

St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling

The 97th Annual Report: 2023-24

The report for the academic session 2023-24 presents a comprehensive overview of achievements across academics, co-curricular activities, and sports in the institution. It highlights the outstanding performances of our students, as well as the dedication, hard work, and determination demonstrated by both students and staff. Through their collective efforts, we have not only achieved academic success but also excelled in various fields, reinforcing our commitment to holistic education and the overall development of our students in every aspect of life.

Academic Performance of the Students

The results B.A., B.Com. & B. Sc. [Three Years (Honours & General)] University Examinations - 2024 for the Academic Session 2020-2023 declared on 25th August 2023 are:

Department	Appeared	Passed	Pass %
Economics (Arts)	14	12	86%
Economics (Science)	9	9	100%
English	61	55	90%
Geography	47	42	89%
History	60	31	52%
Mass Com	48	44	92%
Nepali	41	27	66%
Pol. Science	76	67	88%
Sociology	63	54	86%
Botany	33	33	100%
Chemistry	32	32	100%
Computer Science	15	14	93%
Mathematics	19	10	53%
Microbiology	30	24	80%
Physics	32	20	63%
Zoology	34	29	85%
B.Com (Hons)	59	40	68%
BCA	37	28	76%
BBA	47	28	60%
B. A (Program)	156	67	43%
B.Sc (Program)	3	3	100%
B.Com (Program)	45	20	44%
TOTAL	961	689	72%

% of Marks	Letter Grade	Grade Point	No. of students
91 & above	O (Outstanding)	10	2
81 - 90	A+ (Excellent)	9	81
71 - 80	A (Very Good)	8	356
61 - 70	B+ (Good)	7	147
56 - 60	B(Above Average)	6	1
51 - 55	C+ (Average)	5.5	0
41 - 50	C (Below Average)	5	0
Passed with 40	P (Pass)	4	0
Below 40	F (Fail)	0	372
Absent	Ab	0	0
XX	Not cleared 2 Semester in 3 attempts	0	5
	TOTAL		964

Admission 2023-24

The process of admission for the session 2023-24 under Four Year Undergraduate Program (FYUGP) began in the month of August 2023 as per the given schedule.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date
1.	Online Admission Registration into different undergraduate courses (B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.B.A. / BCA. Honours & Program [General]) starts	1 st July 2023
2.	Registration for the online admission will be closed at midnight (11:59 pm)	15 th July 2023
3	Publication of Subject & Category wise Provisional Merit List of eligible candidates for E-counselling in Honours and Program (General) Course	19 th July 2023
4	First Phase of payment of Admission Fees through online/e-payment payment mode (courses (B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.B.A. / BCA. Honours & Program [General])	19 th July 2023
5	Publication of a Second Provisional Merit List on the basis of vacancy in Honours and Program (General) Course	24 th July 2023
6	Second Phase of payment of Admission Fees through online/e-payment payment mode (courses (B.A. / B.Sc. / B.Com. / B.B.A. / BCA. Honours & Program [General])	24 th to 25 th July 2024

The total enrolment in various streams was

Sl. No.	SUBJECT	No Seats	Boys	Girls	Students Admitted
1	BBA	80	29	20	49
2	BCA	60	40	15	55
3	BENGALI	20	00	00	00
4	ECONOMICS	70	7	8	15
5	ENGLISH	102	35	55	90
6	GEOGRAPHY	60	29	21	50
7	HINDI	20	00	00	00
8	HISTORY	102	42	49	91
9	Mass Com & Journalism	82	33	14	47
10	NEPALI	71	19	16	35
11	POLITICAL SCIENCE	102	38	54	92
12	SOCIOLOGY	102	52	36	88
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13	COMMERCE	291	55	32	90
14	BOTANY	45	6	8	14
15	CHEMISTRY	76	2	6	08
16	COMPUTER SCIENCE	63	16	7	23
17	MATHEMATICS	102	6	9	15
18	MICROBIOLOGY	50	13	21	34
19	PHYSICS	73	13	5	18
20	ZOOLOGY	45	14	20	34
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Induction Programme

Document verification for first Semester was held on August 1. After completing the admissions process for various Undergraduate Programs (Arts, Science, Commerce, and Professional courses) an induction programme was held from August 2, in the Departments to familiarise the students with the ethos, rules and regulations of the college and Four-Year Undergraduate Program. A formal welcome by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Dean, NCC, NSS, Students' Counsellor, Coordinators of various Committees was held on 21, August.

Academic and Non-Academic Activities

Classes for the 3rd and 5th Semesters (Hons. & Program) commenced on August 17, 2023 as per their curriculum, aiming to enhance their academic skills and knowledge.

Co-curricular Activities

- Teachers Day was celebrated in the afternoon in Departmental level on 5th September.
- **District level "Festival of Youths -2023"**
The District level "Festival of Youths -2023" organised by the Nehru Yuva Kendra in collaboration with St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling on 23rd September at St Joseph's College. The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in India. It involves the youth in nation-building activities, and provides them with opportunities for skill development, leadership training, and

community engagement opportunities. Activities included were Young Artists Contest, Young Writers Contest, Mobile Photography Contest, Declamation Contest and Cultural Festival. One hundred and fifty students from six colleges from Darjeeling Dist participated. The students of St Joseph's College bagged the first prizes in Declamation and Cultural Festival contest.

Two-day National Seminar on Sustainable Microbiology

- Students from St. Joseph's College, Department of Microbiology, participated in a two-day national seminar on sustainable microbiology research organized by St. Xavier's College, Raiganj, in collaboration with the Microbiologist Society, India (MBSI). Fourth-semester students showcased their work in a poster presentation competition held on 18 May. Among the 14 posters presented by colleges from Darjeeling and Siliguri, one of our two groups secured the 2nd position.

Ramkrisha Memorial Intercollege debate competition

- Akshay Sharma and Nodhen Tamang, representing St Joseph's College, Darjeeling participated in the Ramkrisha Memorial Intercollege debate competition, centered on the theme मातृभाषामा शिक्षा (Education in Mother Tongue) organized by Sonada Degree College on 17th May 2024. Out of six competitors, our college team was declared the winner by the jury.

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Competition

St Joseph's College students showcased their exceptional talents and secured first place in the group dance and declamation contest, both held at District level in Darjeeling organized by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Ministry of Youth Affair and Sports, west Bengal. Buoyed by their success at the district level, the triumphant St Joseph's College team participated to the grand stage of the Sata Level Yuva Utsav 2024 at the Utsav Auditorium in Cooch Behar from January 23 to 24, organised by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, West Bengal, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. The journey from district triumphs to state-level exemplifies the commitment and excellence embodied by the students, reflecting the values of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. This also a platform for our talented youth to come together and showcase their skills alongside peers from various parts of the state. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament Mr Raju Bista from Darjeeling constituency, Darjeeling MLA. Shree Neeraj Zimba, St. Joseph's College Principal Dr. Donatus Kujur,SJ, NYK Deputy Director Mr. D.K Chatterjee and others graced the occasion.

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Participation in Technokrat event

- On February 14, students from St. Joseph's College enthusiastically took part in the **Technokrat** event organized by Salesian College, Siliguri, which featured a range of competitions encompassing coding challenges, AI design, treasure hunts, quizzes,

game explosions, reel making, debates, and business planning. Thirty-eight students participated, showcasing outstanding skills and expertise in their areas of interest. They clinched the first prize in debates, reels, Mobile Legend, and BGMI, showcasing their prowess in communication, creativity, and gaming. Moreover, they secured second prize in both the reels and Chef competition.

