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# From the Principal's Desk.



Dr. Sr. Jyoti Kispotta **Principal** 

Someone has rightly said that education transforms a human society into a wholesome whole, noble soul and an asset to the universe. Real education changes the dignity of human beings and increases their self respect and promotes universal brotherhood. Getting education is an important part of success in today's world. In the age of competition, the more educated we are, the better chances we have of achieving our goal.

The science of education is going through revolutionary changes in our time. Students are the protagonists of their own growth and learning. It is

encouraging to see the partnership of students, teachers and college administration in affecting transformation in the students. The various programmes/activities have been initiated to tap the talents of students that will enhance their social/cultural responsibility so as to enable them to participate in the life and struggle of people and bridge classroom learning with the realities of social life. I pray that the college may continue to excel in realising its mission at the service of higher education and shape the lives of generations to come for the welfare of society.

#### NAAC VISIT

The NAAC Peer Team, comprising the Chairperson, Dr. K. Nirupa Rani (Former Vice Chancellor, Adikavi Nannaya University & Professor, Department of English, Andhra University), Member Co-ordinator, Prof. Alok Kumar Rai (Professor, Department of Management Studies, BHU) and Member, Dr. D. Sasirekha (Principal, The Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women, Tamil Nadu) visited Nirmala College from 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 for the second cycle of Re-accreditation. The College was Re-accredited Grade 'B'.

It is a matter of pride and honour for the institution that Dr. Sr. Jyoti is the youngest Principal to be selected as a Member for the peer team visit to two colleges, Sri Krishna College, Nadia, West Bengal and Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Sonepat, Haryana, and as a Member Coordinator for visit to Women's College of Arts, Commerce Computer & Application, Jalgaon, Maharashtra, for the 2nd cycle of NAAC Re-accreditation.



# **NSS ACTIVITIES**



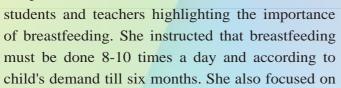
NSS wing of Nirmala college, co ordinated by the Programme Officers, Dr. Sr. Sushma Ekka & Dr. Janet A. Shah organised an orientation program to sensitize students into the NSS motto- "Not me but you" followed by conduction of cleanliness and beautification drive celebration and Vriksharopan Diwas by planting many saplings and decorative plants. A Blood Donation Camp on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014 saw a record turnout for a first time camp at any college. An afforestation drive was conducted at Katharkocha village. More than 600 saplings were distributed among the residents after consultation on their requirements. The atmosphere was given a new lease of life and Katharkocha was proud to be part of a positive contribution towards reversing pollution and global warming. A workshop on Financial Literacy and Consumer Awareness in collaboration with BSE and Consumer Guidance Society of India was organised to create awareness that Financial Security is not an option any more but a pressing need, and Money Management was a life skill to be acquired. Another step forward was taken when an orientation program on Skill Development was

organized by TISS for NUSSD. Classes in the college campus are being conducted for the students. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 saw NSS wing start the year with the celebration of National Youth Day to commemorate the 152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Flowers were offered at the portrait and the students were told about his life and ideology. International Women's Day was 8<sup>th</sup> March with the theme celebrated on "Empowering Women-Empowering Humanity: Picture it". The Chief Guest Prof Ramesh Pandey, VC, Ranchi University encouraged the audience to think of every day as Women's Day. Earth Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April was celebrated with a slogan writing competition. On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015, World Environment Day saw active participation of students from all streams pledging to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. The theme of the day was "One World One Environment". Suman Kumari of Maths Hons (B.Sc. – I), B.Pooja of Zoology Hons (B.Sc. – II) and Nisha of Psychology Hons (B.A. – II) were awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes respectively.

#### WOMEN'S CELL: AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON BREAST FEEDING

Women's cell organized various competitions on mother's love - slogan writing, poster and collage making on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014. An awareness

programme on breastfeeding proposed by Mrs. Sangeeta Sharan, President, Inner wheel club of Ranchi was organized on the next day. Chief Guest, Dr. Vijeta Nirmal, gynecologist, Santevita Hospital addressed the



the importance of mother's milk for a child's overall development. It was also advised that breastfeeding mothers should refrain from alcohol, smoking and

drugs. It was also suggested that HIV infected mothers should not breastfeed. Relevant questions were raised by the students. The program was graced by the Principal, Sr. Superior as well as Women cell's members. The winners of the

various competitions - Manisha Kumar, Anjali Dadel and Mousami Kumar were felicitated on the day.



## 68<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 68<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations at Nirmala College commenced with Sr. Bernadine (Superior) hoisting the Tricolour and giving a message after a march-past by the students. The auditorium reverberated with patriotic songs and dance performed by the students. The first issue of 'