

**National Commission for Women Sponsored
One Day International Interdisciplinary Seminar
on
'WOMEN IN SPORT IN INDIA: POLITICS, NATIONALISM AND MEDIA'
organized by the
Departments of History and Education, Loreto College
September 10, 2022**

The Departments of Education and History in collaboration with the IQAC organized an International Seminar on *Women in Sports in India: Politics, Nationalism & Media* on September 10, 2022. The seminar was sponsored by the National Commission for Women and was part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*- Celebrating 75 years of India's independence. Loreto College was the only institution in West Bengal to be selected as organizers of the seminar. The seminar was conducted in the blended mode and had speakers from India and abroad ranging from activists, academicians, sportspersons and sports journalists. The Principal, Sr. Dr. Christine Coutinho set the tone of the seminar by emphasizing on the importance of equity that can help women scale great heights and can go a long way towards breaking gender barriers. The Chief Guest, World Billiards champion Mrs. Neeta Kothari talked about how she started playing the game in her early 40s and went on to win international championships in Billiards and Snooker. She emphasized on how concentration, determination and grit can pave the way towards success. This was followed by a short video presentation by the students of Loreto College on sports personalities. Athlete Rights activist Dr. Payoshini Mitra stated that resisting unnecessary and unsolicited physical examinations and scrutiny like sex testing policies in women's sports is absolutely imperative. Prof. Supriya Chaudhuri, Prof. Souvik Naha, athlete Banani Saha and journalist Gautam Bhattacharya talked about various aspects like women boxers in Kidderpore, the game of Kabbadi getting recognition in the international arena, and women sport luminaries in India along with their trials and tribulations. Papers were presented by participants from Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi, Salesian College, Siliguri, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Patna Women's College and students from Loreto College.

Learning Objectives:

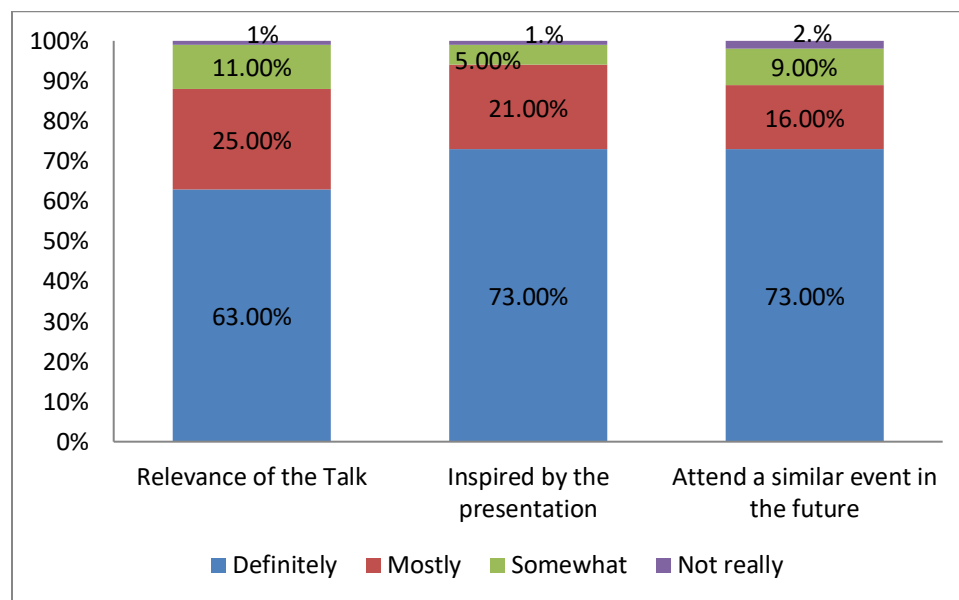
- Understand that Sport is culture specific and cuts across global boundaries between cultures.
- Analyze the marginalization of women in sport and highlight the need for support and possibilities for their progression in this field.
- Comprehend the role of media in polarizing representations of male and female athletes and bridge the inequalities in sports.
- Help understand how Sport diplomacy may transcend cultural differences and bring people together.

Learning Outcomes:

- Participants understood the role that Sport can play in cutting across global boundaries between cultures.
- Students learnt to analyze the marginalization of women in sport and the need to support their progression in this field.
- Students were able to comprehend the role of media in polarizing representations of male and female athletes and bridge the inequalities in sports.

Feedback

Total No. of Respondents: 159



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TIME: 10 A.M.

