



## **DISASTER MANAGEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES- 2017-2023**

### **SESSION 2018-19**

#### **TREE PLANTATION DRIVE**

On August 3rd, 2018, Mrs. Alaka Verma, the President of the Disaster Management Cell at St. Bede's College, took the initiative to organize a Tree Plantation Drive at Five Benches, Jakhu Hills, Shimla. This drive was conducted in collaboration with the Forest Department of the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. The Principal of the College, Dr. (Sr.) Beena John, inaugurated the tree plantation event, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability.

The Tree Plantation Drive saw enthusiastic participation from approximately 150 student volunteers, who actively contributed to the green initiative. Together, they planted a total of 140 saplings, focusing on two tree species: Horse Chestnut and Oak. These species were carefully chosen for their ecological significance and suitability to the local environment.

**Objective:** The event served multiple purposes. Firstly, it aimed to address environmental concerns and combat deforestation by increasing the green cover in the area. Trees play a vital role in mitigating climate change, providing habitats for various species, and preventing soil erosion. By planting these saplings, the college and its volunteers demonstrated their commitment to environmental preservation and sustainability.

Secondly, the Tree Plantation Drive fostered a sense of environmental awareness and responsibility among the student community. By actively participating in the tree planting activity, the students gained hands-on experience in environmental conservation and understood the significance of their actions in preserving the ecosystem.

Furthermore, the collaboration with the Forest Department of Himachal Pradesh provided an opportunity for the college and its students to work alongside experts in the field of forestry and environmental protection. This partnership facilitated knowledge exchange and encouraged the students to engage in future environmental initiatives.

**Outcome:** By planting 140 saplings of Horse Chestnut and Oak, the Tree Plantation Drive at Jakhu Hills made a tangible contribution to the region's biodiversity and ecological balance. As these trees grow, they will provide numerous ecological benefits, including cleaner air, enhanced wildlife habitats, and improved soil health.

The event highlighted the importance of community-driven environmental initiatives and demonstrated St. Bede's College's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices. The Tree Plantation Drive left a positive impact on both the local environment and the participating students, inspiring them to continue their contributions to environmental conservation in the future.



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**SESSION 2019-2020**

**MARCH FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

The "Solidarity March for Disaster Risk Reduction" held on October 11th, 2019, in Himachal Pradesh was a significant event organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA). This march served as a Mass Awareness Campaign on Disaster Risk Reduction, named 'SAMARTH,' symbolizing solidarity with the global efforts to observe the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR).

The march was flagged off by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh from his official residence, the Oak Over, and proceeded to Scandal Point at The Mall in Shimla. The event witnessed active participation from various members of the Disaster Management Cell, including President Dr. Anupama Tandon Tomar, and other members like Dr. Neha Gautam and Mr. Mohit Kumar, along with faculty members and students from St. Bede's College in Shimla.

During the march, the participants actively engaged in various disaster preparedness activities, aiming to equip themselves and others with life-saving skills. Some of the activities included:

1. Fire Safety Practice Session: The students and participants were given hands-on training in fire safety protocols. They learned about fire prevention, how to handle fire extinguishers, and the best practices to follow in case of a fire emergency.
2. Medical First Aid: Training sessions were conducted to teach the participants essential medical first aid techniques. This knowledge is crucial in providing immediate assistance to individuals in the event of injuries or medical emergencies.



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3. Search and Rescue Operations: The participants were educated on the principles and techniques of search and rescue operations. This training helps individuals respond effectively during disaster situations, where prompt and organized search and rescue efforts can save lives.

**Objective:** The primary goal of the Solidarity March for Disaster Risk Reduction was to raise awareness among the public about the importance of disaster preparedness and risk reduction. By actively involving the Disaster Management Cell, faculty members, and students from St. Bede's College, the event aimed to instill a sense of responsibility and preparedness in the community.

**Outcome:** By imparting life-saving skills through practical training, the event sought to empower the participants to take proactive measures in disaster situations. The knowledge gained from the various activities during the march equipped the attendees to handle emergencies effectively, contributing to building a more resilient and disaster-ready community in Himachal Pradesh.





## SESSION 2021-2022

### **AWARENESS CAMP AT GMGSS SCHOOL PORTMORE (NUKAD NATTAK)**

On November 12, 2021, a group of students from the college, accompanied by Ms. Anuja Sharma and Dr. Gitanjali, participated in an awareness camp held at GMGSS School Portmore.

**Objective:** The primary objective of the camp was to educate students about disasters, effective disaster management, and the initiatives that can be taken at the grassroots level.

