

Newsletter



# Glimpses

LORETO COLLEGE, KOLKATA

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## NAAC PEER TEAM VISIT



The College applied for its 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle of Accreditation in 2019 and due to the unavoidable circumstances of the Pandemic the Peer Team Visit took place on September 15-16, 2021, carried out following Covid-19 protocols. After a thorough inspection, interaction with all stakeholders, the final report was submitted. The College maintained its grade and received an A grade for its 4<sup>th</sup> cycle as well.

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## MOU WITH ASIA IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

The College signed an MOU with Asia in Global Affairs on September 24, 2021. The collaboration hopes to encourage academic exchange and research among students.



## FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMP



On September 27, 2021, Loreto College, Kolkata organized a free Covid-19 Vaccination Camp with the help of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. This was the second such camp organized by the College to provide the second dose to those students and staff who received their first dose in June.

## INTERACTIVE SESSIONS WITH MS. PORTIA CONRAD

Ms. Portia Conrad, *Director of live to Love International* and alumna of the *batch of 2012* addressed the students on September 25 and 29, 2021. The first session focused on *Ethics in Public Life* and was attended by Third Year students. The second session titled *Be Your Own Hero* was designed specially for the Second Year students.



## FIRST YEAR ORIENTATION

The College Orientation for the new batch of students was organized in two sessions on October 4, 2021. Department orientations were conducted on October 1, 2021.

## WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY



To acquaint young minds with the skills required to carry out research a **Workshop on Research Methodology** was organised on November 16-17, 2021. The two-day workshop was conducted by Ms. Priya Singh, Associate Director at Asia in Global Affairs (AGA).

## NSHM FEST



*NSHM School of Media & Communication* organised *TIME- The Influence of Media & Entertainment* from November 12-14, 2021. *TIME*, was an online panel discussion, oratory competition & amateur film screening event focussing on power-packed sessions by industry leaders; this highlighted the role of media and entertainment in influencing minds of the Gen Z Students from Loreto College participated enthusiastically and won laurels in the Oratory and Film Making competitions.

# LORETO COLLEGE INCUBATION CENTRE

Loreto College is proud to announce the inauguration of the **Loreto College Incubation Centre (LCIC)** in collaboration with IIM Calcutta Innovation Park. The first session of the LCIC, **Building Entrepreneurship Mindset** was conducted by Mr. Gaurav Kapoor, Chief Business Officer IIM Calcutta Innovation Park and founder of Project Life Force on November 29, 2021. The LCIC also organized an Idea Clinic with Ms. Namami Ghosh, Head Portfolio Management, IIM Calcutta Innovation Park on December 11, 2021.



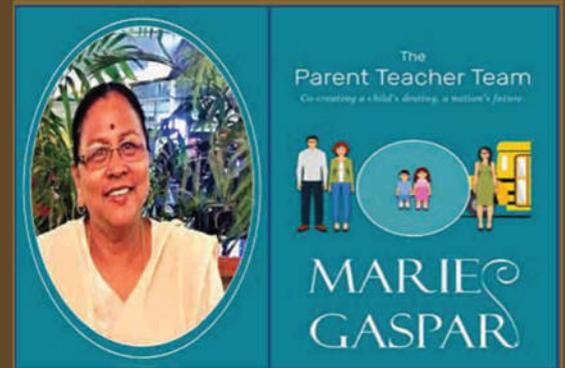
## LECTURE ON POST MARXISM



Renowned Marxist scholar, Prof. Sobhanlal Datta Gupta delivered a talk on **Post Marxism** on November 29, 2021.

## BOOK LAUNCH

The College has a long association with educationist Mrs. Marie Gaspar and was proud to be the venue for the launch of her book **The Parent Teacher Team** on December 10, 2021.



## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Festive cheer was spread ahead of the Christmas Break with a special prayer service organized for the teaching staff by the members of the office staff.

The Annual Christmas Pageant was organized, and recorded by the AICUF and uploaded on the College YouTube Channel on December 25, 2021.

