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Our new mission in Gumla

The Gumla mission that was initiated to mark the 175 years of our province has 62 students in St. Ignatius English Medium School, Sisai. At present there are three classes namely K.G, Prep and One. It is a co-ed school with four teachers, Mrs. Abha, Mr. Premlata, Sr. Shakuntala and Sr. Priyanka. The school is amidst the mango and litchi groves with lovely atmosphere. The building is still under construction yet the children are happy and settled.

We began the school on June 13, 2016 after the summer vacation. For the last two months we have been actively participating with St. Ignatius Hindi Medium School which is in



the campus too. We began our celebration with the feast of St. Ignatius where our children sang rhymes and a greeting song for all the Jesuit fathers.

On the occasion of the Independence Day for which the parents were invited, the children were dressed up as freedom fighters; they sang the



patriotic song and danced for it. A drawing competition was also organized on this event.

On August 20, 2016 we observed the world mosquitoes day. Our students were well dressed up as cute mosquitoes and we had a procession where the whole school was out on the main street of Gumla to spread the awareness and encourage the town's people to keep their surrounding clean.



On September 3, 2016, we celebrated teachers' day. The children and teachers are very keen and interested in learning. We feel happy as we hear our little ones buzzing in English. They are ever ready for any programme and eager to learn a lot. We are hopeful as we work to make them the pillars of tomorrow's society.



LORETO ST. TERESA'S STAGES A FUND RAISER

The earthquakes of 2011 and 2015 have caused innumerable damage to St. Teresa's Girls' H.S. School, Darjeeling. The damage to the school building is of such a great extent that an urgent need has arisen to repair the building for smooth functioning of classes in a safe environment. However generating funds to bear the estimated costs of repair has been a gargantuan task in itself. Therefore at the initiative of the Headmistress, Rev. Sr. Anima Kujur



and with the collaboration of the students, teachers and parents, a Variety Show was put up from the 22nd to the 28th of August. On the first three days of the fundraiser the students had put up a vast array of events showcasing their talents. The emphasis was on not just generating funds but more on nurturing the inborn abilities of each student. With this end in view the usually introvert students were encouraged to participate in the Variety Show. The latter half of the events was sponsored and organized by the parents. Local artistes put up on stage a very famous Nepali Play 'PARAAL KO AAGO' and two musical bands from the hills, 'THE US BAND' and 'PARICHAY' also contributed to this endeavor through their live performances.



The toil put in by the whole Loreto St.Teresa's Family have come to fruition and St. Teresa's is taking the necessary steps towards a timely renovation of the school so as to continue in her mission of imparting education to young girls as envisaged by our Foundress Mary Ward.



LORETO DAY SCHOOL, ELLIOT ROAD

SENIOR SCHOOL CONCERT - 2016 **"AAZADIYAN"**

Loreto Day School, Elliot Road celebrated "Aazadiyan" on 22nd and 23rd August, 2016 at Rabindra Sadan Auditorium.





The dance

drama began with an invocation to God through a hand mime show, an enchanting blend of harmony and devotion which is special for Loreto Elliot Road. 'Aazadiyan' presented the major events that have shaped India's history, right from the Indus Valley Civilization to Independence. The drama was written and directed by their very talented school teacher Mrs. Shahina Daniyal. Three Cheers!

The dance drama brought out the richness of India's culture and her diverse religiosity.

All the students from Classes VI to XII along with the Rainbow children participated in this colourful extravaganza which ended on a note of hope and inspiration for the future youth of India.

Champasari

"GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS" Mark 16:16



Two and a half months of answering this call of Jesus, in the Tea Gardens of Siliguri, working with DARJEELING MARY WARD SOCIAL CENTRE, has been a very enriching experience for me.

With Tea Gardens closed, villages affected by floods and elephant menace, our visits to these areas were like GOD WAS WITH THEM. I was left with a spirit of awe and wonder as I experienced their simplicity.



To get to the labourers we had to meet top Police Officials, Panchayath Leaders and Tea Garden managers. This is when I realized how powerful that word LORETO can be.

All obstacles were removed, we were warmly welcomed and

permission granted to meet the labourers. All the officers wanted to collaborate with the Loreto NGO at Siliguri

What our labourer friends wanted was that we listen to them. I was struck by the cleanliness of their homes and their surroundings, which meant that The harvest is ready but the volunteers, few.



Thanks to Sr. Leena for allowing me to accompany her on her visits and welcoming me to be part of our mission in Champasari

I thank Sr. Anita for giving me this opportunity to work in this mission

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LORETO HOUSE

A FEST WITH A DIFFERENCE- LUMIERE 2016

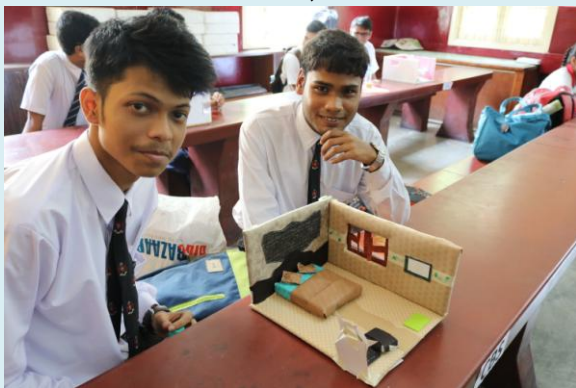
The dream of many batches that passed through the portals of the Loreto House came true after 25 years, when our Principal Sister Nirmala headed the daunting task of organising Lumiere 2016, an Inter School festival with a difference.

