



ENVIRONMENT CELL ACTIVITIES 2017-23

SESSION 2017-18

CONSERVATION OF HONEYBEES

On 21st August 2017, the Environment Cell organized a one-day seminar in the college auditorium to raise awareness about the conservation of honeybees.

Objective: The seminar aimed to educate attendees about the importance of honeybees in our ecosystem and the need for their conservation. Students majoring in Zoology delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the topic "Conservation of Honeybees."

The seminar on the conservation of honeybees took place in the college auditorium and witnessed active participation from students, faculty members, and other attendees interested in understanding the crucial role of honeybees in our environment.

The seminar began with an introduction by the Environment Cell, emphasizing the significance of honeybees and their impact on pollination, biodiversity, and food security. The students majoring in Zoology then delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation, shedding light on various aspects of honeybees and their conservation.

The presentation covered topics such as the life cycle of honeybees, their role as pollinators, the threats they face, and the importance of preserving their habitats. The students showcased their knowledge and research findings, providing insights into the intricate relationships between honeybees, flowering plants, and ecosystem health.

The presentation also highlighted the decline in honeybee populations globally and the potential consequences for food production and ecological balance. The students emphasized the need for collective efforts in conserving honeybees and promoting sustainable practices to ensure their survival.

Throughout the seminar, attendees had the opportunity to engage in discussions and ask questions to gain a deeper understanding of honeybees and their conservation. The students provided informative answers, dispelling myths and misconceptions while further emphasizing the importance of honeybees in our lives.

Outcome: The seminar facilitated discussions and encouraged attendees to consider their role in conserving honeybees and promoting pollinator-friendly practices. It fostered a sense of responsibility among the participants to take action and spread awareness about the conservation of honeybees in their respective communities.



SPECIAL LECTURE ON “BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND PATENT”

On 23rd September 2017, the Environment Cell and Disaster Management Society of St. Bede's College organized a seminar in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment (HIMCOSTE) and the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC). The seminar featured renowned environmental activist Dr. Vandana Shiva as the keynote speaker, who delivered a thought-provoking talk on "Biodiversity Conservation and Patent."

The seminar commenced with the collaborative efforts of St. Bede's College, HIMCOSTE, and NCSTC, creating a platform to discuss and raise awareness about biodiversity conservation and patent issues. The presence of Dr. Vandana Shiva, a prominent environmental activist, added prestige to the event.

Dr. Vandana Shiva delivered an insightful and inspiring talk, focusing on various facets of biodiversity and its conservation. She emphasized how the perception of science in society has evolved over time, highlighting the need to redefine our relationship with nature and understand the interconnectedness of all living beings.

One of the key points Dr. Shiva addressed was the disruption of the planet's self-regulating mechanisms, leading to climate chaos. She elaborated on the consequences of human actions and stressed the urgency of restoring harmony between humans and nature.

Dr. Shiva shared her experiences and achievements in revoking patents on Neem and Basmati Rice in the United States and Europe, underscoring the importance of protecting traditional knowledge and biological resources from commercial exploitation. Her efforts highlighted the significance of community-led conservation and the role of grassroots movements in safeguarding biodiversity.

During her talk, Dr. Shiva emphasized the power of individual thought and its potential to bring about transformative change. She encouraged attendees to shift their perspectives and take action, emphasizing that personal choices and actions can influence the world around us.

Outcome: The seminar featuring Dr. Vandana Shiva proved to be a significant event in raising awareness and inspiring action in biodiversity conservation and patent issues. Attendees were motivated to change their perspectives and take proactive steps towards biodiversity conservation. Dr. Shiva's message of individual responsibility and the potential for transformative change resonated strongly with the audience, inspiring them to make a positive impact on the environment.



SESSION 2018-19

AWARENESS REGARDING TREE PLANTATION

On 28th July 2018, the Environment Awareness Cell of our college, in collaboration with N.C.C cadets, organized a tree plantation awareness campaign.

Objective: The campaign aimed to spread awareness about the importance of tree plantation, the effects of deforestation, and ways to mitigate its harmful consequences.

The tree plantation awareness campaign focused on educating the public about the significance of tree plantation and the adverse effects of deforestation. It covered various areas including Navbahar, IGMC Road, Forest Road, and Chotta Shimla.

The students engaged in interactive sessions with people from different age groups, creating an opportunity to communicate the importance of tree plantation and sustainable practices. They used placards with concise and impactful messages to raise awareness about the benefits of trees, the negative consequences of deforestation, and ways to care for plants.

The placards conveyed messages such as "Plant a Tree, Save the Earth," "Deforestation: A Threat to Our Future," "Gift a Plant, Spread Greenery," and "Take Care of Trees, They Take Care of Us." These messages aimed to evoke a sense of responsibility among individuals and encourage them to actively participate in tree plantation initiatives.