The camp focused on spreading awareness among the students about disasters, their management, and the importance of taking initiatives at the grassroots level. As a powerful medium of communication, a street play or "Nukad Natak" was performed by the students from the college. This form of street theater is known for its ability to engage and educate audiences effectively. Through the play, the college students depicted various scenarios related to disasters and showcased the importance of preparedness, resilience, and timely action in such situations. The performance aimed to create awareness and empower the students to respond effectively to disasters.

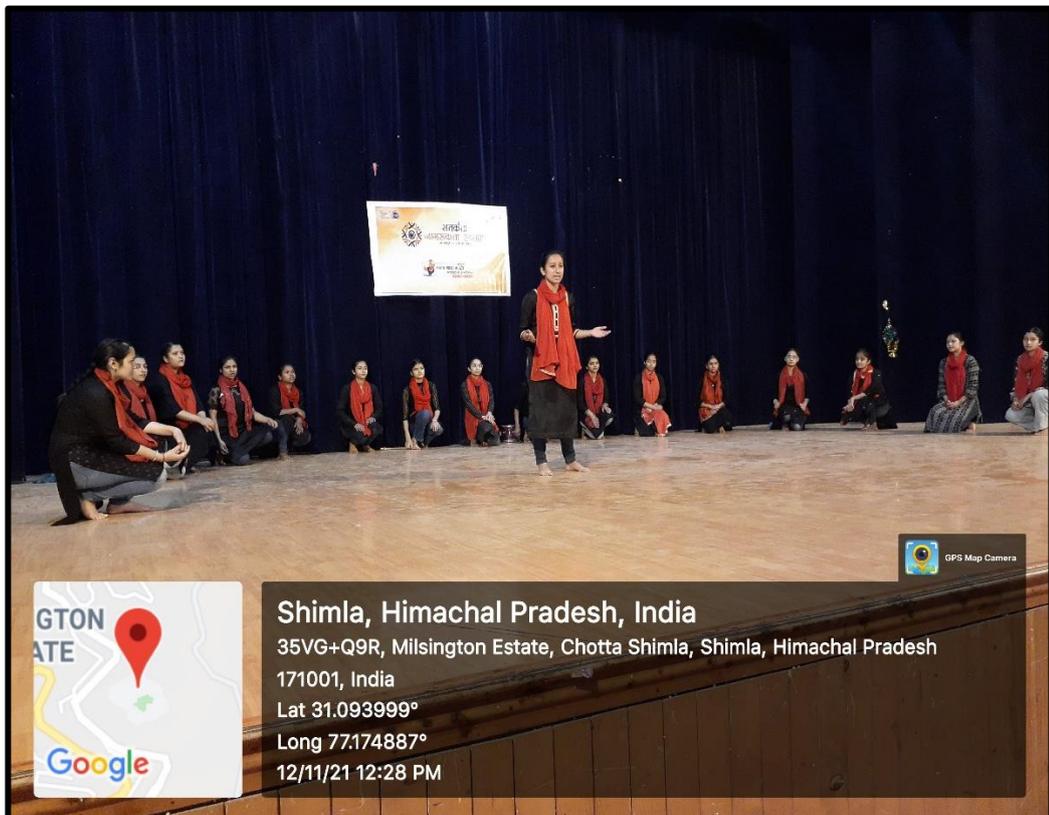
Following the street play, Ms. Anuja Sharma, shared her wisdom and insights with the audience. She spoke about the significance of disaster awareness, the role of individuals in disaster management, and the initiatives that can be taken at the grassroots level to mitigate the impact of disasters. Ms. Sharma's words aimed to inspire and motivate the students to become proactive in building resilient communities.

**Outcome:** The awareness camp at GMGSS School Portmore yielded several outcomes:

1. Increased awareness among the students about disasters and their effective management.
2. Enhanced understanding of the initiatives that can be taken at the grassroots level to respond to and prevent disasters.
3. Empowerment of students through the street play performance, which helped in conveying the message effectively and engagingly.
4. Inspiration and motivation instilled by Ms. Anuja Sharma's words of wisdom, encouraging students to actively contribute to disaster management efforts.
5. Strengthened collaboration between the college and GMGSS School Portmore, fostering a spirit of cooperation in spreading awareness about critical issues.



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## SESSION 2022-23

### AWARENESS DRIVE

On October 4, 2022, the students of the college organized a street play or Nukkad Natak at Ridge Mall Road in Shimla to raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic.

**Objective:** The main objectives of organizing a street play or Nukkad Natak were to inform, inspire, empower, and mobilize the local community towards adopting sustainable practices and working collectively to reduce plastic pollution.

