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Department of Microbiology Session 2023-24 Annual Activities

Green Auditing of the College Campus

Date: May 25, 2023

Objective: To enhance environmental consciousness across campus while ensuring that institutional practices prioritize eco-friendliness and sustainability.

Description:On May 25, 2023, our department spearheaded a comprehensive green audit of the college campus, focusing on noise levels and ambient air quality. Collaborating with the State Pollution Control Board in Shimla (HP), this audit aimed to establish baseline environmental data and proactively address emerging issues.

Outcome: The green audit successfully pinpointed areas for environmental enhancement and identified key factors contributing to environmental quality, paving the way for targeted improvement measures.





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Webinar on Careers in Microbiology

Date: July 18,2023

Objective: To enlighten final-year students in the department about the diverse career paths available in Microbiology, tailored to their unique experiences and educational backgrounds.

Description: The final-year students of our department participated in a webinar focused on elucidating the plethora of career opportunities within the realm of Microbiology. Hosted by the Department of Microbiology at JUIT, Solan, on July 18, 2023, the webinar featured an expert resource person who provided detailed insights into various job profiles. These included roles such



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as virologists, soil and water testing technicians, immunologists, science content writers, mycologists, and clinical laboratory scientists. Additionally, students were informed that positions within a laboratory span from laboratory assistants to Directors of Research.

Outcome: The webinar significantly broadened the students' understanding of career prospects in microbiology, enabling them to strategically plan their higher educational pursuits with enhanced clarity and foresight.



Special Online Lecture on "Food Relation to Nutrition and Health"

Date:September 4,2023

Objective: To commemorate National Nutrition Month by fostering awareness and advocating for a healthy lifestyle and proper nourishment among students.

Description: On September 4, 2023, students enrolled in B.Sc (Hons) Microbiology participated in a special online lecture titled "Food Relation to Nutrition and Health." This event was organized to mark National Nutrition Month and was aimed at promoting healthy living and nutritional awareness. The lecture was expertly delivered by Dr. Priya Vashishtha, Senior Scientist at CS



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Anand University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur (UP). Dr. Vashishtha emphasized the importance of adopting healthy and adaptable eating patterns to maintain a wholesome lifestyle.

Outcome: This initiative served as a valuable platform to heighten awareness regarding the significance of maintaining a balanced diet abundant in essential nutrients.



Celebration of World Micro Organism Day

Date: September 17,2023

Objective: To highlight and promote the diversity and significance of microorganisms.

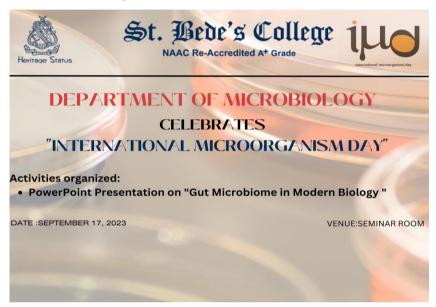
Description: Each year on September 17, we celebrate International Microorganism Day, an occasion dedicated to raising awareness about the multitude of roles microscopic organisms play in human health, culture, economics, employment, and our daily lives. This year, as part of the commemoration, Neetika, a second-year B.Sc (Hons) Microbiology student, delivered a compelling power point presentation titled 'Gut Microbiome in Modern Biology.' In her presentation, she emphasized the critical role of gut microbiota in both human and animal health, emphasizing its importance in disease management and overall well-being



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Outcome: International Microorganism Day offered a vibrant platform for organizing inclusive events tailored to individuals of all ages, fostering a collective celebration of the captivating marvels found within the microscopic realm.







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Celebration of Global Handwashing Day

Day: October 15, 2023

Objective: This is a day dedicated to celebrating and advocating for handwashing with soap as an effective, affordable way to prevent diseases.

Description:On 15 October,2023, Department of Microbiology organized poster making competition to celebrate this day and all the students of the department actively participated in this event. Global Handwashing Day is a yearly reminder that handwashing with soap and water is one of the best steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. This year's theme, "Clean Hands Are Within Reach," calls for coordinated action as we actively work toward universal hand hygiene.



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Outcome:It offered an opportunity to design, test, and replicate creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap at critical times.