Indeed, the USP of this Festival was that the student body was involved in the planning, decision-making, coordination and execution at every stage.

The Fest was inspired by the Sustainable Development Goals enunciated by the UN, as well as the holistic experience the events would provide the students with.

The Fest was open to students from Classes IX to XII. The Class X were given the responsibility of the Opening Ceremony, and a special theme song was written for the occasion and set to tune by students of that class. The Class IX's got to participate in the Closing Ceremony.

The Chief Guest of the Opening ceremony was Dr. G. D. Gautama, the Chief of the RTI department in the State. The two day Festival saw many events like a Photowalk and a Photography Contest, Debate, Cookery, Interior Design, Fashion from Waste Resources, Western Dance and Music.



Fourteen schools, including all the Loreto Schools in the city participated and went back with a storehouse of memories.

In school, teachers worked tirelessly with the students in finalising every minute detail of every event. The Core Committee along with the other committees like Hospitality, Security, Prizes and Certificates, made sure there were no loopholes that could affect the Fest.

Judges were contacted well in advance and they gave of themselves and their valuable time graciously, often staying

back well beyond their event to enjoy the Festival.

The two day Festival concluded with a heart warming closing ceremony, which was graced by the Chief Guest, Sourav Ganguly, India's favourite cricket captain.

The schools were handed a framed poster of the Sustainable Development Goals by our Principal, before they went home with their prizes and trophies.



It was an enriching experience for the students and teachers of Loreto House as we got a chance to put our learning and values into action.

TRIP TO PANIGHATA

“Love in Action is Service”

From the 30th of August to the 4th of September, 2016 8 girls from the Plus 2 section of our school visited Loreto School, Panighata, our twin School. Five of our teachers also accompanied the girls.



The funds collected from our Annual Newspaper Drive was used to set up the Science laboratories at the Panighata School with all the necessary equipment bought in Kolkata and transported by road. After setting up the lab, the teachers demonstrated the working of several apparatus through activities and

experiments.



In addition to setting up the Science Lab, we also conducted several workshops with the different classes which brought our Loreto House girls and the students of the Panighata school closer.

We stayed in the Panighata school dormitory and Sister Alma was our most hospitable host. We conducted various educational and fun activities like story telling, working out English worksheets followed by Art activities like paper marbling, embossing etc. The children enjoyed the activities very much.

In smaller groups we also visited families of the students and studied their situation, which was quite different from the privileged home situations that we are fortunate to have. The girls understood how much more life has offered us.



The most exciting part was when the girls distributed gifts like pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and colour pencils to each child. We also met the Girls' Football Team and gave them sports equipment like a cricket set, carom board, basket ball etc. for the school.

On the last day, the girls conducted the morning Assembly and held counselling sessions based on hygiene and career choices with Classes VI to X. Our teachers exchanged ideas on effective classroom teaching, especially in subjects like Science and Geography. We were

overwhelmed with the cards and flowers given by the students as parting gifts.

Overall, it was an extremely enlightening visit and we all made memories that will last us a lifetime.

Our heartfelt gratitude to Sister Nirmala, Sister Alma and Mrs. G. Basu, for giving us this beautiful experience with the teachers and sisters of the Panighata School – our lives will be different from now on and we will be more understanding individuals.

Loreto College

The SDGs shared.....

The B.Ed department of Loreto College display an exhibition annually at its Independence Day programme in the college. This year our focus was on India's response to the SDGs – Sustainable Development Goals.

A set of approximately 50 charts on the 17 SDGs were first displayed in the college and then shared with the other Loreto Schools in the city. It was providential that this display of the SDGs coincided with the senior batch of teacher – trainees 'School Internship Programme' so we assisted in the display & transfer of the exhibition from school to school. A Visitors Book was also maintained to record the feedback received.



Since I was part of the team at Loreto House, my report speaks of this institution in particular. The first school to receive the exhibition was Loreto House. The charts were put on display in the Junior School Hall from the 17th – 19th August. The Principal and several teachers expressed appreciation of the charts and the tremendous effort & creativity involved in presenting the SDGs. Some students admitted that before viewing the exhibition they were unaware of these goals. For us too it was a learning experience of how useful resources can be effectively shared.



LoretoJPIC INDIA
(Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation)



The LORETO (JPIC) National General Meeting 2016 - URJA was held in Loreto Convent Delhi from 16th to 18th September 2016. Teachers and Students from each of the 15 Loreto schools in India attended this meet. This was the first time students were also invited to the meeting and they brought in a lot of energy and enthusiasm.



Sister Anita Braganza, Provincial Leader South Asia, Sister Sabrina Edwards first Consultor and JPIC link person, the National JPIC Co ordinators Ms Sumita Biswas and Ms Suneet Singh presided over this forum.





