

Jawaharlal Nehru Govt. College Haripur Manali

Best Practice–I

Preserving Cultural Heritage through Community Engagement and Living Traditions

Objectives

To preserve and promote the rich cultural heritage of the Kullu Valley and Himachal Pradesh.

To familiarize students with the traditional art, culture, customs, food habits, indigenous sports, agriculture, and lifestyle of the region.

To document and preserve local history, traditions, and oral heritage for future generations.

To strengthen the bond between the institution and the local community through active participation and cultural exchange.

To cultivate respect for indigenous traditions, historical heritage, and cultural diversity among students.

The Practice

Jawaharlal Nehru Government College Haripur, Manali has established itself as a vibrant centre for preserving and promoting the rich cultural legacy of the Kullu Valley. The college houses a Heritage Museum that preserves valuable antique artefacts, traditional household items, agricultural tools, costumes, manuscripts, and objects of historical significance, providing students with first-hand exposure to the cultural evolution of the Himalayan region.

The institution organizes the Haripur *Jaach* and *Anatrdhwani* Cultural Festival, one of its flagship community outreach initiatives. The festival serves as a living celebration of local traditions where students, Mahila Mandals, artisans, folk artists, and villagers come together to showcase traditional cuisine, handicrafts, folk music, indigenous games, agricultural practices, cultural exhibitions, and the famous Kullu Nati in traditional attire. As part of its commitment to preserving local heritage, the college also undertakes initiatives to document the cultural history of the Kullu Valley, including its food habits, traditional sports, agriculture, festivals, customs, folklore, and everyday lifestyle. Through interaction with local communities, students gain practical exposure to the region's living traditions and indigenous knowledge systems.

The institution also promotes awareness about the region's spiritual and historical heritage through activities related to the Vyas Parikrama, encouraging students to appreciate the cultural, historical, and ecological significance of the sacred landscape associated with Maharishi Vyas and Manu.

The college actively participates in inter-college, university, district, and state-level cultural festivals and organizes exhibitions, folk performances, heritage awareness programmes, and competitions throughout the year, inspiring students to preserve and celebrate the unique identity of Himachal Pradesh.

Evidence of Success

Successful organization of the annual Haripur Jaach and antardhwani Cultural Festival with enthusiastic participation of students and the local community.

Preservation of valuable historical and cultural artefacts in the College Heritage Museum.

Documentation and promotion of local history, traditional food habits, agriculture, indigenous sports, and everyday lifestyle of the Kullu Valley.

Active collaboration with Mahila Mandals, artisans, folk artists, cultural organizations, and local communities.

Student achievements and recognition in university, district, and state-level cultural events.

Enhanced awareness among students regarding the preservation of indigenous traditions and cultural heritage.

Best Practice–II

Nurturing Nature: A Green Campus for Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship

Objectives

To create environmental awareness among students and the surrounding community.

To encourage sustainable practices and responsible use of natural resources.

To promote biodiversity conservation through plantation drives and environmental campaigns.

To develop environmentally responsible citizens committed to protecting nature.

The Practice

Environmental conservation is one of the foremost priorities of Jawaharlal Nehru Government College Haripur, Manali. Nestled in the ecologically rich Himalayan region, the institution continuously strives to preserve and enhance its natural environment through awareness programmes, field-based activities, and sustainable campus practices.

The college has developed a green campus by undertaking regular plantation drives and creating a healthy natural environment. Over the years, numerous trees have been planted across the campus, contributing to ecological balance and providing a pleasant learning atmosphere. The institution also maintains a Botanical Garden, which serves as an educational resource for students and reflects the college's commitment to environmental conservation and biodiversity awareness.

Evidence of Success

Various clubs and societies, including the NSS, NCC, Eco Club, and Active participation of students in environmental campaigns, hiking, trekking, mountaineering and community outreach programmes.

Increased awareness regarding biodiversity conservation and sustainable practices among students and local residents.

Strong collaboration with the Forest Department and other environmental organizations.

A clean, green, and environmentally responsible campus reflecting the institution's commitment to sustainable development.

Greater Participation of students in wildlife, disaster preparedness, and afforestation, environmental protection, and clean and green initiatives.