Additionally, the campaign emphasized the practice of gifting plants or trees on birthdays as a way to contribute to the environment and spread awareness. This approach sought to foster a culture of environmental consciousness and sustainability among the community.

Outcome: The campaign highlighted the significance of gifting plants or trees on birthdays as a meaningful and environmentally friendly gesture. By encouraging individuals to adopt this practice, the initiative aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and promote sustainable living.

GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

On 1st October 2018, as part of the Swachhta Abhiyan (Cleanliness Campaign), the college initiated a cleanliness drive to promote cleanliness and hygiene.

Objective: The main objective of the campaign was to clean the streets, roads, and college campus, fostering a cleaner and healthier environment. The cleanliness drive aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene.

The drive involved the active participation of around 50 NSS volunteers, as well as students and staff from the Environment Awareness Cell. The campaign started with the formation of different teams, each assigned to clean specific areas. One team focused on the college



campus, ensuring the cleanliness of classrooms, corridors, and outdoor spaces. Another team directed their efforts towards Nav Bahar Chowk, a prominent location near the college.

The volunteers enthusiastically participated in the drive, armed with cleaning equipment such as brooms, mops, and garbage bags. They meticulously swept and cleaned the streets, roads, and college premises, removing litter and ensuring a cleaner environment.

Outcome: The campaign fostered a sense of unity and collective responsibility among the participants. It highlighted the significance of individual actions in creating a positive impact on the overall cleanliness and hygiene of the surroundings.

GROUP DISCUSSION ON SWACHHTA ABHIYAN BY STUDENTS

On 18th September 2018, a group discussion on Swachhta Abhiyan was held, organized by the Environment Awareness Cell.

Objective: The group discussion on Swachhta Abhiyan, organized by the Environment Awareness Cell, aimed to provide a platform for students and NCC cadets to discuss and share their perspectives on the Abhiyan.

The students of the Environment Awareness Cell presented a comprehensive overview of Swachhta Abhiyan, highlighting its objectives, impact, and challenges. The participants actively engaged in the discussion, addressing various aspects related to the Abhiyan. They discussed the importance of cleanliness, waste management, and the need for behavioural changes to create a cleaner and healthier environment. The impact of Swachhta Abhiyan on the community and the nation as a whole was also a significant point of discussion.

Outcome: The participants recognized that Swachhta Abhiyan requires a collective effort from individuals, communities, and government bodies to bring about a lasting change. They highlighted the role of education in fostering a sense of responsibility and promoting behavioral changes related to cleanliness and hygiene.

SESSION 2019-20

SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

From 1st August to 15th August 2019, the Environment Cell undertook the Swachhta Pakhwada, a cleanliness fortnight, to promote cleanliness and hygiene.

Objective: The drive aimed to instill a sense of responsibility among students and staff to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings.

The Swachhta Pakhwada organized by the Environment Cell spanned from 1st August to 15th August 2019, with various activities and events promoting cleanliness and hygiene. The initiative encompassed a cleanliness drive in the college campus, a rally in the Navbahar area, and performances of plays and Nukkad Nataks at the Ridge.



The cleanliness drive focused on ensuring a clean and hygienic environment within the college campus. Students actively participated in cleaning classrooms, corridors, and outdoor areas, emphasizing the importance of cleanliness for a conducive learning environment.

A rally was organized in the Navbahar area, wherein students marched through the locality, carrying placards and banners advocating cleanliness. The rally aimed to raise awareness among the local community about the significance of cleanliness and encourage them to actively participate in maintaining a clean neighbourhood.

As part of the Swachhta Pakhwada, the students were provided with a platform to showcase their creativity and spread awareness through plays and Nukkad Nataks. The performances were held at the Ridge, a popular location in the city, and were graced by the Honourable Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. The plays and Nukkad Nataks focused on highlighting the importance of cleanliness, waste management, and the need for behavioral changes.

Outcome: The cleanliness drive within the college campus resulted in a cleaner and more hygienic environment, promoting a positive learning atmosphere for students. The rally in the Navbahar area raised awareness among the local community about the significance of cleanliness and inspired individuals to actively participate in maintaining a clean neighborhood. The performances of plays and Nukkad Nataks at the Ridge provided a platform to effectively convey the message of cleanliness to a wider audience.

TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

On 23rd August 2019, the Environment Cell, in collaboration with the N.S.S Unit, organized a Tree Plantation drive in the college campus.

Objective: The drive aimed to promote environmental conservation and sustainability by planting 100 saplings.

The NSS volunteers and members of the Environment Cell actively participated in the drive, demonstrating their commitment to creating a greener and healthier environment. The saplings were carefully selected to include a variety of tree species, ensuring biodiversity and the long-term ecological benefits of the plantation. The participants prepared the designated areas within the college campus for planting the saplings, considering factors such as sunlight, soil quality, and adequate spacing between the trees.

