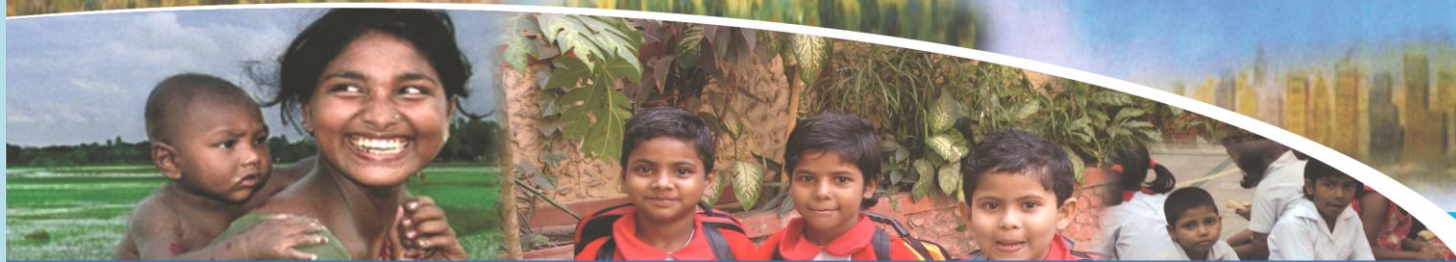




Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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LORETO ASANSOL

INTER-LORETO BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT

As part of the celebration to commemorate 175 glorious years of Loreto in South Asia, Loreto Convent, Asansol hosted the Inter-Loreto Basketball tournament from 9th to 11th November 2017.

The participating schools were Loreto Dharamtala, Loreto Elliot Road, Loreto House, Loreto Sealdah, Loreto Convent Entally, Loreto Convent Darjeeling, Loreto Convent Intermediate College Lucknow and Loreto Convent Asansol.



The School Fete held on 25th November, 2017 was a wonderful day filled with much laughter, fun and team building activities.



The Winner of the tournament was Loreto Convent, Darjeeling.

JUNIOR SCHOOL EXHIBITION ON MARY WARD



The Junior School of organised a project on 30th November 2017 to celebrate 175 years of Loreto in South Asia.



To commemorate the glorious 175 years of Loreto in South Asia, Asansol Loreto Community organized a thanksgiving prayer service on 14th December 2017, followed by a fellowship meal.



LORETO BOWBAZAR

VISIT OF TWIN SCHOOL – LORETO ALTRINCHAM



The students of Loreto Altrincham visited Loreto Bowbazar in the month of July. They took classes conducted games and had interactive session with the students.



Award for excellence

Loreto Bowbazar was awarded the prestigious “the telegraph school awards for excellence “in maintenance and eco –friendly initiatives 2017. To achieve Sustainable Development Goals 13 – climate action all members of the school community are actively involved in green initiatives like installing solar panels, planting trees around the city, keeping the school plastic and thermocol free and encouraging recycling and reusing of biodegradable materials.



JPIC clinic (health initiatives)

We partnered with the parents who are doctors to run free clinics on the last Saturday of every month in order to reach out to the needy in our neighbourhood and our school.



Special clinics that we had in 2017 were of the EDENTAL, ORTHOPAEDIC, GASTROENTEROLOGY, ENT, and general medicine.



Mrs. Indrani Ganguly visited Loreto Altrincham

Mrs. Indrani Ganguly in the month of October 2017 in her personal capacity visited Loreto Altrincham. She met Sister Eileen McConnon who had stayed at Entally for some time. She was happy to experience the same spirit everywhere.



Workshop held by Medica – Dr. Raja Mazumder (accident & emergency physician)

Dr. Raja Mazumder along with his team from Medica conducted a workshop for our staff members based on accidents and first aid measures.



LORETO HOUSE

It was a pleasure to have Maria, Chairperson of MWI Spain and Imelda, IBVM, Albania staying with us during the Conference on Trafficking, at which they were resource people. Visiting our centres in Canning, Santragachi and the Lodha village, as well as those of Darjeeling were moving experiences for them. As they left they were in deep admiration for the special thrust of the Indian Mission.



Our three Roman visitors, Srs. Judy, Brenda and Macarena, staying in the

Provincialate, shared meals with us at different times, giving us the opportunity to get to know them. On the first night of the Conference on Trafficking it was our privilege to host all visitors for Dinner in our large Dining Room. Needless to say the food was most appetising and welcome too after a strenuous day's participation. Renewed in spirit and energy many got up to

dance including our Sisters. Most spirited of all were our three Generalate sisters who entertained us with song and instrument. Brenda's song of blessing was particularly beautiful.

LORETO PROVINCIALATE

Our expression of thanks to our Teachers and Office Staff from all Kolkata schools for their contribution to the Jubilee 175 Years was held on our school compound. It opened with a prayer during which Sr. Anita Braganza invited all the Sisters to stand with her on the steps and stretch out our hands in blessing on all our staff, a moving gesture. Then the band (music teachers of our schools) struck up and all joined in a Paul Jones type dance; after that snacks and Dinner followed. Dancing continued for some time. All wanted this to be an annual event-with so much love and joy being shared.