Webinar on Cancer Cell Research

Date:October 19, 2023

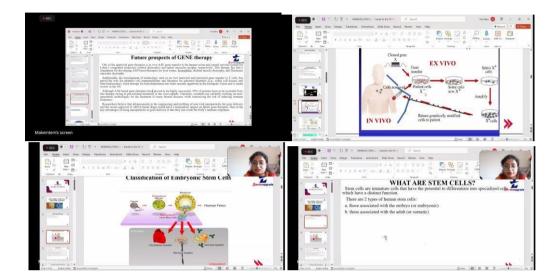
Objective: The objective was to update latest developments in the field of cancer stem cell research.

Description: The students from the Department of microbiology attended a webinar entitled "Advances in Cancer Stem Cell Research" on October 19, 2023. This webinar, which was organized by Learn to Upgrade, was a highly informative and engaging event that discussed the latest developments in the field of cancer stem cell research. The webinar featured several prominent experts in the field of cancer biology and stem cell research. Key point areas of discussion of Webinar Cells (CSCs), latest the were Cancer Stem research findings, therapeutic approaches and their clinical implications.

Outcome: The students were informed and made aware about thelatest research findings on Cancer Stem Cells (CSCs), therapeutic approaches and their clinical implications.



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Compost Sale

Date: November 3, 2023

Objective: To build healthier soil, prevent soil erosion, conserve water, and improve plant growth in one's garden and yard

Description:On November 3, 2023, the Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology of St. Bede's College, Shimla organized a sale of compost in the college courtyard. The compost was prepared in the composting unit of the college using the food waste material collected from the college mess and canteen. 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.

Outcome: The students of the department were involved in the process of making and maintaining compost unit. This activity made the students aware about scientific disposal of biodegradable waste and preparation of biofertilizer for use in the fields and kitchen garden.



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Guest Lecture and Career Counseling Session on Biotechnological Advancements

Date: November 23,2023

Objective: To guide and enlighten students about various career prospects and latest advancements in biotechnology

Description: The students of the department attended a guest lecture on 'Biotechnological Advancements and Career Counseling' held on November 23, 2023 in the seminar room. The resource person was Dr Vikas Mangal, Scientist, CPRI, Shimla. He explained the students about ways to develop industry relevant skills and knowledge and motivated them to explore different avenues in the field of Biotechnology. He enlightened and guided the students in various career aspects where the students can aspire and initiate their career. The students interacted enthusiastically and the resource person answered their queries and cleared their doubts.

Outcome:Students became aware about latest research areas alongwith necessary skills required in the field of biotechnology and various career opportunities which they can choose after their graduation.



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Department of Biotechnology

is organizing a

Guest Lecture and Career Counselling Session

on

'Biotechnological Advancements and Career Opportunities

Resource Person: Dr. Vikas Mangal, Scientist, CPRI Shimla

Venue: Seminar Room Date: November 23, 2023 Time: 11.00 AM onwards





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Hands on Workshop in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics Technique

Date: December7,2023



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Objective: To make students learn basic molecular biology techniques and become well versed with bioinformatics tools through hands on experience.

Description: The Department of Microbiology in collaboration with Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, JUIT, Solan, organized 'Hands on Workshop in Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics Techniques' on December7,2023. The resource person for first session of the workshop was Dr Rahul Srivastava. He gave an in depth demonstration on DNA, RNA isolation and restriction ligation techniques. The session was taken by Dr Shikha Mittal on Basic Tools and Techniques in Bioinfromatics. Dr Sudhir Sayal, Prof. Head, Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, JUIT, also interacted with the students and enlightened them about different learning skills so that they could learn and study in a better way.

Outcome: The students were enlightened and guided by the experts of the fields of molecular biology and bioinformatics. They also got an opportunity for hands on training where they learnt various bioinformatics tools and molecular biology techniques.





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Science Day Celebration

Objective: Science Day aimed to create a more scientifically informed and engaged society, capable of using scientific knowledge to improve the world. This Day aimed to motivate young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Description : The science day was celebrated by our department in association with science faculties of the department on February 28,2024. The students of the department participated in different activities like quiz, poster and model making competitions. On this day, the students also attended a lecture delivered by Dr. Ramesh Chand Thakur, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry on importance of science.

Outcome:By showcasing the excitement and relevance of scientific discoveries, Science Day seeks to make science accessible and engaging for all.



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