

Department of History: RKMV-Shimla
&
Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
One Day Workshop
On
‘Walk and Learn: Heritage Walk of Shimla’: 5th March, 2024

Schedule of the Programme

10:15 AM-10:30 AM	Inaugural Ceremony, Welcome Address	Dr. Hemlata Assistant Professor
10: 30 AM-11:15 AM	Introduction of the Workshop British Heritage of Shimla: An Overview	Dr. Anurita Saxena Principal RKMV-Shimla
11:15 AM-12:00 PM	Role of INTACH to Preserve Tangible and Intangible Heritage with special reference to HP	Mr. Raja Bhasin Historian and Writer
12:00 PM- 12:15 PM	Tea Break	-
12:15 PM- 1:00 PM	Importance of Heritage and its Preservation	Dr. Nisha Kumari Assistant Professor
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch Break	-
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM	Walk and Learn (Heritage Walk)	From RKMV (Shimla Hills) to Ridge Maidan
2:30- 3:30	„	Himalyan Topography, Water Distribution system of Shimla
3:30 PM- 4:00 PM	„	Library & Church
4: 00 PM- 4: 30 PM	„	History of US Club
4: 30 PM -5:00 PM	„	Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Scandal Point- Ridge Maidan
5:00 PM : 5:15 PM	Student Feedback	

Report
on
‘Walk and Learn: Heritage Walk of Shimla’

5th March, 2024

Session: 2023-24

On 5th of March 2024, Department of History in collaboration with Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) organised one day workshop on **‘Walk and Learn: Heritage Walk of Shimla’**. The workshop was divided into two sessions. The first session was a talk session of various speakers where they shared the information on various aspects of Shimla Heritage. In the second session the hands on information was provided to students through walk and learn activity from the RKMV to the surrounding places of Ridge Maidan. 29 students participated in this activity. The workshop was organised in order to achieve the following objectives.

1. To enhance the knowledge of the students about British History of Shimla.
2. To sensitize the students about the Shimla Heritage.
3. To instil a sense of social responsibility among students.
4. To develop the ideas to protect and preserve Shimla’s living, built and natural heritage by undertaking necessary actions and measures.



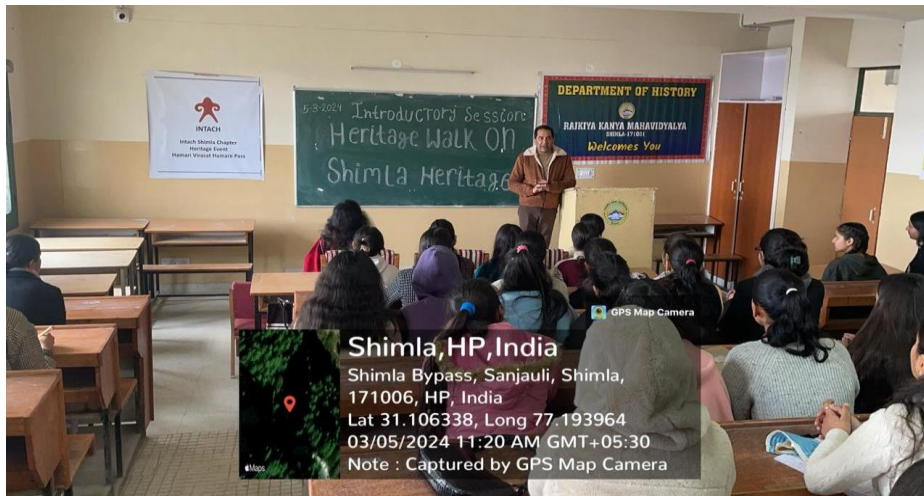
The workshop began with an inaugural talk by Ms. Hemlata, Assistant Professor, History at 10: 15 AM in Room No. 1. Ms. Hemlata further briefed about the aims and objectives of the workshop being conducted to enhance the understanding and knowledge of the students about Shimla Heritage.



Dr. Anurita Saxena, Principal RKMV, Shimla, welcomed Mr. Bhasin, the resource person of the workshop, faculty members and students. Dr. Saxena apprised the students about the role of INTECH to preserve the heritage of Shimla. She talked about the architectural heritage of Shimla and emphasised on the historical significance of the various buildings existing in Shimla town. She further added that a sense of social responsibility is very important amongst the youth to preserve India's common heritage.

Mr. Raja Bhasin who is a writer, historian and a co-convener for Himachal Pradesh and convener for Shimla of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage gave a talk on Role of INTACH to Preserve Tangible and Intangible Heritage with special reference to Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. He shared some interesting historical facts on the cultural and architectural history of colonial-era. He further added that Shimla's cultural and architectural heritage is a great attraction for tourists from all over the world. He also laid emphasis on the necessity of protection of Shimla's tangible and intangible heritage.

