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Session: 2024-25

Tree Plantation Drive

Date: July 28, 2024

Objective:


To raise awareness regarding the importance of trees for earth's ecosystems.

To celebrate National Tree Day, the Eco Club, Department of Geography, and NSS Unit of RKMV College, in collaboration with Healing Himalaya and St. Bede's College, organized a tree plantation drive at Chamiyana Hospital. The event aimed to enhance the greenery around the hospital premises, promote environmental awareness, and foster a sense of community involvement in conservation efforts.

The drive commenced with the Cycling Rally from the Mall Road, Shimla to Chamiyana Hospital and the rally was flagged off by **Shri Kehar Singh Khachi**, Chairman, Forest Cooperation, Himachal Pradesh. The worthy **Mayor Surinder Chauhan**, MC, Shimla was the Chief Guest of plantation Drive at Chamiyana Hospital. Dignitaries from RKMV College, Healing Himalaya, and St. Bede's College shared their insights on the significance of tree planting. The hospital administration also expressed their gratitude for the initiative, highlighting the positive impact on patients and staff. Participants, including students, faculty and local residents, planted saplings around the hospital grounds. Each participant was guided on the proper planting techniques to ensure the healthy growth of the trees.

Outcomes:

1. Number of Trees Planted: A total of 500 saplings were planted around Chamiyana Hospital.
2. Community Involvement: The event attracted a diverse group of participants, fostering a sense of shared responsibility for environmental conservation.
3. Increased Awareness: The educational sessions and workshops effectively raised awareness about the importance of trees and encouraged sustainable practices.


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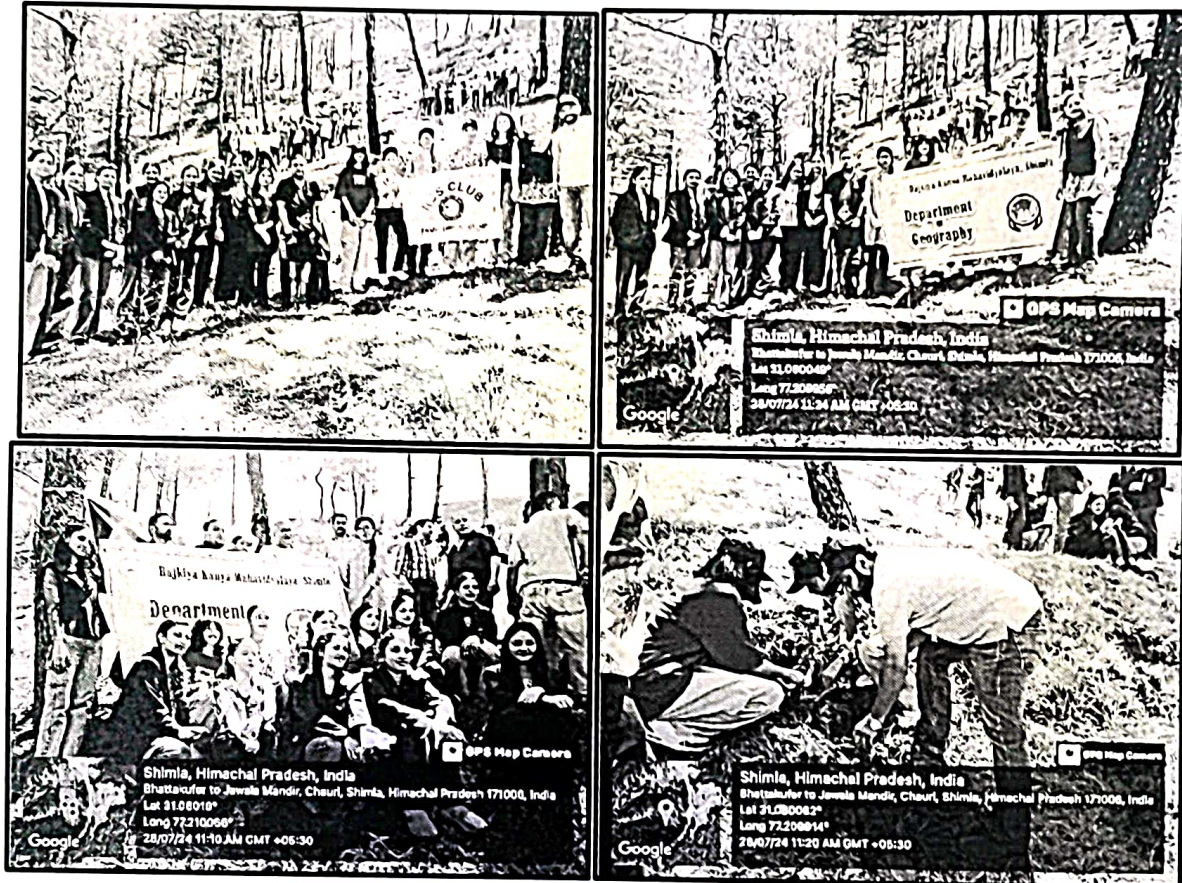
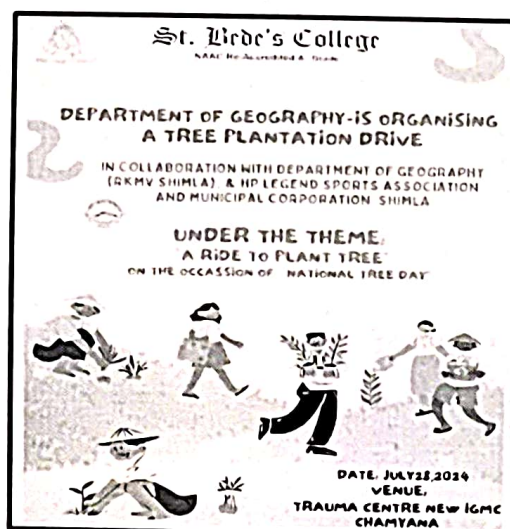

