

# LORETO COLLEGE, KOLKATA

# COLLEGE WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE

PROGRESS REPORT

2011-2014

#### **ANNEXURE-I**

#### UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION BAHADURSHAH ZAFAR MARG NEW DELHI – 110 002

## Proforma for evaluation of the College selected as CPE in (Round-I & Round-II) of Phase-I for its continuation during XII Plan Period.

## Part A: Background information of the College

<ol> <li>Name of the College with full address: along with Pin Code (including Tel/Fax. and e</li> </ol>	e-mail ID)	LORETO COLLEGE Tel: 22620662/5, Fax : 22659484 Email : loretcol@cal2.vsnl.net.in
<ol> <li>Name with full address of affiliating: University (including Tel./Fax Nos. and e-ma</li> </ol>	il ID)	UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA Tel: 022-22708700
3. Year of establishment of College:		1912
<b>4.</b> Date of approval of Budget by UGC Phase	l:	28-09-2006
5. Indicate the type of College		
(i) Affiliated College	✓	
(ii) Autonomous College		
(iii) Accredited College		
(iv) Autonomous and accredited College		
(v) Constituent College of the University		
<ol> <li>6. Indicate the Management of the College*</li> <li>(i) Government</li> </ol>		
(ii) University	$\checkmark$	
(iii) Aided Private Minority		

- (iv) Aided Private Non-Minority
- (v) Unaided College
- **7.** Location of the College:



(i) Urban	$\checkmark$
(ii) Rural	
(iii) Semi-Urban	
(iv) Tribal	
(v) Hilly Area	
(vi) Backward areas as per the listing by Planning Commission	
<b>8.</b> The College caters to: a. Male students only	
b. Female students only	✓
c. Co-education for Male and Female	
<b>9.</b> The College offers courses upto: a. Plus two and UG/PG level only	
b. UG level only	$\checkmark$
c. PG level only	

d. UG/PG/M.Phil level

e. UG/PG/M.Phil level/Ph.D. level

Percentage of students under		er 2011-2	2011-2012		)12-2013	2013-2014	
the categories							
SC		1.36		1.	42	1.36	
ST		8.21		7.	13	6.53	
OBC		1.61		2.	46	2.85	
Physically Handid	capped	0.37		0.	64	0.54	
General		88.7		88	3.9	89.2	
Total in %	in %		100%		00%	100%	
Total in No.		803	803		71	735	
	2011	L-2012	12 20		2013	2013-2014	
Student							
Demand Ratio*	Applied	Admitted	Applied		Admitted	Applied	Admitted
(SDR)							
No. of students	2772	803	803 2208		771	2713	735
SDR	3	.45		2.86		3.69	

10. Indicate the student profile in the College during the last following years:

\*No .of students applied vs. No. of students admitted

## 11. Faculty Strength as on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

SI. No.	Designation	Sanctioned Strength	No. of filled Positions	No. of Vacancies
1.	Principal	1	1	-
2.	Vice Principal	-	-	-
3.	Readers/Associate Professor	13	13	-
4.	Lecturer/Asst. Professor	21	20	1
5.	Any Other	3	3	-
	Librarian, Asst .Librarian, Laboratory			
	Instructor			

Course	201	1-2012	201	2-2013	2013-2014		
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
"Plus 2"							
UG Courses	-	803	-	771	-	735	
PG Courses							
M.Phil							
Course							
Ph.D							
Certificate/							
Diploma/							
PG Diploma							
Courses							
Grand Total	-	803	-	771	-	735	

12. Increase in Student Strength during the last following years:

13. Student's performance in State level/University level Examinations during the last following years:

Years		Plus 2		UG		PG		M.Phil		Ph.D			
	Pass	First	State	Pass	First	Univ.	Pass	First	Univ.	No.	Pass	No.	No.
	%	Class	Rank	%	Class	rank	%	Class	rank	of %	%	Registered	Awarded
2011-				98	97								
12													
2012-				99.	126								
13				6									
2013-				100	113								
14													

## PART B: Evaluating the Progress made by the College from 2010-11 to 2013-14

1. Name the departments which are "Highly Rated Departments" as perceived by the College.

- The English Department
- Psychology Department, and
- The B.Ed Department

These departments are Loreto College's Highly Rated Departments. Over the years each of these departments have achieved their vision of imparting knowledge, improving employability skills and encouraged research amongst faculty and students.

2. Major Achievements of the "**Highly Rated Departments**" from 2010-11 onwards may be listed, Department wise.

The Second Cycle of CPE commenced from 2011 and the achievements of the Highly Rated Departments from 2011-12 are as follows:

## 2011-12 Department of English

## Major Achievements:

The department's focus the year was on a change in admission policy. After three years the department decided to discontinue with verbal interviews and held a written admission examination in which 400 candidates were examinees. The department continued to implement Calcutta University's new syllabus at the Honours and Pass levels. Members of the department were also occupied in planning programmes for the college centenary celebrations which concluded on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The department decided also to start the *Critical Imprints*, its own peer- reviewed journal which was published later in 2012. This was followed soon by the publication of a monograph on Ben Jonson's Masques. The department hosted one important guest lecture.

- Professor Shinjini Banerjee of the Calcutta University lectured on "British Fiction in the Inter-War Years" on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2011.
- The department also launched its own publication On the Frontline: Critical Essays on War on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012. This book published the proceedings of the UGC Seminar held in February 2009 by the Departments of English, Journalism and Film Studies. General Shankar Roy Choudhury PVSM was the Chief Guest and launched the book.



• The department also successfully entered into a partnership with the American Centre Kolkata in

January 2012 to hold joint programs for Creative Writing, Commercial English, as well as academic lectures and seminars.

## Academic Achievement of Faculty Members

- Dr. Aditi Dasgupta successfully applied for and received a UGC grant of Rs. One lakh, five thousand for a Minor Research Project on *English Studies in Loreto from 1912-2012.*
- Dr. Mridula Kapoor lectured at the American Centre on the drama of Tennessee Williams on 18 January 2012. She also attended a seminar on American Black Literature on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

• Dr. M. Kapoor, Dr. S Banerjee, Mrs. M. G Chakraborty, Dr. S Dasgupta are teaching as guest lecturers at the post-graduate level at Presidency College, Lady Brabourne and Bethune College. They also set question papers and examined scripts for the above.

## Academic Publications

- Dr. M Kapoor edited the departmental publication *'On the Frontline: Critical Essays on War'*. She also contributed an article on D. H Lawrence's *Aarons Rod* in the book. She also edited the first volume of the Departmental Journal *Critical Imprints*.
- Dr. Sumita Banerjee published *"Running over her: An Eco-critical Exploration of "Bravely fought the Queen"* in *Bravely Fought the Queen: A Collection of Critical Essays,* May 2011.
- She also published *"An Eco-critical Reading of Great Expectations"*, published in Bengali in Ebang Mushaira : "Great Expectations : Pratashya O Paribesh", March 2012.
- Her *"Tyger , Tyger, Burning Bright": An Eco-critical Reading of The Hungry Tide* was accepted for publication in April 2012 issue of *Pegasus*.
- She submitted an article entitled *"Puck's Role: Jester, Auditor, Actor Extraordinary"* to *A Midsummer Night's Dream: Essays in Criticism*.

## Academic Achievements of Students

- Third Year Honours students participated in Creative writing in **Literaria**, a literary festival organised by the Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, and September 2011.
- Third year Honours students attended the seminar on Tennessee Williams at the American Centre, Kolkata on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and participated actively in the panel discussion on a documentary on Tennessee Williams.
- A Third Year Honours student contributed a scholarly article to the departmental Journal *Critical Imprints*.

## Innovations under CPE Scheme

The technical equipment made available i.e. laptop, computer, pen-drive, screen, projector, DVD, has altered the teaching-learning programme significantly, giving it a graphic - visual edge. Teachers now make power-point presentations on important and scholarly subjects to supplement the lecture method. This has made academic learning more accessible to the student and improved communication levels between teacher and student. Teachers also make use of the film as an additional tool in classroom teaching. The methodologies are now user – friendly and more importantly youth friendly. The students feel emboldened to make power-

point presentations on difficult academic subjects by making use of technology. Thus student initiative has grown due to the use of new technology. Students make use of the internet to supplement knowledge and information; however books and journals bought under the scheme are still an important and indispensable part of the teaching-learning process.

#### **Department of Psychology**

#### **Seminars and Workshops**

The Psychology Department organized **Kalakriti** – a two day seminar cum workshop for differently-abled children. On 18<sup>th</sup> November there were on-stage and off-stage events for differently-abled children from reputed institutions in Kolkata. The off-stage events were greeting card painting and handbag decoration and the on-stage events comprised of dance, music, drama and elocution. A Seminar on **Therapy** wherein eminent therapists deliberated on different psychological therapies applicable for differently-abled persons.





## Achievements of Faculty

## Dr. Rajkumari Basu

- Presently involved in a pilot study to find out special traits of HIV positive children on the basis of their handwriting samples.
- Invited as a Psychologist to be part of the selection committee for the admission of children in the Deaf and Dumb School, Kolkata on an Honorary basis.

#### **B.Ed Department**

#### **Major Achievements:**

The B.Ed. Training course in Loreto College is a continuous effort at enhancing excellence in teacher education emphasizing to create excellence and quality, ensuing flexibility, integrating existential situations and change. The goals of the Department are promoting learning to learn, to know, to do, to live together, to be, integrating life skills, critical thinking, creating, values, social skills, decision making and leadership qualities. The B.Ed. department encourages innovative teaching methodologies and techniques and enhancing effective communication skills.

#### Seminars Organized

• UGC sponsored **State level Seminar** on **Striving Towards an Inclusive and Vibrant Democracy** organized by Departments of Human Rights, Political Science, Geography Education and B. Ed. of Loreto College and Socio Legal Aid Research and Training Centre (SLARTC Kolkata) on 18th and 19th August 2011.

• UGC sponsored **National Seminar** on *The Dynamics of Values* organized by Departments of B.Ed. and Education in collaboration with Serampore College, Serampore, Hooghly on 6t1 and 7th Match, 2012.



• Panel Discussion on *The Aim of Education Training Professionals or Serving Society* organized by Departments of B.Ed. and Education of Loreto College and Azim Premji University, Bangalore on 13th December 2011.

• The Department of B.Ed. collaborated with Socio Legal Aid Research and Training Centre, Kolkata, Serampore College, Serampore, Hooghly, West Bengal, Azim Premji University, Bangalore and twelve schools of Kolkata for excellence in education through UGC sponsored seminars, panel discussion and supervision of practice teaching.

## Achievements and Participation of Faculty Members:

• Dr. Veena Poddar received her Ph.D. degree from Department of Education, Calcutta University on "A study of the Influence of Parental Pressure on certain Psycho-Social aspects of Development" on 22nd March, 2012.

• Dr. Neeta Dang served as a coordinator of the 'Mary Ward programme' organized by the Loreto College Alumnae Association as part of the closing programmes of the centenary year 201 1-12 on 30th and 31st January 2012.

• Mrs. Chandrani Sengupta served as a project guide of the Internal Software Project entitled 'E-Brary the Electronic Library, 'Hotel Management System' for B.A. /B.Sc. Part-III Computer Application (Major) students 2011-12.

• Mrs. Suranjana Mitra organized an Inter-disciplinary seminar on 'Politicization of Rural Development and its, economic implications in West Bengal' organized by Department of Political Science and Economics, Loreto College, Kolkata in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), 17th December 2011.

• Dr. Ranjita Dawn participated in a Workshop: Training of Nodal officers of Bengal, IISWBM, Kolkata, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

## Paper Presentations by Faculty Members

## Dr. Debika Guha

• Presented the paper *Within Walls: Beyond Boundaries* in the UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on "Striving Towards an Inclusive and Vibrant Democracy' organized by Departments of Human Rights, Political Science, Geography, Education and B.Ed., Loreto College in collaboration with on 18th and 19th August 2011.

• Presented the paper *Right to Education Act: A missed opportunity* in the Refresher course organized by Academic Staff College and Department of Education, Calcutta University from 6 -26 September, 2011.

• Presented the paper *Stress in Organizations and Coping Strategies* in the International Conference on 'Organisations in the New Millennium Challenges and Opportunities' organized by Ajay Kumar Garg Institute of Management, Ghaziabad, UP on 14th1 October 2011.

• Presented the paper **Towards the Culmination of the Human Self** in the UGC sponsored National Level Seminar on 'The Dynamics of Values' organized by Department of B.Ed. and Education in collaboration with Serampore College on 6th and7th March, 2012.

## Dr. Neeta Dang

• Presented, the paper *Psycho-Social Aspects in Education* in a National Conference on Human Excellence through Holistic Education held at Christ University, Bangalore on 30th131st May 2011.

• Resource person in an Interdisciplinary Seminar on 'Politicization of Rural Development and its Economic Implications in West Bengal' organized by Departments of Political Science, Economics of Loreto College and ICSSR on 17th December 2012. Topic 'Education: The need for a Lesser Distinction'

• Paper presented in an International Conference on 'Organizations in the New Millennium: Challenges and opportunities held at Ajay Kumar Garg Institute of management on 14 - 15 October 2011, at Ghaziabad.

## Dr. Suparna Ghosh

• Presented the paper *Sporting Nationalism in 20th Century Bengal: The Gendered Perspective* at the UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on 'Sports and Nationalism' organized by the Department of History, Ramsaday College, Amta, Howrah in collaboration with Paschim Banga Itihas Samsad, Kolkata on 16th January2012

## Mrs. Amrita Dasgupta

• Presented the paper on *Reflection of 1947 partition in Rithik Ghathak's Subarnalata*, in Ph.D. Course work, Department of Bengali, Jadavpur University, 2011.

## Mrs. Rumjhum Pandit

• Presented the paper *Alienation in the Classroom* at XXXV Indian Social Science Congress, Indian Academy of Social Sciences in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, on 27th3 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011.

## Mrs. Suranjana Mitra

• A Critical Assessment of Micro credit through Individual Liability Credit Contract System in Interdisciplinary Seminar on 'Politicisation of Rural Development and its Economic Implications in West Bengal' organized by Department of Political Science and Economics, Loreto College in collaboration with Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), Loreto College, Kolkata on 17th December 2011.

## Dr. Rakhi Roy Halder

• Presented the paper in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on *Aaj ke Samay Ne Nagarjun* organized by Naba Ballygunge Mahavidyalaya in collaboration with Jogesh Chandra Chyaudhuri College on 21St November 2011.

• Presented the paper on *Shiksha Pranali Me Loktantra Ke Beej* in 35th1 Indian Social Science Congress, organized by Indian Academy of Social Sciences from 27th3 1St December 2011 at Wardha.

• Presented the paper on *Globalisation and Literature* organized by Presidency University on 11 – 12 January, 2012 at Presidency University.

• Presented the paper on *Shiksha Vyavastha Me Manav Adhikaron Ko Bachane Ki Rah* organized by Savitri Girls' College, Kolkata on 17 - 18 January, 2012.

## Mrs. Rupa Ghosh

• Joint Presentation with Dr. Sudehsna Lahiri , Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Calcutta University, on *Analysing Social work intervention for community development: A process towards mainstreaming* at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar on Community Development, Social work and HIV/AIDS organized by department of Social Work, Visva Bharati, Sriniketan and IGNOU 2th 29th January2012

## Mrs. Archita Roy Biswas

• Presented a paper on *Values-Integrity of life or Institutional compulsion?* in the UGC sponsored National Level Seminar on 'The Dynamics of Values' organized by Department of B.Ed., and Education in collaboration with Serampore College, Hooghly, Loreto College, on 06 and 07th March, 2012.

#### Academic Publications

#### Mrs. Suranjana Mitra

*Performance Analysis of Microfinance Through Individual Liability Credit Contract System Operated by Primary Agricultural Credit Society* in 'The microfinance review', Journal of the Centre for Microfinance Research, July-December 2011, Vol. III, No.2 (ISSSN No. 2229-3329).

**Honours/Awards to the Faculty**: Mrs. V. Poddar received her **Ph.D. degree** on "A study of the Influence of Parental Pressure on certain Psycho-Social Aspects of Development' from Calcutta University on 22nd March, 2012

#### 2012-13

#### Department of English

#### Major Achievements:

- On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012, the department acquired its own ISSN number 2319-4774 for its **Peer-reviewed Journal**, *Critical Imprints*.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012, the department organized a two day U.G.C-Sponsored International Seminar, Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry organized in collaboration with the American Centre, Kolkata.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013, Professor Amlan Dasgupta of Jadavpur University delivered a lecture entitled 'The Body of Death', illustrating his talk with a visual presentation from key Renaissance painters. This was part of the on-going programme, 'Literature and the other Arts' initiated by the English Department.

#### Publications by the Department

- 'The Poetry Forum' Volume II was edited by Ritika Roy and Apala Bhowmick. The volume contains a selection of the poetry of students, read to each other in their poetry forum meetings in college. Students are encouraged to write poetry and read it to eachother. The volume was edited and designed by the students and is the second such published; the first came out in 2007. The book was launched on 26-09-2012 by the Bengali poet Sarthok Roy Choudhury in the college Auditorium and students from other colleges were present at the launch.
- The Journal '*Critical Imprints'* was edited by Dr. Mridula Kapoor.
- The department has brought out its own peer-reviewed academic journal, slated to be published annually. The thrust of the journal is multi-disciplinary and it will publish essays by its own students in it. The journal was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012 by Professor Abhijit Sen of Viswa–Bharti.

## Academic Achievements of Faculty Members

- Dr. A Dasgupta participated in a research symposium titled 'Owning and Using Circuits of Knowledge in North Indian Classical Music' organized by The School of Cultural Text and Research, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the Department of Media, Music, Communication and Cultural Studies, Macquaire University, Sydney on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013. A Minor Research Project, *English Studies in Loreto College 1912-2012* is also being worked on by Dr. A. Dasgupta.
- Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta presented a paper titled So Nothing be my Speech: Identity and its Discontents in Margaret Cavendish and The Convent of Pleasure, at Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association's Annual Convention, Boulder, Colorado on 11-13 October 2012. She also chaired a session at the Conference. She was also examiner for a Ph.D thesis, Department of English, Jadavpur University in 2012.
- Dr. Sumita Banerjee attended and presented a paper, Anandavana: The Significance of the Forest in Bankimchandra's Green Novels, at a Eco- Criticism seminar at Barasat State University on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2012. She attended and presented a paper, Odes to Autumn: An Eco-critical Approach to Keats and Clare, at the Romanticism Seminar at Behala College on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 and the Dickens Seminar at Jadavpur University on 19-20 December, 2012. She attended and presented a paper, On the Trail of the Tapovana: Gurudeva, the Green Crusader at the National Seminar 'Challenges and Opportunities in Education' organised b the B. Ed Department of Loreto College on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- Ms. Rimi Nandy, a part-time lecturer qualified in the NET examination in June 2012. She presented a paper in the workshop, *Translating American Poetry* conducted by Jadavpur University Society for American Studies on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012. She presented a Paper at the U.G.C Sponsored International Seminar 'Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry' at Loreto College on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

## **Publications by Faculty Members**

- Dr. Sumita Banerjee: Hot Ice and Wondrous Change Snow: An Eco-critical Approach to A Midsummer Night's Dream. Paper to be published in an anthology of essays on the play.
- **Tyger Tyger Burning Bright: An Eco-critical Reading of The Hungry Tide**, published in Pegasus on 14-02-13.

- Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta published *Silent Parables: English Emblem Books and Renaissance Court Culture* in Critical Imprints, Volume I, 2012.
- Dr. Mridula Kapoor edited the departmental Journal Critical Imprints Volume I, 2012.
- She has also edited a monograph entitled *Jonson and Milton: Masquing the Political* by Dr. Ahmer Nadeem Anwer, co-published by Levant Books, Kolkata and the Department of English, April 2013.

#### **Student Seminars and Presentations**

- Student participation at seminars has been part of the rich tradition of the department. The U.G.C International Seminar 'Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry' included three presentations from students exhibiting range and variety of subject matter.
- The students have also read papers and made presentations in the classroom using the laptop and LCD projector.
- Third Year: presented papers on 'Victorian Poetry' in December 2012.
- Second Year: Papers and audio-visual presentations on the History of Stage productions of Sheridan's 'The Rivals' and interpretations of theme and character in the play, on March 2013
- The students edited and designed the book 'The Poetry Forum', Volume II. They also wrote an introduction to the book. This is part of commitment of the department to encourage and publish creative writing.

## **Other Student Activities**

Students are encouraged to participate in literary festivals and quizzes in other colleges. This year Third Year students participated in 'Literaria', organized by St. Xavier's College, on 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2012. They also participated in Creative Writing and Photography competitions.

Students attended the annual conference of the 'Centre for Studies in Romantic Literature' on 1-2 February 2013 at Presidency University. They also participated in the 'Know your Romantics' quiz.

#### **Resources Generated**

Department of English has earned a total of INR 15,310 from the sale of its books and registration at seminars.

#### Psychology Department

#### **Major Achievements**

The annual event of the Psychology Society – **Kalakriti** - a two day event for differently-abled children, held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. The participating schools were: *Akshar, Manovikas Kendra, Noble Mission, Mentaid, Heritage, Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy and Reach*. The differently-abled children displayed their talents in various indoor and outdoor sports events and on-stage events (like Dance, Music and Fancy Dress). This was followed by two guest performances-a mime by Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School Trophy was awarded to Manovikas Kendra.

A workshop on **Basic Emergency Life Saving Services** was conducted by a team of eminent doctors, Department of Emergency Medicine, Peerless Hospital and B.K.Roy Research Centre, Kolkata. The panelists were Dr. Anish Banerjee, Dr. Saptarshi Saha, Dr. Pranab Barua, Dr. Vivek Goyel and Dr. Prerit Sharma The doctors highlighted three areas of Basic Emergency Life Saving Services-Cardio - pulmonary Resuscitation, Basic First Aid and Disaster Awareness Programme. There was active participation from schools like Apeejay School (Park Street and Saltlake), Sushila Birla High School, Loreto House and Vivekananda Mission School.

Loreto College celebrated Human Rights Day on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 in collaboration with Rotary Club, Park Point, Kolkata. With the initiative of Department of Psychology a skit *Give Peace a Chance* was enacted by the students of the Human Rights Department in the first session followed by a seminar on *Human Rights Protection: Responsibility of Civil Society.* 

#### Publications and Paper Presentations by Faculty Members

#### Publication

#### Dr. Sayantani Chatterjee

 Aggression and Related Psychosocial Correlates among Offending and Non-Offending Drivers : A Therapeutic Intervention Journal of Projective Psychology and Mental Health, 2012(July), Vol. 19, No. 2, 97-106']

#### Paper Presentations

#### Mrs. Dinaz R. Jeejeebhoy

• Speaker in the Symposium – 'Is there Order in the Disorder? Investigating Set Shifting and Planning in Patients with OCD and BPD'- 39<sup>th</sup> National Annual Conference of the

Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) from  $18^{th} - 20^{th}$  January, 2013 at New Delhi.

 Presented a paper in a Symposium 'Set Shifting: A Patho – Physiological Perspective' -XXII Annual Convention of National Academy of Psychology (NAoP), Christ University from 10 – 12 December, 2012, Bangalore.

Attended Orientation Programme No. 95 from 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2012 - Academic Staff College, University of Calcutta, Kolkata.

## **Other Activities**

Organizing committee of Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists – West Bengal Branch for the seminar entitled 'Treat or Heal' held on on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 in association with Mental Health Foundation, Kolkata.

## B.Ed Department

## **Major Achievements**

Achieved excellent results in Calcutta University B.Ed. Examination 2012 (All candidates received 1<sup>st</sup> class except one (59.8%); the highest (79.2%)

- The teacher trainees are sought after and receive immediate placements.
- Micro teaching- extensive and intensive, to ensure teacher effectiveness in class teaching.
- Self- assessment of Practice teaching
- Simulated teaching preparation and demonstration of skills of introducing, questioning, explaining, blackboard, reinforcement, and closure of lessons. Component tasks are identified and assessed for all subject methods.
- Value Education regular classroom application.
- Paper presentations.
- Use of educational technology ICT is used extensively and intensively in curricular transaction process by both faculty members and student trainees. Students adopt technology in practice teaching, classroom transactions, evaluation and preparation of teaching aids.
- Remedial teaching
- Enrichment for the student trainees with potential.
- Special activities held throughout the course for exposure to aspects of life well beyond the requirements of the syllabus and examination.
- Training of use of Educational Psychology
- Smart Board for Smart classes



## Seminars Organized By the Department

On the occasion of the close of the centenary year of the Department of B.Ed. (2012 - 2013) an **UGC Sponsored National Seminar** on *Challenges and Opportunities in Education* was organized by the Department of B.Ed. in collaboration with Azim Premji University, Bangalore on  $15^{\text{th}}$  and  $16^{\text{th}}$  March 2013.

## Achievements and Participation of Faculty Members

#### Dr. Debika Guha

- Loreto Principals' meeting and seminar, 'Good Governance', August 10 and 11, 2012, Loreto House, Kolkata.
- UGC-Sponsored National Seminar, 'Challenges and Opportunities in Education' organized by the Department of B.Ed., Loreto College, Kolkata in collaboration with Azim Premji University Bangalore, March 15, 16, 2013.
- Presented paper *Rebuilding India In The Vision Of Swami Vivekananda* International Conference organized by Indian Association of Asia Pacific Studies, in Calcutta University, Alipore campus, Kolkata, December 17, 18 and 19, 2012

#### Mrs. Veena Poddar

 'Stakeholder's Conference' by Umeed (Salony Priya) at Heritage School, January 30, 2013

#### Dr. Neeta Dang

- National Seminar 'Curricular Transactions in Primary and Secondary Education in India' -Christ University, Bangalore, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.
- 'Talk' Polio Eradication Campaign Day, N.S.S. Unit of Loreto College, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.
- Paper 'Strategies for Change', U.G.C.-Sponsored National Seminar 'Higher Education 2020- New Strategies for Empowerment and Growth' - St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru. This paper was published in the above mentioned journal-ISBN: 978-81-924180-1-8
- Paper 'Content and Process in Secondary Education' National Seminar 'Curricular Transactions in Primary and Secondary Education in India', 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 -School of Education, Christ University, Bengaluru.
- Paper 'An Opportunity for an Exploration' National Seminar, 'Opportunities and Challenges in Education' organized by the B.Ed Department of Loreto College in collaboration with Azim Premji University, Bengaluru.

## Dr. Suparna Ghosh

- National Seminar 'Sporting Cultures in South Asia: Politics, Nationalism and Media', -History Department, Loreto College in collaboration with ICSSR, Kolkata, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- Talk by Prof. Andre Beteille, *Varieties of Democracy*, organised by History Department, Loreto College Kolkata, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.
- Read a paper on *The Politics of Gender, Sports and Social Development in Rural West Bengal* at the UGC sponsored State Level Seminar on "Political Economy of Rural Development: The Indian Experience" organised by Purash Kanpur Haridas Nandi Mahavidyalaya on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 2012.
- Read a paper, Asserting Sporting Values: Games and Sports in the Suburbs around Kolkata in the Post- Colonial Era-A Case Study of Ward-14 of Panihati Municipality -International Seminar organised by IAAPS at Calcutta University, 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> December,2012.
- Read a paper, *Physical Education in the Twenty First Century: The Vision of Swami Vivekananda* - UGC sponsored National Seminar, 'Challenges and Opportunities in Education' - the B.Ed Department, Loreto College, Kolkata in collaboration with Azim Premji University, Bangalore, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

#### Mrs. Amrita Dasgupta

 Poetry Workshop & Poetry Reading session - Lipika, Shantiniketan, Viswabharati University, Sahitya Academy, & Abrittiloke kolkata. (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> March'2013)

## Dr. Ranjita Dawn

- UGC Minor Research Project Self-Esteem, Adjustment and Academic Achievement of Blind Adolescents in Non-Integrated Schools, 2011-2013.
- Presented Paper, 'Education of Children With Disabilities in India: A Critical View Through the Lenses' - UGC Sponsored National Seminar -Challenges and Opportunities in Education - the Department of B.Ed in association with Azim Premji University, Bangalore at Loreto College, Kolkata, March 15 & 16, 2013

#### Mrs. Kaustava Banerjee

 Participated in a UGC-Sponsored National Seminar, 'Geopolitical and Geostrategic dimensions of Indian Ocean' - Political Science Department, Loreto College, Kolkata, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2012.

#### Mrs. Dinaz R. Jeejeebhoy

• Participated in the second schedule of the National Symposium - 'Living Through Disaster: Psychological and Policy Perspectives' - Department of Psychology, University

of Calcutta in Collaboration with National Academy of Psychology (NAoP), 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2012, Kolkata.

- Participated in the National Symposium, 'Living Through Disaster: Psychological and Policy Perspectives' - Department of Psychology, University of Calcutta in Collaboration with National Academy of Psychology (NAoP), 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, Kolkata.
- Speaker in the Symposium Is there order in the disorder? Investigating set shifting and planning in patients with OCD and BPD 39<sup>th</sup> National Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi,18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2013
- Paper at Symposium Set Shifting: A Patho Physiological Perspective XXII Annual Convention of National Academy of Psychology (NAoP), Christ University, 10 – 12 December, 2012

## Ms. Chandrani Sengupta

 Participated in a Seminar 'Women & Craft: Creativity, Empowerment, Transformation' organized by Loreto College Alumnae Association, February 9, 2013 at I.C.C.R., Kolkata & Loreto College, Kolkata

## Publications

## Dr. Neeta Dang

• A Paper *Strategies for Change* published in 'Higher Education 2020-New Strategies for Empowerment and Growth.' ISBN No: 978-81-924180-1-8

## Dr. Rakhi Roy Halder

- Samajik Chintan Ka Vartaman Ayam, published in Vasudha-91 April June 2012, Bhopal, ISSN: 2231-0460
- 'Applying the Entitlement Approach of Amartya Sen to Education', published in International Journal MS Academic Vol 2, No-2 & 3 August 2013, ISSN: 2229-6484
- *Aaj ke Samay Me Nagarjun*, Published in book 'Nagarjun Vivid Ayam' ISBN No. 978-81-923645-2-0

## Dr. Ranjita Dawn

- A book titled *Psycho-Social Dynamics of Blind Students*, Concept Publishing (P) Ltd, New Delhi (ISBN: 81-8069-781-9)
- Article *Education of Persons with disabilities in India: A Reality or a Parable* in International Journal of Disability and Human Development 2013; 12(1): 5–13 (DOI 10.1515/ijdhd-2012-0123)

