

Office of the Registrar
Department of Student Support Services: Campus Life

Bloom Amid Covid Gloom: Home gardening during lockdown

Congratulations
to our Week 2 **Winners!**

Staff Category
Ms. Varsha Dutt

Student Category
Shyal Shuagani Chand



French beans at Shyals home garden at Vuci Road, Nausori.



Ms. Varsha planting cabbages at her home in Nausori.

Her best tips for planting beans are:

- Feed well as beans like to be planted in a well-nourished soil and with homemade compost.
- Control weeds when they are small.
- Water well a good supply of water is vital as regular watering in dry spells will keep them running.

Ms. Varsha shares her best 3 tips for home gardening as:

- Utilizing limited spaces in one's compound for planting vegetables

She does not have enough space at her home for planting vegetables, hence she utilizes the blocks placed around her compound to plant cabbages.

- Recycling empty Egg Grates to plant your vegetables.

Due to lack of space, she uses empty egg grates to plant coriander. She keeps the grates on her porch for sunlight and waters it regularly.

- Kitchen Waste

She keeps her kitchen waste such as potato, carrot and cucumber peelings in a container to make compost. Then she uses these composts as fertilizers which helps nourish the soil that is important for vegetable gardens to flourish.