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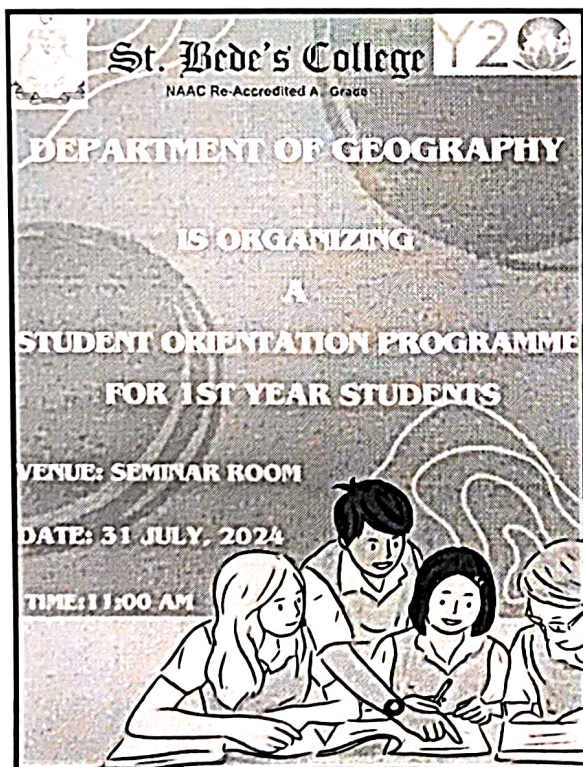
Orientation Programme

Date: July 31, 2024

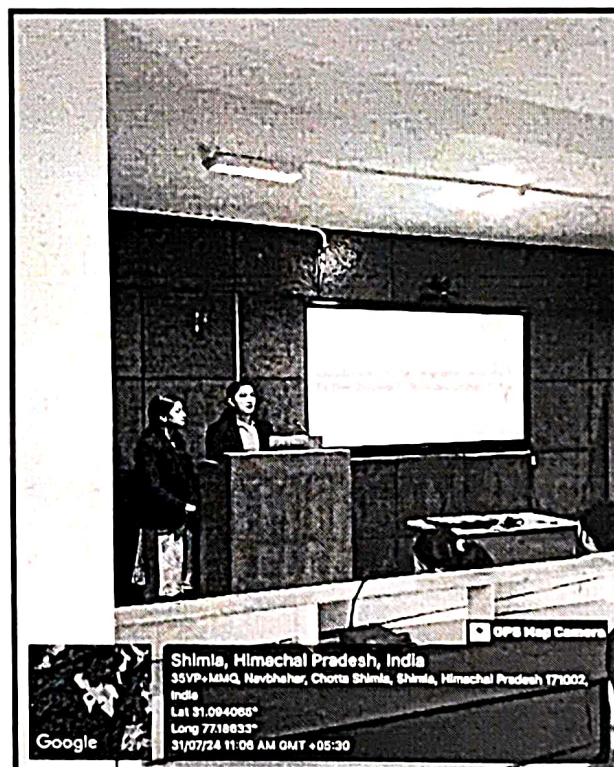
Objective: To familiarize students with academic regulations, resources, faculty, and peers for a successful transition.

On July 31, 2024 Department of Geography conducted an orientation programme for the First-year students in the seminar room. The event started with the small presentation regarding the working of the Department of Geography, St. Bede's College, Shimla. Also, the students were made aware regarding the importance of Geography in the contemporary world. The presentation also included the motivational speech of the proud alumni's regarding their journey that helped a lot in inspiring the students. After the presentation was over, a small introductory session took place in which students of first, second and third year along with the teachers introduced themselves. The event witnessed the active participation of the teachers of Department of Geography, including- Dr. Pankaj Aashish (HOD), Mr. Anoop Diltia, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar and Ms. Tanika Thakur along with enthusiastic freshers and the second- and third-year students of the Geography Department.

Outcome: The orientation program helped first-year students understand academic regulations, available resources, and institutional support. It also fostered peer connections, easing their transition into the department.



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Cleanliness cum Awareness Drive

Date: September 16, 2024

Objective:

To raise awareness regarding Ozone Depletion into the Atmosphere and its harmful impacts on the Earth.

