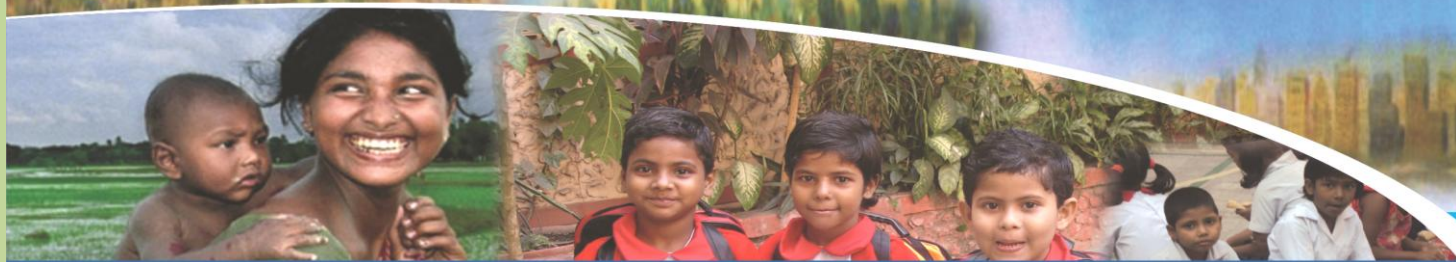




Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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Loreto Convent Ranchi

A Grand Celebration was organized on the 30th of January 2018, to commemorate the Feast Day of our Foundress, the venerable Mary Ward. The occasion also marked the beginning of the Platinum Junilee Celebration of Loreto Convent, Ranchi. The day began with the Holy Eucharist presided by His Eminence Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, His Grace Bishop Charles Soreng, Reverend Bishop Telesphore Bilung and Reverend Father Provincial Joseph Marianus Kujur. The Province Leader



Sr. Anita Braganza graced the occasion with her presence.

The Mass was followed by a programme. First all the distinguished guests were felicitated and presented a shawl and the sapling. This was followed by a cultural programme. The students of Class III presented a Welcome Dance. This was followed

by an enactment depicting the extra ordinary life of Mary Ward. Next was a skit and powerful dance performance on "Women Empowerment". The programme ended with a dance performance titled "Steps of India", showcasing the different dance forms of India then followed the vote of thanks by the Principal Sr. Monica Rozario.



The programme was followed by lunch which was attended by all the Religious distinguished guest and school staff.

5th February' 2018

A meeting was held in the Teresa Ball Hall (Loreto Convent). The meeting was chaired by the ICSE (2018) Convener Sr.

Lucy (Principal, St. Charles, Hesag), Mr. Chakravarty (Chief Co-ordinator, Bishop Westcott Boys' School, Namkum), explained the rules and regulations for the upcoming ICSE exams 2018. Around 75 participants included the Principals of all ICSE Schools in Ranchi, as well as the Supervising Examiners for each centre. Guests were served refreshments after the meeting.



Platinum Jubilee at Loreto, Doranda

It was a chilly, but sunny January morning when all roads seem to lead to Loreto Convent, Doranda, Ranchi. The crowd was gathering in multi-coloured warm winter dress, emerged from cars, buses and rickshaws to congregate on the broad patio facing the steps leading from the courtyard to the Asha Kiran wing.

The previous day saw us welcome Srs Anita Braganza and Sabrina Edwards from the Provincialate, Sr Pushpa Ekka from Shimla and Sr Anjuman Gidh from Lucknow, while our two "Gumlas (Srs Shakuntala and Swati) were home



for a long weekend to lend a hand in the overall activities.

The guests and parents, pupils past and present arriving came through the beautiful welcome arch, the work of our alumnae association LARA.



Blue and white flags and bunting fluttered in the cool breeze and into this

gathering came our Chief celebrant His Eminence Telesphore Cardinal Toppo accompanied by their Lordships Bishops Telesphore Bilung SVD and Charles Soreng SJ. With them at the altar as Mass began were Jesuit Provincial Fr Joseph Marianus Kujur, Frs Ajit Xess, Aurel Brys, Vinod Bilung, Christopher Lakra SJ with Manoj Kullu, Christopher Lakra PP and Sunil Rozario (Sr Monica's brother).



