

# St. Bede's College Shimla

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#### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

#### • Solar Energy

In an effort to minimize carbon footprints, St. Bede's College has installed solar lights and solar water heating systems in its hostel. The utilization of solar energy not only contributes to environmental conservation but also aids in reducing dependence on conventional energy sources. By adopting solar technologies, the college plays a part in preserving the environment while also promoting energy efficiency.



Solar Lights





Solar Panels



Solar Panels



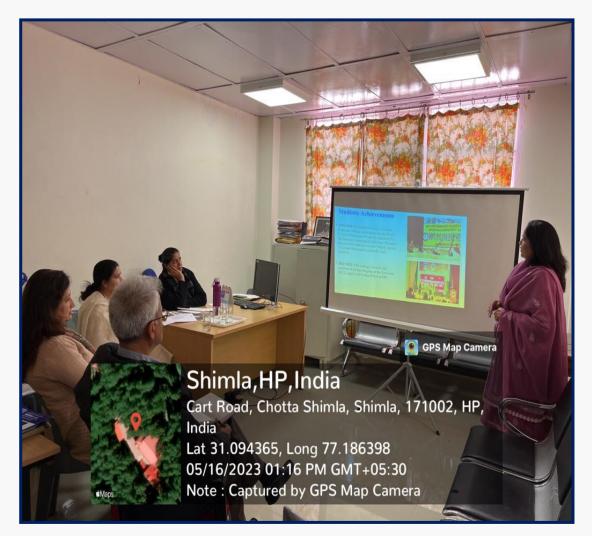


Solar Water Heater



• Use of LED Bulbs/Power-Efficient Equipment

In line with their energy-saving policy and commitment to reducing carbon footprints, St. Bede's College has installed LED lights. By embracing LED lights, the college takes a step towards sustainability and plays a role in minimizing their environmental impact.



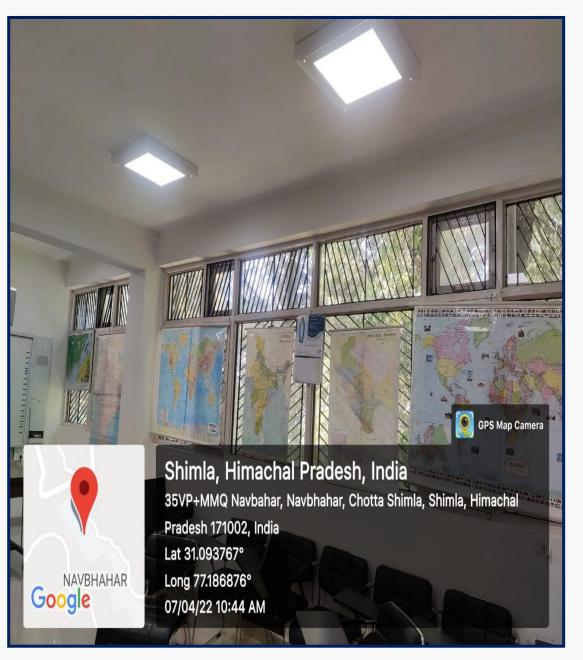
LED Lights in the IQAC Room





LED Lights in the Classroom





LED Lights in the Classrooms



# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

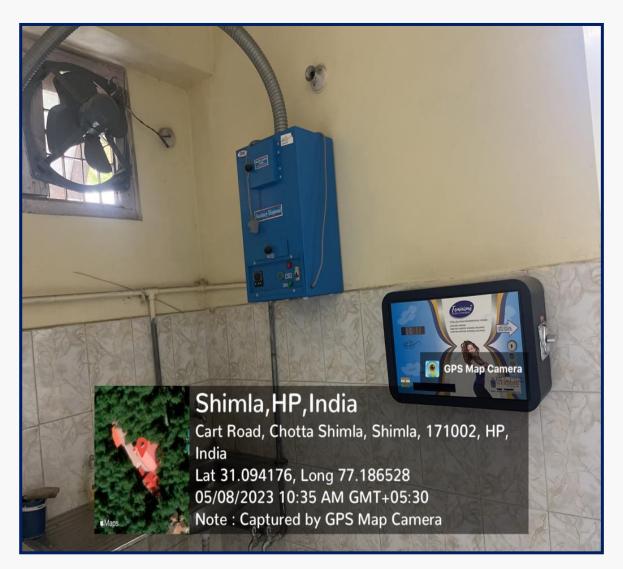
#### • Incinerators

Sanitary Napkin destroyer is widely used by students and staff. It is installed near the bathrooms of each block for easy access.



