

ENVIRONMENT CELL ACTIVITIES 2022-2023

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.

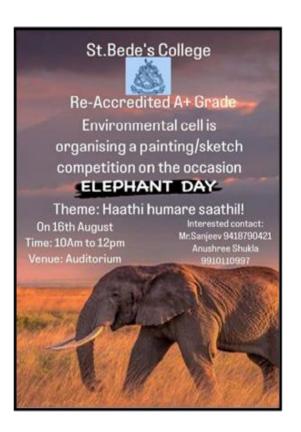
After careful evaluation, the winners of the painting competition were announced. Ruby Verma, a third-year B.Com. student, secured the first position with her captivating artwork. Takshika Thakran, a second-year B.A. Psychology Honours student, secured the second position, and Darshleen Kaur, a third-year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













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.

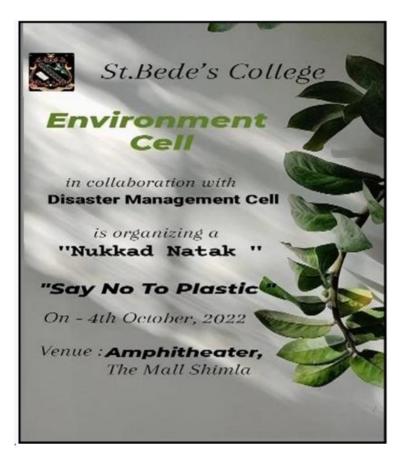


Objective: The play aimed to raise awareness about environmental protection, with a specific focus on the theme "Say No to Plastic."

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.

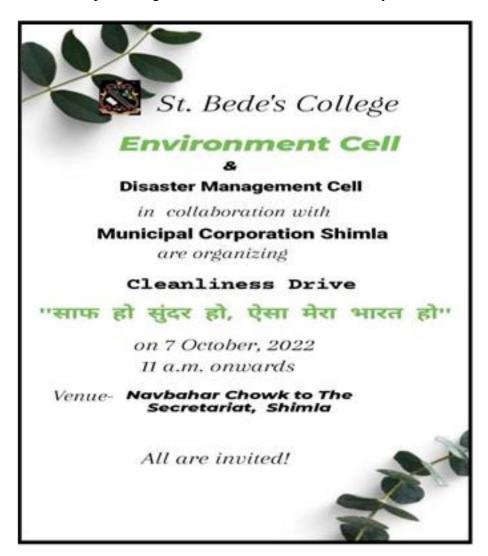


Prior permission was obtained from the authorities to conduct the cleanliness drive, ensuring a coordinated effort with the Shimla Municipal Corporation. The Municipal Corporation provided masks, gloves, and a garbage truck to facilitate the initiative.

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).



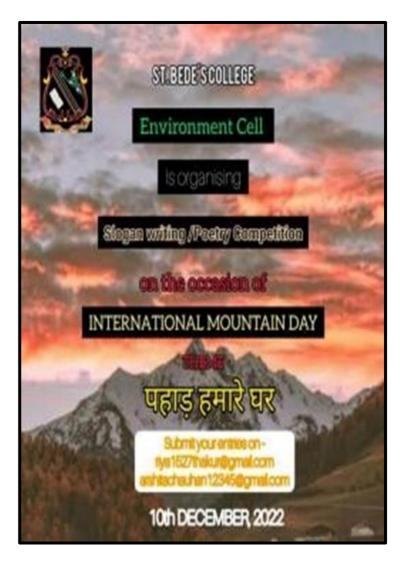
The competition showcased the creative abilities of the participants and their passion for mountains and their conservation. The submissions explored various aspects of mountains, such as their beauty, biodiversity, cultural significance, and the need to protect and preserve them for future generations.

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

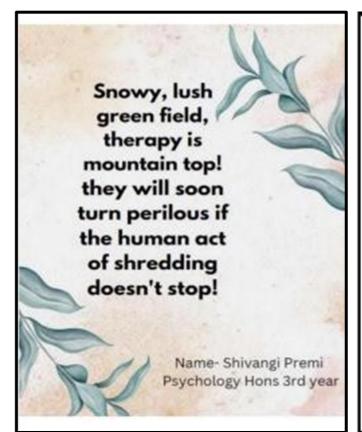
Shruti secured the second position in the poetry writing competition, delivering a captivating piece that showcased her creativity and understanding of the theme.

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.







पहाड हमारे घर

चहचहाती सी उन बस्तियों में, खिलखिलाते से उन घरों में, पसीने की उस कमाई से, खुशहाली के उन तम्हों में, है बीत रही पहियों रूपी जीवन की गाडी....।

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

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

संस्कृति बदलती जहां दूरी-दूरी पर, कुरुलू से किज़ीर, शिमला से सिरमीर, धीलाधार से चूडधार तक, है जो मिलो लंबी मनमोहक कहानी, प्रेम भाईचारे के रिस्ते की है वो जुबानी।।

पध 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,