



CULTURAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES 2017-23

SESSION 2017-18

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On August 15, 2017, St. Bede's College in Shimla celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The event was marked by the unfurling of the national flag by the principal, Dr. Sr. Beena John, which officially commenced the Independence Day celebrations.

The students actively participated in the event and showcased their patriotic spirit by singing various patriotic songs that resonated with the significance of the day. Through these songs, the students paid tribute to the sacrifices made by freedom fighters who fought for the nation's independence. The songs served as a reminder of the immense courage and dedication exhibited by those who fought for the freedom and progress of the country.

The program concluded with a collective rendition of the National Anthem, in which everyone stood united and sang with pride, symbolizing the unity and diversity of the nation.

The Independence Day celebration at St. Bede's College not only provided a platform for students to express their patriotism but also instilled a sense of gratitude and respect for the freedom fighters who laid the foundation of the nation's independence. It served as a reminder of the importance of preserving and cherishing the hard-earned freedom and working towards the progress and development of the country.

HINDI DIWAS AND HINDI SAPTAH

On September 14, 2017, St. Bede's College celebrated Hindi Diwas, followed by a week-long celebration known as Hindi Saptah, to promote and encourage participation among students in Hindi language and literature. The aim was to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Hindi and foster a sense of appreciation for the language.

To mark Hindi Diwas and Hindi Saptah, a variety of activities were organized to engage students and showcase their talents. These activities included Solo Dance, Solo Singing, Skit, Poster Making, Painting, Collage Making, Creative Writing, Poetry Recitation, Essay Writing, Dialogue Delivery, and Declamation Competition. The diverse range of activities provided students with a platform to express themselves in Hindi and exhibit their creative skills.

During the Solo Dance and Solo Singing competitions, students showcased their talents in various forms of traditional and contemporary Hindi music and dance. Skits were performed to depict social issues or convey meaningful messages in Hindi. Poster Making, Painting, and Collage Making allowed students to visually express their ideas and creativity using the Hindi language.



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The literary activities like Creative Writing, Poetry Recitation, Essay Writing, Dialogue Delivery, and Declamation Competition encouraged students to explore their linguistic abilities and express their thoughts and ideas in Hindi. These activities promoted effective communication and improved language skills.

The Hindi Diwas celebrations and Hindi Saptah served as a platform to celebrate the beauty and richness of the Hindi language and its contributions to Indian culture and literature. The activities not only provided an opportunity for students to showcase their talents but also fostered a sense of pride and love for the Hindi language among the participants and the college community as a whole.



YOUTH FESTIVAL

St. Bede's College emerged victorious at the H.P. State Level Youth Festival, held in October 2017, by securing the first prize in the solo Classical Dance competition. The competition, which took place in Nahan, Himachal Pradesh, witnessed fierce competition from talented participants representing various colleges across the state. However, the outstanding performance of the college's representative in the Classical Dance category stood out and impressed both the judges and the audience. This remarkable achievement not only showcases the exceptional talent and dedication of the participating student but also highlights St. Bede's College's commitment to promoting cultural diversity and preserving our rich cultural heritage through the art of classical dance.

SESSION 2018-19

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On August 15, 2018, St. Bede's College in Shimla celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The ceremony began with the unfurling of the flag by the esteemed Principal of the college, Dr. Sr. Beena John. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of pride and



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reverence as the flag soared high, symbolizing the freedom and unity of the nation. The students, filled with patriotic fervor, showcased their talents through soul-stirring patriotic songs that echoed through the college grounds. The celebration continued with heartfelt recitations of inspiring poems that highlighted the sacrifices and bravery of the freedom fighters who fought for India's independence. The program concluded on a high note with all attendees joining together to sing the National Anthem, a powerful symbol of unity and love for the country. The Independence Day celebration served as a reminder of the importance of freedom, unity, and the spirit of patriotism among the students and the entire college community.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

In the month of June, students from St. Bede's College Shimla enthusiastically participated in the summer festival organized by the Government of Himachal Pradesh. They showcased their exceptional talent and creativity in the Fusion Dance category, combining traditional Lavani dance with modern Western dance elements. Their performance captivated the audience and impressed the judges, earning them the second prize among numerous participants. The students' dedication, hard work, and synchronized movements were evident in their mesmerizing performance, showcasing their passion for dance and their commitment to excellence. The achievement not only brought pride to the college but also highlighted the talent and artistic abilities of the students of St. Bede's College.

