



**Shoolini
University**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION
MEASURES 2022**

1) On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity, an awareness session was organised at the Shoolini Institute of Life Sciences and Business Management (SILB).

Rajiv Kumar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests - wildlife wing, Himachal Pradesh, had been the chief guest and resource person for the program. The session had commenced with the SILB President, Mrs. Saroj Khosla, felicitating the chief guest. Dr. Shalini Sharma, the Director of the Institute, had presented the welcome note and introduced the chief guest to the audience. During his address, Rajiv Kumar had shared his experiences and introduced the steps to conserve biodiversity. He had also discussed the major threats and challenges that needed to be dealt with. He had emphasized that nature possesses great healing power, and the losses in diversity due to human interventions can be gradually reversed over time. People should be aware of their responsibilities toward the environment and its conservation. The session had proved to be interactive and insightful for the students and faculty of the Institute. On behalf of the Institute, SILB President, Mrs. Saroj Khosla, had expressed gratitude to the speaker and had urged everyone to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and the preservation of our beautiful planet for a better tomorrow.

Evidence: <https://himachaltonite.com/education/session-organised-on-biological-diversity-at-silb/>

2) Shoolini Institute of Life Sciences and Business Management (SILB) organized various activities to mark World Environment Day.

These activities included tree plantation, Inauguration of an Herbal Garden, Presentations, Quiz Competition, Best Out of Waste competition, Photography, and Skits.



Evidence: <https://himachaltonite.com/education/silb-celebrates-environment-day/#:~:text=Shoolini%20Institute%20of%20Life%20Sciences,competition%2C%20Photography%20and%20Nukkad%20Natak%20>

- 3) **World Soil Day was celebrated at Shoolini University by organising special lectures focusing on soil management for posterity.**



Evidence: <https://himachaltonite.com/education/world-soil-day-celebrated-at-shoolini-university/>

- 4) **Plantation drive by Shoolini University, 2022.**



During the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, Shoolini University and Gram Panchayat Sanhol collaborated to conduct a tree plantation drive in and around the Government High School Glanak premises within the Sanhol Panchayat area. Various tree species, including cedar, baan, poplar, and kafal, were planted.

The program was graced by Mr. Vivek Sharma, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Solan, as the chief guest, accompanied by Mr. Tej Prakash, Forest Ranger Officer, and Mr. Sanjay Sharma, AC to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Solan. Additionally, Mr. Naresh Sharma and JE Panchayati Raj, as well as Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Block Development Officer (BDO) Solan, participated in the tree planting, focusing on cedar, golden, ridge, and poplar trees. The Forest Ranger Officer ensured the survival of the plants by providing tree guards for their protection. Students and teachers from Government High School Glanak actively participated in the tree plantation initiative.

Shoolini University students, along with NSS and NCC students, pledged to enhance the cleanliness and beauty of the school premises by planting sapling trees. Shoolini University expressed its commitment to environmental initiatives, with plans to continue similar programs in the future, not only within schools but also in public places and surrounding panchayats. Mr. Suresh Sharma, Director of Landscape and Innovative Projects at Shoolini University, announced an ambitious target of planting 10 thousand saplings, ensuring the survival of these plants.

Evidence: <https://himachaltonite.com/himachal/tree-plantation-organised-by-shoolini-university/>

5) Flower festival at Shoolini University 2022.



The Shoolini Literature Festival concluded on April 10 with a captivating performance by Shafqat Amanat Ali. Throughout the event, a prominent array of authors and speakers engaged in discussions on various intriguing topics such as 'Not Just Cricket: A Reporter's Journey through Modern India,' 'Literature in the Post-Digital Era,' 'Writing and its Discontent,' and 'Poets Whom I Have Sung,' among others. Dr. PK Bansal, Vice Chancellor of Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Solan, commended Shoolini University for its efforts in nurturing a love for literature among young minds. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Ashoo Khosla and Prof. Manju Jaidka.

On the first day, the discussion was initiated by Indian mythologist and author Devdutt Pattanaik, known for his writings on Hindu sacred lore and legends. The day concluded with a session titled '75 years of Autobiography of a Yogi,' moderated by Prof. Ashish Khosla, featuring Shoolini University Chancellor Prof. PK Khosla and former IAS officer, writer, and motivational speaker Vivek Atray.