Vibes de Vista' Inter-College Fest and Fete

- St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling organised a two-day extravaganza titled 'Vibes de Vista' Inter-College Fest and Fete on April 12th and 13th, 2024. Participating colleges included Sonada Degree College, Darjeeling Government College, Inspiria Knowledge Campus Siliguri, North Bengal St. Xavier's College, Loyola College of Education, SRM University Gangtok, Cluny Women's College, Salesian College Siliguri, and South Field College Darjeeling. The array of events showcased a blend of tradition and technology, seamlessly merging classical and contemporary elements. The two day's lineup featured Pitch Prodigy, Painting and Doodling, Photography, Short Films and Reels, E-Sports and online gaming, Treasure Hunt, and Quiz Competition, themed and non-themed dance. The host College of the event itself bagged the overall Best College award, winning events like the Quiz Competition, Doodling, Short Film and Photography, themed and non-themed dance.

Guru Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd birthday

- On the esteemed occasion of Guru Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd birthday, the Scholars' Society in collaboration with the Department of English organized an event titled 'Muktodhara' on 8th May 2024. The motive behind this event was to celebrate the life and works of Guru Rabindranath Tagore. The event saw a plethora of performances, performed by the members of the Scholars' Society, including many students from various other departments. In the event, a group poem recitation was done where, four people took turns reciting Tagore's poem- "Where The Mind Is Without Fear," which was translated into different languages. Furthermore, the event featured Rabindra Sangeet such as "Ekla Chalo Re" and "Era Shukher Lage". The performances showcased dances composed by Tagore, executed with remarkable grace and elegance. Some solo performances were also there – Subhashree Singhaa sang 'Shokhi, bhaabona kaahare ball-ae', a solo dance was performed by Angshuka Dutta in the song 'Aanonododhara bohicche bhubane' and Namrota Paul recited Tagore's poem – 'Prashno'

Games and Sports

- The football team of St Joseph's College participated in the Benu Subba Memorial Premier Division League organized by Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Sports Association in Lebond and was runners up in the tournament.

- From September 21 to 23, the St Joseph's College badminton team took part in the Dr Gour CH. Kundu Memorial Inter College Badminton Tournament 2023. There were 44 teams from different colleges affiliated to North Bengal University participating in the event which had 2 divisions, Boys' single and Doubles, Girls' single and Doubles. The team SJC successfully defended the Inter College Badminton Tournament Trophy in a consecutive year by beating Siliguri College in Finale.
- Kudos to the women's football team of the college for their impressive performance in the Platinum Jubilee Women's football tournament organized by Darjeeling Govt College at Leborg Gorkha Stadium on 10th October. They achieved the runner-up position and their dedication, team spirit and skill were truly commendable.
- April 20, 2024: Both men and women volleyball college teams participated in the Varghese Memorial Inter-College Volleyball Tournament, hosted by Salesian College Sonada on April 20, 2024. The men's team secured the runner-up position in the competition. Their remarkable skill and determination were evident as they emerged as formidable competitors throughout the tournament.

Three-day District-level Inter-college sports and games competition

- St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, hosted a three-day District-level Inter-college sports and games competition organized under the auspices of the Education Department, West Bengal. The event commenced on March 5th and concluded on March 7th, 2024. Sixteen college teams from Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts participated in this event. The inaugural ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by Chief Guest Mr. Deepen Thakuri (Chairman of Darjeeling Municipality), Fr. Dr. Donatus Kujur, Bhushan Adhikari (District Observer), Dr. Radha Sharma, and Dr. Rajini Dewan. The students from St. Joseph's College enthralled the audience with a spirited Marooni dance performance.

The football matches were played in categories A and B. The football team of Kalipada Ghosh Terai College emerged as the winner, with Munsii Premchand College securing the runner-up position. In the Kho-Kho match, Naxalbari College demonstrated remarkable skill, securing victory, with Kalipada Ghosh Terai College achieving the runner-up position after a fiercely contested competition. Sameen Burman from Kalipada Ghosh Terai College and Ramen Roy from Munsii Premchand College were acknowledged for their outstanding performances in football, being awarded the titles of best player and best goalkeeper, respectively.

The activities on the third day commenced with a lively march-past by St. Michael School students, followed by cultural dances performed by our students. The schedule featured a variety of track and field competitions, such as thrilling races spanning 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m, as well as high jump, long jump, javelin throw, and discus throw events. Trophies and certificates were presented to the champions and runners-up across different events by the chief guest, principal, and professors.

The concluding event featured distinguished guests, such as Mr. Anjul Chauhan, Chairman of GTA Sabha, Dr. Bhusan Adhikary, the District Observer, Dr. Donatus Kujur, Principal of St. Joseph's College, along with Dean Dr. Radha Sharma, Vice Principal Dr Fr Binay Xavier, athletics officials, and professors.

- The college is glad to share the selection of two exceptionally talented mountain bikers namely Mr Sudhansu Limbu, Dept of Microbiology and Ms Pragya Chettri from Dept of Political Science. They have been selected to represent our institution at the prestigious Asia Mountain Bike Championship held in Kerala from October 24 to 26.

Oath Taking Ceremony

Oath was administered on the elected members of Students Council by Principal on August 30, 2023 in M.R. hall at 1.00am

NCC

Congratulations to the NCC Wings (Boys and Girls) who participated in the 77th Independence Day Celebrations organised by the Gorkhaland territorial Administration Dept of Information and Cultural Affairs at Gorkha Stadium, Lebung, Darjeeling and bagged 1st Position)NCC Senior Division (Boys) and 2nd Position NCC Senior Division (Girls) on Auhust 15.

On June 21, the International Yoga Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the 4th Bengal NCC Unit of St. Joseph's College. The main objective of this special event was to raise awareness among students about the importance and benefits of yoga.

The program began at exactly 10 o'clock in the morning. NCC cadets from the college, along with cadets from various other colleges, and teachers gathered in the Champion Hall. The theme for this year's Yoga Day was "Yoga for Health." The program started with the national anthem. Subsequently, the NCC head delivered the opening remarks. He emphasized the history of yoga, its significance, and the positive changes regular yoga practice can bring to human life. He inspired everyone to incorporate regular yoga practice into their lives.

Following this, a yoga session was conducted by an experienced yoga instructor. The instructor demonstrated various yoga asanas, pranayama, and meditation techniques. All participants followed attentively. The session lasted about an hour, leaving participants feeling physically rejuvenated, mentally calm, and stress-free.

At the conclusion of the program, the NCC Unit head expressed gratitude once again and encouraged everyone to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Participants highly praised the program and expressed expectations for similar events in the coming years. This Yoga Day program organized by St. Joseph's College's NCC Unit successfully contributed to educating students about the importance and benefits of yoga. The belief that regular yoga practice can improve our physical, mental, and spiritual health inspired everyone. In conclusion, the NCC-organized Yoga Day at St. Joseph's College was highly successful and motivating, encouraging us all to embrace a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

Training program for Students

On September 1-2, four St. Joseph's College students participated in a leadership training program for the newly elected Student Council at Pastoral Centre, Matigara. Conducted by Frs. Bijay Kindo, SJ, John Kenedy, SJ and Dr. Kour from North Bengal St. Xavier's College, the program focused on developing leadership skills and fostering teamwork.

Book Release

The Research Cell of St Joseph's College organised a book launch of '**Orature as Testimony Folklore from Eastern Bhutan**' authored by Padam Nepal, Choki Beda, Chitra S, Wangmo Dorji, Donatus Kujur, and Balaram Uprety published by Authors Press, New Delhi on 11th September 2023. It was followed by an interactive session with the authors.

Orature As Testimony: Folklore from Eastern Bhutan	Co-author	ISBN- 9789355296801	Authors Press, New Delhi
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Blood donation camp

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling was held today at 06.11.2023. The camp was organized by NSS in association with Indian Red Cross Society, District Blood Bank and Students Council. The students showed great deal of enthusiasm and passion to support for the noble cause. Their zeal to volunteer and turnout in huge numbers gave astounding 120 units of blood collection today from 10 am till 3.30 pm.

