



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

SESSION 2023-24

"ENLIGHTENING MINDS: ST. BEDE'S ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT SETS SAIL ON WORLD LITERACY DAY"

September 8, 2023

In celebration of World Literacy Day, the Economics Department at St. Bede's College Shimla orchestrated a meaningful excursion to kindle a passion for literacy and education among young learners. This collaborative initiative involved both faculty and students, converging at the Government School in Sanjauli, Himachal Pradesh, to create a lasting impact on students from LKG to 5th class.

Objectives: The primary objectives of this excursion were to promote literacy and educational awareness, emphasizing the importance of learning in personal and societal development.

The day unfolded with a compelling skit performance by college students, illuminating the crucial role of education and literacy in shaping one's life. This theatrical endeavour captured the attention of the young audience, delivering a powerful message that resonated throughout the day.

Interactive sessions followed suit, featuring storytelling sessions conducted by college students to instill a love for books and reading. To blend education with enjoyment, a series of fun and educational games were organized, enhancing cognitive abilities and reinforcing the idea that learning can be both enjoyable and rewarding.

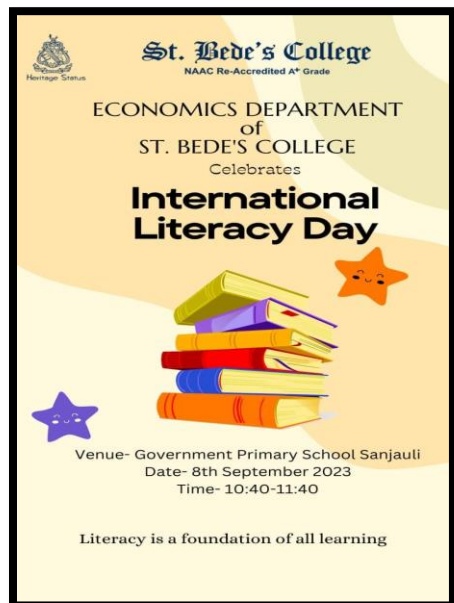
As a gesture of encouragement and support, the Economics Department distributed stationery items among the students, including notebooks, pencils, and erasers, aimed at facilitating their educational journey. Furthermore, the introduction of interactive learning materials aimed to foster a more engaging learning environment within the classroom.

Outcomes: The excursion on World Literacy Day at the Government School in Sanjauli surpassed expectations, achieving its primary goal of promoting literacy and education awareness. Students, spanning from LKG to 5th class, not only gained insights into the significance of learning but also left with beaming smiles and newfound enthusiasm for education.

This collaborative effort involving the Economics Department, college students, and the dedicated staff of the Government School showcased the impact of community engagement. It underscored the pivotal role educational institutions can play in spreading awareness about literacy and education.

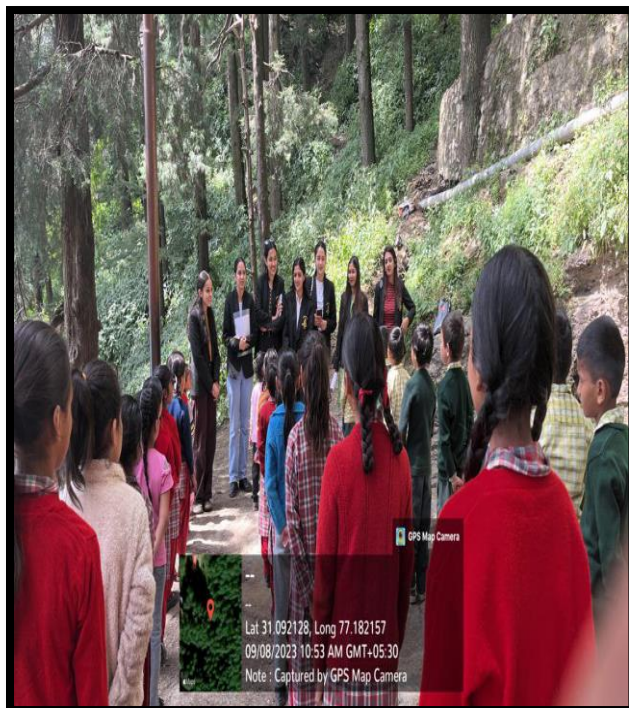


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"EMPOWERING MINDS: PUBLIC SENSITIZATION ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVES"

October 15, 2023

In a proactive initiative, students of the Department undertook the responsibility of sensitizing the general public about the diverse poverty alleviation schemes launched by the Government of India. With the overarching objective of creating awareness about the distressing state of our nation in terms of the percentage of the population living below the poverty line, this activity aimed to bridge the information gap and cultivate a collective understanding of poverty-related challenges.

