

Action Taken Report

2022-2023

In order to promote institutional quality enhancement and sustenance, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loreto College has adopted relevant quality academic programmes. Keeping the objective of academic excellence with all-round development, the recommendations of the various stakeholders have been incorporated. The various initiatives adopted to empower young women are in tandem with the Vision and Mission of the institution.

IQAC Initiatives

In order to facilitate creation of a student-centred educational setting for quality education, Internal Quality Assurance Cell acts as a nodal agency of the institution for coordinating quality related programmes.

- A 30-hour course on **Logical Reasoning and Data Interpretation** was introduced to help the students build confidence and thinking skills, help stay focused and save time. The 30-hour course on **Basic Mathematics for Competitive examinations** was conducted and successfully completed.
- A Talk on **Richness of College life** by an alumna Ms. Chirimar was organised to help the students realise the need to develop values of humility, discipline, modesty and time management while balancing academics and other passions.
- A Talk by **Willis Towers Watson**, a multinational insurance advisor company, was organised to brief the students of the Department of Economics and students opting for Elective Economics about the opening in the field of Actuarial Science and provide information about their recruitment process. It helped the students gain information about alternative career opportunities.
- A Talk on **Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency** by Petroleum Conservation Research Association, a Government of India enterprise under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was organised as an awareness programme helping the students realise the importance of prudent use of fossil fuels.
- An **International Symposium on Environmental Sustainability** was organised in collaboration with Lions Club International District 322 B1 and Coordinating Club, Lions Club of Calcutta Mahanagar to help the students realise the need to unleash the knowledge and capability of women for effective climate change mitigation. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, IPS DGP Kolkata and Member Secretary of West Bengal Pollution Control Board was the resource person followed by Ms. Kehkashan Basu, President of Green Hope Foundation who spoke from Canada
- Under **LEADS (Loreto Empowerment and Development Series)**, a talk on **Quality Education**, one of the SDGs was organised to develop ideas about public- private divide in the delivery of education and figure out alternative ways to improve quality of education. Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay of Jawaharlal Nehru University was the resource person.
- A National Seminar was organised on **Gender Mainstreaming: The Road Ahead** for the faculty and students to analyse the ways in which societal institutions and power structures impact

gender mainstreaming. Justice Indira Banerjee, Former Judge of Supreme Court delivered the keynote address which preceded a special lecture by Prof. Rumki Basu, Head, Centre for Public Policy and Governance. A panel discussion was held comprising Dr. Maria Fernandes, member of West Bengal Commission for Women, Mrs. Ananya Chakraborty, Advisor to the West Bengal Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, Dr. Rosalin Mishra, President of Parichay Foundation and chaired by Prof. Arijita Dutta, University of Calcutta. In the last segment, presentations were made by different scholars from different colleges and universities across the country.

Facilitating Use of Hybrid Mode:

In order to motivate students, strive for excellence and have exposure and access to better human resources, IQAC has organised events where hybrid mode was used. On several occasions the national and international speakers delivered lectures using the online mode and the students attended them physically.

The Departments have also organised events using hybrid mode to accommodate speakers of repute both nationally and internationally for enhancement of quality.

Online feedback forms are circulated to students and/ or teachers to understand the impact of the programme, relevance and outcome of the event.

Celebrating Days of National and International Importance

75th year of Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2022 based on the theme Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

On **September 16, 2022, International Day for Preservation of Ozone layer** was commemorated through an online poster competition.

On **November 23, 2022, National Education Day** was celebrated with an invigorating lecture and the release of a college publication, *Education....Gleanings*.

On **December 2, 2022, National Pollution Prevention Day** was kept up. Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman of West Bengal Pollution Control Board addressed the students; this was followed by a poster presentation by the students.

On **December 9, 2022**, students recalled **International Human Rights Day**.

On **April 29, 2023, World Book Day and Copyright Day** was celebrated to ensure literacy, promote cultural diversity and understanding, and preserve the creative economy.

World Environment Day was celebrated through a series of activities during May-June 2023. On **June 5, 2023**, 10 students accompanied by two faculty members attended a programme organised by West Bengal Pollution Control Board at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre.

Academic Quality Enhancement

The different departments have organised various lectures and events to provide a better exposure to students to have a comprehensive idea beyond classroom teaching.