Mr. Bhasin mentioned that the youth of the state needs to be aware of their historical and cultural heritage.



Ms. Nisha Kumari, Assistant Professor, History gave her talk on **‘Importance of Heritage and its Preservation’**. She emphasised on the fact that awareness among people about their heritage is very important. She further explained that documentation of heritage sites/ monuments etc. are important as documentation helps putting things in context. She also mentioned that after documentation & research, conservation strategies need to be formulated to preserve our cultural heritage for the generations to come.

In the second session, heritage walk began from the RKMV campus, via Lakkar Bazaar to Ridge Maidan, U.S. Club, Sports complex and The Mall. Students of History Department started this walk and learn activity with Mr. Bhasin along with two faculty members of History i.e. Ms. Nisha (Assistant Professor) and Ms. Hemlata (Assistant Professor). Mr. Bhasin began his talk by explaining the history of the RKMV College. Walking towards the Ridge Maidan, students learnt about the climate and topographical aspects of Shimla hills, its history and architectural style of the buildings on the Mall. Mr. Bhasin explained the two fine architectural styles i.e. Neo-Gothic and Tudor style of the Christ Church and building of state library respectively. He also talked about Victorian era Gothic style of Gaiety Theatre and the office of Municipal Corporation, which is known as

Town Hall of Shimla. Mr. Bhasin also explained construction of the water tanks that is beneath the Ridge Maidan which was constructed during the British time in Shimla.



Mr. Bhasin explained how Britishers controlled over economic and agricultural activities in India and 2/5 of the world trade profit was earned by East India Company. Politically too, Shimla became more relevant to Britishers after 1864, when Shimla became summer capital of British India. Britishers built proper water supply system in Shimla by the time of 1880s. Earlier there were 12 water ponds in Shimla that were used as main water sources. The water was lifted using steam motors.

Walking towards U.S. Club, students learnt about the history and architectural style of old residential houses and Govt. offices. Using Dhajji style in the windows and stone material for constructing buildings were one of the prominent features during british times, explained by Mr. Bhasin. The entry in the U.S. Club was only for males. A historical meeting was also occurred in the U.S. Club. A meeting of Sir Redcliff Boundary

commission was conducted here in this club to decide boundaries between India and Pakistan.



During this Heritage Walk, students also learnt about the flora of the Shimla. Students got to know that there are only four Chinar trees in the entire area of Shimla. The Chinar trees are originally found in the Kashmir valley. Here in Shimla, these trees were gifted to a British official by rulers of Kashmir. These trees are located on the ridge, U.S club areas. After that students went on walking towards Indira Ghandhi Sports Complex and learnt about the structure of the building. The walk was ended on a good learning experience with Mr. Bhasin. At last students were given refreshments.



Report on

Guest lecture

**“Environmental awareness and major current
Environmental Issues”**

Organised by

Department of Environment Science

RKMV Shimla



On

21st Feb. 2024

**Resource person: Dr Ishwar Dutt Sharma
(Associate Prof.), Public Administration,
RKMV Shimla H.P.**

**Organised by : Dr Meena Kumari
(Assistant Professor Env. Sc.)
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Environmental awareness means being aware of the natural environment and making choices that benefit the earth, rather than to hurt it. Some of the ways to practice environmental awareness include: using safe and non-toxic building supplies, conserving energy and water, recycling, activism, and others.

Examples of behaviours that demonstrate environmental awareness include recycling, reducing plastic use, and carpooling or biking to work. Using reusable plastic bottles and bags can reduce waste and building with non-toxic materials will also protect the environment.

Why is environmental awareness important to us?

Environmental awareness is essential to demonstrate how humans can protect and preserve their natural resources. Educating the population can reduce the use of plastics and water waste while promoting recycling to reduce landfill waste.

How can we promote environmental awareness?

Education of the public can promote environmental awareness in order to protect natural resources. By demonstrating how climate change, various pollutions, plastic use, water waste, and global warming will impact future generations, environmental awareness can trigger changes in behaviour.

Environmental awareness is a movement that teaches the need for humans to respect and protect their natural environment. Human waste production accumulates in the environment and impacts the soil, wildlife, and water. With the Industrial Revolution, scientific advances led to the production of greenhouse gases that warm the atmosphere and cause a gradual increase in temperature, also termed the greenhouse effect. Spreading environmental awareness can preserve our natural resources and reduce the destruction of Earth.

