

SC/ST Cell
Activities for the Session 2024-25

Event Name: Orientation Programme

Event Date: March 19, 2025

Description:

On March 19, 2025, St. Bede's College organized an orientation programme focused on raising awareness about equity in higher education for students from disadvantaged communities. The event was hosted by the Equal Opportunity Cell and the SC/ST Cell and featured Dr. Deepali Dhaul, Chairperson of the Department of English at Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) and Chief Advisor of the Equal Opportunity Cell at HPU, as the guest speaker. The session commenced at 11:00 AM and offered valuable insights into fostering equity and inclusion within academic institutions. Dr. Dhaul's address highlighted the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines aimed at promoting equal opportunities for students from marginalized backgrounds. She emphasized the importance of building an inclusive academic environment where students from all communities can access resources and opportunities without discrimination. Dr. Dhaul also stressed the need to enhance diversity among students, faculty, and staff, and to cultivate positive interpersonal relationships across social boundaries. She encouraged efforts to sensitize the academic community to the unique challenges faced by underrepresented groups and discussed strategies for overcoming social exclusion. Additionally, she informed students about UGC scholarships available for SC/ST and other marginalized communities, urging them to make full use of these opportunities.

Objectives:

- To raise awareness about equity and social inclusion in higher education.
- To inform students about UGC guidelines and support systems for marginalized communities.
- To encourage the use of scholarships and academic resources available to SC/ST and disadvantaged students.
- To promote a culture of inclusivity and mutual respect within the academic environment.

Outcome:

The orientation programme proved to be an insightful and empowering experience for students. It enhanced their understanding of equity-related issues in higher education and equipped them with the knowledge to access available resources. The session reinforced the importance of creating inclusive academic spaces and sensitizing the college community to the challenges faced by marginalized groups. The event was well-received by students and faculty, successfully promoting the vision of a more equitable and supportive educational environment.

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Orientation Programme

Speaker:

Dr. Deepali Dhau

Associate Professor
Chairperson Dept. of English, HPU
Director, Centre for Canadian Studies
Additional Chief Warden (Girls)
Chief Advisor, Equal Opportunity Cell, HPU

