

Newsletter



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## COLLEGE EVENTS

**O**n July 1, 2024, Loreto College, Kolkata conducted the *Investiture Ceremony* for the Student Council of the Academic Session 2024–2025. The Chief Guest was Mr. Bratya Basu, Honourable Higher Education Minister of West Bengal, who handed over the badges of office to the elected members of the Student Council.



The Anti-Ragging Cell of Loreto College, Kolkata, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised an *Anti-Ragging Awareness Session* for all undergraduate Semester II students on August 2, 2024. The session aimed to acquaint the students with the definitions and consequences of ragging as well as the existing redressal mechanisms in the institution.



On August 2, 2024, the Internal Complaints Committee and the Gender Studies Cell, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised a special talk on *Gender Sensitisation and Right to Safety*, delivered by Dr. Palak Mittal, for the undergraduate students of Semester II.





## COLLEGE EVENTS

An **Orientation Programme** for the newly admitted undergraduate students of Semester I was conducted on August 7, 2024 at Loreto College, Kolkata. The programme began with an address by Sr. Powlin, the Community Leader, after which Sr. Dr. A. Nirmala, Teacher-in-Charge, introduced the history of Loreto College and the values of Loreto Education. The members of the faculty were introduced, and an audio-visual presentation on the different aspects of the curriculum and college life was made. The general orientation was followed by the departmental orientations.



On August 15, 2024, Loreto College, Kolkata celebrated **Independence Day** with a special programme titled “Maatri Bhoomi: Rights of Women and the Republic.” This event was a collaborative effort by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, the Department of History, the Department of Political Science, and the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit. The programme aimed to celebrate the spirit of the nation while critically reflecting on the legislative progress made in securing women’s rights since India’s independence. Dr. Debasree Sinha, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, delivered the Independence Day address, emphasising India’s environmental imperatives.



A **Silent March** for the cause of justice and women’s safety was organised by Loreto College on August 16, 2024. It was joined by teachers, students, former teachers, ex-students, and students of higher secondary classes from Loreto House. The participants congregated at Allen Park, where songs of positive social transformation and harmony were sung.





## COLLEGE EVENTS



On September 6, 2024, a workshop on ***How to Face, Ace and Race Ahead in Impromptu Speaking*** was organised for the students of Loreto College. The interactive session was conducted by Mr. Ayan Pal, an esteemed speaker, author, and educator, who equipped the participants with the skills and confidence necessary to excel in personal and professional situations demanding impromptu speaking.

On September 10, 2024, Loreto College celebrated **Teachers' Day** with a meaningful Mass and a series of captivating performances by the students, followed by a special lunch for the members of the faculty and staff.



An orientation programme on ***Building Resilient Societies Using Data Technologies*** was conducted on September 23, 2024 for students of all disciplines. The resource persons were Ms. Krishnakali Ghosh, Program Manager at Resilience Innovation Knowledge Academy, and Dr. Soma Dutta, Associate Professor, Department of Media Science, George College, Kolkata. The session focused on how data can be used for proactive decision making, disaster preparedness, resource management, and enhancing the overall well-being of communities.



A **Freshers' Welcome** programme was organised by the Student Council on September 25, 2024 at Loreto College with the objective of integrating new students into the college community. The new students showcased their diverse talents through dance, music, and drama performances that captivated the audience.





## COLLEGE EVENTS

On September 30, 2024, the Anti-Ragging Cell of Loreto College, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, conducted an ***Anti-Ragging Orientation Session*** for the Semester I students of the undergraduate programme. The session aimed to educate students about the implications and consequences of ragging, thereby fostering a safe and supportive environment within the college.



On September 30, 2024, the Internship Committee of Loreto College conducted a special ***Session on the Modalities of Internships*** under the Curriculum & Credit Framework (CCF) 2022, as prescribed by the University of Calcutta, for the undergraduate students of Semester I and Semester III.



The 163rd birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated on October 1, 2024 with **Kheyal Chhobi: Pupe o Dadamoshai**, presented by current and former faculty members and the non-teaching staff of Loreto College. Through songs, dance, and conversations between the characters of Pupe, Dadamoshai, and the imagined 'Shey,' the musical collage created a surreal world of imagination and reality.





## COLLEGE EVENTS

On November 6, 2024, the Placement Cell of Loreto College organised an insightful event titled ***Navigating Your Career Paths***. Mr. Krishnendu Banerjee, Officer of Placement and Training at the University of Calcutta, equipped students with essential knowledge and strategies for their professional journeys.



On November 12, 2024, a workshop titled ***Résumé Reboot*** was organised by the Placement Cell. The session was conducted by Mr. Soumyajit Mahapatra, Chairman of the Public Relations Society India, Kolkata Chapter, who shared essential techniques for effective résumé writing, providing attendees with strategies to improve their chances of passing the initial stages of HR screening and applicant tracking systems (ATS).

On November 13, 2024, the Placement Cell hosted an event titled ***Career Options in the Social Sector***. The speaker for the session was Ms. Riiei Maia Khongwir, Branding, Partnership and Sourcing Manager, Teach for India, who equipped students with the knowledge of evolving landscapes in the social sector.



The East Regional Round of the 8th edition of ***ConQuest***, an annual inter-college quiz competition organised by the Centre for Law and Policy Research (CLPR) and aimed at fostering awareness of constitutional law and policy among students, was held on November 16, 2024 at Loreto College and saw enthusiastic participation from various institutions. The Preliminary Round tested all registered teams, and those with the highest scores advanced to the East Regional Final. The Chief Guest, Dr. Sujata Chowdhury, presented prizes to the winning teams.





## COLLEGE EVENTS

The ***Annual Sports Day*** was organised by the Games Society on November 23, 2024 at the St. Xavier's Collegiate School Ground (Primary Section) and drew an enthusiastic crowd of students, faculty, alumni, and parents. The event was marked by the presence of Chief Guest Ms. Madhu Kumari, International Basketball Player; Father Roshan Tirkey, Principal, St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata; Sr. Powlin, Community Leader and Secretary to the Loreto House Education Society; and Mr. Soumitra Chowdhury, ex-basketball player and coach.



In observance of ***Communal Harmony Week***, undergraduate students of Semester I at Loreto College discussed the topic of Communal Harmony on November 25, 2024 under the guidance of Teacher-in-Charge Sr. Dr. A. Nirmala.



On November 25, 2024, the Semester V students attended a gathering to commemorate ***UN Orange Day***. Organised by the Gender Studies Cell of Loreto College in collaboration with Soroptimist International of Calcutta, the event marked the beginning of 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Led by Mrs. Shukla Ghoshal, Secretary of Soroptimist International of Calcutta, the event involved the distribution of badges sent by the organisation to students and faculty members.





## COLLEGE EVENTS

The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Political Science Society, the National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit, and AICUF, commemorated Constitution Day on November 26, 2024 at Loreto College. The theme for this year's celebration was "Voices of the Nation: Constitutional Dreams and Ray's Cinematic Reflections." The focus was on examining the functionality of constitutional machinery and reviving hope for a better future.