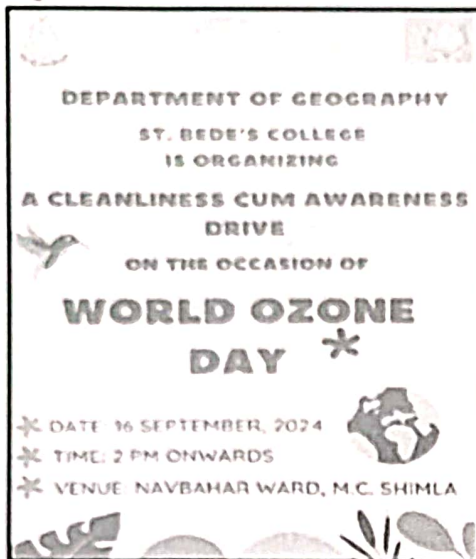
The Department of Geography, St. Bede's College, Shimla celebrated the World Ozone Day on September 16, 2024 by conducting a Cleanliness cum Awareness Drive, around the Navbahar Ward of Shimla City. The event started around 2:00 PM after the lunch. The students gathered at the college gate before proceeding for the rally. The area selected for the cleanliness drive and awareness rally was on walking distance from the college. The students showcased their talents by making various posters, charts, pamphlets and small cards. The students were given gloves to maintain proper hygiene and the garbage was collected and disposed. The students shouted slogans during the rally and distributed handmade pamphlets to raise awareness regarding ozone depletion and resultant global warming.

Outcome:

The students were able to spread awareness through slogans and pamphlets. The event highlighted the importance of ozone layer and reasons for its depletion. The cleanliness event spread the message of the importance of clean environment in the community.



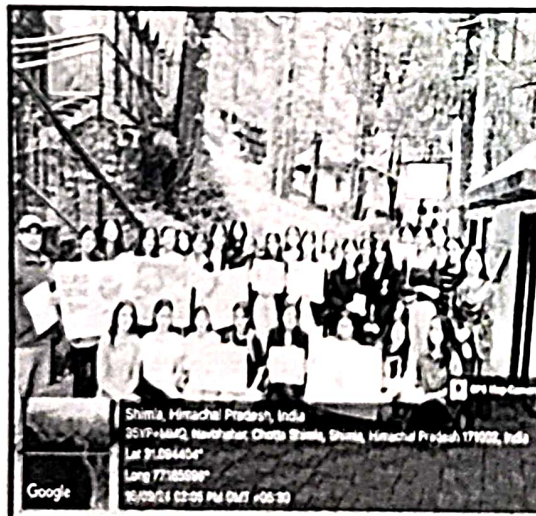
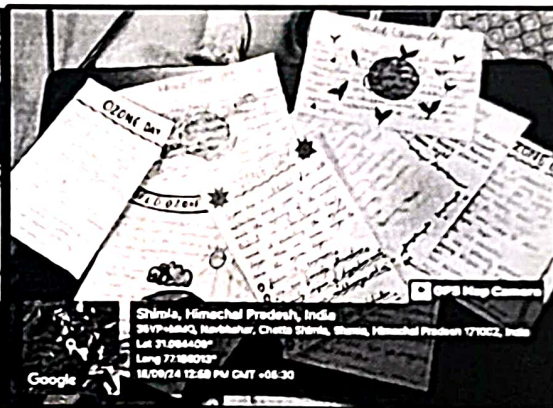
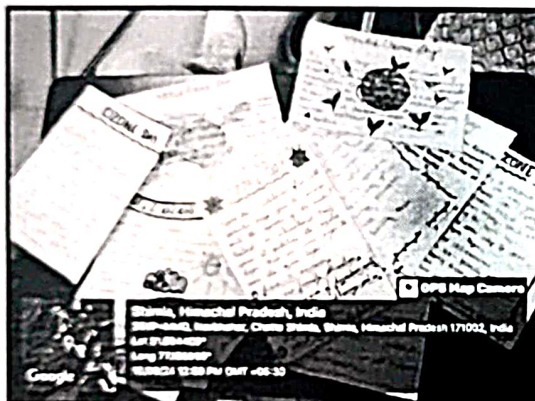
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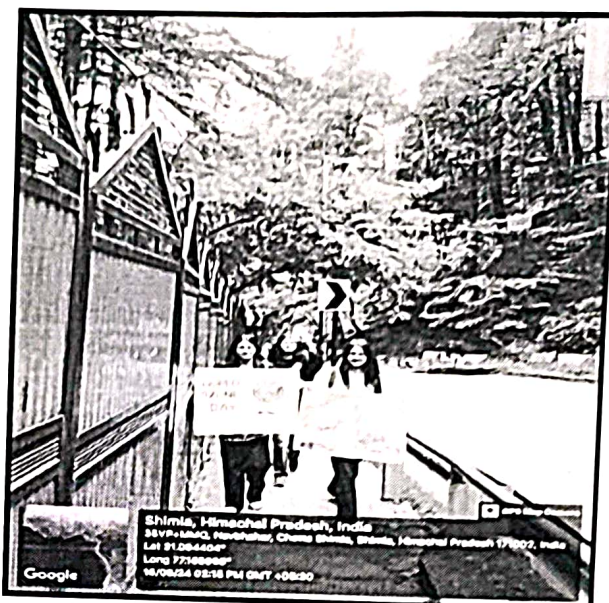
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Hands-on Training at Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiyana

Date: October 1, 2024

Objective:

The aim of activity was to familiarize students regarding the process of soil genesis and soil conservation.

