



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

St. Bede's College Shimla

(UGC-NAAC "A" Grade Re-Accredited)

College with Potential for Excellence, Himachal Pradesh, 171002.

&

Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF)

B 302 Pioneer Urban Square

Golf Course Extension Road, Gurugram (Haryana) 122001

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is hereby signed on 13th.....Day of
September..... 2025, between St. Bede's College Shimla, Shimla, H.P. 171001

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About St. Bede's College

St. Bede's College, Shimla, established in 1904, stands as one of Northern India's premier institutions for women's education. With a proud legacy of 120 years and guided by its motto "Non-Nobis Solum" ("Not for Ourselves Alone"), the College has built an enduring reputation for academic excellence and the holistic empowerment of women.

Affiliated with Himachal Pradesh University and consistently accredited with an 'A' grade by NAAC, the College offers a wide spectrum of programs—ranging from AICTE-approved BBA and BCA to BA, BA Honours, B.Com, B.Sc. (Honours), as well as postgraduate degrees in English and Botany.

Over the years, St. Bede's has been recognized with prestigious honors such as the DBT Star College status (awarded twice) and the CURIE Project award, underscoring its leadership in research, innovation, and scientific advancement. Beyond academics, the institution places a strong emphasis on collaboration, skill development, and community engagement, establishing itself as a vibrant intellectual hub for academicians, researchers, and students alike. Through partnerships with leading national and international institutions, St. Bede's continues to expand its global academic presence, blending tradition with innovation.

At the heart of its educational philosophy lies a commitment to value-based and quality-driven learning. Academic rigor is complemented with ethical grounding, social responsibility, and cultural sensitivity, ensuring that students grow not only in knowledge and competence but also in character and integrity. True to its vision, St. Bede's remains dedicated to shaping women leaders of tomorrow—academically accomplished, socially responsible, and globally aware.

Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF) is a leading organization founded in 2016 dedicated to preserving the fragile ecosystem and cultural heritage of the Himalayan region. In response to the environmental degradation caused by increasing tourism and human activity, the organization focuses on educating tourists trekkers and local communities about sustainable waste management. Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF) Foundation conducts year round clean-up drives, establishes material recovery facilities and promotes responsible tourism practices. By engaging with the local communities, the foundation not only protects the natural beauty and ecological balance of Himalayas but also enhances livelihoods and supports

sustainable development in the region. Over the past eight years with the help of 4000 plus volunteers Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF) Foundation has removed 1,633 tonnes of waste from key trekking routes and continues to lead impactful environmental initiatives.

St. Bede's College Shimla and **Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF)** are thereafter jointly referred to as '**Parties**' and individually referred to as a '**Party**' unless the context requires otherwise.

1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishes a collaborative partnership between **St. Bede's College Shimla, H.P.**, and Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF) to address solid waste management challenges by leveraging the college's resources, expertise, and community outreach along with the NGO's experience in sustainable waste management. The collaboration aims to contribute to the initiative of "Clean Himachal, Green Himachal."

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MoU include:

2.1 Education and Awareness

- Conduct educational programs and awareness campaigns through workshop, seminars and educational visits to promote responsible waste management practices among students, staff, and local residents.

2.2 Community Engagement

- Engage students, staff, and community members in clean-up drives, recycling initiatives, and other waste reduction activities to foster environmental stewardship.
- To participate in environment related activities such as tree plantation.

2.3 Policy Recommendations

- Provide input and recommendations for waste management policies and regulations to HHF based on research findings and community feedback.

2.4 Capacity Building

- Offer training and skill-building programs for students and community members to enhance their knowledge and competencies in waste management practices.

2.5 Monitoring and Evaluation

- Establish mechanisms for assessing the effectiveness of waste management initiatives and adjusting strategies for continuous improvement.

Overall, this collaboration aims to comprehensively and sustainably address waste management challenges, particularly related to plastic waste, leading to a cleaner and healthier environment for Shimla residents.

3. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

HHF and the St. Bede's College Shimla agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- Implementation of sustainable waste management practices within the campus and around.
- Facilitating student participation in clean-up drives, tree plantations, and community-based environmental initiatives.
- Encouraging students to undertake internships and volunteer programs with HHF.
- Providing guidance on developing campus policies for zero waste, responsible tourism, and sustainability.