## OUR ACHIEVERS



Aritrika Roy (Left) (3rd year History Honours) & Ahana Mitra (Right) (2nd year English Honours) secured the first and second position respectively at the Online Extempore Contest organised by Coal India Ltd and the Central Vigilance Commission.



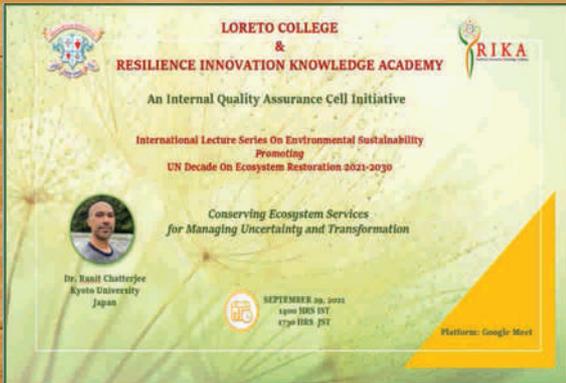
Priyanka Mundhra (Department of Geography) participated in The Queen's Essay Competition, 2021 and secured a Bronze Award for excellence in writing.



Somoshree Palit's (2nd year English Honours) poem, verse play & short story were accepted for publication in *Euphemism: Issue 17.1*, the Literary and Creative Arts Journal of Illinois State University, USA.

# IQAC

## International Lecture Series on Environmental Sustainability



The **United Nations General Assembly** declared 2021-2030 as the **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration**. The UN Decade is a universal call for the protection and revival of ecosystems around the world, for the benefit of people and nature. This call to action has the purpose of recognizing the need to accelerate global restoration of degraded ecosystems, to fight the climate heating crisis, enhance food security, and protect biodiversity on the planet.

The **Internal Quality Assurance Cell**, **Loreto College**, in collaboration with **Resilience Innovation Knowledge Academy** organized the second International Lecture Series on Environmental Sustainability on September 29, 2021.

Dr. Ranit Chatterjee a Postdoctoral fellow at the Graduate School of Informatics, Kyoto University and a recipient of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Young Scientist Fellowship and Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) member of IUCN was the distinguished resource person.

Mangroves which dominate the coastal wetland ecosystems, was discussed as a vulnerable ecosystem. The communities living there depend on the ecosystem services and the climate change uncertainties are leading to adaptive transformations in their lives and livelihoods. The presentation provided an overview of the ecosystem services linked to mangroves, the climate change threats and how communities are an integral part of the conservation process. Research cases from Kutch and Sundarbans were shared to draw inferences.



## LORETO LEADS

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loreto College under the aegis of the **Loreto LEADS** venture, organized a Webinar on **Financial Independence and Technology as an Enabler** on November 20, 2021. The distinguished resource person was Ms. Chhavi Wadhvani, Executive Director, Morgan Stanley, Bangalore. The main objective of this webinar was to create awareness among the students regarding attaining financial literacy.



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loreto College celebrated **National Organ Donation Day** on November 27, 2021. This was a humble effort to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and to address the myths and modalities related to donating organs.

The year 2021 marks the **12th National Organ Donation Day**, organised by the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Dr. Muneet Kaur Sahi, Programme Manager at MOHAN Foundation, in Northern Zone-Delhi, NCR presented the concepts of Organ and tissue donation, types of death viz. Cardiac and Brain Death, the organs and tissues that can be donated. She highlighted that India had low organ donation rates in the world, primarily due to lack of awareness. She also discussed the various myths and barriers, which can only be eliminated through counselling and sensitization.

