

Action Taken Report

2023-2024

Keeping in mind the vision of our institution and believing that our institution must be a dynamic entity, a plethora of events were organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell. 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 **Basic Mathematics for Competitive examinations** was conducted to enhance the problem -solving skills of the students, help stay focused and save time.
- A Session on Entrepreneurship titled **Be an Agent of Change** by Mrs. Mandira Karmakar, Founder of Amuktika and Mrs. Shirina Mukherjee, Founder of Vanilla Bean Bakery was organised under LEADS on September 8, 2023 to strike the right chord among the youth and give them some clarity on dreaming big and how to embark on such a journey.
- A Faculty Development Workshop on **Digital Education and Empowerment** by Dr. Souvik Mukherjee and Dr. Shantanu Majhee was organised on September 15, 2023 to update the faculty on the digital tools for research and to confirm the relevance of Digital Humanities in various aspects of academic life.
- A Talk on **Rudimentary Financial Management for Women** by Dr. Gargi Chatterjea was organised under LEADS on September 29, 2023 as an awareness programme to equip the students with essential financial knowledge and lay the foundation for a financially secure future.
- A Talk on **Sustainable Cities and Communities** by Dr. Sudeshna Chatterjee, Program Director for Research on Sustainable Cities at WRI India was organised under LEADS on October 4, 2024 to broaden the knowledge of the students regarding urbanisation and its relationship with sustainability.

- Under **LEADS (Loreto Empowerment and Development Series)**, a 5- Day Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences for Advanced Learners sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research- ERC was organised during October 9-13, 2023 to help the students understand how to apply a range of research methods in a project, develop their analytical skills and get ideas about the importance of engaging in insightful research. The speakers for the inaugural session were Prof. Saibal Kar, Honorary Director of ICSSR-ERC, Prof. Shibasish Chatterjee of Jadavpur University and Prof. Subrata Shankar Bagchi of University of Calcutta. Discipline-specific deliberations were organised for hands-on training catering to the requirements of research for each discipline.
- A Talk on **Professional Ethics- Inspiring Trust and Fostering Integrity** under **LEADS** by Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee, Partner Advisory of PwC, India was organised on November 29, 2023 under LEADS to equip students with a heightened awareness of their role in contributing to a positive and principled work environment.
- A Session on **Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency** was conducted by Mr. Sushanto Roy on February 29, 2024 to make the students aware of the prudent use of energy for mitigating environmental risks
- A Session on **Coping with Stress during Examination** under **LEADS** by Dr. Ushri Banerjee was organised on February 29, 2024 to help the students understand how to remain stress -free during examinations
- A Session on **New Zealand as an Academic Destination** by Global Reach was organised on March 6, 2024 to provide information about universities in New Zealand
- A **Two - Day Workshop in Research Methodology for Undergraduate Students of Department of English** under **LEADS** was organised April 16 and April 19, 2024
- A Session on **Earth Democracy and the Rights of Nature** by eminent environmentalist Dr. Vandana Shiva was organised on April 24, 2024 under **LEADS** to help our students understand the dangerous implications of industrial involvement with agriculture and realise the miracles of bounties of nature
- A **One -Day Workshop on Research Methodology for Postgraduate students of Department of English** was organised on May 11, 2024 in an online mode under **LEADS**
- A **Faculty Development Session on Career Advancement Scheme** by Dr. Tushar Kanti Ghara, Joint DPI was organised on June 11, 2024

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, 2023** based on the theme ***Nation First, Always First.***
- On **October 6, 2023**, **World Mental Health Day** was commemorated
- On **November 29, 2023**, **Constitution Day** was observed through an insightful presentation followed by a dramatic portrayal of Rabindranath Tagore's literary masterpiece, *The Home and the World*
- On **November 29, 2023**, National Education Day was observed where Mrs. Ananya Chakraborti Chatterjee, Hon'ble Advisor, West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights addressed the students
- On **December 4, 2023**, **National Pollution Prevention Day** was observed on the theme ***Green Energy and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Prospects.*** Dr. Swati Nandi, Chakraborty addressed the students; this was followed by a poster presentation by the students.
- On **December 11, 2023**, students recalled **International Human Rights Day** through a special lecture on ***Child Rights and the Gaza War*** delivered by Prof. Debi Chatterjee, Retired Professor of Jadavpur University
- On **February 21, 2024**, **International Mother Language Day** was observed through a musical to explore the various facets of the day and its significance
- On **March 7, 2024**, **International Women's Day** was observed based on the UN theme ***Invest in Women : Accelerate Progress***
- On **March 20, 2024**, **World Happiness Day** was celebrated to spread happiness among the under privileged children
- On **April 18 and 19, 2024**, a two-day workshop was held to commemorate **World Earth Day**