The students on the first day of the field survey on October 1, 2024 at Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiyana, Punjab attended a hands-on training programme on 'Soil Genesis'. This was organized by Dr. Vijay Kant Singh, Pedologist, Department of Soil Science, PAU. A



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scientist from PAU, elaborated the process of soil genesis and demonstrated how the properties of the soil can be studied with the help of various machines available at PAU. Then a lecture was delivered by Dr. Vijay Kant Singh to further enhance the soil related processes.

Outcome: The students were able to visualize the phenomena of soil genesis and soil erosion at the laboratory which otherwise is very rare to witness. This will surely help in increasing their understanding of the Soil as an important Resource.



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Field Survey Amritsar- 2024-25

October 1st 6, 2024

Objective: The aim of a field survey is to teach students the technique of field survey, data collection and to give them a firsthand experience of the real world.

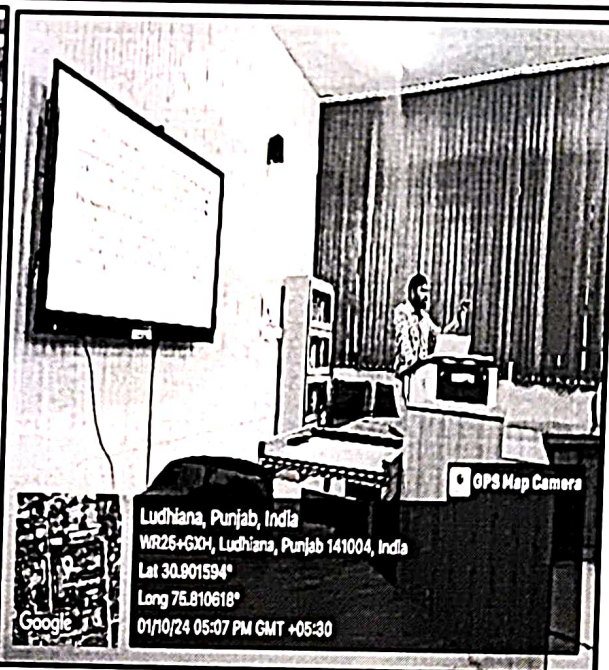
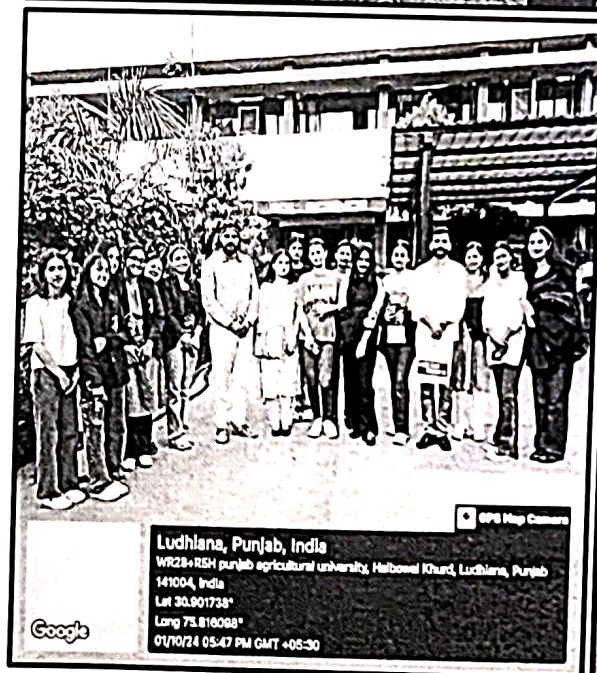
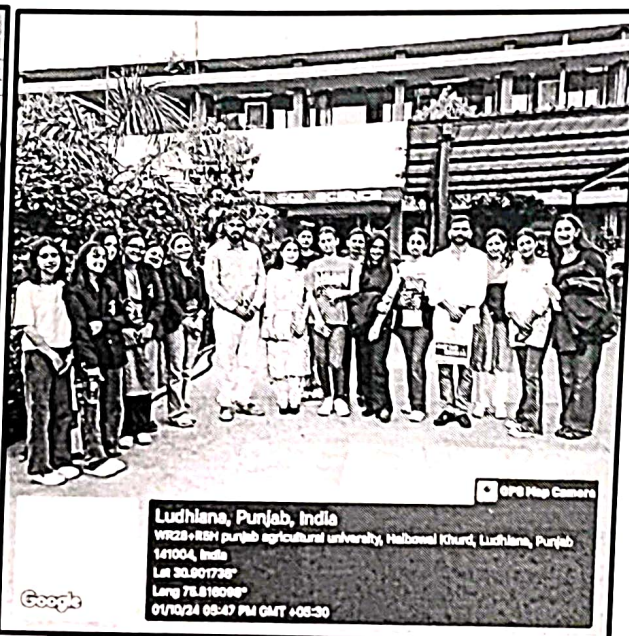
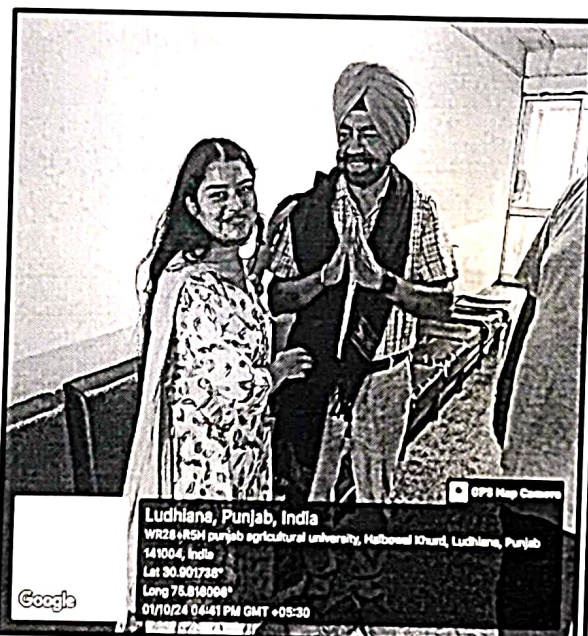
The students of B.A. Geography-III (Honours), B.A. Geography-III (Pass course) and students of B.A. Geography-II (Honours) from department of Geography went on the field survey to Amritsar, Punjab from 1 to 6 October, 2024. It was a 6 days exercise with each day having a pre-planned schedule of activities.