- Article *Social Security for Persons with Disabilities in India: Issues and Challenges* in Evolving Horizons, 1, October 2012: 47–59 (ISSN: 2319-6521)
- Article *Challenges in the Employment of Persons with Disabilities* in Economic and Political Weekly, XLVII (36), September 2012: 47–59 (MH/MR/West-238/2012-14)
- Article *Self-Esteem, Adjustment and Academic Achievement Among Students with Blindness* in Journal of Disability Management and Special Education, 2 (2), July 2012: 64–78 (ISSN: 2229-5143)
- Article *Responding to Abuse Against Women with Disabilities* in Women's Link, 18 (2), April-June 2012: 20–25 (ISSN: 2229-6409)

## Publications in the process

- Article 'The Politics of Cinematic Representation of Disability: 'The Psychiatric Gaze' in Disability and Rehabilitation.
- Article 'Assistive Technology for Students with Visual Impairments: A Path Revisited' in Indian Educational Review (NCERT), forthcoming July Issue

## Dr. Suparna Ghosh

• Article *Sporting Nationalism in Twentieth Century Bengal: The Gendered Perspective*, in the book 'People at Play: Sport, Culture, Nationalism'. (ed.) Amitava Chatterjee, Setu Prakashini, 2013

## Publications in the process

- One Step forward and One Step Backward: Women of Bengal in Sports in the Post Independence era at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar on 'Women of Bengal in Public Life in the Post- Partition Period', jointly organized by Loreto College and Corpus Research Institute, Kolkata, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2008. Paper yet to be published.
- **Women of Bengal in Sports** co authored by Dr. Boria Majumdar and Dr. Kaushik Bandhopadhyay yet to be published 'Women and Popular Culture in Bengal'.
- Sporting Culture in Bengal 1960s to 1980s: the Indigenous Games-Kho-Kho and Kabbadi on 28.03.2011 at Jadavpur University, organized by Corpus Research Institute.
- Member of the Peer Review Committee of the International Journal- Soccer And Society.

## Innovations Introduced Under the Programme

- Special Activities conducted throughout the course included presentations by Resource Persons on issues well beyond the syllabus.
- Value Education classes
- Community Outreach Activity Project Reports. Although a syllabus requirement for the B.Ed. course, yet the number of days and hours spent by each student is well beyond

the Calcutta University requirements. Such experiences expose the students to respect rights for all, social cohesion, cultural diversity and ethical values.

- Weekly, individual and group wall magazines till Teaching Practice session helps to nurture talent.
- Active engagement in learning through- demonstrations power point presentations, group discussions, peer teaching, peer evaluation, use of ICT preparation of learning materials, community service, value education, craft projects, prayer assembly cultural programmes, department picnics etc.
- Students shoulder much responsibility in commitment to Quality Programme.
- Use of ICT in teaching-learning transaction.
- Remedial Teaching for the weak students and enrichment for students with potential is done individually by all teachers.
- UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar organized.
- Special Classes in collaboration with USIS on 'Methods of Teaching English' by Prof. Joseph Dwaileebe of George Town University, USA from 19<sup>th</sup> January -2<sup>nd</sup> May 2013.

#### 2013-14

#### Department of English

• The department entered into collaboration with ITC Sangeet Research Academy to organize a workshop on music and poetry to be presented by eminent vocalist, Padmashri-awarded, Smt. Shubha Mudgal. The collaboration will put in place an exchange programme of teaching English to students of ITC SRA and training in classical music for interested students of Loreto College and an outreach activity for students.



 On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Srimati Shubha Mudgal gave a performance on the relationship of poetry and Hindustani classical music at Loreto College. The programme was under aegis of department's on-going 'Literature and the Other Arts'

initiative. The programme was opened for the first time to all departments of the college.

 On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014, the department organized a presentation on the ITC Sangeet Research Academy by Sri Ravi Mathur Executive Director, ITCSRA. This was followed by 2 student performances. The programme ended with a screening of Gautam Ghosh's film '*Parampara'* on the ITC SRA and the guru-shishya tradition in India.

## Publications by the Department

- Jonson and Milton: Masquing the Political by Dr. Ahmer Nadeem Anwer. Levant Books, Kolkata and the Department of English May 2013.
- **'An Anthology Volume III'**, by the Poetry Forum, edited by Ritika Roy and Apala Bhomick on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014. This is a special edition of the journal of student poetry as it contains a selection of poetry by present-day students and alumnus of the college.
- *'Critical Imprints* Volume II' (ISSN 2319-4774) edited by Dr. Sumita Banerjee has been published.
- 'Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry' edited by Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta will be published by Jadavpur University Press shortly. These are the proceedings of the UGC- Sponsored International Seminar hosted by the Department in December 2012.

## Academic Achievements of Faculty Members

- Mrs. A. Dasgupta submitted her UGC Sponsored MRP on English *Studies in Loreto from* 1912-2012 in May 2013.
- Dr. M. Kapoor edited and wrote the Foreword for the monograph *Jonson and Milton: Masquing the Political* Dr. Ahmer Nadeem Anwer. Levant Books, Kolkata and the Department of English. May 2013. She is currently engaged in researching and editing a volume of Centenary Essays, entitled *Loreto's Role in Higher Education*.
- Mrs. M.G. Chakraborty attended an evaluation workshop organized by British Council on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2013. She completed an online course on 'Social Psychology' with distinction from Wesleyan University, USA. She was also appointed coordinator and Head Examiner of English Honours Paper I in July 2013, by University of Calcutta.
- Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta attended the seminar Shakespeare and/in America organized by Jadavpur University Society for American Studies in October 2013. She has been awarded the Centre for Research in Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities visiting fellowship, University of Cambridge for 2014-15.
- Ms. Sanghita Sanyal, who joined the Department in November 2013, is engaged in research for her PhD thesis entitled *Songs of Rabindranath Tagore: Gender, Text and Performance*, in Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta. She is also scheduled to participate in the Irish Studies School, Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland in July-August 2014. She attended a seminar on *Innovations in Pre-Service Training of Teachers of*

*Second Language*, British Council Library, Kolkata on February 26, 2014. She also participated in a panel discussion on *Gendered Representation in Literature* at Bhawanipur College in January 2014.

• All members of the department were examiners for the B.A Honours and Pass examinations of the University of Calcutta.

#### Publications by Faculty Members

- Dr. Mridula Kapoor edited the monograph *Jonson and Milton: Masquing the Political* by Dr. Ahmer Nadeem Anwer. Levant Books, Kolkata and the Department of English, May 2013. ISBN No. 978-93-80663-72-2
- Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta edited the book *Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry,* Jadavpur University Press, 2014 (In Press)
- Dr. Sumita Banerjee published *Puck's Role: Jester, Auditor, Actor Extraordinary* in *A Midsummer's Night's Dream: Essays in Critical Appropriateness*, ed. Somrita Sengupta Sinha, Setu Prakashani, She is also the editor of the Ecocritical Issue of *Critical Imprints* Volume II, (ISSN 2319-4774), the Departmental Journal, March 2014.
- Ms. Sanghita Sanyal contributed Samuel Taylor Coleridge's *Christabel: Reading beyond the Visible*, published in *Symposium* (ISSN 2320-1452), edited by Dr. Anasuya Bhar, St. Paul's C.M College, Kolkata, January 2014 and three translations of Dalit Poet Manohar Mouli Biswas in *The Wheel will Turn*, Cyberwit.Net Publications, edited by Jaydeep Sarangi, ISBN No. 978-81928187-3-3, January 2014. She has also contributed an essay entitled, The Personal is Political: Reading J. S. Mill in the light of Feminism yet to be published in an Anthology on J. S. Mill. She has also edited an annotated text of Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway* which is scheduled to be published by Book World Publishers, Kolkata in 2014.

## Psychology Department

## Major Achievements

• **KALAKRITI**, the annual two-day event organized for differently-abled children by the Psychology Society of Loreto College, was held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2013 in collaboration with an inclusive school, Akshar.

The proceedings of Kalakriti 2011 were released by Ms. Alokananda Roy, a Dance Educationist, Choreographer, and Social Worker. Off-stage and On-stage events followed for differently-abled children wherein talented children portrayed creativity. The objective was to involve the children with special needs with the mainstream society through an *Inclusive Programme*, with the students of the college.

Eminent speakers focused on topics related to the theme: **Disabilities and Inclusion**: **Bridging the Gap**. The topics like Special Needs in School-going Children: Early Identification and Early Intervention; Counselling for Parents; Inclusion and Special School including Problems of Adolescents; Social Responsibility of Mainstream Society and Employment Opportunities, Head- Advocacy and Disability Studies at the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy; Role of Families in Inclusion; Disability Act and Inclusion in U.K. all of which were informative and interesting and an eye - opener into many aspects of the lives of the differently-abled children and the people interacting with them.

The event was an effort in 'bridging the gap' between the college students and children with special needs. It has helped to change prejudiced and stereotypical attitudes towards the special children, and increased sensitivity and a sense of responsibility among the students.

- Dr. S. Chatterjee submitted UGC Minor Research Project A Study of Personality Profile of Early and Late Adolescence with Suicidal Ideation 2011-2013, in May 2013.
- Dr. R. Basu Presented a paper entitled *Menstrual Distress: An Interdisciplinary Study* at the IV<sup>th</sup> Asian Conference on the Social Sciences 2013 at Osaka, International Academic Forum, June 6-9, 2013.

## **B.Ed. DEPARTMENT**

The Teacher Education (B. Ed.) course in Loreto College strives continuously at enhancing excellence in teacher training, emphasizing quality, ensuing flexibility, integrating existential situations and change. The goals of the Department are promoting learning to learn, to know, to do, to live together, to be, integrating life skills, critical thinking, creativity, values, social skills, decision making and leadership qualities. The B.Ed. Department encourages innovative teaching methodologies and techniques and enhancing effective communication skills.