A graceful welcome dance led the celebrants from the Teresa Ball Hall to the flower decked tastefully decorated altar. Srs were there and they were cordially welcomed by Srs Anita, Marion and Monica. The well trained choir conducted by Sr Priyanka, the altar girls the solemn enthronement of the Bible and the reverent proclamation of the word of God by the readers all contributed to a beautiful Eucharistic celebration.

The Cardinal's homily was inspiring and challenging and the choir led the congregation through the various motets.



The final hymn "lead us on, Mary Ward" saw the celebrants follow the



Mary Ward flag to the hall where tasty refreshments were served. Meanwhile the children relished their packaged snacks.

Back under the shamiana the guests were treated to a specially prepared performance of song and dance depicting the story of Mary Ward and tracing the history of Loreto in Ranchi, in both at the Red Lodge, Purulia Road and Doranda House some four decades later.

Updating our history to the in the 21th century the various social action groups - LTS, (etc) portrayed the problems India and the world face today - homelessness, child trafficking, poverty, food scarcity... in vitally fascinating skits and declamations. The Cardinal and Bishop Bilung as well as many of the clergy, parents and

guests remained in their seats till the actors took their final bow and special guests were facilitated and it was time to draw the final curtain to hearty applause.

In the evening, many sisters, neighbours and friends joined us for a pleasant tea party where congratulations, good wishes and exchange of happy memories brought the day to a close. There was much to thank God for from Mary Ward's first Glory Vision to the end of our first celebration of Loreto Doranda's Platinum Jubilee.

Loreto House

Jubilee Celebration

We were privileged to host Seven CJ Sisters, six from Patna and Sr. Prisca from Rome on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee on 22nd and 23rd February. They had made a Retreat in Dhyan Ashram and these two days were to be spent sight-seeing in Calcutta before returning to their respective Convents. It was a joyous time and Srs. Anita and Agnes united in making it a happy Jubilee celebration. It coincided with our Mary Ward day, 23rd and so we sang the Mary Ward Mass, then we made our way to the Dining Room and burst into the Jubilantes.



Eve of St. Patrick's Day

Children from Loreto Elliot Road sprang a lovely surprise on all of us. With their music teacher, Dominic Saldhana they presented a programme of songs of all ages from the Beatles to modern times. The sing-song ended with some Rollicking Irish songs. It was a most enjoyable evening and one could sense the spirit of Sr. Marilla behind it all. The programme was followed by tasty snacks which they relished.



The Support Staff Picnic

Thirty five Support Staff, together with six sisters, travelled by two buses to Bandel. On the journey we were entertained by some bright young staff members who danced to their hearts' content while the rest of us sang. After breakfast all visited the shrine. We were greatly impressed by the devotion of our non-Christian members. We were disappointed at the unavailability of space for games and entertainment. However, we all proceeded to the river Hoogly for boat rides, novel for some but enjoyed by all later on. We returned to the hotel and had a sumptuous lunch. Then we all boarded the bus for our return journey. On our way we visited the house of one of our staff and had a refreshing drink of water from a mud pot!



LORETO HOUSE

It has been an exciting year 2017 - 2018 almost a roller coaster ride. Some important events during the last few months are as follows.

1. Successfully completed and commissioned 25kWp Solar Panel.
2. Finance Management and Banking Schemes workshop for Loreto Literacy Centre Parents.

3. Senior Section students excelled in Athletics and Basketball organised by the Kolkata Police.
4. Enrichment class for students of Nursery upwards was launched. This is in line with remedial classes to empower students.
5. Cyber Crime workshop on the dangers of using internet and mobile phones was conducted by the Kolkata Police Cyber Crime Department for the students of Classes VI to VIII.
6. Clean Classroom Contest for classes Nursery to XI and other areas of the school (Principal's Office, School Office, Accounts Office, Staff Rooms, AV Room, Music Room, Art Room, Library, etc) was organised on March 19, 2018, St. Joseph's Feast Day.



