

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHFIELD COLLEGE 2018-19**

**“Change is the law of life”**-it may provide many new opportunities, yet it is human nature to resist it. Thus, when the new Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) system was announced by the University of North Bengal that it be implemented in the forthcoming new session 2018-2019, it was natural for all to become apprehensive. Though it was an uneasy change and the transition a bit challenging, an added improvement in the University results of the first semester students of Southfield College made us all realize that the change was a beneficial one.

### **University Undergraduate results:**

**The results for the Under Graduate was very good with pass percentage of 90%**

### **NSS and Nature club activities:**

The year 2018-19 saw a major trend towards awareness of the deteriorating environment of Darjeeling and the months saw many drives undertaken by NSS and Nature Club of the college towards environment protection. The NSS carried out a ‘Clean Darjeeling Drive’ in Darjeeling town during which they not only cleaned the town but also hung dustbins in and around the town. Appreciating their effort, the Vice Chairman of the Darjeeling Municipality Mr Sagar Tamang personally came and appreciated their work. He asked all Southfielders to collect plastic wastes and put them in plastic bottles. After one month the plastic bottles were utilized to make a seating arrangement in the college compound. This reduced the plastic waste in and around our homes and the college and helped in creating awareness of hazards of plastic wastes and benefits of plastic waste recycle.

The Foundation day of the college on 1<sup>st</sup> of August was observed by a Plantation drive around the College by Nature Club and NSS. NSS and Nature Club also organized “Plastic Freedom Challenge” from 8<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018 and all Southfielders were requested not to use any form of plastics like plastic packets, tetrapacks, plastic bags, plastic bottles within the college and outside the campus. Nature Club put up an exhibition on sale of handicrafts made from used products emphasizing on “reuse and recycle”.

We are proud of the Southfield College NSS Unit I and II who have adopted a village called Dara Gaon. The NSS units have not only provided water filters and syntex tanks for water harvesting to the village school, but have conducted a cleanliness drive there. After conducting a survey of the village, they conducted awareness camps among the people of the village regarding hygiene, nutrition, plantation of trees, education etc.

### **Student Activities and Participation:**

The students participated in many Inter College competitions like Rup Narayan Sinha Nepali Debate Competition held in St. Joseph's College where they became Runners up.

Our Students also participated in Miss Darjeeling Competition in which Ms Kajal Chettri of Geography Department was declared Miss Darjeeling and Ms Priyakshi Das of English Department was declared Miss Darjeeling Runnersup, proving that Southfielders are definitely 'Beauties with Brains'. In this Competition, Wall Painting Trophy was also bagged by our students.

### **Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, Symposia etc:**

With the announcement of the State Hill University in Darjeeling to be established shortly, an International Symposium was held: "International Symposium on the Hill University and prospects of Hill University" on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 for which Dr. Mahesh Pradhan, Head of the Dept of Nepali was the convenor.

An ICSSR sponsored National Seminar was held on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 organised by Dept of Education on: "Integrating Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Education for which Dr. Dipty Subba, Head of the Dept of Education was the Convenor.

A two day UGC sponsored National Seminar on "Counter-Cultures of Indian Women: From Myth to Contemporary Representations" organised by Dept. of English was held on 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies, North Bengal University. Dr. Marsha Lama of the Dept of Political Science was the Convenor.

### **Resource mobilization for Research:**

The Department of English received a grant for a major project amounting to Rs 5.005 lakhs from Kazi Nazrul University for translation of works of Kazi Nazrul into English and Nepali.

### **Research publications:**

The total number of books and chapters published by the faculty this year were three in number.

### **Awards and MOUs:**

The college has always tried to keep the campus clean and green. The Kalimpong Horticulture Society was impressed by the many green initiatives that the college had undertaken. The college received a '**Green Campus Award**' from Kalimpong Horticulture Society which is a registered society during Environment week. The college also has a functional MOU with Kalimpong Horticulture Society.

### **Opening of Incubation Centre:**

As mentioned before, 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 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 on 09.07.2018, a start up programme titled 'Oyster mushroom cultivation' with the objective of catering to the College Hostel and College Canteen was started. This on one hand will help the institution to be self-sustained and on the other hand, it will help the students to know about the Economical innovative prospect of becoming self-employed.

### **Transfer of teachers:**

This year also saw the transfer of two teachers Dr. Maumita Ghosh, Head of the Department of Economics and Dr. Prabhat Chandra Sarkar from the Department of Economics. We thank them for their dedicated service to the college and wish them the very best for their future.

### **Alumni Activities:**

Batch of 1992 donated Rs 30,000 (Rupees thirty thousand) to be used as prize money for students excelling in academics.

The year ended with a pleasant picnic and overnight stay of the teachers and Principal at Shiva Khola Adventure Camp.

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