## **Major Achievements**

- Achieved excellent results in Calcutta University B.Ed. Examination 2013 (All 58 candidates received 1<sup>st</sup> class and the highest was 78.6%)
- The teacher-trainees are sought after and receive immediate placements
- Micro-teaching extensive and intensive, to ensure teacher effectiveness in class teaching
- Self- assessment of Practice Teaching
- Simulated Teaching- preparation and demonstration of skills of introducing, questioning, explaining, blackboard, reinforcement and closure of lessons. Component tasks are identified and assessed for all subject methods
- Value Education regular classroom application
- Use of educational technology ICT is used extensively and intensively in curricular transaction process by both faculty members and student trainees. Students adopt

technology in practice teaching, classroom transactions, evaluation and preparation of teaching aids

- Remedial teaching
- Enrichment for the student trainees with potential
- Special activities held throughout the course for exposure to aspects of life well beyond the requirements of the syllabus and examination
- Training of use of Educational Psychology
- Smart Board

#### Seminars Organized by the Department

 On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Department of Education, the Department of Education and the Department of Teacher Education organized a National Seminar on *Reflections on Transformative Pivots in Education: Aims, Technology and Creativity and their Impact on Student Discernment and Fulfillment* in collaboration with Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, February 13-14, 2014

#### Paper Presentations

#### Dr. Debika Guha

- Presented paper, *In Pursuit of Excellence: A Centenary Perspective: Trends and Priorities*, Loyola College of Education in collaboration with XLRI in XLRI, Jamshedpur April 25-26, 2013
- Panellist in the above mentioned seminar. Theme of discussion: Teaching as a Craft
- Presented paper, *Teachers as Guidance Workers*, National Technical Teacher Training Research Institute, Kolkata, May 20, 2013
- Presented paper, *Organisation of Knowledge*, Training Course, West Bengal State Council of Technical Education, November 28, 2013
- Presented paper, *Learning'*, Women's Christian College, Kolkata, December 7, 2013
- Presented paper, *UGC as Catalyst*, National Seminar, 'Reflections on Transformative Pivots in Education: Aims, Technology and Creativity and their Impact on Student Discernment and Fulfillment', Department of Education and the Department of B.Ed. in collaboration with Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, February 13-14, 2014
- Presented paper co-authored with Sr. Christine Coutinho on *The Horizontal and Vertical Dimension of Inclusion*, UGC –Sponsored seminar, Patna Women's College, March 7-8, 2014

#### Dr. Veena Poddar

• Presented paper, *The History of UGC*, National Seminar, 'Reflections on Transformative Pivots in Education: Aims, Technology and Creativity and their Impact on Student

Discernment and Fulfillment', Department of Education and the Department of B.Ed. in collaboration with Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, February 13-14, 2014

#### Dr. Suparna Ghosh

 Presented paper, *The Politics of Sports and Gender Identity in Contemporary India*, UGC-Sponsored National Seminar, Rashtraguru Surendranath College, Barrackpore, August 23-24, 2013

#### Dr. Ranjita Dawn

- Keynote Speaker at National Symposium, Participation in Political and Public Life by Persons with Disabilities in India, Society for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies (New Delhi), Udyamita Vikas Sabhagar, Bihar Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Patna (Bihar), December 28-30, 2013
- Presented paper, *Hear Our Voices: The Politics of Discrimination against Women with Disabilities*, National Symposium, 'Participation in Political and Public Life by Persons with Disabilities in India', Society for Disability and Rehabilitation Studies (New Delhi), Udyamita Vikas Sabhagar, Bihar Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Patna (Bihar), December28-30, 2013

#### Mrs Kaustuva Banerjee

- Presented paper, *Green Building-A Step towards Urban Sustainable Development*, National Seminar, 'Environmental Issues: Protection, Conservation and Management', Department of Environmental Science, Visva-Bharati, November 22-23, 2013
- Presented paper, *Rural Health Scenario of the Districts of West Bengal*, National Seminar, 'Challenges and Prospects of Inclusive Growth in Rural India', Centre for Planning and Development, Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati, November23-24, 2013

#### Ms. Sanghita Sanyal

• Panel Discussion, *Gendered Representation in Literature*, at Book release: Pegasus: Volume One, Bhowanipur Gujrati Education Society, January 4, 2014

#### Publications

#### Dr. Debika Guha

#### Article:

• *Stress in Organizations and Coping Strategies* - published in Xaverian Journal of Education: Magis, ISSN 2319-3239

#### Books:

- *Without walls: Beyond Boundaries* in book: 'Human Rights: Striving Towards an Inclusive and Vibrant Democracy', published by Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80663-82-1
- Towards the Culmination of Human Self in book: 'Dynamics of Values', published by Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80663-79-1

#### Dr. Veena Poddar

 Abstract of Thesis, A Study of the Influence of Parental Pressure on certain Psychosocial Aspects of Development, Indian Journal of Educational Research, ISSN No: 2277-3819

#### Dr. Neeta Dang

- *The Dynamics of Certain Values* in book 'Dynamics of Values' published by Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80663-79-1
- Publication in Press: *An Opportunity for an Exploration* in book 'Challenges and Opportunities in Education'

#### Mrs Kaustuva Banerjee

• **Rural Health scenario of the districts of West Bengal** in 'Some Empirical Aspects of Economic Growth and Diversification in India's Emerging Economy' by New Delhi Publishers (ISBN 978-93-81274-54-5).

#### Dr. Ranjita Dawn

#### Articles:

#### International:

- *Our lives, Our Identity: Women with Disabilities in India*, Disability and Rehabilitation, ISSN 0963-8288 print/ISSN 1464-5165 online, 2013
- The Politics of Cinematic Representation of Disability: The Psychiatric Gaze in Disability and Rehabilitation, Published online June 11, 2013 (ISSN 1464-5165) and in print (ISSN 0963-8288)

#### National:

• Assistive technology for Students with Visual Impairments: A Path Revisited, Indian Educational Review (NCERT), 2013

#### Dr. Suparna Ghosh

#### Publication in Press

- One Step Forward And One Step Backward: Women Of Bengal In Sports In The Post Independence Era, in 'Women of Bengal in Public Life in the Post- Partition Period'
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- Sporting Culture in Bengal 1960s to 1980s: The Indigenous Games-Kho-Kho and Kabbadi

#### Mrs. Archita Roy Biswas

• *Values-Integrity of life or Institutional Compulsion?* in 'The Dynamics of Values' published by Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80663-79-1

#### Ms. Sanghita Sanyal

#### Monographs:

• A Mind Beyond Fear ISBN 978-81-7617-078-9, published by EL Alma Publications, 2013

#### Chapters contributed in Edited Volumes

- A Goddess or a Victim: Analyzing the icon of Motherland in Tagore's Songs of Solidarity published in the Seminar Proceedings: Indian Literary Historiography and Counter Currents in Postcoloniality, ISBN 978-81-7821-436-8 under the aegis of Postgraduate Department of English, St.Thomas College, Kozhencherry, Kerala, July 2013
- The Personal is Political: Reading J. S. Mill in the light of Feminism, An Anthology on J.S.Mill. (In Press)
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge's Christabel: Reading Beyond the Visible, published in SYMPOSIUM, edited by Dr. Anusuya Bhar St. Paul's C.M College, Kolkata, 2014, ISSN No. 2320-1452
- Three translations of Dalit Poet Manohar Mouli Biswas, in *The Wheel Will Turn*, Cyberwit. Net publications, edited by Jaydeep Sarangi, 2014, ISBN No. ISBN No. 978-81928187-3-3, February 2014

#### Number of Translation Work

• **Soulful Tales** ISBN 978-81-7617-077-2, co-authored with Kuntala Sengupta, published by EL Alma Publications, 2013

## Annotated Editing of Text

• *Mrs. Dalloway*, Virginia Woolf. (Book World Publishers, Kolkata) (in Press)

#### Innovations Introduced Under the Programme

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- The B.Ed class was introduced to a psychometric tool (Differential Aptitude Test Battery). The standard method of administration was followed leading to practical scoring and interpretation. This exposed the student-trainees to understand the differing aptitudes of school children.

- Weekly, individual and group wall magazines till Teaching Practice session helps to nurture talent.
- Active engagement in learning through- demonstrations power point presentations, group discussions, peer teaching, peer evaluation, use of ICT preparation of learning materials, community service, value education, craft projects, prayer assembly cultural programmes, department picnics etc.
- Students shoulder much responsibility in commitment to Quality Programme
- Use of ICT in teaching-learning transaction
- Remedial Teaching for the weak students and enrichment for students with potential is done individually by all teachers.
- UGC sponsored National Level Seminar organized

#### 3. Infrastructure developed

(a) List of equipments purchased out of CPE funds along with cost of each equipment. Attachment 1A

(b) Other infrastructure built out of CPE funds (Laboratories etc.) Attachment 1B

#### 4. Modernization of Library:

a) List of books and Journals purchased out of CPE funds along with cost of each book and journal Lists attached with each year's CPE Report.

Attachment 2

#### b) Library automation details including e-library facilities

Koha Open Source Library Automation software installed replacing LIBSYS software and made available through 2 Servers, 5 Computers and 10 Thin Client terminals. E-books from EBSCO and e-journals from Sage Publication can be accessed through these facilities.

#### c) ICT tools and their use in the library.

ICT tools like CDs and DVDs (510) both for Academic, training purpose as well as entertainment are available for use in the library. Rare and out-of-print books are being digitized and are being made available through the intranet. For this purpose D-Space Digital Repository Software has been installed on Ubuntu Linux Server.

An Anti-theft gate, 'Antenna' has been installed in the library.





#### d) Library networking services with INFLIBNET and Others

The library subscribes to e-books and e-journals through NLIST-INFLIBNET Consortium.

#### 5. ICT applications in Teaching-learning methods:

#### (a) Computer Centre/laboratories

The Computer Laboratory has been continuously updated and upgraded with latest and new computer systems from 2010-2014. Advancement has been made in **machine configurations**, **operating systems**(Windows XP, Windows 2007 and Windows 2008, **MS Office packages** (2003, 2007, and 2010 respectively), **external and internal peripheral devices**, **audio-visual aids** and **multimedia packages**.

## (b) Modernizations of classrooms with audiovisual facilities/e-classrooms:

Loreto College has supported its educational mission by creating, adapting, and maintaining classrooms that incorporate various technologies to augment the teaching and learning experience.

The classrooms are supplemented with standardized levels of technology. The Departments are provided with basic projection equipment/screen, a laptop connection, network connection for internet access and Wi-Fi internet link and audio/visual capabilities. A podium, table, or desk is also used for equipment.

