

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHFIELD COLLEGE 2022-23

The new session started with the memories of the pandemic fading slowly. The college once again turned on its vibrant mood and the students started participating actively in all the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the college.

### University Under Graduate Results:

The results of the Final year students were very good as all who appeared, passed, making the pass percentage of students as 100% pass.

### University Post Graduate Results:

The final results are yet to come but the semester results of both English and History are very good.

### Student Activities:

**College Sports Day** was organized on 20.10.2022. A total of six tournaments comprising of football, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Table tennis, and carrom were organized by the Sports committee.

The **Divisional Youth Parliament Competition (YPC) 2022-23** was held in Parimal Mitra Smriti Mahavidyalaya, Mal Bazar, Jalpaiguri on 12.11.2022. Southfield College bagged the prize for the first Runners up in the YPC. Ms Nandika Pradhan received the Prize for the Best 'Leader of Opposition. The college was selected for the state level competition to be held in Kolkata.

On 21.02.2023 the college observed **International Mother Language Day**.

The **Avante Garde** fest was organized by Cultural committee for three days from 19.05.2023 to 21.05.2023. The fest involved all kinds of competitions from singing competitions, dancing competitions including painting and photography competitions. The attraction of the fest was fashion show with ethnic wear and casual wear dress competitions.

### Co-curricular activities:

On 25.03.2023, as part of the student-faculty exchange program, the Department of English hosted an interactive session with the students from Birpara College, Alipurduar, titled 'Our World, our Words' on Indrabahadur Rai's 'There's a Carnival Today' and other works of literature dealing with Indian Experience. HOD of English Department of Birpara College Dr.

Nikhilesh Bhattacharya and Mr Binod Pradhan of Southfield College held an interactive session with the students.

On 06.06.2023, Brigadier Jaydeep Yadav, Group Commander, 5 Bengal Bn NCC, Darjeeling addressed the cadets and ANOs from different Hill Colleges in Damien Hall on the importance of ICT as a tool to improve teaching learning method. Lt. Gyanshree Pradhan of Southfield College spoke on the topic 'Waste management' emphasizing the need to minimize waste.

The Department of English organized a 'Meet the Author' on 10.05.2023 titled 'In between Text and Context'. An interactive session with Mr. Lekhnath Chettri author of 'Fruits of a Barren Tree', in conversation with Mr Binod Pradhan about his book and the recent publication of its English Translation. Mr Anurag Basnet, the translator held a workshop on "Tools and Techniques of Translation". The UG and PG students actively participated.

### **Sports Activity:**

**The Inter College State Sports and Games Championship, Under Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal 2022-23, Darjeeling and Kalimpong District** was hosted by Southfield College for the first time in the Hills. It was organized from 11.02.2022 - 13.02.2022 with 15 colleges participating in three events- Football, Kho-Kho and Athletics. Bandana Subba of BA History was selected for State level 800m race in Inter college sports to be held in Kolkata as she was placed first runners up in the 800 m race.

### **NSS, NCC and Nature Club Activities :**

NSS Unit I and II and Nature Club, Southfield College observed World Environment Day on 05.06.2023 in a big way under the banner 'Mission Life'. A program was held in Damien hall followed by clean-up campaign in the college. In an effort to preserve the environment, volunteers planted herbs, tree saplings and medicinal plants.

The NSS Unit I and II, 5 Bengal Bn NCC, 4 Bengal Bn NCC and Nature club of Southfield College participated in the Himalayan Cleanup, an initiative by Zero Waste Himalaya and Integrated Mountain Initiative on 28.05.2023. The cleanup drive and audit covered the campus, Mall Road and Mahakal Mandir. The objective behind the cleanup drive and the waste audit was to make the students understand the problem of waste and waste management from a practical point of view.

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On 10.06.2023, on the occasion of 'World Ocean week' NCC cadets of Southfield College of 4 Bengal Bn NCC conducted Slogan writing and Rally at Darjeeling.

On 19.06.2023, the cadets of 5 Bengal Bn NCC of Southfield College joined hands with other colleges and citizens in the plantation of flowering plants, an initiative undertaken by 'Darjeeling lovers' during which more than 25000 saplings of flowering plants were planted in and around Mall Road.

On 23.06.2023, Special Subject classes were conducted by Col Shrikant Rai(Commanding Officer) and Hav. Manoj of 5 Bengal Bn NCC at Southfield College conference room.

### **Admission:**

Admission of the students reached 80% for 2022-23 session.

### **Seminars and Conferences conducted:**

On 22.10.22-23.10.2022, in Collaboration with Sahitya Academi, Southfield College organized Eastern Regional Young Writer's meet on the Occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

On 18.11.2022 a talk on 'Preparing today's youth for Tomorrow's world' was organized in collaboration with Garul and Chandrawati Foundation.. The speaker was Mr.Prashant Rai.

The Department of Political Science in Collaboration with Azim Premji University Bangalore, Eastern Himalayan Foundation, Darjeeling and St. Joseph's college Darjeelingorganised a full day workshop on ' Dialogues on democracy' on02.05.2023. Dr. Anjor Bhaskar from Azim Premji University along with Ms Mashqura Fareedi and her team from the Eastern Himalayan Foundation.