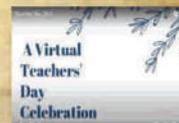


# Commemorations



The W.E. Nature Society celebrated Sunderbans Day by creating a YouTube video presentation on August 21, 2021

Defying the odds, the students expressed their sincere appreciation for their teachers by organizing a virtual Teacher's Day programme, on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2021



On October 2, 2021, the History Department honoured the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri by putting up a virtual cultural programme

In October, 2021, the Department of Psychology organised an Online Artwork Making Competition in light of World Dyslexia Awareness Week (1st-7th October). An online Creative Writing Competition was also organised by the Department to celebrate International Stress Awareness Week (1st-5th November)



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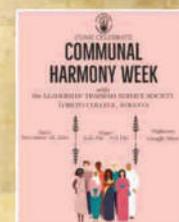
The Department of Economics Loreto College organized a Web-Talk, a play, and an audio-visual presentation in observance of National Pollution Prevention Day on December 2, 2021

The Department of Geography commemorated International Mountain Day by organizing a Webinar on Sustainable Mountain Tourism on December 11, 2021. Prof. Harshwanti Bisht, First Woman President of Indian Mountaineering Federation was the distinguished resource person



To commemorate Constitution Day 2021, the College organized an intra-college debate on December 13, 2021. The motion before the house was *The Constitution of India is the most comprehensive document to be adhered by for the functioning of the country*

An online event on Communal Harmony was organized by L.T.S. Society on December 20, 2021. The participants read sections from various religious scriptures



To celebrate the Christmas season and partake in prayer, a special prayer service was organized for the staff on December 21, 2021. The annual Christmas Pageant was pre-recorded and uploaded on the College YouTube Channel on December 25, 2021

## WOMEN'S STUDY SOCIETY

Women's Study Society of the College organized a Panel discussion on *Gender Dynamics in Disaster Risk and Resilience* on October 5, 2021. The panelists were Prof. Subhadra Channa, now retired faculty of the Department of Anthropology, Delhi University and Dr. Sunita Reddy, Associate Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The panel was moderated by Ranjana Ray, Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.



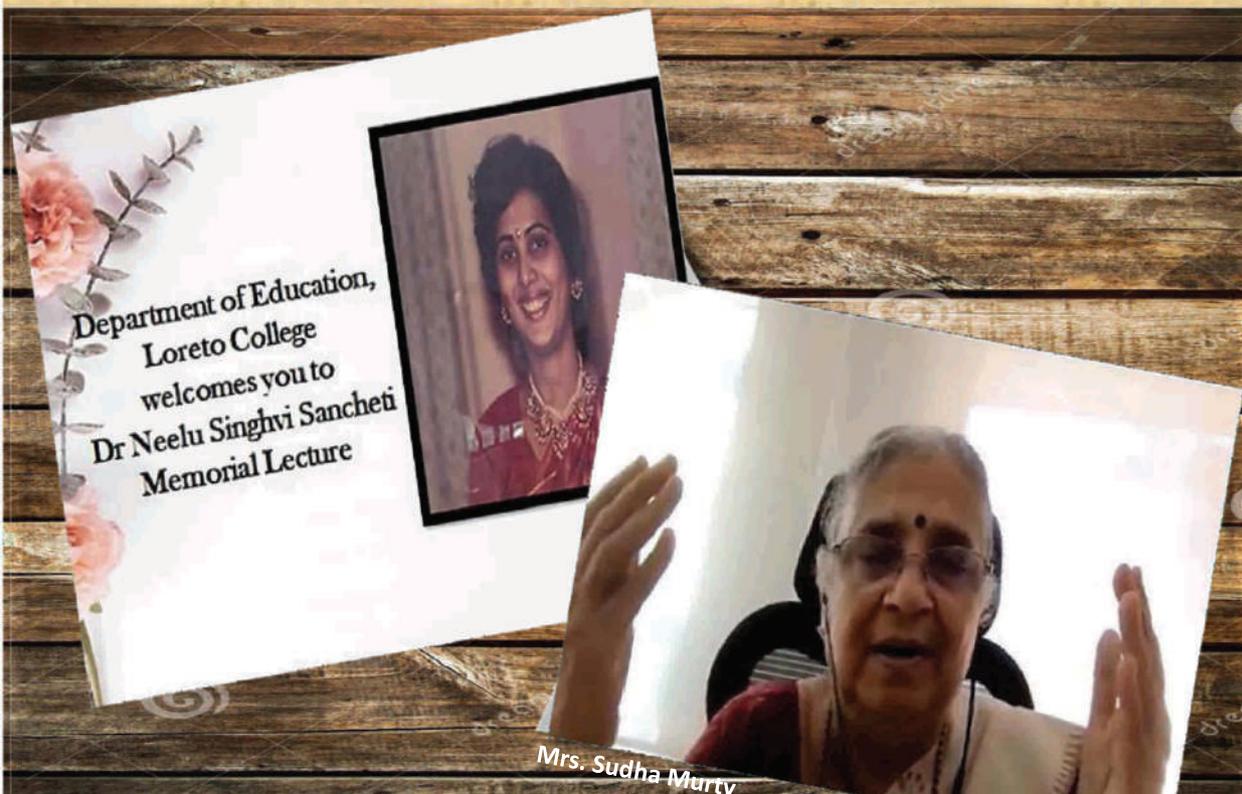
Prof. Subhadra Channa, Dr Sunita Reddy & Prof. Ranjana Ray

