



COMMUNITY OUTREACH CELL ACTIVITIES- 2022-2023

SILENT MARCH AGAINST EVE TEASING

The Community Outreach Cell of St. Bede's College, Shimla, organized a silent march against eve teasing on 21st November 2022.

Objectives: Raising awareness, advocating for stricter laws and policies, challenging social norms and inspiring behaviour change were the main objectives of the event.

The Deputy Commissioner of Shimla, Mr. Aditya Negi, granted the necessary permission for the event. St. Bede's College took a strong stand against this social evil by silently marching from Navbahar to Chotta Shimla. During the march, students held placards with slogans such as "Street Harassment is a Crime", "Stop Staring", "My Space, My Right" and "Stop Eve Teasing". The students were accompanied by two lady constables and faculty members.

Outcomes: The march led to increased awareness about the issue of eve-teasing among the college community and the general public. It can help in creating a supportive environment for promoting respect and safety. By raising awareness and promoting a culture of respect and gender equality, it can contribute to a positive shift in attitudes and actions, leading to a decrease in incidents of eve-teasing. It can also lead to increased utilization of counseling services, legal assistance, and support networks, ensuring that survivors receive the help they need to cope with their experiences.





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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN

On 22nd December, 2022 St. Bede's College Community Outreach cell organized a Christmas celebration event for the students of Govt. Primary School Sanjauli.

Objectives: The event was organized with the aim of spreading joy and happiness, promoting inclusivity and diversity, spreading the spirit of giving and kindness and enhancing cultural understanding among students.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and a lively choir group singing carols related to the birth of Christ. The students were encouraged to sing along with the choir. To make the event more exciting, Santa Claus made a special appearance and distributed gifts to all the students, bringing big smiles to their faces. The members of the Community Outreach cell also provided refreshments and chocolates to the students, adding to the festive atmosphere. The success of the event was evident from the happiness it brought to the students, and it helped strengthen the bond between the two institutions.

Outcomes: The event encouraged cultural exchange, allowing school children to learn about the customs, traditions, and significance of Christmas. Engaging in fun activities, receiving gifts, and participating in festive events can create lasting memories and positive associations with the college and its volunteers. The celebrations instilled the values of giving and kindness in the school children.



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EXHIBITION-CUM-SALE OF PRODUCTS MADE BY INMATES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH PRISONS

On 17th and 18th October 2022, the Department of Prisons & Correctional Services of Himachal Pradesh organized an exhibition-cum-sale of products made by inmates of Himachal Pradesh prisons at St. Bede's College.

Objectives: The primary objective of this event was to showcase the artistic and creative talent of the inmates and provide them with a platform to earn a livelihood.

The event was held in the courtyard. The exhibition-cum-sale featured a range of beautiful and unique products made by inmates of Himachal Pradesh prisons. The products on display included wooden chairs and benches, decorative metal stands for flowerpots, exquisite shawls, caps, and bags with the stunning Himachali print, wooden pen holders, and peg tables. Each product was crafted with great care and skill, showcasing the immense talent and creativity of the inmates. The exhibition was set up in the courtyard of St. Bede's College, and students and staff alike were invited to attend and browse the products on display. The inmates who had made the products were also present at the event and were available to answer any questions from customers and explain the process behind the creation of their products.

Outcomes: The exhibition-cum-sale of products made by inmates of Himachal Pradesh prisons can contribute to the rehabilitation and skill development of inmates, empower them economically and emotionally, raise awareness and foster acceptance in the community, promote partnerships and collaborations, and contribute to the personal growth and transformation of the inmates involved.



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