The Loreto College Incubation Centre (LCIC) organised a session entitled *Is Entrepreneurship a Choice for Career Development?* on November 27, 2024. The event featured two speakers from IIM Calcutta Innovation Park—Mr. Avijit Das, Program Head, and Mr. Sankha Ray, Program Manager—who highlighted the importance of innovation, leadership, and adaptability in entrepreneurship. Their insights into social entrepreneurship offered a fresh perspective on how businesses can create both profit and impact.





## COLLEGE EVENTS

The Annual Awards Ceremony of Loreto College, Kolkata for the academic year 2023–24 was conducted on December 14, 2024. The event, attended by current and former students, parents, faculty members, donors, and other well-wishers, provided an occasion to celebrate the outstanding achievements of students from the graduating batch of 2024. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Suranjan Das, Vice-Chancellor of Adams University, as the esteemed Chief Guest. The ceremony was succeeded by the presentation of the Annual College Report by the Student President Sanjula Shanker and Vice-President Tanushua Goswami.



The Loreto Provincialate organised a ***Training Programme for Internal Committee (IC) Members*** of various Loreto institutions, including Loreto College, on December 16 and 17, 2024. With resource persons Neha Pradhan Arora and Anamika Rathaur of the Mudita Foundation facilitating the session, IC members were made aware of their role as members of the committee and familiarised with the POSH Act and institutional policy.



The AICUF Unit, in collaboration with the Dramatics Society of Loreto College, hosted a vibrant and heart-warming Christmas Pageant on December 20, 2024 to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Students, faculty members, and guests gathered in large numbers to enjoy the event, which featured a nativity play and captivating performances by the college choir.





## SAMAGAM 2024: VINTAGE CARNIVAL

**O**n December 4, 5, and 6, 2024, Loreto College, Kolkata hosted its annual fest, Samagam, with 'Vintage Carnival' as its theme. The fest was an amalgam of talented displays and gaiety, serving as a vibrant platform for students from over 20 colleges across the city. A wide array of activities and attractions were featured, ranging from cultural performances, literary competitions, sports contests, events on social awareness, and technical showcases to food stalls and promotional exhibits for brands and small businesses. Renowned actor Mr. Kaushik Sen graced the occasion as the chief guest, sharing a thoughtful and encouraging message with the participants. The jubilant atmosphere was further electrified by the performances of DJ Koyel and Adhiraj Bajaj. The prize distribution ceremony on the final day celebrated the students for their achievements, bringing the three-day fest to a spirited close.





## SAMAGAM 2024: VINTAGE CARNIVAL





## IQAC EVENTS

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loreto College organised a *Workshop on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)* for faculty members on November 25 and 26, 2024. The workshop was conducted by Fr. Julian S Das, a distinguished expert from the Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC), St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata. Faculty members were encouraged to adapt to the changing educational landscape by exploring the potential of developing MOOCs in partnership with EMRC. By tying up with EMRC, Loreto College aims to bring quality educational resources to a wider audience and thereby contribute to the national initiative for accessible online education.



On November 12, 2024, Loreto College had the privilege of hosting a *Masterclass in Piano* by the renowned French pianist Kim Barbier. Organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell in collaboration with Alliance Française du Bengale, the session was attended by current and former students of the college. Kim Barbier's insights and expertise offered an enriching, experiential learning experience to the attendees, making the session both inspiring and memorable.



A workshop and panel discussion on *The Art and Science of Sustainability* was organised by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell on November 27, 2024 for the students of Semester V. The speaker, Dr. Nayan Mitra of Sustainable Advancements (OPC) Private Limited, presented case studies on two transformative projects: Alna, promoting skill development and sustainable production among women rescued from trafficking, and Earth Restore, aimed at the creation of urban forest areas in Kolkata. The panel discussion, which was moderated by Mr. Mostak Farhad, a specialist in Environmental Science and Technology, featured six students from Scottish Church College, Shri Shikshayatan College, and Loreto College, who presented interdisciplinary approaches to sustainability. A workshop on composting was also led by Ms. Lata Bhatia, with students learning practical composting techniques using dry leaves and kitchen waste.





## RESEARCH CELL EVENTS

**O**n September 13, 2024, Dr. Mainak Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor of the Department of Economics at Loreto College, presented part of his doctoral thesis titled *Economic Reforms in India: A Macro-theoretic Study*. The presentation, which delved into the macroeconomic implications of economic reforms in India, was attended by the students of the Department of Economics and faculty members of the college.

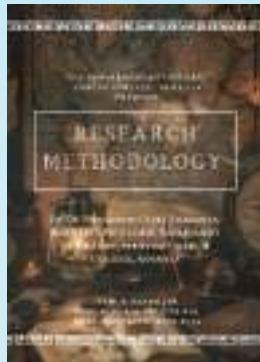


### WORKSHOPS ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR STUDENTS

DEPARTMENT	SEMESTER	RESOURCE PERSON	DATE
History	V	Dr. Shrimoyee Guha Thakurta, Associate Professor, Department of History, Scottish Church College, Kolkata	September 26, 2024
Psychology	V	Dr. Sreemoyee Tarafder, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, West Bengal State University, Barasat	September 26, 2024
Geography	V	Dr. Anuradha Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Women's Christian College, Kolkata	September 26, 2024
English	V	Dr. Sukanya Dasgupta, Associate Professor, Department of English, Loreto College, Kolkata	September 30, 2024
Education	V	Dr. Lalit Lalitav Mohakud, Associate Professor, Department of Education, Jadavpur University	September 30, 2024
Economics	V	Dr. Suparna Gangopadhyay, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Surendranath College for Women, Kolkata	October 4, 2024
English	III	Dr. Debapriya Basu, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	December 17, 2024



## RESEARCH CELL EVENTS



Department of History  
Semester-V



Department of Psychology, Semester-V



Department of Geography, Semester-V



Department of English, Semester-V



Department of Education, Semester-V



Department of Economics, Semester-V



Department of English, Semester-III

### FORTHCOMING LAUNCH...

#### *Loreto College Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*

An online, open access, peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal of annual frequency

Theme of First Issue: "Democracy, Equity, and Gender as Pathways to Sustainability"

<https://lcjhss.in/>



## ALUMNAE EVENTS

### A *Loreto College Ex-Students' Contributory*

**Dinner** was organised at Mainland China, Gurusaday Road by the alumnae of Loreto College, Kolkata on September 21, 2024. The dinner was attended by more than 130 past students. A quiz on Loreto and Kolkata's heritage was conducted by Ms. Oindrilla Dutt. Hampers were won during the lucky dip, and the whole event was peppered with food, laughter, and songs.



Organised on November 30, 2024, **Ami-Tea** was a reunion organised for the past pupils of the Postgraduate English section of Loreto College, Kolkata. Alumnae from the first PG batch of 2016 to the most recent batch of 2024 attended the event, enjoying moments of nostalgic recollection and delectable delicacies with their teachers.



**Open Day** 2024, organised by the Loreto College Alumnae Association (LCAA), was held on December 19, 2024, bringing together NGOs, women entrepreneurs, students, and teachers of the college. Over a hundred stalls sold handmade items and other attractions such as face painting, mehndi, and nail art. Games and food stalls were set up by the various departments of the college. A special feature was the prominent presence of the Loreto College Incubation Centre (LCIC), with twenty student entrepreneurs from the LCIC showcasing their products.



