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The Transition from Loreto House to the 52 C (Loreto Residence)



The Leadership Team along with the Community in Loreto House had been talking and discussing about moving from Loreto House to the New residence that was being built for our sisters especially for the Sick and the Old. The new residence was being built because the College and the Teachers Training (D.El. Ed) needed more space as of the

there is a need to begin new courses in the college. Hence the Living space of sisters would be re structured and most of the space would be used for the College.

The New Residence which had been blessed on the 15th August by Archbishop Thomas D'Souza was now ready for our sisters to move. Sr. Agnes Bhutia the community leader had a meaningful prayers service on the 14th September 2019 for the sisters who would be moving to this New Residence. It was not only farewell but also a prayer of gratitude for them and their presence in Loreto House for so many years. This move was a historic move as for years Loreto House community had always been a base community and a home for all our sisters coming from South Asian Province and other provinces. It had always been a mother house for us and hence this moving brought lot of tears and sadness yet some excitement for all those moving.

On the 15th September 2019 sixteen sisters moved to the New Residence. The following sisters were transferred to the New Residence, 52C Radhanath Chowdhury Road Kolkata – 15

- 1. Sr. Beatrice Stuart Community Leader
- 2. Sr. Magdalene Munro
- 3. Sr. Maria Bastain
- 4. Sr. Claire MacFarland
- 5. Sr. Lourdes Noronha
- 6. Sr. Eithne MacDonald
- 7. Sr. Joan Smyth
- 8. Sr. Cyril Mooney
- 9. Sr. Christopher D'Souza
- 10. Sr. Elizabeth D'Souza
- 11. Sr. Angela Rodrigues
- 12. Sr. Cecily Wong
- 13. Sr. Lynnette D. Palmer
- 14. Sr. Alma Toppo
- 15. Sr. A. Powlin
- 16. Sr. V. Jency



Along with sisters some of our support staff were transferred to the New Residence including the nurse Shampa Rita Das and Raju the driver.

Some movable assets from Loreto House had been taken to furnish the new house.

This moving left a big void in the community in Loreto House and it is still taking time for us to begin as a new community, because the infrastructure is being worked out and the community from 28 members was now depleted to 12 members.

However all the sisters have taken this historic move in a Spirit of Obedience hoping this change will bring a better future for Mission.

Loreto Convent Shímla

As rightly said by Confusius,

Education breeds confidence, confidence breeds hope and hope breeds peace"

Loreto Convent Tara Hall has long believed in promoting peaceful coexistence through its vision of imparting education not only by the means of an inclusive curriculum, but also by incorporating various activities in it's plethora of idealistic learning. For education is not just mere learning experiences of facts but also the training of the mind to think rationally.



The goals of the institution have been diverse in their approach but helpful in their impact on empowering lives with greater consideration to mankind and the highest reverence to the benevolent environment. As a result, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals are upheld with great pride in the Loreto family.



The journey of Loreto Convent Tara Hall on the less travelled road of "inclusive education "can be easily traced from the pages of Victorian history. However even in modern times, this virtue of inclusion and integration remains a prominent part of its education process. In regards to this, the school initiated an outreach programme within the school premises on the 6th of September 2019.This interactive session where educative worksheets were distributed among the school children following which they enjoyed

themselves playing games and drawing pictures under the guidance of Mrs. Reena Gautam. This was

one of many in the series of events organized by the school to bring about the much needed "inclusion "in the education system" Certain students from the school became active and proud members or the Special Olympics Youth force. Their prominent efforts in promoting inclusive sports and education were not only appreciated but also incorporated by the school which led to the organization of Special Olympics Sports Activity within the school premises on 29 August 2019. This activity was in collaboration with **Special** Olympics Chapter, Himachal



Pradesh, wherein intellectually disabled children from an NGO called Udaan participated along with others in games like basketball and bocce. The aim was to not only help the participants build a strong character through active sportsmanship, but also to gain confidence to reveal it.

Realizing that not everyone can be a sportsperson, the school organized an Intra-school Commerce Conclave for the students of Commerce stream where through various events like debate, business quiz, taglines, jingles and PowerPoint Presentations, the budding talent could find a channel to showcase their skills. While skills and talents are meant to be expressed, the languages and ways in which they can be expressed know no bounds. Promoting the amalgamation of traditions with present needs, an inter school Street Play Competition was organized to set an example as to how these primitive yet strong ways of communication can be used in modern times to spread awareness. The various participating schools presented their plays in vernacular languages and focused on various subjects like gender equality, zero hunger, no poverty, better life on land, etc.