Specialized teaching facilities with the help of discipline-specific labs, or computer labs are also made available. Moreover, to enhance teaching-learning advanced functionality is provided to particular departments with document camera/display, consolidated control panel (to activate various features), plasma or large-screen TV.

In addition, there are general-purpose and specialized computer labs (with multiple computer stations) and other non-academic spaces, meeting rooms, or specialized rooms.

Increased demand for modernized facilities/e-classrooms continues to increase as students, faculty and instructional staff become more familiar with the benefits of instructional technology.

(c) ICT tools for teaching-learning procured under CPE like CDs/software / interactive multimedia tools etc. (Department-wise details provided).









## <u>2011-2012</u>

- Cyberoam Cr-35ia
- Blkf W/L Router N1 Vision
- Netgear Wn2000rpt WI Repeater
- Dwa 123 UsbWl Adapter
- HP Notebook 630(I3) 634 + Carry Case + Ms Win 7 Home Premium
- DVD Writer LG 22x Sata

- UPS Powercom 600 Va
- Anti Virus Quick Heal Total Secuity
- DVD Rw Sony
- CDR Moserbear

## 2012-2013

- Statistica Software: Statistica Base 10.0 Single User Desktop Perpetual License
- Updrade To StatisticaAxa Software: Statistica Base 10.0 Single User Desktop Perpetual License
- Desktop Hp Intel Core I3/ Ddr3 2gb/ 500gb /DVD Writer/ Keyboard+Mouse/ 18.5" Monitor/ Windows 7 Prof. Additionally Loaded
- HP Probook 4530s S/N. Cnu21922xp
- Hdd 500gb Sata Seagate
- Pen Drive 4gb
- Pendrive 8 Gb
- Desktop Lenovo , 18.5" Tft, Win 7
- Laptop Lenovo 59-344833
- HP Deskjet K109 Printer
- Pc System HP P6 2360il With Led/TFT Monitor HP 18.5"
- Pc System HP P6 2360il With Led/TFT Monitor HP 18.5"
- HP Desktop P2-1266il With HPTFT Monitor 18.5"
- Anti Virus Quick Heal Total Security
- DVD Rw Sony
- UPS Powercom 600 Va
- CDR Moserbear

## 2013-2014

- Dlink 10/10mbps 8 Port Switch
- (Sl. No. Qsou1c6027466)
- Dlink Cloud Router N300 (Sl. No. Pw21c5008508)
- HP Laptop Pavilion Sleekbook 14-B157tu
- Browser Based Software Development: College System & Examination System
- HP Pendrive 16gb
- Seagate 1 Tb Ext Exp
- HP Pendrive 8gb
- Switch D-Link 16 Port Des-1016d 10/100
- Pen Drive 16gb
- Anti Virus Quick Heal Total Security

- DVD Rw Sony
- Corel Draw X3 Software
- UPS Powercom 600 Va
- CDR Moserbear
- Panasonic LCD Projector Model Pt Lx 270ea
- Desktop Computer System With Intel Core I3 And I5 Processors
- HP Laptop Computer D017tu

## 6. Innovative curricula proposed / new courses introduced from 2010-11 to 2013-14

Innovative UG/PG curricula proposed to the University (applicable to both affiliated and autonomous college).

(a) New novel UG/PG courses introduced (applicable to autonomous college only). N.A.

(b) Introduction of new Add-on Certificate/Diploma Courses.

 Human Rights and Empowerment COC, approved by UGC This course involves hands-on experience, with NGOs where students work at Grassroot level- interacted and associated- empowered- entrepreneurship & employability- To provide employ for others.

## 7. Examination Reforms introduced by the College from 2010-11 to 2013-14

#### (a) Internal/ continuous assessment methods.

- Comprehensive Evaluation of students is achieved through Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA)
- Group Assessments: to foster group dynamics especially for project assessment
- Poster and Oral Presentations of projects undertaken during
- Selection examination is conducted at the end of each year
- Open-book assessment
- Different techniques are adopted to develop varied skills including soft skills. Varied assessments such as Quizzes, Oral Presentations, Written Assignments, Field Trip Reports, Museum Visit Reports, Viva Voce, Open Book tests, Book Reviews, Exhibitions, and Model Making etc. are used. The Incorporation of ICT has been practiced.

#### (b) Informative / summative assessment methodologies

- Peer evaluation students assess each other
- Group Assessments: to foster Group dynamics especially for project assessment
- Poster and Oral Presentations of projects undertaken regularly
- Feedback to Students display of papers

## (c) Progress made in Marking system / Grading System/ Relative Grading System.

Loreto College is affiliated to University of Calcutta. The college follows the marking system as prescribed by the University. However Grades are awarded to the students for the following:

- Internal Exam Class Tutorials
- Enrichment courses
- Computer Assignments
- Grades are given to courses on Foreign language (French and Spanish)

#### (d) Introduction of Credit-Based Semester System/Choice-Based Credit System - N.A.

#### 8. Research & Consultancies carried out:

Activities	201	1-12	2	012-13	2013-14	
	Number of Project	Grant in aid received	Number of Project	Grant in aid received	Number of Project	Grant in aid received
Minor Projects	-	-	3	Rs.1,85,900	1	Rs.1,20,000
Major Projects	-	-	-	-	-	
Consultancy Projects	-	-	-	-	-	

## 9. Seminars/Workshops/Conferences conducted by the college (International: I; National: N; Regional: R)

#### Attachment 3

Academic Events	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Conferences		-	-
Seminars	2 (N) 3 (R)	1(I) 4 (N)	4(N)
Symposia	-	-	-
Workshops	3 (R)	2 (W)	2 (R)
Public Lectures/Sessions	4	6	11

#### **10.** Publications made by the faculty of the college:

Category	2011 - 12	2012 - 13	2013 - 14
Text Books	1	-	3
Edited Books	1	2	6
Chapters in Books	3	4	9
Proceedings	-	-	2
Articles in proceedings	-	-	1
Journal Articles:			
(a)Indian	1	7	7
(b)Foreign	2	9	6
Popular articles: (a)Dailies	-	-	-
(b)Magazines	-	-	-

#### Attachment 4

#### 11. Total status of NAAC Accreditation:

#### (a) NAAC Grade: at the time of CPE award: 'A'

### (b) NAAC Grade as on date: 'A' – CGPA 3.26 on a 4 Point Scale

#### (c) Establishment of IQAC and its activities:

The IQAC was established in 2005. The activities, events like faculty and student development programme and research promotion are the priorities of the IQAC. It plays a pivotal role in evaluating the activities organized by the college and ensures that the feedback of each of these events is a learning for the subsequent programmes. Members of the IQAC include members from Industry and alumnae. Interaction with NGOs and collaboration with self-help groups are our commitments.

# **12.** Other facilities created like health centre, guest house, canteen, grievance redressal cell, students counseling and guidance cell, placement cell etc.

Facilities like Canteen, Grievance Redressal Cell, and Students Counselling serve the students. The Computer Centre has been continuously upgraded with funds from Phase I & II of CPE. Remedial coaching has helped slow learners, students with disabilities and those coming from financially challenged backgrounds to complete graduation. Special modifications in question patterns for students with disability has been provided by the affiliated university.



# **13.** Any separate facilities created out of UGC-COP/BSR grant like laboratory, library and physical education facilities etc.

The Human Rights and Empowerment COC Course was initiated in 2013. One course was completed during 2013-2014. A few library books, e-commerce have been procured from the COC grant.

#### 14. Stake-holder feedback activities like: Alumni Association; Parent-Teacher Association; Industry Academic meet; NGO student interactions etc.

Mrs. Uma Ahmed (former of HR Delegation of West Bengal), Lady Aruna Paul, Leila Seth, Tilottama Tharoor and Rita Bimani visits the college.

Meeting of parents of students, helps to inform parents of their progress in the college. Feedback and valuable suggestions offered by them go a long way in assessing the development of students and help us to evaluate our role as facilitators.

Industry interface was achieved in a significant way during the **SWOT Analysis** conducted by the corporate giant ITC. Guest lectures and Workshops organized by various departments have been conducted by representatives from the industry. Organic vegetables grown by the farmer have found a market in the college premises.

NGO- student interactions have made a major breakthrough in the last five years. Centre for Environment and Development, Kolkata and Society for the Promotion of Wasteland Development (SPWD), New Delhi eminent NGOs involved in addressing environmental issues have not only interacted with the students but have engaged the students in several projects undertaken by them. Swayam working in rehabilitation of sex workers interacted with the students and faculty on International Women's Day

Students of the AICUF visited Correctional Homes with special permission and interaction with the inmates.

### **15.** Facilities for students

College extends its help to the disadvantaged students of all castes and creeds, for tuition, books, academic trips, hostel fees, and afternoon meals. A number of students have benefited from this fund.

Gym equipment encourage students to stay fit. Water coolers are placed on each floor for the students and canteen provides meals at affordable rates.

# **16.** Facilities for staff members

Facilities provided to the staff are Wi-Fi facility in the Staff room and Staff Study. The staff room is equipped with microwave, refrigerator, and water purifier. Medical Insurance and full

premium is paid for Support Staff. Health Check-ups for the support staff are organized annually.

# 17. Innovative/Best practices introduced during the last 6 years in all areas and in Governance.

- Organized International and National Seminars
- Ten books published by the College



- Use of technology (Laptop/LCD Projector & Overhead Projector) to facilitate teachinglearning process
- Electronic equipment and library resources to enhance teaching- learning
- Data storage for reference in classroom teaching
- Successful completion of Advanced Computer Diploma and Web Designing Enrichment Courses for the students
- Quality projects prepared by the students on Operating Systems, Open Source Software, Java and C++
- Application and Implementation of Corel Draw 13 to improve and edit graphic design
- Development and Updating of the Web Portal
- Introduction of Wi-Fi technology in the campus
- Group interactions and discussions, peer teaching, peer evaluation, projects and paper presentations with the use of audio-visual aids
- Improvement in student facilities
- Remedial teaching for the weak students and advanced enrichment courses for students with potential, carried out frequently by the faculty
- Community Outreach Activity conducted by students exposes them to respect rights for all, social cohesion, cultural diversity, ethical values and nation building.
- Infrastructure Enhancement by construction of additional floor (partly funded by UGC Jubilee grant).
- Green Campus initiative



- Value Education classes
- Feedback to students on their performance
- Staff Development Seminars to evaluate and develop effective methods of teachinglearning and personal growth
- Guest lecturers to add a new dimension to academics





- Field trips to enhance theoretical learning and gain hands-on work experience
- Internships for gaining experience in Industry
- Encourage Research among faculty FIP, Ph.D Course work, MRP, fellowship participation in seminars as paper presenters and resource persons
- Motivate students to present papers and publish their work in reputed journals
- To deepen the Loreto spirit and strengthen Mary Ward's Vision of Women in time to come will to more
- To equip classrooms with audio-visual facilities
- On-line Systematic student feedback for teachers' evaluation introduced.
- Differently abled students are admitted and special attention is given to them by the Faculty

- Organized departmental orientations, new faculty orientations, and faculty enrichment programmes.
- Development programme for Non-teaching staff.

