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As a part of the Land Audit, the school increased their green areas by **25.3 square meters**. They planted saplings of various species, about 35 in total of which 8 were native species.

The plants served two purposes; to increase the green area and to serve as a teaching aid to the biology teachers in the school in their lessons about root nodules, plant anatomy and physiology. All the plants were carefully chosen by the school to ensure that they consumed lesser amounts of water.

While the focus was on increasing the green area, special attention was given towards their maintenance to ensure that no pesticides were used and only organic fertilizers formed of coco peat and white peat were used. The composting process as a part of the waste audit also improved the soil's fertility.

The credit for the school's garden goes to the Eco Club members who contacted the school gardeners and sought their assistance along with some of the other non-teaching staff under the guidance of their Eco Club Coordinator who is also a biology teacher at the school.

