

Activities 2023-2024

Anecdote Narration & Rally to observe "International Day of Peace"

Date: September 21-22, 2023

Theme: End Racism and Build Peace

Objective: The Department of Political Science and History organized a session on anecdote narration to observe "International Day of Peace". It aimed to create an awareness among the youth about the importance of peace and ways to avoid local, national and international conflicts.

Description: The event began by underlining the importance of global peace and harmony. It featured three compelling anecdotal narratives from participants. These participants were from BA III Year who narrated the stories of racism which were prevalent in the societies of USA, Australia and South Africa. They also suggested the ways and means through which harmony is to maintained in the world highlighting important roles of international non-state actors. These anecdote narrations were followed by a lecture which emphasized on social cleavages created through racism, casteism, gender biasness and need to reduce such practices. On September 22, 2023 a rally was organized by the department which started from Sanjauli Chowk to Navbahar. The effort to sensitize and spread message of harmony and peace was remarkable and the event ended on a successful note giving message of peace and non-violence.

Outcome: The event ended on a successful note by sensitizing students about the impact of conflict on general lives and methods to prevent them. These methods include use of different tracks of diplomacy, ending arms race, cutting down usage and production of Weapons of Mass Destruction. It further emphasised on the roles which different individuals, communities, institutions can play to create a harmonious world.













International Peace Day Celebration



EXTENSION ACTIVITY: "Nurturing the Abandoned: Spreading Smiles"

Date: November 04, 2023

Venue: Namgyal Monastery, Sanjauli, Shimla, H

Objective:

The Department of Political Scienceorganized an extension activity on November 04, 2023, under which, the students visited Namgyal Monastery, Old Age Home situated at Sanjauli. The purpose of this activity was to promote social responsibility among students and create a sense of empathy towards the elderly members of our society who are abandoned by their own children and families. The initiative also aimed to offer companionship to the elderly people and foster an inter-generational understanding thus creating a positive impact on the lives of elderly residents.

Description: The students visited an Old Age Home situated at Sanjauli to reach out to the most vulnerable section of our society under the theme "Nurturing the Abandoned: Spreading Smiles". Therefore, they organized numerous recreational activities such as games, skit, singing competition to bring striking smiles on all faces. The students got an exceptional experience after interacting with the aged people and knowing about their real life stories. They also distributed fruits, sweets and promised to offer all kind of support whenever needed. The residents appreciated the companionship and efforts made by the students and making them feel valued and cherished.

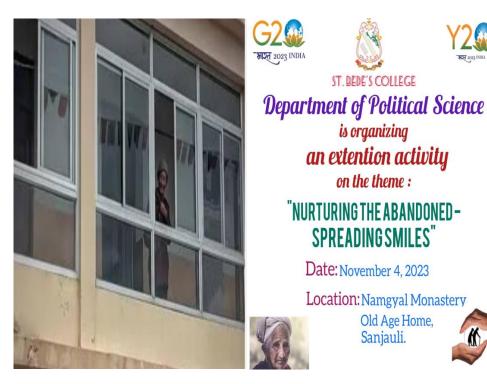
<u>Impact and Outcomes:</u> - The students gained valuable life lessons and a practical understanding of the challenges faced by the elderly, enhancing their empathy and compassion for the bigger cause. The visit also created a positive atmosphere at the old age home. Moreover, the outreach enhanced the spirits and enthusiasm of the residents and staff. This outreach activity overall fostered a sense of social responsibility and community engagement among the participants.











Extension Activity "Nurturing the Abandoned: Spreading Smiles"



NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY

Date: 25 November, 2023 Venue: Seminar Room Activity: Quiz Competition

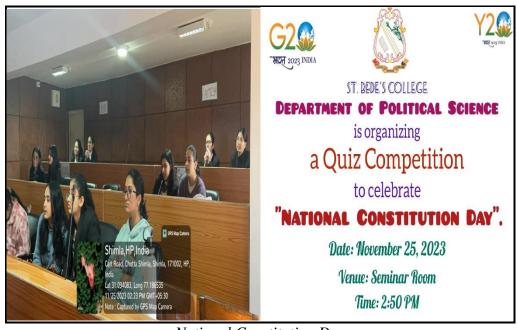
Objective: In order to sensitize students about their constitutional obligations and integration of the country, a Quiz Competition was organized by the Department of Political Science on November 25, 2023. It further aimed to an electoral awareness among students.

Description: The students were divided into four teams- Plato, Kautilya, Socrates and Aristotle and each team comprised two students. The competition consisted of the four rounds and Team Aristotle secured first position, followed by Team Kautilya. The students participated with great enthusiasm and the audience also embraced the event with its participation.

