
Lawn area near admin block	4,663	0.2	0.536	499
Area under dense tree plantation (No. of trees- 126	23,233	0.25	0.536	3,113
Pathway Area	3,658	0.95	0.536	1,862
<b>Total (in KL)</b>				<b>24,393</b>



### Observations:

Storm water from the site is collected in swales. Part of this water is diverted to a collection tank that also works as a sedimentation pit. The rest of the stormwater is diverted to 3 recharge pits located in the lowest part of the site. The collection tank is in turn connected to the WTP. The swales reduce the rate of flow during conveyance and allow stormwater to percolate into the ground as it reaches the recharge pits.

**HYPOTHESIS-**  
There is good scope to collect water and store. Currently, MUJ is collecting water from 35% of its surfaces (roof top and open areas). Considering that Jaipur faces water scarcity due its climate, investing in water harvesting measures will be beneficial lead to cost savings of ~ **INR 14,63,580 annually.**

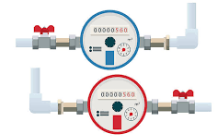


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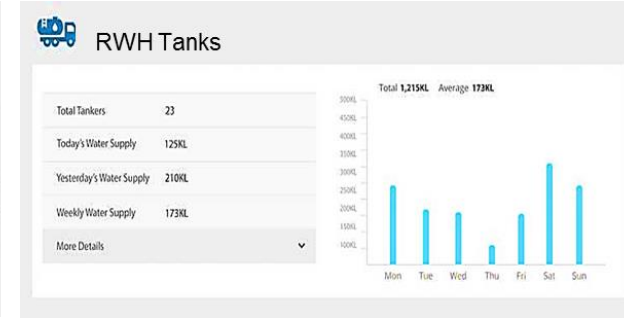
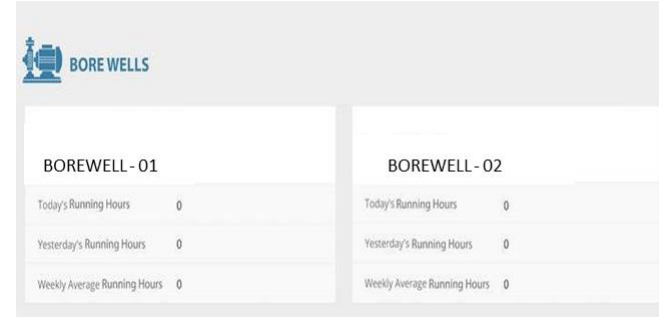
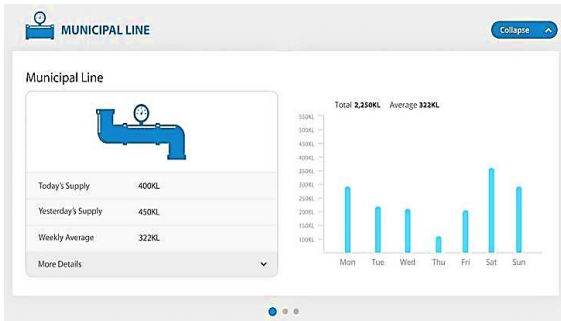
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# Recommendations:

Following recommendations are suggested to manage water in a sustainable manner:

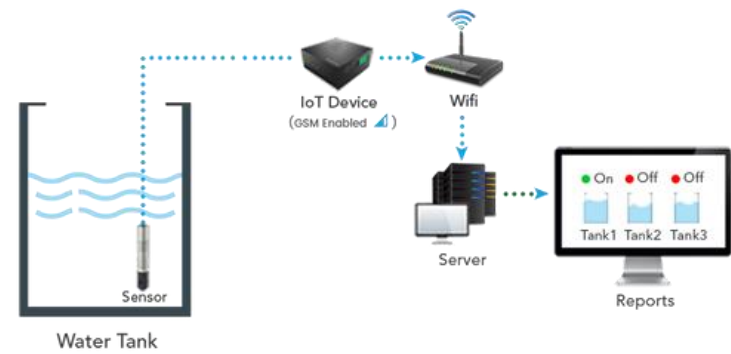
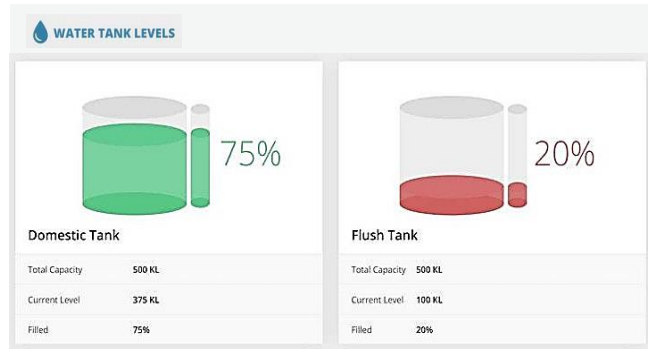