Day-1: - The students left for the field survey on October 1, 2024 to Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiyana, Punjab for campus visit and a lecture by Dr. Vijay Kant Singh, Pedologist, Department of Soil Science from PAU. The students reached PAU at around 02:00 p.m. After lunch a series of activities such as hands on training, soil museum visit and a lecture took place within the campus. The PAU visit ended at around 05:30 p.m.

Day-2: - The students left for Amritsar City and Mudhal Village, Punjab at 9.00 a.m. to do the field survey. The students were given the task to collect the data required.



Day-3: - The students departed to the field survey at 09:00 a.m. morning. The data related to tourism and economic activities was collected around Amritsar City, the students visited Golden Temple, Amritsar and Jallianwala Bagh after the data collection was over.



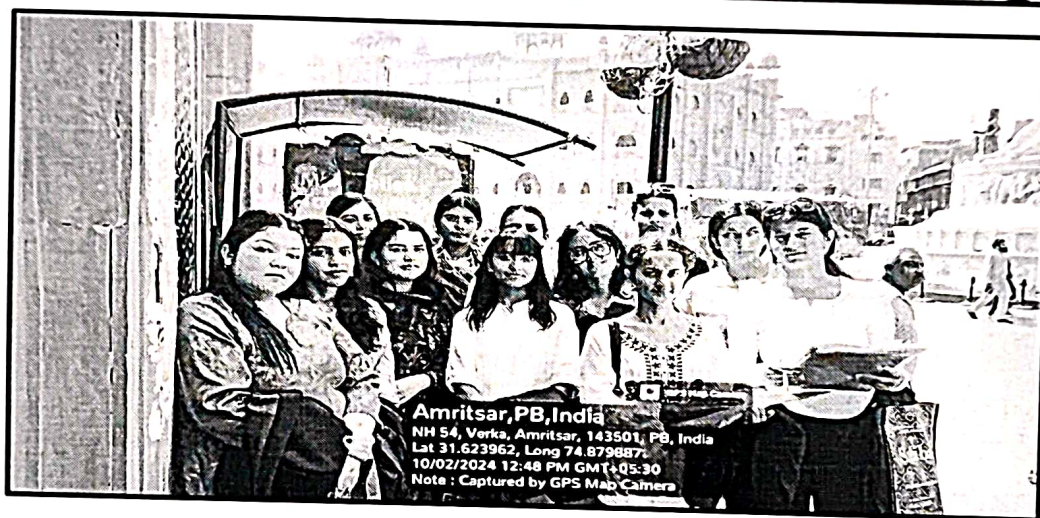
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Day-4: - On the fourth day students visited the Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Punjab. The visit included exploring the science themed park along with visiting the section devoted to geographical knowledge.

Day-5: - On the fifth day students started their journey back to Shimla from Jalandhar, Punjab. On the way back the students enjoyed water related activities and other fun activities at Wonderland, Ludhiyana, Tajpur, Jalandhar, Punjab. The students left for Shimla at around 06:00 p.m. in the evening.

Day-6: - The students arrived at Shimla at around 04:00 a.m. in the morning.

Outcomes: The students learnt that the laboratory of the geographers is the real world. The field interviews helped them learning the process of primary data collection and the challenges involved into it. It will definitely help them in becoming future researchers.

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Picture: Day-5

Name of the Activity: International Disaster Risk Reduction Day

Activities organized *Guest Lecture, Poster Making Program and Nukkad Natak*

Date: October 16, 2024

Event: Guest Lecture on the topic "Understanding the Geography of Disaster Management and Preparedness in north Western Himalayas".

