
***Student-Led Society for Sustainability
Initiatives***

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Student-Led Societies Engaged in Sustainability Initiatives

“**Environment and Sustainability Club**” at Shoolini University is a student-led society formed and operated by students for students, with a dedicated focus on environmental protection, green initiatives, conservation practices, and climate action. During AY 2024-2025, the Environment and Sustainability Club organized over **21 impactful activities**, addressing key environmental concerns such as waste management, plastic reduction, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable consumption.

Major initiatives included the **Zero Plastic Marathon, Waste to Wonder Competition, and Sustainable Bag Painting Competition**, all of which encouraged students to adopt eco-friendly practices in daily life. Large-scale actions such as plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, and environmental restoration activities further contributed to enhancing campus sustainability and ecological balance.

In addition, awareness-driven programmes like **Earth Day celebrations, World Environment Day campaigns, and sustainability-focused webinars** promoted behavioural change and environmental responsibility among students.

Overall, these student-led initiatives demonstrate a strong culture of leadership, participation, and commitment, significantly contributing to the university’s sustainability goals and aligning with global environmental priorities.

Activities Organised by Student-Led Sustainability Societies

Sr. No.	Event Name	Date	Student-Led Society / Group	Sustainability Focus
1	Sustainable Independence: Commitment to a Better Tomorrow	August 15, 2024	Student volunteers	No plastic, recycled decorations
2	Eco-Friendly Induction & Club Mela	August 20–23, 2024	Student clubs	Sustainability awareness, green campus practices
3	Waste to Wonder Competition	September 6, 2024	Student participants	Recycling and reuse of waste materials

4	Eco-Friendly Ganpati Utsav	September 6, 2024	Student organizers	Biodegradable materials, waste reduction
5	Zero Plastic Marathon	September 5, 2024	Student volunteers	Elimination of single-use plastic
6	Sustainable Bag Painting Competition	September 20, 2024	Student clubs	Promotion of reusable alternatives
7	Daan Utsav (Week of Giving)	October 1–8, 2024	Student volunteers	Reuse, donation, sustainable consumption
8	Mega Plantation Drive	September 30, 2024	NSS / students	Increasing green cover
9	Cleanliness Drive (Gandhi Jayanti)	October 2, 2024	NSS students	Waste management & sanitation
10	Plantation Drive	October 10, 2024	NSS / Environmental clubs students	Increasing green cover
11	Ashwini Khad Cleaning Drive	November 16, 2024	NSS students	Environmental cleaning
12	Sustainable Eating Webinar	December 03, 2024	Student organizers	Sustainable food systems awareness
13	Youth Day Sustainability Challenge	January 12, 2025	Student participants	Sustainability innovation & awareness
14	Healing Himalayas Cleanliness Drive	February 6, 2025	Student volunteers	Waste collection, climate awareness
15	Rose Day (Eco-friendly initiative)	February 7, 2025	Student clubs & NSS	Recycled crafts, zero waste
16	Hearts in Action (Charity Sale)	February 14, 2025	Student groups	Sustainable products, circular economy
17	Eco-Innovation at Moksh (Sustainability Stall)	March 28–30, 2025	Student-led stall	Sustainable living awareness
18	Bottles for Change (Campus Cleaning Drive)	April 22, 2025	Student volunteers	Plastic collection & recycling

19	Earth Day Sustainability Celebration	April 24, 2025	Student societies	Sustainability awareness activities
20	World Environment Day Campaign	June 5, 2025	Student volunteers	Plastic reduction campaign
21	Clean Trails, Clear Minds (Jakhu Drive)	Feb 6, 2025	Student volunteers	Waste cleanup & awareness

Sample reports on Student-Led Societies
Engaging in Sustainability Initiative

August 22-23, 2024

Strengthening Inclusivity: A Vibrant Meet & Greet with Cultural Showcase at Shoolini University

Shoolini University organized a "Meet and Greet" cultural event aimed at welcoming new students and helping them acclimate to campus life. This initiative provided a warm and inviting atmosphere for incoming students, allowing them to feel at home in their new environment. The event was designed to facilitate connections among students and foster a sense of belonging right from the start of their academic journey.

