



*Department of English*  
*St. Bede's College, Shimla*

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH ACTIVITIES 2023-24**

**GUEST LECTURE: PREPARATION OF COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS**

**Date: September 12, 2023**

**Objective:** To create awareness about the recent trends of competitive exams among students.

The department of English, St. Bede's College organized a career counselling session on September 12, 2023 at 2.00 p.m. The session was attended by teachers and students of the department. It was an interactive session where there was a talk followed by a discussion on "Preparation of competitive examination." Ms. Chitwan Jamwal an alumna of the college was the resource person. The students were guided on how to prepare for exams like NET, GATE etc. It was a very interactive session which was attended by students from both UG and PG programs.

The session came to an end with discussion on various approaches that can be followed by the students.

**Outcome:** The students became aware about the preparation of competitive exams and felt motivated to work hard.

**READING WEEK**

**Date: September 21-28, 2023**

**Objective:** To inculcate the habit of reading.





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The Department of English St. Bede's College in collaboration with the library committee organized "Reading Week" in the college. It was inaugurated by Dr. Sapna Sharma on 21<sup>st</sup> September in the library. The participants were asked to read any book of their choice issued from the library for a week. A Google form was shared every evening during the reading week with the participants to monitor their progress. The closing ceremony was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> marked by the presence of the prolific writer Ms. Minakshi Chaudhry.

**Outcome:** The students developed an interest in reading and learned to critically analyze books.





## **BOOK REVIEW – CLOSING CEREMONY**

**Date: September 28, 2023**

**Objective:** To develop critical thinking skills and express their thoughts and opinions related to the books read.

The closing ceremony of the reading week was held on September 28, 2023 marked by the presence of the prolific writer Ms. Minakshi Chaudhry. During the reading week the participants were encouraged to spend some time reading their respective books in the library; they then gave a review of the books read by them on the closing ceremony.

The ceremony began with felicitation of the guest by the principal Dr. Sr. Molly Abraham. This was followed by sharing reviews of the books by students. Further Ms. Minakshi Chaudhry spoke about her journey, and answered several questions asked by the teachers and students. The reading week culminated with the chief guest's wise words, and interesting insights.

**Outcome:** The students gained confidence to express their views in front of others.







## SECRET SANTA

**Date:** December 12, 2023

**Objective:** To develop a sense of selflessness among students.

Department of English St. Bede's College Shimla, organized 'Secret Santa' to celebrate Christmas on December 12, 2023. The activity was organized to develop a sense of selflessness among students. The students enjoyed while playing some interactive games, where they got to know more about each other. They exchanged gifts at the end of the day, had some snacks and tapped their feet to some music.

**Outcome:** The students celebrated and learned more about the spirit of Christmas.





## **PARTICIPATION IN “LIT MINGLE” AT COLLEGE OF EXCELLENCE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE SANJAULI.**

**Date: October 05, 2023**

**Objective:** To foster a love of literature and writing and to promote literacy, creativity and intellectual development among the students.

On October 5, 2023 the Central of Excellence College, Government College Sanjauli, organized an English Literary Fest, “Litmingle” for all the students wherein it extended an invitation to all the colleges of the city to participate. St. Bede's College was also invited to be a part of this fest.

The students of the college enthusiastically took part in the various competitions organized by them. Eight teams from various colleges participated, twelve students from St. Bede's took part in the activities organized.

The first activity of the day was tattoo making in which Riya Verma of B.A.-II English Honours and Shayontika of B.A.-I English Honours took part under the theme-‘Women Empowerment’. Manu Sharma of B.A.-I English Honours and Tammana of B.A.-III English Honours, were the students who represented St. Bede's College in short story writing competition. In this competition they were given the first five words and the last five words and in between they had to add their story. Two students participated in the Poetry competition and were given the theme ‘War’. Ridhima of B.A.-I English Honours and Jayanti of B.A.-III English Honours represented the college. They also organized the T- shirt painting competition in which Manisha of B.A.-I English Honours and Nandini Nandan Singh of B.A.-III English Honours participated. They were given the theme- ‘Feminism’. They also organized the role play competition in which the participants were told to enact any character from the British literature. Dia Chandel of B.A.-I English Honours and Nikita Thakur of B.A.-II English Honours participated. Dia enacted the character of Queen Margaret from *King Henry IV* Part 3 and Nikita enacted Brutus from *Julius Caesar*. This was followed by a literature trivial quiz in which Shreya Thakur and Samriti Sharma of B.A. -II English Honours participated. The quiz was an activity which was fun and at the same time insightful.

After a short break, came the most awaited event which were the results. The students were all elated when they heard the results; Riya Verma bagged the first prize for tattoo making and Dia Chandel won the second Prize in the role play competition. Jayanti proudly bagged the third prize for poetry writing competition. St. Bede's also bagged the second position in the quiz competition. It was an enriching experience for the students.

**Outcome:** This event proved to be a building bridge and a link between the students. The fest served to be an invitation to everyone to enjoy the atmosphere. The students also learned a lot from their respective competitors.



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Students receiving prizes



Students participating in various competitions

### **‘DHAI AKHAR’- NATIONAL LEVEL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION**

**Date: October 31, 2023**

**Objective:** To celebrate the art of letter writing and express thoughts, feelings, and ideas in a meaningful manner.

The students of St. Bede's College participated in the National letter writing competition, organized by Department of Posts. About 150 students, both UG and PG participated in this competition. The theme given to the students was 'Digital India'. The department of Posts had provided the students with inland letter cards as well as envelopes. The letters were addressed to the Chief Postmaster General, if shortlisted the students would be given cash prizes and become eligible for the next round.

It was a proud moment for St. Bede's College when Palak Negi B.A. III English Honours Bagged the first prize and received a cash prize of Rs. 25000. Ayushi M.A. English won the third prize and was conferred with a cash prize of Rs.25000.

**Outcome:** The students got a platform to display their writing skills and talents the students were able to understand the art of letter writing.





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