The second day featured a discussion on 'Literature in the Post-Digital Era,' moderated by Nishtha Shukla Anand, Head of Communications and Trustee at Shoolini University. Panelists Kunal Nandwani, Arjun Gupta, and Anjana Menon explored the potential of complete

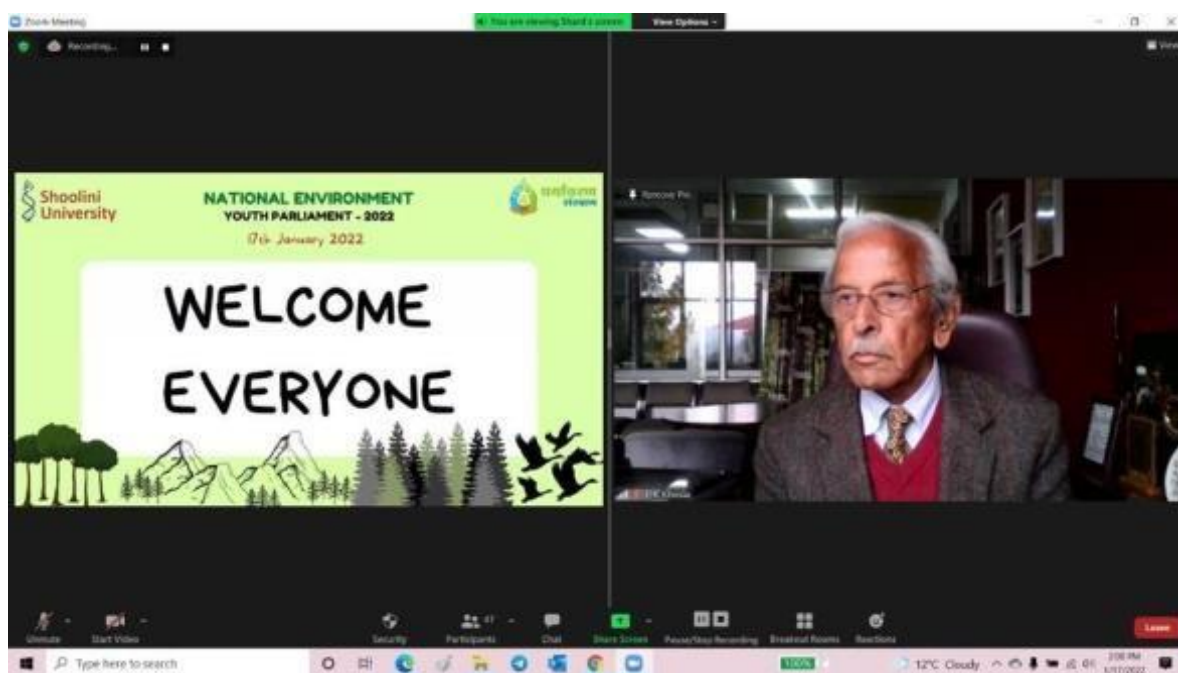
digitization. The day also included a panel discussion on movies with Aseem Chhabra, actor and critic Namrata Joshi, and film critic Mihir Pandya. During the 'Thrillers, Killers, and Gumshoes' session, Indian polymath Mukul Deva entertained the audience. The day concluded with a performance of songs by Jiya Lal Thakur and his Himachali Troupe.

On the final day, renowned sports journalists Pradeep Magazine and Sandeep Dwivedi delved into the world of cricket and sports journalism, drawing from their 40 years of experience. Magazine, who was the first to raise the issue of match-fixing in cricket, discussed his latest book, 'Not Just Cricket: A Reporter's Journey through Modern India.' The session titled 'Sportifying Literature,' moderated by Vipin Pubby, Director of the School of Journalism and New Media at Shoolini University, explored the challenges faced by sportswriters, including objectivity and quick reporting.

Evidence: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/literary-minds-come-together-at-shoolini-litfest/articleshow/90793849.cms>

6) The National Environment Youth Parliament 2022

“Nurturing Environment Leaders” was organised by Paryavaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi (PSG) on an all-India level to sensitise the youth about the issue. The event was inaugurated by the Chancellor of Shoolini University, Prof. Prem Kumar Khosla.



Evidence: <https://crazynewsindia.com/breaking-news-flash-news/national-environment-youth-parliament-organise/>

7) Celebration of World Earth Day



Shoolini University celebrated World Earth Day with week-long events aimed at promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. The event, which started on April 16, included a wide range of activities such as awareness sessions, tree plantation drives, quiz competitions, community visits, and banner and poster painting competitions.

