



BOOK CLUB ACTIVITIES 2023-24

Inter-Ship Book Review Competition

Date: October 4, 2023

Objective: The event was aimed at providing a platform for students to express their opinions about the chosen books. This would not only help inculcate the habit of reading among students but also enhance their analyzing and summarizing capabilities.

Description:

On 4th October 2023, the Book Club in collaboration with the Library had taken the initiative to organize an Inter-Ship Book Review Competition. The event was held in the Archives Section of the college library at 2:50 p.m. An active participation was witnessed from students of all ships, making this event a resounding success.

The Secretary of the society warmly welcomed the judges for the day, Dr. Sapna Sharma and Dr. Geetanjli Mahendra, and set the ground rules for the competition through an opening speech. Each ship was represented by 3 students and each student was given 3 minutes to present a review of the book chosen by her. No restrictions were imposed regarding the genre of the books to be reviewed. Hence, students chose books from various genres like fiction, non-fiction, thriller, self-help, etc. The students were called upon one by one to present their reviews before the gathering. Each student presented her review with utmost dedication and enthusiasm which reflected her interest in reading. The judges seemed to be quite impressed with how the participants had been successful in giving a glimpse of the entire book in that short span of 3 minutes.

The competition was marked by the quality of content put forth by the participants, their ability to present their ideas effectively, and their overall presentation skills. After careful consideration, the results were announced.

The results were as follows:

❖ First:- INS Himmat

Gauri Sharma (BA Pass Course 1st year)

❖ Second :- INS Vikrant

Jiyaa Julka (BA Pass Course 3rd year)

❖ Third:- INS Chirag

Aadrija (BA English Honours 1st year)

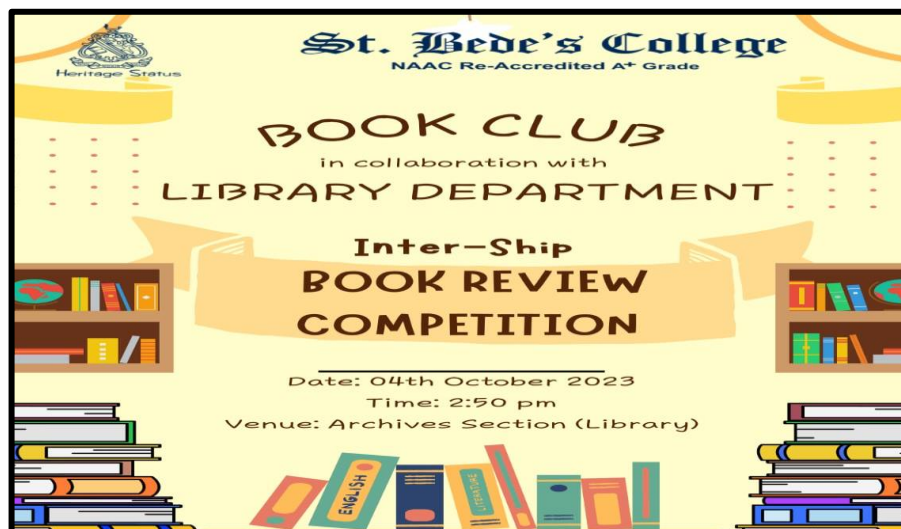
The judges congratulated all the participants for their outstanding performances and active participation. They encouraged them to continue the habit of reading books which would ultimately prove to be an asset for their bright future. They also stated that they are looking forward to such events being organized by the Club on a larger scale in the future. Their words of encouragement proved to uplift the spirits of all participants. The event was concluded by a vote of thanks which was presented by the President of the Book Club. All in all, the event proved to be a great success.

Outcomes :

This event acted as an encouragement to students to continue pursuing their hobby of reading books. It motivated them to not only read fictional books but also non-fiction as well as self-help books for their personal growth and development. It helped many individuals overcome their fear of public speaking as well.



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Inter-Ship Book Review Competition (October 4, 2023)



Essay Writing Competition

Date: November 18, 2023

Objective:

To challenge students to think critically yet creatively and pour their hearts out through the medium of their words. To compel them to ponder over serious issues faced in the contemporary world.

Description:

An Essay Writing Competition was organized on the topic, “Socio-economic impact of heavy rains on the communities”. The students were urged to submit their entries till 17th November. The students were given adequate time to write their essays (almost 4 days) which enabled them to properly research about the topic and write accordingly. They were expected to think out of the box and approach the topic creatively. The given topic was of great significance as it was related to what had happened in our state this monsoon season. This topic encouraged the students to look beyond the destruction which had been caused in material terms to the residents. It compelled them to logically question man's greedy actions which is having adverse effects on our environment which would ultimately prove to be suicidal for the human species.