#### **18.** Salient achievements of Phase-I of CPE:

#### LINKAGES

- The History Department developed **linkages** with premier city-based institutions, such as **Victoria Memorial** and **Corpus Research Institute**, w.e.f. 2005-06. The Department has also developed linkages with **INTACH** in connection with Heritage issues.
- Finally, the **Public Policy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India** has kindly interacted with the Department at various levels.
- A Workshop on Peace Building in collaboration with WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace - a Delhi based organization) on Conflict -Management was attended by the Second Year Political Science Honours students.
- Mrs. G. Narayan, Faculty Member was appointed as the Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Policy Study Circle, USEFI, Kolkata in 2007
- International Partnership Learning and Leadership a collaboration with IPSL Portland, USA

### INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMES

- Geography Department of this College was the first in the University of Calcutta to introduce the GIS Course for the undergraduate students. Here they were trained in the GIS software MapInfo 6.5 which has now been upgraded to 7.5 Version which has enabled students to find placements in ISRO.
- Workshop for school teachers
- The Women's Studies Society was initiated by the Dr. Ranjana Banerjee, Head of the Department of Education.

### NEW COURSES

- Psychology Honours and Computer Applications (Major) were sanctioned affiliation in 2007
- New Enrichment courses like Spanish, French, Cursive Writing and Web-designing are offered to students.

#### LABORATORY UP-GRADATION/EQUIPMENT PROCURED

- Psychology Lab equipment
- Geography Lab equipment

- Computer Lab equipment
- ICT equipment

#### **MODERNIZATION OF LIBRARY**

• Computerization of library with standard digital software, LIBSYS with 5-user license. 5 computers are dedicated for this purpose. Data entry done. Computerized Circulation started through Bar Coded Library Tickets.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

• As part of the **History Department's continuing programme on Partition**, a book entitled **Contesting Colonialism: Partition & Swadeshi Revisited** was published by **Macmillan India** in **2007**. The book, edited by two ex-Heads, Department of History, Loreto College, Kolkata (Mrs Tapati Sengupta & Mrs Shreela Roy) consists of papers presented at a **National Seminar** organized by the History Department, Loreto College, in 2005, sponsored by the **U.G.C**. & in collaboration with the **Victoria Memorial**.

#### **INTER DISCIPILINARY**

• The History Department has consciously fostered **multi-disciplinary learning** in several spheres. At the Two day U.G.C.-Sponsored **National Seminar** on Re-thinking the Renaissance: Society, Politics, Culture, on 28 & 29.01.08, several speakers from other disciplines were invited to speak.

# 19. Goals and Milestones for each year i.e. 2011-2012 to 2013-2014 projected and achieved in Phase –II.

### 2011-2012

Loreto College completed one hundred years of its foundation on February 2, 2012. During the Centenary Year (2011-2012) a number of events and programmes were organized:

Inauguration by Former President **Hon'ble Abdul Kalam** and Guest of Honour: Mr. M.K. Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal

- a. Release of Mary Ward Postage Stamp and First Day Cover Our Foundress by Hon'ble Abdul Kalam and Post Master General, Eastern Circle
- b. Panel Discussion: Policy Makers & Private Players Hold the Key to Higher Education
- c. International Seminar: Higher Education and Inclusive Growth: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Perspective
- d. Music Recital: Pandit Jasraj and Pandit Ulhas Kashalkar
- e. Manipuri Dance: Smt. Priti Patel
- f. Dance Programme: Kathak by Smt. Amita Dutta (former student)
- g. ICSSR Sponsored Seminar: *Politicization of Rural Development and its Economic Implications in West Bengal*
- h. Walkathon: In the footsteps of Delphine Hart for Quality Education for Women

- i. Dance Drama **Valmiki Pratibha** by troupe from Correctional Homes of W.B Government
- j. Rabindra Jayanti Celebrations Tagore Songs and Readings Loreto College Staff







- Economics Honours Course and Elective Mathematics new courses started
- Self-financing Heritage Certificate Course on 'Conservation of Cultural Heritage.'
- International Partnership for Service Learning and Leadership in collaboration with IPSL, Portland, USA, (2 batches per year)
- Access to **E-Resources** through British Council Library Membership and through N-List INFLIBNET
- Basic Computer Literacy, Advanced Computer and Web Designing.
- Research Cell constituted
- Women's Cell



- NSS students in collaboration with the Social Service Society conducted 2 Blood Donation Camps-The college was awarded Sabita Gupta Memorial Blood Donation Challenge Trophy
- Student's day observed
- Rabindra Jayanti is celebrated in which the teachers of the college stage a performance on Tagore Literature and Culture.
- Alumnae Association organized Annual Open Day

#### 2012-2013

Loreto College opted for the  $3^{rd}$  Cycle of Accreditation by NAAC during the academic years 2011-2013. The Peer Team visited the institution from September 10 – 12, 2012. This exercise was challenging and growthful. Loreto College was awarded an 'A' Grade in the  $3^{rd}$  Cycle of Accreditation with 3.26 on a 4 point scale.





#### **Seminars Organized**

The B.Ed. Department organized a **UGC sponsored National Seminar**. The Seminar entitled **Challenges and Opportunities in Education** was in collaboration with Azim Premji University, Bengaluru to mark the

close of the B.Ed. Centenary year on March 15 and 16, 2013.

The English Department had the proud privilege of hosting an **International UGC Seminar** entitled **Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry** in collaboration with the American Centre.

The Department of Geography organized a **National Seminar** on *Fragile Himalayas at Crossroads* on 7-8 February, 2014. This focused on the geomorphology, geology, biodiversity, and ecological crisis of this sensitive ecosystem. Eminent geographer Prof. Valdiya delivered the Keynote Address.





The Political Science Department organized a two day **UGC-Sponsored National Seminar** titled **Indian Ocean: Geopolitical and Geostrategic Dimensions** in collaboration with International Centre.

The History Department organized a **National Seminar** titled **Sporting cultures in South Asia: Politics, Nationalism and Media** at Loreto College in collaboration with ICSSR, Kolkata.

Human Rights Day was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and a Seminar was organized by the Psychology Society titled Human Rights Protection-Responsibility of Civil Society.

An **UGC-Sponsored Seminar** was organized for the **Non-Teaching Staff** of the College *Enhancing Excellence in Service Delivery* on March 22 and 23, 2013 in collaboration with ITC.

#### **Involvement of Experts as Resource Persons**



The English Department in its on-going programme titled **Literature and the other Arts** had an opportunity to invite Prof. Amlan Dasgupta to give a lecture entitled *The Body of Death*. The college faculty members also acted as resource persons in national and international forums. They have presented their ideas on the vision of Swami Vivekananda in rebuilding India, Higher Education-its Prospects, Challenges and Opportunities, The Role of Women in the Peace-process, and other wide ranging issues.

Resource persons speaking on topics like Jerusalem-The Eternality by Mrs. Flower Silliman provide enrichment to the faculty and pupils. Teachers from Dycorts School, London, professors from U.K. also visited the college.

Collaboration with USIS – Prof. Joseph Dwaileebe of Georgetown University– B.Ed. Department

### **Enhancement of Teaching-Learning Processes**

The students presented papers and made audio-visual presentations. An educational excursion in History and Heritage by The History Society was useful. CDS/DVDs/films are used as classroom aids.

There is access to E-Resources through British Council Library Membership and through N-List INFLIBNET.

There is Wi-Fi accessibility available on all the floors. Each department has one or more laptops + LCD projector.

Students of the Film Studies group shot short videos with a knowledge of Cinematography and Editing.



A Workshop on **SWOT Analysis** by the resource persons from ITC helped the faculty members and students of the institution. It helped us in identifying our strengths and limitations. The group dynamics amongst the staff was positive and transparent in listing the opportunities and threats faced by the college. These have been documented and are referred to during policy formulation.

A **Staff Development Seminar-cum-Workshop** *Self-Understanding for Greater Personal and Organizational Excellence* by Father M.C. Abraham, HC from Pune helped in building competence amongst the staff members by making them aware of different Personality Types and Temperaments.

#### Research

*The Poetry Forum Volume II* was edited and designed by the students with their articles which was launched in December, 2012.

Dr. Aditi Dasgupta participated in a research symposium organized by Jadavpur University in collaboration with Macquaire University, Sydney. Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta presented a paper in an Annual Convention at Boulder, Colorado and chaired a session at the Conference. Dr. Sumita Banerjee researched on the significance of the forest in Bankimchandra's Green Novels.

Political Science faculty members presented Papers on Political Coalition, Geo-Strategic Environment of Asia-Pacific, the political economy of Rural West Bengal and Women Empowerment under Howrah Zilla Parishad.

A few faculty members obtained their Ph.D. degrees in the last year and many are pursuing the Course under Jadavpur or Calcutta University.

It needs to be appreciated that the students, too, were involved in research by way of presenting papers, organizing the Wall Magazine on Drama, entering into Short Story Competitions, readings of Poetry in the Poetry Forum, educational tours and in the evaluation and book reviews of books from the library. Students contributed to the Departmental Journals. The students also took part in poster competition.

A Psychology Department faculty member attended a Conference at AIIMS and three faculty members attended Seminars and Workshops at Christ University, Bangalore. A Symposium at the National Institute of Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) was also attended.

Many faculty members are resource persons in the International Partnership for Service-Learning Course at Loreto College, which is in collaboration with the IPS-L Portland, U.S.A.

## **Research Projects**

Students of Second Year Political Science Honours have undertaken a Research project titled *Women Empowerment and Local Government: KMC, Case Study* under the supervision of Dr. S. Chowdhury. The Project is being funded by the CPE Research fund.