### Alumnae Events

**VALUE-ADDED PROGRAMMES**

COURSES	STARTING DATE
Calligraphy Value-Added Programme	August 24, 2024
Basic Python Value-Added Programme (Batch 3)	September 2, 2024
German Language Value-Added Programme	September 2, 2024
Web Designing Value-Added Programme	September 3, 2024
French Language Value-Added Programme	September 9, 2024
Spanish Guitar Value-Added Programme	September 11, 2024
Mathematics for Competitive Examinations Value-Added Programme	September 20, 2024
Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning (AI / ML) and Data Analytics: Theory into Practice in Disaster Management Value-Added Programme	September 27, 2024
Spanish Language Value-Added Programme	November 5, 2024
Appreciation of Film & Media Value-Added Programme	November 11, 2024





## VALUE-ADDED PROGRAMMES

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**SIGNING OF MOU**

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION	DATE OF SIGNING
Redivivus Recyclers Private Limited	July 18, 2024
Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata	August 14, 2024
Alliance Française du Bengale	August 16, 2024
Bon Secours College for Women (Autonomous), Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu	September 15, 2024
Arul Anandar College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu	September 15, 2024
St. Xavier's College, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu	September 15, 2024
Sophia Girls' College (Autonomous), Ajmer	September 16, 2024
Rika Institute, New Delhi, Kolkata	September 20, 2024
Korean Culture and Language Center	November 19, 2024





## FACULTY VISITS



Sr. Dr. A. Nirmala (Teacher-in-Charge) and Dr. Amrita Dasgupta (IQAC Coordinator) of Loreto College, Kolkata attended the Xavier Board Annual General Body Meeting held at Trinity College, Jalandhar from September 14 to 16, 2024. The theme of the meeting was *Evolving Trends in Higher Education in the Digital Age*.



Dr. Amrita Dasgupta (IQAC Coordinator) attended a *Workshop on Exploring Leadership Potential* organised by the Christ University Higher Education Leadership Institute at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Kengeri Campus, Bengaluru from November 21 to 23, 2024.



Dr. Ranjita Dawn (Department of Education), Mrs. Sayoni Choudhuri Patra (Department of Political Science), and Dr. Soumya Dutta (Department of Journalism and Mass Communication) attended a *Competency Enhancement Program* organised by the Service-Learning Cell of Scottish Church College, Kolkata on September 27, 2024.

Sr. Dr. A. Nirmala (Teacher-in-Charge), Dr. Suparna Ghosh (Department of History), and Dr. Ranjita Dawn (Department of Education) attended the Triennial Conference on *Envisioning Christian Higher Education for the Coming Decades* hosted by the All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) from December 27 to 29 at XIM University, Bhubaneswar.

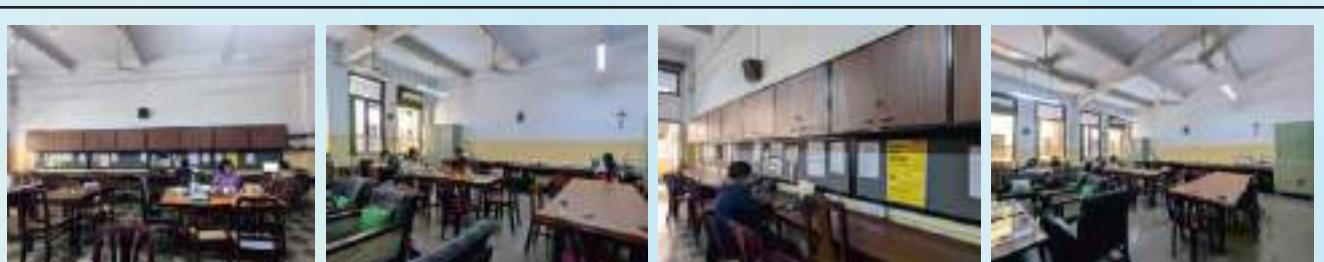


## INFRASTRUCTURE AND RENOVATION



**Renovation of Student Washrooms and Painting of Washroom Doors by Students**

*[Creativity Meets Collaboration](#)*



**Renovation of Staff Rooms and Installation of Workstations**



**Refurbished UG and PG Laboratory Facilities for Department of Psychology**



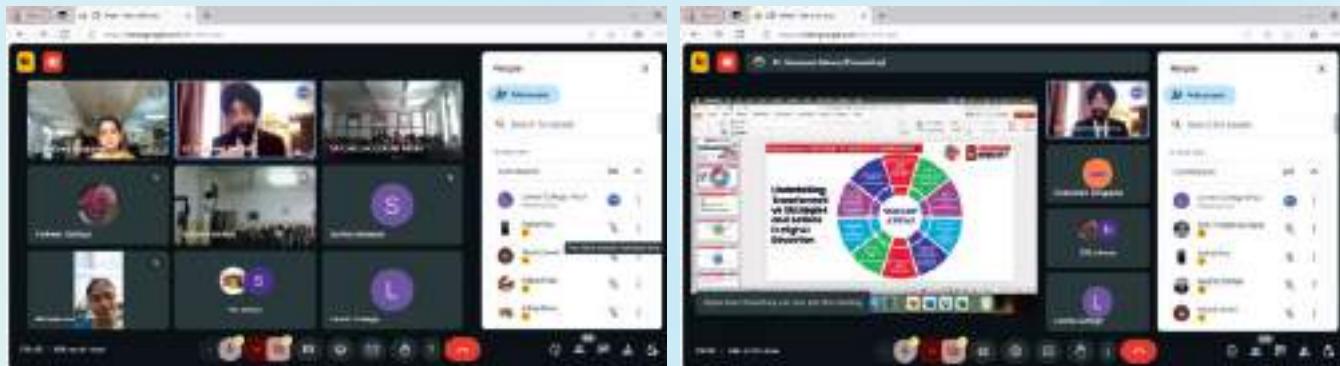
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### DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER

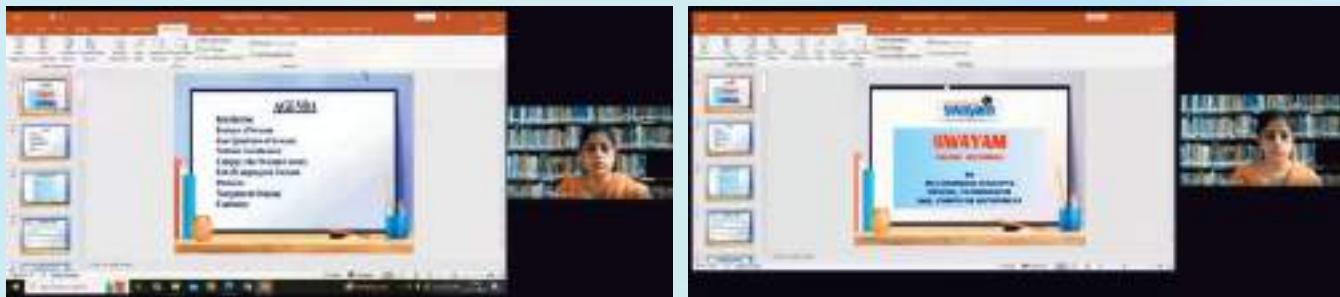
The Computer Department, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised a [Talk on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and its Significance in the Social Sciences](#) on November 11, 2024. The session was led by Professor Amlan Chakrabarti, an esteemed AI expert. The session explored AI's applications in sociology, psychology, economics, and beyond, concluding with insights into Generative AI and its ethical considerations.