The following day featured a vibrant "Club Mela," where each university club set up stalls to showcase their activities and engage with new students. Club Mela showcased various university clubs, including cultural, sports, academic, and social organizations, each with interactive activities and sustainability-focused demonstrations. This element highlighted Shoolini's commitment to sustainability, with many clubs introducing eco-friendly practices and reusable materials to manage their stalls. Through these thoughtful actions, the "Club Mela" set an example of how student involvement can support environmental responsibility. This initiative underscored the university's dedication to building a cohesive, sustainable community that encourages personal growth and collaboration while fostering respect for the environment.

The event not only promoted club activities but also highlighted the diversity of interests and talents within the university community. It successfully created an inclusive environment, allowing new students to connect with their peers and discover their passions. By participating in the Club Mela, students gained insight into the myriads of opportunities available to them outside of academics.

Overall, this initiative demonstrated Shoolini University's commitment to fostering a vibrant campus culture, supporting student engagement, and ensuring that every student feels valued and connected from the outset of their academic journey. The events played a crucial role in building a cohesive community that encourages collaboration and personal growth.



Girls and faculty members with Sustainable bags



Food stalls were set up by the students



Sustainable games stalls set up by the students

September 6, 2024

"Waste to Wonder" Competition on Ganpati Utsav Theme

Shoolini University hosted a vibrant Ganpati celebration, complemented by a "Waste to Wonder" competition focused on best out of waste. This initiative aimed to celebrate cultural traditions while promoting sustainability and creative recycling practices among students and the local community.

"Waste to Wonder" Competition:

The "Waste to Wonder" competition invited participants to create innovative art pieces and functional items using discarded materials. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about waste management and the importance of recycling. Participants showcased their creativity by transforming everyday waste into beautiful and useful products, demonstrating that waste can be repurposed into valuable items.

To promote sustainability, the event emphasized the reduction of single-use plastics and encouraged the use of natural or recycled materials in all creations. Judges assessed entries based on creativity, functionality, and eco-friendliness, further reinforcing the importance of sustainable practices in everyday life.



Volunteers making arts out of waste material



A idol of Ganpati Ji was made

"Eco-Friendly Ganpati Utsav: Celebrating Traditions Sustainably at Shoolini University"

The recent Ganpati celebration at Shoolini University was marked by vibrant traditional rituals, cultural performances, and strong community engagement, creating an atmosphere of unity and joy among participants. The event emphasized sustainability, with organizers using eco-friendly materials for decorations and promoting biodegradable items for offerings and snacks. Efforts were also made to minimize waste throughout the event, reinforcing the university's commitment to environmental consciousness. The celebration not only honored tradition but also showcased the importance of sustainable practices, making it a memorable and responsible festivity for all involved.



Eco friendly idol of Ganpati Ji was made

August 15, 2024

Sustainable Independence: Shoolini's Commitment to a Better Tomorrow

This Independence Day, our celebration focused on sustainability, demonstrating how eco-friendly practices can be integrated into events. Adopting a strict "No Plastic" policy, we eliminated single-use plastics, opting instead for sustainable alternatives. This decision aligned with our commitment to reducing waste and protecting the environment, setting an inspiring standard for participants.

To make the event memorable and meaningful, old newspapers were repurposed as decor. Students and volunteers crafted banners, garlands, and flags from recycled paper, transforming the space into a beautiful yet environmentally conscious setup. This creative approach not only minimized waste but also conveyed the importance of resource conservation and recycling. The decorations served as a visual reminder of how small changes can have a significant impact on our planet.

This celebration highlighted our commitment to sustainability, illustrating that events can honour tradition while also caring for the planet. Integrating sustainable practices in this way served as a meaningful tribute to our country and a reminder of the importance of environmental stewardship.