Three faculty members of the Departments of English, Education, and Psychology were in the process of submitting her Minor Research Projects titled.

Students of the Computer Applications department conducted projects in new Operating Systems upto 2012.

Student of the Department of Geography presented Papers on 'Handicrafts of Bhuj and Bishnupur and Weaving in Sambalpur in the National Seminar on Women and Crafts: Creativity, Empowerment, and Transformation organized by the Loreto College Alumnae Association. A student presented a paper in an International Anglo-Indian Reunion and was judged the Best Speaker.

A student participated in a Workshop cum field visit titled Rhythms from the River Banks in March, 2013.

### Publications

The English Department acquired its own ISSN number for its **Peer-reviewed Journal**, *Critical Imprints*. Publication of Articles and Papers by a majority of faculty members is a regular feature throughout the year. The publications of faculty are enclosed in the Attachment 4

The Department of Journalism brought out its annual publication *Loreto Edit* by using latest software. The Hindi faculty published a few articles on the relevance of certain poets like Hasan Manto and Nagarjun in current times. A huge thrust has been in publishing on 'Women in

Public Life in the Post-colonial period, Women of Bengal in Sports, Sporting Culture in Bengal, History of Indian Football and Sporting Culture in South Asia and Sporting Values there.

The Economics Department published the fifth edition of its journal *Reflections*.

The fifth issue of the ICT Society Magazine *Connect* was released.

The sixth issue of the Journal *CINESCOOP*, in collaboration with the Film Studies and Cine Club Society focused on the hundredth year of Indian Cinema was released.

Faculty members travel to places like America, Thailand and closer home to Bangalore and Delhi to present papers

### Extension

Loreto College supports the Women's Cell since 1996. Working young women from financially challenged backgrounds and who dropped out from school join the Women Cell started by retired teachers of the college for the purpose. The NIOS for classes X and XII are conducted. Students who successfully completed the class XII examination and wish to continue for Under-Graduate studies are admitted into Loreto College and enabled to complete their graduation in the General course. It is a matter of pride and humility that a student from the Women's Cell has secured admission into the B.Ed. course in the college for the academic year 2013-2014 and has passed the B.Ed course with a 1<sup>st</sup> class. Another is pursuing her TTC (Teacher's Training Certificate).

The Alumnae Association of Loreto College organized a One-day 'National Seminar on **Women** and Crafts: Creativity, Empowerment, and Transformation at the ICCR and at Loreto College.

Sister Christine Coutinho, Principal, and seven college students participated in a 'Walk' to spread the message of *Gender Differentiation in Child Mortality* on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 organized by the Non-Governmental Organization, Parivaar.

The WE Nature Society organized a presentation to commemorate **World Water Day** and **World Environment Day**.

Collaboration exists between the College and the Corpus Research Institute, INTACH, Ezeesoft (to edit short films), Society for Promotion of Wasteland Development.

A Second Year student of the Geography department was involved in an Internship Programme with The Society of Wasteland Development.

The Psychology Society organized its annual event 'Kalakriti' involving the differently-abled children. Further, in collaboration with Peerless Hospital and B.K.Roy Research Centre a

'Community Basic Life Support and First-Aid Training' programme was also organized on the second day of the event.

An initiative of 'Swaniti' and the British Council was a Panel Discussion titled The Road Ahead at which students voiced their opinions on violence and .... Around women.

Faculty members are Life members of various Associations, Organizations, and Institutes of repute which helps them to ideate better.



Lady Aruna Paul an eminent Alumnae laid the Foundation Stone for the Mary Ward – Lady Aruna Paul Wing of the new floor of the vertical extension of the college. Lady Paul is a benefactor and has contributed a large sum towards this new wing which will house the post graduate departments of the college. Funds for this wing were also procured from the UGC-Jubilee Grant on the occasion of the centenary of the college.

### 2013-2014

#### Publications

- Jonson and Milton: Masquing the Political by Dr. Ahmer Nadeem Anwer. Levant Books, Kolkata and the Department of English May 2013.
- **An Anthology Volume III**, by the Poetry Forum, edited by Ritika Roy and Apala Bhomick on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014. This is a special edition of the journal of student poetry as it contains a selection of poetry by present-day students and alumnus of the college.
- *Critical Imprints* Volume II (ISSN 2319-4774) edited by Dr. Sumita Banerjee has been published.
- Aspects of Modernity: American Women's Poetry edited by Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta will be published by Jadavpur University Press shortly. These are the proceedings of the UGC Sponsored International Seminar hosted by the Department in December 2012.
- Release of the proceedings of a UGC-Sponsored Seminar on *Dynamics of Values'* published by Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80663-79-1
- Release of the proceedings of a UGC-Sponsored Seminar on *Human Rights: Striving Towards an Inclusive and Vibrant Democracy* published by Loreto College and Levant Books, 2014, ISBN: 978-93-80663-82-1

• Political Science Department Publication of book titled Indian Ocean Geopolitical & Geostrategic Dimensions edited by Ms. Sayoni Choudhuri, Publishers Worldview, Kolkata. ISBN 978-81-904598-3-9

### **Minor Research Projects**

Mrs. A. Dasgupta submitted a **UGC Sponsored Minor Research Project** on *English Studies in Loreto from 1912-2012,* in May 2013.

Dr. S. Chatterjee submitted a **UGC Minor Research Project** A Study of Personality Profile of Early and Late Adolescence with Suicidal Ideation 2011-2013, in May 2013.

Dr. R. Dawn submitted a UGC **Minor Research Project** on Self-Esteem, Adjustment and Academic Achievement of Blind Adolescents in Non-Integrated Schools, in May, 2013.

### Student Research

The students of 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Political Science Department are involved in a research project on *Women's Empowerment and Local Self-Government – Kolkata Municipal Corporation Case Study* in 2012-2013. The pupils presented their findings before the staff and students of the department in November 2013, in an attempt to encourage student research at the undergraduate level. This project was funded under the CPE research grant. The students were also enabled to reflect on challenges they faced in the completion of the research project.

The Department of Geography organized a Workshop on **Disaster Preparedness: A Community based Management Approach for My City Kolkata** on 24-25 September, 2014. The Workshop involved a number of interactive sessions of resource persons from the Department of Emergency Services and Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal, Environmentalists and Academicians with the students of eminent schools of Kolkata. The sessions focused on the different kinds of disasters and the preparedness and mitigation measures.



On February 12, 2014, Srimati Shubha Mudgal gave a lecture demonstration on the relationship of poetry and Hindustani classical music at Loreto College. The programme was under aegis of the English Department's on-going *Literature and the other Arts* initiative.



for Promotion of Wasteland Development (SPWD), Delhi collaborated with the Department of Geography to undertake a detailed study of the and *Ghats* of Kolkata.The project commenced on September 26, 2013 and culminated on February 2014. A photo shoot of the major Ghats like the Dakhineswar Ghat, Nimtala Ghat and Princep Ghat a few was undertaken by the students of the

Department and faculty members.

About fifty old books have so far been digitalized for preservation and made available to students and teachers through D-space. *E-books* through EBSCO host and Nlist-INFLIBNET are also made available.

### **EXTENSION ACTIVITIES**

#### NSS and Social Service

The NSS students in collaboration with the Social Service Society of Loreto College conduct 2 Blood Donation Camps annually in the College. The college was awarded Sabita Gupta Memorial Blood Donation Challenge Trophy for the maximum women donors from a women's college.

The annual Slum Camp by the NSS students used creative ways in creating awareness on health and hygiene and environmental issues. A health check-up was also included in this camp for the residents of a neighbouring slum. Young children were motivated to read; simple prizes were awarded for GK.

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> year student undertakes compulsory Social Service of 12 hours and presents a report on her learning and the impact the service has had on her. Homes for the Aged, Orphanages, Rural schools, Rainbow homes, Shishu Bhavan, Homes for the Abandoned at Kalighat, Shanti Dan and Homes for the Disabled are visited by the pupils.

20.				
Difficulties Encountered in implementation (if	Assistance Required			
any) and suggestions for UGC	from UGC			
The technological advancement over a period of three years is tremendous. Infrastructure invested in becomes outdated and does not cater to the needs of the course offered. This can be evaluated if there is a provision of a mid-term assessment, wherein the relevance of ICT can be assessed.	Flexibility to the college to re-frame their requirements due to the dynamic nature of developments in ICT and other equipment and utilize funds in accordance with the needs.			

21. Activities proposed to be undertaken in Phase-II of CPE or in CE phase by the College:

#### a. Course and Teaching-learning methods:

- Autonomous Post-Graduation course in English affiliated to University of Calcutta
- Working towards **Autonomous Post-Graduation** course in Education (long term)
- Introduce more Enrichment Courses
- Project-based learning (SPWD)

#### b. Employability Skills and Programmes

- Entry to Services On-line assessment and Coaching
- Skill-based learning (Geographical Information Systems)

#### c. Reform in Evaluation/ Examinations:

- Open book exam to be adopted by more departments
- On-line assessments

#### d. Research and Extension Programmes:

- Encourage Research
- Subscribe to a wider range of E-Journals
- Intensify Women Cell to reduce dropouts
- Encourage Student NGO interactions
- To promote collaborative research with industries /academic institutions

#### e. Institutional Quality Enhancement Activities:

- Active IQAC
- Board for Progressive Transformation
- Regular evaluation of activities of the college
- Staff and Student Development Seminars
- Website to be more dynamic
- Encouragement of inter-disciplinary programmes
- Conduct an Academic Audit
- Constitute a more active placement cell
- CCTV cameras in sensitive areas
- Raise internal resources through alumni/ae, benefactors, parents, corporate houses and through various other activities.

#### f. Innovative Programmes to Nationalize / Internationalize the CPE:

- Student Development Programme
- Updating of Website
- Enhance Linkages

Part – C: Budget Detaills

Phase I – Rs.60,00,000
 Phase II – Rs. 50,00,000

# A. Statement of Expenditure for the year 2011–14 to upto 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Audited Report of the three years of CPE 2011-2014 for the amount received is given in Attachment 5. Utilisation Certificate of funds received so far is given in **Attachment 6**. This was submitted as on March 31, 2014 since the funds received were exhausted. Interest earned by the college as on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2014 – Rs.2,39,396/-