

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHFIELD COLLEGE 2017-18

2017 can be best described by an extract taken from a literary work of Charles Dickens

“ It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.....,
It was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope...!”

The NAAC reaccreditation (2nd Cycle) in 2016 left us enthusiastic to make a fresh start. However, the Political situation of Darjeeling in 2017 took a sudden turn that left the College students idle for three months and literary creativity took a back stand. With the onset of normalcy in the Hills, and with the beginning of New Session the situation left the teachers clamouring for classes to complete the syllabi. Some college activities were suspended to make up for the lost teaching days; individual activities were encouraged more.

University Under Graduate Results:

The students even after the political turmoil in the Hills did exceedingly well **with a pass percentage of 91%.**

The new session is going to see a major change in academics as the new CBCS (Choice based Credit System) is being implemented.

Student Activities:

With many days missed due to the political turmoil yet the students participated in many individual activities. Some students participated in District Marathon. Teresa Moktan of 2nd Year History Honours stood first in 400m and 800m Inter College Athletic meet held in Siliguri College. She also represented Darjeeling District in the Inter University Athletic Meet held in Salt lake in February 2018.

Student Awards:

On 22nd May 2016, Trishala Gurung of IInd Year(Geography Hons had) successfully summited Mt. Everest. On 6th October 2017, she was honoured with Bharatiya Nepali Sikhar Sammelan award by the Chief Minister of Sikkim. Dr. Pawan Chamling.

Joining of two new Teachers:

Two new Assistant professors joined the College, Mr. Srikrishna Sarkar in the Dept of Education and Mr. Sunny Rawat in the Dept of Geography.

Retirement of College Staff:

Beginning of 2018 saw the retirement of Library Assistant Ms. Kanta Prava Pradhan who had completed 35 years of dedicated service to the College. On behalf of the Southfield College, we thank her for her long and dedicated service to the College. We wish her a very Happy and healthy retired life.

RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatarata Siksha Abhiyan) Funding of the College:

A long time need for an upgradation to Master's level has always been a fervent quest of Southfield College. The College is now also looking ahead at the future prospect of introducing Masters Degree in some subjects as the grant from RUSA.2 (Rashtriya Uchchatarata Siksha Abhiyan) has been sanctioned. The upgradation in infrastructure supported by this grant will, in future, manifest in the introduction of Masters Degree in Southfield College.

With RUSA.2 funding, various infrastructural upgradation started in the College. The college started with the basic and most important works like repair of the Canteen, Guard Room renovation of the old Administrative Building as it is more than hundred years old. The drainage of the college had to be looked into and the Library infrastructure had to be strengthened.

UGC funded Minor Research Projects:

UGC funded Minor Research Projects were granted Dr. Ratna Kumari Mishra, Associate Professor of the Department of Hindi. Another Minor Research Project was granted to Dr Marsha Lama, Assistant Professor of the Department of Political Science.

Workshops, Seminars and Conferences etc:

A regional level Seminar titled 'Rehabilitation of the Women and Transgender in Distress' was organized in Collaboration with MARG NGO.

Gender Awareness program was organised with MARG NGO.

Research publications:

Though the teaching faculty came up with many publication in journals ,however there was only One published in UGC CARE list .The total number of books and chapters published this year were five in number.

Opening of Incubation Centre:

In today's world where academic institutions are no longer comprised merely of classroom lectures and libraries or laboratories, Incubation and start-up programmes are innovative addition in the campus in order to help the students to transfer their bookish knowledge into skill based innovative knowledge transfer. In Southfield College, strategic partnership of the Academia with the industry gets reflected in the innovative ecosystem through the collaborative incubation centres and start-ups. These incubation and startups allow the students to aspire as future entrepreneurs. These programmes allow them to develop their skills as co-workers and co-supervisors. Also these start-ups allow the institution to become self-sufficient and self-sustaining.

Thus the incubation Centre '**Bio Manure Incubation Centre**' with the objective of composting was initiated on 12.12.2017, with the sponsorship of Everest Nursery and Company, L.B. Road, Kalimpong. This project has multiple relevance: it helps in reinforcing the association of the institution with the Industry. It encompasses the notion of eco-sustenance and ecological care. It also inculcates the supervision skills among the students.

NSS Activities:

NSS two Units of Southfield College observed A day Dedicated to the service of the Elderlies; Swachhta Hi Sewa under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; World AIDS day; Communal Harmony; week; Blood Donation in collaboration with Red Cross Society and Darjeeling District Hospital; A day with the children of heaven; Three Day Residential Special Camp at Ranju Valley; Visit to Old Age Home in Kurseong; Visit to orphanage; Tree Plantation in Collaboration with MARG NGO.

Scholarships and Freeships:

The number of students benefited by scholarships and freeships provided by the Government and Non-Government agencies were 403. The scholarships included Kanyashree, Oasis, Aikyashree and from Philanthropist for attending excursions. Further the college has its own system of providing student Aid to students from BPL category to be used for academic purposes.

Student Progression:

The outgoing students are always encouraged to pursue Higher Studies. Thus 20 students from the outgoing batch pursued Higher Education and 5 students cleared State/ national level examinations.

Alumni Engagement:

On 3.11.2018, The Alumni organized a grand Fete which was open to all during which a large number of students from neighbouring schools and colleges and many people from Darjeeling came to the fete.

On 26.11.2018, The Alumni seniormembers took an active initiative to organize Career Counselling talk in collaboration with RICE for the students preparing for Competitive Examinations.

During the political turmoil in the Hills, the Alumni arranged community halls and Primary schools for teachers and students of the college for classes to be conducted.

The Alumni also organized a Day Dedicated to the Elderlies.

Looking forward to a more peaceful year ahead without any political turmoil which can drastically affect college admission and performance of the students in their University Examinations.
