

Loreto College, Kolkata 2015 – 2016

Bringing about equity and equal access is a part of the mission of Loreto College and we are pleased to note that more first generation learners in Higher Education are joining the 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 (2015-2016), the total studying in college, now being 8; Loreto College is an **inclusive college**.

As part of the **Outreach** programmes in the college 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** and a **five days' Slum Camp**. Our pupils also rally around and donate **whole fresh blood** whenever blood is needed.

The **Women's Cell** this year completes **20 years** since its inception. It conducts classes for the empowerment of **underprivileged young women and school dropouts**. In April 2016, **3 students cleared the NIOS Class X exam while 6 cleared the XII exam**. The former have registered for Class XII with the NIOS. There are a total of 40 students studying in the Women's Cell this year. At present **4 Women's Cell pupils** have been admitted in the **BA 1st year General** course in Loreto College (2016-2017); 3 are in the 2nd year and 2 in the 3rd year B.A. General Course.

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 handmade items in the college at Open Day. The students also collected toiletries and gifted them to International Justice Movement (IJM) wherein young girls rescued from trafficking, are being rehabilitated in a home.

The pupils of the Psychology Department of the College organized an annual 2-days' event '**Kalakriti 2015**' for **differently-abled children** and their educators, at which students from 'special' schools participated. The focus this year was **Self-Love, Socialization and Development of Personality in Today's Ever-Advancing Technological World** and it was in collaboration with UGC, IICP and Akshar. An ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on **Perception and Portrayal of Women with Disabilities: Remapping their Identity** was organized by the Departments of Education, Human Rights and Journalism & Mass Communication in collaboration with Sruti Disability Rights Centre and Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP). The Department of Economics in collaboration with the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta and NABARD organized a two-days' National Seminar on **Public Policies for Inclusive Development**.

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

The college has received acknowledgement in many ways from **RUSA** (Rashtriya Uchchatra Sikshya Abhijan). Our pupils were awarded 2nd place at the district level **Youth Parliament**. One student was selected as the best '**Leader of the House**'.

Our students are **our priority** – recognizing and assisting those who require extra academic help is the focus of the college. Students were given the opportunity to use the facilities of the Library during study leave. Regular interface meetings are arranged for Parents to interact with the teachers.

All B.Ed. students secured **first class** in the academic session 2014-2015 for the 8th consecutive year. **All B.A. 3rd year Honours students** 2015-2016 have **performed well** and passed in the University exams. **38** students obtained **1st class results** and have done us proud. Many of the pupils have obtained admission for the **Master's Course** in TISS (Mumbai and Gawahati), Christ University, Montford College, and Symbiosis (Pune and Bangalore), Delhi University, Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jadavpur University and in Calcutta University.

The **B.Ed. Department** of Loreto College has been **ranked** as No. 10 among the top 10 colleges in India (India Today, May 30, 2016).

Human Rights and Empowerment (Career-Oriented Course) approved by the UGC was successfully conducted for the 3rd year in succession. 3 Research projects by the students of Psychology Department were successfully completed and the reports presented.

Research is an important element of growth at tertiary level. In keeping with the college focus on progression, the **Research Cell** made **6** presentations in the year (4 student and 2 staff) 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 research through FDP leave (Faculty Development Programme); another was deputed to complete Ph.D. and yet another has completed M.A (Education) while in service to improve qualifications. 1 library helper has completed B. Lib while in service in the college; she has since been employed in a school.

The college has organized **7 Seminars** and **Workshops** and 1 **Memorial Lecture** during the academic year 2015-2016. **2 Publications** were released, English Department - **'Poetry Forum'** Volume V by the students, **'Change and Continuity: English Studies in Loreto College 1912 - 2012'** by Dr. Aditi Dasgupta. Another recent publication already in print by the Economics Department is awaiting release.

The college offered its premises for the people of the Archdiocese to attend the funeral service of Archbishop Henry D'Souza, even while University exams were conducted.

To promote sustainable development Water Day, Earth Day and Environment Day were kept up; seeds of vegetable were distributed to staff and students of the College. **60 Solar Photo Voltaic Panels** have been installed on the rooftop of the college and an agreement with CESE for grid sharing has been signed.