



*Department of Political Science  
St. Bede's College, Shimla*

## **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES 2017-23**

### **SESSION 2017-18**

#### **AN EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES**

The Department of Political Science organized an educational excursion to the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies for the students of B.A. IIIrd year, on September 22, 2017.

**Objective:** To impart constitutional values to the students and sensitize them about the importance of historical places located in Shimla town and to develop a sense of understanding of historical richness of the place.

The students were made aware about the value of Article 48 of India Constitution which insists the State to follow directives in order to protect culturally rich and historically valuable sites of the country.

The students, while taking a round in the heritage building, saw many pictures of leaders who visited the place, such as Lord Mountbatten, Pt. J.L. Nehru and M.K. Gandhi. Similarly, students also witnessed the historic table on which the Shimla Agreement (Peace Treaty) was signed on July 02, 1972 to cease the war between Indian and Pakistan. They also appreciated the architectural design and aesthetic works done by the artists to construct the building and interiors. After taking a round inside, the students also visited the garden area and tried to identify the unique flowers. Overall, it was a very informative and reinvigorating excursion for the students.

**Outcome:** The students after returning to the college spread awareness among students of other batches by delivering a lecture and initiating a discussion in the class. Undoubtedly, this visit left an impression on the young minds and sensitized them to protect historically valuable sites of the Nation.





## **SESSION 2019-2020**

### **AN EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF HIMACHAL PRADESH**

On September 18, 2019, an organized visit to the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly took place for the students of Political Science in B.A. IIIrd year. This visit occurred during the monsoon session of the assembly and aimed to acquaint the students with the work and discussions conducted in the legislative body.

**Objective:** The main objective of the visit to the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly was to provide students with firsthand experience of the functioning of the assembly. The specific objective was to observe and understand the way discussions are conducted in the Legislative Assembly, enabling students to connect theoretical knowledge with practical implementation.

#### **Activities:**

1. **Observation of discussions:** The students were provided with passes to enter the assembly and attentively observed the discussions carried out by the political leaders of the state. This firsthand observation allowed them to witness the actual process of debates, deliberations, and decision-making in the legislative body.
2. **Enthralling experience:** The students had an enthralling experience as they witnessed the passage of a bill in the house, which they had studied theoretically in the subject of Indian Constitution. This experience provided a real-life application of the theoretical concepts they had learned, making their learning more meaningful and engaging.
3. **Interaction with political personalities:** The visit also provided an opportunity for the students to meet and interact with various political personalities of Himachal Pradesh. This interaction allowed them to gain insights into the roles and responsibilities of political leaders and engage in discussions about the political landscape of the state.

**Outcome:** The visit to the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly resulted in the following outcomes:

1. **Sharing of experience and knowledge:** The students shared their experience and knowledge of the working of the Vidhan Sabha with junior batches. They explained the process of how a bill is passed in the lower house of Parliament, connecting theoretical concepts to practical execution. This sharing of experience enriched the learning environment and facilitated the understanding of parliamentary procedures.
2. **Discussion on parliamentary ethics and decorum:** The students held discussions on the importance of parliamentary ethics and the maintenance of decorum in political processes. This discussion deepened their understanding of the principles and values necessary for effective governance and democratic functioning.



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- 3. Bridging theoretical and practical aspects:** The visit helped the students establish a connection between theoretical concepts learned in their social science discipline and their practical execution in the context of the legislative assembly. This bridging of theory and practice enhanced their comprehension and provided a more holistic understanding of the subject.



*Educational Visit to Vidhan Sabha*

## **SESSION 2022-2023**

### **ELECTORAL LITERACY AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The students of Department of Political Science and Electoral Literacy Club, with the nodal officer Ms. Komal Sharma participated in an event organized by the State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh in the Gaiety Theatre, Shimla on September 24, 2022.

**Objective:** The main aim of participating in the programme was to sensitize our youth about the importance of voting in a democratic state like India and further encourage them to spread a general awareness among their peer groups, families and acquaintances.

Chief Election Commissioner of India Sh. Rajeev Kumar was the Chief Guest, and he inaugurated an exhibition and an election song composed by State Police band “Harmony of Pines”. The students enthusiastically participated in various electoral awareness activities like extempore speech, slogan making, etc. Around twenty students of the club attended the event and put forward their thoughts on, ‘Importance of Electoral Voting’. The students also expressed their views on, ‘Political Education and Role of Youth in Shaping and Re-building India’. The students were felicitated and appreciated for their political awareness at the end of the event.

