

SAMAGAM 2023: AURORA

On December 18, 19, and 20, Loreto College, Kolkata presented Samagam 2023, a festival immersed in the captivating theme of Aurora. Drawing inspiration from the natural phenomenon where vibrant hues dance across the sky, the fest promised a dynamic and vibrant experience, mirroring the diverse skills and talents that were on display over three days.

The grand opening ceremony commenced with the symbolic lighting of the lamp, a tradition marking auspicious beginnings. Sr. Sabrina Edwards IBVM, Province Leader, Loreto SA, graced the occasion with her encouraging presence. Ms. Anashua Majumdar, a distinguished alumna of Loreto College and a seasoned actor with a rich background in theatre, television, and film, was the Chief Guest of Samagam 2023. As the light flickered, the spirit of Aurora was summoned, guiding all present through an unforgettable journey of creativity, camaraderie, and collective inspiration.

Samagam witnessed enthusiastic participation from an array of teams representing prestigious institutions such as St. Xavier's College (Kolkata), The Heritage College, J.D. Birla Institute, Sister Nivedita University, Ramakrishna Mission Residential College (Narendrapur), Lady Brabourne College, Scottish Church College, Shri Shikshayatan College, Bethune College, Gokhale Memorial Girls' College, Jadavpur University, and Presidency University. A plethora of engaging events awaited these participants at Samagam 2023.

The fest began with the annual Damayanti Shield Debate organised by the Debating Society of Loreto College. The Literary Society presented the prestigious Amal Ghatak Memorial Quiz that tested students' literary prowess. These events were accompanied by elocution and creative writing competitions in English, Hindi, and Bengali. The AICUF Society also hosted Faith Quest, a Bible Quiz Competition.

The ICT Society orchestrated events such as Pixel Perfect and Tech Coaction, emphasising the significance of technology in modern times. The Cine Society brought creativity to the forefront with Mimicry Masquerade. The Dramatics Society staged Mime Master. The Art and Craft Society organized Single Hue Stories.

The History Society contributed to the intellectual spectrum with Century Reflections and Whispers of the Past, which focused on videography and blog writing. Meraki, a Library Society event, had participants creatively altering the narratives of existing stories based on prompts given on the spot. The Leadership Training Service hosted Tale Trek, The Psychology Society introduced the Sell Well event, challenging teams to pitch mental wellness entrepreneurial ideas to judges.



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Amidst the jubilant atmosphere of celebration, issues of social importance were not forgotten. The NSS Society hosted Socioscope, a documentary-making event that allowed participants to capture real-world problems in video format and offer meaningful solutions. Likewise, Nukkad Natak by the Political Science Society presented a series of thought-provoking street plays that demonstrated the youth's awareness of burning social issues. The Media Society's Press Quest put student's journalistic abilities to the test, while the W.E. Nature Society provided a platform for students to draw attention to environmental problems through artwork and photography. The Social Service Society engaged participants in an interactive Treasure Hunt, testing their knowledge of the local surroundings.

Loreto College was also delighted to host Mr. Shayne Hyrapiet as the Guest Performer in the final segment of Samagam 2023. His energetic voice and captivating performance had students grooving to popular tracks, providing a fitting climax to the festivities.

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