The Tree Plantation drive aimed not only to increase the green cover in the college campus but also to raise awareness about the importance of trees in combating climate change, improving air quality, and providing habitat for wildlife. The participants actively engaged in discussions about the significance of tree plantation and the role of individuals in environmental conservation.

Outcome: The drive raised awareness among the participants about the importance of trees in mitigating climate change, improving air quality, and preserving biodiversity. Through



discussions and interactions, the participants gained a deeper understanding of their role in environmental conservation and sustainability.

SESSION 2020-21

PLEDGE TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

On the 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a global peace icon, celebrated on 2nd October 2020, the Environment Awareness Cell of the college took two pledges on the website swachhbharat.mygov.in.

Objective: The pledges, namely 'pledge to segregate' and 'Swachta Pledge,' were aimed at promoting cleanliness, waste segregation, and maintaining a clean environment. The faculty and students of the college actively participated in taking these pledges, demonstrating their commitment to Mahatma Gandhi's principles and the Swachh Bharat (Clean India) mission.

The Environment Awareness Cell initiated a campaign to encourage cleanliness and waste segregation among the faculty and students. They visited the website swachhbharat.mygov.in, a platform dedicated to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission) and took two important pledges.

The first pledge, 'pledge to segregate,' focused on promoting waste segregation practices. It emphasized the importance of separating different types of waste, such as recyclables, organic waste, and non-recyclables, at the source. This pledge aimed to create awareness about the benefits of waste segregation in reducing environmental pollution and promoting recycling and sustainable waste management practices.

The second pledge, 'Swachta Pledge,' aimed to promote cleanliness and personal hygiene. By taking this pledge, the Environment Awareness Cell, faculty, and students committed themselves to maintaining cleanliness in their surroundings and adopting hygienic practices in their daily lives. This pledge aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and active participation in cleanliness and hygiene-related activities.

The faculty and students of the college actively participated in taking these pledges. They recognized the significance of Mahatma Gandhi's principles, particularly his emphasis on cleanliness and self-discipline, in building a cleaner and healthier society.

Outcome: The pledges aimed to create a sense of responsibility among the faculty and students towards maintaining cleanliness and adopting sustainable waste management practices. By taking these pledges, individuals were encouraged to become agents of change and actively contribute to the Swachh Bharat mission.



IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE ENVIRONMENT

On 29th March 2021, the Environment Awareness Cell organized online Poster and Slogan Making Competitions on the theme "Impact of COVID-19 on the Environment."

Objective: The competitions aimed to engage students in reflecting upon the environmental consequences of the pandemic and raise awareness about the importance of sustainable practices.

The online Poster and Slogan Making Competitions organized by the Environment Awareness Cell witnessed active participation and enthusiasm from the students. The competitions provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic and creative skills while expressing their understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on the environment.

The Poster Making Competition invited students to create visually appealing and informative posters that conveyed the environmental consequences of the pandemic. The participants demonstrated their creativity by using various artistic techniques and digital tools to highlight the relationship between COVID-19 and the environment.

The Slogan Writing Competition encouraged students to craft catchy and impactful slogans that conveyed the message of environmental consciousness in the context of the pandemic. The participants demonstrated their ability to convey meaningful messages concisely and effectively.

The competitions were judged online by esteemed individuals in their respective fields. Prof. B.K. Mattu, a renowned professor from the Department of Biosciences at Himachal Pradesh University, and Mr. Danny Singh, an experienced Art Teacher from the Bishop Cotton School, evaluated the entries based on their creativity, originality, and relevance to the theme.

Outcome: The online Poster and Slogan Making Competitions achieved their objectives of promoting environmental awareness and encouraging creative expression. The competitions provided an opportunity for students to reflect on the impact of COVID-19 on the environment and contribute to the discourse on sustainable practices.

SESSION 2021-22

INTER-SHIP COMPETITION

On October 14, 2021, the Environment Cell organized a Poem Writing competition as part of its efforts to promote environmental awareness and creativity among the participants.

Objective: The competition aimed to encourage students to express their thoughts and emotions about the environment through the medium of poetry.

The Poem Writing competition provided a platform for students to showcase their creative abilities and share their perspectives on environmental issues. Participants were given the



opportunity to craft poems that reflected their passion for nature, sustainability, and the importance of preserving the environment.

Avni Sharma, a student of BA 2nd year from Ship Himmat, secured the 1st position with her captivating and thought-provoking poem.

Archana Mullick, a student of B.Sc 2nd year in Biotechnology from Ship Himmat, secured the 2nd position with her insightful and evocative poem.

Outcome: The event succeeded in raising awareness about environmental issues and inspiring students to express their concerns and ideas through poetry.

INTER-COLLEGE QUIZ COMPETITION

On 30th November 2021, the Environment Cell, in collaboration with the Debates and Dramatics Society, organized an Inter-College Quiz Competition on the topic of Environmental Challenges and Management.