- On **May 22, 2024, International Biodiversity Day** was observed through an Inter-College Photography and Reel-Making competition
- On **June 21, 2024**, International Yoga Day was observed based on the theme ***Yoga for Self and Society***

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 25, 2023**, the Department of B.Ed in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised a **Webinar** on ***The Emphasis of National Education Policy 2020 on Inclusive Education***
- On **November 23, 2023**, the Department of English in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized **lectures** on ***Early Modern Literature***
- On **December 1, 2023**, the Department of B.Ed. in collaboration with IQAC organized an exhibition on ***Mahatma Gandhi : Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow***
- On **January 3, 2024**, the Department of Political Science in collaboration IQAC organized a special talk on ***Indian Foreign Policy***
- On **January 16, 2024**, the Department of History in collaboration with IQAC had organised a special lecture on ***Understanding the Past for a Sustainable Future Oral - Narratives and Environment***
- On **February 8, 2024**, a **Book Reading Session** was organised by the Department of History in collaboration with IQAC
- On **April 3, 2024**, a **Workshop** on ***First Aid and Basic Life Support*** was organised by the Department of B.Ed in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
- On **April 30, 2024**, a Talk on ***The Art of Creative Journaling*** was organised by the Department of Education
- On **May 21, 2024**, a Special Talk on ***Gender Based Violence*** was organised by the Department of Political Science in collaboration with IQAC

Research Promotion

In order to develop the analytical skills and logical reasoning among the students IQAC has organised three workshops for both undergraduate and postgraduate departments.

- A **5- Day Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences for Advanced Learners** sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science

Research- ERC was organised during **October 9-13, 2023** to help the students understand how to apply a range of research methods in a project, develop their analytical skills and get ideas about the importance of engaging in insightful research.

- A **Two - Day Workshop on Research Methodology for Undergraduate Students of Department of English** was organised April 16 and April 19, 2024
- A **One -Day Workshop on Research Methodology for Postgraduate Students of Department of English** was organised on May 11, 2024 in an online mode

The Research Cell of the college also organised events throughout the year.

Alumnae Engagement for Career Prospects

- On **January 4, 2024**, an **Interactive Career Counseling Session** titled **Navigating Futures: Success in Entrance Examinations and Careers in Disaster Management** was organised by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC
- On **April 9, 2024**, a Talk on **Insights from a Transformation: Sharing my Experiences as an Indian Student in UK** was organised by the Department of Psychology in collaboration with IQAC
- On **April 22, 2024**, a Talk on **The Journey to HUL: Insights from a Loreto Economics Graduate** was organised by the Department of Economics in collaboration with IQAC
- On **May 15, 2024**, **Alumnae Lecture Series** was organised by the Department of Geography in collaboration with IQAC
- On **June 20, 2024**, a Talk by an alumnus of Department of Political Science

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 25, 2023**, the Department of B.Ed in collaboration with Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised a **Webinar on The Emphasis of National Education Policy 2020 on Inclusive Education** 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 April 24, 2024, the Internal Quality Assurance Cell had organised a session on **Earth Democracy and the Rights of Nature** by Dr. Vandana Shiva in collaboration with Nirmala College, Patna, Patna Women's College, Jesus and Mary College

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 students are continuously motivated to participate in events outside college.

- Students of the college participated in a meet and a debate organized by Scottish Church College on **January 09, 2024**
Chandraboli Mazumdar (Psychology) won the Best Speaker, Snehabrita Banerjee (English) won the first prize for her presentation.
- 55 students of the college participated in the Global Reach Education Fair in Oberoi Grand on **January 15, 2024**
- Students of Departments of English and Geography participated in a conversation on Gender Equality and Climate Change at the U.S. Pavilion at the International Book Fair on **January 20, 2024**
- Semester I students of Department of History, English, Economics and Political science were declared winners in the MED GALA event of Jadavpur University held during **January 30-31, 2024**
- Semester I students of Department of English participated in the finale event on Climate Change through Arts organised by USIS at the American pavilion at the Kolkata International Book Fair on **January 31, 2024**
- Students of Department of Political Science participated at the International women's Day programme organised by ORF Kolkata on **March 8, 2024**
- Students of Department of History participated in a paper presentation organised by Scottish Church College on **March 11, 2024**
- Students of the college participated in a meet **Spectrum** organized by NIFT during **March 15-16, 2024**
- Students participated in **Sanskriti** organised by Jadavpur University during **March 21-23, 2024**
- Students participated to commemorate Mother Language Day Celebration organised by Shrishikshayatan College on **March 27, 2024**
- Students participated in ClioVenture'24 organised by Ramkrishna Mission Residential College, Narendrapur on **April 2, 2024**
- Students participated in **Xenith** organised by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) during **April 3-4, 2024**

