

Loreto College, Kolkata 2014 – 2015

Equal access is part of the admission process in Loreto College and more first generation learners in Higher Education have been admitted to college. There has been an increase in the number of **scholarships** to economically needy students. **Free meals** are also provided for needy students. **2 students with disability** have been admitted to the 1st year B.A. /B.Sc. class (2014-2015).

Outreach programmes in Loreto College are an integral part of college life. It is compulsory for all graduating students to complete a period of community service. The **NSS** and **Social Service Society** have conducted several humanitarian activities and organized **two Blood Donation Camps**, a **five days' Slum Camp**. Our pupils also rally around and donate **whole fresh blood** whenever blood is needed.

The **Women's Cell** conducts classes for the empowerment of **underprivileged young women and school dropouts**. In April 2015, **3 students cleared the NIOS Class X exam**. They have registered for Class XII with the NIOS. There are a total of 35 students studying in the Women's Cell this year. Shiba Falak Amin of the Women's Cell who completed her graduation with Education, Hindi and History and had passed the **B.Ed.** exam through Loreto College with 1st class has now been employed in New York Public School, Kolkata. At present **3 Women's Cell pupils** have been admitted in the **BA 1st year General** course in Loreto College (2015-2016). 1 Women's Cell student who is pursuing her 2nd year TTC is financially sponsored by the College.

Our pupils, after a **collection drive**, shared toileteries and warm clothes with the poor. The NGO Fete saw about **16 NGO's run by women** coming to display and sell the products in the college at Open Day.

The pupils of the Psychology Department of the College held the annual 2-days event '**Kalakriti 2014**' for **differently-abled children** and their educators, at which students from 'special' schools participated. The focus this year was **The Role of Sports in the Lives of Differently-abled Children** and our collaborators were IICP and Akshar.

We have been able to motivate our pupils to offer their services in the '**Teach for India**' Programme. 3 students have obtained employment in Cognizant through **Campus Placement**, 3 have been awarded summer internships in SBI, 1 in CITI Bank, 1 in Chrysalis. This is a part of our Placement Cell Activity.

The college was awarded **CPE Status** (College with Potential for Excellence) by the UGC in the 3rd phase and has been acknowledged by **RUSA** (Rashtriya Uchchatra Sikshya Abhijan).

All **B.Ed. students** secured **first class** this academic session 2013-2014 for the seventh consecutive year. Our **B.A. 3rd year students** 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 have **performed well** in the University exams. Many pupils have obtained admission for **Master's Course** in TISS (Mumbai and Gawahati), Christ University, Montford College, and Symbiosis (Pune and Bangalore), Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jadavpur University and in Calcutta University.

A Project '**Canals and Ghats of Kolkata**' in collaboration with SPWD (Society for Promotion of Wasteland Development) was completed by the Geography Department students and the report presented. **A Disaster Management programme** for local school student and **a course** on the same was conducted for the students of the college. **Human Rights and Empowerment** (Career-Oriented Course) approved by the UGC was successfully conducted for the 2nd year in succession. A research project Role of Media in

the 16th Lok Sabha Elections by the students of the Political Science Department was completed and the report presented.

Research is an important element of growth at tertiary level. In keeping with the college focus on progression, the **Research Cell** was started. The Research Cell met thrice in the year with updates on papers presented by staff and students.

Growth, improvement and evolution with the times has been the policy of the college. In order to empower staff, the college enabled 3 teachers to work at this research through FDP leave (Faculty Development Programme); another was deputed to complete M.Ed. and yet another is completing M.A (Education) to improve qualifications. 1 library helper has completed B. Lib while in service in the college.

The college has had **13 Seminars** and **Workshops** and 1 **Memorial Lecture** during the academic year 2014-2015. **4 Publications** were released - English Department: 'Critical Imprints, Volume III' – ISSN No. 2319-4774, 'The Poetry Forum – An Anthology Volume IV' by the students, 'Poems - Past and Present' – ISBN No. 978-93-84106-09-6 by a member of the English Department and Education Department: 'Challenges and Opportunities in Education' – ISBN No. 978-93-84106-03-4.

Justice, Peace and Integrity with Creation is linked with remembrance of UN Special days hence 'Peace Week' was kept in the college with a Peace Centre created where staff and students could spend a few moments in silence on their way to or from class. Kite painting competition with a 'peace message' was also held.