Objective: To raise awareness about the unique geographical challenges and risks associated with disaster management in the Northwestern Himalayas and to provide a platform for participants to express their understanding creatively through posters, enhancing engagement and retention of information.

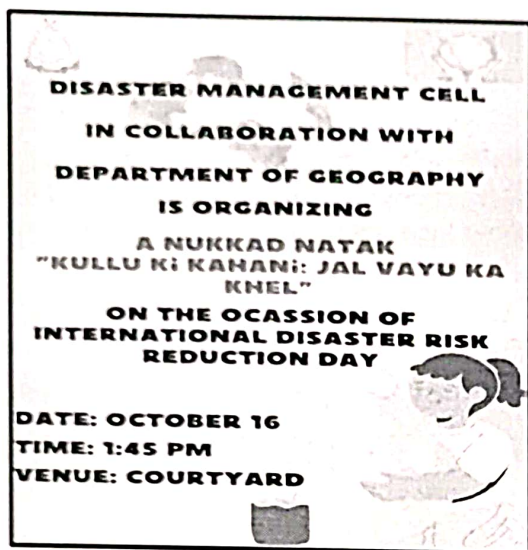
On October 16, 2023, Department of Geography in collaboration with Disaster Management Cell conducted a successful lecture and poster-making competition focusing on "Understanding the Geography of Disaster Management and Preparedness in Northwestern Himalayas." The event aimed to raise awareness about the unique geographical challenges in the region and promote effective disaster management strategies. The lecture was addressed by Dr. Khayal Chand, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Centre of Excellence Government College, Sanjauli. He emphasized the importance of understanding geography in disaster management and highlighted the significance of the Northwestern Himalayas as a region vulnerable to various natural disasters. The event included interactive sessions where participants shared experiences related to disaster management. This fostered a collaborative atmosphere for exchanging ideas.



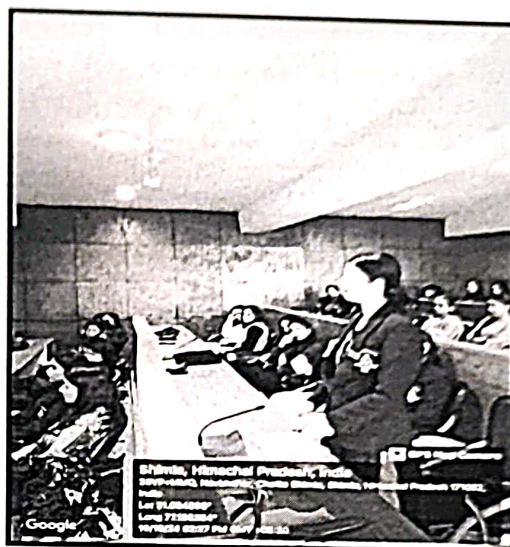
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The session was headed by Dr. Pankaj Aashish (HOD Department of Geography), Convenor of the cell- Dr. Vishal Chauhan, Co-convenor – Ms. Pratiksha Tomar and also the participation of other teachers including Ms. Tanika Thakur.

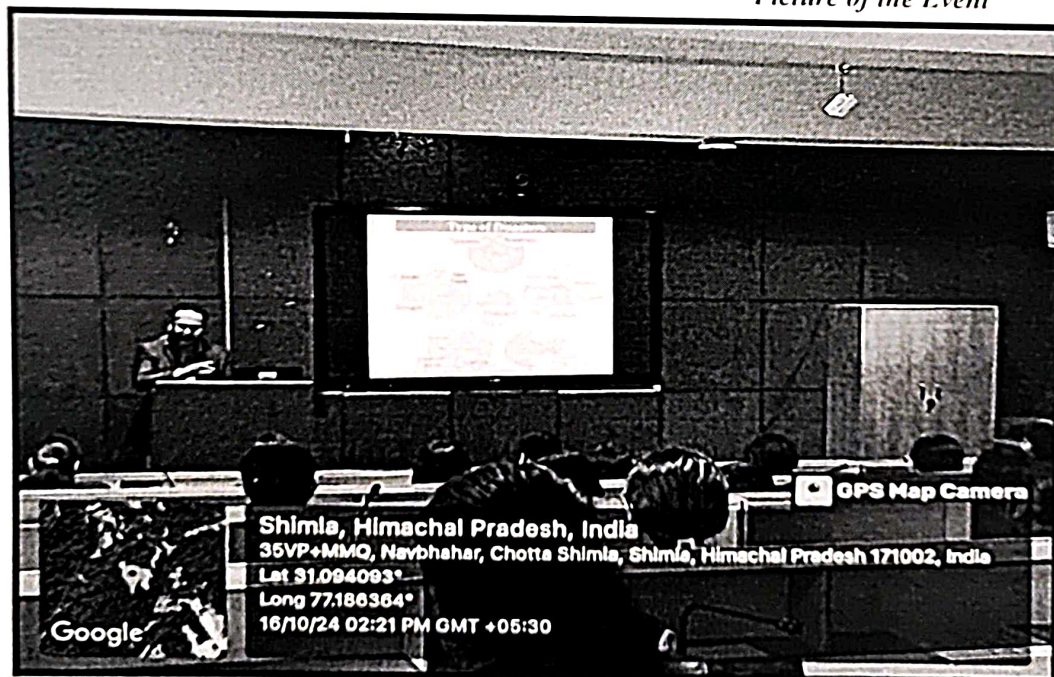
Outcomes: The students were able to understand the destruction of the Himalayan Ecosystem due to manmade disasters. The lectures must have deepened their understanding of various physical and human disasters and their mitigation measures.