**Incinerators** 



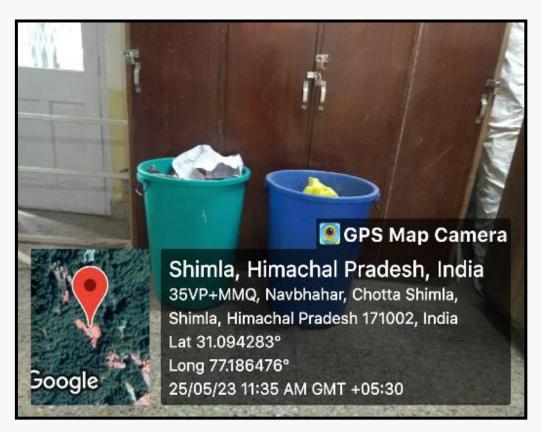


Incinerator and Vending Machine for Napkins



# • Segregation of Waste

Separate storage spaces are allocated to collect plastic waste that is collected on a regular basis. The plastic waste thus collected is handed over to Municipal Corporation, Shimla



Separate Dustbins for Waste



# • Paper Recycling Unit

The college also has a wastepaper recycling unit where the wastepaper from the entire college is recycled into new paper products.

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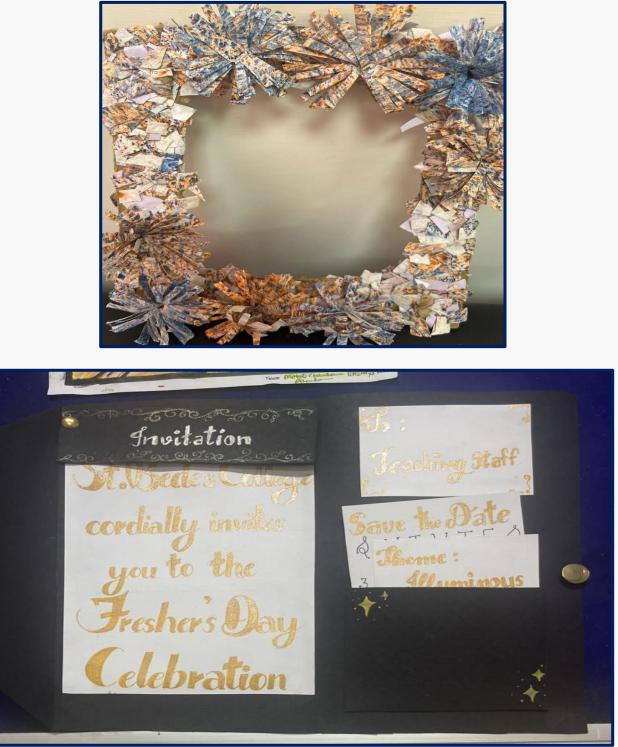
Paper Recycling Unit

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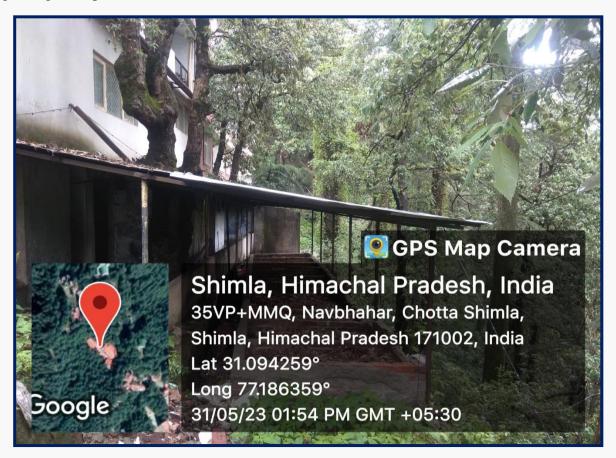


New Products Made Out of Recycled Paper



# • Composting Unit

St Bede's College ensures that waste management is conducted in a proper manner. The compost is prepared in the composting unit of the college using the food waste material collected from the college mess and canteen. The idea is to promote proper waste collection and its disposal. Composting recycles organic matter, such as leaves and food scraps, into a valuable fertilizer that can enrich soil and plants. The department of Biotechnology and Microbiology of St. Bede's College, Shimla organized a sale of compost on May 20, 2023. The compost was sold under the brand name of Bede's Biocom. The Principal of the college, Prof. (Sr.) Molly Abraham inaugurated the sale. The faculty and students of the college bought the product.



**Composting Unit** 







**Composting Unit** 





Sale of Compost on May 20, 2023



## LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT

It is ensured by the campus maintenance committee of the college that there are no leakages in the water pipes and if required, they are repaired immediately. The liquid waste of the college is connected to the municipal sewage system.

#### HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

Hazardous waste generated in the science laboratories is drained through the concealed pipes. Biological waste from other science laboratories is collected and autoclaved before its disposal. No radioactive waste is generated in the college campus.



Disposal of Biological Waste through Autoclaving



## **PROPER SEWAGE SYSTEM**

The college has a proper sewage system to divert the liquid waste to the waste pits. It facilitates to maintain a clean campus and to prevent water clogging in the campus premises.



Sewage System



# WATER CONSERVATION FACILITIES

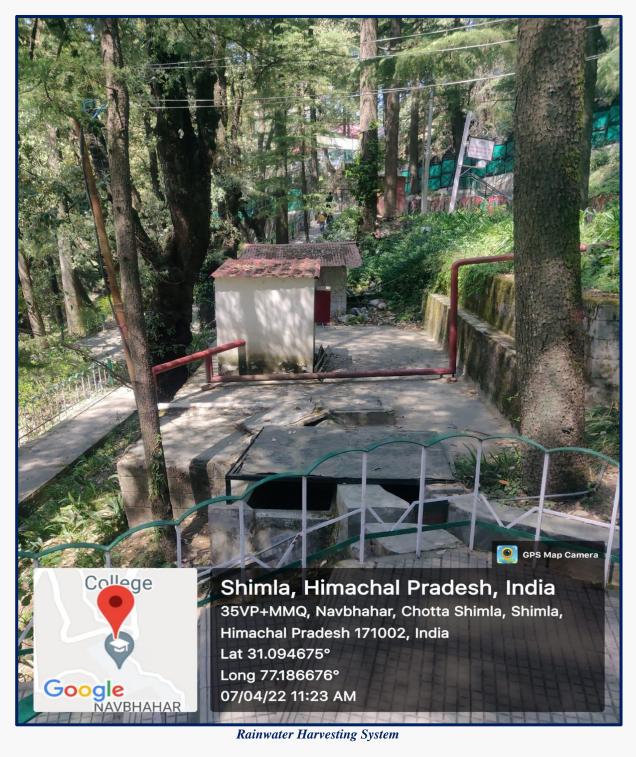
#### • Rainwater Harvesting System

St. Bede's College is equipped with a rainwater harvesting facility that comprises two tanks. These tanks efficiently collect rainwater through a well-connected pipe system. The harvested rainwater serves multiple purposes, including watering the plants in the college garden. Additionally, the rainwater harvesting tanks act as a pumping station for the fire extinguishers, ensuring a reliable source of water in case of emergencies. This sustainable initiative showcases the commitment of the college to conservation and preparedness.



Rainwater Harvesting System











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**Pumping Station** 





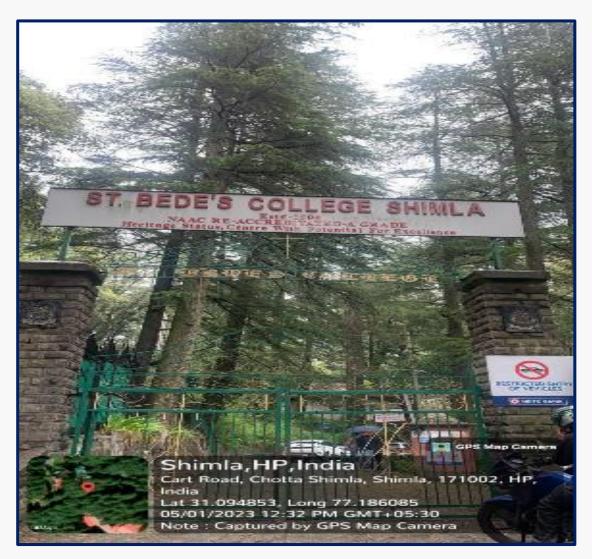
Fire Hague System



# **ECOFRIENDLY INITIATIVES**

## • Restricted Entry of Automobiles

The college campus enforces restrictions on vehicle admissions, granting access solely to staff members who are also permitted to park on the premises. To ensure security and keep track of visitors, the campus security guard maintains a register to record guest information. College students are provided with bus pass services to facilitate their frequent use of the public transportation system.