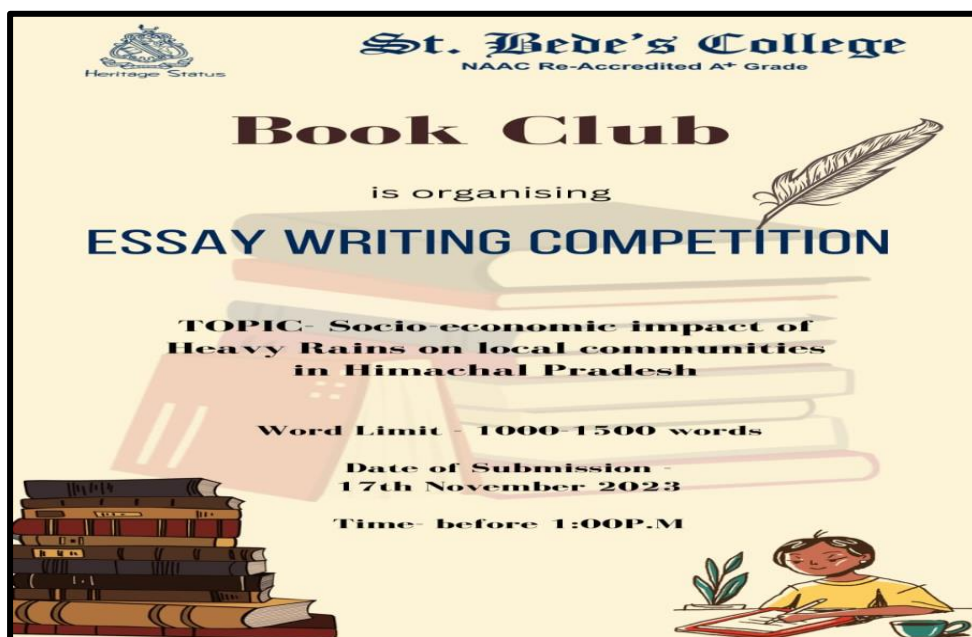
The judgement criteria included writing style, content, presentation, analysis/ interpretation, vocabulary, and creativity. After careful analysis and evaluation of multiple entries, our esteemed judge, Dr. Deepti Pajni announced the following results :

- ❖ The First place was bagged by *Saizal Sharma* of BA Passcourse 1st year.
- ❖ The Second place was bagged by *Shruti* of BA Passcourse 3rd year.
- ❖ The Third place was bagged by *Vaisuki* of English Honours 3rd year.

The active participation by the students of the college made this event a success. This event challenged the students' creativity and their writing skills. It also encouraged them to keep participating in various activities being organized in the college. All in all, this event proved to be constructive and helpful in creating awareness about the destruction caused by heavy rains in Himachal Pradesh this year.

Outcomes :

This event was successful in helping the students to think critically about how selfish human actions adversely affect our environment. It was successful in creating awareness about the need of sustainable and planned development in a state like Himachal Pradesh.



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Socio-economic Impact of Heavy Rains on Local Communities in Himachal Pradesh: Displacement, Livelihood Loss, and Relief Efforts

The heavens opened up, unleashing a deluge upon the serene landscapes of Himachal Pradesh this year. What was anticipated as a season of prosperity and growth quickly turned into a time of great adversity for the local communities. As the rain poured relentlessly, its impact reverberated far beyond mere inconvenience. The heavy rains that occurred in Himachal Pradesh this year had significant social and economic consequences for the local communities. The torrential downpour resulted in widespread flooding, landslides, and destruction of infrastructure, leading to the

displacement of thousands of people from their homes. These communities not only had to endure the loss of their belongings but also faced the challenge of rebuilding their lives from scratch. For example, The tragic incident that took place in Shimla at Summer hill, the Shiv Mandir succumbed to heavy rainfall, leading to the loss of 20 lives. The collapse of the Shiv Mandir shook the whole district. The incident occurred as devotees had gathered at the temple premises during the ongoing Sawan period to offer their prayers. Another natural disaster struck in the region of Krishnanagar ravaging the houses that were crashed upon the slaughter house, which was buried under debris. One of the immediate consequences of the heavy rains this year was the loss of livelihoods. Industries such as agriculture, tourism, and small-scale businesses were

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Book Review Competition

Date : December 11, 2023

Objective:

To celebrate diversity in culture, arts and languages and to make students experience the unity, harmony, and integrity of the nation through various regional languages.

Description:

The Book Club of St. Bede's College college organized a Book review competition on the auspicious occasion Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas, on December 11, 2023 . The students were urged to present their reviews of the selected books in their regional languages. This event witnessed an active participation from the students of the college who presented reviews in various languages like Tamil, Pahadi, Punjabi, Haryanvi, Laholi, etc.

The competition was adjudged by Dr. Madhubala .After careful consideration and analysis, the following results were announced:

