

A Glimpse Into Somaiya Vidyavihar's World-Class Infrastructure

Present-day students place great emphasis on the campus infrastructure when choosing a college or university for their higher education. They want to ensure the institution is well-equipped to provide a meaningful learning experience in both theoretical and practical aspects that will benefit their professional lives later. In addition, they also need facilities that motivate them to go beyond academics and hone their talents, nurture personal growth, boost physical and mental health, and, most importantly, have a fun college life that they can cherish for years to come.

Somaiya Vidyavihar University (SVU) is a vast 60-acre campus in the heart of Mumbai with world-class infrastructure designed to promote holistic student development. What makes it one of the best in the world? That's what we will discover in today's blog!

SVU infrastructure promotes excellence in academics

Somaiya Vidyavihar University promotes a comprehensive learning environment across all institutes and disciplines, ensuring every student treads a path to success.

- **Smart classrooms:** If everything in this world, from devices to cities, can become 'smart,' why can't classrooms, too? SVU is known for its ability to adapt with time and has integrated technology into all the learning spaces. Every classroom and seminar hall has LCD projectors, desktop/laptop provision, and high-speed internet connectivity, allowing teachers to explain lessons using presentations and videos. The engaging, interactive, and easy-to-follow lectures give students a firm grasp of theoretical knowledge.
- **State-of-the-art IT infrastructure:** Our institutes, such as K J Somaiya Institute of Management and K J Somaiya Institute of Engineering, have cutting-edge IT infrastructure that aids with practical skills, research and innovation, and digital literacy. The computer labs have desktops with high-end processors and advanced software applications, while the Bloomberg and media labs have the latest equipment for extraordinary audiovisual production. Moreover, the internet lease line promises a 24x7 reliable, high-speed internet connection.
- **Cutting-edge laboratories:** SVU has built laboratories with modern instruments and technology to foster hands-on learning among students. K J Somaiya College of Science and Commerce has a dedicated lab for every department, including physics, chemistry, botany, zoology, biochemistry, microbiology, geology, mathematics, and statistics.

For example, the central instrumentation laboratory, biochemistry lab, and chemistry lab consist of sophisticated instruments such as GC, HPLC, and UV to help students carry out R&D activities. The zoology lab has basic academic-grade instrumentation,

over 400 specimens, and nearly 200 reference books. The geology lab has high-quality field and testing equipment, a GIS lab, a huge collection of rocks, minerals, and fossils, and over 100 reference books.

K J Somaiya College of Nursing has fundamentals of nursing laboratory, maternal & child health laboratory, community health nursing laboratory, nutrition laboratory, and advanced nursing lab with simulation manikins, surgical instruments, illustrated charts and more to equip students with skills essential in healthcare settings.

- **Language lab:** Students interested in improving their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills can benefit from the digital language lab, a space with computer systems featuring world-class language laboratory software. In addition to enhancing their communication abilities in English, they can also learn foreign languages.
- **Libraries:** Every institute on the SVU campus has a library with extensive resources for academic and co-curricular activities, including print books, journals, periodicals, and ebooks. An online database makes it easy for students to discover and locate their desired reading material. SVU libraries also have a wide collection of fiction and nonfiction books for leisure reading. The library provides a quiet atmosphere and spacious seating for students to read, study, research, complete assignments, or enjoy downtime.
- **Sports facilities:** SVU offers facilities to support A-Z sports and games, including aerial silk, athletics, badminton, basketball, chess, cricket, football, futsal, gyming, handball, judo, kabaddi, khokho, powerlifting, skating, squash, swimming, taekwondo, tennis, volleyball, and wall climbing. Students who look forward to pursuing a career in the sports, fitness, or health industry can sign up for professional courses at Somaiya Sports Academy and benefit from A-grade sports infrastructure. Plus, those interested in extracurricular activities and sports competitions can also access the sports facilities.

SVU infrastructure supports co-curricular and extracurricular activities

Somaiya Vidyavihar University believes all work and no play makes college life dull. We provide recreational facilities for students to go beyond the four walls of their classrooms and enhance their physical, social, emotional, and mental well-being.

- **Auditorium/ theatre:** SVU has three state-of-the-art auditoriums, Takshila Auditorium, Nalanda Auditorium, and Smt. Sakarben Sabhagraha. These have 250-400 people seating capacity and outstanding audiovisual systems for seminars, conferences, and workshops. In addition, SVU is home to the Tagore Amphitheater and Gargi Plaza, both vast open spaces for hosting cultural programs, DJ nights, and more.
- **Yoga hall and gym:** The fully equipped yoga hall and gymnasium allow students and staff to practise yoga, cardio, strength training, and flexibility exercises.

- **Lush green spaces:** The SVU campus is abode to an abundance of flora and fauna, giving students ample natural spaces to unwind solo or in groups after busy college days. The serene, relaxing, and clean atmosphere reduces stress, improves mood, and promotes well-being. Plus, being in nature's company enhances attention span and memory, sparks creative ideas, and helps students perform better in college.

SVU infrastructure promises student care

The university takes complete responsibility for the students and has made all the necessary provisions to ensure their comfort, safety, and security on the campus.

- Four boys and girls hostels, including Sandipani, Maitreyi, Polytechnic, and Ashtavakra
- A medical centre with a nurse and a doctor, a first aid kit, and 24/7 ambulance service for emergencies
- Canteens and cafeterias spread across the campus serving healthy and delicious food
- ATM facility for students to easily withdraw funds whenever required
- 24/7 security personnel, CCTV surveillance, and a patrolling van to ensure the safety and security of the students

Conclusion

Every student dreams of having a sprawling college campus with many academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular opportunities. Somaiya Vidyavihar University has transformed that vision into reality by creating world-class infrastructure that fosters the all-round development of its students.