The exploitation of resources has always been a leading trait of humankind. While the benefits of such exploitations are short-termed and limited only to humans, the adverse impact it can have on the environment incorporates every single species living on the planet. Effective and advanced measures must be taken to prevent this. Realizing the need for these urgent reforms, the school has established a solar panel of 30KW spreading awareness regarding the use of non -conventional and more environment friendly sources of energy for a greener and healthier Earth. Such acts of environmental protection should not stop, neither should the initiatives of inclusive sports and education become any slower in their implementation. New strategies and strengths must be discovered and developed because both society and environment need reforms and co-operation for their restoration.

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LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD

PRAYER FOR AMAZON RAINFORESTS

On the 26th September 2019, the JPIC team invited neighborhood schools to attend the special assembly, 'Prayer For Amazon' to spread awareness about the devastating fire in the Amazon Rainforest and it's impact on our environment.

The prelude to the assembly was the poster - making activity in the middle school on the same theme. The posters were informative and creative bringing. The same posters were put up to decorate the hall where the event would take place.

The programme began with a prayer service. The videos and power - point presentation were all focused on spreading awareness about the current situation in the Amazon. The striking feature of this endeavour of ours was the combined effort of the junior, middle and senior sections of the school. The cohesive element projected our concerted effort to bring to the fore this cause. Hence, the demography of the area was an important facet of the awareness programme. The elocution and songs centred around the adverse impact it caused on the natural environment.

The guest schools were appreciative of the programme and said there were facts which was hitherto unknown to them. The interactive session concluded with a guest teacher from St Augustine school summing up that the man - made aspect of the fire is a serious concern for the entire world. It is imperative that each one of us take adequate precautions to save our environment. The fact of commercialisation of the deforested area which has created an imbalance in the environment was also referred to.

LORETO COLLEGE KOLKATA

Loreto College has always been identified as a "green campus". Over the years, many efforts have been made towards cultivating a green ambience and a waste free campus. Now the College has begun a VERMI – COMPOSTING programme, in which earthworms are used to enhance the process of organic waste conversion. Vegetable and food waste, mainly from the college canteen, in used on the garden premises to make high quality garden compost. The students weigh and pack the compost into the packets of 250 gms and 500 gms each. The packets are sold for Rs. 10/- and Rs. 20/- respectively. Vermi compost is a natural fertiliser and so reduces the need for chemical fertilisers and pesticides.

Other eco-friendly practices include the banning of the use of disposable plastic utensils in the canteen. Students bring their own non-plastic cutlery. Rain water harvesting and the banning of use of single – use plastic on campus; the generation of solar power, with sharing of excess power so produced by CESC, which then adjusts the amount given against the electricity bill each month. These measures help Loreto College to achieve its goals and become a leader in eco-friendly practices among the colleges of the city.

The college organises Blood Donation Camps on a regular basis, in collaborations with the Association of Voluntary Donors. In return for the services, Loreto College can refer anyone in need of blood, which the association then provides free of cost.

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ConQuest is Premiere National Quiz on the Indian Constitution. The Centre for Law and Policy Research, Bangalore, in collaboration with Loreto College, hosted the East Regional finals of the 4th edition of ConQuest. Dr. Basab Chaudhuri, Vice Chancellor, West Bengal University, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour, and Spoke of his pleasure at having been present.

The Department of History organised a lecture on Gender in Popular Visual Culture. Ms. Yashadhara Rakhit of O.P Jindel University, explained that 'Visual media' includes movies, advertisements, photography and art. She spoke about how gender representation in media objectifies women, depicts blateant misogyny, both emphasized as stereotypes. Audence and speaker 'interacted with a question and answer session, and the showing of some clips from movies. The seminar was very informative and provided a greater understanding of the representation of gender, misogyny, the sexualisation of the female body, and conventional roles imposed on women and even the unfortunate ideals placed on men.

The college organised a farewell Mass for the Senior sisters who were leaving Loreto House to take up residence in their newly built home. This was followed by a get together at which each sister was presented with a Rosary Beads from the Holy Land. The sisters were very, very touched by this gesture of warmth and caring, and they promised to remember in prayer all the staff members. There is so much more happening in Loreto College. Lack of time and space demands that we save the rest for the next Newsletter.

LORETO CONVENT, ASANSOL

FELICITATION CEREMONY-

Times of India in association with NSHM and EISOMOY felicitated the toppers of Classes X and XII.

Mohana Misra, Shabari Das, Ditsa Rakshit, Ruchika Lakra and Eeshika Dutta Roy from classes X & XII were awarded the Times Future Shine Award 2019 for excellence in the co-curricular segment.

SILVER JUBILEE OF MRS CHRISTINA D'SENA-

The school celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Mrs Christina D'Sena on 25th July 2019.A thanksgiving Prayer Service

followed by a fellowship meal was organised by the school on that day.