HINDI DIWAS

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Bede's College on September 14, 2018. The occasion was marked by various activities that aimed to promote the Hindi language and showcase the rich cultural heritage associated with it. One of the highlights of the celebration was the intership folk dance competition, where students from different ships participated and showcased their talent in traditional folk dances from various regions of India. The vibrant and energetic performances showcased the diversity and beauty of Indian folk dances, leaving the audience mesmerized. Additionally, a solo singing competition was also organized, providing a platform for talented singers to showcase their melodious voices and render Hindi songs. The participants enthralled the audience with their soulful renditions, displaying their love and passion for Hindi music. The celebration of Hindi Diwas not only highlighted the importance of the Hindi language but also celebrated the rich cultural heritage of our country.





CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY ART AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT (H.P.)

The students of St. Bede's College, Shimla, showcased their talents and intellect at the cultural activities organized by the Art and Culture Department in Gaiety Theatre from September 12 to 14, 2018. The college participated in various competitions, including Poetry Recitation, Quiz, and Essay Writing. The students exhibited their creativity and literary prowess, leaving a lasting impression on the audience and the judges. In the Poetry Recitation competition, the participants captivated everyone with their impeccable delivery and emotional rendition of beautiful poems. Their expressive performances earned them well-deserved recognition and prizes. Moreover, in the Essay Writing competition, the students showcased their exceptional writing skills and insightful perspectives on the given topics. Their well-researched and thought-provoking essays garnered appreciation from the judges and secured prizes for their outstanding work. The participation and success of the students in these cultural activities reflect their dedication, talent, and commitment to excel in the field of literature and arts.

YOUTH FESTIVAL

The students of St. Bede's College, Shimla, showcased their talent and creativity at the Youth Festival held at Kotshera College, Shimla. The festival provided a platform for students to participate in various cultural competitions, including folk dance, painting, and poetry. The students put their best foot forward and gave remarkable performances in their respective categories. In the folk-dance competition, the students displayed their vibrant and synchronized dance moves, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of their region. Their mesmerizing performance earned them the second prize and left a lasting impression on the audience. Similarly, in the skit category, the students showcased their acting skills and delivered a powerful message through their performance, securing the second prize.



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Additionally, their artistic talents shone through in the rangoli competition, where their intricate designs and vibrant colors earned them another second prize. The participation and success of the students in these competitions reflect their dedication, teamwork, and commitment to promoting art and culture. They not only represented their college but also contributed to the overall cultural diversity and vibrancy of the event.

SESSION 2019-20

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER TONGUE DAY

On 20th February 2020, International Mother Tongue Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in St. Bede's College Shimla, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Cultural Society and the Hindi Department. The Cultural Society played a crucial role in organizing and preparing a memorable celebration.

One of the highlights of the event was the beautiful presentation of Ganesh Vandana by the students of the cultural society. In addition to the Ganesh Vandana, the Cultural Society worked diligently to prepare an act that conveyed the message of "Unity in Diversity" of India. This act showcased the rich cultural heritage of India by representing various states through students dressed in their traditional attires. The Cultural Society played a crucial role in the preparation of this performance. They organized auditions, rehearsals, and provided guidance to the students to ensure that the act was well-coordinated and delivered effectively.





SESSION 2020-21

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in St. Bede's College, Shimla on August 15, 2020. The flag was unfurled by Principal Ms. Nandini Pathania, marking the beginning of the Independence Day celebrations. In addition to the traditional ceremonies, the college took a significant step towards environmental conservation by organizing a tree plantation activity in collaboration with the NSS unit and the environment cell of the college.

Sister Magdelene, Principal Ms. Nandini Pathania, along with the college staff and students, actively participated in the tree plantation event. The activity was carried out within the college campus while adhering to all COVID-19 safety precautions. The participants planted various trees, contributing to the greening of the campus and creating a more environmentally sustainable environment.

By combining the celebration of Independence Day with the tree plantation activity, St. Bede's College demonstrated its commitment to sustainable practices and creating a better future for generations to come.