Objective: The event aimed to promote environmental awareness and knowledge among participants and foster healthy competition among colleges. Sponsored by SJVN, the competition featured Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Chairman of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, as the esteemed chief guest.

The Inter-College Quiz Competition on Environmental Challenges and Management commenced with the enthusiastic participation of students from various colleges. The event was held in a designated venue, adorned with environmental-themed decorations to create an engaging atmosphere.

The quiz competition consisted of multiple rounds, designed to test participants' knowledge about environmental challenges, conservation strategies, sustainable practices, and related topics. The questions were crafted to challenge participants and promote critical thinking about environmental issues.

The event also featured cultural performances by students, which added entertainment and creativity to the overall program. These performances included music, dance, and theatrical presentations that conveyed environmental messages and further emphasized the importance of sustainable living.

SJVN, a prominent organization in the field of renewable energy, sponsored the event, reflecting their commitment to environmental conservation and youth engagement. Their support contributed to the success and significance of the competition.

The chief guest for the event, Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Chairman of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, added prestige to the occasion. His presence motivated the participants and underscored the importance of environmental awareness and management in society.



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Outcome: The competition provided an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and understanding of environmental issues, fostering a sense of responsibility towards the planet. The participation of seven colleges demonstrated the widespread interest in environmental awareness among the student community. The competition encouraged healthy competition, critical thinking, and teamwork among participants.





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INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES

WORLD SPARROW DAY CELEBRATION

The Environment Cell celebrated World Sparrow Day on March 16, 2022, as part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness about bird conservation. The highlight of the celebration was a Photography Competition conducted on the theme "I Love Birds."

Objective: The competition aimed to showcase the beauty of birds and promote appreciation for their presence in our environment.

Participants were given the opportunity to showcase their photography skills by capturing captivating images of birds in their natural surroundings. The theme "I Love Birds" encouraged participants to express their admiration and affinity for these winged creatures through their photographs.

The photography competition witnessed the active participation of students who submitted their entries showcasing the diverse species of birds found in their vicinity. The photographs highlighted the unique features, vibrant colors, and graceful movements of the birds, portraying their beauty and significance in the natural world.

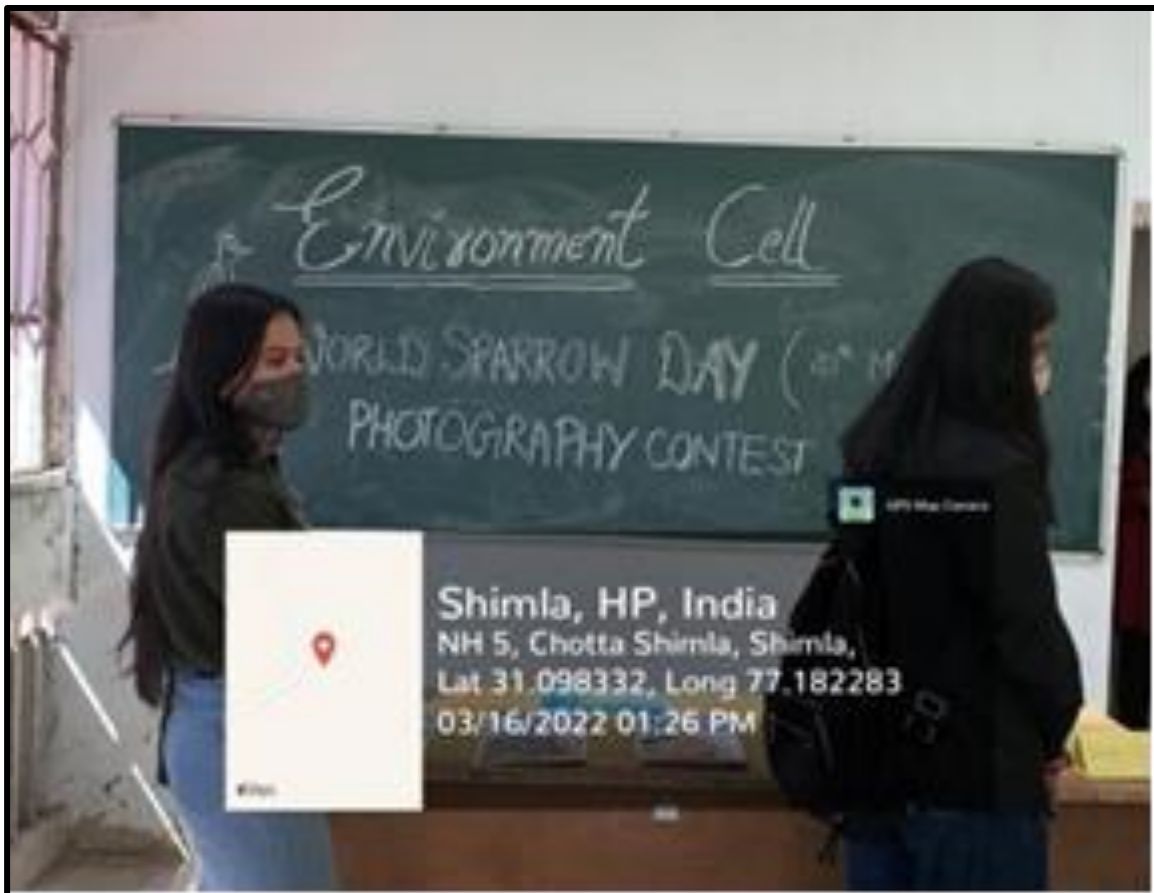
Outcome: The World Sparrow Day celebration and Photography Competition proved to be a successful event in promoting bird conservation and appreciating the beauty of birds.