On 12.05,2023 Southfield College jointly with Darjeeling Hills University organized inaugural lecture on ' Challenges of building a University' with Prof. Tanka Bahadur Subba, Indian Anthropologist and Former Vice Chancellor, Sikkim University as the featured speaker. Prof. Prem Poddar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Darjeeling Hills University responded to the enquiries and questions of many Professors and students.

On 21.05.2023 'Masika Mahotsav' Celebrating the Essence of Womanhood, an awareness programme was organized by the Community Engagement Cell of Southfield Collegealong with DLR Perna and All India Women's Conference, Darjeeling Chapter. Masika Mahotsav is a week-long festival celebrated throughout the country from 21.06.2013 to28.05.2023. The objective behind this celebration is to smash the taboos and myths associated with menstruation and to create awareness on sustainable menstrual hygiene. Ms Anamika Sharma of DLR Perna, Mrs Gunkeshari Pradhan of AIWC and Lt. Gyanshree Pradhan of Southfield College gave insightful talk on menstrual health and sustainability.

### **Awards and recognition:**

On 03.05.2023 Rishika Chettri bagged second Runners up prize in inter College poetry Competition held in Bijanbari College, Darjeeling.

On the auspicious occasion of Independence Day held at Gorkha Stadium, Lebung, Darjeeling on 15.08.2022, Southfield College bagged 1<sup>st</sup> position in Cultural Dance competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> position in NCC parade and received a winning cup in Tae Kwondo demonstration.

On 23.03.2023 Salesian Model United nations took place in Salesian College Sonada. Ms Trishala Gurung bagged the best Diplomat trophy, Ms Mailin Dolkar Lepcha got Promising journalist award, Ms. Nandika Pradhan and Prashanna Parajuli Sharma received special mention award.

### **Silver Jubilee Celebration:**

This year saw the completion of 25 years of dedicated service of Ms Raka Shree Rai, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Geography. And Dr Ratna Kumari Mishra, HOD of Hindi. Southfield family would like to Congratulate and thank them for completing 25 years of dedicated service to the College. On 22.10.2022 their jubilee was celebrated in the college.

### **Incubation Centre:**

On 06.06.2023, A training programme on the scope of Floriculture and vermicomposting was jointly organized by Kalimpong Horticulture Society (KHS) and Nature Club of Southfield College at Damien Hall. President of the Horticulture Society Dr. M. Foning gave a presentation on importance of floriculture and vermicomposting for an organic living environment and to encourage entrepreneurship among the students. The team demonstrated before the students the methods and techniques of preparing vermicompost.

College grown Mushrooms and hybrid cymbidium orchids and vermicompost were put on sale by the students as an entrepreneurial initiative.

### **Alumni Activities:**

On 08.06.2023, The Alumni Association of the College organized a charity show and presented a movie 'jeevan kara ki phool' to students of Southfield, various schools and colleges and alumnae members. The Artists of the movie were invited and due respect was given to them.

### **Complete Automation of Library:**

Bar coding of books were initiated and is still continuing. Further, the automation of the Library was completed by the installation of **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology**. As the Library is open access type of Library, RFID installation was a necessity. Southfield College will be the first college in the Hills to have installed RFID for complete automation of the Library.

### **ICT Infrastructure:**

After signing MOU with Garul and Chandrawati foundation, a computer Lab was established and with their help, computer classes on basics of programming was started. There are total 20 (twenty) computers in Computer Lab 1 and Computer Lab 2 together for the students.

A **Geographical Information System (GIS) Laboratory** was installed in the Geography Department. As the Geography Department is the oldest Department among the colleges under the University of North Bengal, the University always makes Southfield College the nodal centre for Practical Examinations. As the new syllabus requires GIS laboratory, the GIS lab was started in the College this year.

The college is always making new moves to undertake environment friendly initiatives. To help in the 'Go Green' initiative of the college, a **Digital notice board** was installed in the college to minimize the use of publishing notices on paper.

### **RUSA Building:**

The process of the construction of the RUSA building has started. The PWD of Darjeeling has taken the initiative to inspect the land and has made the building plan duly vetted by the Superintendent Engineer, Jalpaiguri. The e-tendering is on process and the construction will commence after the monsoons. The building will contain Girl's common room and three classrooms.

### **Girls Hostel Construction:**

The Girl's Hostel construction has started inside the college campus. It will be able to board fifty students. The Girls hostel is being constructed by the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration and is estimated to be of 1.63 crores.

**‘Adopt a child activity’ of the College:**

A four year old girl child by the name of Jyoti Tamta of Gairsain village who had been adopted by the college to help her in her vaccination, upkeep and studies through Plan International India is successfully going to school. She is now studying in Primary school.

**Future plans:**

The Administrative has the oldest lift of Darjeeling. It has an old lift which is supposed to be a manual lift. It is not in working order . The college hopes to generate funds for the renovation of the lift so that it can be used by the differently abled students.

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