



Loreto (IBVM) reaching out.....



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Whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer in sacrifices, whatever you give away, whatever austerity you practice do that as an offering unto Me.

Bhagavad Gita IX: 27

LORETO CONVENT ENTALLY

REPORT OF JPIC SILENT WALK on 27th AUGUST 2013

The JPIC unit of Loreto Convent Entally condemning the atrocities towards women in our society decided to stand by them and with them. That women are not voiceless and powerless was the motivation that planned the silent peace march of students of all Loreto Schools on 27th August 2013. This awareness raising led to action. The ripple effect touched many neighbouring schools of the areas in which Loreto's are situated. Ms. Christine (MWI) addressed the students, making them aware of how important women are and why and how they need to stand up for their rights.



LORETO RANCHI

Aug 29 - Sr. Anjuman and the staff gave a lunch to felicitate Mrs. Pratima Bose on her silver jubilee of service in the school. She was presented with gifts and a memento.

Aug 31 - The DC Ranchi organized a tree planting project. Children from Loreto joined 15 other schools and helped to plant trees along the new Ring Road. They returned four hours later quite exhausted after the unfamiliar activity but pleased that they had contributed something that would last and add to the beauty of the capital.

LORETO HOUSE SCHOOL

One MarchOne Voice.....One Stand

The students of Loreto House from Classes VIII to XII, supported by the St Xavier's Collegiate School, the TTC Department of Loreto House, Loreto College and the Loreto Literacy Centre organized a Silent Protest March on the morning of Fri, Aug 30, 2013, protesting the atrocities against women which are becoming more frequent by the day. Carrying banners and posters that conveyed one message – that crime against women is unacceptable in any civilized society, the staff and students led by the Principal, Sr. Phyllis Morris walked the roads in complete silence proving that not only words but also silence is strong enough to convey their message powerfully.

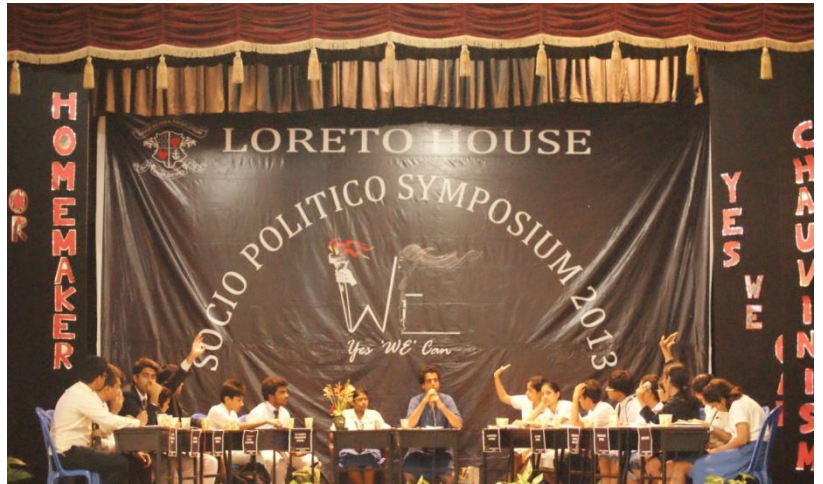
Socio-Politico Seminar

The Sociology and Political Science Departments of Loreto House School organized a two-day Inter-School Sociology and Political Science Symposium, the first of its kind in Kolkata. The theme of the seminar, WE... Women Extraordinaire drew its inspiration from the essence of the Loreto vision for the world -- about ordinary women who do extraordinary things every day.

The symposium provided a forum for the exchange of ideas among the students through events such as debate, poster-making, AV presentation and street play. The panel discussion comprising eminent speakers from different walks of life was another highlight of this seminar.

Klima

Nature Club held their annual event, Klima, an Inter-School Fest, on July 19 and 20, 2013. The events that included debate, photography, quiz, spray painting, dustbin painting, creation of wealth from waste, creative writing, music, extempore speaking and other events had very enthusiastic participants who believed that the earth was our only home and had to be protected and preserved for the future generations. For two days the entire school premises came alive with a message to protect Mother Earth and the efforts have been integrated into the regular school day. All banners, decorations, materials used for the different painting competitions etc. used at the Fest were made from eco-friendly materials. Relevant and interesting topics were given for the Debate and Extempore Speech competitions and the importance of all waste being biodegradable was emphasized on at the discussions.



NEWS FROM DARJEELING

For the last month and a half normal life was paralysed in the Darjeeling Hills as the agitation for a separate state of Gorkhaland began once again after a year of peace and normalcy. Schools in the hills were closed mostly since July 29, when the agitation began. GJM president, Mr. Bimal Gurung, in an appeal to



parents of school children aged between 12 and 18 years, urged them to allow their wards to take part in rallies.

Markets, shops, commercial establishments, government and private offices remained closed and most vehicles remained off the road. People remained indoors and Darjeeling hills wore a deserted look as a fresh phase of the pro-Gorkhaland agitation began. The call for “ghar bitrai janta (people inside homes)” given by the Gorkhaland Joint Action Committee (GJAC), led to total shutdown in the region, with only the CRPF walking the streets.