A [Talk on SWAYAM Course Offerings](#) was organised by the Computer Department in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell on November 18, 2024. The speaker was Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Vice Chancellor of Chandigarh University. He highlighted SWAYAM's role in making education accessible and provided a detailed overview of the diverse courses on offer, spanning disciplines such as computer science, engineering, humanities, and management.



The Computer Department organised an [Orientation Session on SWAYAM Courses and Registration](#) for students on November 25, 2024. Ms. Chandrani Sengupta, Head of the Department and SWAYAM Coordinator of Loreto College, informed the participants that the college was one of the Local Chapters of the SWAYAM programme and discussed the facilities available to the students as a result of the same. A step-by-step guide on the registration process and examinations was also provided.





## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Ecolore XI, the annual academic summit of the Department of Economics, was organised on November 22, 2024. The theme was “Contemporary Issues on Peace, Justice, and Development: Role of Institutions and Public Policy.” A keynote speech on “The Economics of Geopolitical Shifts” was delivered by Prof. Saibal Kar, RBI Chair Professor of Economics at CSSSC. Colleges from across the city participated in four events: Paper Presentation, Debate, Poster Making, and Essay Writing. Loreto College emerged as the Best College, with multiple wins across various events.



National Pollution Prevention Day was commemorated on December 2, 2024 by the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell. Mr. Shivram Mukherjee, Manager of the Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction Team at PWC Pvt. Ltd., delivered a talk entitled “Supporting Sustainable Development through ESG and Carbon Markets.”



### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy conducted a Workshop on Right to Communication in collaboration with the Department of Education on September 25 and 26, 2024 to spread awareness about Cerebral Palsy (CP) and inclusion. Mr. Sudipendu Dutta, Coordinator of Ankur Advocacy Group, shed light on conventional societal attitudes towards people with CP. An interactive session with individuals with CP was conducted by Ms. Lia Debnath, coordinator of the Adult Day Care Centre of IICP. Mrs. Mausumi Halder, Head of the Social Service Department, Mrs. Saswati Acharya Mahanti, Coordinator of Ankur Advocacy Group, and Mr. Ashok Kumar, Head of the Physiotherapy Division of IICP shared experiences of communication with people with CP. The workshop also featured a poster-making activity.





## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

On November 21, 2024, a [\*\*Visit to the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy\*\*](#) was organised for students of the Department of Education and Semester I students of the Department of B.Ed. The students interacted with medical professionals and observed the methods and therapies employed by IICP to tend to its patients. The visit concluded with the screening of a documentary created by an IICP member that offered insight into the challenges faced by those with CP and the immense support they receive from the institute.

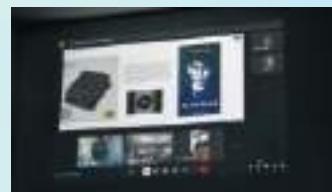


## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

On November 21, 2024, the Department of English hosted the [\*\*Fourth Ratna Chatterjee Memorial Lecture\*\*](#) in remembrance of the late Miss Ratna Chatterjee, former faculty member and the first Head of the Department of English. Dr. Felicity James, Associate Professor at the University of Leicester and Co-Chair of the Charles Lamb Society, delivered a lecture entitled “The Class of 1775: Jane Austen and Charles Lamb in Conversation.”



On December 10, 2024, the Department of English organised a special programme to commemorate the [\*\*Centenary of Franz Kafka's Death\*\*](#). The first segment featured four student paper presentations. In the second segment, Dr. Robert Gabriel Elekes, Associate Professor at Transilvania University, Brașov, delivered his lecture entitled “The Influence of Kafka on the Musical Minimalism of the 20th & 21st Century.”



## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography organised [\*\*Exploring Geography: Academic Orientation through Exposure, Experience, and Alumnae Engagement\*\*](#) in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell on November 13, 2024. The Orientation programme began with the presentation of a documentary by the third-year students on the learnings of their field trip to Aizawl, Mizoram. Ms. Sayanti Sengupta,



## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Technical Consultant, UNICEF/FAO/Red Cross, Germany and an alumna of the department, introduced the fundamental concepts of climate change through an interactive session. Dr. Sudeshna Ghosh, Former Head, Department of Geography, Mahadevi Birla World Academy and Independent Researcher, explained the importance of the internationally acclaimed East Kolkata Wetlands.



Eighty-two students and six teachers from the Department of Geography went on a [Visit to the East Kolkata Wetlands](#) on November 14, 2024. Mr. Subhankar Sardar, Wetland Resident, M.Sc. in Geography, West Bengal State University and Dr. Sudeshna Ghosh, Former Head, Department of Geography, Mahadevi Birla World Academy and Independent Researcher were the resource persons who lucidly explained the dynamics of the field visit.



## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History, in collaboration with the History Society, organised their annual inter-college students' meet, [Historia](#), on November 28, 2024. The theme was "Cuisine and the Colony." The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Utsa Ray of Jadavpur University. The event featured two competitive segments: paper presentations and a debate. The paper presentations were moderated and judged by Dr. Ranjini Guha, Associate Professor of Gour Mohan Sachin Mandal Mahavidyalaya. The debate, featuring six teams, was moderated by Mr. Pradeep Gooptu and judged by Mr. Ishan Mukerji, Ms. Natasha Aziz, and Ms. Tania Bharadwaj. The motion was "Food habits are no longer a marker of identity today."





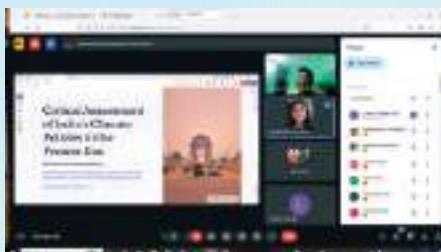
## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

The Department of History organised a [Field Trip to the Birla Academy of Art and Culture](#) on December 13, 2024 for students of Semester I and Semester III. The Senior Curator of the Birla Academy provided the students with insightful information on the Gandhara School of Art. Other highlights included an exhibition of Miniature Paintings from the Mughal Era, a display on Kantha Textiles from late nineteenth-century Bengal, and exhibitions on the works of T. K. Padmini and Pablo Bartholomew.



## DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

On September 14, 2024, the Department of Political Science organised an online lecture on [India's Climate Policy: Critical Assessment of the Climate Policies in the Present Era](#). The lecture, which was delivered by Mr. Sayantan Bandopadhyay, doctoral scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, focused on four key areas: the evolution of India's climate policies; a comparative analysis of the climate policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh; the impact of climate policies on India's domestic politics; and India's international climate diplomacy strategies.