**Outcome:** Many students who were not enrolled as voters, got themselves registered to cast their votes in the upcoming Legislative Assembly Elections of Himachal Pradesh and further sensitized their family members about the importance of every single vote.



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*Electoral Literacy and Awareness Campaign*

## **CLOTHES DONATION DRIVE**

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The clothes donation drive organized by the students of the Department of Political Science in collaboration with the Rotaract Club, Shimla, held on October 30, 2022, was an altruistic endeavour aimed at serving the underprivileged residents of Bangla Colony, Sanjauli.

**Objective:** The primary objective of this clothes donation drive was to extend a helping hand to the underprivileged people living in our vicinity in the most simple and meaningful way possible.

The students began by reaching out to their own homes and neighborhoods to collect warm winter clothes. With meticulous care, they inspected each garment to ensure that they were in suitable condition for use.

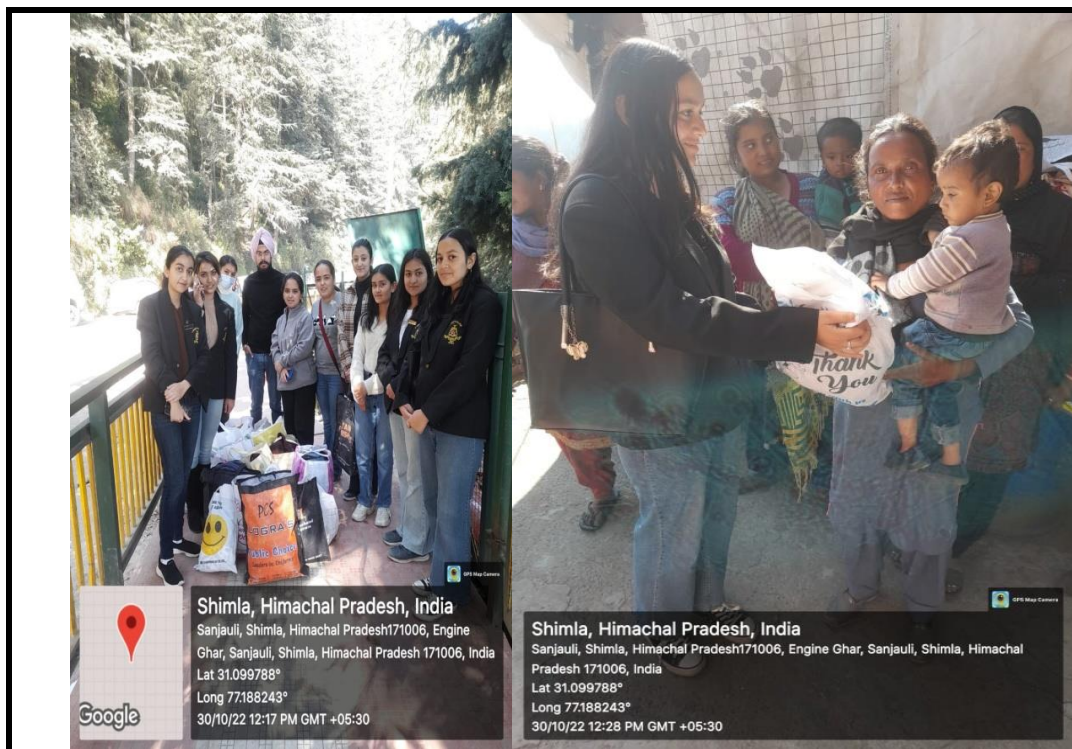


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After the collection process, the students packed the donated clothes into carry bags, ready for distribution. The collaboration with the Rotaract Club was instrumental in facilitating the transportation of these packages to the designated location, Bangla Colony, Sanjauli, where the drive was to take place.

Upon reaching Bangla Colony, the students started the distribution process, ensuring that the warm clothes reached people of all age groups who were in need. This interaction with the residents, particularly the children, allowed the students to witness the genuine appreciation and happiness on the faces of the recipients. In addition to providing warm clothes, the students also shared sweets and chocolates with the children, creating moments of joy and camaraderie.

**Outcome:** The clothes donation drive left a profound impact on the minds and hearts of the students. Witnessing the gratitude and happiness of the underprivileged recipients reinforced the importance of community welfare activities and acts of kindness. The experience not only served the immediate material needs of the less fortunate but also instilled a sense of compassion and empathy within the students.





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in collaboration with  
Rotaract Club, Shimla  
is organizing  
"Clothes Donation Drive"  
October 30, 2022  
Open for volunteer service  
EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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*Clothes Donation Drive*





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