A fair organized on the campus featured various sustainable stalls set up by students, and organizations like Earth Just and Goonj supported the event. The university's faculty, staff, and students actively participated in the celebrations and pledged to take care of the environment and promote sustainability.

“It is essential to create awareness about the impact of human activities on the environment and take steps towards sustainability. We are delighted to see the enthusiasm and commitment shown by our students towards this cause”, said Chancellor Prof. P.K. Khosla.

Dean of Student Welfare, Mrs. Poonam Nanda emphasized the importance of sustainability and the need to reduce, reuse, and recycle. The week-long celebrations culminated in a Sustainability Fair, where the Chancellor of the university, Mr. PK Khosla, and the renowned theatre actress Juhi Babbar Soni, visited and commended the efforts of the students.

The events provided a platform for students to showcase their creativity and knowledge on sustainability which will inspire them to become responsible global citizens.

Evidence: <https://shooliniuniversity.com/blog/shoolini-celebrates-earth-day-with-week-long-festivities/#:~:text=Solun%20%202022nd%20April,Reduce%20Reuse%20and%20Recycle.>

8) Swachhata Pakhwara Flash Mob at Solan

Shoolini University on the occasion of World Earth Day concluded its Swachhata Pakhwada campaign which started on April 5, 2022. Swachhata Pakhwada was initiated in the university among the different faculty to promote cleanliness and sustainability. Different schools presented various ideas to promote sustainability. The schools conducted cleanliness drive and awareness campaign in and around the campus. Some schools went to nearby villages to teach them. The concept and their ideas were applauded by the local authorities. The event concluded with a flash mob where children dressed up with various animal masks and hearts explained the importance of environment conservation. The students picked various songs related to nature and engaged the public with their dance efforts. Plants were also distributed during the entire event to the local people. The local people and the administration appreciated the effort. Certificates and refreshments were provided to the volunteers for their exemplary effort. Number of students participated: - 55



Photograph of volunteers

9) Tree Plantation by School of Physics and Materials Sciences

The School of Physics and Materials Sciences organized an outdoor activity on April 07, 2022. The scope of this activity revolved with the themes of cleanliness, sustainability, and conservation of mother nature. School of Physics and Materials Sciences successfully completed the outdoor activity during Swachhta Pakhwada, 2022. This program aimed at raising awareness among the common people to conserve nature. The tree plantation drive was a part of the program. The roadside area generally faces most tree cutting during the construction of new roads. They did the plantation drive near Jabli, in the Solan-Chandigarh Highway. Moreover, volunteers talked to the local people who could take care of those small trees. In this way, they ensured that the tree would be grown up and a nice awareness emerged with this kind of interaction with the local people.

Number of students participated: - 32



Volunteers sharing plant sapling with the locals



Volunteers planting the saplings nearby the National Highway



Volunteers participated in the walk on the road to save mother earth

10) Environmental Awareness by School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

School of pharmaceutical sciences organised an awareness rally and performed Nukkad Natak on the Mall Road, Solan for spreading awareness regarding how important it is to have a clean environment specially when we are going through a pandemic, importance of maintaining personal hygiene and above all making people realise that we all know what to do how to do, but we don't take necessary actions and blame others. In a while local people started taking interest, stopped, and were carefully listening to the volunteers, this showed that volunteers were successful with their goal. Along with this the activity of recycling the collected waste was also done.

Number of students participated: - 37



Posters made by the volunteers

11) Cleaning Drive- Shimla

To spread awareness among people about environmental conservation and value of nature in our lives, the World Environment Day is celebrated each year on June 5. The need to spread awareness is more pertinent than ever as the Earth, which is our home, is affected by pollution and global warming. Each year, a specific theme is decided to mark this day to amplify the important message behind it. The theme for year 2022 was 'Only One Earth', which draws our attention towards playing our role effectively while living in perfect harmony with nature without proving a burden on it. Shoolini University is collaboration with Healing Himalayas organized a cleaning drive in Shimla. A sum of 32 volunteers went to clean the thrown plastic on The Mall & Lakkar Bazar Shimla. Volunteers were very excited for the cleaning drive. Refreshments were served after the cleaning drive which volunteers enjoyed very much.

Number of students participated: - 32



Picture of volunteers