

Session- 2022-2023

HINDI DIWAS

"If you talk to a man in a language that he understands, that goes to his head. But if you talk to him in his language that goes to his heart."

In today's globalized world we find ourselves immersed in cultures, languages and cuisines that are not limited to our own country. While it is important to keep up with the global trends, it is equally important to not give up on our own culture and traditions. With English becoming one of the most popular languages in India, this day serves as a reminder to not look down on the languages that have shaped us for centuries. Keeping this in mind, Hindi Diwas celebrated at St. Bede's College Shimla on 14th September, 2022.

The Music Club of St. Bede's College prepared two Hindi songs to be sung for the day. First song was based off the famous 'Kabir ke Dohe'. The participants enthusiastically sang some of the most renowned Dohe by Kabir. For the second song, the group sang the song 'Ek Tu Hi Bharosa' by Lata Mangeshkar from the movie *Pukar*. The song touched on the topic of destruction due to wars- a very recurring theme in today's world. Both the performances were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience and did justice to the elegance of Hindi.

Overall, the day served as a good reminder to not forget our roots regardless of where we end up in life. It was also a great refresher on our cultural wisdom that imparted beautifully knowledge through songs and poems.













WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On 10th October 2022, The Department of Psychology at St. Bede's College organised the World Mental Health Day which focused on the mental well-being of everyone. The event also spread awareness about various mental health conditions and how to cope with them through quizzes, plays, talks, etc.

The Music Club, on this occasion performed a medley of five songs ranging from Kesha's 'Rainbow' to Rachel Platten's 'Fight Song' which speak about picking oneself up even from the direst situations. The music reminded our students that the first step towards mental health is to be kind to not just others, but to yourself as well. They sang songs that were full of positivity and fortitude, once again revealing the healing power of music.





WORLD MUSIC DAY

On October 12, 2022, the Department of Music and Music Club in collaboration with the Cultural Society of St. Bede's College celebrated World Music Day by organizing a music workshop on the theme 'Folk Songs and Traditions of Himachal Pradesh' for the students of the college and Government School, Sanjauli. Sh. Anil Halta, District Language Officer, Department of Language, Art and Culture, Himachal Pradesh and Sh. Amit Sharma were the worthy guests of honour.

Sh. Ramesh Chand, enlightened the audience with the dance forms, folk songs and rich culture of Himachal Pradesh. The programme was conducted in three phases which comprised of 'Lok Geet', Lok Naatya/*Karyala* and Lok Naati, performed by the local artists of the Language, Art and Culture Department, Himachal Pradesh. The President awardee Smt. Roshni Justa also performed Naati on stage, which caught the eyes of the audience. *Mala Nritya*, a form of Naati was the highlight of the workshop.

Overall, the session ended successfully and enthused the audience with a message of preserving and promoting the local dialects, folk dances, and folk songs.











ENVISION FEST 2022

'Envision', the Legal cum Cultural Fest at the University Institute of Legal Studies, was held from the 9th to the 11th of November, 2022, in the HPU Auditorium. Various dignitaries like Sir Naresh Thakur (Advocate HP High Court), Sir H.R. Jhingta (Dean, School of Law, Bahra University), and others from all over Himachal Pradesh were invited to grace the occasion and judge a variety of competitions. Other distinguished guests, elite guardians, and the students of the college were also present at the inaugural function. A series of cultural and artistic competitions were held at the University over the course of three days. The events and competitions were judged by a prestigious set of juries.

The students of St. Bede's College enthusiastically represented the college in various cultural and artistic events at the fest. They brought laurels to the college by winning several awards. The students from the Music Club participated in both the Solo and Group Singing competitions at the fest. Our students won the 2nd prize for Group Singing. While we did not win any prizes for Solo Singing, our students cherished the learning experience of meeting students from across various colleges.







EBA ALUMNI MEET

A reunion event was held on November 20, 2022, in the campus of St. Bede's College by the Ex-Bedeian Association. The program consisted of a cultural event and a carnival. The event provided an opportunity for current students to meet and interact with the alumni of the college and strengthen their connections. The cultural event was kicked off by the Music Club, singing the St. Bede's College Anthem. The students also performed a Western Medley, which entertained the audience with a nostalgic vibe.





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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Community Outreach Cell of St. Bede's college organized a Christmas Celebration event for the students of Govt. Primary School, Sanjauli on 22nd December 2022. The aim of the event was to spread joy and happiness among the students and to promote the spirit of Christmas that is togetherness and brotherhood. The Music Club became a vibrant choir that sang carols relating to the birth of Christ, and the joy of Christmas. Both the school and college students were encouraged to sing some popular carols. To make the event more exciting, the members of the Community Outreach Cell had arranged for a visit by Santa Claus, who distributed gifts to all the school students. The smiles on the faces of the children were a testament to the success of the event.





INTER-SHIP SINGING COMPETITION

On 24th February 2023, the Music Club, St. Bede's College organised an Inter-ship Singing Competition. Students from each ship, INS Vikrant, INS Vikas, INS Chirag and INS Himmat, participated in four categories – Solo Singing (Western), Solo Singing (Indian), Western Duet and Indian Duet.

Our esteemed judges for this competition were Dr Deepti Pajni, Dr Anupama TOmar and Ms Akshita Dhiman. The students enthusiastically participated, showcasing various singing talents across genres and ranges. The contestants took to the stage with great gusto as their friends and fellow shipmates cheered them on. The following were the winners for each category:

Solo Singing (Western)

1st Prize: Dhaanya Thakur (INS Chirag)

2nd Prize: Neesa Negi (INS Vikas)

Solo Singing (Indian)

1st Prize: Ayushi Pundir (INS Vikas) 2nd Prize: Sharrin Verma (INS Chirag)

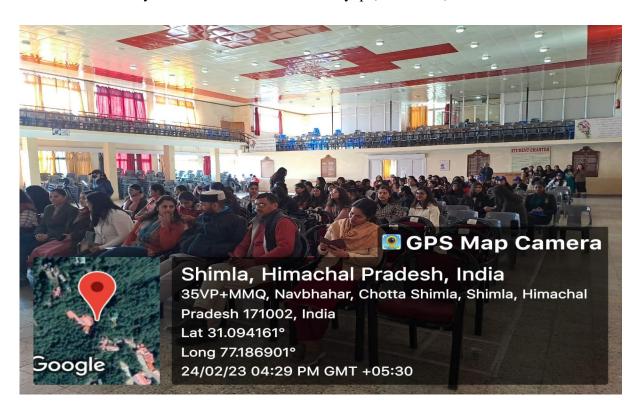
Western Duet

1st Prize: Rozi Rashid and Neesa Negi (INS Vikas)

2nd Prize: Dhaanya Thakur and Akshita Chauhan (INS Chirag)

Indian Duet

1st Prize: Sharrin Verma and Dhaanya Thakur (INS Chirag) 2nd Prize: Ayushi Pundir and Kashish Kashyap (INS Vikas)















ANNUAL DAY

On 22nd March 2023, St. Bede's College, Shimla, celebrated its Annual Day where students were awarded for their Academic and Non-Academic achievements for the session 2022-23. The students of the Music Club while winning quite a few of the prizes, also graced the stage to perform. Our students set off the event by proudly singing the St. Bede's College Anthem. Then, they sang a song called 'Your Light' by The Big Moon, conveying a message of hope and inspiration to everyone present. Finally, they ended the program by singing our National Anthem.