SESSION 2021-22

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated with great fervour and patriotism at St. Bede's College in Shimla. The event commenced with the hoisting of the national flag by Dr. Sr. Molly, the principal of the college. This symbolic act marked the significance of the day and reminded everyone of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters to attain independence.

Following the flag hoisting, Dr. Sr. Molly addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of Independence Day and its relevance in today's world. She spoke about the struggles and hardships endured by our forefathers and the need to value and preserve the freedom they fought for.

To further commemorate the occasion, a short cultural program was organized. Students from the college took the stage and recited patriotic poems, invoking a sense of national pride and unity. The melodious voices of the students resonated throughout the venue as they sang patriotic songs, instilling a spirit of patriotism and love for the country.

The cultural program provided a platform for students to showcase their artistic talents and express their gratitude towards the nation. It served as a reminder of the rich cultural heritage and the diverse talents of the students at St. Bede's College.

HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATION

Hindi Diwas was celebrated with immense enthusiasm and fervour at St. Bede's College in Shimla on September 14, 2021. The students of the Music Department played a significant role in the celebration, showcasing their talent and contributing to the promotion of our national language, Hindi.

During the event, the students presented a mesmerizing rendition of the famous Hindi poem "Jhansi Ki Rani" by Subhadra Kumari Chauhan. The powerful verses of the poem brought to life the heroic tale of Rani Lakshmi Bai and her brave fight for independence. Through their performance, the students not only showcased their musical skills but also paid homage to the spirit of patriotism and resilience embodied by the legendary queen.

The recitation of "Jhansi Ki Rani" served as a reminder of the rich literary heritage and the significance of Hindi as our proud mother tongue. It highlighted the importance of preserving and promoting the language, encouraging a deeper understanding and appreciation among the students.

The participation and enthusiasm of the students in celebrating Hindi Diwas reflected their love for the language and their commitment to preserving its legacy. The event provided a platform for the



students to showcase their talent and contribute to the promotion of Hindi as a language of national pride.



UNITY DAY CELEBRATIONS

National Unity Day was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm at St. Bede's College in Shimla on October 28, 2021, in honor of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, also known as the Iron Man of India. The college organized a series of cultural activities that highlighted the theme of "Unity in Diversity," showcasing the rich cultural heritage and diversity of our nation.

The students put forth a remarkable musical play, captivating dance performances, and soul-stirring renditions of patriotic songs and Himachali folk songs. Through their artistic expressions, they conveyed the message of unity and harmony, emphasizing the strength that lies in our diversity.

The musical play depicted the life and contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who played a pivotal role in the integration of India after independence. It celebrated his vision of a united India and his efforts in bringing together diverse regions and communities to build a strong and cohesive nation.

The scintillating dance performances showcased the vibrant cultural traditions of different states, demonstrating the diverse yet harmonious tapestry of our country. The students' dedication and skillful performances brought alive the essence of unity and celebrated the cultural richness that exists across India.

The patriotic songs and Himachali folk songs further added to the patriotic fervor of the event, instilling a sense of national pride and unity among the audience. The lyrics and melodies resonated with the spirit of togetherness, reminding everyone of the importance of staying united despite our differences.



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The event served as a reminder that unity is the foundation of a strong and prosperous nation. By embracing our diversity and standing together, we can overcome any challenges and build a better future for our country.



INTER COLLEGE COMPETITION

An Inter College Competition was successfully organized at St. Bede's College on September 30, 2022. The Cultural Society of the college took the initiative to organize this event, which aimed to provide a platform for students from different colleges to showcase their talents in various cultural activities.

The competition featured a range of activities, including gazal, Naati (a traditional Himachali dance form), group song, and classical dance. These activities encompassed different forms of art and allowed participants to display their skills and creativity in their respective fields.

The gazal competition provided an opportunity for participants to exhibit their lyrical and poetic talents. It showcased the beauty of Urdu poetry and the art of ghazal singing, with participants mesmerizing the audience with their soulful renditions.

The Naati performances highlighted the rich cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh. This traditional dance form involves rhythmic footwork and synchronized movements, capturing the essence of Himachali folk culture. The participants showcased their skills in this energetic and vibrant dance form, captivating the audience with their performances.



