

Bharat Scouts and Guides

Introduction

The Bharat Scouts & Guides is an inclusive educational initiative for youth, operating on a voluntary and non-partisan basis, welcoming individuals of all backgrounds without discrimination based on origin, race, or belief. It follows the vision, principles, and methodologies established by its founder, Lord Baden Powell, in 1907.

Objective

The aim of the movement is to foster the comprehensive growth of young individuals, enabling them to realize their complete physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual capabilities. This development empowers them to become responsible citizens and active contributors to their local, national, and global communities.

Scouting in India

- In 1909, Captain T.H. Baker laid the foundation for Scouting in India by establishing the first Scout Troop in Bangalore, registered with the Imperial Headquarters in London. Subsequently, Scout Troops emerged in Kirkee (Pune), Shimla, Madras, Jabalpur, and Lonavla (Mumbai) in 1910 and 1911. Initially, these units were accessible only to European and Anglo-Indian children.
- The first Guide Company in India was established in Jabalpur, Central India, in 1911.
- Due to the exclusion of Indian boys from the Scout Movement initially, Indian nationalist leaders took the initiative to provide Scouting opportunities to them. The Sewa Samiti Scout Association was founded in Allahabad by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru, and Pandit Sriram Bajpai. Additionally, Dr. Annie Besant, with the assistance of Shri G.S. Arundale, established a separate Scout Association for Indian Boys in Madras.
- Attempts were made to unify the various Scout groups in India during Lord Baden Powell's visits in 1921 and 1937 but were unsuccessful. The primary obstacle to unification was the inclusion of the phrase "Duty to King" in the promise clause. Indian nationalist leaders objected to pledging allegiance to the British Empire and insisted that loyalty to the country should be part of the Scout Promise instead.

PRINCIPLES

DUTY TO GOD:

Upholding spiritual values and staying loyal to the religion that acknowledges the associated responsibilities

DUTY TO OTHERS:

Showing allegiance to one's nation while striving for local and global peace, fostering understanding, and promoting cooperation. Engaging in societal advancement with a commitment to respecting the dignity of others and preserving the natural world's integrity.

DUTY TO SELF:

Taking charge of one's own personal development.

SCOUT OATH

On my honor,
I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Rovers Leader – Mr. Puneet Thakur (Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce)

Rangers Leader – Ms. Hem Lata (Assistant Professor, Department of History)

Activities Report for the session 2023-24

Induction Programme

The Rovers and Rangers unit of the college organised an Induction Programme on 8th of September 2023 for newly enrolled Rovers and Rangers members. In this session Patrol Leaders gave detailed presentation on Bharat Scouts and Guides its history, objectives, mission etc. Rover Puneet and Rover Harsh Ghai of B. Com II were the main speakers who gave presentation on Bharat scouts and Guides



Name of the activity: Ek Tareek Ek Ghanta (ETEG)

Rovers and Rangers Unit of Govt. Degree College Arki, organized a successful cleanliness drive as part of the *Ek Tareek Ek Ghanta* programme under the campaign *Swachhata Pakhwada and Swachhata Hi Sewa* on 1st October, 2023, focusing on the surrounding of Health Centre in Batal Village. The drive aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene in the community and create awareness about its importance. The volunteers, displaying their commitment and enthusiasm, arrived early in the morning at 9:30am. The cleanliness drive was started with a vibrant and enthusiastic rally from the campus of GDC Arki to Batal village. Around the health centre, Pradhan, up-Pradhan and ward members of Gram Panchayat Batal village welcomed the rally. *Swachhata* pledge was administered to the volunteers by the Rovers Leader Mr. Puneet Thakur . After that volunteer cleaned the surrounding of health centre and water source. In this programme, Panchayat head, ward members and other local members along with the volunteers contributed enthusiastically. About 100 people including local people participated in this programme. This programme was completed under the guidance and patronage of the college principal, Professor Sunita Sharma. Professor Puneet Thakur (Rovers Leader), Professor Chaman Pista, Professor Hemlata (Rangers Leader), Professor Rekha, Dr. Dhan Dev Sharma and Professor Suman Kumari were present on behalf of the college.

This cleanliness drive was a resounding success. Through the dedication and hard work, the volunteers were able to promote cleanliness and hygiene in Batal Village. The initiative not only enhanced the Health Centre's overall appearance but also created a positive impact on the health and well-being of the community.



State Level Nipun Testing Camp for Rovers

The Bharat Scouts & Guides Association, Himachal Pradesh organised a State Level Nipun Testing Camp for Rovers w.e.f. **26-sept-2023 to 30-sept-2023** which was held at STC, Rewalsar District Mandi. The camp was attended by two Rovers of the college:-

Name	Class	Rollno.
Puneet	B.Com II	2150017
Harsh Ghai	B.Com II	2150035



Name of the activity: 74th Foundation Day of Bharat Scout and Guides

Rovers and Rangers Unit of Govt. Degree College Arki Celebrated 74th Foundation Day of Bharat Scout and Guides today i.e. on 7th November 2023 in our college premises. It was a cultural program that started from 1 pm at afternoon with the inaugurating song by our Rangers and Rangers. The chief guest was the principal of our college Ms. Sunita Sharma. Further the proceedings began with the welcoming speech delivered by Rangers Leader Ms. Hem Lata. This was followed by a short speech from Rovers Leader Mr. Puneet Thakur in which he spoke of how motivation can lead to wonders in life. Further students presented a colourful cultural show which was applauded by everyone. The energy and passion of the students was visible in the performances that they put up. Lastly program ended with the beautiful speech delivered by our college principal.