Loreto Elliot Road

Adoption of Saplings

On 28th March 2018 the Adoption of Saplings took place in Loreto Elliot Road. Students from classes IV-VIII registered to adopt a sapling for three months which were provided to the school by the P.C. Chandra Group. Each student submitted an application indicating that they were willing to adopt a plant-signed by the parent as well hence parents and students received the plant. An NGO Green for Life Foundation has been allotted an area in Rajarhat where the Saplings (Neem Plants) will be planted after 3 months. The programme started with a prayer by Mrs. Sonali Sil, from the P.C. Chandra Group, who showed the girls a video which gave them an idea of how the land which is P.C. Chandra Gardens today was 20 years before and the gradual, life giving transformation that has made it what the Gardens are today.



Approximately 70 students, ranging from classes IV to VIII adopted the neem saplings. Teachers spontaneously came forward to adopt another 10 plants.

Mr. Bevan George Michael of 'Green for Life Foundation' congratulated the school for this initiative as well as for the platform given to them to sell their products of recycled files and cloth bags that will help make our school a PLASTIC FREE ZONE.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Middle School Science and Social Science Exhibition was held at Loreto Elliot Road on 28th March 2018. The exhibition was conducted by the Middle School students from classes VI-VIII. It must be noted here that the concerned teachers and students began working for this exhibition only after the Final Exams which concluded on 9th March 2018. Some of the topics covered were History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Our Chief Guest was deeply impressed by the poise and confidence with which the students explained the different

exhibits. The most exciting was the History exhibition where the students enacted the beginnings of different religious influences on India starting from the Mughal Era to that of Guru Nanak.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

One Billion Rising 2018

On 17th February 2018, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre-Loreto organised “One Billion Rising” Campaign at Jatin Maitra Park from 11 AM to 2 PM. The campaign was joined by approx 1500 population from different segments; Schools Local Community, NGO's and community people from different project areas of the organization along with our chief guest Dr. Manobi Bondopadha.

Dr. Manobi Bandopadhia is India's first transgender principal and her presence not just motivated the transgender community but her never ending sprite to fight against the society to create a space for herself with dignity and honour intact has also encourage many women.



Snapshot of the event

- The programme was started with a short prayer by the KMWSC team members.
- The official flag off of the programme was done with an introduction of OBR followed by a flash mob on the OBR theme song “Break the chain” by the 140 students of Loreto Rainbow Bowbazar, Loreto School Bowbazar and Loreto School Entally.
- The first Performance was done by St. Ignatius School on the struggle of a girl child life.
- The 6 teachers from the brickfield school project performed on the social taboos and evils of dowry.
- Then the girls from Sree Vidya Niketan Girls’ High School performed on the theme Woman being the ultimate source of power.
- The next performance was by father daughter duo. Mr. Kalyan Banerjee and Miss Sukanya Banerjee they are renowned, artist.
- The students of St. Mary's Orphanage & Day School, Dum Dum performed.
- Sr. Anet performed next in the OBR 2018 she is a gifted singer. The audience loved her song and sang along with her.
- Our next performance was by Komolgandhar, the cultural wing of Durbar Mahila Samannyay. They performed on the modern women by comparing them with Draupadi.
- Our next performance was by Loreto Day School, Bowbazar. They performing on rising together in solidarity.
- Christopher lobo has been singing professionally in Kolkata for the last 10 years and he performed next. His songs madethe crowd shake their foot along the beats.
- The next performance was by the girls of Loreto Convent Entally. The girls performed on Woman empowerment.
- Padadhwani the all women dance group performed on the theme -There is a new dawn.
- Loreto Rainbow Bowbazar performed on the dance drama trains its lens on the transgender; who have visible presence in a culture normally associated with strict gender divides.
- Our next performer was of KMWSC Project kids from the red- light area. The children performed on the theme of two Durgas.
- Then the crowd was cheering on the songs sung by the Voices the boys band. Kamran the lead vocalist of the band has accomplishments boasts of being the first ever Karaoke World Champion India in 2011.
- The end of the programme declared by flash mob performed by Loreto school Bowbazar, Loreto school Entally and Loreto Rainbow Bowbazar after the vote of thanks.