## INTERNAL COMPLAINTS CELL

As part of its effort to build awareness about women's safety and risks of sexual harassment among the students the Cell collaborated with RAHI Foundation to organize a short awareness campaign on October 9, 2021. RAHI Foundation is a support body for women survivors of incest and child sexual abuse. The event showcased the *Firebird* project which seeks to create a core community of volunteers-survivors who would support and heal the women around with RAHI's distinctive training and model of healing.

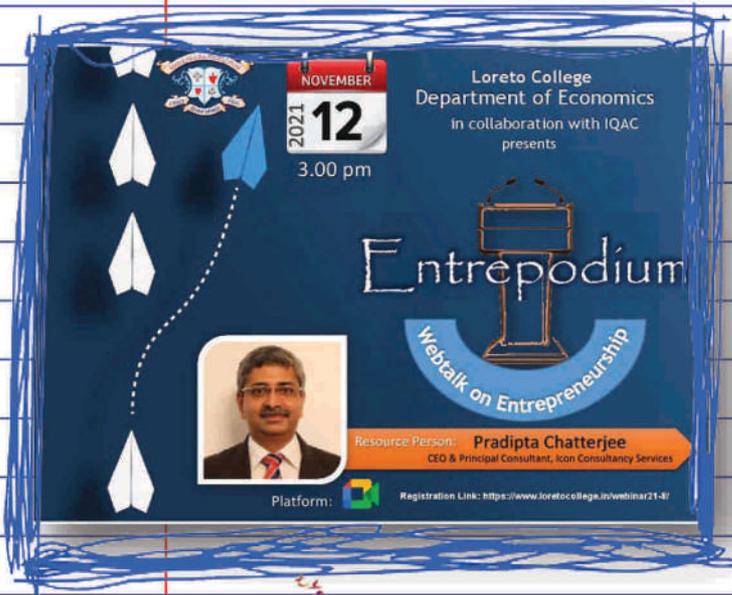


# Department of Education

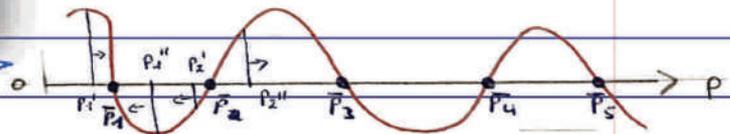


A special lecture was delivered by Mrs. Sudha Murty, Chairperson of *Infosys Foundation* on November 13, 2021. Through her lecture, Mrs. Murty emphasized that students are the future of a nation, and that it is the responsibility of the education system to enlighten them about the history and culture of their nation.