Muskan Pal and Takshika, both students from B.A 3rd Year and B.A 2nd Year respectively, secured the first position in the competition, showcasing their photography skills and capturing the essence of their love for birds. Their entries exhibited creativity, technical proficiency, and a deep appreciation for the avian world.

Rashi Bhardwaj, a student from B.A 2nd Year, secured the second position with her compelling photograph, reflecting her passion for birds and their conservation.



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WORLD FORESTRY DAY CELEBRATION

In celebration of World Forestry Day, observed annually on March 21, the Environment Cell organized a Painting Competition.

Objective: The competition aimed to raise awareness about the importance of forests and sustainable production and consumption practices.

The theme of the competition, "Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption," prompted students to explore the delicate balance between human activities and the preservation of forests. Participants were encouraged to depict the beauty, biodiversity, and importance of forests, as well as the need for sustainable practices to ensure their conservation.

Shreya Dubey, a student from B.Sc Med. 3rd Year, secured the first position with her captivating painting that effectively portrayed the interconnectedness between forests, production, and consumption.

Shruti Chauhan, also from B.Sc Med. 3rd Year, secured the second position with her compelling painting.

Outcome: The Painting Competition organized by the Environment Cell to celebrate World Forestry Day was a successful event that generated awareness and appreciation for forests and sustainable practices.



WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION

In honour of World Water Day, celebrated annually on March 22, the Environment Cell organized a Slogan Writing Competition.

Objective: The competition aimed to raise awareness about the importance of groundwater and its conservation.

The Slogan Writing Competition, organized by the Environment Cell, focused on the theme "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible." The competition sought to highlight the



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significance of groundwater as a vital resource and the need to create awareness about its conservation.

Participants were invited to express their creativity and convey the importance of groundwater through impactful slogans. The theme emphasized the invisible nature of groundwater and the need to bring attention to its conservation and sustainable use.

Shreya Dubey, from B.Sc Medical 3rd year, secured the first position with her winning slogan. Shruti Chauhan, also from B.Sc Medical 3rd year, secured the second position with her thought-provoking slogan.

Outcome: The Slogan Writing Competition organized by the Environment Cell to celebrate World Water Day successfully raised awareness about the significance of groundwater and its conservation.





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WORLD ELEPHANT DAY - “HAATHI HAMARE SAATHI”

World Elephant Day, observed on August 12, 2022, serves as a reminder of the importance of elephants and the need for their protection.

Objective: The painting/sketch competition organized by the Environment Awareness Cell of St. Bede's College aimed to celebrate World Elephant Day and raise awareness about the importance of elephants in our ecosystem.

The event took place in the college auditorium and witnessed the participation of approximately 15 girls. The participants were asked to display their artistic skills and create artwork that reflected the theme "Haathi Humare Saathi" (Elephants, Our Companions). The competition encouraged participants to express their creativity while promoting awareness about elephant conservation.

The entries were judged based on their adherence to the theme, artistic merit, creativity, and overall impact. Only theme-based entries were taken into consideration for the competition, ensuring a focus on the significance of elephants and their relationship with humans.

After careful evaluation, the winners of the painting competition were announced. Ruby Verma, a third-year B.Com. student, secured the first position with her captivating artwork. Takshika Thakran, a second-year B.A. Psychology Honours student, secured the second position, and Darshleen Kaur, a third-year B.A. Geography Honours student, secured the third position.


In the sketch competition, Mehak Ranta, a third-year B.A. Psychology Honours student, emerged as the winner, showcasing her artistic talent and interpretation of the theme.

Outcome: The competition provided a platform for participants to showcase their artistic skills and share their perspectives on the significance of elephants. The artworks created a visual representation of the bond between humans and elephants, emphasizing the need to protect and preserve these magnificent creatures.