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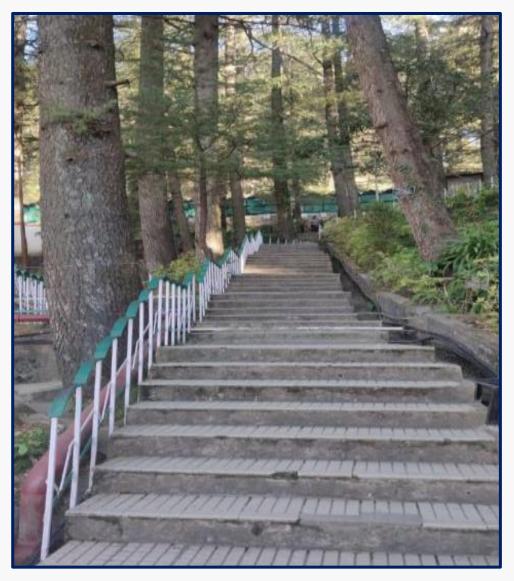
# • Pedestrian Friendly Pathways

Due to the mountainous terrain, St. Bede's College has built railing-equipped staircases and pedestrian-friendly routes to enable easy mobility in winters, particularly when it is snowing.



**Pedestrian Friendly Pathways** 





Pedestrian Friendly Pathways





Pedestrian Friendly Pathways





Pedestrian Friendly Pathways



# • Ban on the Use of Plastic

Polythene use is completely forbidden on campus at St. Bede's. Students are advised not to use or bring plastic items to college. Students and staff members are regularly sensitized and made aware of the risks associated with using plastic.



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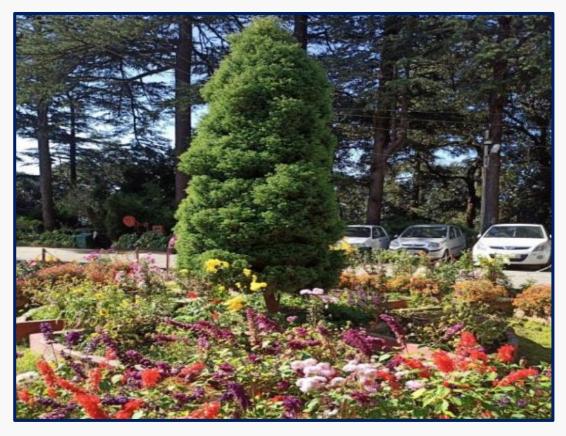
# • Landscaping

The college is surrounded by mature cedar, rhododendron, and oak trees that offer year-round shade, fresh air, and a relaxing atmosphere. The institution has been growing its built-up area while preserving and safeguarding its green cover for more than a century.



Landscaping





Variety of flora



Landscaping



## • Taxonomy

To help students, visitors, and all other stakeholders become familiar with the various tree and plant species, the college has prepared a thorough Taxonomy of the college flora.



Taxonomy



• Smoke-free Zone

The college is completely smoke-free. Dry leaves are converted into manure in the composting unit.



Smoke Free Campus





Smoke Free Campus



#### DISABLED-FRIENDLY AND BARRIER FREE ENVIRONMENT

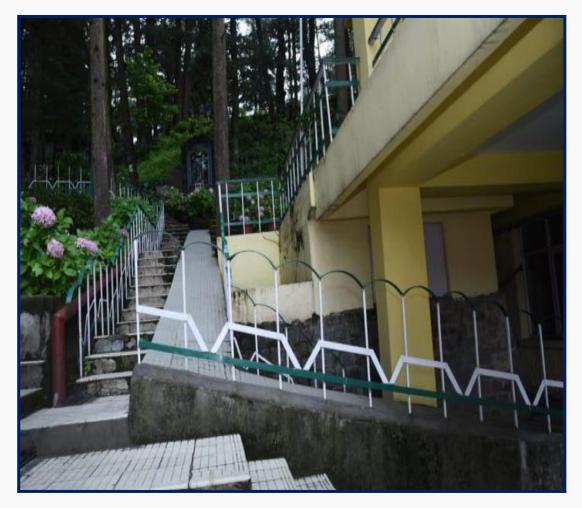
#### • Ramp

St. Bede's college intends to provide a barrier free environment for people with disabilities so that they can navigate the campus with ease and independence, enabling them to access and utilize all facilities within the college premises. In 2023, the college took a significant step towards enhancing accessibility by initiating the construction of new ramps. These ramps serve as vital connections, linking the auditorium, courtyard, and various classrooms in D-Block, C-Block, and B-Block.