NSS Camp

Fr Binay Xavier, Vice Principal led a National Service Scheme camp from 18th to 23rd December in Bijanbari Block, involving forty-seven students. The goal to cultivate a spirit of community service and nurture leadership qualities. Throughout the week, participants underwent in socio-economic survey techniques, trekking and engaged in activities including cleaning of the surroundings. Additionally, they worked towards raising social awareness about health and hygiene within the local village community.

Infrastructure development

Installation of Transformer 190 KV

Improving the campus infrastructure to ensure a steady electrical power supply is essential for the seamless operation of diverse activities on campus. In response to the persistent challenge of unpredictable electricity supply, the college has installed a 190 -kilovolt (KV) transformer on the campus on December 6, costing 11 lakhs, became operational to enhance bulk power supply. This installation is expected to improve electricity distribution efficiency, supporting increased demand and ensuring reliable power delivery to the region. The project marks a significant advancement in infrastructure development for power management.

Installation of CCTV and Wifi in campus

A significant upgrade in campus security and connectivity has been achieved with the installation of 167 CCTV cameras throughout the premises, enhancing surveillance and ensuring safety for all students and staff on 8th December. Furthermore, the college has embarked on a campus-wide Wi-Fi initiative to facilitate online teaching and learning, thereby enhancing the overall quality of education. This significant step aims to provide uninterrupted internet connectivity across the entire campus, creating an environment conducive to innovative and effective online as well as offline teaching experiences.

In addition, a new Wi-Fi network has been launched, providing reliable internet access across the campus. This initiative aims to facilitate better communication, improve learning opportunities, and support digital resources for academic activities. The combined efforts of these installations reflect a commitment to creating a safer and more connected environment, fostering an atmosphere conducive to education and personal growth. Continuous monitoring and upgrades will ensure optimal performance and security.

Awareness Program

- On August 5, students participated in the peace rally from Railway station to Chawrashta for restoration of peace in Manipur. Anweshan Bharatee, Yohanna Rai, Ayush Pradhan, Keshangla Tamang, Soham Pradhan ,Arzoo Khatoon,Timila Sakya, Sourav Rai, Simran Rajak, Rohini Biswakarma, Samiran Tamang, Karina Trikhatri, Shriya Pradhan ,Sadiya Ali ,Binoy Rawat and Neha Kumari
- On August 19, the Nature Club in collaboration with Federation of Societies for Environment Protection organised a seminar 'Water Discourse in Darjeeling' to spread awareness and provide a new perspective on water crisis in Darjeeling on 19th August.
- The Placement and Career Guidance Cell of St. Joseph's College, in partnership with the WeRise Foundation, hosted a "Youth Sensitisation Program" on May 17, 2024, aimed at raising awareness among college students about substance abuse. This seminar tackled one of society's most pressing issues, shedding light on the dangers of substance addiction and its profound consequences. It not only informed students about the issue but also encouraged them to support those close to them in seeking expert counseling without feeling ashamed, fostering a path towards a healthier future.

- The Youth Against Trafficking Club organized a powerful poster display from September 6 to 10, 2024 highlighting various themes related to women and violence. The exhibition, held in response to the tragic murder of a Dr. student from RG Hospital Kolkata on August 8, 2024, aimed to raise awareness and foster discussion about the critical issue of violence against women. Each poster depicted harrowing realities and advocated for change, reflecting the club's commitment to combating violence and supporting victims. The campaign not only served as a poignant reminder of the urgent need for societal change but also as a call to action for the community to stand against all forms of gender-based violence.
- On October 4, the students of St. Joseph's College, in collaboration with the Red Cross Society, undertook to extend their empathy and support to the victims of the tragic cloud burst over Lhonak Lake in North Sikkim, which resulted in a devastating flash flood on October 4, 2023, affecting not only Sikkim but also parts of West Bengal. The collected relief materials were then diligently sorted and organized by the students in collaboration with the Red Cross Society. These materials were subsequently delivered to those in need, especially in Teesta and nearby flood-affected areas. This selfless act of empathy and compassion exemplifies the values of community and service that St. Joseph's College instills in its students.

Initiative by Geographical Society, Department of Geography, St Joseph's College for Teesta Flood victims

- On 7th Oct, 2023, Geographical society visited Giel khola area and distributed the essential relief materials to the flood victims of teesta river caused by sudden glacial outburst at Lhonak lake, Sikkim. On reaching the disaster spot, a deplorable situation was observed where a total of 9 houses were buried completely under the sand and sediments. Even after few days had already past, the mishap had occurred; there was no major help available from the local government due to its isolation caused by the cut off NH10 that connected the settlement with other urban amenities. The villagers reported that the help from the nearby communities had just started to arrive since yesterday. The total fund collected was 17920 and the major contribution of the fund was made by the students and teachers of geography department. With the collected amount the members of geographical society bought some essential items like clothes, towels, soap, candle and some groceries. The relief items were handed to the victims by the members of the society. The villagers expressed their gratitude for the help provided during the time of need. The student felt a sense of immense happiness to be able to realize that they have made a difference in somebody's life and promise to continue to do the service to mankind in future again. As someone rightly said, 'Helping someone couldn't change the whole world but may change the world for one person.'

Workshop/Seminar /FDP

- On August 18, a one-day conference program was organized on the theme “Qualitative Research Publication and Intellectual Property Rights” by the IQAC at St. Joseph's College. IQAC coordinator Dr. Anirudha Gurung welcomed the resource persons. Mr Sandeep Das made a detailed presentation on Demystifying Scholarly Publication and Academic Identity While Dr Santanu Das on Intellectual Property and Open Education Resources. Pathik Roy delivered a valedictory address. Dr.. Sameer Sharma proposed a vote of thanks. All the teachers from all departments of the college were present in this program.
- A three day **Staff Development Program** for library staff on Koha Software under the able guidance of Dr Joydeep Chanda, Librarian, Gurudas College , Kolkata from 24 to26 August.
- A one-day conference program was organized on Qualitative Research Publication and Intellectual Property Rights on August 26. Mr Sandeep Das, Deputy Professor of Library and Information Science, Siliguri College, presented talks on demystifying scholarly publication and academic identity while Dr Santanu Das from Cooch Bihar Panchanan Burma University, Dept of Library & Information Science talked in depth on Intellectual Property Right and Open Education Resources.
- St Joseph’s College, organised One-Day National Seminar on titled "India and Tibet: Exploring Historical Legacies and Cultural Bonds" on August 25, 2023. The speakers viz Ven. Geshe Monlam Tharchin, Youdon Aukatsang, and Tashi Dhondup presented their insights into diverse aspects of the historical and cultural ties between the two regions, including the Nalanda traditions, the Silk Route in Kalimpong, and commercial interactions. A common call for solidarity with the Tibetan cause among the younger generation was a unifying message from all three speakers. They also expressed their gratitude to the people and Government of India for their unwavering support to the Tibetan community in India.
- Interest for studying pure science among the students seems to be on a decline in the Hills. To arouse and sustain interest for perusing Physics at Under graduate level a One-day International Seminar on “Mathematical Perspective in the Emergence of Physics” on 29th August was organised by the Department of Physics. Prof Alex Ely Kossovsky of State University, New York was the resource person.

International Seminar on Computational Technologies (ISCT-2023)

St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, witnessed a remarkable gathering of experts, academicians, Scientist, IT Professional, and students at the International Seminar on Computational Technologies (ISCT-2023) organized by the Department of Computer Science and Applications on 25-11-23 . Held at the MR Conference Hall, the event showcased cutting-edge advancements in intelligent systems, machine learning analytics, deep learning and emerging technologies.