On September 21, 2024, the Department of Political Science organised a talk titled [Applying Feminist Methodologies to Research in Education, Gender, and Sustainable Development](#). It was a precursor to a research project focusing on Women's Colleges in India as Catalysts for Sustainable Development and Gender Equity jointly being conducted by Loreto College and Asia in Global Affairs. The event brought together students and faculty from Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru; Nirmala College, Ranchi; and Patna Women's College to explore the vital intersections of feminist research, education, and sustainability. The speaker was Dr. Priya Singh, Associate Director at Asia in Global Affairs and Postdoctoral Researcher at the Centre on Gender and Forced Displacement, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok.





## DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### DEPARTMENTS OF ENGLISH, HISTORY, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

DAG, India's leading arts organisation, conducted a five-day workshop at Loreto College, called [Archive Case Files](#). Held on September 17, 19, 23, 25, and 27, 2024, the workshop was attended by thirty students from the Departments of English, History, and Political Science. The sessions primarily focused on India's involvement in the First World War, utilising a rich collection of postcards depicting Indian soldiers from the DAG archives as a key learning tool. The initial sessions introduced students to the fundamentals of visual analysis, archival research, and close reading of critical texts. In the latter part, students were divided into five groups, each tasked with creating a photobook on a specific theme. The workshop concluded with a special lecture by Dr. Satarupa Lahiri, followed by group presentations where students showcased their photobooks to their peers and faculty members.



### DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

[Kalakriti: An Amalgamation Across Different Levels of Ability](#), the annual event organised by the Department of Psychology and the Psychology Society, was held on November 22, 2024. This year marked the 15th successful celebration of Kalakriti, bringing together differently abled individuals from seven schools to showcase their diverse abilities. Participants included students from Akshar, Behala Bodhayan, Manovikas Kendra, Mentaid, Noble Mission of South Calcutta, Reach, and ICanFlyy International School.



The judges were Mrs. Ratna Bhattacharya, former faculty member of the Psychology Department, and Mrs. Mansi Sanghvi Bhayani, founder of Marga Wellness Studio.

The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, hosted an [International Art Therapy Workshop](#) for the Semester V students of Psychology on December 10, 2024.





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Conducted by Dr. Saoni Banerjee, Lecturer at La Trobe University, Melbourne, the session provided an immersive exploration of the therapeutic potential of creative expression.

Loreto College, Kolkata introduced its ***Postgraduate Programme in Psychology*** in August 2024. Affiliated with the University of Calcutta, the Master of Arts (MA) and Master of Science (MSc) courses feature Clinical Psychology in the second-year curriculum. The programme has a limited intake of 15 students and offers comprehensive training in clinical assessment, therapeutic techniques, and research methodology.



### DEPARTMENT OF B.ED.

On September 6, 2024, the Semester III students of the Department of B.Ed. organised a **Teachers' Day Programme** to honour the faculty members of the department. Handmade brooches were presented to the teachers as tokens of gratitude. The event featured a prayer service, vibrant performances, games, and a cake-cutting ceremony.



On October 4, 2024, the Department of B.Ed. organised an **Orientation Programme** to welcome the batch of 2024–26. The event began with a prayer service, after which Sr. Dr. A. Nirmala introduced the faculty members. A panel discussion facilitated by the second-year students addressed queries and concerns raised by the freshers. The Head of the Department, Dr. Kastuva Banerjee, provided an overview of the department's rules and regulations and extended her best wishes.



The Department of B.Ed., in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell, organised an ICSSR-ERC sponsored national seminar titled **Artificial Intelligence: A Journey into the Realm of Automation in the Pedagogy of Learning and Teaching** on November 29, 2024. The seminar explored the transformative



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potential of AI in education, drawing participation from educators, researchers, and students across institutions. Dr. Jaydeep Sarangi, Principal of New Alipore College, emphasised the need for the judicious application of AI in education. The keynote speaker, Dr. Lakshmi D. Chand from Loyola College, presented an insightful analysis of how AI tools can optimise classroom transactions. Thereafter, two technical sessions delved into AI's vast possibilities in education. Critical presentations by faculty members and students also explored the cutting-edge applications of AI in education.



The Semester I students of the Department of B.Ed. participated in a special ***Certificate Course on Voice Modulation Training*** from December 2 to 19, 2024. The resource persons, Mr. Bibhas Mukherjee, Mr. Saikat Surai, Mr. Janardan Ghosh, and Mr. Sudipto Dawn of Culture Monks, took the participants on a journey through the history of theatre and art. Hands-on exercises, including miming and pitch modulation, were conducted. The students were also divided into groups, each of which prepared and performed a self-scripted play at the end of the course.



The Department of B.Ed. conducted a ***Special Christmas Assembly*** on December 20, 2024. The event was marked by a harmonious blend of faith, unity, and festive cheer, reflecting the season's essence. Its highlight was the carol-singing session, where students from Semester I and Semester III came together to present melodious Christmas carols.





## GREEN INITIATIVES

### W.E. NATURE SOCIETY

From July 25 to 29, 2024, 46 students of the W.E. Nature Society participated in a **Monsoon Camp** at Tarumitra, Patna. They were accompanied by Ms. Nayanika Saha and Ms. Tania Mondal, Assistant Professors of the Departments of Psychology and Education respectively. The camp included visits to St. Xavier's College of Management and Technology, Patna Women's College, and Bihar Museum. It also featured plantation drives, interactive presentations, and a demonstration on the uses of medicinal plants. The trip imparted experiential knowledge and inculcated in students a sense of respect and responsibility towards the environment.



The W.E. Nature Society conducted an event titled **Campus Canopy Quest** on September 23, 2024 with 20 students of Rainbow Home. Society volunteers scanned the QR codes on trees to disseminate information about the trees and familiarise Rainbow Home students with the green spaces and biodiversity of the Loreto College campus.



The W.E. Nature Society successfully organised a plant collection drive called **Go Green, Grow Green** from September 23 to October 3, 2024. This initiative aimed to promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainable practices among students and staff. 206 plants of different varieties were contributed by the students and used to enhance the greenery of the college campus. The Department of Geography contributed the highest number of plants, followed by the Department of Political Science.





## GREEN INITIATIVES



The W.E. Nature Society organised an inter-departmental videography competition titled **Green Lens** in September, 2024. Six Sustainable Development Goals, namely SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 6, SDG 7, SDG 11, and SDG 12, were the themes on which the videos were to be based. The event aimed to increase awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals among the students. The Department of Political Science was adjudged the winner, and the Department of Psychology was declared the runner-up.

From December 7 to 10, 2024, 16 students of the W.E. Nature Society, accompanied by the librarians Dr. Bonny Ghosh and Ms. Debalina Mukherjee, participated in a **Winter Camp** hosted by Tarumitra, Patna. The camp featured a practical session on crafting herbal tea, a demonstration on the medicinal properties of various herbs, and visits to St. Xavier's University of Information and Technology, the Jesuit Fathers' Old Age Home, and Patna Women's College. Students delivered a presentation elucidating their learnings from Tarumitra and highlighting the eco-friendly initiatives implemented in the Loreto College campus. The visit concluded with a cultural and historical immersion, as participants experienced the tranquillity of the Ganga Marine Drive, the Gandhi Maidan, and the Patna Book Fair.