The event not only honored the spirit of Independence Day but also highlighted the shared responsibility we have toward environmental stewardship. By merging celebration with sustainability, this event served as both a tribute to the nation and a call to action, inspiring all who attended to adopt eco-friendly habits in their everyday lives.



Dr. PK Khosla addressing the students and faculty members



Decoration in tri-colors was done



A volunteer presenting a classical dance

Sustainable Bag Painting Competition

On **September 20, 2024**, Shoolini University hosted a Sustainable Bag Painting Competition to promote creativity and raise awareness about sustainability. Participants painted eco- friendly canvas bags using non-toxic paints, showcasing their artistic talents while emphasizing the importance of reducing plastic waste.

The event encouraged discussions about environmental impacts and the benefits of using reusable bags. Students from various departments actively engaged in the competition, creating unique designs that reflected their commitment to sustainability. By focusing on reusability and sustainable materials, the competition empowered participants to rethink daily choices, envisioning how small, sustainable actions can reduce waste and conserve resources.

Students from various departments contributed unique, thoughtful designs that showcased their understanding of sustainability, including themes like reducing plastic pollution, conserving wildlife habitats, and supporting circular economies. The event highlighted Shoolini University's commitment to integrating sustainable values into student life, encouraging environmental consciousness and inspiring students to make eco-friendly practices part of their daily lives.



Students volunteered to make some arts on the bags



Bags painting competition going on

October 10, 2024

Mega Plantation Drive – An effort to increase green cover

Shoolini University organized a two-day plantation drive on October 10-11, 2024, at Shoolini Village and Yogananda Villa, witnessing enthusiastic participation from students across all departments. The initiative aimed to enhance biodiversity and promote long-term environmental sustainability, with over 300 saplings of native tree species planted during the event.

The plantation drive was designed not only to increase green cover but also to educate students on sustainable practices. Participants learned about the importance of using organic fertilizers and proper tree care techniques, reinforcing the significance of environmentally friendly methods in nurturing the planted saplings. This educational component aimed to empower students with knowledge that extends beyond the event, encouraging them to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives.

By focusing on native species, the drive aimed to ensure a positive impact on the local ecosystem, promoting water conservation and improving soil health. The initiative underscored Shoolini University's commitment to eco-friendly practices and its role in mitigating climate change and reducing the carbon footprint.

The event fostered a sense of environmental responsibility among participants, engaging students as key contributors to a greener, more sustainable future. Overall, the plantation drive was a successful demonstration of collective action towards environmental stewardship, reinforcing the university's mission to promote sustainability and community involvement.



Dr. Neeraj Gandotra planting the saplings



Volunteers planting the saplings



A photograph of the volunteers after the plantation drive

October 16, 2024

Kick Starting Manchantra with a flavor of Sustainability

On October 16, 2024, Shoolini University organized a sustainability-themed flash mob to raise awareness about sustainable practices. Six departments participated, each creatively showcasing their interpretations of sustainability through engaging performances. The event aimed to inspire students and faculty to adopt sustainable habits in their daily lives.

The primary objectives of the flash mob as a part of Manchantra 2024 were to raise awareness of sustainable practices in a fun and engaging way, showcase the diverse approaches to sustainability across different academic disciplines, and foster a sense of responsibility toward environmental conservation among students and staff. By incorporating creativity into the presentations, the event aimed to resonate with attendees and encourage a proactive approach to sustainability.

The sustainability-themed flash mob was a resounding success, fostering an atmosphere of creativity, collaboration, and commitment to environmental stewardship among students and faculty. By engaging the university community in this unique way, the event not only raised awareness of sustainability but also showcased the diverse perspectives and innovative ideas that each department brought to the table. Moving forward, it is crucial to continue promoting sustainability initiatives at Shoolini University and beyond, ensuring that environmental consciousness remains a priority in our academic and personal lives.



The students of Yogic Sciences presenting a yoga performance in Flashmob



Students of Liberal Arts presenting a performance



Students and faculty members of Basic Sciences presenting a performance



Students of Management Sciences presenting a performance