The morning session kicked off with a lively panel discussion as a part of International Conference on Computational Technologies and Electronics (ICCTE-2023), followed by a captivating keynote address from the chairman of the seminar (ISCT-2023) **Prof. Samarjit**

Chakraborty, Department of Computer Science University of North Carolina, USA. The seminar featured insightful presentations from distinguished speakers, including **Prof. J. K. Mandal**, Kalyani University, **Prof. Sudan Jha**, Kathmandu University, **Dr. Saroj Kr. Biswas**, NIT Silchar, **Dr. J.P Bharti**, Scientist (DRDO) and **Prof. Subarna Shakya**, Tribhuvan University.

The Seminar also witnessed an active participation and support from the faculty members of North Bengal University Prof. Ranjit Kr. Samnta, Prof. Sarad Sinha, Prof. Ardhendu Mandal, Prof. Rakesh kr. Mandal, Prof. Anil Tudu and attendees from various colleges and universities from different Asian nations. The diverse range of topics covered software-defined networks to missile testing applications, provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic landscape of computational technologies. The attendees had an enriching and enlightening learning experience. The event's success was not only attributed to the wealth of knowledge shared by esteemed speakers but also reflected the meticulous planning and coordination led by the dedicated organizing committee. The collaboration of active individuals and committees culminated in a well-organized and intellectually stimulating seminar that left a lasting impact on the academic community of St. Joseph's College and beyond.

Workshop on “Traditional Relationships: Bridging Borders with Tibet”

- A workshop titled "Traditional Relationships: Bridging Borders with Tibet" was organized jointly by the Department of English and Mass Communication and Journalism on March 23, 2024. The resource person, Tenzin Tsundue from Dharamsala, highlighted the geopolitical as well as historical-cultural connections of the entire Himalayan region.

Seminar on “*Popular Movements in the Eastern Himalayas: Representations and Contestations*”

- The department of English in collaboration with the Current Affairs Forum organized a seminar titled *Popular Movements in the Eastern Himalayas: Representations and Contestations* on the 9th of November, 2023. The speakers invited for the occasion were Dr. Bidhan Golay, Department of Political Science, Sikkim University and Dr. Satyadeep Chhettri, Nar Bahadur Bhandari Government College, Gangtok. The seminar focused particularly on the movements in Darjeeling and the Dooars and the democratic movements in Sikkim that transformed a kingdom into a state of the Union. The seminar first highlighted the statist representation of both movements. The statist discourse equates the movements with violence, insurgence, and the problem of law and order and above all, the failure of development. Moving away from such statist representation, the speakers brought to focus a counter-discourse about the movement with the emergence of the native writers. The Department of English, St. Joseph's College, North Point, Darjeeling organized a one-day seminar in collaboration with the IQAC and Scholar's Society. The title of the seminar was "Popular Movements in the Eastern Himalayas: Representations and Contestations." The resource persons for the

seminar were Dr. Bidhan Golay from the Department of Political Science, Sikkim University, and Dr. Satyadeep Chettri from the Department of Chemistry, NB Bhandari Government College, Gangtok.

- The Department of Computer Science and Applications of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, Hosted a one-day International Seminar on Computational Technologies on 25th November. The seminar featured insightful presentations from distinguished speakers, including Prof. J. K. Mandal, Kalyani University, Prof. Sudan Jha, Kathmandu University, Dr. Saroj Kr. Biswas, NIT Silchar, Dr. J.P Bharti, Scientist (DRDO) and Prof. Subarna Shakya, Tribhuvan University. The diverse range of topics covered software-defined networks to missile testing applications, provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic landscape of computational technologies.

Placement/ Carrier Guidance

- On August 19, the Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St Joseph's College, in collaboration with the Eastern Himalayan Foundation, hosted a seminar at Campion Hall Seminar Hall on September 19, providing valuable insights into postgraduate admissions. This event attracted enthusiastic students from St Joseph's College, Government College and Southfield College, offering them a comprehensive understanding of admissions to PG courses at Azim Premji University (APU) in Bengaluru and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai.
- A distinguished speaker, Mr. Das Antoni, who holds a Master's in Development from Azim Premji University, shared his expertise during the seminar. Antoni is well-known for his leadership in the Outreach division of the University's Placement Cell. His background spans experiences in MNC software development, typesetting, and non-profit leadership, excelling in marketing strategies, campaign management, and program design. Antoni's illustrious career includes Senior Program Manager roles in Early Childhood Education and Youth programs. The seminar drew a substantial audience, primarily consisting of 5th semester students from St Joseph's College, Government College, and Southfield College. These students were eager to gain insights into the admission processes, requirements, and opportunities available at APU and TISS, renowned institutions dedicated to social sciences and development studies. Antoni's presentation highlighted the unique features of APU and emphasized the importance of a holistic application approach.
- Pratik Dahal from the Eastern Himalayan Foundation provided detailed information about Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) and offered guidance on securing admission to this prestigious institute. Both of them also informed students about scholarship opportunities to ensure that financial constraints do not hinder their pursuit of these courses.
- On August 25, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, took a significant step towards promoting higher education opportunities in the United States with the organization of a workshop titled "Workshop on Studying in the U.S." The event, hosted by the Career

Guidance and Placement cell of the college, took place on August 25th, 2023. Students hailing from diverse academic backgrounds within St. Joseph's College enthusiastically attended the workshop, demonstrating their keen interest in pursuing higher education in the United States. The workshop, organized in collaboration with Education USA at the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) in Kolkata, provided attendees.

- The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St Joseph's College, in collaboration with the Eastern Himalayan Foundation, hosted a seminar at Campion Hall Seminar Hall on September 19, providing valuable insights into postgraduate admissions. This event attracted enthusiastic students from St Joseph's College, Government College and Southfield College, offering them a comprehensive understanding of admissions to PG courses at Azim Premji University (APU) in Bengaluru and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai.
- On 9th May, 2024 an insightful seminar was held on the **TrailBlazer Fellowship Orientation Program**, jointly organized by the **Career Guidance and Placement Cell** and the **Eastern Himalayan Foundation**. The event aimed to introduce students from various departments to this innovative fellowship opportunity. Eastern Himalayan Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Darjeeling, focuses on empowering youth and forming community leaders. They have launched an 8-month fellowship program tailored for students from various Government colleges in the Darjeeling district which is now open for batch 2024-25 for students to apply.

Field survey

- A meticulous field survey was orchestrated for 44 students of VI Semester under the guidance of two teachers namely Ms. Nim Luckey Sherpa and Mr. Prashant Mukhia hailing from Department of Geography, St. Josephs College Darjeeling in the village of Baxipalli, nestled within Ganjam district, Odisha which is according to syllabus mentioned in the paper Disaster Management. This comprehensive undertaking spanned from April 18th to April 22nd, 2024, with the actual survey being meticulously executed on April 20th, 2024 on designated topic "Comprehensive Analysis of Cyclonic Hazard". The focal point of this investigative effort was to conduct an in-depth analysis of the preparedness levels and repercussions of cyclonic disasters within the village. A total of 100 households were scrutinized, encompassing multifaceted aspects such as disaster readiness protocols, historical encounters with cyclonic phenomena, infrastructural susceptibilities, and the collective resilience of the community.
- The field trip to Chitkul village, near Indo-Tibet border, Himachal Pradesh, undertaken by 38 students of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, from 25th April to 3rd May, 2024, for the partial fulfilment of 4th semester syllabus, Paper: Field Work and Research Methodology, marked a significant milestone in student's academic journey. Under the meticulous guidance of Miss. Evelyn Lepcha and Miss. Parvati Rai, the students immersed themselves in the intricacies of real-world research, conducting a comprehensive socio-economic survey across 100 households. Through the blend of qualitative and quantitative methods, they unearthed compelling insights into the economic, educational and cultural fabric of the community. This

hands-on experience not only bridged the gap between theory and practical but also fostered a deep sense of community engagement and cultural exchange.