Facilitation of the honourable guests

- We felicitate the Mr. Mohan Kumar Gupta, Councillor Ward no. 17 and he assured the audience he would try his best to assist KMWSC to reach out to the vulnerable women's and girls' in his ward.
- We felicitate next the chief guest of OBR 2018 Dr Manabi Bandyopadhyay. She became India's first third gender principal at Krishnagar Women's College in Nadia district in West Bengal.

We salute the bravery of such heroes

- One survivor from the sex- trade share her tale of valour and grit – Situations make or break a man. The hurdles and the stiff cliffs we aim to climb, determines the path we choose. The chosen path reaches us to the destination and we become the heroes.
- Not all tales end in happily ever after. Some tales have more to tell after the happily ever after. We had one more survivor from sex trade who is a fiery fighter. She shared her story of struggle and how she got rescued.

Waiting for the Resurrection

It's funny...It's strange...

Waiting for the Resurrection to happen.....

What am I waiting for?

I don't know?

How will it all happen?

I'm not sure?

When it does happen,

will I know?

Then what am I waiting for?

Resurrection always happens,

that I'm sure

Jesus rose on the third day,

that we all know.

Easter happens on a Sunday,

that's for sure

Then what am I waiting for?

I'm waiting for Him, to rise in my heart.

To whisper to me "It is I"

To tell me He loves me beyond all doubt.

He is all that I need in my life.

(Written by Sabrina during her 30 days retreat during Tertianship)

Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Centre

International Womens day

DMWSC celebrated International Women's Day in collaboration with Human Life Development Research Centre (HLDRC) and Seva Kendra Siliguri on 8th March ,2018 at HLDRC premises .The event was organized for the women of various Self Help Groups from 30 tea plantation .There were around 1600 women



present for the program. The main theme for the day was “**Press for progress**”

The chief guest was Ms Ronu Roy (Block Development Officer, Matigara), Guest of Honour -Provincial Fr. Wilfred Lobo (S.J). The main spokesperson for Self Help Group was Ms. Sushmita Barman (Women Development Officer), Maternity Benefit Scheme by Ms. Selestina Xalxo (ANM) and Minimum Daily Wage and Land Rights was Mr. Junas Kerketta. The programme also had street plays on Domestic violence, Child Marriage and Human Trafficking which was done by the women of self help groups from the three organizing NGOs.

DMWSC had displayed the jute products made by the young girls. The story behind implementing the jute project by DMWSC was covered in the local newspaper.

International Women's Day at Gayaganga and Lolay

DMWSC team celebrated **International Women's Day at Gayaganga on 11th March and at Lolay on 18th March 2018.**

DMWSC staff spoke about Women's day and the importance of this day. The topic was on Domestic Violence and Human trafficking. The team had a street play on domestic violence to show to the community women and various laws was shared with them.



DMWSC staff spoke on different types of violence and the related laws by which victims can ask for their rights and entitlements. The women were made aware on different types of human trafficking and the different causes leading to trafficking. The women should be alert in everything especially when it comes to deal with children. They were asked to be careful with the unknown person who comes to the village and try to make good rapport with the community to lure them of money, marriage and good job .The women



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Sr. Helen spoke about the importance of the **Self help groups** and how the government is giving opportunity to the self help group women to become leaders and earn their own livelihood option in their life. She laid emphasis on "**Unity! Love! Service!**" These three key words needs to be there for a community to develop.

Inauguration of Sewing Project

DMWSC has started the sewing project which introduces and offers transferrable skills and more vocational oppurtunities. The young girls who are part of this project will be well equipped to sustain their economic income. The inauguration of this project was done on March 10th 2018 at Panighatta.



Orientation program to the students of Basic Computer and Spoken English

DMWSC staff gave orientation to the students of Basic Computer and Spoken English.

The skill development project is implemented by DMWSC as the organization



believes beside school education there is no extra courses being provided for them to compete in today's world. The youths interested in learning the basic skills in computer and spoken English, through additional courses but the fees are high. DMWSC intends to provide opportunity for them by providing the course which would be for their benefit. Only with substantial education and with nationally recognised qualifications can these children begin to move into a mainstream society.