**The First Harvest of the W.E. Nature Society's Kitchen Garden Project: July 18, 2024**

### Green Initiatives



## OUTREACH

## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) UNIT



The NSS Unit of Loreto College organised a sapling planting drive under the aegis of **Prakriti Sanrakshan Abhiyaan** on July 9, 2024. A team of NSS volunteers planted around 35 saplings along Park Street and Allen Park with the help of local ward authorities. The saplings were donated by the staff and students of the college. The drive was facilitated by the Councillor for Ward no. 63, Smt. Susmita Bhattacharya.



The NSS Unit, in collaboration with the Games Society, celebrated **National Sports Day** on August 29, 2024. The children of Bal Shiksha Sadan Primary School were invited to participate in this event, which aimed to promote sports and physical fitness among children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The children showcased their talent and energy in various sports activities, competing in teams and as individuals. There were prizes for all the participants, along with special gifts for the winners.



The NSS Unit observed **NSS Day** on September 24, 2024 by collaborating with the Social Service Society and the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, West Bengal in the organisation of a blood donation camp. The Unit also organised a campus and canteen clean-up activity in the college premises on the same day. NSS volunteers assisted the donors, distributed food and water to them, and cleaned the campus and college canteen thereafter.



The NSS Unit organised a **Clean-up Drive and Awareness Campaign** at Bal Shiksha Sadan Primary School on September 25, 2024. 10 NSS volunteers spread bleaching powder in and around the area where the drive was conducted. They also addressed an audience of 25 school students of varying ages about the importance of health and





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hygiene. The children were taught how to maintain good hygiene and cleanliness in and around their homes and schools.

The NSS Unit organised a day-long free **Medical Camp** on September 26, 2024 within the college premises. The camp was conducted by Prasanta Banerji Homoeopathic Research Clinic (PBHRC). 16 NSS volunteers assisted the doctors in conducting the camp, which was attended by over 180 people, including students of the first, second, and third years, faculty members, as well as the office staff and support staff of the college. The camp promoted alternative medical remedies for common ailments.

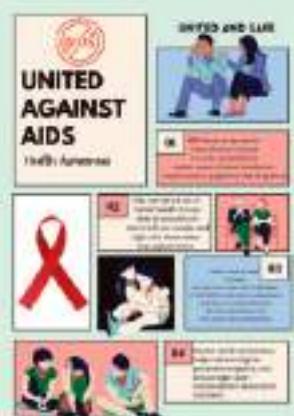


The NSS Unit successfully conducted the **Annual Special Camp** from November 14 to November 21, 2024 at Boinchalta village. Over 90 NSS volunteers participated in a range of activities that catered to children as well as adults. A Children's Day celebration at Boinchalta Primary School featured fun interactions, games, and storytelling sessions. The children learned art and craft and origami. The volunteers imparted basic spoken English lessons and self-defence training to the children and adult women of the village. Dr.

Rajyasri Ghosh, Associate Professor of the Department of Botany, Scottish Church College, conducted a workshop on the use of herbs and plants in our daily lives. A workshop on mushroom cultivation was also conducted by Dr. Nilanjan Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of the Department of Botany, Scottish Church College.



The NSS Unit organised a documentary screening and an e-poster making competition on December 2, 2024 in observance of **World AIDS Day**. The documentary screening was attended by over 80 students of Loreto College, while 8 NSS volunteers took part in the competition. Both the events inculcated a sense of awareness amongst the volunteers and helped them to understand, identify, and prevent the spread of the disease as well as the stigma associated with the same.



### NSS Activities



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### ALL INDIA CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FEDERATION (AICUF) UNIT

On September 28, 2024, 10 members of AICUF went on a *Visit to Little Sisters of the Poor*, a home for the elderly, to interact with the residents and offer their services. An initial tour of the premises was followed by a meeting with the residents, who enthusiastically shared their life experiences and anecdotes. The students sang songs, assisted with the serving of lunch and the cleaning up thereafter, and handed over food items, cleaning products, and toiletries donated by the students of Loreto College.



The AICUF Unit successfully hosted an online **Bookmark Competition** on October 1, 2024, centred around the inspiring theme of “Hope.” The event garnered significant participation from students, who showcased their creativity and artistic talents.



The AICUF Unit of Loreto College participated in the annual **National AICUF Puja Camp** hosted at Nitika, Salesian Catechetical Centre from October 8 to 11, 2024. This year's camp focused on the theme “Social Justice Warriors: Reimagining AICUF.” Participants from across the country engaged in a series of activities, including workshops, informative sessions, group discussions, and cultural programmes. A highlight of the camp was the slum visit that revealed the stark realities of poverty and inspired a commitment to contribute meaningfully towards creating a more equitable world. The camp finally concluded with a bonfire, where all the participants interacted and joined together in song and dance.





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The AICUF Unit organised a two-day *Spiritual Retreat* at Loreto College on November 7 and 8, 2024. The retreat, which was based on the theme of “Hope,” aimed to foster spiritual growth, communal worship, and personal reflection among students from various colleges. The retreat featured an inauguration ceremony, a praise and worship session led by a team from St. Thomas Parish, interactive sessions by Fr. Michael on a range of topics, prayer and confession, and a concluding Mass where participants gathered to celebrate the Eucharist and renew their commitment to their faith.



<https://www.loretocollege.in/loreto/aicuf.php>

## NSS AND AICUF

The NSS Unit and AICUF celebrated *Joy of Giving Week* by participating in the annual carnival organised by St. Joseph’s Home on December 1, 2024. The carnival featured various stalls set up by schools located in adjoining areas, ranging from fun games to various food options. Volunteers from NSS and AICUF guided the crowd, managed the stalls, and assisted with overall event coordination.





## SOCIETY EVENTS

### ART AND CRAFT SOCIETY

The Art and Craft Society organised an *Alpana-Making Competition* on November 13, 2024 on the theme of 'Shakti'. Alpana was reimagined through the lens of feminine creativity and women empowerment. The first position was won by Upasana Ghosh, Meghna Sarker (Semester V), and Piyasa Mukherjee (Semester III). Sharanya Majhi Majumdar, Neha Mondal, Eram Ansari, Sarah Rayees, and Anamika Singh (Semester I) comprised the team that secured the second position.



### CINE SOCIETY, MEDIA SOCIETY, AND EASTERN CULTURAL SOCIETY

The Cine Society, in collaboration with the Media Society and the Eastern Cultural Society, organised *Oktofest* on October 3, 2024. It was a vibrant cultural programme celebrating womanhood and festivity through music, dance, and on-the-spot report writing. The judges included Ms. Labonya Chaudhuri and Ms. Damayanti Dubey (music); Ms. Priyanka Roy and Ms. Dishari Mukherjee (dance); and Mr. Sujoy Dhar and Mr. Anindya Sinha Chaudhuri (report writing). The Departments of History and Geography as a team



won the musical segment. The team comprising the Departments of English, Geography, History, and Political Science won in the dance segment. Atreyee Banerjee (Semester III) of the Department of History won the report-writing segment.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

*Voice of Power: A Public Speaking Workshop* was organised by the Debating Society on September 20, 2024, drawing enthusiastic participation from the students. The session was conducted by Dr. Julie Banerjee Mehta, who provided valuable insights into the nuances of effective public speaking and debating. An engaging debate on the topic "Literature is not a befitting subject in our universities" followed. The debate was judged by three students, fostering an interactive and enriching session.





