

# HISTORY DEPARTMENT FOR WEBSITE

## About the Department

**“History is the witness of the times, the torch of the truth, the life of memory, the teacher of life, the messenger of antiquity.”**

### Cecero, De Oratore

History is a discipline at the core of the liberal arts tradition. It seeks to preserve, extend and reevaluate our study of the past and to connect it with the present. There is no concentration more diverse than History and none more individualistic. One can choose to study any part of the world in any epoch. History is as long ago as the most ancient civilizations or as current as yesterday's newspaper. Every moment but the present moment is part of the past and each can be the object of historical study **Realizing this, History has been introduced as one of the optional to the B.A. students in the year 1971 itself.** The department of history at St Bede's college is committed to excellence and research. Students are trained in specific skills related to the discipline and are provided geographic, thematic, and chronological coverage of the past from global perspective. Our mission reinforces general educational objectives of critical thinking, reading, writing and communication skills. Our undergraduate program trains students in advanced historical methods of research and analysis and provide in-depth seminars. The department takes seriously to mentor students. Committed to free inquiry and critical thinking, we aim to help students gain a sophisticated knowledge of history and professional skills of a history. All members of the History faculty are expected to remain abreast of literature appropriate to specializations. History faculty are expected additionally to regularly be engaged in research activities, both to update lecture and class material and to contribute new knowledge

## Courses Offered

**SEMESTER-WISE COURSE STRUCTURE OF B. A. THREE YEAR PROGRAMME (SIX SEMESTERS) COURSES UNDER CBCS FOR MAJOR IN HISTORY, HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA 171005 (w.e.f.2013)**

### FIRST SEMESTER

Stream code	Sub code	Course name
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0101	History and Culture of India from the Palaeolithic Beginnings to the Mauryan Period
BA/HIST	CC:B/?HIST0102	History and Culture of India from Post-Mauryan Period to c. AD 1206

### SECOND SEMESTER

Stream code	Sub code	Course name
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0203	History and Culture of India from c. AD 1206-1525
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0204	History and Culture of India from AD 1526-1707

### THIRD SEMESTER

Stream code	Sub code	Course name
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0305	History and Culture of India from AD 1707-1857
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0306	History and Culture of India from 1858-1950

### FOURTH SEMESTER

Stream code	Sub code	Course name
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0407	Modern and Contemporary World History I: 1871-1918
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0408	Issues in World History-I (The Twentieth Century)
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0409	History of the United States of America, 1776-1945

### FIFTH SEMESTER

Stream code	Sub code	Course name
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0510	Modern and Contemporary World History II: 1919-1992 OR Issues in World History-II (The Twentieth Century)
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0511	Women in Indian History
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0512	Tribes in Indian History

### SIXTH SEMESTER

Stream code	Sub code	Course name
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0613	Environmental History of India
BA/HIST	CC:BA/HIST0614	Science and Technology in Colonial India
BA/HIST	EC:BA/HIST0620	History of Himachal Pradesh, 1815-1972

## Structure of B.A.(Programme)History as Discipline-1 under CBCS(w.e.f. July,2016)

### Core Course –Discipline specific Course(DSC)-4

1. History of India from Earliest Times up to 300CE
2. History of India from c.300 to 1206
3. History of India from c.1206 to 1707
4. History of India from c.1707 1950

### Discipline Specific Elective(DSE)Any Two

1. Patterns of Colonialism in the World:15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries
2. National Liberation Movement in 20<sup>th</sup> Century World
3. Some Aspects of European History:C.1780-1945
4. Patterns of Capitalism in Europe:C.16<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> Century
5. Some Aspects of Society & Economy of Modern Europe:15-18 Century
6. Political History of Modern Europe:15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century


### Generic Elective (Inter-Disciplinary) Ay Two

1. Women Studies in India
2. Women in Politics & Governance
3. Some Perspectives on Women's Right in India
4. Gender and Education in India
5. History of Indian Journalism: Colonial & Post Colonial Period
6. Cultures in the Indian Subcontinent

## Ability Enhancement Elective Course(AEEC) Any Four

1. Historical Tourism :Theory &Practice
2. Museum&Archives in India
3. Indian History &Culture
4. Ethnographic Practices in India: Tradition of Embroidery ;Textile Making,Knitting& Handicrafts
5. An Introduction to Archaeology
6. Documentary &Visual Culture
7. Orality and Oral Culture in India

## Faculty Profile

Name	Specialization	Experience(in Years)
 Ms.Punam Chauhan Verma	Ancient Indian History	7 Years

- Two guest faculties were appointed in the session 2015-2016.