Objectives: The primary objectives were to assess the public's knowledge about poverty and government alleviation programs, provide information in a comprehensible manner, and instill empathy by elucidating the root causes and consequences of poverty.

The students initiated the process by conducting short interviews with individuals, posing simple questions about poverty and government alleviation programs to gauge their prior knowledge. Based on the assessment of responses, the students tailored the information, ensuring that it was conveyed in simple language accessible to all.

The engagement involved elucidating the root causes and consequences of poverty, fostering a deeper understanding among the public. Various poverty alleviation schemes were highlighted, including MGNREGS, Integrated Rural Development Program, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, National Food for Work Programme, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana, etc.

Outcomes: The activity proved to be a major success, attributed to the enthusiasm and dedication displayed by both the students and the public. By conveying information in a relatable manner, the initiative not only increased awareness about poverty alleviation schemes but also empowered individuals with insights into the challenges faced by their less fortunate counterparts.



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"GIFTS OF COMPASSION: ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT DONATION DRIVE"

October 16,2023

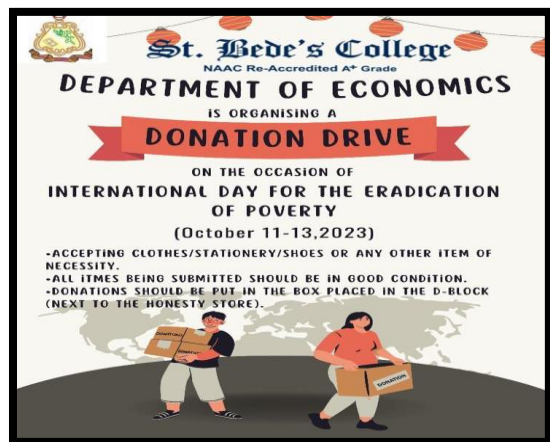
On October 16th, 2023, the Economics Department embarked on a heartwarming journey through a donation drive, encouraging students to contribute essential items between October 11-13th for the benefit of the less fortunate. This extension activity aimed not only to provide support to those in need but also to instill in students the virtue of giving, fostering a sense of community and empathy for the underprivileged.

Objectives: The primary objectives were to cater to the needs of the less fortunate by collecting and distributing essential items and to cultivate a spirit of generosity and community service among the students.

Active participation from both students and faculty marked this thoughtful initiative. Generous donations of clothes, footwear, stationery, and food poured in, reflecting the community's commitment to making a positive impact. The quality and condition of the donated goods were scrutinized before the distribution process.

After the collection, students took meticulous efforts to organize and neatly pack the items for distribution. The distribution process began in a neighbourhood near Sanjauli area, Shimla, where clothing and food items were distributed to households, aiming to bridge the gap between the needs of the underprivileged and the resources available. As part of a commitment to promoting literacy and education, stationery items were specifically distributed among children, enhancing the impact of the drive beyond material support.

Outcomes: This unique opportunity for students to volunteer and engage in community service left a lasting impact. It provided them with a renewed perspective on life, fostering gratitude for their blessings and reinforcing the value of compassion.





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"SEEDS OF CHANGE: A CHARITABLE OUTREACH BY THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT"

November 24, 2023

On November 24, 2023, the Economics Department demonstrated its commitment to social responsibility by conducting a community outreach activity at Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla. This benevolent initiative, conducted under the banner of "Seeds of Change," aimed to make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals at the Cancer hospital, IGMC.

Objectives:

1. To engage in social service by contributing essential grocery items and serving langar at the Cancer hospital, IGMC.
2. To instill empathy, compassion, and a sense of gratitude among students through direct involvement in community service.
3. To support the non-profit community service, GURU KA LANGAR, run by social activist Mr. Sarbjeet Singh's NGO Almighty Blessings.

The donated grocery items were procured through funds generated from departmental events, including the World Savings Day Donation Drive, Mehndi Competition, and the Diwali Carnival. Both students and faculty actively participated in the event, serving a complimentary langar to patients and their attendees at the Cancer hospital, IGMC.

Students engaged in various tasks, such as serving food, distributing water, and assisting authorities in attending to people at the langar service. The experience provided a firsthand understanding of the values of sharing and service to humanity.

Outcome: The "Seeds of Change" community outreach activity at the langar service, IGMC Shimla, was a resounding success. The event not only achieved its primary objectives of social service but also left a lasting impact on the participating students. The engagement fostered a sense of responsibility and ignited a fiery zeal among students to contribute towards humanitarian aid.

Mr. Sarbjeet addressed the students, sharing his journey and emphasizing the importance of working for a greater cause. The activity encouraged students to recognize the transformative power of small acts of kindness and motivated them to continue working towards building a better society and nation.



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