



## INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS 2017-2018

### Community Connections: Uniting Hearts and Hands through Service

With an intention to serve the society and people, St. Bede's college gives much impetus to outreach programmes and community service. A handful of such measures were initiated in the current academic year not only to sensitize the students but also develop a sense of selflessness towards the community and societal issues.

**Roti Day:** Under this program, all the students and staff members bring freshly made chapattis to the college every Tuesday. The collected chapattis are then supplied to the main city hospital and cancer hospital Shimla, in co-operation with the members of an NGO, 'Almighty's Blessings'. The main objective for conducting this practice is to help economically poor patients and their care givers by providing them lunch or *langar* on an everyday basis. The staff and students of St. Bede's college also volunteer their services by serving food at the *langar*, washing the utensils and taking part in the evening prayer service in support with the family members of patients.

To cater to the needs of the school going children, **Teaching Assignments** were taken up by some faculty members of the college at Munselling School, Kaza. The program was conducted with an aim of developing personality and communication skills of the students in peripheries of Himachal Pradesh.

Students and faculty members of the college often pay **visit to the cancer hospital, IGMC Shimla, old age homes and orphanages** situated in the town. The main aim of these visits is to spread happiness amongst people by offering them gifts and spending good times with them. **Blood Donation Camp:** The NSS unit of St. Bede's College organized a Blood Donation camp in collaboration with an NGO 'Almighty Blessing', in the college auditorium. The camp proved vital to create an awareness amongst youth about the importance of blood donation, educating the community about the significance of donating blood, and dispelling myths or misconceptions surrounding the process.

**A Tree Plantation Drive** was organised by NSS unit of the college at five benches Jakhoo, Shimla to address issues of environmental protection and sustainability.

St. Bede's college has also **adopted a Govt. Middle School at Theog and a Primary School at Sanjauli, Shimla**. The students and faculty members often visit these schools and organize competitions for the students. After which, the students are provided clothes, eatables and stationary material.

Another such initiative is **the Skill and Entrepreneurship Development** programme in which the students are encouraged to offer self-prepared eatables and other products for sale to others. The students are then motivated to donate a part of their raised resources to charitable causes.



By carrying out such practices, the students are encouraged to develop their skills and are also sensitized about their social responsibilities.

As these community service programmes are carried out throughout the year, the institution is committed to providing a transformative and enriching experience for the students.