### Departmental Achievements

- Department News Letter “The Voice”
- Formation Of Heritage Club “MIRAASA”
- Interdisciplinary Activities with English ,Hindi ,Political Science etc.
- Taken initiative to start a Museum
- History Society Fund
- Orientation for Freshers
- **Attended Seminar on “archaeological exploration in Trans-Himlayan region” by Professor Nautiyal.**
  
- Faculty &students attended workshop on Heritage on May,2 ,organised by INTACH
- Heritage walk to Rashtrapati Bhavan organized by INTACH ,Shimla Chapter.
- The students and the department of history attended two days(25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June) workshop on “Himalayan History ,Culture and Archaeology at State Museum. The paper presenters shared their research work on Paleolithic and Mesolithic sites in Himachal Pradesh.
- An event was organized to commemorate Hiroshima Day on 6<sup>th</sup> August .Various competitions like poster making, collage making, slogan writing etc were organized for the student

- **Celebration of International Youth Day on 12<sup>th</sup> August,2015.**A special Assembly was conducted in the college auditorium for this day. Students also made posters for the international youth day.
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- **Students Exchange Program (23<sup>rd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> August).**A students exchange programme was conducted between St Bede's college, Shimla and Badrinarayan Barwale Mahavidyalya ,Jalna in Maharashtra.The programme included educational project :Ellora:History in Caves” .
- **Organized Heritage Fest ”Sansriti” on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** MIRAASA –The heritage club of St.Bedes's College was formally inaugurated by Mr. Raja Bhasin who administered a solemn oath to its members.. A number of competitions comprising of recitation of self composed poems, declamation, quiz, essay writing, slogan writing, collage making, rangoli, on the spot painting and folk dances were held side by side. The event turned out to be a huge success

### **Faculty Achievements**

#### **Publication**

**Prevalance of superstitious Beliefs/Evil Spirits in Shimla;Journal of research:The Bede Athenium, March 2014, vol.5.No.(1);ISSN0976-0598(print)**

#### **Paper Presentation:**

- **Presented a paper entitled ‘Domestic Violence Against Women: An unfinished saga’** at International Conference on women Empowerment: Transforming lives, milestones and challenges, organized by Department of Home Science, St,Bede's College, Shimla.
- **Presented a paper entitled ‘Role of ICT in Education: Pros and Cons’** in a national seminar sponsored by NAAC on International Quality Improvement :Role of ICT,organized by St.Bede's College, Shimla.

#### **Participation in Seminars/Conferences/Workshops**

- **Attended a seminar on International Seminar on ‘Economics, Social and Environmental Challenges of Globalization in collaboration with Indian Economic association.**
- **Attended a seminar on International Conference on Work, Stress And Health Recent Preceptions,Future Trends.**
- **Attended a seminar on National Seminar on ‘Web based Technologies: Present and the Future’**
- **Attended Seminar on “archaeological exploration in Trans-Himlayan region” by Professor Nautiyal.**

- Participated in two day workshop on Heritage. organized by INTACH, Shimla Chapter.
- Attended Seminar on “archaeological exploration in Trans-Himalayan region” by Professor Nautiyal.
- Attended workshop on “Himalayan History, Culture and Archaeology”
- Attended a Workshop cum Seminar on Physics Education Research: Research based reforms in Physics Instruction sponsored by UGC. Attended a Faculty Development Workshop on Research Methodology Organized by IBS Hyderabad in St. Bede’s College, Shimla on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015
- Attended International Seminar on ‘Subalterns in Shakespeare-A Post Colonial Scrutiny’ in collaboration with the Shakespeare Association (India) sponsored by University Grants Commission (UGC) and organised by Department of English, St. Bede’s College from September 22-24, 2011.
- Attended two-day International Seminar on ‘Economic, Social and Environmental Challenges of Globalization’ organized by the Department of Economics, St. Bede’s College, Shimla in collaboration with Indian Economic Association from October 5-6, 2012.

#### Participation in other Activities

- Ms. Punam Chauhan, was a part of the organizing committee for installation ceremony, member of Election Committee, Red Ribbon Club, Parents Teacher Association, in charge of Heritage Club “MIRASSA” etc. She also co-chaired a session for International Conference on Work, Stress And Health. Resent Perceptions Future Trends

#### **Recent Departmental Activities**

- Screening of a documentary on Indian Women
- Heritage Club “MIRAASA “ conducted poster making competition on Heritage of India