- The Department of Zoology organized an educational visit for 1st semester and 6th Semester students on 17th May 2024 to Reang Fish Farm, Near Rambhazar, Kalimpong. Sixty students under the guidance of Dr. Bireshwar Bera, Mrs Albina Subba and Mr. Shuvam Sharma participated in the study tour. This program helped the students to gain knowledge and learning experience in the field of pisciculture. The students were able to understand the science and management behind sustainable fisheries.
- The Department of Zoology organized an educational visit for 1st semester and 4th Semester students on 4th November 2023 to Lama Apiary, Kurseong. Seventy students under the guidance of Mrs Barkha Rai, Mrs Albina Subba, Mr Sunil Sinha and Mr. Simon Gomes participated in the study tour. This program helped the students to gain knowledge and learning experience in the field of apiculture. Students enjoyed and benefitted from the hands-on-training provided to them.
- From February 12-15, 2024, the 6th semester students went on a four-day study tour to the National Park and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the Duars regions of Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts. A total of 17 students participated, escorted Dr. Anirudra Gurung and Ms. Kabya Chamling Rai. They visited educational sites such as Museum at Rajabhatkhowa and Buxa Fort in Buxa Tiger Reserve and Gorumara National Park. They observed vegetation and wildlife to enrich their knowledge and also visited tourist spots like Bindu and Jyanti.
- On May 11 and 12, 2024, the department conducted a two days field trip for the 4th Semester students to Tonglu. A total of 34 students participated, escorted by Dr. Upakar Rai. The group embarked on a 6 km trek from Dhotrey to Tonglu. On the trek, they took note on the general vegetation of the place. They observed the changes in species composition with elevation, from temperate to sub-alpine vegetation. The names of the plant species were noted in the fieldnote book, and photographs of plants with flowers were taken. After an overnight stay at Tumling, the group descended to Manebhanjang on foot, and then returned to Darjeeling in the evening.
- The student from the 4th and 6th semester of the Department of History visited Kolkata, Tamil Nadu and Kerala on an educational Heritage Tour – 6th-20th February 2024. The teacher accompanying them was Rev. Fr. Dr. KJ Joseph and MS. Priyanka Mukhia, a former alumni of the college was the lady escort. The group visited places like THE INDIAN MUSEUM, VICTORIA MEMORIAL in Kolkata. From Kolkata the tour group proceeded to Chennai (Tamil Nadu) where they visited LOYOLA COLLEGE
- 6th Semester Honours students of political Science along with Dr Samir Sharma and Ms Pooja Sharma visited the Sundarbans National Park and Tiger Reserve and Bhakkali as a part of their study tour and excursion on 25-30 March, 2024. The Departmental trip of the Sundarbans covered its geography, biodiversity, and the significance of mangrove ecosystems. The Certified tour guide at the venue introduced students to the ecological and cultural aspects of the Sundarban, ensuring they have a foundational understanding before the trip. Upon arrival, an orientation was conducted to discuss the trip itinerary, safety protocols, and learning objectives.

Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation 2024

Students and faculty of our department along with the NSS of our college participated in the SVEEP program (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) on 15 March, 2024. This was conducted in collaboration with the office of the District Magistrate (Darjeeling) keeping in view the Lok Sabha Elections 2024. The team from the election office had come with Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for a hands-on demonstration to the first time voters of the college. Dr. Samir Sharma, Head of the Department and its teachers Ms. Pooja Sharma and Ms Nooreena Khan guided the students and the election office demonstrated the EVM and VVPAT to the students. Dichen Doma, 4th Sem Hons student, gave a speech on the importance of elections in a parliamentary democracy to the gathering.

Women's Day Celebration, 2024

The department of Zoology celebrated International Women's Day on 15th of March 2024. The students had prepared talks on various topics like "Women in Science" and "Women's Contribution to Modern Society. The speakers were Subhashree Singha, Suranda Mukhia and Biraj Chettri. They spoke about the contributions of women in various scientific fields. Through the talk we celebrated the achievements of the interprid women who have paved the way for next generation of female engineers, biologists, mathematicians, doctors, astronauts and more. The talk highlighted the resilience and struggle of women for becoming successful in helping shape the modern India

Numismatic Exhibition

The Numismatic Exhibition on May 3, 2024, was organized by the Department of History and its club, the Historia Odyssey Consortium, in collaboration with Dr. Saibal Sengupta, a teacher at St. Robert's Higher Secondary School in Darjeeling. The showcased coins spanned various historical periods, including British India, Republic India, along with some ancient coins from Nepal and Bhutan. Notably, a rare coin from the Chogyal Dynasty of Sikkim was also among the exhibited items. Adding to the intrigue, the exhibition featured plastic coins originating from Transnistria.

The exhibition commenced with the introduction of the esteemed resource person, Dr. Saibal Sengupta, along with the presence of key figures including the Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Donnatus Kujur, the Academic Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Binay Xavier Kandulna, the Administrative Vice Principal, Dr. Rupesh Tiwari, the Dean, Dr. Radha Sharma, and the Bursar, Fr. Pascal Ekka, alongside the teaching faculty and students. This was followed by a presentation delivered by Dr. Saibal Sengupta.

Workshop and Talk and Creative Writing

The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, alongside the English and Political Science Departments, organized a workshop on Talk and Creative Writing. The workshop centered on the theme "Traditional Relationships: Bridging Borders with Tibet," led by Mr. Tenzin Tsundue. Held in the Fr. Matteo Ricci auditorium from 10 am to 3 pm, the event provided a platform for Mr. Tsundue to emphasize the importance of finding one's voice. He engaged the audience in lively discussions and readings from his book "Kora." The participation of both students and faculty in the subsequent Q&A session underscored the event's enriching and engaging nature.

Yearly retreat at Bungkulung (Mirik) held from 08-11-23 to 10-11-23

The IT Club held its annual retreat at Bungkulung from 8th November, 2023 to 10th November, 2023, offering members a refreshing break from studies and a chance to bond with one another.

The activities during the retreat were as follows:

Tree Planting: First-semester students participated in tree planting activities as part of their Environmental Studies (EVS) project. This initiative not only contributed to environmental conservation but also fostered teamwork and responsibility.

Riverside Visit: We enjoyed a relaxing visit to the riverside, where members engaged in leisure activities and appreciated the natural beauty of the surroundings.

Campfire: In the evenings, we gathered around a campfire, playing games and singing songs, which enhanced the camaraderie among members.

Experience Sharing: Final-year students shared their experiences in the college, the IT department, and their overall college life, providing valuable insights and inspiration to the junior members.

Green Audit

A 3-member team from the Nature Science Foundation (NSF), Coimbatore (TN) which is a non-profitable foundation consisting of Mr. Vinothkumar D (Joint Director, NSF), Dr. Dulur Brahma (Asst. Professor, Bodoland University) and Dr Ananta Swargiary (Asst. Professor, Bodoland University) visited St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling for their 150th academic, administrative, green and energy audit on 30 October, 2023. Mr. Vinothkumar performed the energy and academic audits along with St. Joseph's College IQAC Coordinator Dr Aniruddha Gurung and members Dr. Samir Sharma and Mr. Bishal Rai where the focus was on energy consumption, conservation and ways to make the system efficient. Accordingly Dr Brahma and Dr Swargiary performed the green audit with IQAC members Dr. Rajani Dewan, Ms Smriti Rai. The team was also assisted by Dr. Upakar Rai and Ms Albina Subba which focused on the flora and fauna of the institution.

At the exit meeting held with all the Heads of Department of the institution presided by Fr. Donatus Kujur, SJ the Principal, St. Joseph's College, Mr Vinothkumar, the lead auditor, made useful suggestions regarding various aspects of the energy, academic and green audit. The Principal assured that these measures would be implemented keeping an eye on the next cycle of NAAC assessment for the college. The program ended with the distribution of various awards by the NSF where Mr C.B Rai, the ex-Principal of the college was awarded Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the college. Similarly, Dr Manjula Rai was adjudged the Best Women Scientist, BCA student Aroma Chhetri won the Best Student Award and the Placement and Career Cell received the Best Club Award.

