



## **Best Practices (2021-22)**

One of the foremost concerns and best practices of IHE is its engagement with **environment**. It is a domain and practice in which it has invested heavily and shown excellent growth in the past few years. Several initiatives towards sustainability and ecological awareness have been taken over the years. Some of the initiatives that were taken during 2021-22 that come under the purview of this practice are:

- a) Plantation drive: This was part of the Institute's extensive efforts for the cause of green and sustainable environment. An increasing number and variety of plants are added each year in the college premises. The plantation drive on the occasion of Van Mahotsav was held on 24 July 2021 followed by an interesting programme 'Nest in its Nature' on the occasion of World Conservation Day on 30th July 2021.
- b) Reduction of plastic use: Several campaigns and drives were undertaken to create a plastic-free environment in the campus during 2021-22. To this end, a Plastic Free Campaign was held on 16 October 2021 to raise awareness on this important issue. Furthermore, large-scale cleanliness drive in and around the campus continued to be held. A Cleanliness Drive on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada was held on 6 September 2021 followed by Movie Screening on the occasion of Swachhta Pakhwada on 7 September 2021.
- c) Solar energy lights were put up in an attempt to create alternate energy sources. This is a significant contribution towards addressing global and local energy concerns.
- d) The Institute, as part of its commitment to environment, started bio-degradable and e-waste management during the last year. A Clean India webinar was held on 17 October 2021.

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e) Another vital campaign that feeds into the Institute's long-term vision is to designate the Institute and its premises as a no-smoking zone. An anti-Tobacco Rally was held on 28 September 2021 to raise awareness on the issue.

**Community engagement** and extension activities form another set of best practices adopted at the IHE. Several departments and NSS Unit took up several drives and campaigns to reach out to different sections of the community including young girls, underprivileged class, and children during 2021-22. Extending support to the underprivileged through book donation and charity drives was vital in view of Covid-19 lockdown aftershocks. The IHE held programmes ranging from sensitization of girls about menstrual hygiene to awareness on various deadly, communicable and other diseases such as cancer, chicken pox, dengue and hepatitis. There were also awareness drives regarding Corona virus during 2021-22 and a blood donation camp was organised on 22 February 2022 with an enthusiastic response from students and staff. 'Each One, Enable One' program by Communication Extension Department aimed to train women in digital skills and to impart ICT literacy.