Date: **19 March**

Time: **11:00 am**

Venue: **Seminar Hall**

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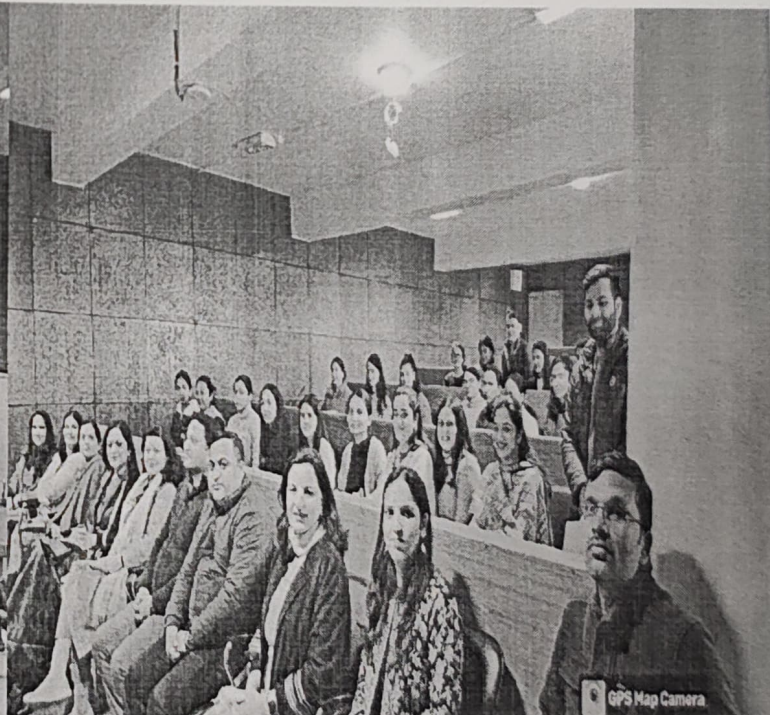
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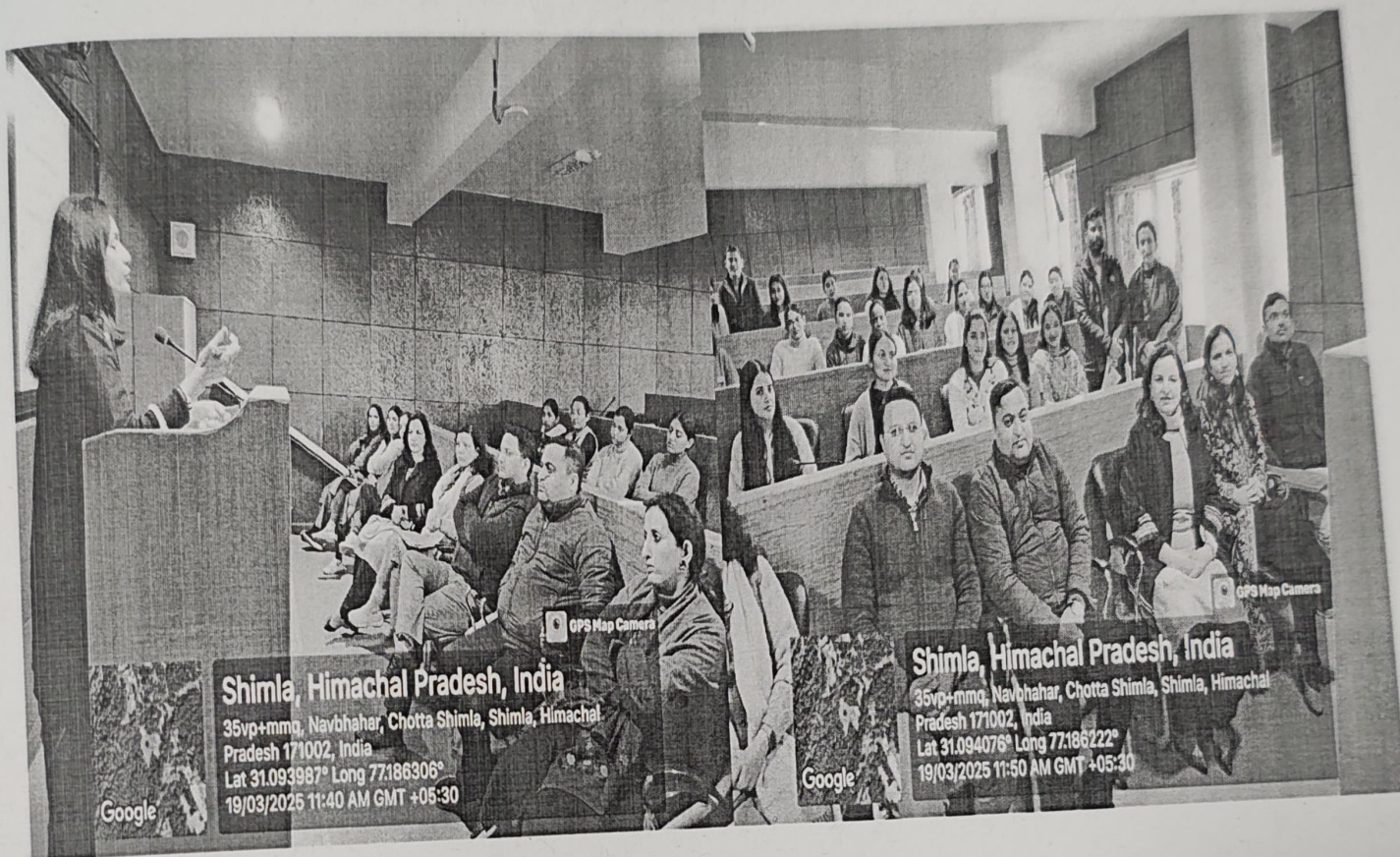
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