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Poster Making Competition

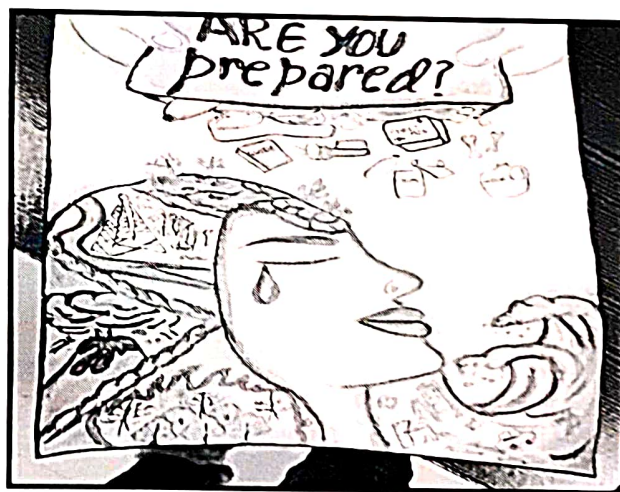
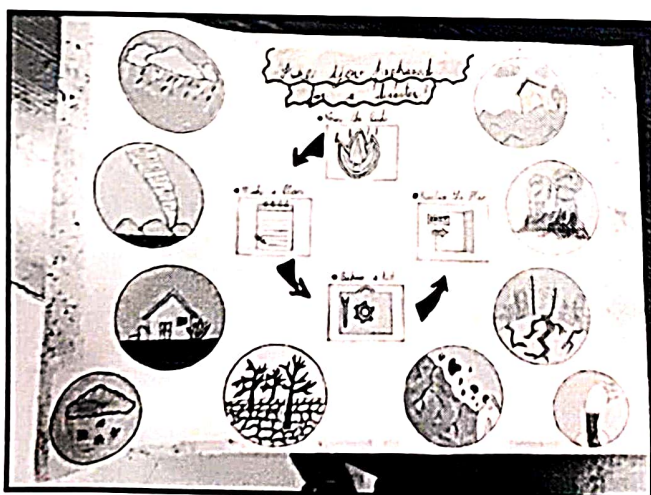
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Objective: To raise awareness regarding Various natural and human disasters.

Poster Making Competition: Participants showcased their research through a variety of posters under the theme: 'Understanding the Geography of Disaster Management and Preparedness in North Western Himalayas'. Each poster was evaluated by a panel of judges which included Mr. Anoop Ditta and Mr. Sanjeev Kumar from the Department of Geography. The competition concluded with recognizing the top three posters. The winners were:

- **First Place:** Aashna Mehta
- **Second Place:** Rozali Thapa
- **Third Place:** Sunidhi Paul

Outcome: The were able to students showcase their talents and also help them understand the natures of Human induced disasters.



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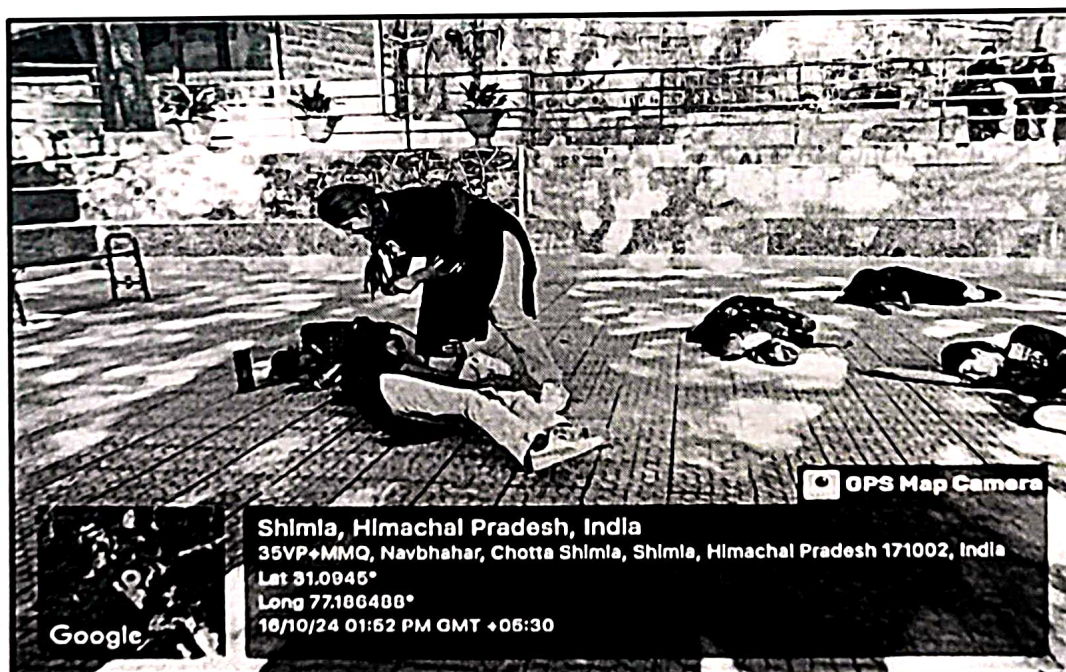
Name of the Activity: Nukad Natak

Theme: "*KULLU KI KAHANI: JAL VAYU KA KHEL*."

