

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES - 2022-2023

WORLD OZONE DAY

To commemorate World Ozone Day, the Department of Geography organized an Inter College Quiz Competition, inviting nearby college principals via email.

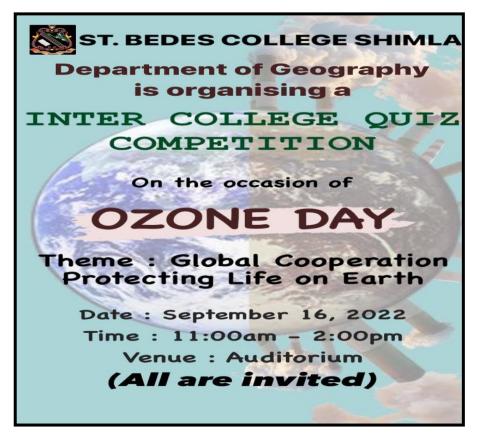
Objective: The objective of this quiz competition was to provide a platform for students to showcase their knowledge, intelligence, and critical thinking skills. The competition aimed to encourage healthy competition among students, foster intellectual growth, and enhance their understanding of various aspects of geography.

Four colleges, namely Government College Dhami, Government College Sanjauli, Government College RKMV, and Government College Theog, participated by sending their teams for the competition. The competition included multiple-choice questions on general geography, with St. Bede's College taking the lead in the first two rounds. The third round focused on Himachal Geography, where Government College Sanjauli excelled. The fourth round consisted of questions related to world general knowledge, and the fifth round covered current affairs. The final round was an audio-visual round, challenging students to answer questions based on pictures or audios.

St. Bede's College presented a cultural performance before the announcement of the results. In the end, Government College Sanjauli secured the first position, St. Bede's College came second, and Government College Dhami secured the third position. The chief guest presented the prizes to the winners, and the event concluded with a vote of thanks.

Outcome: The outcomes of the competition included recognition for the winning team and acknowledgment of their knowledge and skills. The participating students developed and refined critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, time management, and effective communication skills. The success in the quiz competition served as a motivation for further academic pursuits, inspiring students to continue expanding their knowledge and engaging in intellectual pursuits.











FIELD SURVEY

The Department of Geography at St. Bede's College organized a four-day Field Survey Tour to Tirthan Valley, located in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh, from September 19th to September 22nd, 2022.

Objective: The objective of the tour was to provide students with practical knowledge and hands-on experience in the field of Geography, as fieldwork is an integral part of their course requirements.

Tirthan Valley, covering an area of 754 sq. km, derives its name from a sacred water spring called "Tirth" that originates at Hanskund Peak (4800m) and flows through deep forested areas. The Tirthan River, fed by deposits of ice throughout the year, forms the Valley and joins Palchan Nallah at Gushaini after covering a distance of 70 km. The valley features geomorphic elements such as incised meanders, river-built and river-cut terraces, cliffs, and steep slopes. It is covered by diverse forests, including alpine, sub-alpine, temperate, and sub-tropical coniferous and deciduous forests. The presence of small villages along the river indicates human habitation in the Valley, which is known for its scenic beauty, secluded hamlets, waterfalls, and abundant cedrus and pine forests. The Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary and part of the Great Himalayan National Park (GHNP) are also located in the valley.

During the Field Survey Tour, students actively participated in data collection using various methods on topics such as physio-socio-economic factors, agricultural and horticultural development, and the impact of Covid-19 on the education and health sectors. They visited different villages in the study area and collected relevant data. After the fieldwork, the students analysed the data and prepared reports based on their assigned topics. The tour equipped them with skills in using instruments for data collection, primary data collection methods, data tabulation, report writing, and questionnaire design.



Outcome: The Field Survey Tour proved to be an enriching experience for the students of the Department of Geography at St. Bede's College. It empowered them with practical skills, a deeper understanding of geographic concepts, and an appreciation for the complexities of the natural and human environment. The tour also developed their skills in data collection and analysis, spatial awareness, map reading, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, environmental awareness, collaboration, teamwork, and research inquiry.





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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The Department of Geography recently organized a poster making competition and awareness rally to emphasize the significance of reducing exposure to disasters and increasing awareness about risk mitigation.

Objective: The objective of combining the awareness rally with the poster making competition on Disaster Risk Reduction Day was to engage a broader audience, stimulate creativity, and effectively communicate the significance of disaster risk reduction measures. The event aimed to inspire individuals and communities to proactively address disaster risks, promote preparedness, and advocate for measures that contribute to building resilience and minimizing the impacts of disasters.

The competition saw the participation of over 30 students who created posters focusing on different disaster themes such as mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The event took place in both the Department and Auditorium, providing a platform for students to showcase their creativity and knowledge in disaster risk reduction.

The awareness rally started from the gate of St. Bede's College and concluded at the Horticulture Department in Navbahar, covering a distance from the Basketball Court of the college. The rally aimed to raise awareness among the college community and the general public about the importance of disaster risk reduction and the proactive actions that can be taken to minimize the impacts of disasters. The day served as a celebration of the efforts made by individuals and communities worldwide in reducing their vulnerability to disasters.

Outcome: The outcomes of the poster making competition and awareness rally include increased awareness and knowledge sharing about disaster risk reduction, behavioural changes towards proactive measures, advocacy for disaster risk reduction initiatives, enhanced community engagement, and creative expression through the posters.

