

Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat St. Bede's College, Shimla

Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat (EBSB) 2024-2025

Activity: Observance of "Rastriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)

Date: 31st October, 2024

Objective:

To commemorate National Unity Day and reinforce the unity, integrity, and security of our nation.

Description:

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated on October 31 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This year will mark the 148 th anniversary of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (Iron Man of India). Every year this day is celebrated to maintain the nation's unity and to spread awareness about contributions of this great man to Indian history.

To celebrate the, Rastriya Ekta Diwas, EBSB cell of St. Bede's college organized a pledge taking ceremony. The ceremony encouraged students to promote a sense of belonging and mutual respect among the diverse communities of India.

Outcome:

Rastriya Ekta Diwas instilled a feeling of national pride and belongingness among the students towards country's integrity. The pledge taking ceremony fostered oneness and unity among students.



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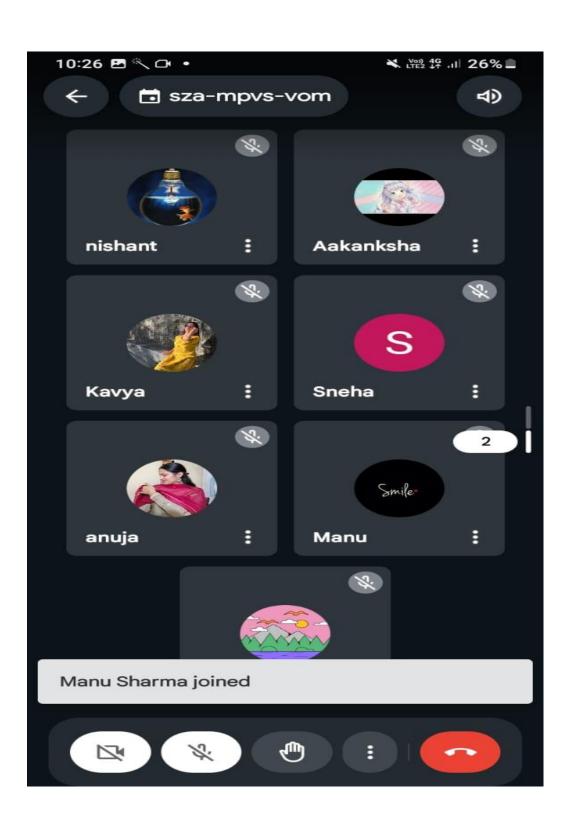


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Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Cell

Activity: 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas

Date: 15th to 26th November, 2024

Events: 1. Floral Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Exhibition of Plants in Tribal Food and Folk Medicine.

Date: 18th November, 2024

Venue: College Courtyard

Objectives:

1. To make young generation aware about the contribution of freedom fighters.

2. To acknowledge the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters for the country and take forward the legacy of them.

3. To inspire the students to follow Bhagwan Birsa Munda footsteps to be good citizens.

4. To create awareness to the students about the utilization and importance of medicinal plants.

5. To identify medicinal plants and their medicinal value

Description:

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated across country with great zeal to remember the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters. To make the coming generations aware about their sacrifices, Government of India has declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. The date is the birth anniversary of Sri Birsa Munda who is revered as Bhagwan by tribal communities across the country. Birsa Munda fought against the exploitative system of the British colonial system. The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Cell of St. Bede's College, in collaboration with The Department of Botany, celebrated the 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with great energy and enthusiasm. The college Principal, Prof. Sr. Molly Abraham, paid homage to 'Bhagwan' Birsa Munda by offering a floral tribute. An exhibition was held which was related to ethnomedicinal plants in tribal food and folk medicine. Plants cultivated in pots were displayed with their information such as vernacular name, botanical name and medicinal uses. It showcased the plants used by tribal communities. This exhibition gives information of the medicinal plant used



to cure common diseases and in the treatment of diabetics, blood pressure and related disorder. To further commemorate the 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the Principal planted a medicinal plant in the college's herbal garden. Dr. Preeti Kaundal, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma from Department of Botany and Mr. Nishant from Department of Chemistry were the organizers of the event.

Outcomes:

Students and faculty of the college get an insight about the value of medicinal plants. Students understand the value of medicinal plants and need of plant conservation. The participants of the exhibition find usefulness of medicinal plants in the treatment of diseases.









Event 2: Special Lecture on "Tribes of Himachal Pradesh"

Date: 19th November, 2024

Venue: Seminar Hall

Objectives:

- 1. To identify social, cultural, ecological and environmental aspects of Tribal people.
- 2. To promote brotherhood and cultural interaction with Tribals.
- 3. To know about the types of Tribals living the state of Himachal Pradesh.

