

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHFIELD COLLEGE DARJEELING (2023-2024)

The new session 2023-24 started with new enthusiasm with the NAAC 3rd Cycle Accreditation being planned for the month of October 2023. Aside from the preparation for the NAAC Peer team visit the College continued with its usual classes and Annual activities.

University Under Graduate and Post Graduate Results:

The University undergraduate results of the final year students was good with a pass percentage of 86.4%. University Post graduate first Semester results were also good.

Student and Committee Activities:

On 28th of July an interactive program with the parents were conducted for all round development of the students.

On the 11th of August Nehru Yuva Kendra, Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports, Government of India in association with Armeena Foundation and Southfield College Darjeeling organised ‘Yuva Sambad- India at 2047’ in Damien hall. The main objective of the event was to embrace the ‘Panch Pran’ by 2047 when the country celebrates 100 years of Independence.

On 11th of August a tree plantation drive was conducted by Nature Club of Southfield College with the help of First semester Environmental Studies students.

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated by Southfield college with informative speech given by SACT teacher Mr DK Dewan. A volleyball exhibition match between teachers and students was organised on the occasion of the 77th Independence day and on the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

The Investiture ceremony of the Head Councillors, Councillors, Club Secretaries and Assistant Club Secretaries for 2023-24 was held on the 14th of August.

On 18th of August a talk on anti Ragging by honorable resource person Mr Samudra Mani Pradhan, Civil and Criminal Lawyer High Court Jalpaiguri, in association with AntiRagging Committee was organised in Southfield college Darjeeling

Nepali Bhasha Manyata Diwas was celebrated which was organised by Nepali Department with the help of Cultural Committee during which Chief guest for the occasion was renowned Mr C.K Shrestha of Nepali film world.

A Student’s video to explain Academic Bank of Credit made by the ICT club and students was released on the 27th of September for all the students to see and learn.

On the 29th of September Dynamic Club of our college organised a program on the culture and traditions of the Newar community of Nepalis.

On the occasion of 150th Gandhi Jayanti on 02.10.2023, Southfield College organised a cleaning camp program in and around the campus under the banner 'Swacchata Hee Sewa Hai'. Such campaign inspired by the principles of cleanliness lead by the Father of the Nation proved to be an enriching experience both for the faculty and students.

On the 8th of October students joined the Inter College Athletic meet 2023 organised by Darjeeling Government College at Leborg Stadium where Ms Bandana Subba from History department got first prize in 1500 m 800 m and second in 400 m . Ms Anshu Gurung got 3rd prize in 800 m and 400 m, 2nd in long jump. The college came second in Relay race.

On 16th of October Southfield college collected funds which was given to the flood victims of Teesta river.

On 6th of December interactive program was held between Southfield College and Sikkim University

The Avante Garde fest was organized by Cultural committee for two days from 19.04.2024 to 20.04.2024. 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.

On 29th of May, Orientation programme was organised regarding the courses offered at Sikkim Alpine University where five faculty members from Sikkim alpine University. Sixty 6th Semester students attended the program.

On 5th of June World environment day was observed by Nature Club by organising a poster making competition on the theme 'Climate change in India: challenges and solutions' to effectively raise awareness about the drastic change in climate and rising temperatures. Ms Manisha of Geography stood first and Runners up was Ms Sarita Rai of Political Science Department.

On 12th June 2024, the Prestigious Pawan Chamling Award was presented to Ms Trishala Gurung of History Department. Muskan PG Scholarship was awarded to Ms Rishika Thapa and Ms Sanja Tamang of Dept of History.

NAAC Peer Team Visit:

The NAAC Per Team visited the college on 05.10.2023 for Physical verification. Though the weather took a bad turn and there was heavy rains for three days leading to Teesta River flooding; yet the weather did not dampen our spirits. The College was reaccredited with 'A' Grade with CGPA 3.10 in third cycle of Reaccreditation. We all are really proud of this and very happy because Southfield College became the only Women's College in North Bengal and under North Bengal University to be awarded with 'A' Grade.

On the 4th and 5th and 7th of November Southfield College organised programs to all stakeholders, students and staff to express gratitude for all their help in achieving 'A' grade in 3rd Cycle of NAAC Reaccreditation.

Placement of outgoing students :

On 10th of July 2023, India's largest airline -Indigo,in collaboration with Emporium training and consultancy Private limited and Career guidance and Placement cell of Southfield college conducted the first campus interview at Southfield college. Out of total 396 female candidates from all over Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Sikkim and Dooars, 16 candidates were selected out of which 7 candidates from our College were selected for the position of Cabin Crew.

Admissions:

This year the Government of West Bengal tried to implement Centralised Admission but could not make the deadline. The Government hopes to implement Centralised Admission in the next Session.

Seminars and Conferences conducted:

The Community engagement Cell of Southfield College organised with the District hospital a student counselling session for the first semester students of the college on the 21st of September. Mrs Rubina Pradhan, Student health counsellor of Darjeeling District hospital addressed the students.

17 students and two faculty members from Career Guidance and Placement Cell attended a Service workshop hosted by District Administration at Denabandhu Mancha Siliguri on the 22nd of September

On the 25th of September the Nature club of Southfield college in collaboration with Kalimpong Horticulture society organised a workshop on Apiculture in Damien hall for all the students.