The performance took place at an open theatre on the Ridge, with the permission of the college principal and DC Shimla. The students showcased their talent and effectively communicated the message to a large crowd, educating them about the dangers and diseases caused by plastic. The students aimed to create awareness about the detrimental impacts of plastic on the environment, wildlife, and human health. By presenting an engaging and thought-provoking performance, they sought to encourage individuals to reconsider their use of plastic and embrace more environmentally friendly alternatives.

**Outcome:** The performance attracted a large crowd, capturing their attention and allowing them to actively engage with the message. The audience not only enjoyed the act but also gained valuable knowledge about the negative consequences of plastic usage. This increased awareness can lead to behaviour change, as individuals may rethink their habits and adopt more sustainable practices in their daily lives. Furthermore, the street play fostered community engagement, as it brought together local residents who shared a common concern for the environment. The performance served as a catalyst for conversations and discussions among the audience members, encouraging them to take collective action against plastic pollution.





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### **CLEANLINESS DRIVE**

On 7th October 2022, the Disaster Management and Environment Cells of St. Bede's College, in collaboration with the Nagar Nigam Shimla, organized a cleanliness drive.

**Objective:** The cleanliness drive aimed to achieve several objectives. Firstly, it aimed to create awareness about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene among the participants and the wider community.

More than 100 students from both cells participated in the drive with great enthusiasm. The drive spanned from College (Navabhar) to Secretariat (Chotta Shimla), aiming to clean the roads and collect plastic and non-degradable waste. The initiative received recognition and appreciation from various stakeholders, including the college principal, faculty members, and students. By actively engaging in the cleaning process, the students promoted behaviour change and encouraged individuals to adopt clean and hygienic practices in their daily lives.

Additionally, the drive emphasized the significance of collective efforts in maintaining cleanliness and preserving the environment.

**Outcome:** The students, along with the Nagar Nigam Shimla workers, collected approximately 70-80 bags of garbage, including plastic and non-degradable waste. This significant effort contributed to a cleaner and more aesthetically pleasing public space. The drive also raised awareness among the participants and the community about the importance of cleanliness. By actively engaging in the cleaning process, the students conveyed the message of cleanliness and inspired others to adopt similar practices.



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### **DISASTER RISK REDUCTION DAY**

On 14th October 2022, the Disaster Management Cell organized a Poster Making Competition and Rally to commemorate Disaster Risk Reduction Day.

**Objective:** The objective of organizing an awareness rally and poster making competition on Disaster Risk Reduction Day was to promote a culture of safety, resilience, and proactive action in the face of disasters.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across different departments who showcased their artistic skills and conveyed messages of awareness about disaster risk reduction through their paintings and sketches. Following the competition, a rally was held, with students marching from the college gate to the horticulture department at Navabhar,



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holding posters and chanting slogans to spread awareness about disaster management and risk reduction.

**Outcome:** The awareness rally and poster making competition on Disaster Risk Reduction Day yield several positive outcomes. Firstly, they contribute to increased awareness among participants and the wider community about the importance of disaster risk reduction. The creative expressions through posters and slogans effectively convey messages related to preparedness, risk mitigation, and resilience-building, ensuring that the information reaches a broader audience.

By actively participating in the competition and joining the rally, students learn about effective strategies for disaster risk reduction and gain insights into the proactive measures that can be taken to mitigate risks. This engagement extends beyond the event itself, as participants become ambassadors for disaster risk reduction in their respective communities, spreading awareness and advocating for preparedness measures.





## **DONATION DRIVE**

In response to the severe earthquake that struck Turkey on 6th February 2023, the Disaster Management Cell of the college organized a donation drive on 15th and 16th February 2023.

**Objective:** The donation drive for the Turkey earthquake relief efforts aimed to provide immediate assistance and meet the basic needs of the affected population. Additionally, the drive aimed to raise awareness about the impact of the earthquake and the ongoing relief efforts.

The college community came together, demonstrating their generosity and compassion by donating towards the relief efforts. The Disaster Management Cell ensured that the donations were handled responsibly and reached the intended beneficiaries.

**Outcome:** The donation drive for the Turkey earthquake relief efforts raised awareness about the devastating impact of the earthquake and the urgent need for assistance. By organizing the drive, the college community became informed and engaged in the relief efforts, extending their support to those affected by the disaster. This increased awareness contributed to a sense of solidarity and empathy among individuals, fostering a supportive and compassionate environment. By collecting donations, the drive sought to support long-term recovery efforts and contribute to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the affected areas. By establishing partnerships and collaborating with relevant organizations, the drive contributed to the sustainable development and long-term recovery of the affected areas.

The drive had a positive impact on both the affected individuals and the college community, demonstrating the power of collective compassion and support in times of crisis.





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