Description

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Cell of St. Bede's College organized a special lecture on November 19, 2024, to commemorate the 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas. The lecture focused on the theme "Tribes of Himachal Pradesh," highlighting the state's diverse tribal heritage. Himachal Pradesh is home to a vibrant tribal system, characterized by its rich cultural heritage, distinctive lifestyles, music, dance, attire, and ethnic identity. Prominent tribes in the region include the Kinnauris, Gaddis, Gujjars, and Lahaulies.

The session was led by Dr. Preeti Kaundal, Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany, who captivated the audience with her in-depth knowledge of Himachal Pradesh's tribal communities. Dr. Kaundal provided an engaging overview of the plants utilized by tribal groups, along with insights into their cultural practices and craftsmanship. The lecture offered students a valuable opportunity to learn about the unique traditions and ecological wisdom of the state's tribal population.



Outcomes:

Such lectures can serve as a stepping stone for students to become informed and active citizens who contribute to inclusive and equitable society. It enhanced awareness and understanding into the history, culture, and challenges faced by tribal communities. The activity promoted awareness of the social, economic, and political issues affecting tribal groups. It inspired the students to engage in initiatives that support tribal welfare and rights.







Events 3: Interdepartmental Write up and Quiz Competition

Date: 21th, November, 2024

Venue: Seminar Hall

Objectives

- To develop analytical and confidence-building skills.
- To evaluate the knowledge of the participants within academics as well as beyond academics
- To make students familiar with the prospects of quizzes and the objectivity of the questions.
- To create a group of young minds with writing talent.
- To lend hands to beginners and lead them to the world of knowledge.

Description

In celebration of 4th Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Cell of St. Bede's organized an inter-departmental short write up and quizzes competition focusing on the topic "Tribal Culture, Tribal Craft and Tribal freedom Fighters". This event aimed to enhance the understanding of students related to rich cultural heritage of tribal communities.

The theme of write up was "Tribal Achievers". Saijal bagged first position in write up completion. Four teams from different departments participated in the quiz competition. The competition comprised of three rounds i.e Multiple-Choice Question Round, Direct Question Round and Audio-Visual Round. Participants were challenged with a diverse set of questions covering various aspects of Indian tribes. Devangi, Parul and Vriti from Geography department secured the first position. Harshita, Riya and Vanshika of B.Sc-III and Saijal, Medhavi bagged second and third positions respectively.

Outcomes:

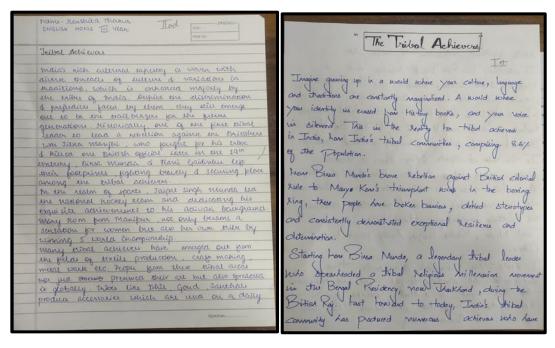
The activity provided students with an opportunity to showcase their writing skills and present their findings to their peers, encouraging meaningful discussion and collaboration. Through this exercise, they honed their ability to craft detailed write-ups, a vital skill. Additionally, the activity served as a final assessment, evaluating their knowledge and understanding of tribal affairs.











Short Write up

Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Cell

Activity: Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas Date: 11th December, 2024

Events: i) Interactive session on "Importance of Tribal Languages"

ii) Documentary Screening

Venue: Seminar Hall

Objectives:

- To emphasize the importance of indigenous tribal languages in fostering cultural diversity and unity.
- To highlight the role of tribal languages in preserving India's rich cultural heritage.
- To underscore how tribal languages contribute to the unity and identity of the nation.

Description

The Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Cell of St. Bede's College celebrated Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas to honor the birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathi. The event aimed to emphasize the



importance of indigenous tribal languages in fostering unity and national pride. As part of the celebration, an interactive session on the "Importance of Tribal Languages" was conducted, along with the screening of a documentary. The program featured a presentation highlighting Mahakavi Bharathi's contributions to Indian literature and the promotion of native languages. The event underscored the crucial role of tribal languages, particularly their significance in preserving the cultural heritage of the country.

Outcomes

This activity not only celebrated Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas but also laid the foundation for a greater appreciation and understanding of India's tribal languages and their enduring legacy. The event highlighted the value of preserving and promoting tribal languages to sustain cultural identity. It emphasized the role of tribal languages in fostering national pride and unity through cultural inclusivity. It also showcased how tribal languages contribute to preserving traditions, folklore, and knowledge systems. Students were encouraged to explore the works of Bharathi and other proponents of native languages.