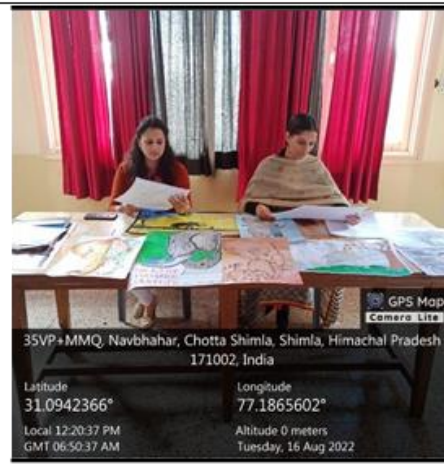

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Re-Accredited A+ Grade
Environmental cell is
organising a painting/sketch
competition on the occasion
ELEPHANT DAY
Theme: Haathi humare saathil!
On 16th August
Time: 10Am to 12pm
Venue: Auditorium

Interested contact:
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WILDLIFE WEEK – 2ND – 8TH OCTOBER

ACTIVITY 1

NUKKAD NATAK “SAY NO TO PLASTIC”

On 4th October 2022, the Environment Cell and Disaster Management Cell of St. Bede's College Shimla collaborated to organize a Nukkad Natak (street play) at the amphitheatre of Gaiety Theatre on the Mall Road in Shimla.



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Objective: The play aimed to raise awareness about environmental protection, with a specific focus on the theme "Say No to Plastic."

The Nukkad Natak took place at the amphitheatre of Gaiety Theatre, a popular location on the Mall Road in Shimla. The students from St. Bede's College performed a street play to convey the message of environmental protection and the detrimental effects of plastic on the ecosystem. The play began with a lively and engaging performance that captured the attention of the audience. The students showcased the consequences of our unintentional actions, such as using plastic bags, discarding empty chip packets, and neglecting to properly dispose of soft drink bottles. These actions contribute to the accumulation of garbage in the environment, leading to various problems such as pollution, littering, and harm to wildlife.

Through their powerful performances and dialogues, the students portrayed the adverse effects of plastic pollution on the environment, emphasizing the urgency to adopt sustainable alternatives. They highlighted the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling plastic to minimize its impact on nature.

Outcome: The Nukkad Natak stimulated discussions and inspired individuals to reflect on their own plastic consumption habits. It encouraged the audience to adopt sustainable practices, such as carrying reusable bags and avoiding single-use plastic items, to reduce their environmental footprint.





ACTIVITY 2

CLEANLINESS DRIVE “SAF HO SUNDAR HO, AISA MERA BHARAT HO”

On 7th October 2022, the Environment Cell and Disaster Management Cell of St. Bede's College Shimla, in collaboration with the Shimla Municipal Corporation, organized a cleanliness drive titled "Saf Ho Sundar Ho, Aisa Mera Bharat Ho" to emphasize the importance of cleanliness in society.

Objective: The drive aimed to promote a cleaner environment and raise awareness about waste management.

The cleanliness drive took place from Navbahar Chowk to The Secretariat in Shimla.



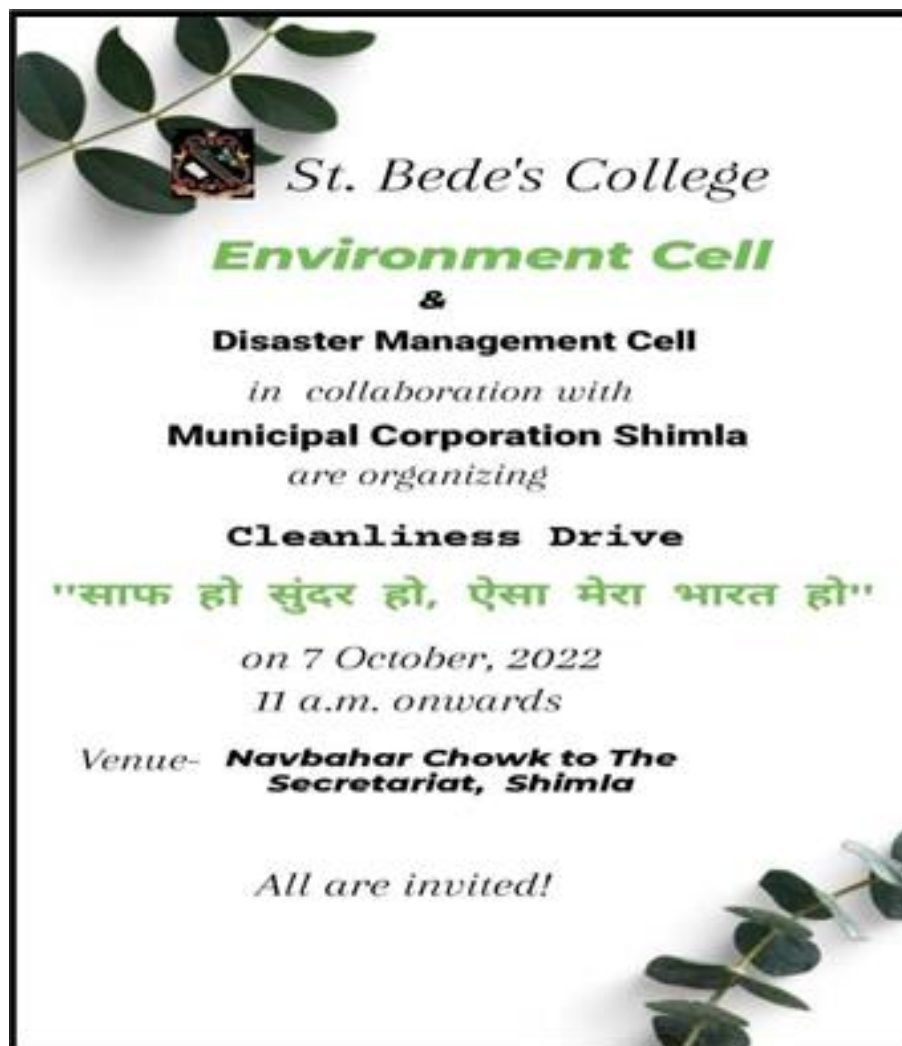
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Prior permission was obtained from the authorities to conduct the cleanliness drive, ensuring a coordinated effort with the Shimla Municipal Corporation. The Municipal Corporation provided masks, gloves, and a garbage truck to facilitate the initiative.