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The group song competition brought together talented singers who showcased their harmonious voices and showcased their musical abilities. The participants displayed their teamwork and synchronization, creating a melodious and captivating musical experience.

The classical dance segment of the competition allowed participants to showcase their proficiency in various classical dance forms such as Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi, or Kathakali. The participants demonstrated their technical skills, grace, and expressions, leaving the audience enthralled.

The Inter College Competition provided a platform for students to celebrate and promote cultural diversity, talent, and artistic expression. It encouraged healthy competition among participants and fostered a sense of appreciation for different art forms.





INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Cultural Society of St. Bede's College organized a series of activities to celebrate and honour women. The event aimed to recognize the achievements and contributions of women in various fields and promote gender equality.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a musical play that showcased the inspiring stories of women who have made a significant impact on society. The play portrayed the challenges they faced and the triumphs they achieved, serving as a source of inspiration for the audience. Through powerful performances and storytelling, the musical play aimed to raise awareness about women's empowerment and the importance of gender equality.

In addition to the musical play, a dance performance was also organized to pay tribute to women. The dance showcased the grace, strength, and resilience of women through expressive movements and choreography. It aimed to celebrate the spirit of womanhood and acknowledge the achievements and struggles faced by women in different walks of life.

These activities organized by the Cultural Society on International Women's Day served as a platform to highlight the significant role of women in society and promote their empowerment. By showcasing their stories and talents through the musical play and dance performance, the event aimed to inspire and motivate both women and men to work towards gender equality and create a more inclusive and equitable society.





ANNUAL PRIZE DISRIBUTION FUNCTION

The Cultural Society of St. Bede's College, Shimla, organized a series of captivating cultural events as part of the annual prize distribution function for the academic year 2021-2022. The aim was to create a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere for the students and showcase their talents in diverse art forms.

The event commenced with a graceful Prayer Dance performance, which set a serene and devotional ambiance. The dancers expressed their spirituality and reverence through intricate movements and gestures, captivating the audience and instilling a sense of tranquility.

Following the Prayer Dance, the energetic and vibrant Garba Dance took center stage. The dancers, adorned in colorful traditional attire, showcased the rich cultural heritage of Gujarat through rhythmic footwork and synchronized movements. The infectious beats and lively atmosphere created a festive ambiance, leaving the audience enthralled and immersed in the joyous celebration.

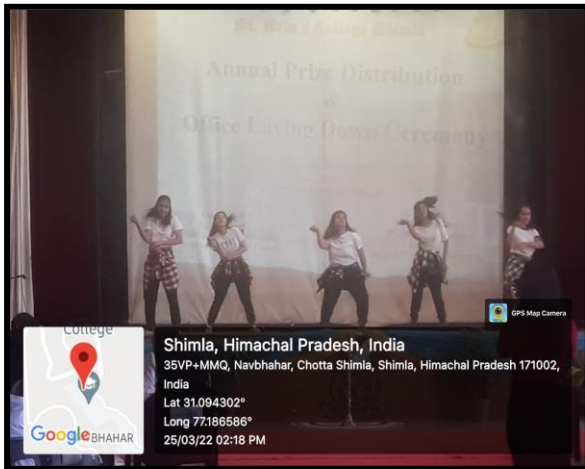
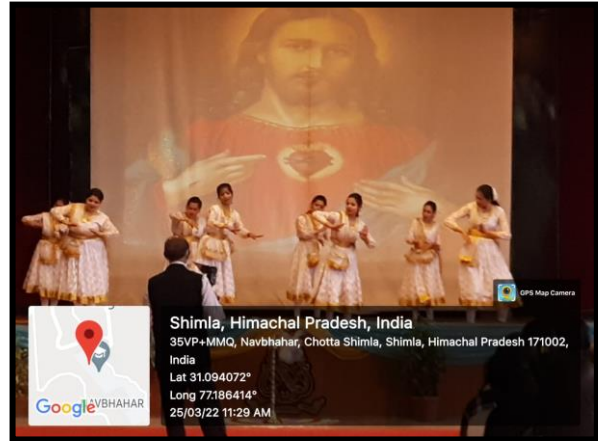
Continuing the cultural extravaganza, the melodious rendition of Gazal added a touch of poetry and soulfulness to the event. The talented performers presented beautiful Gazals, showcasing their command over Urdu poetry and their ability to evoke emotions through their expressive singing. The audience was captivated by the enchanting melodies and heartfelt performances.

