

## **SAMAGAM 2017**

### **POT PAINTING**

The W.E. Nature society organised a pot painting competition as part of Loreto College's annual fest - *Samagam*. Mr. Rupchand Kundu, a famous installation artist and professional painter from West Bengal was requested to judge the event. Pots were provided to the participants.

A total of eight participants - two from Loreto college, Lady Brabourne College, Shri Sikshayatan college and Gokhale Memorial College each, participated in this competition. Participants from Loreto College and Lady Brabourne College were declared winners in this display of creativity and artistic skills.

### **TREASURE HUNT**

There is treasure in knowledge and this treasure is in abundance in our library. 'Treasure Hunt', the Library Society's event for *Samagam*, celebrated just that. Participants from different colleges solved a questionnaire using all the library resources like magazines, journals, newspapers and the internet. Lady Brabourne stood first, Loreto College second and Shri Shikshayatan College third in this innovative exercise.

### **KEEP IT REAL**

The first edition of Social Service Society's 'Keep It Real' at *Samagam*'17 saw students from 5 colleges coming up with unique and realistic solutions to social issues such as social exclusion and male sexual abuse. The objective of hosting this event was to bring home the fact that the common people are merely ranting about problems that the society collectively face without offering feasible and positive ways of combating them. The 1st prize was bagged by Jadavpur University while the 2nd prize was awarded to the host college.

### **FOOTLOOSE**

The Western Cultural Society organised its annual event, 'Footloose' - a dance competition - as part of Loreto College's annual fest, *Samagam* on 18th November, 2017. Mr. Shayon Dey, Shiamak Davar's Head Instructor and Principal Dancer, had been invited to judge the event. There were 2 categories - duet and group. Loreto College, Scottish Church College, Lady Brabourne College and Gokhale Memorial College participated in this event. The 1st and 2nd prizes were won by Loreto College and Scottish Church respectively.

### **SKIP A BEAT**

'Skip a Beat' is an event organised by the Western Cultural Society of Loreto College for *Samagam*. Mr. Clarence Britto, the music teacher at Loreto House, judged the event. There were duet performances from Jadavpur University, Scottish Church, IIHM and Loreto College. This was

followed by a guest performance by the Loreto College band. Loreto College was declared winner and the second prize was awarded to Jadavpur University.

### **THE MOCK NEWS ROOM**

The 'Mock News Room' organised by the Media Society was held on day 3 of *Samagam*. It aimed at engaging the audience in a panel discussion on a contemporary issue of social relevance. The topic of 2017's 'Mock News Room' was 'Will India ever get over its obsession with Godmen?'. Apart from Loreto College, three other colleges took part in the event -Jadavpur University, Scottish Church College and Gokhale Memorial Girls College. Mr. Sujoy Dhar and Mr. Bhaskar Dhar, two eminent journalists, acted as the judges for the panel discussion. Jadavpur University received the certificate for Best Anchor while Loreto College received the certificates for the Best Speaker and the Best Team.

### **IMPROVISO**

The Leadership Training Service society of Loreto College organised 'Improviso', an event where the talents of extemporaneous deliverence and improvisational skills of the participants are tested. Mrs. Nandini Bhattacharjee, a teacher at Loreto Elliot road was the judge for this event. It was an impromptu event where the participants were given topics from a variety of subjects - current affairs, social issues, sports and general issues. Two participants from Loreto College and two from Scottish Church College participated in this event. Loreto college won the Best Speaker as well as the Best team awards in this event.

### **STREET PLAY**

The Street Play Competition is organised every year by the Political Science Society of Loreto College. Street Plays usually try to bring out specific social issues to the forefront through drama and music. The theme for this year's street play was "Life or Live? The Effects of Social Media on the Society". The participating colleges were Shri Shikshayatan College, Lady Brabourne College, Scottish Church College and Loreto College. Loreto College bagged the second position in the Street Play competition and Scottish Church college won the first prize.

### **TARANG**

The Eastern Cultural Society organized duet and group dance events for *Samagam*'17. For the group dance, colleges could take either pure indian classical form or creative or semi classical dance forms. Arpita Venkatesh, the renowned Odissi Dancer was the judge for the event. Loreto college won the first position and Scottish Church College the second.

### **DAMAYANTI SHIELD DEBATE**

The Debating Society of Loreto College organised the 'Damayanti Shield' Debate as part of the opening event of *Samagam*2017. The motion for this year's debate was "This House believes that Good Politics is derived from Good Economics." Ms. Shilpi Jaiswal Sen, Management Suervisor

at Hill & Knowlton Strategies, Mr. Pradeep Gooptu, Founder and Trustee of Calcutta Debating Circle and Mr. Divyanshu Damani, Inspirational speaker formed the panel of judges and the debate was chaired by Mr. S. V. Raman. Participating teams included Shri Shikshayatan College, St. Xavier's College, Presidency University, Scottish Church College and Loreto College. Presidency University was adjudged the Best Team and Moyuree Mukherjee from Presidency University bagged the Best Speaker award. Sukanya Bhattacharya, also from Presidency, was awarded the second Best Speaker award.