- Students of Department of Economics participated in **Ceteris Paribus** organised by Department of Economics of Lady Brabourne College on **April 18, 2024**
- Students of Department of Political Science participated in **Vox Populi** organised by Department of Political Science, RKM, Narendrapur on **April 18, 2024**
- Some faculty members attended an Orientation Programme on Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm on **April 19, 2024**
- Students participated in **Bonfire'24** organised by The Bhawanipur Education Society College during **April 25-27, 2024**
- Students of Department of Education participated at the Inter College Students' Seminar and Quiz Competition organised by Shrishikshayatan College in collaboration with Shivrath Shastri College on **May 14, 2024**
- Students participated in an event organised by West Bengal Pollution Control Board at Biswa Bangla Convention to commemorate World Environment Day during **June 10-11, 2024**
- Students of Department of Education participated in the **Pride Programme on Culture and Diversity** organised by the US Consulate General, Kolkata on **June 24, 2024**

The various departments and societies have also organised events.

- Inter - year Quiz Competition **Ignition** was organised by Department of Economics on October 2, , 2024
- Poster-making competition organised by department of B.Ed to celebrate **Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav**
- Annual Students' Meet **Dialego** organised by Department of Political Science on April 5, 2024
- **Doodle Art Competition** organised by ICT Society on April 29, 2024
- **Inter-departmental Dart Tournament** organised by Games Society on May 14, 2024
- Inter-college Students' Meet **Historia** organised by Department of History on May 16, 2024
- **Loreto Shield Quiz** organised by Literary Society on May 21, 2024
- Inter-college Students' Meet **Ecolore** organised by Department of Economics on May 28, 2024
- Intra-college inter-departmental debate competition **Diaphonia** organised by Debating society on May 28, 2024

Experiential Learning

The different departments have organised field visits to develop knowledge and skills through experience.

- A **Visit to Alipore Jail Museum** organised by Department of History on January 9, 2024
- A **Study Tour to Alipore Jail Museum** organised by Department of Political Science on March 2, 2024
- **Visit to Kolkata Police Limelight Library and Museum** organised by Library Society on March 14, 2024
- **Field Visit to People Power India** organised by Department of Psychology during March 21 and 22, 2024
- An **Industrial Visit to Keventer Agro Limited** organised by Department of Economics on April 6, 2024
- **Field Visit to Aizwal, Mizoram** organised by Department of Geography during April 29 -May 6, 2024
- **Visit to South Park Street Cemetery** organised by Department of English on May 23, 2024

Career Prospects

The Career Counselling Cell and Placement Cell organised several events to provide information to the students about the different opportunities available as career options.

- A presentation by Mr. Sanjeev Roy, Erasmus Mundus Scholar and UNESCO Fellow organised by Career Counselling Cell on September 26, 2023
- A Seminar by **Teach For India**, an organisation committed to enhancing education and combating educational disparities in the country, organized by Placement Cell on September 27, 2023
- A **Pre-placement talk by Teach for India** organised by Placement Cell on March 11, 2024
- A Talk on **What it takes to be a Journalist and How to Adapt to a Changing Media Landscape** organised by Career Counselling Cell on March 14, 2024
- A **Webinar on Digital Marketing** by YoursthatSenior organised by Placement Cell on March 21, 2024
- An **interactive session on Interview Skills and C.V. Writing** organised by Career Counselling Cell on March 28, 2024
- An **interactive session on Careers in the Disability Sector**, with special emphasis on Autism organised by Career Counselling Cell on April 4, 2024

Environment Consciousness

The institution aims at generating awareness and sense of responsibility among students for sustainable development.

- Loreto College was identified by West Bengal Pollution Control Board for installation of Air and Noise Quality sensor-based device to measure the Air Quality Index and the quality of noise in and around college.
- Various sensitization programmes are organised by college to instil the value of conservation of environment and minimise the risk of environmental degradation through their contributions.
- Students are actively involved in the programme organised by West Bengal Pollution Control Board to celebrate **World Environment Day** every year.
- **Earth Day week** was celebrated during April 18 and 19, 2024 by the students of the college.
- A session on **Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency** organised by IQAC on February 8, 2024
- Plant Distribution organised by Greenovation Club and W.E Nature Society on January 9 and 10, 2024

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.