Outcome: The event organised by the Political Science Department to celebrate "National Constitution Day" turned out very productive and knowledgeable. It spread the message to reinforce civic values, educate the citizens about their constitutional rights and promote a deeper understanding of the democratic principles that guide the nation.







National Constitution Day



National Voter's Day

THEME: "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure."

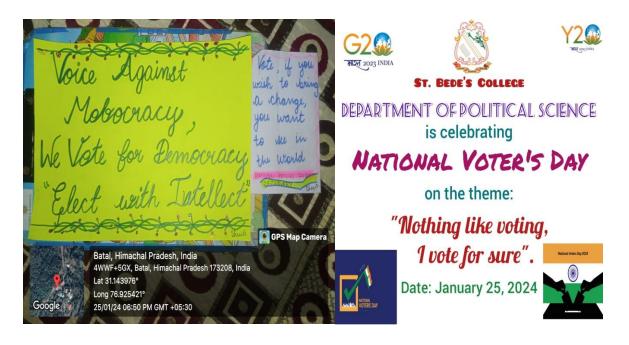
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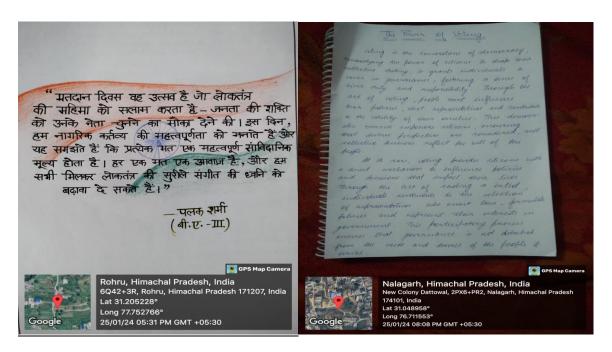
Objective: To celebrate and sensitize students and society, the Department of Political Science organized multifarious activities on National Voters' Day. The objective for celebrating this day was to ensure that students understand their right as voters and exercise that right with full knowledge and responsibility.

Description: Activities such as poster making, reel making, essay, poetry and slogan writing were performed by students while enjoying their winter vacations at their home. The time was suitable as it got easier for students to not just perform these activities but sensitize their family members, neighbourhood and friendsabout rights and responsibilities of aware citizens. Students participated in these activities with great enthusiasm and reached out to the general public through the means of social media platforms such as Instagram.

Outcome: The activities organised by the Department on the occasion of National Voters' Day turned out very fruitful. It encouraged the students to take part in electoral process and sensitize their communities while balancing rights and responsibilities of aware citizens.







Celebration of National Voters' Day



Electoral Enrolment Camp

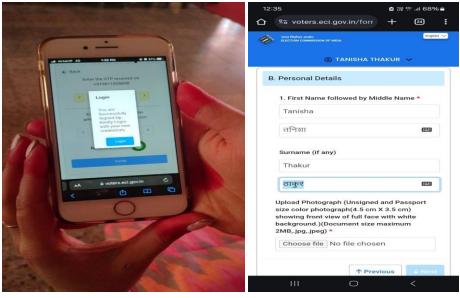
On March 16, 2024 the Department of Political Science organized a special electoral enrolment camp on the theme "**Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy** in collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club, St. Bede's College to motivate our students (who have attained age of 18 years) to enrol themselves in the electoral rolls.

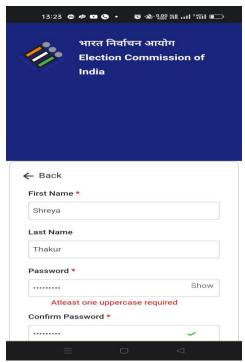
Description: The students were made to encouraged to participate in a mock voting process and were sensitized to join the campaign of "Chunav Ka Parv" as directed by SDM shimla. A photography corner was also set up to aware students about their political responsibilities. Mr. Anil Kumar Chauhan, (BLO 63/70 Shimla Urban) met and spoke to many students in person, sensitizing them about role of youth in making democracy stronger. Electoral Literacy Club Nodal Officer, Ms. Komal Sharma explicitly guided the students to fill Form No. 6 by visiting Voters Service Portal to enrol themselves as registered voters of India.

Outcome: Fifteen students of the college registered and enrolled themselves in the electoral rolls there and then whereas many others were asked to register themselves further. The program ended on a successful note complying to the directions from State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh.











Electoral Enrolment Camp, March 16, 2024