## SOCIETY EVENTS

### DRAMATICS SOCIETY

From November 12 to 18, 2024, Culture Monks collaborated with the Dramatics Society to organise *Akasa*, a cultural workshop on story performance. The four-day workshop was conducted by Sudipto Dawn, Bibhas Mukherjee, and Saikat Surai. The workshop primarily focused on assimilating cultural memory within the current context using the vast treasury of performance rituals and methods laid down in Abhinaya or theatre. The participants went through several innovative, interesting, and testing exercises. They also put up four well-conceptualised site-specific short dramas on the last day of the workshop.



### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SOCIETY

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Society organised a game of *Pictionary* on November 11, 2024. 12 teams of two participated, with one participant drawing on the board and the other guessing what their teammate was drawing. There were three rounds themed on technology and science fiction, Disney, and pop culture, respectively. Sriparna Das and Sananda Dey (Department of English, Semester III) were crowned the winners of the competition. Meghna Chakraborty (Department of Geography, Semester I) and Sanjukta Bairagi (Department of English, Semester I) secured the second position.



### LIBRARY SOCIETY

A book club discussion on the theme *Mockingbirds* was organised by the Library Society on July 11, 2024. Eighteen participating students across departments discussed children's literature, their childhood memories, their favourite fictional characters, and everything that reminded them of their childhood. Bookmarks were distributed among all participants.





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The Library Society, in collaboration with the NSS Unit, successfully organised a **Book Donation Drive** on campus on July 24, 2024. A diverse collection of books across multiple subjects and genres, including history, literature, self-help, and even academic resources, were donated to Mahitosh Nandy Mahavidyalaya, Jangipara, Hooghly and Ghoksadanga Birendra Mahavidyalaya, Cooch Behar.



On August 8, 2024, the Library Society hosted a special book club session titled ***The Unsung Stories of Independence*** to pay tribute to the unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle. The event encouraged students to research and present stories of lesser known freedom fighters, thus highlighting important yet overlooked histories.

The Library Society, in collaboration with NSS and AICUF, organised its **Second Book Donation Drive** from September 23, 2024. The programme was part of the celebration of National Library Week. The drive drew enthusiastic participation from students and faculty, who donated books across diverse genres, including school textbooks, competitive examination preparation materials, fiction, non-fiction, children's literature, and timeless classics. The books were donated to Dhola Mahavidyalaya, South 24 Parganas and Boinchatala Upendranath Vidyamandir, Dhapa, Kolkata.



An interdepartmental library photography competition, titled ***Through the Lens: The Library Chronicles***, was conducted by the Library Society on November 14, 2024 in observance of National Library Week. Participants across various departments explored diverse sub-themes such as Silent Corners, capturing serene study spots; Architectural Beauty, focusing on the library's intricate design; Books and Knowledge, symbolising learning through exploration of the shelves and books; and Light and Shadows, playing with lighting effects to create impactful visuals.



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A *Visit to the American Center Library* was conducted by the Library Society on November 19, 2024 in observance of National Library Week. UG, PG, and B.Ed. students attended a special session on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) at the American Center. Gentry O. Smith, the Assistant Secretary of the United States of America for Diplomatic Security, was the special guest for the session and was in conversation with Elizabeth Lee, the Director of the American Center. Students of Loreto College actively engaged with the Assistant Secretary in the interactive discussion. This was followed by a fun quiz that tested the participants' knowledge on a variety of subjects related to the US, promoting both learning and camaraderie. Students were also presented with valuable information about higher education opportunities in the United States and the availability of international alumni and student exchange programmes. Finally, participants were given a guided tour of the American Center Library by the librarian, Debasis Ghosh. The tour showcased the extensive resources available to students and featured a hands-on training session on the digital library system.



### LITERARY SOCIETY



The Literary Society organised a *Translation Workshop* on September 12, 2024. It was conducted by Dr. Nabanita Sengupta, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Sarsuna College. The workshop focused on career opportunities in translation; legal, medical, textbook, literary, and non-literary translation; as well as a hands-on session that involved translating Bengali and Hindi texts into English.

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### POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Political Science Society hosted the third edition of *Abki Baar Yuvaon Ki Sarkar* on September 30, 2024. It was an innovative interdepartmental event, with seven participating teams representing well-structured political parties, each with a unique symbol, manifesto, and agenda. The event was judged by



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Ms. Sreeparna Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. The Departments of Political Science and Psychology emerged as joint winners.



### LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERVICE (LTS) SOCIETY



Under the guidance of Fr. John Rogers, the LTS Society organised ***Back to Green: The LTS World Forest Week*** on July 14 and July 20, 2024. This initiative, aligned with the UN's Forest Week (July 14 to 20, 2024), aimed to foster leadership skills and raise environmental awareness among students. The event, held in two parts, brought together participants from Loreto College, Shri Shikshayatan College, Don Bosco School Park Circus, Loreto Day School Elliot Road, Our Lady Queen of the

Missions School, Loreto Day School Bowbazar, and Loreto Convent Entally. Key activities included an engaging interactive session, discussions on environmental topics, and a sapling planting activity.



The LTS Society organised a poster-making competition titled ***Illuminate: Inform, Inspire & Reform***, submissions for which were taken till September 9, 2024. A total of 15 teams participated in the event, with each team comprising two students. Anushka Sarkar and Shinjini Ghosh (Department of History) were awarded the first position, while Antonia V. Iyer and Yashfa Adil (Department of Education) secured the second position. Shreejayee Basak and Sreemonti Ray (Department of Geography) and Aankita Roy Chowdhury and Subhalakshmi Chakraborty (Department of Political Science) tied for the third position.

Under the guidance of Fr. John Rogers, the LTS Society organised ***Ductus 2024: The Annual Youth Leadership Conclave*** on September 22, 2024. Students of Loreto College and Shri Shikshayatan College reflected on the "Status of women in contemporary society, along with the challenges faced by them, in the light of current incidents." Key





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activities included an interactive session, a group discussion highlighting the position of women in independent India, and a skit suggesting solutions to the challenges faced by women.



Members of the LTS Society visited Loreto Day School, Sealdah on November 29, 2024 to host a **Leadership Training Camp** for Class V, VI, and VII students of the Little Guiding Lights (LGL) Unit. Students from Loreto College and Shri Shikshayatan College accompanied Fr. Rogers as resource persons to teach the children essential life skills such as organisation, cooperation, collaboration, and graceful sacrifice. The children were also taught the LTS Anthem and the LTS Action Song.

Fr. John Rogers guided the LTS Society in organising **El Candelero: Leadership Training Camp (School Edition)** on November 17, 2024 at the LTS Centre, Park Circus, Kolkata. The camp was aimed at enhancing the leadership, communication, and teamwork skills of students from Classes VIII to X. The event was attended by students from various schools, including Loreto Bowbazar and Our Lady Queen of the Missions, Park Circus. Loreto College formed the organising committee, with students taking on various portfolios such as HR, Hospitality, Finance, and Event Management. **El Candelero (College Edition)** was subsequently organised on November 24, 2024. Students from Loreto College and Shri Shikshayatan College participated in this youth leadership training camp, where various roles and principles of leadership were discussed. The event featured an interactive segment, a public speaking session, and a workshop on leadership skills. Participants were also provided with leadership training books.