The Loreto Alumnae Symposium on Leadership and Empowerment, was held in the school hall. The ideas put forth by 6 renowned speakers, 4 of whom were Loreto Alumnae, were informative and challenging. Many of us left the Hall striking our breasts especially after being fired up by Dr. Sunita Narain,



Environmentalism. The Final Pan Alumnae gathering in the P.C. Chandra Gardens was attended by a bus and jeep load of Loreto Sisters gathered in LH for the Province Meeting. Great was the joy of the Past Pupils on meeting their old Teachers, to whom they proudly introduced their families. It was a night to remember and we are grateful to Sr. Marilla at whose insistence we all went.

A feature of our Parish since the arrival of Fr. Lucas is regular get togethers of Priests and Religious throughout the year. The January gathering was the responsibility of the Provincialate Community. All enjoyed the games organized and the rum punch. Our Parish also held its annual Christmas gathering for Senior Citizens. It was lively and sociable. Among the guests was Teresa Ryan (Rebeiro) known to many of you. She recited a poem learned in Entally many years ago. She is spending a short holiday with her family here in Calcutta.

LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL DORANDA RANCHI

EVENTS



1. WORKSHOP ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A workshop on English Language was held in the school on 1st and 2nd of December. 26 ICSE school participated in the workshop. The resource person for the workshop was Mrs. Hilda Peacock. There were 56 participants for the workshop.

2. ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The Annual Sports Day – 2017 was held on the 18th of November. Mr. Sushil Kumar Verma, State Coordinator (Jharkhand, SAI) was our chief guest.

3. PARENTS DAY (Pre-Prep, Prep & I), (Class II & III) & (CLASS IV & V)

A Parents' Day was organised by the Primary school on three days. The celebration was in commemoration of the 175 years of Loreto in South Asia. The groups presented a Mary Ward play about the contribution of Loreto in India, Bangladesh and Nepal.

4. Each class had a Christmas Project

The students of class VI completed their Christmas Project with a visit to Guru Nanak Home for the Handicapped Children. Class VII visited St. Michael's Blind School. They met the inmates who showed them how they read and write using Braille Script. They distributed food packets and gave few essential things. Class VIII were given the opportunity to help the 'CHESHIRE HOME' inmates in the sale of Candles, Handkerchief, Candles made by them. Class IX visited Shishu Bhawan, Hinoo. The students of Class XI Arts got the golden opportunity to visit Nirmal Hriday located in Jail Road and met the elderly, mentally retarded people and even inmates of age 16 - 20. Class XII students visited Apna - Ghar, old age home which has 25 inmates. Gifts, presence, laughter, listening – all were appreciated.



WELCOMING OF SR. IMELDA POOLE

Sr. Imelda Poole reached Loreto Convent, Ranchi at 2 p.m. She was welcomed by the students of Class X, XI & XII with a Nagpuri Dance and Hand Washing and a Bouquet.

VISIT OF THE GENERAL CONSULTORS TO LORETO CONVENT, RANCHI, JHARKHAND



The classes IV and V welcomed the Sisters with a Tribal Dance and felicitated them by washing their hands according to the tribal culture. They were also garlanded and bouquets were presented to them.



LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY

We're sorry for not keeping in touch with the Province for so long. Here are some recent interesting tidbits from Entally.

Every year the TTC has a Coffee Morning at the Kenilworth Hotel to raise money for its social projects. Entally is one of the beneficiaries. Tables were booked by various people who laid out their wares and the sales were good. The Coffee Morning on 12th Sept was a lovely get-together. Our sisters got a chance to meet several old friends and benefactors. Mrs. Ayesha Das R.I.P., a faithful friend of Loreto, began this tradition of the annual Coffee Morning and we can never forget all that she did for our children. May God reward her abundantly.

Our students participated in several functions celebrating Loreto's 175 years in South Asia. Some of our girls went to Loreto Lucknow to take part in the Inter Loreto Dance Festival. Others went to Asansol for the Inter Loreto Basket Ball Tournaments. They were delighted to meet other Loreto schools and returned with joyful hearts praising their hosts for their hospitality and graciousness. Our Junior School hosted VIBRANT HUES and invited other Loreto Junior Schools to participate in the Speech Making, Craft and Painting Programmes.

We were delighted to have friends and relatives with us through this year. Nalini Rocha, and her daughter, Lee Ann Rocha, nieces of Sister Mary spent 3 days with us in August. Sister Alice Mary's eldest brother Joe, his wife Ruby and their son Gerry, came from Goa for a fortnight in October. They stayed in Seva Kendra and celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with our community on 28th Oct. We were also delighted to welcome our General Consultors, Judy, Brenda and Macarena this year. Sister Cindy Langlois, from the US Province, also visited us with Sister Beatrice and we enjoyed listening to Sister Imelda Poole, from the English Province, about her mission in Albania.

We had our sorrows too. Sister Carmella lost her older sister, Sister Helen Marie in Bangalore in September and in October, Sister Alice Mary lost her grand-niece, Lee Ann Rocha in a tragic car accident. Lee Ann was at Entally, having a wonderful time with us, only a month before her tragic death. May they rest in peace.