The event comprised of extensive panel discussion by esteemed environmental experts, who shared their views and encouraged the

students through a mock parliament to become Green



Crusaders for the future.

Ms Sunita Narayan, a past pupil of Loreto Convent Delhi and a Padmashree awardee was the chief guest for the occasion. Sr. Ancy. Sr. Sunita and Sr. Lucy, JPIC coordinators of the CJ provinces of Patna, Allahabad and Delhi were special invitees for the programme.



The JPIC activities were presented by the schools in a creative manner.

A trip to TERI University was organised where the teachers and students participated in an interactive and enriching session on Water Crisis and Water Management.

Sister Nirmala Arul, Principal Loreto House and link person to the United Nations briefed the participants about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals(SDG's) having 169 targets and 364 indicators.

The event concluded with the following Actionable Goals being passed:



1. Loreto Schools in India commit to dedicate 1 lakh trees to the nation by 2020.
2. Loreto Schools in India commit to making their schools Carbon Neutral by 2020.

Sr. Mercia and her JPIC team left no stone unturned to make all feel welcomed and at home. One of the students said, "We are proud to belong to this one big Loreto family".

COMMUNITY BURSARS WORKSHOP

"One who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much;" Lk 16.10

On the 23rd of September, 21 Sisters dealing with community accounts and 4 accountants of the schools in Darjeeling



arrived at Loreto Convent Darjeeling for the Bursars Workshop organized by Sr. Anitha Sahaya and Mr. Binod Periwal

We began on the 24th Morning with a prayer prepared by Srs. Baiada and Mable.

The first session began with a brief explanation of the Golden Rules of Accounting and Basic terms of accounting given by Mrs. Sushma Karki, the Commerce Teacher of Loreto Convent, Darjeeling. It was a very good beginning.

The next sessions were basically on how to work on Tally and maintain the accounts. Since some were beginners and others already had some experience and knowledge of Tally, we were divided into groups. Mr. Periwal had already given us some homework and we discussed these in the sessions.

Sr. A. Anitha did the Finance Regulations of the Province and Institute. The Session was very interactive, with lots of questions being clarified.

25th September : The Day began with the Eucharistic Celebration. After breakfast Mr. Periwal, who shared with us the various rules regarding FCRA and its Accounting, followed again by an explanation on various Tax rules and the various forms that need to be filled up for TDS STDS etc.

After that Sr. A Anitha also explained to us about the various norms and rules to be followed with regard to keeping community accounts as well as the norms for handing over.



We thank Sr. Anita Braganza our Provincial Leader for initiating this learning opportunity and all the Community Leaders who sent the sisters. Each one of us who attended are grateful for having had this opportunity.

SEPTEMBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
	Sr. Leena Lakra	2nd Sept
	Sr. Kirubina Tigga	5 th Sept
	Sr. Amia Tete	8th Sept
8th Sept	Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal	
	Sr. Anu Anet Lepcha	9 th Sept
	Sr. Shanta Xalxo	10th Sept
	Sr. Barbara Rudum	13th Sept
14th Sept	Sr. Lynette Daniel-Palmer	
	Sr. Mary DeSouza	15th Sept
	Sr. Malti Lomga	17th Sept
	Sr. Beatrice Stuart	18th Sept
	Sr. Anita Lakra	21st Sept
	Sr. Prabina Anastasia Rudum	22nd Sept
	Sr. Tina Farias	23rd Sept
	Sr. Linda Mrong	23 rd Sept
	Sr. Vimala Jenifer	24 th Sept
24th Sept	Sr. Maeve Hughes	

24th Sept	Sr. Mercia D'Souza	25th Sept
	Sr. Ponnamma Nadackal	26th Sept
	Sr. Anita Cardozo	27th Sept
	Sr. Tressia Aricatt	30th Sept
	Sr. Anupa Toppo	

OCTOBER

FEAST DAY	NAMES	B'DAY
1st Oct	Sr. Tressia T. Aricatt	
	Sr. Madhabi Brahma	1st Oct
	Sr. Anima Kujur	1st Oct
	Sr. Sudha M	1st Oct
2nd Oct	Sr. Angela Rodrigues	
	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
	Sr. Arockia Mary Dass	10th Oct
	Sr. Cecily Wong	14th Oct
	Sr. Regina Thami	14th Oct
	Sr. Soria Nongtdu	16th Oct
	Sr. Subhashini Lakra	16th Oct
	Sr. Lourdes Noronha	21st Oct
	Sr. Noela Tamang	22 nd Oct
	Sr. Isilda Sangiang	26th Oct
	Sr. Aruna Kujur	27th Oct
	Sr. Sabrina Edwards	27th Oct
	Sr. Madhuri Lakra	27 th 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. Mary Consuelo Murphy	7th Nov
	Sr. Lily Grace Soreng	8 th Nov
	Sr. Sushila Tirkey	12th Nov
	Sr. Ranjeeta Kerketta	12th Nov
	Sr. Rajni Tete	18th Nov
22nd Nov	Sr. Cecily Wong	
	Sr. Celine Pinto	23rd Nov
	Sr. Christopher D'Souza	30th Nov