

## Report: Department of Chemistry (2022-2023)

During this session Ms. Antara Sharma continued as head of the department. This year our department welcomed the fresh batch of 15 students in the first semester. A very short interaction on virtual mode between the faculty and the parents was held to make them well acquainted with the rules and regulations of the college. As per Government order college has started classes from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

This year four final year students from our department have cleared JAM examination for pursuing Master degree in IITs. Prem Sagar Toppo, Rinzee Tamang, Deepanita Roy and Kriti Lama joined IIT Bombay, IIT Kanpur, IIT Patna and NIT Roorkee respectively. Many final year students have cleared CUET examination and are pursuing Master degree in various reputed institutions across India such as Hyderabad Central University, Sikkim University etc.

Student's exchange program was organised by St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling in collaboration with Barrackpore Rashtaguru Surendra Nath College (BRSN,College) Kolkata from 17<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> November,2022 I was held in Department of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College.

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Principal of BRSN college, Dr. Monojit Ray and the teachers along with the participants from BRSN college arrived in Darjeeling in the late afternoon The actual program started on 18<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00 am when the

guests arrived to the college from their hotel and were escorted by Mr. Sailesh Chettri of St. Joseph's College. The participants and the teachers from BRSN college were welcomed and accompanied to the Seminar Hall by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Donatus Kujur and the staffs of St. Joseph's College. The inaugural program was coordinated by Ms. Antara Sharma, Co-ordinator of the Student Exchange Program, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling followed by Lightning of the lamp by the Principals of both the participating Institutes as well as by the teachers.

After Lightning of the Lamp, there was a prayer song by Miss. Aayushma Thatal, a student of Department of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College. After the prayer song, there was a welcome address by Rev. Fr. Dr. Donatus Kujur, Principal, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling where he briefly shared the history of the St. Joseph's College along with the Vision and Mission of the institute. Fr. Principal also emphasized on the objectives and outcomes of the Exchange Program. Dr. Monojit Ray, Principal, BRSN College also gave an introduction of BRSN College, Kolkata and shared his thoughts on the organization of the Student Exchanged Program and believed that such programs should happen quite often for the benefit of the students of both the institutes. The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajani Dewan from Department of Chemistry, St. Joseph's College.

The student exchange program included various activities like Hands on Training, Lectures, Workshops, Students Talk and Group Discussion for the benefit of the participating students of both the institutes and they actively participated in the activities.

Dr. Sailesh Chettri was awarded PhD degree on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 by the University of North Bengal.

The department arranged an orientation program and a parent teacher meeting, for the new students,

at the beginning of the session. During the program the H.O.D introduced the teaching and nonteaching staff to all the students. Students were briefed about the syllabus and the history and motto of the college. The contact details of the departmental teachers and the parents were exchanged.

The year went on with smooth conducting of theoretical and practical classes.