We were privileged to have the closing ceremony of the 175 years of Loreto in South Asia on our campus. The day began with Holy Mass, concelebrated on our grounds, by our Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, along with several priest friends. Teacher and student representatives from our Loreto Schools in India were present and were our guests. The Archbishop spoke glowingly about Loreto's contribution to Kolkata and

other parts of India over the past 175 years. The choir, under the able guidance of Sister Celine Pinto and Mr. Dominic Saldanha was grand. A large congregation of friends and past pupils were present. After Mass there was coffee and snacks for the guests in our Gym. Friends and well-wishers were thrilled to meet one another after years. Thereafter the Loreto Sisters were warmly welcomed to the Entally refectory for lunch. At 4 p.m. past pupils, parents, and guests gathered on the grounds once again, for a spectacular Drill Display. Each Kolkata Loreto School gave an item and the performances were excellent. The final item was a gorgeous torch light drill done in the dark by the Loreto Entally girls. Sister Anita Braganza's speeches after the Mass and Drill Display were full of gratitude, inspiration and appreciation.

On 28th December our Community members packed their bags and set off for Province Days in Loreto House. Sister Alice Mary stayed back and held the fort! The Sisters found the three Province days spent very helpful and returned refreshed and renewed. Mr. Bobby Moore was an excellent resource person and his contribution was much appreciated.

Thus ends our sage on the recent Highlights of the Loreto Entally Community.

DMWSC

A farewell was given to Sr Leena by the DMWSC staff and the field associates on the 29th of December 2017. Words of gratitude were expressed for all her contribution towards the organization.

Sr. Helen Borneo joined Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre as the new director on the 8th of January 2018. The official handing over was done by Sr. Leena Lakra.

4 Australian volunteers arrived on 9th and 10th January.

A field visit was made by Sr. Helen along with Sr. Sanjyoti Kerketta, Priska Kandulna (project coordinator) and the supervisor on the 17th January 2018 to Garidhura, to conduct a meeting with the Self Help group women in the community. The women from the groups shared their achievements after getting involved in the groups. Sister shared that she will be supporting them in all kinds of work in networking with the Block and District level development officers.



The 23 Volunteers from Ireland were welcomed on the 23rd of January 2018.

A network meeting was conducted by the Lok Manch unit of Human Life Development Research Centre (HLDRC) run by the Jesuits on the 25th January where DMWSC staff and Sr. Helen attended the meeting on the issues of Land rights, Public

Distribution System, National Food Security Act and Maternity benefits.

Mary Ward Day was celebrated on the 29th January 2018 with all the field associates at DMWSC. Sr. Sanjyoti showed a power point presentation on the life of Mary Ward. Sr. Helen was officially welcomed by the DMWSC staff through beautiful songs. A farewell to Deepika Sharma (Accountant) was given by all.



A collaborative meeting was conducted on the 30th January where members from Seva Kendra, HLDRC, DMWSC discussed the programme scheduled for Women's Day. This time women of Self Help Groups from 5 blocks targetting 1500 women will be participating in the common event which will mainly discuss the issues of land rights, maternity benifit schemes, self help group facilities in attaining livelihood opprtunities.

Happy Birthday

FEAST DAY

JANUARY

NAMES

B'DAY

21st Jan

23rd Jan

Sr. Jency. V	2nd Jan
Sr. Agnes Bhutia	5th Jan
Sr. Banisha Sohkhet	8th Jan
Sr. Molly Francis	9th Jan
Sr. Phyllis Morris	12th Jan
Sr. Yvonne Gomes	14th Jan
Sr. Rani Regina Hembram	15th Jan
Sr. Maeve Hughes	15th Jan
Sr. Sunila Toppo	19th Jan
Sr. Agnes Bhutia	
Sr. Monica Suchiang	23rd Jan
Sr. Anita Nayak	23rd Jan
Sr. Sangeeta Surin	23rd Jan
Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer	
Sr. Helen Borneo	25th Jan
Sr. Shalini Rozario	26th Jan
Sr. Priyanka Topno	27th Jan
Sr. Ganga Jyoti Bardewa	28th Jan

FEBRUARY

FEAST DAY

NAMES

B'DAY

11th Feb

Sr. Leena Lakra	5th Feb
Sr. Lourdes Noronha	
Sr. Carmella Coelho	11th Feb
Sr. Mariam Ekka	16th Feb
Sr. Maria Bastian	19th Feb
Sr. Igora Pinto	22nd Feb
Sr. Sangeeta Madhuri Jojo	24th Feb
Sr. Maxima Toppo	26th Feb
Sr. Josephine Burh	28th Feb
Sr. Swati Lakra	28th Feb



Happy Feast Day

FEAST DAY

MARCH

NAMES

B'DAY

Sr. Euphemia Fernandes	10th Mar
Sr. Christine Coutinho	10th Mar
Sr. Balika Pal	12th Mar
Sr. Claire McFarland	22nd Mar
Sr. Geraldine Moktan	26th Mar
Sr. Valeria Mundu	27th Feb