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## **Best Practices (2023-24)**

IHE places a lot of impetus on **Environment-friendly practices** which are also sustainable. The institution has been constantly working to increase its green cover. There are all-round efforts to reduce the usage of plastic and non-environment friendly material. There is a recycling unit which uses discarded paper, cardboard etc. to produce recycled paper. Waste management has been well-managed over the last few years and still improving. Vermicomposting and aero bins are being increasingly used. Cleanliness drives are regularly undertaken by various student bodies and wings.

**Community Outreach** is another domain where the institution has been quite proactive. Different departments as well as student bodies like NSS have been very actively engaged in reaching out to the community. DCEJ department took up 'Each one enable one' program where they provide digital literacy and skill enhancement training. The students of BEIEd department visit slums to interact with underprivileged children, take full-time classes in government schools and set up resource rooms with teaching-learning material. FAS department engages in hands-on training with sustainable fabrics and organic printing material. NSS, IHE is highly engaged in reaching out to the community through awareness campaigns, cleanliness drives, donation drives, setting up community kitchens etc.

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 2023-24 are mentioned below:

**Recycling and upcycling Practices:** IHE promotes continuous practices of up-cycling and recycling. Some of the skills imparted under this are:-

1. Garment making through cutting waste and surface ornamentation crafts.
2. Eco-printing workshops and use of natural dyes use.
3. Product development through use of scrap fabric materials.



**EACH ONE ENABLE ONE a Digital Literacy Training for Women:** Women empowerment is always supported by IHE. College has always been undertaking this programme since the last 5 years. Digital literacy is gaining recognition as the most valuable tool for lifelong learning. To achieve the global goals of Gender and overall equality, it's important to educate and train women in the use of digital skills.

**Community engagement and extension** IHE adopts several activities to support community engagement. Various departments and NSS Unit took up several drives and run campaigns to reach out to underprivileged sections of the community including young girls and children.  
<https://ihe.du.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/NSS-FINAL-Annual-Report-2023-24-.pdf>

**Cleanliness Drive, Rally and No Plastic Bag Campaign** IHE always initiated the drives with the cleanliness and hygiene of local bus stops, promoting a cleaner and healthier environment for commuters. NSS volunteers collected litter, including plastics, papers, and other waste materials, segregating recyclable and non-recyclable items. The areas were swept clean, and surfaces were washed with water to ensure thorough cleanliness. Flyers and posters about the importance of maintaining cleanliness and proper waste disposal were distributed to commuters.