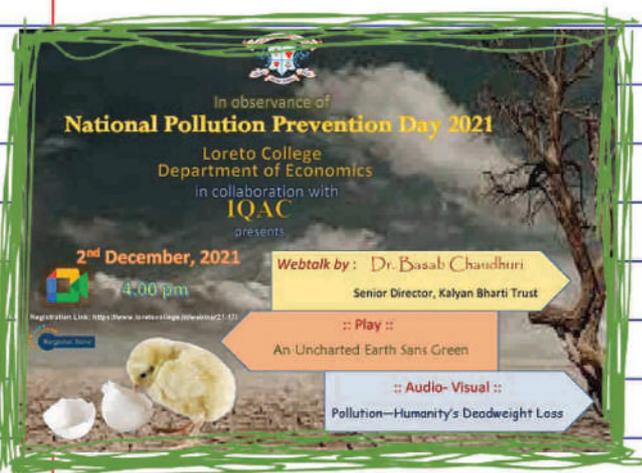
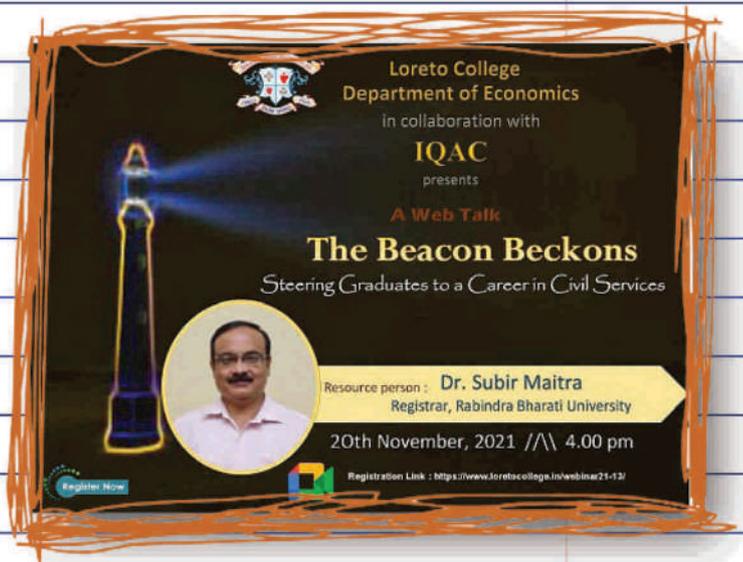
# Department of Economics



The Department of Economics in collaboration with IQAC organized a Web-talk on Entrepreneurship, *Entrepodium* on November 12, 2021. The resource person for the Web-talk was Mr Pradipta Chatterjee, CEO and Principal Consultant, Icon Consultancy Services.



The Department of Economics in collaboration with IQAC organized a Web Talk on *The Beacon Beckons: Steering Graduates to a Career in Civil Services* on November 20, 2021. The resource person for the Web-talk was Prof. Subir Maitra, Registrar of Rabindra Bharati University. This initiative by the department was to enkindle the young minds with high ideals of altruism and social service and inspire them to become true statesmen of the future.