Loreto College

A Short Report on the Staff Development Seminar, April 2018

A two day Staff Development Seminar was organized on the 5th and 6th of April, 2018 at Loreto College, Kolkata for the teaching staff members of the college. Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, FMM and Dr. Ordetta Mendoza from Stella Maris College, Chennai were the resource persons for the seminar. The locus of this year's seminar was autonomy and the resource persons mapped the advantages of academic autonomy for an institution. The resource persons charted the broad trajectory of the universities in India and analysed the concept of affiliation and its short comings. They foregrounded how affiliated colleges are often forced to operate within certain rigid frameworks that stunt their growth as institutions. The first day of the seminar concentrated on the merits of autonomy to restructure, innovate and upgrade curriculum for better quality deliverance to the students.



The sessions on the second day served as practical guide to the establishment and running of an autonomous institution. Using their know-how of administering an autonomous institution for over thirty years, the resource persons shared their knowledge and experience of designing semesters, introducing new subjects - CBCS, conducting examination and using their time and resources judiciously. They asserted that autonomy is conducive and favourable to student-centric learning which is the need of the hour. The seminar provided the scope for the teachers to engage in detailed discussions on various dimensions of autonomy - from curriculum design, working out the time frame to evaluation and publication of results. The seminar laid the basic foundation for the establishment of an autonomous institution in future.

The Passion Play



On March 28, 2018, the students of Loreto College enacted the Passion of Christ, depicting the Passion of Jesus in the college Concert Hall where the Loreto House Sisters, staff and students of the college and a few friends gathered to experience the production.

The choir intoning appropriate hymns lent to a description of the greatness of God. This play primarily covered the final twelve hours of Jesus' life, though it commenced with Palm Sunday, the capturing of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus brought before Caiaphas, Jesus being condemned by Pontius Pilate, the scourging, the journey to Calvary, the Crucifixion and ending with the brief depiction of the

Resurrection with narration. The journey to Calvary was also enacted.

The play was appreciated by an awestruck audience, and was organised by the AICUF, Art & Craft and Dramatic Societies. A week of very hard work and dedication by the students under the guidance of Mrs. Ingrid Rozario, the Passion Play was an apt prelude to the conclusion of the Paschal Mystery.

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), approved by MHRD, ranked Loreto College 31st in April, 2018 from among 1087 colleges around India that applied for ranking, based on the following parameters: 'Teaching, Learning and Resources', 'Research and Professional Practices', 'Graduation Outcomes', 'Outreach and Inclusivity' and 'Perception'.

APRIL

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Marilla D'Souza	5th Apr
	Sr. Binista Kerketta	13th Apr
	Sr. Baishakhi Mondal	21st Apr
	Sr. Baiadamary Lyngkhai	25th Apr
26th Apr	Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy	
	Sr. Eithne McDonald	26th Apr
	Sr. Mable Pramila Rudum	29th Apr

Happy Birthday



MAY

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
31st May	Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza	2nd May
	Sr. Monica Rozario	4th May
	Sr. Anita Maria Braganza	7th May
	Sr. Stephanie Miketinac	7th May
	Sr. Binita Surin	10th May
	Sr. Neelam Kindo	12th May
	Sr. Gloria Lakra	13th May
	Sr. Nirmala Toppo	15th May
	Sr. Nirmala Minj	16th May
	Sr. Biviyana Lepcha	17th May
	Sr. Teresa McGlinchey	18th May
	Sr. Bernadette Lepcha	20th May
	Sr. Sarita Horo	26th May
30th May	Sr. Joan Smyth	
30th May	Sr. Celine Pinto	

JUNE

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. A. Anitha	7th June
	Sr. Deepa Biswas	8th June
	Sr. Initha P	8th June
	Sr. Matilda Lakra	8th June
	Sr. Greta Robert	9th June
13th June	Sr. Antoinette Rodrigues	
	Sr. Alice Mary Martyris	20th June
	Sr. Sanjyoti Kerketta	20th June
	Sr. Mary Nithya	22nd June
27th June	Sr. Cyril Mooney	
	Sr. Pushpa Ekka	29th June

Happy Feast Day