Student Exchange Program

- The students exchange Program provides student to gain education, cultural and personal experiences. A group of eight students were in Dhomeji College, Moridhal , Assam for a cultural exchange program from 10th - 13th September, accompanied by three teachers. The teachers and students actively participated in the national seminar on “Globalization and its impact on the Folklore and Folk life of the Tribes of North East India.”
- The Department of English took part in a student-exchange programme between St. Joseph’s College, Darjeeling and Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College, Kolkata from 21st to 23rd of November, 2023. In the said programme, four students of the department—Nishatha and Nikhil Shanker, Tenzin Yangchen Bhutia and Rickchen Sherpa—presented papers on Rasasundari Devi and the Glass Menagerie respectively.
- Similarly, the teacher and the students of Barrackpore Rastraguru college also presented papers on various subjects. Miss Susri Bhattacharya presented a paper titled “Confessional Poetry and the Broadway towards Cognitive Psychology in Literature.” Likewise, Saprativ Das and Shrutee Das presented a paper titled “Bengali Society Through the Lens of Cinema and Literature.” Diptayan Banerjee and Semanti Chattopadhyay presented a paper titled “Mirth and Mockery: Exploring Farces, Satire and Comics in the 19th and 20th Century Bengal.” The students of both the colleges showcased their rich cultural heritage through songs and dance—classical as well as contemporary.

Staff Farewell

- St Joseph’s College bid a tearful farewell to Mr Navin Raya on 30 November 2023, who dedicated an impressive 42 years of service to the institution, making a significant contribution to the Department of Physics. Mr Raya started his journey on January 11, 1980, as a Laboratory Instructor. Over the years he progressed in his role, achieving the position of Graduate Lab Instructor in 2002 and further advancing to the role of Graduate Lab Instructor (Associate) in 2006. The Management and faculty gratefully acknowledge the conclusion of an era -an illustrious chapter filled with wisdom, inspiration, and a steadfast commitment to shaping the minds of countless students. We sincerely appreciate his unwavering commitment to enhancing and building the academic legacy of our institute.
- The college also bid farewell to a beloved member of its supporting staff. On February 24, 2024, Ms. Winny Chettri was honoured for her remarkable dedication and service spanning an impressive 37 years and 4 months. Her contributions to the college left an indelible mark, and her departure was met with heartfelt gratitude and well wishes for the journey ahead.

Staff Silver Jubilee Celebrations

On May 25th, 2024, the college commemorates a significant milestone - the Silver Jubilee celebration honoring four esteemed individuals: Shri Sudesh Subba, Passang Lhamu Sherpa, Shri Sunil Sinha, and Dr. Debasish Pradhan. It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we acknowledge their unwavering dedication, tireless commitment, and invaluable contributions to the growth and success of our institution. Over the past twenty-five years, each of these individuals has played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of our organization. Through their passion, hard work, and vision, they have propelled us forward, inspiring us all to reach greater heights of excellence. Once again, congratulations to Shri Sudesh Subba, Passang Lhamu Sherpa, Shri Sunil Sinha, and Dr. Debasish Pradhan on this momentous occasion. May the years ahead be filled with continued success, prosperity, and fulfillment.

Orientation Program / Refresher Course / Short Term Courses

Dr. Fr. K L George

- Participated in *NEP-2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme* organized by the UGC, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Central University of Gujarat from 6th to 14th May, 2024

Mr Satyaki Mitra

- Participation in NEP 2020 Orientation & sensitization Programme organised by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, NBU from 15- 23 March, 24.

Mr Abhijit Lahiri

- Participation in NEP 2020 Orientation & sensitization Programme organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, NBU from 2- 15 May, 24.

Fr. Dr. Xavier Binay Kandulna

- Participation in NEP 2020 Orientation & sensitization Programme organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, NBU from 15- 23 March, 24.

Mrs Sharon Gyamtsho

- Participation in NEP 2020 Orientation & sensitization Programme organised by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, NBU from 02- 15 May , 24.

Dr. Dhiraj Brahman

- Participated in a UGC sponsored refresher course on “New Frontier of Chemical Sciences” from 23-08-2023 to 05-09-2023 organised by HRDC, University of North Bengal.
- Completed a refresher course SD Pt-145 at Kamptee from 21-11- 2023 to 20-12- 2023 leading to the promotion of A.N.O from lieutenant to captain.

Ms. Sumanta Pariyar

- Participated in and successfully completed a two-week refresher course on social and cultural context in Indian history from 09th to 23rd November 2023 organised by Ramanujan College, University of Delhi.

Mr. Shakher Chettri

- Participated and successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization on Program under Malaviya Mission teachers training programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission organised by the University of North Bengal from 2-15 May, 24.

Mr. Bishal Rai

- Participated a Refresher Course on 'Feminism to Gender Neutrality: Discourse and Reality' from 27.07.2023 to 10.08.2023, HRDC, University of North Bengal.

Dr Bireswar Bera

- Participated and successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization on Program under Malaviya Mission teachers training programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission organised by the University of North Bengal from July 22 to 30 July 2024.

FR. JOHN WHELAN LIBRARY

Library automation is functioning with KOHA software. The software has already enabled searching facility through OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue) as well as automated circulation. Books are being issued through barcode scanner.

A. Three Days KOHA Training Programme

For the purpose of library automation and skill development among the library staff of the Central Library (Fr. John Whelan Library) and SFC (Self Finance Courses) Library of St. Joseph's College, an on-site "Three Days Koha Training Programme" (As a part of Library and Staff Development Programmes, with the assistance of Gurudas College, Kolkata-700054) was organized in the college. Besides the programme was essentially a part of cloud based library automation programme through Koha, supported by the Bengal Library Association, Kolkata- 700014. It was held during 24-26 August 2023 in the Conference Hall as well as in Central Library of the college.

B. Library Automation Project

We have newly started data entry in KOHA Software for our whole collection of library books, since January 2024 under the LibCare and Cure (Enterprise), Hooghly-712503. Further to mention that all the books are receiving 6-digit new accession numbers starting from 000001 onwards. All the books will be tagged Call Numbers on the spine newly. Books are now bar-coded with new 6-digit accession numbers as well.

Guest Lectures

A special lecture had been conducted by the department in 27/03/2024 and guest speaker **Mr. Salim Subba**, Assistant Professor Pijus Kan_ Mishra Mahavidyalay College, Alipurduar, delivered an enlightening talk on the topic – “Exploring urban dynamics in colonial North Bengal: The case of Siliguri, Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri.”

Appointments

Dr Rupesh Tiwari appointed as the Vice Principal (administration) with effect from August 1, 2023 for a term of three years.

Achievement

Congratulations to

- **Dr Abhijit Chettri** who was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Botany on his thesis: *Evolution of Antioxidant and Anticancer Properties of Entomopathogenic Fungi Isaria from Darjeeling Hills* by the Sikkim University on 30th August 2023.
- **Dr Antara Sharma** who has been awarded a Doctor of Philosophy degree by the University of North Bengal on April 5th, 2024, on the thesis entitled *Assorted Interactions of Some Antibacterial and Anticancer Drug Molecules and Ionic Liquids Prevailing in Supramolecular and Solution Chemistry Investigated by Experimental and Computational Approach*.
- **Dr. Pravat Dangal** who was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy in Physics for his thesis titled: *Study of Compact Stellar Objects Probing through their Radiative Mechanism* by Pt Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur June 24, 2024.

Staff

Dr Donatus Kujur, SJ

- Attended a two-day workshop on “Ignatian Leadership” at Matigara July 20th and 21st, 2023.
- Delivered an invited special lecture on SSR Compilation and NAAC at Mirik College on March 14th, 2024.

