

Loreto College, Kolkata 2018-2019

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. **Scholarships** are provided to economically needy students; **free meals** are also provided for these students. **2 students with disability** have been admitted to the 1st year B.A. /B.Sc. class (2018-2019). Loreto College is an **inclusive and barrier-free college**.

Graduating students completing a period of compulsory community service as part of the **outreach** programme, interact with the under-privileged. The **NSS, AICUF** and **Social Service Societies** organized **three Blood Donation Camps, a five days' Slum Camp and a free health check-up for all the support staff of the Loreto campus**. The value of saving life by sharing the good health that they enjoy is instilled in our pupils who also rally around and donate **whole fresh blood** whenever this is needed.

The **Women's Cell** conducts classes for the empowerment of **underprivileged young women and school dropouts**. In June 2019, **7 students cleared the NIOS Class X exam**. They have registered for Class XII with the NIOS. There are a total of 30 students studying in the Women's Cell this year. **2 Women's Cell pupils** have been admitted in the **BA 1st year General** course in Loreto College (2018-2019).

Our pupils, after an annual **collection drive**, shared soap as a cleaning agent and warm clothes with the poor. Open Day saw about **14 NGO's run by women** coming to display and sell handmade items in the campus. We were happy that the past pupils' reunion was attended by many more former pupils than in previous years.

The pupils of the Psychology Department of the College held the annual 2-days' event '**Kalakriti 2018**' for **differently-abled children** and their educators, at which students from 'special' schools participated, these won the hearts of one and all in the college. Awareness of Malaria, Dengue and AIDS workshops were initiatives of NSS students. The AICUF students organized a prayer service for the victims of the Sri Lankan blasts and to pray for the 40 Jawans who were killed to empathize with the oppressed. 'Gift a Library' saw 2 Government school Libraries set up with contributions from our pupils. Nelson Mandela's birth Centenary was celebrated

Research is an indicator of growth at tertiary level. In keeping with progression, the **Research Cell** prepared **4 presentations** in the year (2 student and 2 staff) with updates on papers presented by staff and students. A two-days' National Seminar in collaboration with the Department of Education, University of Calcutta was sponsored by ICSSR on **Gender and Identity: An Interdisciplinary Perspective and its Repercussion in the Education Industry**. The Department of Human Rights, Sociology and Journalism & Mass Communication organized a two-days' National Seminar, **Child Sexual Abuse: An Integrative Cross-Functional Approach**.

2 intercollegiate students' meets were organized by the pupils – one by the student of Economics, '**Ecolore**' and another '**Historia 2018-2019**', by the History pupils. **2 research projects by the students** of Psychology Department were successfully completed and the reports presented. The annual **Heritage Course completed 11 years** this year '**Built Heritage**' was offered to students of all departments. A workshop for students on dramatics by Culture Monks was much appreciated.

The college focused on improving infrastructure and facilities offered to students. Mounted projectors have been provided in one classroom per department, the Concert Hall too had one fitted. Classrooms which now have to accommodate larger number of students for Compulsory Vernacular classes as per CBCS system are provided with sound system.

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. Weak students put in 30 extra hours of Library study followed by a test: the

fruit of this has been academically better results. Library facilities are provided to **past students** on request. Regular **interface meetings** are arranged for parents to interact with the teachers. **Spoken Tutorial by IIT Mumbai** was offered to every student in the college for the 2nd year in succession. Tests taken were taken and IIT Mumbai awarded certificates to those who passed.

All B.Ed. students secured **first class** in the academic session 2017-2019 for the 11th consecutive year. **All B.A. / B.Sc. 3rd year Honours students** 2016-2019 were declared passed in the University exams. Many of the pupils have **obtained admission** for the **Master's Course** in TISS (Mumbai, Bangaluru and Gawahati), Azim Premji University, Christ University, Montford College, and Symbiosis (Pune and Bangalore), Delhi University, Delhi School of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jadavpur University and in Calcutta University. Students have obtained **placements** through the college in Indigo, Cognizant, ICICI Bank Gems International, Galaxy, and other good local schools.

The college went through an evaluation - **Administrative and Academic Audit (AAA)**, as a mid-term review. Loreto College has been **ranked No. 76** by **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)** by **Ministry for Human Resource Development (MHRD)**, Delhi. **M.A. in English** entered its 3rd year; M.A. Part I is 1st batch of the Semester system, now directly under the University of Calcutta.

Growth, improvement and evolution with the times has been the policy of the college. In order to empower staff, the college enabled teacher of the B.Ed. Department to **improve her qualifications** by deputing her for M.Ed. The college has recruited staff to fill in newly created posts by the Department of Higher Education, thus helping in academic improvement for our pupils.

The Ratna Chatterjee Memorial Lecture by the English Department was introduced this year; the **Annual Neelu Singhvi Sanchanti Memorial Lecture** by the Education Department was delivered by Ms. Amita Prasad, a former student of the college. **2 Staff Development seminars on Autonomy** to help a better understanding of the process of preparation for the same marked the year.

The teachers of the college put up a **Rabindra Jayanti** programme. The students rose to the occasion in performances for Teachers' day and organized **Samagam 2018**, their youth fest.

To promote **sustainable development** in our **Green Campus initiative** Water Day, Earth Day and Environment Day were kept up; seeds of vegetable were distributed to staff and students of the College. The college was the **first** among Loreto institutions to have **100 Solar Photo-voltaic panels** commissioned on the rooftop of the college with a daily production of **15 KVA** which is shared with CESE through a grid; this has **reduced the electricity bill** due to a rebate granted for the purpose. **Vermicomposting** with kitchen waste has been successful. An initiative of the WE Nature Society, this along with a vertical garden and a herbal garden have strengthened **Green initiative in the campus**.

The college was awarded **the best maintained College by Gurukul Awards and the Sapphire Annual Gala 2019 Award**.

We are grateful to God for His intervention in our Mission and Ministry in Higher Education in our role in **nation-building** and **educating** and **empowering youth** and we pray that we may continue to serve the youth women of Kolkata and West Bengal.