As the environment becomes damaged and greenhouse gases accumulate, the increasing temperatures on Earth can lead to progressive changes, such as:

- Glacial melting from rising temperatures
- Drought with water shortages and increased wildfires

- Rising sea levels with flooding
- Destruction of coral reefs
- Increasing allergies and asthma due to air pollutants

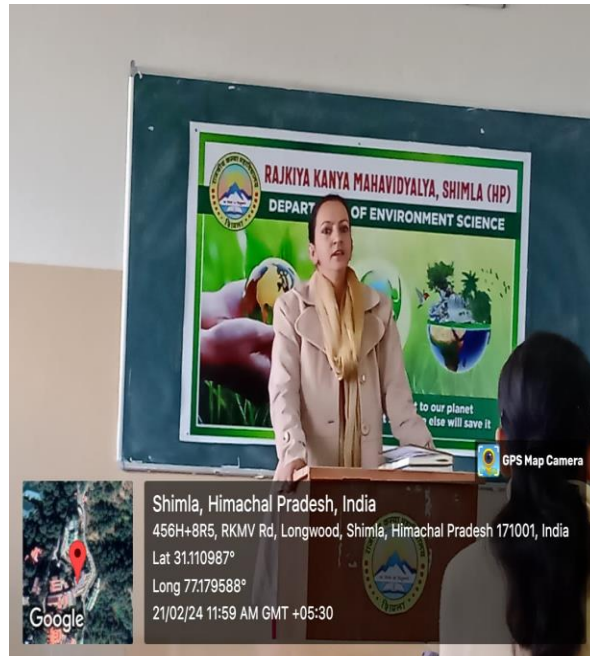
Importance of Environmental Awareness

We wish to have a good life for our children. We can ensure our children and future generations enjoy the best quality of life by taking small steps every day towards protecting the planet. One of the first steps to becoming more environmentally conscious or environmentally aware is by reducing our energy usage. This may also mean driving fewer polluting vehicles.

Environmental awareness is critical because it can help us to become aware of the impacts on the Earth created by human activities, leading to global warming. It can also help us to create a more sustainable world by promoting renewable resources, such as solar, wind and **water**.

Details of Guest lecture

A very informative guest lecture was organised by Dr Meena Sharma, Assistant Professor Environment Science for the students of RKMV College Shimla. The resource person for the lecture was Dr Ishwar Dutt Sharma (Professor, Public Administration, RKMV Shimla).



The topic for the lecture was " Environment awareness and various global environmental issues which are leading to environmental degradation". The lecture was organised to understand and inculcate best habits in youth for protection of their environment from degradation and make their planet cleaner and greener.



The lecture started with welcome address of Dr Meena Kumari who introduced the resource person and requested him to deliver his knowledgeable talk. Dr Ishwar Dutt Sharma boosted up students with immense knowledge, insight and perspectives on environmental issues. He shared his deep knowledge and experiences with students and requested them to be a cause of healing up our mother nature and not being case of destruction.

He talked very briefly on environmental degradation, its causes and how to prevent and act wisely to get rid from harmful results. The talk goes towards various alarming environmental global issues, their causes and how to mitigate and adaptation in extreme scenarios.



He also stressed on 3 R's principal i.e. reduce, reuse and recycle. Then there was a long discussion on sustainable management and how sustainably we can live and survive. A healthy discussion cum lecture was delivered for the students and audience enjoyed a lot by this interesting lecture. Students got enriched by knowledge and concepts of environmental awareness and various global environmental issues. The event ended up with a vote of thanks by Dr Meena Sharma to the resource person.





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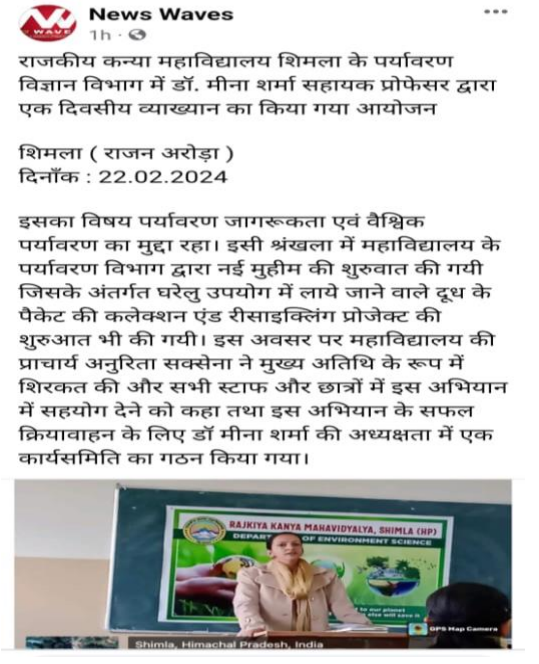
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