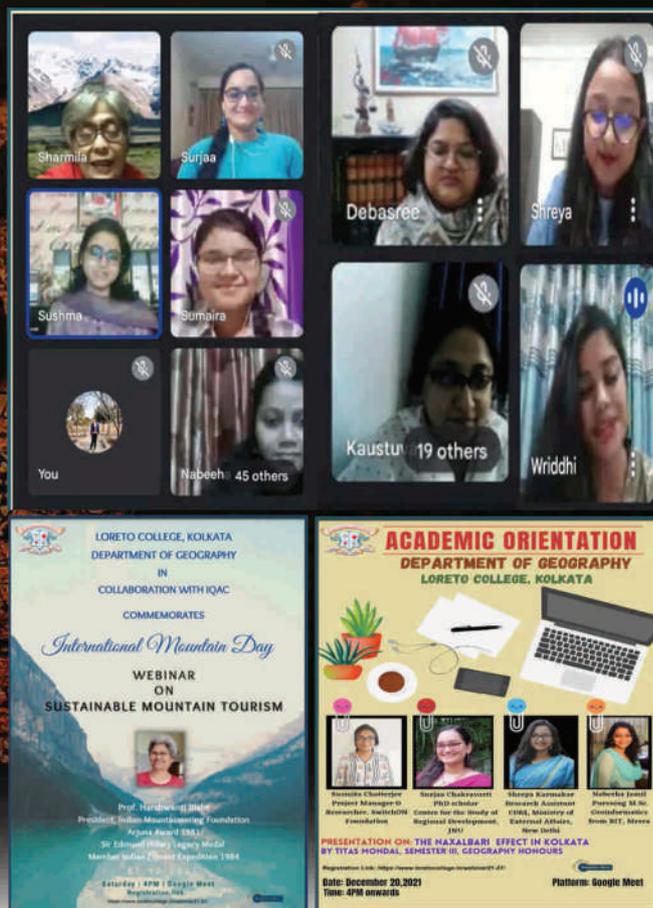


The Department of Economics in collaboration with the IQAC, Loreto College organized a web-talk, a play, and an audio-visual presentation in observance of *National Pollution Prevention Day* on December 2, 2021. The resource person for the web-talk was Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Senior Director, Kalyan Bharati Trust.

## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell commemorated International Mountain Day by organizing a Webinar on Sustainable Mountain Tourism on December 11, 2021. Prof. Harshwanti Bisht, First Woman President of Indian Mountaineering Federation, Arjuna Awardee (1981), recipient of Sir Edmund Hillary Legacy Medal (2013), was the resource person.

The Department organized an Academic Orientation for First Year students on December 20, 2021. A regular event of the Department, the programme featured a presentation on the Naxal movement in West Bengal, by Titas Mondal of Semester III Honours and a session where four alumnae guest speakers (Susmita Chatterjee, Surjaa Chakravarti, Shreya Karmakar and Nabeeha Jamil) who have excelled in their academic and professional lives, shared their learning experiences in the Department and how their careers have been enhanced



## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

### Manju Das Gupta Memorial Lecture November 16, 2021

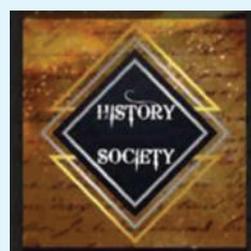
A Web-talk was organised in memory of Mrs. Manju Das Gupta, a former faculty member of the Department of History, who dedicated her life to the cause of the underprivileged.



Siya Mukerji a former student of the Department and presently with the **Social Development Consulting Team of Ernst & Young** delivered a talk focussing on her academic journey and how studying History broadened her horizons and honed her analytical skills.



### Logo Making Competition October 1-21, 2021

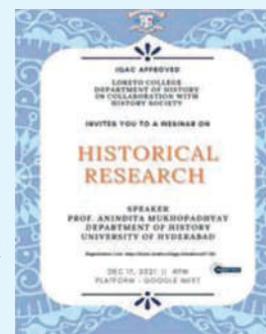


The event was open to all students. Participants were required to design an emblem for the History Society. The winner of the competition was Aratrika Ghose and Tapoja Mukherjee was judged the runner-up.

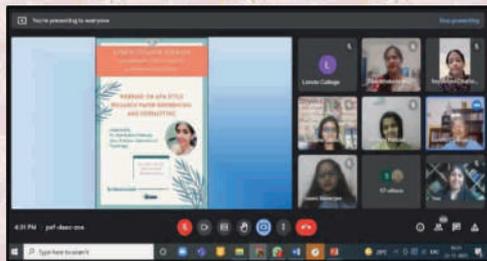
### Web Talk-Historical Research December 17, 2021

Prof. Anindita Mukhopadhyay elucidated on how research in History is not just about the 'subject' but also about the learning of languages.

She expounded the challenges and fears of the researcher along with her hopes and sense of fulfillment experienced after conducting a study.