Departmental seminar was conducted on the 8th of November by Nepali department

On 24th of November Career Guidance and Placement cell of the college in collaboration with RICE institute of competitive examination organised the Talent Scholarship Test.

On 16.03.2024 a one Day National Seminar on 'Bharatiya Nepali Chalchitra Addhyan ra Bimarsha' was conducted by the Department of Nepali.

On 09.05.2024,Career Guidance and Placement Cell organised career guidance seminar for the students in collaboration with Gorge Telegraph(Siliguri) on Career prospects in Govt. Sector. In the second half of the Day, Emporium Training and Consultancy Pvt held a Career Guidance seminar on Career opportunities in Aviation, Hospitality and Cruiselines.

Special lecture was held on the 11th of May by Mr Harshavardhan Shringla former Foreign Secretary of India and Chief coordinator of India G20 Presidency on 'Global connections local Impact'

On 31st of May Mr B.K. Piyush Brahma Kumar and his team conducted a fruitful motivational session with the second semester students .The highlight was on ways to overcome stress.

Awards and recognition:

On 20th of April the volleyball team college created history in a sports arena by lifting the Varghese memorial volleyball tournament winners trophy held at Salesian college Sonada defeating GD Goenka public school.

On 26th of June Southfield college received the Zee 24 Ghanta Education Excellence Award 2024 in Kolkata.

MOUs :

MOUs were signed with Emporium Pvt Limited, Kalimpong Horticulture Society and Ashutosh Mukherjee College Kolkata.

Inauguration of UPSC CSE Coaching Classes

The College opened a Coaching Centre for UPSE Civil Services Examination in collaboration with Darjeeling Welfare Society whose President is Mr Harsh Vardhan Shringla former Foreign Secretary of India. On 22nd of June inauguration program of UPSC CSE coaching classes was held in Damien Hall of Southfield College during which Miss Jayashree Pradhan who successfully cleared the CSE 2023 with All India Ranking 52 was felicitated by Southfield College.

Departmental Activities:

The release of the Nepali publication 'Pragyan' was carried out on the 11th of July 2023 followed by celebration of Bhanu Jayanti by the Nepali department on the 13th of July.

On 29.09.2023, Political Science Department released Department newsletter 'Politiki'

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On 07.11.2023, Mr Benoy Pradhan Assistant professor of English Department of the college donated 21 books to the Nepali Department.

On 24th of November the first soil testing of the upcoming Girl's Hostel area was done by the department of Geography.

On 27.03.2024, Department of geography college organised special lecture series on "Understanding physical landscape: Cries from the Himalaya". This lecture series had focused on various issues affecting the Himalayas and the Himalayan community. The lectures were delivered by Dr Arindam Choudhary, Wadia institute of Himalayan Geology, Mr Prafulla Rao from Save the Himalayas, Dr Kavita Lepcha from University of Gour Banga, Dr Sonam from Government College Darjeeling and Dr Shikha Subba from Southfield College.

NSS Activities:

On 01.08.2023, the college Foundation Day was celebrated. The NSS units and Alumnae Association of Southfield college jointly collaborated and organised a blood donation camp. A total of 25 students donated blood on the special occasion.

On 23.09.2023, NSS Unit I and II conducted Clean Drive and Plantation in the College on the occasion of NSS Day.

On 30th of November NSS unit 1 into visited an orphanage in Hermitage in Darjeeling and donated clothes stationery and food

NSS unit 1 and II celebrated World AIDS day on the 1st of December and conducted an AIDS awareness program.

Activities of 4 Bengal Bn NCC :

World's Tobacco day was observed by 4 Bengal on 31.05.2024 to promote awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco use and encourage healthy, tobacco free lifestyles among students and staff

26th of November 75th NCC foundation day was celebrated.

Activities of 5 Bengal Bn NCC :

The 5 Bn Bengal NCC of college paid homage to the Martyrs of the country in the Vijay Diwas celebration at War memorial Batasia on the 26th of Nov

Ms Sthuti Rai of 5 Bengal NCC of college received the prestigious Best Cadet gold medal at CATC Kamrang Namchi ,organised from 3rd September to 12th of September .The college also received second prize in a group dance competition, 5 gold and 4 silver in sports and special medal for leading the camp was received by senior under officer Suruchi Chhetri.

On 25th of November a blood donation camp was organised by 5 Bengal NCC in collaboration with Darjeeling District hospital to commemorate the NCC week and 75th NCC Day was celebrated in the College.

On 25th of May 5 Bn NCC joined other education institutes of Darjeeling for the Himalayan clean up project.

Students benefitted by Scholarships:

The number of students who benefitted from Government scholarships were 272 Students.

Farewells:

On 31st of August the college bid farewell to the seniormost SACT teacher Mr Dhan Kumar Dewan in a grand function held in Damien hall.

A grand farewell was organised by Southfield college family on the 28th of March to bid farewell to Mr Ganesh Thami, Gardener of the college. Southfield family thanks them for their dedicated long service to the College and wishes them a very happy and healthy retired life.