### **PAINTING WITHOUT A BRUSH**

The NSS Society organised a competition named 'Painting without a brush' as part of the college annual fest *Samagam*. Five colleges - Shri Shikshayatan College, Lady Brabourne College, Heritage College, Scottish Church College and Loreto College - participated in this event. The participants were provided with brustro sheets and were asked to bring the required stationaries. They were given a time duration of ninety minutes. Miss Chandrani Banerjee, an ex- student of Loreto College and presently a teacher in Jewish Girls was asked to judge the event. The first place was bagged by Heritage College and the second place by Lady Brabourne College followed by Loreto College.

### **AUS DER BOX**

The 'Psychology Society' organised the event, 'Aus Der Box' as a part of Loreto College's annual fest *Samagam*. Mr. Anamitra Khan, a renowned actor and director was the judge for the event. There were a total of 6 teams -Loreto College, Lady Brabourne College, Shri Sikshayatan College, Gokhale Memorial College, Jadavpur University and Scottish Church College. Each team comprised of four participants. The first level was 'Reverse Dumb-Charades'. Within a time frame of two minutes, three participants of the team had to act out a number of given words while the remaining one participant was to guess the same. Level two involved a 'Treasure Hunt'. In this level, five clues were hidden in different places all throughout the college. Each clue had a number of riddles that the teams had to solve. The teams were to solve as many clues as they could within the duration of forty five minutes. In Level 3, 'Can you sell it?', each team was allotted an unconventional product. The teams were to convince the judge and audience to buy that product. There were given a time frame of 4+1 minutes. The team from Jadavpur University secured the first place, followed by Loreto College in the second place and Shri Shikshayatan College in the third place. The best speaker was awarded to a participant from Loreto College.

### **AMAL GHATAK MEMORIAL QUIZ**

The Amal Ghatak Memorial Quiz, organised by the Literary Society, is part of the quizzing tradition in Loreto College and one of the most awaited events in *Samagam*. Mr. Somnath Chanda chaired the session as the quizmaster this year. Eight teams competed in the quiz which had questions from areas as diverse as current affairs, History, Geography. The last section included questions on the host college. The Quiz also witnessed active audience participation from the teachers as well as students. The team from Presidency University won the Amal Ghatak Memorial Quiz this year.

## **POETICA**

The Literary Society organised 'Poetica', a maiden venture, with the view to encourage performance poetry. Miss Srabasti Bhattacharjee, an expert on poetry and different poetical forms, was the judge for the event. The participants were allowed to perform in the language of their choice. Loreto College was declared the winner in this event.

## **AS YOU LIKE IT**

'As You Like It', the creative writing event, saw Shri Shikshayatan College, Lady Brabourne College and NIFT emerging as winners in English, Bengali and Hindi respectively. The participants were given complete freedom to pen their thoughts in a form of their choice - prose, poetry, prose or any other genre.

## **COSPLAY**

The Dramatics Society organized a cosplay competition on the 16th of November as part of the annual inter collegiate fest SAMAGAM 2017. Ms. Ramona Sen, a well known author and an alumna of this college co-judged the event with a distinguished young actor, Mr.Soumyo Mukherji were requested to judge the event. The colleges portrayed elaborate costumes in their respective productions. Two colleges - Shri Shikshayatan College and Loreto College - participated in the event and the home college was declared the winner.

## **MURDER MYSTERY**

For the first time the ICT society organised the 'Murder Mystery' event which turned out to be grand success -13 teams participated with their thinking caps on. The teams from Shri Shikshayatan College bagged the first and the second prizes.

## **POSTER MAKING**

The poster making competition, organised by the ICT Society, has always been a fun event and this year too, it created much hype and excitement. Students are given a platform to showcase their Photoshop skills in this competition. This year's judge for the event, Mr. Nirmallyo Ghosh, has been working in the printing and packaging industry since the inception of Photoshop. Loreto College bagged the first prize.

## **HAIRSTYLING COMPETITION**

The Spicmacay society introduced a new event this year involving hairstyling. Mrs. Ashita Khaitan , a reputed hairstylist and makeup artist had come to judge the event. There were 3 participating colleges including Loreto College. The participants created beautiful hairstyles including braids and buns and used necklaces as hair accessories which was very innovative. Shri Shikshayatan

College stood 1st with Lady Brabourne College and Loreto College as the 1<sup>st</sup> runners-up and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-up respectively.

