

7.1.6	<p>Green Practices 1. Students, staff using a) Bicycles b) Public Transport c) Pedestrian Friendly Roads 2. Plastic free campus 3. Paperless office 4. Green landscaping with trees and plants हारित्यपरिपाटयः 1. छात्राः, अध्यापकाः, अध्यापकेतरकर्मचारिणश्च उपयुज्जन्ति - (क) द्विचक्रयानम् (ख) सार्वजनिकपरिवहनम् (ग) पादयात्र्यनुकूलमार्गान् 2. प्लास्टिकमुक्तपरिसरः 3. कर्गदरहितकार्यालयः 4. वृक्षैः पादपैश्च हरितः परिसरः</p>
उत्तरम्	<p>Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University is actively engaged in preserving and promoting green practices. To support the preservation of green initiatives, the university emphasizes the integration of knowledge-based and practical education. Recognizing the importance of environmental conservation, an environmental studies course has been made compulsory in the Shastri curriculum.</p> <p>Similarly, in the Shiksha Shastri (B.Ed.) and Shiksha Acharya (M.Ed.) programs, a subject dedicated to environmental education has been introduced. This ensures that environmental education contributes to strengthening green practices through conservation efforts. The objective of this environmental studies curriculum is to raise awareness about green technologies necessary for the safety of the nation and society as adopting green practices is essential for environmental conservation.</p> <p>Within the university campus, adherence to these principles ensures the protection of the environment. To promote environmental conservation, the following green practices are implemented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students, teachers, and non-teaching staff are encouraged to use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (a) Bicycles ○ (b) Public transportation ○ (c) Pedestrian-friendly pathways 2. Plastic-free campus 3. Paperless administration 4. Green campus with trees and plants <p>By implementing these practices, the university showcases its commitment to creating a beautiful and environmentally friendly campus. This is merely an outline of the initiatives being pursued here.</p> <p>1. Students, teachers, and non-teaching staff utilization –</p> <p>(a) Bicycles</p> <p>As part of the campaign to promote a pollution-free environment, many students, staff, and faculty members use bicycles for transportation. Those residing on or near the campus primarily use bicycles for their commute. Furthermore, the university's policy mandates a "no-vehicle day" every Wednesday, encouraging everyone to come to the</p>

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campus without motor vehicles. On this day, students, staff, and faculty members commute to the university either on bicycles or on foot. This practice contributes significantly to the development of green initiatives.

(b) Public Transportation

During times of air pollution, minimizing vehicle usage is crucial for environmental conservation. To this end, many students, faculty members, and staff opt for public transportation for their commute. This approach helps in protecting the environment. The university actively encourages this practice. Additionally, the university's policy of a "no-vehicle day" every Wednesday ensures that everyone either walks or uses public transport to reach the campus. This policy supports the growth of green practices.

(c) Pedestrian-Friendly Pathways

To promote a healthy lifestyle, especially for those living within the residential campus, walking is encouraged. Students residing in hostels always travel to nearby classrooms on foot. Similarly, students, faculty members, and staff residing near the university use pedestrian-friendly pathways to reach the campus. Walking or using pedestrian pathways not only promotes physical well-being but also protects individuals from air and noise pollution, thereby contributing to environmental conservation.

2. Plastic-Free Campus

The use of plastic is completely prohibited within the university campus. Plastic is banned in the hostel mess as well. Teachers, students, and staff are highly sensitive to the harmful effects of plastic usage. Awareness programs on the dangers of plastic are conducted regularly. Through the university's environmental studies curriculum and the National Service Scheme (NSS), students, teachers, and staff are encouraged to work toward a plastic-free society.

The university organizes various initiatives to promote a plastic-free campus, such as cleanliness drives and clean campus campaigns. Announcements and signage promoting a plastic-free environment are displayed prominently across the campus.

3. Paperless Office

Efforts are made to minimize the use of paper in administrative operations. Directives are issued at the administrative level to encourage paperless communication, formulation, and implementation of policies. Modern technologies such as WhatsApp, email, and the university website are utilized for communication, promotion, and dissemination of information. This approach reduces paper usage while also contributing to environmental conservation.

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Admission processes, including entrance exams and applications, are conducted online. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, paper usage has significantly declined. Approximately 90% of notifications, event posters, departmental notices, and schedules are shared online, marking a positive step toward environmental protection.

4. Green Campus with Trees and Plants

Trees and plants are the lifeline of the campus. Their cultivation ensures a beautiful and healthy environment. Planting and nurturing trees not only make the campus green but also create an ideal setting for learning. Through these efforts, students understand the importance of environmental conservation and develop a love for nature.

Annual Initiatives:

- Tree planting
- Monsoon plantation drives
- Student participation in programs like "Tree Friends"

Preservation Efforts:

- Regular inspections
- Tree Protection Committee
- Active involvement of students

Tree plantation, maintenance, and protection are integral activities of the university. To ensure proper care, gardeners and part-time staff are employed to oversee green management. They preserve, enhance, and manage the campus greenery. Tree plantation drives are compulsory on Environment Day.

Green Audit

The university's engineering department conducts a Green Audit through *h**G.G.C. Pvt. Ltd.* Transparency is ensured in all aspects of this audit to monitor and *maintain the university's environmental standards.*