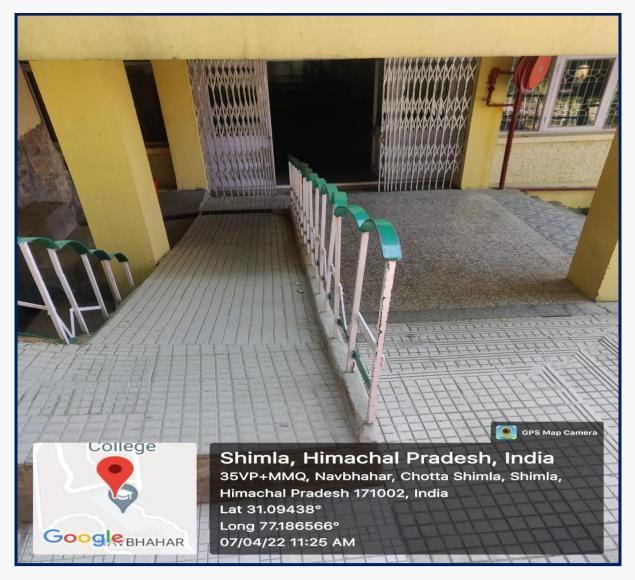
Old Ramp





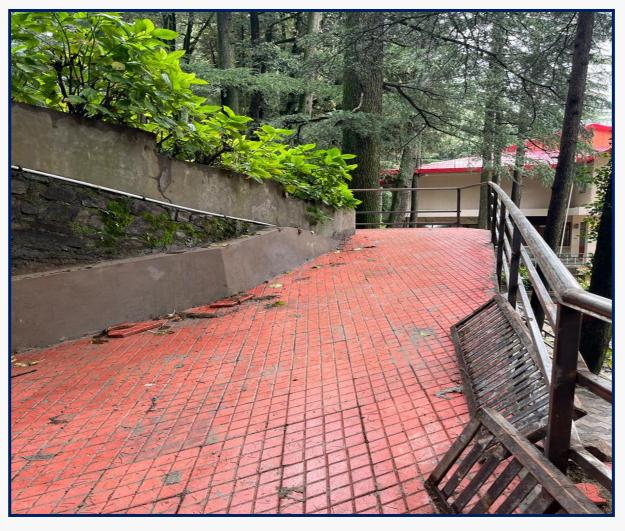
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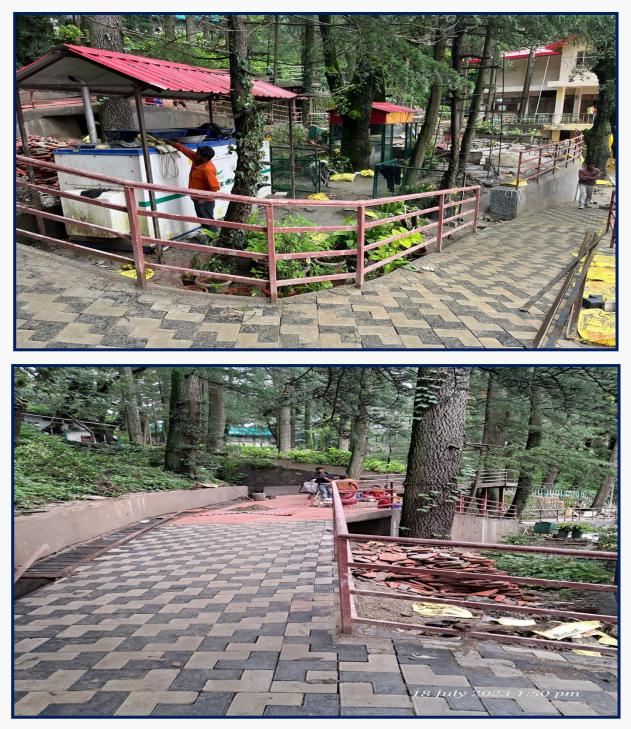
**Old Ramp and Wider Doors** 





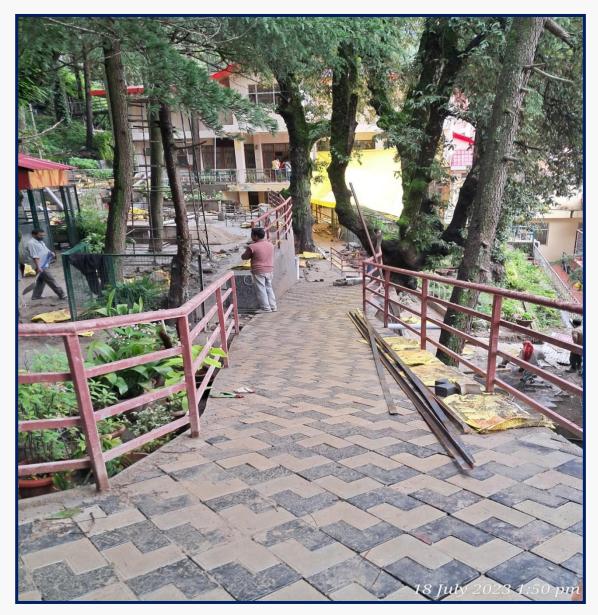
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