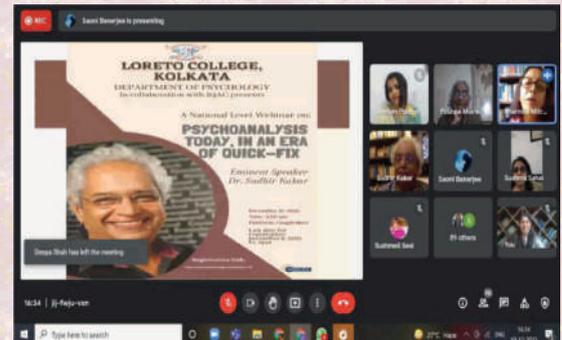


## Department of Psychology



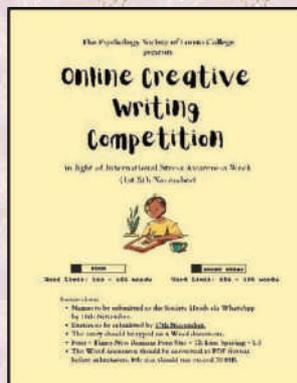
The Department of Psychology in association with IQAC, on November 25, 2021 held a Webinar on *APA Style Research Paper Referencing and Formatting* conducted by Ms. Shankhabela Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology.

A National Webinar was organised by the Department of Psychology in association with the IQAC, on December 10, 2021 on *Psychoanalysis Today, in an Era of Quick-Fix*. The world renowned psychoanalyst and celebrated author, Dr. Sudhir Kakar was the eminent speaker for the evening.



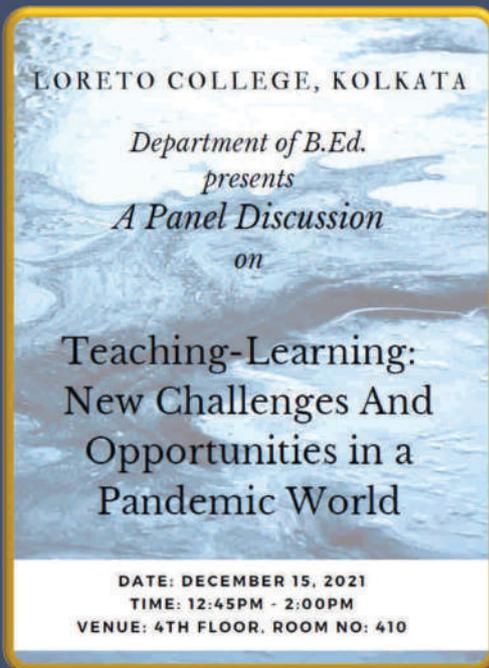
## Psychology Society

In October 2021, the Online Artwork-making Competition was successfully held in light of World Dyslexia Awareness Week (1- 7 October). Entries for both hand-drawn and digital paintings were accepted. The event was judged by Mrs. Archita Roy Biswas, Assistant Professor, Department of Education and Ms. Shankhabela Mukherjee (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology). Students from all departments participated in this event. A variety of commendable entries were received.



In November 2021, the Online Creative Writing Competition was held in commemoration of International Stress Awareness Week (1st-5th November). The entries were categorized into short essays and poetry. The event was judged by Dr. Sayantani Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology and Ms. Sulagna Chattopadhyay (Assistant Professor, Department of English). The competition was open to all departments.

## DEPARTMENT OF B.ED



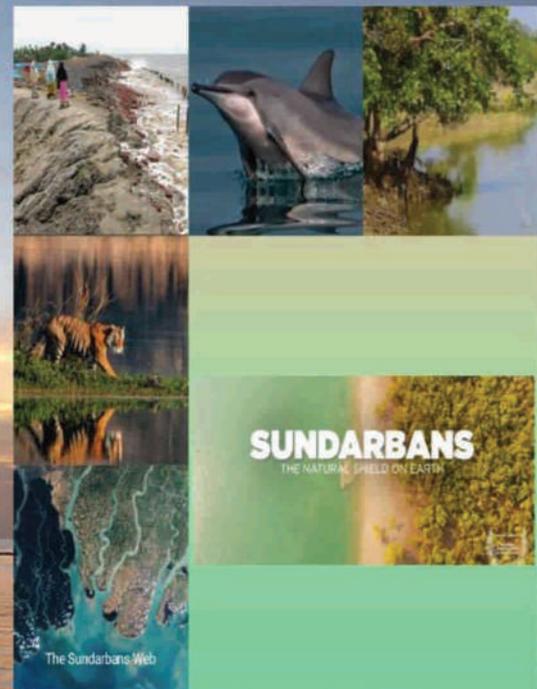
A Panel Discussion by teacher trainees on 'Teaching-Learning: New Challenges And Opportunities In a Pandemic World' organised by the Department of B.Ed. on December 15, 2021.