The drive commenced at 11 a.m., with over 70 students and four teachers actively participating. Equipped with garbage bags provided by the Shimla MC, the participants handpicked plastic bottles and empty packets from the roads.

The students and teachers worked together to clean the designated area, emphasizing the importance of cleanliness in maintaining a healthy and sustainable environment. Their actions aimed to inspire the local community and passersby to be more conscious of waste management and the impact of littering on the surroundings.

Outcome: The cleanliness drive created awareness about the impact of littering on the environment and emphasized the role of every individual in maintaining cleanliness. It showcased the importance of collaborative efforts between educational institutions and municipal authorities in promoting a cleaner and more sustainable city





WORLD MOUNTAIN DAY “PAHAD HAMARE GHAR”

On 10th December 2022, the Environment Cell of St. Bede's College, Shimla, organized a Slogan and Poetry Writing Competition to commemorate International Mountain Day.

Objective: The competition aimed to celebrate and raise awareness about the importance of mountains.

The Slogan and Poetry Writing Competition organized by the Environment Cell of St. Bede's College, Shimla, was held to mark the significance of International Mountain Day. The event attracted participation from talented girls who submitted their slogans and poems centered around the theme "पहाड़ हमारे घर" (Mountains, Our Home).



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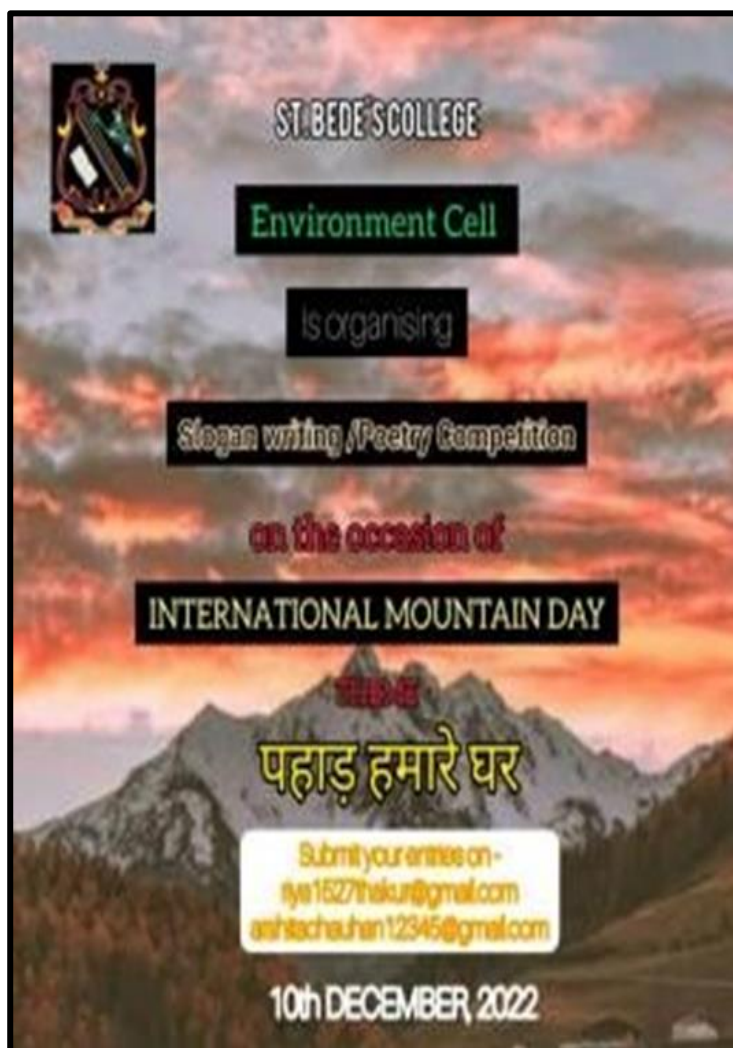
The competition showcased the creative abilities of the participants and their passion for mountains and their conservation. The submissions explored various aspects of mountains, such as their beauty, biodiversity, cultural significance, and the need to protect and preserve them for future generations.