To add a contemporary flair to the event, a Western Dance performance took place, showcasing the students' creativity, coordination, and passion for modern dance styles. The dancers mesmerized the audience with their dynamic choreography, synchronized movements, and energetic performances, reflecting the fusion of cultures and the college's commitment to embracing diverse art forms.



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The cultural events organized by the Cultural Society during the annual prize distribution function provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and express their creativity. The performances not only entertained the audience but also celebrated the rich cultural diversity and artistic abilities within the college community.





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**CELEBRATION OF “HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN” AND “INDEPENDENCE DAY”
UNDER THE AEGIS OF “75th AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV”**

The Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and Independence Day were organized by the Cultural Society of St. Bede's college from 13th to 15th August, 2022 in the college campus under the aegis of “75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”.

Following was the schedule of the campaign:-

Day	Date & Time	Program	Venue
Saturday	13 th August 2022 10.30 A.M. onwards	Flag Hoisting & Poetic Symposium	Outside the College auditorium
Sunday	14 th August 2022 10.30 A.M. onwards	Flag Hoisting with National Anthem & Vande Matram	Outside the College auditorium
Monday	15 th August 2022 10.30 A.M. onwards	Celebration of Independence Day (Flag Hoisting and Cultural program)	In front of college flag & auditorium

Celebration of Independence Day (15th August 2022, Monday):

On August 15, 2022, St. Bede's College Shimla celebrated India's 75th Independence Day. The event commenced with a recorded speech in Hindi by the Principal Prof. Sr. Molly Abraham. In her speech, she paid homage to the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters for our nation's independence and emphasized the significance of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign launched by the Government of India. The cultural program that followed included a patriotic poem recitation, a musical performance on the song "Yeh Jo Desh Hai Tera," and a group song by the students of D. El. Ed. Additionally, Ayushi (B.A. 3rd Year) performed a song, and Ankita (D. El. Ed. 2nd Year) recited a poem. The event fostered a sense of patriotism by acknowledging the country's cultural heritage and unity. The cultural committee members were actively involved in organizing this program. The event ended with speeches by the teachers and felicitations of the participants.



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CELEBRATION OF WORLD MUSIC DAY

On October 12, 2022, St. Bede's College's Department of Music and Cultural Society celebrated World Music Day by hosting a music workshop focused on the theme 'Folk Songs and Traditions of Himachal Pradesh' for both college and Sanjauli Government School students. The event had two distinguished guests of honor, Sh. Anil Halta and Sh. Amit Sharma. Sh. Ramesh Chand shared insights into the culture of Himachal Pradesh, including dance forms and Lok Geet. The program was conducted in three phases: 'Lok Geet', Lok Naatya/Karyala, and Lok Naati, with performances by artists from the Language and Culture Department of Himachal Pradesh. President Awardee Smt. Roshni Justa also performed Naati on stage, which captured the audience's attention. Mala Nritya, a form of Naati, was the workshop's highlight. The workshop concluded successfully, promoting the preservation and promotion of local dialects, folk dances, and folk songs.





PARTICIPATION IN ENVISION- HPU FEST

The University Institute of Legal Studies organized the 'Envision' Legal cum Cultural Fest from the 09th to 11th November, 2022 at the HPU Auditorium. The presence of 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 at the fest made it even more special. The students of St. Bede's College actively participated in various cultural and artistic events at the fest and brought laurels to the college by winning several awards. It shows their enthusiasm and commitment towards extracurricular activities and how they represent their college with pride.

The following were the winners:



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Literary Events:

Story writing: Yati Sharma (2ndprize)

Essay writing: Dipti (1stprize)

Extempore: Himanshi (1st prize)

Poetry: Sanya (1stprize) (open)

Parliamentary Debate: St. Bede's College (2nd prize)

Artistic Events

Mehndi Competition: Mantasha (3rdprize)

Painting Competition: Rudrani Mepawat (3rdprize)

Cultural Events

Modeling: St. Bede's College (1stprize) Naati: St. Bede's College (2nd prize)

Group Singing: St. Bede's College (2ndprize)