Dept of English

Dr. Pathik Roy:

Paper presented in Seminar/Conference:

- Presented paper titled, *Indian Nationalism, Modernity and The Women's Question: Revisiting the Age of Consent and Sahara Bill Controversy* at ICSSR Sponsored, two-day International Conference on "Gender Equality and Women's Rights: Exploring Women's Voices and Experiences in South Asia" Organized by Department of Economics & Women's Cell and IQAC, Chanchal College in Collaboration with Centre

for Women's Studies and IQAC, Raiganj University on 6th and 7th December, 2023 at SKC Hall, Chanchal College, Malda.

Workshops attended:

- Participated in National Workshop on *Digital Humanities: Bridging the Gap Between Traditional Scholarship and Modern Technology* organized by Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences held from 5th to 9th February, 2024.
- Participated in the short term course on *Master Trainers' Faculty Training Program on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)* organized by Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi in collaboration with University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi at Central Sanskrit University, Bhopal from 26th February to 2nd March 2024.
- Participated in Workshop on the *NEP 2020 Orientation & Sensitization Programme* under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) Organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi from 1st May to 10th May, 2024.
- Participated in National Workshop on *The Short Term Faculty Training Programme on Indian Knowledge Systems* organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in Collaboration with IKS Division of Ministry of Education, New Delhi from 28th August to 02nd September, 2023.
- Attended Training of Trainers (ToT) of NEP Task Forces of the Jesuit Provinces in the North Zone of JCSA on 2-3 February 2024 at NRC, Delhi.

Book chapters in Edited Volume

- Contributed a book chapter titled *Gender and Environment* in "Through the Gender Lens". Edited by Chilean Ghosh and published by Doshor Publication, 2024,

Mr. Ashish Chhettri:

- Presented a paper titled *Khuda Jagai: The Scripting of a Master Commemorative Narrative in Select Works* at XVI Biennial International Conference on Interplay of Community and Textuality and Orality, Comparative Perspectives in History, Culture and Society organized by the Department of English, Sikkim University in Collaboration with National Translation Mission, CIL, Mysore, Institute of Language Studies and Research, Kolkata and Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi from 20th to 22nd November, 2023.
- Participated in a week-long Faculty Development Programme on *Reading and Researching the Literature of Crisis* organized by the Department of English, NIIT Trichy and the UNESCO Chair for Vulnerability Studies, University of Hyderabad from 22nd to 28th of January, 2024.
- Participated in *NEP-2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme* organized by the UGC, Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Banaras Hindu University from 1st to 13th February, 2024.

Dept of Economics

Dr. Sujoy Kanti Ghoshal

- Foreign Trade and Environment Resilience in Bhutan' in the journal 'Annals of Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute', Vol. CI, Issue, 2024.

Mr. Bishal Rai

Book chapter

- *A Critique of Gender Inequality: Study of Education and Health in the North Bengal Region* in the book titled 'Gender Inequality and its implications on Education and Health', Emerald Publishing Limited, August 2023.
- Presented a paper 'Impact of Education on Human Capital: District Level Analysis of west Bengal' in the seminar '44th National Annual Conference 2024 of Bangiya Arthaniti Parishad' (Bengal Economic Association) organized by Bangiya Arthaniti Parishad in Collaboration with Department of Economics and Commerce, Kalimpong College, from May 3-4 2024.
- Delivered an invited special lecture on SSR Compilation and NAAC at Mirik College on March 14th, 2024.

Dept of Hindi

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- *Muktibodh ke Sangharshpurn Jeewan kie Dastaan* Published in ,Sanvad, Vol. 16, December 2023, pp. 07–19 [ISBN NO : 2231-0525]

Dept of Nepali

Dr Radha Sharma

- साउथफिल्ड महाफिद्यालयको नेपाली फिभागद्वारा आयोफित **भारतीय नेपाली चलचत्र अध्ययन र चिमर्श**, शीर्षक राफरि य सङ्गोष्ठीमा सत्र अध्यक्ष, १६ मार्ष २०२४.

Dept of Bengali

Dr Phani Bhuson Mondal

- Presented a paper Lokāyata Nātyaras : Lokattar Nā Lokāyata in a seminar , Prācin Bhāratiya Rasa-darshaner Tattwāloke Sāhitya, organised by Bengali Department of Government General Degree College, Mohanpur, Paschim Medinipur from June 20, 2024

Chapter in Book (Ed)

- Bānglā Theatere Āshcarya Byetikram Vidyasagar in book *Theatari Jamāna* (Vol. II) published by Jigyasa, Bangan, January 2024 **ISBN NO. 978-81-959219-5-9**
- Urāng Bāirāng : Dujon Bytekrami Adhunik Khanshilpi, *Theatari Jamāna* (Vol. II) Jigyasa, Bangan, January 2024, **ISBN NO. 978-81-959219-5-9**

Dept of Botany

U. Rai and B. Rai.

Publication

- Bridging Tradition and Modern Pharmacology of *Bergenia ciliata* (Haw.) Sternb: A review. *Journal of Drug Delivery and Therapeutics*, 14(4): 86-91. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22270/jddt.v14i4.6495>, 2024.
- Rhododendron of Singalila National Park: *A Field Guide*. Bluerose Publication. New Delhi ISBN 978-93-6261-478-0, 2024.
- Presented a paper entitled 'Impact of Maling Bamboo (*Yushania maling*) overdominance on biodiversity of temperate forest of Eastern Himalaya' in 2nd Botanical Congress 2024 on Plant Science and Society organized by Burdwan University from 23rd to 24th March 2024.

Dept of Chemistry

Dr. Rajani Dewan and Dr.Sailesh Chettri

- Participated in a seminar cum training program on “ Importance of AI in Education” on 27-03-2024 organized by The International Centre of Excellence for DS, AI and FT, Higher Education Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Quantum learnings and Microsoft (TSP).

Publications

Rajendra Pradhan, Dhruva Jyoti Roy, Soumik Das, Sudarshan Pradhan, Anmol Chettri, Biswajit Sinha,

- Binary Mixtures of 2-Ethyl-1-hexanol and 1, 2-Disubstituted Ethanes: Thermophysical, Ultraacoustic and Computational, *Journal of Solution Chemistry* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10953-023-01360-6>

Antara. Sharma, Pranish Bomzan, Niloy Roy, Vikash Kumar Dakua, Kanak Roy, Abhinath Barman, Rabindra Dey, Abhijit Chhetri, Rajani Dewan, Ankita Dutta, Anoop Kumar, Mahendra Nath Roy ,

- Studies Exploring the Inclusion Complex of an Anticancer Drug with β -Cyclodextrin for Reducing Cytotoxicity Toward the Normal Human Cell Line by an Experimental and Computational Approach *ACS Omega* (2023) 8, 29388–29400. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsomega.3c02783>

Sailesh Chettri, Sumiran Tamang, Biswajit Sinha and Dhiraj Brahman.,

- An efficient and green protocol for the synthesis of 1-hydroxy-2-arylimidazole-3-oxide derivatives under solvent-free condition using inexpensive copper borate (CuB4O7) catalyst. *Monatshefte für Chemie – Chemical Monthly*, 154, 635–643, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00706-023-03068-1>

Sailesh Chettri, Sumiran Tamang, Prasansha Rai, Yachna Rai, Uttam Kumar Singha, Kiran Pradhan, Dhiraj Brahman and Biswajit Sinha.,

- Synthesis, physico-chemical characterization and theoretical exploration of some 2,4,5-triaryl imidazole derivatives. *Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry*,

60(8), 1-22, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/jhet.4670>

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- Copper borate (CuB₄O₇)-promoted multicomponent green synthesis of 2,4,5-triarylimidazole derivatives and evidence of in situ conversion of copper borate (CuB₄O₇) into Cu(OAc)₂ in the presence of NH₄OAc *RSC Advances* 13, 19846-19855, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1039/d3ra03183g>

Prasansha Rai, Sailesh Chettri, Kiran Pradhan, Biswajit Sinha, Purak Das and Dhiraj Brahman

- Synthesis, crystal structure, Hirshfeld surface analysis and catalytic activity of new Cobalt (II) complex of 4-Nitrobenzoic acid and 1-Methylimidazole. Sumiran Tamang, *Journal of Molecular Structure*, 1291(2023), 136072, 1-9, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.molstruc.2023.136072>

Dept of Mathematics

Dr Rupesh Tiwari

- Attended a two-day workshop on “Ignatian Leadership” at Matigara July 20th and 21st, 2023.