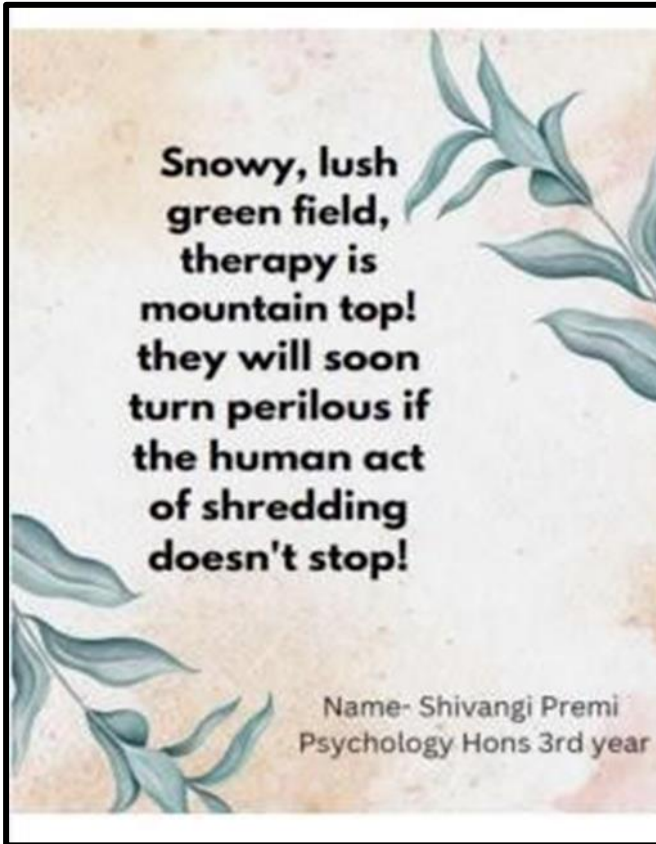
Shivangi Premi, a third-year student of Psychology Honours, emerged as the winner in the poetry writing competition.

Shruti secured the second position in the poetry writing competition, delivering a captivating piece that showcased her creativity and understanding of the theme.

In the slogan writing competition, Shivangi Premi secured the third position with a concise and impactful slogan that conveyed the essence of mountains as our home.

Outcome: The competition encouraged participants and the wider community to reflect on the value of mountains and their conservation, fostering a sense of responsibility towards these invaluable ecosystems.





पहाड़ हमारे घर

चहचहाती सी उन बस्तियों में,
खिलखिलाते से उन घरों में,
पसीने की उस कमाई से,
खुराहाली के उन लम्हों में,
हे बीत रही पहियों
रूपी जीवन की गाड़ी...।।

मंत्रमुग्ध कर देने वाली उन वादियों में,
केसरी रंग से उस आसमां में,
बर्फिले उन लम्हों में,
चूल्हे के पास बैठ कर
न धकने वाली उन गुफ्तगु भरे एहसास की
कुछ ऐसी है कहानी।।

पशु-पक्षियों की है जो भूमि प्यारी,
प्रकृति की गोद में है
जो जनों की आबादी।
आसमान - जमीन के बीच
कुछ मिलों की है जहां दूरी,
है वो पहाड़ों की रानी शिमला की कहानी।।

संस्कृति बदलती जहां दूरी-दूरी पर,
कुरुलु से किन्नौर,
शिमला से सिरमौर,
धौलाधार से चूड़धार तक,
है जो मिलो लंबी मनमोहक कहानी,
प्रेम भाईचारे के रिश्ते की है वो जुबानी।।

पथ पर न है राह सरल,
पहाड़ों में है जीवन जीने की न सहूलियत इतनी।
धरधराती भरी उस ठंड में,
लकड़ी के घरों की उन बैठकों में

To climb a Mountains!

Looks like a long way, a road to climb, so far way!

I take steps one after the other.

This place seems eerie, should I step back and come on some other day?

will my view of it change, is it okay to shudder?

Oh, dear mountains I wish to see your head!

will I tremble down if choose to climb instead?

As the sun starts peeping from the blanket of clouds,

the rays fall on the mountain top...

These rays give me hope and end all my doubts.

Now I begin this journey of climbing a mountain without a stop.

Oh, dear mountains I wish to see your head!

will I tremble down if choose to climb instead?

Golden hue covering all the pines,

Valleys so green and water so blue,

Immortal souls and curvy shrines,

Freshness in the air and morning dew.

Oh, dear mountains I wish to see your head!

will I tremble down if choose to climb instead?

As I am halfway up I can see,

The horizon, a sheer view of ecstasy.

I feel like a warrior ending his boredom, a spree.