



ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF FIRST IQAC MEETING

1. Long-Term Planning for College Autonomy: To tackle the issue of declining student enrollment, experts recommended enhancing the alumni association to facilitate skill-related workshops and programs aimed at making students job-ready. Besides this, college has offered six skill development courses, i.e. Web Designing, MS- Excel, 2-D 3-D Animations, Data Analysis, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence. We have approached the alumni to offer few courses/programmes to make students job ready where an alumna Ms. Anjali has contributed by connecting the college with esteemed resource persons for workshops on AI, cybersecurity, and career guidance, further enhancing student skills and employability. The college has also committed to a long-term plan for women empowerment at Bal Ashram, initiated with the support of our alumna, Ms. Rupali Thakur. This year, approximately 45 alumni have registered with the Ex-Bedeian Association (EBA), and a new executive body has been established for the 2024-25 session.

2. Webinars, Seminars, and Conferences: The IQAC has initiated by organizing seminars and workshops focused on key topics like cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and Indian Knowledge Systems. The History Department has launched initiatives to promote IKS, while the Computer Science Department has successfully conducted workshops on AI and cybersecurity. Additionally, the Biotechnology Department organized a two-day workshop aimed at skill development for aspiring young entrepreneurs, including sessions on ideation. The Department of Mathematics organised 5 days' workshop on Unlocking the secrets of Vedic Mathematics thus promoting IKS. The Department of Political Science organized a thought-provoking movie screening on human rights, aiming to foster peace and mutual understanding among students. This initiative sought to deepen awareness of the profound impact of conflict on innocent lives, encouraging empathy and reflection on the importance of protecting human rights.

3. Green Audit / Environment Audit / Energy Audit: An energy audit has already been completed with the assistance of a BEE-certified auditor.

4. Community-Based Activities under UBA: On August 15, 2024, the Cadets of St. Bede's College participated in the Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Dhali Panchayat. Joined by the Panchayat head, their collective act of raising the flag underscored the enduring bond between the Cadets and the local community, celebrating unity and patriotism.

In a continued effort to engage with the community, ten students from St. Bede's College's UBA Cell attended a Gram Sabha Meeting at Dhali Gram Panchayat on October 2, 2024. The meeting was attended by notable dignitaries, including the ADC of Shimla and local Panchayat officials, and main agenda was on a cleanliness initiative in the Dhalli Urban area, led by NSS students.



Under the theme "Swabhav Swachhata Sanskaar Swachhata," the NSS unit, supported by Principal Professor Sister Molly Abraham and Program Officers, organized a cleanliness drive and a Nukkad Natak (street play) in China-Tilla Village. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about cleanliness and was joined by Vice Pradhan Mr. Kishore Thakur, Ward member Mr. Surender Thakur, Mrs. Nisha Thakur, and local villagers. The Nukkad Natak effectively highlighted the significance of maintaining a clean environment, engaging the community and Panchayat members as an attentive audience.

5. Best Practices and Institutional Distinctiveness: A proposal to empower the girls at Bal Ashram was submitted to the HP State Council for Child Welfare and has received official approval. A meeting with the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) has also been conducted, and the college is set to begin the initiative this month. Responsibilities will be assigned to various societies and departments to ensure effective implementation.

6. Skill Development Initiatives: Students are attending classes for six skill development courses offered by the college, i.e. Web Designing, MS- Excel, 2-D 3-D Animations, Data Analysis, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence. At Department level Python programming and French is being offered by department of Computer Science and Hindi respectively, with a minimum of 75% attendance required to be eligible for the final examination.

7. Integration of Indian Knowledge Systems: In a continued effort to explore and celebrate India's rich and diverse Knowledge System, the Department of History organized a Food Heritage Cooking Competition on September 30, 2024. This event aimed to showcase the significance of traditional Indian cuisine and its deep-rooted connections to history, culture, and sustainability. It sought to integrate the philosophy, values, and scientific principles of the Indian Knowledge System into the culinary arts. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, featuring dishes that ranged from rediscovered ancient recipes to modern interpretations of timeless classics.

8. Feedback Mechanism Development: A structured feedback mechanism has been established for all programs organized under the aegis of IQAC. After each event, participants' feedback is collected to guide continuous improvements and enhance the effectiveness of future programs.

9. Promoting Digital Learning Platforms for Student Skill Enhancement: To strengthen and motivate students to engage with self-paced digital learning platforms, the Coordinator launched a series of strategic initiatives. On September 20, 2024, an awareness session was organised on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), led by Dr. Jyotika Brari. The session began with an in-depth overview of MOOCs, highlighting their role in making education more accessible and inclusive. Students were introduced to popular platforms like Swayam,



Coursera, edX, and UdeMy, showcasing how these resources can offer high-quality learning opportunities to individuals from varied backgrounds. Following the session, approximately .. students registered for the MOOC. Teachers are actively monitoring their progress and assisting them in resolving any challenges they encounter.

10. Encouraging Student Involvement in Extracurricular and Personal Development Activities: The student representatives have created a schedule of activities to be organized by the four Ships, promoting and celebrating Indian festivals. On October 9, 2024, the festival of Navratri was celebrated as an inter-ship activity under the theme *"Divine Wisdom and Harmony: Celebrating Festivals to Unite Knowledge, Culture, and Community,"* under the aegis of IQAC. Students enthusiastically participated in the Garba session and various activities, while the history of Navratri and the different forms of Goddess Durga were creatively depicted by each Ship. All four Ships—INS Chirag, INS Himmat, INS Vikas, and INS Vikrant—engaged in competitions like rangoli making, jewellery crafting, and a ramp walk. Additionally, the Ships organized a Diwali celebration featuring a role-play activity and a poster-making competition focussed on the theme *"Green Diwali"* on October 25, 2024. Celebrating Navratri and Diwali enriches students of all religions by fostering cultural understanding, unity, and mutual respect, promoting inclusivity, harmony, and a shared sense of belonging.

11. Preparation of Documentary Films for College Marketing and Branding: To enhance college marketing and branding, we have initiated the preparation of documentary films that highlight key events and activities. This initiative is actively supported through social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram, where conveners regularly post event updates, creating a dynamic online presence that showcases our institution's vibrant community and achievements.

12. Strengthening the Alumni Association through Final Year Engagement: EBA Convener Dr. Deepti Pajni and Admiral Ms. Dianoor recently organized a meeting with final-year students to introduce them to the Ex-Bedeian Association (EBA) and encouraged their participation by registering with a nominal fee. A WhatsApp group has been created for current final-year students to facilitate documentation and maintain connections with them beyond graduation. Dr. Pajni also inspired the students to become ambassadors of the college, urging them to make a lasting impact on society that reflects the values and legacy of the institution.



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