IPIC SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING-

The morning assembly began with an introduction on Human Trafficking. The JPIC members presented a beautiful mime. A power point presentation highlighted the different kinds of trafficking and preventive measures.

WORLD ANGLO-INDIAN DAY





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World Anglo-Indian Day was celebrated on 2nd August. The programme showcased the contributions of this community, their life styles, their food, music and dance.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



CONCERT

The children of the junior school entertained the audience and took them to the fairyland by enacting the play 'Cinderella'. It was indeed a spectacular performance and tapped the hidden talents of every child.

Our Senior School celebrated the 73rd Independence Day with great patriotic fervour and zest.



ADIEU – JOSEPHINE MURMU

On 24th September 2019, the senior school students conducted a beautiful prayer service to bid farewell to our dear Josephine Murmu, a member of the Group D Staff. A bouquet and a memento were presented to her.

LORETO SCHOOL, PANIGHATTA - 2019-20

JPIC Outreach Programme

The JPIC students visited Jesu Ashram, Matighara on 20th September 2019. Twenty students of classes 7 to 10 accompanied by two teachers were overwhelmed to meet the leprosy patients. They spent the entire day with them. The students were happy to share with the patients gifts they had collected in the school. The students came back feeling grateful for the experience



and felt the need to reach out to



more and more people in need. They were also grateful for all the things they have been blessed with, especially health and family.

School Fete

25th October was the day of the annual school fete. The whole school was involved in this event in one way or the other. The fete opened at 9:00 am with





showers of rain but that did not dampen the spirits of the students and teachers. There were all kinds of food

and game stalls. The most sought after stalls were the momo and lucky dip stall, and of course the jam session was a big hit. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The fete was a big success!

Loreto House

Twelve students of classes XI and XII of Loreto House, Kolkata paid a visit to our school on 16th and 17th October 2019. They were accompanied by two teachers. It was a joy to have them around as they shared their knowledge and experiences with our students. The Teachers shared with the JPIC students about the various concrete initiatives taken by Loreto House students to tackle environment issues. Loreto House students conducted morning assembly on United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), The students also conducted classes on craft, English, Geography etc. The staff too had a session

with

the two Loreto House teachers on school related challenges. Their visit was part of the twinning programme and it was much appreciated by all.



Recollection

On the 20th of October а programme was organized for the Christian students of classes 9 and 10. The resource person Fr. Vincent



George, SJ. began the day with an ice breaking session which was followed by several interesting and innovative activities, which helped the students to accept

themselves as they are and recognize their potential and capabilities and thereby grow in self esteem. The students enjoyed all the sessions and found them very useful. There were a lot of group activities and sharings which made the programme very interesting.

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LD POWERPAGES

EVENT LIST FOR AUGUST-OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



RETREAT SESSION

On the 17th of August 2019, the CLC members of Classes X, XI and XII went for an overnight Retreat Session at the Proggaloy Retreat Centre in Barasat. Fr. Peppin was their spiritual guide for the programme. The students were made to reflect and renew their faith as well as learn more about being a part of the CLC.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

A special assembly was organised on the 26th and 30th of September 2019, to celebrate Teachers' Day. This was followed by a cultural programme which included dance, music and fashion show based on the themes 'You Can Jive' by the Juniors and 'Glimpses of India' by the Seniors.



LORETO DHARAN MEETS LORETO DHARAMTALA

Ten students along with Sr.Initha from our sister school, Loreto Dharan visited our school on the 30th of October, 2019.During their sojourn, they interacted with our students and explored the popular tourist destinations of the "City of Joy". They also visited other Loreto schools in Kolkata.



NOVEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Sushila Kerketta	4th Nov
	Sr. Flora Anthony	5th Nov
	Sr. Ablin Tirkey	5th Nov
	Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy	7th Nov
	Sr. Lily Grace Soreng	8th Nov
	Sr. Sushila Tirkey	12th Nov
	Sr. Ranjeeta Kerketta	12th Nov
22nd Nov	Sr. Cecily Wong	
	Sr. Celine Pinto	23rd Nov
	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	30th Nov
	Sr. Amia Tete	30th Nov

DECEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Edelin Pompa Kujur Sr. Edline Toppo	1st Dec 1st Dec
8th Dec	Sr. Phyllis Morris Sr. Magdalene Munro	9th Dec
	Sr. Priyanka Dungdung	12 th Dec
	Sr. Jiwanti Tete Sr. Rina Ekka	13th Dec 19th Dec
	Sr. Anjuman Gidh	21th Dec
	Sr. A. Nirmala	22nd Dec
	Sr. Stephanie Rodrigues	26th Dec
	Sr. Benedicta Gomes	26th Dec
29th Dec	Sr. Tina Farias	