## M.A. ENGLISH

### STUDENT PRESENTATIONS ON *THE HUNGRY TIDE* BY AMITAV GHOSH

Under the watchful guidance of Dr. Sumita Banerjee, the MA Second-Year students put up a variety of group presentations on the depiction of the Sundarbans in Amitav Ghosh's critically acclaimed novel, *The Hungry Tide*. The presentations covered four umbrella topics intrinsic to the text: Cyclones and Tides, Dolphins, Tigers, and the Bon-bibi myth in relation to the Sundarbans. Through detailed PowerPoint presentations and write-ups, these topics were thoroughly discussed over two classes on November 16 and 23, 2021. After each presentation, the groups addressed questions and comments from the rest of the class. The entire exercise was very beneficial to the students as it served as an interactive way of rediscovering the major aspects of the novel in particular and the Sundarbans at large.



*The Hungry Tide* by Amitav Ghosh  
(Presentations by PG 2)

# NSS ACTIVITIES

# OUTREACH



Sadiyah Hossain (1<sup>st</sup> year Political Science Honours) participated in a blanket distribution drive and an interactive session with the children of 'Tijala Shed' NGO in December 2021. The event was organized in collaboration with the Lions Club of Kolkata.

Shivangi Mehrotra (3<sup>rd</sup> Year Psychology Honours) spent a day with the children of 'Fix My Life Foundation' in December 2021. She distributed food and spent time engaging them in fun activities.



Jasveen Kaur (1<sup>st</sup> Year History Honours) distributed dry food items among the underprivileged children in the month of December 2021. She also organised a clothes drive for the needy children in her locality and supports them by regularly purchasing masks and rangoli colours made by their families.

Through May-November 2021, Sagarika Ganguly (2<sup>nd</sup> Year History Honours) was associated with Unmesh, an organization that provides free education for children in need. She actively participated in ideating and organizing events to assist the organization achieve their goal.



Faustina Louis (3<sup>rd</sup> Year B. A. General) distributed blankets and food amongst the needy people in her locality in the month of December. She spent a day with underprivileged students by bringing them into her home. She taught them basic Mathematics and involved them in fun activities like drawing and colouring.

## MGNCRE-SAP INTERNATIONAL SIGNAGES DAY



On September 23, 2021 students across departments participated in MGNCRE-SAP International Signages Day and prepared handmade signages to uphold the values of Swachhta. The Principal of Loreto College Sr. Dr. Christine Coutinho, and the students took the Swachhta Pledge on campus.

An institutional level Swachhta Policy was framed and participating departments framed Swachhta Policies oriented to their respective disciplines.

## WEB TALK ON COVID PROTOCOLS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

On December 8, 2021 Dr Kunal Sarkar, Senior Vice-Chairman, Director and Head of Cardiac Surgery, Medica Superspeciality Hospital addressed the students on Covid protocols to be followed in educational institutions.



LORETO COLLEGE  
NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME SOCIETY  
in collaboration with  
INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL  
presents

**IMMUNOBOOSTERS IN  
SIDDHA MEDICINE**

**A WEBTALK ON NATURAL  
WAY TO PROMOTE  
IMMUNITY**

SPEAKER  
Dr.N.Abdul Azees  
MD (Siddha), Siddha and Varmam Specialist  
Maria Siddha College

DATE - 15TH DECEMBER, 2021  
TIME - 4PM ONWARDS

REGISTRATION LINK