Fr. John Rogers guided the LTS Society in organising **Family Ignite**, a carnival hosted at the LTS Centre on December 29, 2024 to mark the Blue Sapphire Jubilee of the foundation of the LTS Society. The event involved a group of students from Loreto College and Shri Shikshayatan College, who were assigned



different organisational roles and helped set up a variety of food and games stalls. Friends and family of the organising committee members contributed to the success of the carnival through their enthusiastic participation.



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### SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

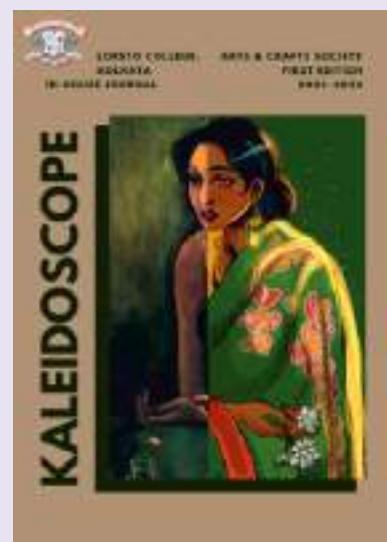
On September 9, 2024 an ***Awareness Talk on Blood Donation*** was organised by the Social Service Society in collaboration with the NSS Unit. The session was delivered by Mrs. Keya Sinha, a distinguished expert in social services and blood donation. Her presentation emphasised the health benefits and moral responsibility of donating blood, dispelled common misconceptions, and alleviated fears surrounding the procedure.



On September 24, 2024 the Social Service Society and the NSS Unit collaboratively hosted a ***Blood Donation Camp*** with the Association of Voluntary Blood Donors, West Bengal, as the medical partner. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, with 36 blood donors from among students, faculty members, and staff. A team of 20 volunteers from SSS and NSS played a pivotal role in the seamless coordination of the event, facilitating communication between donors and medical staff and handling logistical aspects.

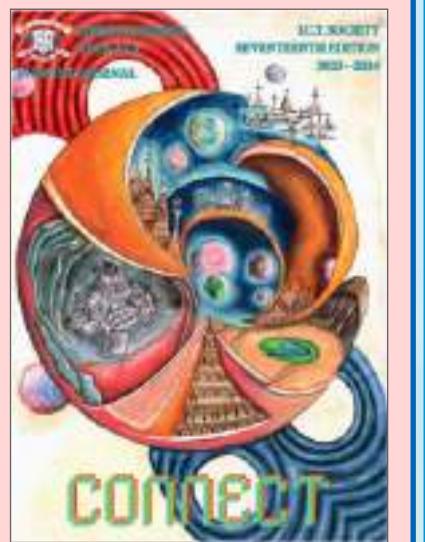


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First edition of ***Kaleidoscope***, the in-house journal of the Art and Craft Society

Seventeenth edition of ***Connect***, the in-house journal of the ICT Society



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## ACCOLADES

### POSTGRADUATE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



Rupanjana Ghosh (PG English, Semester I) published her article “... for a hundred visions and revisions: A Comparative Study of T. S. Eliot’s ‘The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock’ with Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 2 and Édouard Manet’s Paintings” in the September 2024 issue of *Trivium*, a multi-disciplinary peer-reviewed journal of humanities published by Chandernagore College.



Somoshree Palit (PG English, Semester I) won the first prize in *All the World’s a Stage*, a Shakespearean cosplay competition organised by Shakespeare in Bengal, Jadavpur University on November 28, 2024. The event was judged by Dr. Paromita Chakravarti (Professor, Department of English, Jadavpur University) and Mr. Rshitobroto Mukherjee (Bengali film and theatre actor).



## UNITED NATIONS INTERNSHIP



In the fall of 2024, Tanushua Goswami (Semester V, Department of Psychology) and Ahana Ghosh (Semester V, Department of English) took part in an internship programme offered by Sister Janet Palafox, IBVM/CJ representative to the United Nations. The IBVM/CJ collaborates with the Economic and Social Council and the Department of Global Communications at the UN and functions closely with organisations at the grass-root level to advocate for the protection, development, and meaningful representation of vulnerable people from diverse backgrounds.



The internship began in late September with a meeting organised by Sr. Janet, who oriented the students on the activities of the UN and the advocacy work performed by the IBVM/CJ. In the course of the internship, the students had to attend one weekly meeting where they interacted with other interns from all over the globe and collaborated in the tasks they were assigned. The students gained a lot of knowledge as well as access to several new channels of information. They also submitted articles on the areas of their research, which were published on the IBVM/CJ website.

<https://ibvmunngo.org/pact-for-the-future-a-youth-perspective/>

<https://ibvmunngo.org/global-digital-compact-closing-the-gap/>

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## UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENTS

NAME	SEMESTER/ DEPARTMENT	EVENT NAME	MONTH/ YEAR	HOST COLLEGE/ ORGANISATION	POSITION	
Shreejayee Basak	I	Geography	JUNK ART (Kaleidoscope)	December 2024	Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata	3rd
Arundhati Bagchi	I	Political Science	Vidyasagar Essay Writing Competition	September 2024	Vidyasagar College for Women, Kolkata	2nd
Khakshan Jahan	I	Political Science	Xavier's Confluence Debate: Best Speaker	September 2024	St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata	1st
			Xavier's Sansad (Mock Parliament)	November 2024	St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata	3rd
			Heritage Photage Debate: Best Speaker	December 2024	The Heritage College, Kolkata	1st
Abhipsa Koley	III	English	Createophy, Econverge	November 2024	Scottish Church College, Kolkata	1st
Sanjana Saha	III	History	Kolom e Kolahol, Chorcha Dibosh 2024	December 2024	Shri Shikshayatan College, Kolkata	2nd
Atreyee Banerjee	III	History	Series of Frames: Elixir 3.0	November 2024	The Heritage College, Kolkata	1st
			Book Review: Umang 2024	December 2024	The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata	2nd
Adrija Chatterjee	III	History	Mise en Abyme, Photage 2024	December 2024	The Heritage College, Kolkata	3rd
Debarati Ghosh	III	Psychology	Miniature Painting	December 2024	The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata	1st
Mithila Niyogi	III	Psychology	Kaleidoscope: Beat Breakers	December 2024	Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata	3rd

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Akshiti Prasad	V	Political Science	National Painting Competition	August 2024	Government of India	Invitation from Ministry of Defence
			National Essay Writing Competition	August 2024	Competition Success Review	1st
			Essay Writing Competition	September 2024	National Foundation for Communal Harmony	1st
			Paper Presentation at National Conference	September 2024	IIHSG, Delhi	Paper Published in Book
			State-Level Quiz and Essay Competition (Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue)	December 2024	Government of India	Winner of State Championship
Anshra Jahan	V	BA General	Mayor's Discourse: A Mayoral Speech Competition	October 2024	XIM, Bhubaneswar	1st





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