## **FASHION SHOW**

In keeping with the established convention, Spicmacay Society organised the fashion show competition this year too. Mrs. Agnimitra Paul, a famous designer and Mrs. Nilanjana Chakraborty judged the event. One of the most popular events, the fashion show saw seven colleges participating in the competition - Loreto College stood first followed by Jadavpur University and Heritage Academy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions.

## **21. Century Reflections**

The History Society of Loreto College organised this event, as part of *Samagam*, the college annual fest. 4 newspaper articles on the India China Doklam Conflict was given to the participants and they were given an hour to produce a write up on how they would analyse this event as a historian, 100 years from 2017. The participant from Loreto College was awarded the first prize by Mrs. Indrani Chowdhury.

## **HISTORY THROUGH A LENS**

The 2nd event of the History Society witnessed the participation of 4 colleges - Loreto College, Shri Shikshayatan College, Lady Brabourne College and the Scottish Church College. Teams of three were given an hour to go around the vicinity of Park Street and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai street to click pictures of 2 buildings with historical importance. After returning back to college they had to submit a write up on why they chose to photograph those heritage sites. Based on the composition and their reasons, Mr. Farrell Shah, handed over the 1st prize to Loreto College. Scottish Church and Shri Shikshayatan College received the 2nd and the 3rd prizes respectively.

## **CARROM**

A Carrom tournament, the first ever in the history of *Samagam*, was organised by the Games Society in 2017. It saw active participation by three colleges in the Girls category including the home team and two colleges in the Boys category. In the Girls category, Lady Brabourne College beat Shri Shikshayatan College and Loreto College to win the trophy. In the Boys category, Scottish Church College stood first followed by I. I. H. M as the runners-up. The tournament was referred by Ms. Sangeeta Sanyal, Assistant Professor, Department of English who has an extensive knowledge of the game.

## **TABLE TENNIS**

The Games Society held the Table Tennis tournament for both Girls and Boys categories. The former saw participation from Lady Brabourne College and Loreto College. The Boys category saw players from Jadavpur University and I. I. H. M. The tournament was referred by Dr. Dinaz Jeejeebhoy, the society advisor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. In the

Girls category, Lady Brabourne College beat Loreto College to win the trophy. In the Boys category, Jadavpur University stood first.

### **MIMICRY EXTEMPORE**

The Cine Society of Loreto College organised 'Mimicry-Extempore Competition' as part of the Annual cultural fest of the college, *Samagam*. Mr. Bibhas Pal, a professor in the post graduation department of Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan and a recipient of 5 Door Darshan awards for directing tele-films and special programmes was one of the judges. Mr. Archishman Sarkar- a senior sub editor of *The Statesman* was also a part of the panel of judges. Loreto College and Scottish Church College were the two participating teams. The participants were judged on their knowledge and understanding of contemporary and classic cinema. Loreto College was declared the best team with one participant from Loreto College winning the Best Speaker award and a participant from Scottish Church College winning the Best Actor prize.

### **60 SECONDS TO FAME**

The AICUF society held its event, '60 Seconds to Fame' on the first day of *Samagam*, where the participants from various colleges portrayed their musical talents. The judges, Kamran Khurshid and Christopher Lobo, interacted with the audience and performed for them too. Mr Lobo is a familiar face in the music scenario in Kolkata and has been singing at all the prestigious clubs and hotels in Kolkata for the last 11 years. Kamran Khurshid is India's first Karaoke World Champion. He has recently performed with the Backstreet Boys in Singapore. The first place was bagged by Gokhale Memorial Girls College.

### **WEALTH FROM WASTE**

The Art and Craft Society organised 'Wealth from Waste' as part of the college fest, *Samagam*. Teams comprising of two students from six colleges participated in the event. The participants were provided with a bag of waste materials and had to create something beautiful, creative and innovative with it. The time duration for the competition was 90 minutes. The judges were Mr. Srikumar Mishra, Mr. Tathagatha Mishra and Mrs. Moushumi Chatterjee. The first place was won by Lady Brabourne College and the second place was awarded to Gokhale Memorial Girls college.

### **CLICK-A-FLICK**

This is a photography event with a difference - the participating teams had to make a photo series, consisting of a number of images, clicked on that very day. The teams were given the theme "happiness" and were asked to follow a definite rhythm and storyline throughout. 7 teams participated and the judges for the events were Mrs. Nivedita Mazumder and Mr. Bibhas Pal. The winning team was Lady Brabourne College followed by Loreto College and Shri Shikshayatan College.

## **SUR**

The Eastern Cultural Society organized the eastern duet song and group song competitions. The participating teams had to perform a Bengali 'adhunik' song in the duet category and in the group category, the genre was band. Mrs. Millie Banerjee, the judge for the event, declared Loreto College as the winner in the duet category. The Scottish Church College stood first in the group category.