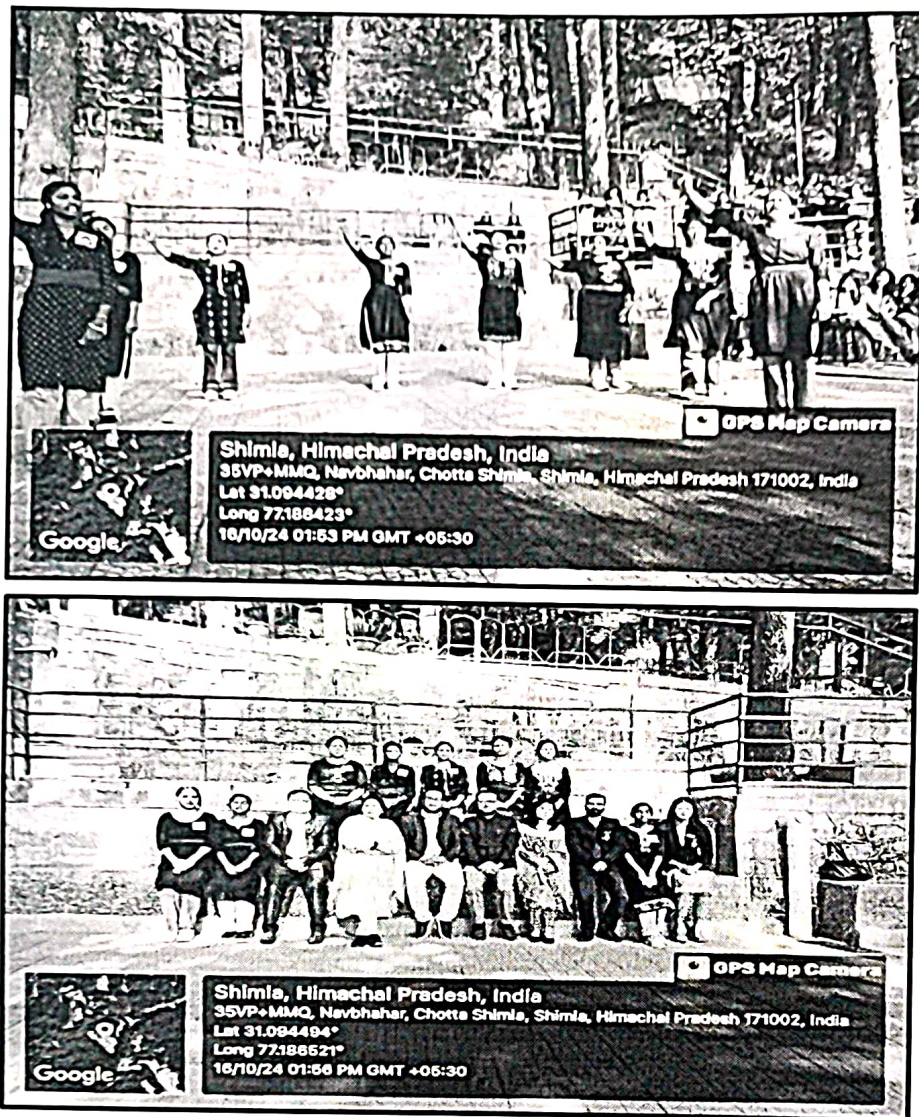
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Objective: To raise awareness regarding Disasters and their preventive measures.

On October 16, Disaster Management Cell in collaboration with Department of Geography conducted a Nukad Natak titled "*Kullu Ki Kahani - Jal Vayu Ka Khel*," aiming to raise awareness about climate change and its effects on the Kullu Valley and in Himachal Pradesh as a whole. This performance conveyed a critical environmental message of climate change in Himachal Pradesh resulting into flash floods, landslides and cloudbursts. The event took place in the college courtyard, attracting a diverse audience, including students and teachers. The performance was structured to be both entertaining and educational, ensuring that the message resonated with everyone present. The characters interacted in a way that highlighted both the beauty of Kullu's nature and the urgent need for its conservation. The performance was headed by the convenor of the cell- Dr. Vishal Chauhan and also the participation of other teachers including, Dr. Pankaj Aashish (HOD Department of Geography), Mr. Sanjeev Kumar and Ms. Tanika Thakur and Dr. Anupama Tomar Tandon (HOD Department of Economics).



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Outcome:

These activities sensitized the students regarding, dangers that are being faced by the people of Himalayas due to climate change and global warming. The students were made aware of disasters that could be faced in the future.

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