IMPLEMENTATION:

St. Bede's College Shimla will contribute by doing the following:

Plastic Waste Collection:

- Collect plastic milk packets, plastic bottles and single use plastic in various forms from students, staff and their families and will hand over to MC under Buy Back of Plastic Waste Policy by HP Govt. under notification no. STE -F (04)-1/2017 dated 1st October 2019 to get minimum support price of Rs. 75/- only per kilogram.

Educational Initiatives:

- Organize workshops, seminars, and awareness campaigns on waste management.

- Endeavour to integrate waste management topics into the college curriculum.
- Develop innovative approaches for waste reduction, recycling, and disposal.

Student Involvement:

- Engage students in practical projects and internships related to waste management.
- Encourage student-led initiatives for waste reduction and environmental conservation.

Data Analysis:

- Collect and analyze data on waste generation, composition, and disposal patterns.
- Provide grass root insights to guide decision-making and resource allocation for waste management.

Capacity Building:

- Conduct training programs for community members on waste management best practices.
- Empower local stakeholders with the knowledge and skills needed for effective waste management.

By undertaking these actions, **St. Bede's College Shimla** can contribute significantly to the **Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF)** efforts to improve waste management practices and promote environmental sustainability in Himachal in general and specifically in Shimla.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF HHF

- Provide technical expertise, guidance, and resources for sustainability initiatives.
- Support students and faculty in research and project development related to waste management and environmental conservation.
- Share data on plastic waste generation and collection with the college to facilitate informed decision-making and program evaluation.
- Provide training and capacity-building opportunities for college staff and students involved in waste management initiatives, including workshops on waste segregation, recycling techniques, and quality control measures for plastic waste.
- Collaborate with the college on public awareness campaigns to promote proper waste management and encourage participation from the community.
- Provide certificates to volunteers of college Name, especially if any activity is held outside the college Name campus.

- Provide volunteer opportunities to students for on-field experience in waste management, including visits to Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to gain practical insights.

Both the parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

- **RESOURCE SHARING**

The Resource sharing between **St. Bede's College Shimla** and the **Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF)** for waste management involves sharing research facilities, expertise, and student involvement to enhance waste management initiatives. This collaboration aims to improve data sharing, community outreach, training programs, and infrastructure utilization, ultimately fostering a cleaner and more sustainable environment in Shimla.

- **CONFIDENTIALITY**

All information shared between the **St. Bede's College Shimla** and **Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF)** as part of this collaboration shall be treated as confidential and used solely for the purposes outlined in this. Both parties agree to uphold the highest standards of confidentiality and integrity in their interactions and communications.

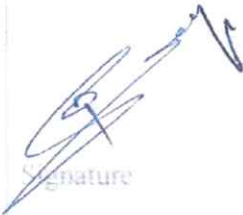
- **DURATION**

This shall come into effect upon signature by both parties and shall remain in force for a period till it is terminated by mutual agreement in writing by both parties.

- **TERMINATION**

Either party may terminate this by providing written notice to the other party prior to the intended date of termination. Upon termination, both parties shall cooperate to ensure a smooth transition of ongoing activities and responsibilities.

The MoU has no legal binding to either party.

For and on behalf of St. Bede's College Shimla, (H.P.)	For and on behalf of Healing Himalayas Foundation (HHF)
Signature <i>Sr. Rosily T.I.</i>	 Signature
Name Sr. Rosily, T.I.	Name: Mr. Pradeep Sangwan
Designation: Principal	Designation: Founder
DATE: <u>13.9.2025</u>	DATE: <u>13/09/2025</u>
Seal: Officiating Principal St. Bede's College Shimla - 171 002	Seal: For Healing Himalayas Foundation Authorised Signatory
Witnesses:(Name and Address)	Witnesses:(Name and Address)
1. <i>Dr. Pankaj Anand Singh</i>	1. <i>Ritika Jajodia</i> (Ms. Ritika Jajodia)
2. <i>Ms. Neha Walia</i>	2. <i>Neha Mittal</i> Ms. Neha Mittal