- On August 16, 2022, the Department of B.Ed in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised a **Workshop on Experiential Learning conducted by International STEAM Research.**
- On September 24, 2022, the Department of Geography in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell organised a **Workshop on Datasets and Techniques in Vulnerability Assessment of Climate Change Impact** under **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.**
- On November 9, 2022, the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized a talk titled **Decentralisation and Fiscal Federalism: The Contemporary Indian Experience.** As India, the federation, celebrates **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, commemorating its 75th anniversary of Independence, this special talk was an attempt to enlighten students on the evolution and the tumultuous yet inspiring journey of self-governance in India. The speaker was Prof. Ambar Nath Ghosh of Jadavpur University.
- On November 12, 2022, the Department of B.Ed. in collaboration with IQAC organized a panel discussion commemorating the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on **Mahatma Gandhi and His Ideas on Education: Reflection on National Education Policy 2020.**
- On November 22, 2022, the Department of Geography in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell organised **Academic Orientation.**
- On November 25, 2022, a special lecture was organised by the department of Sociology in collaboration with IQAC on **Health Is Capital: A Sociological Understanding of Health and Hygiene through the Lens of Gender and Class in India.** The speaker was Dr. Anurupa Mitra of Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata.
- On December 6, 2022, the Department of Geography in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell organised **Diamond Jubilee Celebratory Lectures.**
- On December 6, 2022, the Department of Education in collaboration with Sanlaap organized a panel discussion on **Shadows behind the Mask: Stop Human and Sex Trafficking.** This event was organised in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell.
- On April 8, 2023, the Departments of English and Bengali in collaboration with IQAC have organised a **Translation Workshop.**
- On April 11, 2023, an Interactive Session on **Urban Planning in India and Career Options for Geographers** was organised by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC.
- On April 28, 2023, the Departments of English and Bengali in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organised a **colloquium on Text and Performance.**

Research Promotion

In order to develop the analytical skills and logical reasoning among the students and have a better orientation towards research, the Research Cell of the college organised events throughout the year.

The various departments in collaboration with IQAC have also organised events to promote the culture of research among the students.

- A Special Lecture, ***Unravelling Man's Life and Society: A Qualitative Discourse*** was organised by the Department of Human Rights in collaboration with IQAC and delivered by Suvendu Maji, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta on November 25, 2022.
- A special lecture on ***Interrogating Qualitative Research: Differences, Challenges and Possibilities*** was organised by Department of Sociology in collaboration with the IQAC and delivered by Dr. Abhijit Dasgupta, Assistant Professor of Sociology at GITAM University, Visakhapatnam on December 8, 2022.
- A talk, ***Research Methods in Social Sciences: Anomaly or Necessity*** was organised by Department of History in collaboration with IQAC on January 7, 2023. Ms. Mallika Roy Choudhury covered various concepts and issues with research methods. Through the course of the talk the need for rigour in the design, method and methodology of research was emphasized upon with various examples from history.

Collaborative Events

Loreto College has signed Memorandum of Understanding with 16 colleges across the country to promote interaction among students and share responsibility for academic excellence.

- On August 26, 2022, the third-year students of Loreto College participated with enthusiasm in an insightful and informative webinar conducted by Nirmala College, Ranchi on ***Gender Equity in Higher Educational Institutions***.
- On September 10, 2022, an International Seminar on ***Women in Sports in India: Politics, Nationalism & Media*** by the departments of Education and History in association with Internal quality Assurance Cell in which colleges such as Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi, Salesian College, Siliguri, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, Patna Women's College actively participated through paper presentation.
- On September 24, 2022, the Department of B.Ed. in association with Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized a special lecture by Dr. Sanghita Sanyal on ***The Lost Glory of Vade Mecum*** in collaboration with Patna Women's College, Patna, St. Ann's College of Education, Secunderabad, Mt. Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam and Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi.
- On December 16, 2022, the Department of B.Ed. organized a Special Lecture by Dr Debolina Sarkar on ***The Place of a Child in National and International Law: A Human Rights Perspective***. The lecture was attended by the faculty and students of Women's College (Autonomous), Patna, St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), Secunderabad, Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam, St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), Mangalore and Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi.
- On March, 25, 2023, the Department of B.Ed. organized a webinar on 'Tribal Empowerment & Preservation of Tribal Heritage' in association with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell. The webinar was held in the blended mode and was attended by the faculty and students of the Department of B. Ed. of Loreto College, Kolkata as well as faculty and students of Women's College (Autonomous), Patna, St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), Secunderabad, Mount Carmel College of Teacher Education for Women, Kottayam, St. Ann's College of Education (Autonomous), Mangalore and Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi.

Academic and Non-Academic Fests/ Events in and outside College

In order to promote competitive spirit among the students and have a better exposure to contemporary ideas, help them widen their horizon of learning, learn to manage finances, shoulder responsibilities to develop leadership qualities and sharpen their networking skills, the college fests/ events provide a very good platform to the students. The various departments and societies have organised events.

- On March 28, 2023, the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) hosted the annual **inter-year quiz competition** known as **IGNITION**.
- On April 2, 2023, an online poster-making competition in collaboration with IQAC on **Self-Harm Awareness** was organised by the Psychology Society.

Hence, quality education enables the students to develop their attributes and skills to achieve their potential as human beings and responsible members of the society. Keeping this mind, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell has been instrumental in organising events as its own initiatives and in collaboration with various departments thereby stimulating the academic environment for fostering global competencies among students.