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## THE QUIET STORY OF KASU'S FRUIT TREES



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The month of March is drawing to a close, and in a matter of days, attention will quietly shift to April. But beyond the routine anticipation that often comes with a new month, there is a gentler transition unfolding, one written not in calendars or schedules, but in nature itself.

Across the university's campuses, trees of different species dot the landscape, standing as quiet witnesses to years of growth and change. Many of them majestic like (Gamji), mango, and cashew trees have taken root decades ago, their presence now woven into the identity of the environment.

Some are products of deliberate institutional efforts nurtured under initiatives by past and present leadership, such as the KASU Green Initiative. Others tell more personal stories planted many years ago by spirited

members of the university community who, in their own way, sought to leave a living legacy. From Kaduna to Kafanchan, these trees reflect a shared commitment to growth, continuity, and care for the campus space and benefit of its community.

With the changing seasons, many of these trees have begun to bear fruit varieties, not just shade but something to relish for students and staff alike. Mangoes, alongside the much loved black jamun (locally known as *malmo*), have become especially popular across the campuses.

Regular patrons of these natural spots speak of the trees with surprising familiarity. They can point out, almost with certainty, which ones yield the sweetest fruits and which branches are the most generous alluding to knowledge passed casually through shared moments beneath the trees.



A group of students with shared interests say weekends offer the best time to explore these quiet gifts of nature. Away from the rush of lectures and deadlines, they gather beneath the trees, plucking fruits, sharing laughter, and enjoying a simple connection with their surroundings.

One of them notes, with a smile, that these moments often become opportunities to strengthen friendships, as students come together, share fruits, and connect across circles.

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It is in furtherance of this broader vision that the university's management conceived and continues to implement the KASU Green Initiative, a step towards sustaining a more inviting and environmentally conscious learning environment.

In a chat, Dr. Aliyu Jafar, Chairman of the KASU Green Initiative, underscores the importance of nurturing and adopting trees across the campus. He encourages



members of the university community to take ownership of the initiative, noting that beyond their immediate benefits, trees play a vital role in promoting environmental sustainability and shaping a healthier academic environment.

Beyond the boundaries of the university, this quiet culture of environmental consciousness reflects a larger movement across Kaduna State Government, where sustainability and education reform are increasingly intertwined.



**Dr Aliyu Jafar - Chairman KASU Green Initiative**

Through programmes such as the Green Kaduna Initiative, which promotes urban greening, tree planting, and community environmental participation, the state continues to drive a vision of a cleaner and more climate-resilient society.

This commitment is further reinforced by broader environmental policies led by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, aimed at preserving natural heritage and promoting responsible resource management across the state.

Within this wider context, the fruit trees of Kaduna State University stand not just as sources of shade or seasonal delight, but as living symbols of a shared vision; one where knowledge grows alongside nature, and where the seeds of today, carefully nurtured, will yield a more sustainable and enlightened tomorrow.

**CAUTION:**  
Sweet fruits await, but climbing is a no-go! Take only what has fallen or use safe tools. Your safety and the trees' well-being come first.

# MORE PICTURES OF FRUIT VARIETIES AT THE CAMPUS

