

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHFIELD COLLEGE 2016-17**

### **NAAC Visit and ReAccreditation:**

Looking back, we see an eventful and successful year for Southfield College.

The year 2016 started with a countdown for NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) Peer Team visit from Bangalore. The preparation for the eventful 3 days visit had started two years ago with the preparation of the Self Study Report (SSR) by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) with Dr. Ratna Kumari Mishra as Co-ordinator and with members - Dr Maumita Ghosh, Dr Srikanta Roy Choudhury, Dr. Dinesh Chandra Ray, Mr. Bishal Chhetri and Mr. Dewakar Thatal. Their selfless effort and dedicated work resulted in the culmination of four-years report of the College which was uploaded after sending Letter of Intent (LOI) to NAAC. The preparation and hard work and co-operation shown by the IQAC team, all the Teaching and Non-teaching staff including the students, Alumni and Parents during NAAC Peer team visit is worth mentioning.

The NAAC peer team visited the College on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The result received from NAAC on 25<sup>th</sup> May was a wonderful surprise as the College was accredited with “A” GRADE with CGPA 3.05.

This has made Southfield College Darjeeling the only Women’s College in North Bengal with “A” Grade. This grade has put us on the pinnacle from where we shall not look down but only aspire towards “Centre for Excellence  
It is truly said-

“Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is Success !”

### **University BA Results:**

To excel in academics is the most important pursuit of all Southfielders and the results of 2016 showed that the students have fared well in the University examinations. Pass percentage of Part I Examination was 86%, Part II was 95% and Part III was 89%.

Gayatri Thapa of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Nepali Honours scored 70% in Honours subject.

### **Student Activities:**

Southfield also gives utmost importance to overall development of a student, thus, students are encouraged to participate in sports and other co-curricular and extra curricular activities.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Trishala Gurung of II<sup>nd</sup> Year (Geography Hons) successfully summited Mt. Everest. She created history by being a member of 1<sup>st</sup> NCC girls team to scale Mt. Everest. She proved that nothing is impossible for a Southfielder. A Thanks-giving and Victory Celebration was held for two days in the College where Staff, Students Alumni members and Parents were invited. Fr. Dr. Donotus Kujur (Principal of St. Joseph's College), Dr. Prabhat Pradhan (Retired Principal of Kurseong College) were especially invited.

Southfielders participated in District level Open Basketball Championship Tournament organised by Hill Basketball Association, GTA and in Inter College Badminton Championship organised by St. Joseph's College.

For the first time in the history of Southfield College, Teresa Muktanof Ist year (History Hons) stood first in the open Marathon organised by MARG "Running for a cause to stop violence against women and children." She stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in open 21 Km marathon organised by Rotary Club, Darjeeling, and stood 5<sup>th</sup> in the 21 Km run organized by IDBI Bank in Kolkata. She also participated in the District level Inter College Sports Championship held at Naxalbari College. She became second runnersup in both 800m and 1500m race.

College Sports Day was observed on Independence Day. A group of 45 students participated in the March Past during Independence Day Celebration held by GTA at Leborg Ground.

### **Co-curricular Activities:**

Four students attended Winter School in Kurseong. Pawitra Sharma of 3<sup>rd</sup> year was selected to attend the Centenary celebration of Presidency University, Kolkata.

### **Seminars and workshops:**

To expose the students to higher learning and also for the benefit of the teachers, a seven days National Workshop on Economics was held from 16<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May co-ordinated by Dr. Maumita Ghosh HOD, Economics Dept.

A two days UGC Sponsored National Nepali Seminar was held on 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July on the topic "Prishtha Ra Mancha: Samsamayik Pariprekchya Adhunik Nepali Natak" co-ordinated by Dr Mahesh Pradhan, HOD, Nepali Dept.

For the second time, Southfield was selected Nodal Centre for conducting 3 days District Level Inter-College Competition to mark 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Netaji's Great Escape.

Gayatri Thapa of 2<sup>nd</sup> yr stood first in Essay Competition and Naiela Omer of 3<sup>rd</sup> yr stood second. In state level Competition held in Kolkata Gayatri Thapa stood 1<sup>st</sup>. In Debate Competition (Against the motion), Dewkala Tamang of 3<sup>rd</sup> year stood first. In Poster drawing Competition, Prajina Sherpa of 2<sup>nd</sup> year stood second. Ms Priyakshi Das of 1<sup>st</sup> yr stood second in Declamation and Southfield team stood 2<sup>nd</sup> in Quiz Competition. The quiz Competition was conducted by

quiz master Mr Suraj Pradhan. Dr Prabhat Pradhan was Chief Guest for the occasion and gave away the prizes.

### **Establishment of Youth Against Trafficking (YAT) Club :**

This year a new club was established in the Sociology Department called Youth Against Trafficking Club (YATC) in collaboration with MARG NGO.

### **Farewell of College Staff:**

The year ended with the farewell of Shri Rameshwar Prasad Yadav, Group D staff who had served in this College for 37 years. On behalf of Southfield College family I thank him for his long, dedicated service to the College and wish him and his family a very happy retired life.

We wish each and every Southfielder a happy year ahead. We all have proved to what heights unity and co-operation amongst ourselves can take. We have much to look forward to in the future and much to work.

Thus a quote from H.W. Longfellow-

“Let us then, be up and doing  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait.”

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