None, but those needing medical attention, came out of their homes. It was peaceful and the protests were non-violent. While the GJM took out rallies in certain areas, supporters of the party's youth wing rolled bare-bodied on the streets of Darjeeling town in support of the statehood demand.

Though the shops were all closed people somehow managed to get food to eat and some of our friends and teachers and even our group D staff brought in vegetables, chicken, fish etc. for us, thinking we were running short of it and hence we ended up eating more non veg food in the strike days than other normal days. In between we also managed to get away for a day or two to Siliguri. We travelled in the early hours of the morning and late night to get back to Darjeeling. Since funeral cars were allowed to ply we took a chance to go to Gitdubling for the funeral mass of our parish Priest's father and after that Mable and Anupa stayed back in Loyal for a few days. The community took the opportunity to make our Triduum and Marilla made her 8 days retreat during the strike days.



However after all these days, and after a meeting called by the party for all heads of Educational Institutions on the 5th September, we were finally given good news that Schools and Colleges would not be affected from henceforth and that all educational institutions would open from the



13th September but with a change of mind of the political leaders the strike was withdrawn from the 9th Sept. Thus with great excitement schools opened on the 11th September

With all this we pray and hope that peace will continue in our hills and we also wish to thank all our sisters who were with us and praying for us.

DR. SR. NIRMALA KUJUR writes:

My day starts with an early morning long journey travelling for 3 ½ to 4 hours on Wednesday from Loreto House to St. Joseph's Hospital in Midnapore. I am on call 24 hours since I am the R.M.O. (Resident Medical Officer). There is no starting of the day or ending, though life is more hectic during the day. There are a number of out patients and at night we get emergency cases. I also go to the cotton factory for two days to check on the patients from the factory. Apart from managing in patients and out patients I also take classes with the nurses and attend surgeries which are done by visiting doctors. It's a learning period for me as I get to see so many kinds of patients. In these remote areas people are

in need of health awareness programmes. Malnourishment is still prevalent. People still believe in “quacks” and old fashioned village treatments and remedies. People sometimes come to the hospital at the last stage when little or nothing can be done. I return to Loreto House from Midnapore at about 8:30 pm on Saturday night.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings I work in Shishu Bhawan. The Missionaries of Charity sisters conduct different kinds of special clinics for poor people and dispense free medication. It’s a great help for the poor who are not able to afford the treatment for their chronic illnesses. It’s a good experience working with the M.C. sisters. Apart from special clinics for the grown ups many visiting volunteer doctors are there for the little children. Dr. Sr. Andrea M.C. is very happy with the help I am able to give.

On Monday evenings I go to the Goethal’s Health Care Centre and work alongside Dr. Woodward. These are only OPD patients and if admission is necessary patients are referred to different hospitals.

Since I am in Loreto House I visit the elderly and sick sisters occasionally and inquire into their progress. Overall my work is life giving and satisfying.

OCTOBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
1st Oct	Sr. Therese Curran	
	Sr. Madhabi Brahma	1st Oct
	Sr. Anima Kujur	1st Oct
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	Sr. Sudha M	1st Oct
	Sr. Jeba T	3rd Oct
	Sr. Moira Cunning	4th Oct
	Sr. Bridget Nazareth	5th Oct
	Sr. V. Punitha	6th Oct
	Sr. Angela Rodrigues	8th Oct
2nd Oct	Sr. Arockia Mary Dass	10th Oct
	Sr. Renata Mistry	10th Oct
	Sr. Cecily Wong	14th Oct
	Sr. Soria Nongtdu	16th Oct
	Sr. Subhashini Lakra	16th Oct
	Sr. Mary Irene Ribeiro	
20th Oct	Sr. Lourdes Noronha	21st Oct
	Sr. Christine Gurung	23rd Oct
	Sr. Isilda Sangiang	26th Oct
	Sr. Aruna Kujur	27th Oct
	Sr. Sabrina Edwards	27th Oct
28th Oct	Sr. M. J. Jude Hales	

NOVEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Sushila Kerketta	4th Nov
	Sr. Flora Anthony	5th Nov
	Sr. Nirmala Kujur	7th Nov
	Sr. Mary Consuelo Murphy	7th Nov

	Sr. Sushila Tirkey	12th Nov
	Sr. Ranjeeta Kerketta	12th Nov
22nd Nov	Sr. Cecily Wong	
	Sr. Rajni Tete	18th Nov
	Sr. A. Nirmala	22nd Nov
	Sr. Celina Pinto	23rd Nov
	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	30th Nov

DECEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Edelin Pompa Kujur	1st Dec
	Sr. Edline Toppo	1st Dec
8th Dec	Sr. Phyllis Morris	
	Sr. Magdalene Munro	9th Dec
10th Dec	Sr. Alma Toppo	
	Sr. Mary Irene Ribeiro	16th Dec
	Sr. Rina Ekka	19th Dec
	Sr. Anjuman Gidh	21th Dec
26th Dec	Sr. Stephanie Miketinac	
	Sr. Stephanie Rodrigues	26th Dec
	Sr. Benedicta Gomes	26th Dec
29th Dec	Sr. Tina Farias	

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance; endurance produces character; character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romance 5: 3-5