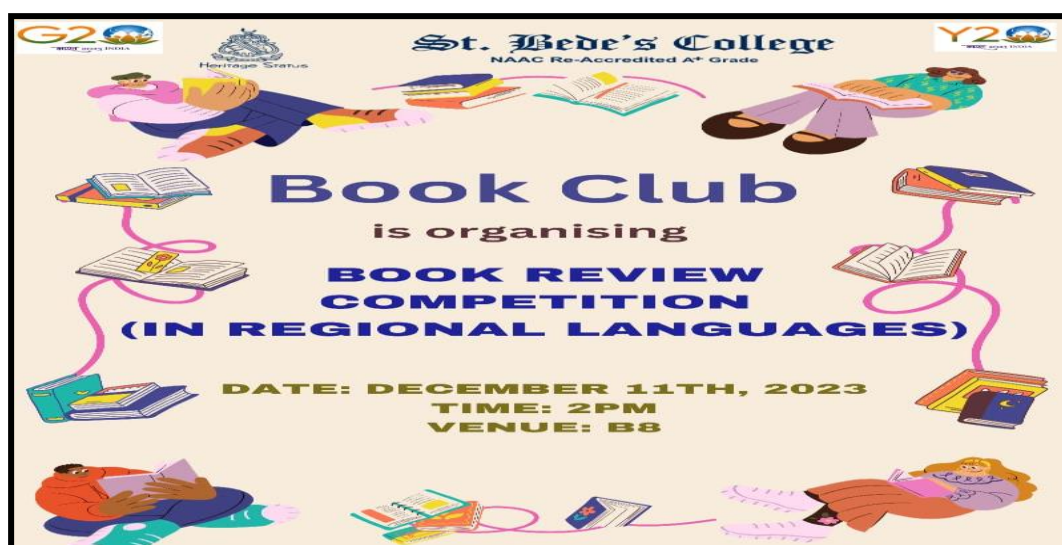
- ❖ First position : Gauri Negi (BA Passcourse 1st year)
- ❖ Second position : Saizal Sharma (BA Passcourse 1st year)
- ❖ Third position : Sejal Verma (BA Passcourse 2nd year)

The judge appreciated and congratulated the students for their splendid performances. She encouraged them to remain in touch with their mother tongues and also learn other regional languages of our nation. They reiterated the importance of knowing one's language in order to truly stay connected to her/his culture.

All in all, this event was not only successful in encouraging the students to realize the importance of literature works of regional authors but also mitigated the stigma associated with communicating in regional languages. The active participation from the students made this event a success in portraying the true essence of "unity in diversity" .

Outcome:

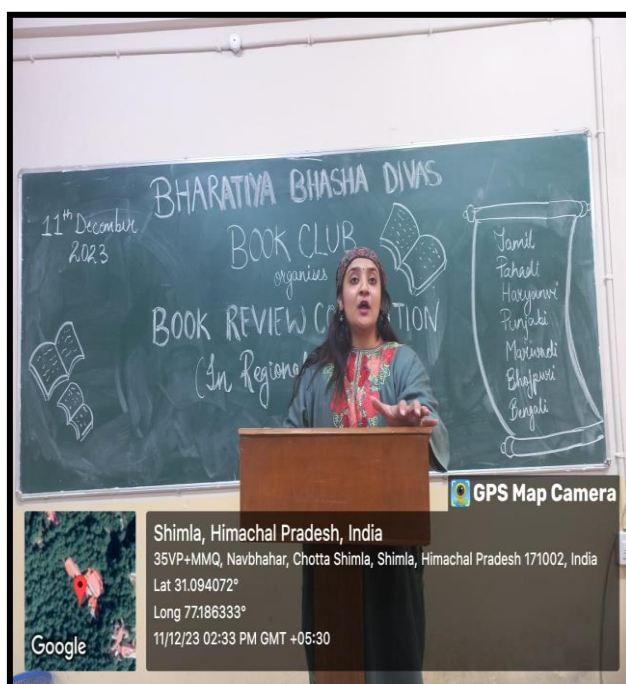
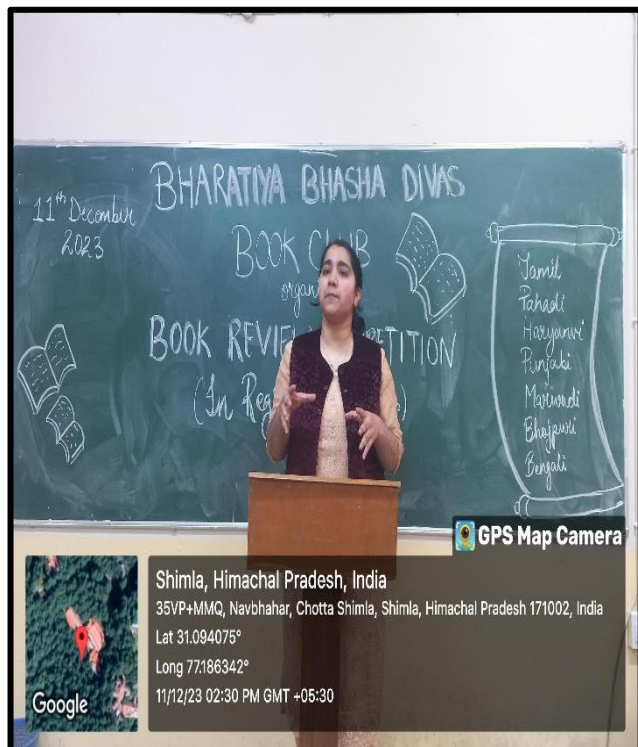
This event was successful in encouraging the students to use their regional languages without hesitation or fear of judgment from their peers. It also motivated them to learn more about their own regional languages as well as delve deep into literature written in their mother tongue.



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