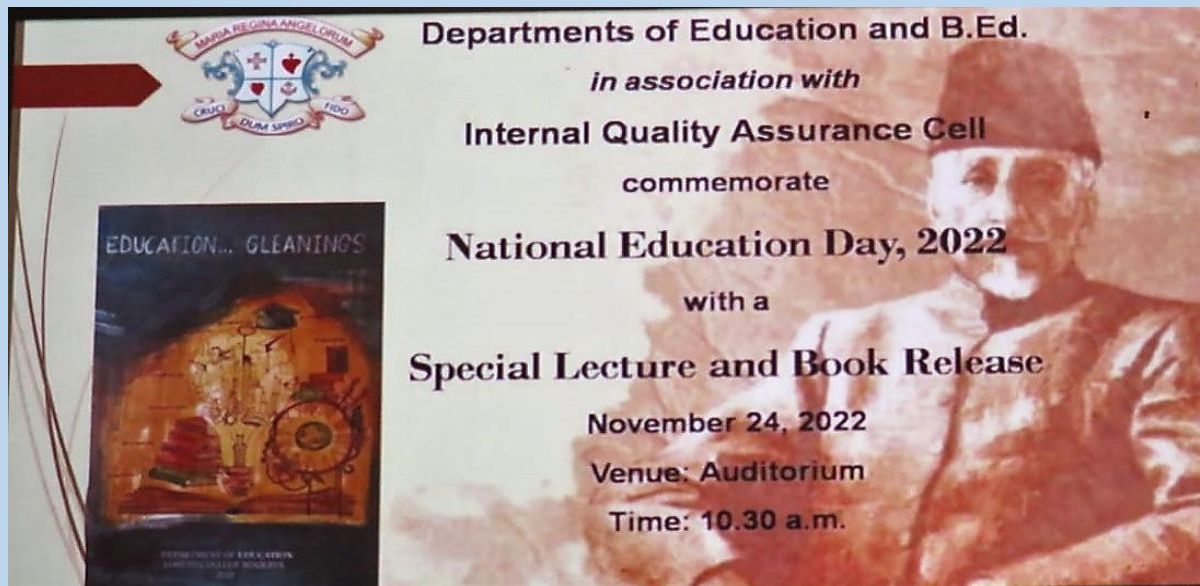
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Departments of Education and B. Ed.

Report on

Commemoration of National Education Day with a Special Lecture and Book Release.

Date: November 24, 2022



The Departments of Education and B. Ed. of Loreto College, Kolkata, commemorated National Education Day, 2022, with an invigorating lecture and a book launch by the Department of Education. The chief guests were Mr. Barry O'Brien and Mrs. Denise O'Brien. Mrs. Sukanya Mullick began the programme with the welcome speech, which was followed by the lighting of the lamp. Sister Christine Coutinho, Principal of Loreto College, welcomed the gathering and offered a prayer.

Mr. O'Brien, one of India's leading quiz-masters, motivational speaker and notable educationist, discussed the changing role of educators as facilitators of learning. Through his speech, he demonstrated the various skills of effective teaching, drawing examples from his life and experiences. While stressing on the importance of making education relevant for the learners, the speaker encouraged educators to provide vocational training in order to prepare them for the challenges of life.

Mr. O'Brien emphasized the importance of observation and perseverance for being an educationist. He mentioned how Christian missionary schools and Anglo-Indian schools focus on character building. Such a vision is the need of the hour since India's education system has become highly business-oriented. Mr O'Brien encouraged the young audience with the purpose of making a difference in society, and being a unique individual, capable of independent critical thinking.

Dr. Neeta Dang then introduced the book to the audience. She highlighted the many contributions by various educators for this publication, bringing to the fore the essence of education and the need for Creativity, Aims and Technology in Education. Gleanings is an anthology of articles emphasizing the evolution of education and teaching via the transformative nature of Jesuit education, enhancement of the self through education, and how liberalization and the post-truth world have impacted education and our lives.

The event ended with a Vote of Thanks put forward by Dr. Dang and the official book launch by Sr. Coutinho and Mr. And Mrs. O'Brien. The students were once again reminded of the place education has in their life, having learnt effective ways to facilitate the development of young minds.

Learning objectives:

- Understand the true essence of the National Education Day.
- Understand the need for education for all
- Analyse the extent to which effective teaching learning is taking place in present-day classrooms.
- Develop knowledge and skills essential to become effective facilitators for students.

Learning outcomes:

- Participants reflected on the true essence of the National Education Day.
- Developed awareness about the need for education for all
- Reflected on the extent to which effective teaching learning is taking place in present-day classrooms.
- Developed knowledge about skills essential to become effective facilitators for students.

Feedback Report

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