Dept of Microbiology

Dr. Abhijit Chhetri

- Assembly of Rhodanine with Torus-Shaped Cyclodextrins and Their Innovative Applications by Physicochemical Contrivance Simultaneously Optimized by Computational Study: Chemistry Select,2023doi: <https://doi.org/10.1002/slct.202300417>
- Exploring the Inclusion Complex of an Anticancer Drug with β -Cyclodextrin for Reducing Cytotoxicity Toward the Normal Human Cell Line by an Experimental and Computational Approach: ACS Omega 2023,8,29388-29400 <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acsomega.3c02783>
- A Photographic Evidence of Incidental Sightings of the Vulnerable Asian small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinereus* ILLIGER, 1815) in the mixed forest of Darjeeling and Kalimpong as part of Central Himalaya : IUCN Otter Spec. Group Bull. 41(3) 2024
- Participated in a two-day workshop on Saffron Cultivation in Sikkim organized by Sikkim University Govt. of Sikkim, Govt. of Kashmir, 2023

Ms.Dibyashree Chhetri

- Epigenetic signaling: regulation of cancer stem cells in colorectal cancer, in *Cancer Stem cells and signalling Pathways* (pp.395-408). Academic Press. 2024
- Participated in a two-day – seminar on “Frontiers of Sustainable Microbiology Research in Food, Agriculture, Industrial and Environmental Management (FAIE 2024)

Ms. Sweta Mukhia

- Participated in a two-day – seminar on “Frontiers of Sustainable Microbiology Research in Food, Agriculture, Industrial and Environmental Management (**FAIE 2024**)

Dept of Physics

Mr. Pravat Dangal

- Participated in a workshop titled “ADITYA L1: Workshop on SUIT SCIENCE & DATA ANALYSIS” on 6-7th March 2024 at Tezpur University, Assam.

Publication

- Study of a Ferroelectric Liquid Crystal Mesogen by Geometrical Optimization and Electro-Optic Characterization” in the *Journal of Scientific Research*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.3329/jsr.v16i1.65364>

Dept of Political Science

Dr Padam Nepal

- Attended a Workshop organized by the National Translation Mission for compiling and editing the Constitution of India into Nepali (Phase II) from 4-9 March, 2024 at CIIL Mysore.
- Served as an Expert organized by the Commission on Scientific and Technical Terminology, Government of India) during 04th November to 09th November, 2023, for the preparation of Fundamental Glossary of Political Science in Nepali, held at Darjeeling Government College, Darjeeling.
- Attended a 10 Day Workshop on Methodology for the Social Sciences organized by the Department of Political Science in Collaboration with IQAC, Sonada Degree College, Darjeeling during 18th to 28th March, 2024 as a and delivered a Lecture on Understanding Social Research and Research Process: An Outline.
- Attended a Webinar on Exploring Gender Inequality in Climate Change Policy and Practice organized by the Department of Political Science in Collaboration with IQAC, Raniganj Girls College, Bardhaman, West Bengal on March 21, 2024 as a Resource Person and delivered a Lecture on All We Can Save: Revisiting Katherine Wilkinson as a Gender and Climate Change Activist.
- Delivered an *Invited Special Lecture* on Folk Art and the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR): Some Reflections in the Indian Context at Kullu Government College, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh organized by the IQAC, Kullu Government College, on May 24, 2024.

Dr Samir Sharma

- Delivered a two-part lecture on the topic "India's Foreign Policy in a Globalised World" to the 6th Semester students of the Department of Political Science at Southfield College (formerly Loreto College, Darjeeling) on 19th March and 2nd April, 2024.
- Invited to serve as a Resource Person and Chair for Technical Session 4 at the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research (ICMR 3.0), jointly organized by Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University (Chennai) and Shree Ramakrishna BT College (SRBTC), Darjeeling, held on 29-30 May 2023 at SRBTC, Darjeeling.
- Invited as a Resource Person for a special lecture titled "SSR Compilation & NAAC" at Mirik College, Darjeeling, on 14th March, 2024.

Dr Debasis Pradhan

- Participated in the workshop on Quality Research Publication & Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) held at St. Joseph's College, P.O.-North Point, Darjeeling-734104, on 11 August 2023.
- Participated in a three-day KOHA Training Programme held at St. Joseph's College, P.O.-North Point, Darjeeling-734104, from 24 to 26 August 2023.

Certification

- Completed NPTEL Online Certification in *Yoga and Positive Psychology for Managing Career and Life*, conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The course was delivered in online mode over a duration of eight weeks (August to October 2023).

Dept of Sociology

Dr. Sourajit Roy

Articles in Journals.

- What Determines Co-residence of Older Adults with Married Children? An Empirical Study in Siliguri, West Bengal”, *Indian Journal of Gerontology* (UGC-CARE Listed), Vol.37, No. 3, pp.328-341. (2023)
- The Living Arrangements of Elderly People in Siliguri, West Bengal, *Naturalista Campano, WoS Indexed*, Vol. 28, No. 1, pp. 1938-1944 (2024).
- Delivered a special lecture at Dept. of Sociology, Cluny Women's College, on 3rd April, 2024 on the topic “Late Modernity and Critical Theory: Some Reflections”.
- Participate a day of State sponsored workshop on NIRF held on 16th in Siliguri Mahila Mahavidyalaya on August 15 .

Dept of Zoology

Mrs. Albina Subba:

Book chapter

- *Revolutionizing Genetics: Exploring the potential of Recombinant DNA*” in the book “Futuristic Trends in Biotechnology Volume 3 Book 5” published by Iterative International Publishers (IIP)

Mr. Shuvam Sharma:

- Photographic evidence of incidental sightings of the vulnerable Asian small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinereus* Illiger, 1815) in the mixed forest of Darjeeling and Kalimpong district as part of central Himalaya. *IUCN otter Spec. Group Bull. 41(3)*. 2024

Dept of Commerce

Mr Soumik Dutta

- Participate a day of State sponsored workshop on NIRF held on 16th in Siliguri Mahila Mahavidyalaya on August 15 .

Looking ahead into the future:

- Acknowledging the increasing need for online/hybrid learning resources, a specialized studio to be established for producing top-notch instructional content.
- Organize seminars and publish articles, books, and chapters to share knowledge, promote research, and enhance professional development.
- Establish seed funding to support innovative research projects and facilitate the publication of scholarly articles, books, and other academic works, fostering knowledge development and contributing to academic growth and discovery.
- The Centre for Social Outreach, Community Initiative, and Alternative Life Skills (SOCIALS) at Singla fosters community development by promoting social awareness, offering alternative life skills, and engaging in impactful outreach programs.



Induction Programme



The District level "Festival of Youths -2023



Two-day national seminar on sustainable microbiology research organized by St. Xavier's College, Raiganj.



Ramakrishna Memorial Inter-college debate competition



Technokrat



Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Ministry of Youth Affair and Sports



Vibes de Vista' Inter-College Fest and Fete



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Guru Rabindranath Tagore's 165rd birthday



Benu Subba Memorial Premier Division League organized by Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Sports Association in Lebong



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Dr Gaur. CH. Kundu Memorial Inter College Badminton Tournament 2023-24



Platinum Jubilee Women's football tournament organized by Darjeeling Govt College at Lebong Gorkha Stadium on 10th October



three-day District-level inter-college sports and games competition organized under the auspices of the Education Department, West Bengal



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