

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHFIELD COLLEGE 2019-20

The college had just started after the winter break when our Hon'ble Prime Minister called for a Nation wide lockdown due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The college had already participated in a lot of activities but the sudden lockdown led to complete cessation of all activities in the college.

However, Southfield College was the first college in the Hills to start online classes. The college had already completed one month of online classes when Higher Education Department of West Bengal circulated a Government Order to start online classes. Not only teaching became online, but the examination system became totally online.

In order that the teachers and students did not become slack and idle, many online webinars and online activities were carried out. Even the foundation Day of the college, Yoga Day etc and Orientation of newly admitted students were conducted online.

University Under Graduate Results:

The Under Graduate University results of the outgoing students was excellent as all the students who appeared for the examinations, passed making the pass percentage 100%.

'Adopt a child activity' of the College:

A four year old girl child by the name of Jyoti Tamta of Gairsain village has been adopted by the college to help her in her vaccination, upkeep and studies through Plan International India.

NSS Activities:

The NSS conducted Tree plantation with Rotaract club; conducted Seminar on Swachhata Awareness program at adopted village MIM Tea Garden; Seminar on Red Ribbon on World AIDS day on 01.12.2019 ; Conducted special talk on Covid19 Protocols; conducted Blood donation camp.

Student activities:

The Rotaract club carried Awareness drive in Ward no. 14, Darjeeling on Environmental wastes; a member donated blood to a cancer patient.

Some teachers headed by Mr Sadeep Pradhan, of Department of Nepali and students took active participation in sanitizing a village and helped in distribution of masks and sanitizers

. The students in total received 11 awards and medals for outstanding performance in national activities.

Seminars ,Workshops and Webinars:

The Inaugural Ceremony of the ‘Workshop on Translation of Kazi Nazrul Islam’s Agnibina into Nepali.’ Financially assisted by Nazrul Centre for Social and Cultural Studies, Kazi Nazrul University , Asansol was conducted on 09.09.2019.

Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sadhan Chakraborti, of Kazi Nazrul University , Asansol and also chief Patron of the project, Dr. Swati Guha, Director of Nazrul Centre for Social and Cultural studies, Kazi Nazrul Univ, Asansol and chief Advisor of the project, Sri Man Prasad Subba, Subject expert ,Eminent Poet and Sahitya Academy Awardee along with Prof. Dhaniraj Chettri, Language expert and Head of the Dept. of Botany, Sikkim Central University were present.

Nepali Department conducted a seminar on 21.10.2019 on the topic ‘Teen desh teen shrashta’.

Centre for Women’s studies, North Bengal University in collaboration with ICT Kolkata conducted a workshop on Gender Awareness in the college on 18.11.2019

The IQAC of the college conducted LGBTQ awareness seminar in collaboration with Indrenilingo on 05.03.2020 on the topic ‘Indrenilingo 2020- Queer in the Hills: The imagined and lived realities.’

Resource mobilization for Research:

The Department of History received a grant for a major project amounting to Rs 10 lakhs from Kazi Nazrul University and English Department received a major project amounting 5.13 Lakhs for translation of works of Kazi Nazrul into English and Nepali.

Research publications:

Though there were many publications of the teachers in renowned journals, eight publications were registered in UGC CARE listed Journals.

The total number of books and chapters published this year were sixteen in number.

Awards and Recognition and MOUs:

The help conferred by the teachers and students in sanitizing a village led to recognition from NGO, Junkeri Youth Club of Darjeeling.

University topper MsPrasikcha Subba received the prestigious Dr. Parasmani Pradhan Saikchik Yogyata Puraskar.. Further, Ms Rachana became Ms Himalaya in a fashion show organized by Gorkhaland Territorial Administration.

Southfield College Youth Parliament group were winners of the District level Youth Parliament Competition held on 06.11.2019 held at GhoomJorebunglow College. They got selected for Zonal level Youth Parliament Competition. In the Zonal level held on 10.12.2019 Youth Parliament group became first Runners up held in Jalpaiguri. Hanifa Farheen was conferred the best Parliamentarian and extempore winner from Southfield College. They were selected for State level Youth Parliament Competition.

Samjhana Subba was placed first runner up of 10K Darjeeling Hill marathon Run organized by the Darjeeling Police.

Hanifa Farheen was conferred winner of District level Declamation competition held in Southfield College on 16.11.2019 organised by Nehru YuvaKendra ,selected for state level competition.

Samjhana Subba was conferred winner of 800m race and first runner up in the 1500 m race at the inter college District athletic meet held in Kalipada Ghosh Terai Mahavidhyalaya on 5th Feb 2020.

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.

The Nepali Department took Nepali Department students for excursion to Kathmandu in Dec 2019 and signed an MOU with Chindo books Pvt. Ltd. Kathmandu.

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 student 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.

On 18.07.2019 the college successfully initiated the startup programmes titled '**Hybrid Cymbidium Orchid Culture**' with the objective of income generation of Nature Club and Rotaract Club.

The second start-up programme titled '**Medicinal Plants and herbs Gardening**' with the objective of Conservation and inculcation of local/ Indigenous knowledge among the various stakeholders of the College was commenced on 01.08.2019.

With the announcement of the complete lockdown the many activities of the college stopped completely though online classes, webinars and celebration of important National and college days continued online.

Alumni Activity:

On 16.11.2019, the Alumni Association of the College organized a talk related to National Register of Citizen (NRC) in the college for all the teachers and students.
