

The two best practices we follow at Maitreyi are:

- I. **Ecological consciousness:** Maitreyi has a tradition of observing green practices and is consistently expanding its horizons when it comes to caring for the environment and endorsing attitudes of preservation.
  - We have won the **best garden prize** awarded by the University of Delhi for several years and are proud of a lovingly maintained green campus.
  - We have been awarded the '**Plastic Free Campus**' title for maintaining a plastic free campus and reducing our single-use plastic consumption.
  - We undertake **Carbon Footprinting** to be more aware of our effect on the planet.
  - We were also awarded the **second best 'Clean and Green Campus'** prize for our initiatives that promote the classic reduce-reuse-recycle philosophy.
  - Also, an exemplary initiative taken by the students of Maitreyi is to **reduce any paper wastage** through decorations made during different festivals. We use **only handmade decorations** which are prepared in house by the students of Maitreyi often using recycled paper and are used repeatedly.
  - We also own a **rose garden, a herbal garden and a rock garden** which doubles up as a specimen area for students to research on while also inculcating the essential value of catering to the environment in them. These gardens have been developed with much toil from the students and a dedicated team of gardeners.
  
- II. **Atmanirbhar Maitreyi:** At Maitreyi, we have striven for the past many years to contribute to self dependence and sustainability as an essential quality in our students. For this, we encourage our students, under the mentorship of faculty, to launch '**Start-up**'s. This has the double function of saving resources or generating new resources within the college and at the same time offering the students experience and exposure to entrepreneurial capacity building. Over the last few years several start-ups have come up in Maitreyi, the details of these initiatives are as follows
  - **Gulistan** - The splendid gardens and flowering plants in the college have now been put to use by using the potted plants as gifts for invitees and guests of college.
  - **Kriti** - The Fine Arts Society of the college Aristo came up with the start up - Kriti. The art work prepared by the students is used to present to the esteemed dignitaries who visit the college. The paintings are also displayed in college events and programs for sale and have received heartening response.
  - **Dhriti**- Aims to minimise the use of pesticide laden food on campus and make farmers entrepreneurs. A totally natural organic patch was created in college where green leafy and other leafy vegetables were grown and made available on need basis to faculty and students.
  - **Urvara**- The start-up generates organic matter from solid biodegradable waste generated on campus. 120 kgs of laboratory tested Grade A organic compost was sold.

- **Ecohandy**- An initiative to make and sell paper-based pens and aromatic paper to curb plastic usage and paper wastage has been taken up the E-cell.
- **Sugary Frost**- It's a private baking adventure under which Ms Khyati Arora has been adopted by the E-cell. She earned a revenue of Rs 3500 this year.
- **Staymentor** - It is a startup under the mentorship of E-Cell by Ms. Jahnvi Sharma. Staymentor aims at providing housing solutions to out stationed students of Maitreyi College.