Consider carrying out meter readings on a regular basis (e.g. bi-monthly) or through remote monitoring system in order to monitor water usage. Not only will this make checking water bills much easier but will also allow a baseline to be set from which further reductions can be measured, as well as identifying the possibility to any leaks.

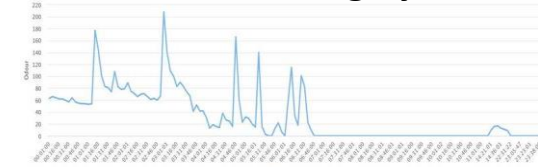


Investigate the feasibility of sub-metering different areas of the buildings and blocks, in order to give a more accurate picture of water use.

It would be useful to digitalise the tank level in the rainwater harvesting tanks to optimally use the captured rain-water.



## Water Monitoring Systems:

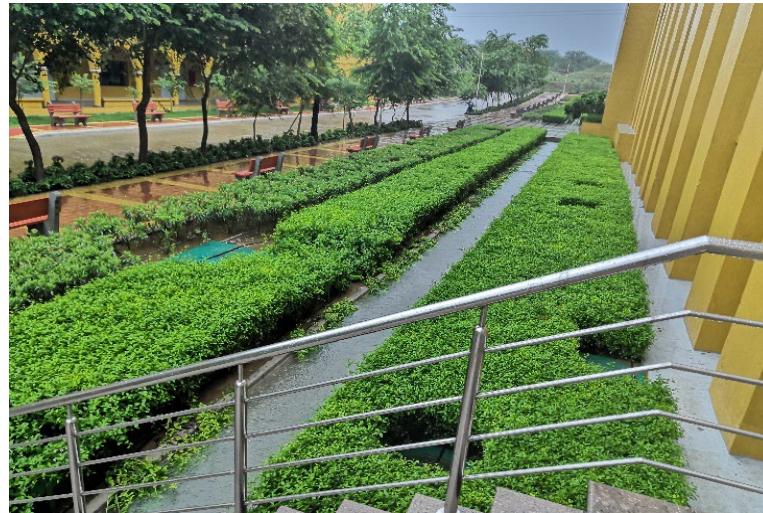


Consider installing spray taps or water-saving cartridges in sinks that are still to be refurbished.





### USAGE OF RECYCLE WATER



- Zero Water Discharge Campus ( Water Recycling )
- Sludge From STP Used As Manure For Landscaping. Reusing the debris waste for the pathways and road areas base compaction
- Vehicle Washing
- Gardening and Horticulture



## WATER EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

Water Aerator Installed in all



Sensor Based Urinals



Drip Irrigation





## WATER USE REDUCTION WITH WATER EFFICIENT FIXTURES:

Manipal University Jaipur has implemented dual plumbing for all its buildings, this helps in efficiently separating the potable water from reclaimed water for building use.

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### Some of the key highlights of sustainable water management at MUJ:

- Potable water use reduction by using water efficient fixtures
- Recycling 100% of waste water generated on site and reuse on site.
- Use of treated water for non-potable water requirement
- Reduction in landscape water use by choosing right species of plants which are regional and adaptable to local conditions & reduction of turf areas
- Use of Highly efficient Irrigation equipment like micro drips for landscape needs
- A well-developed stormwater management infrastructure to capture and use rainwater for both building and landscape needs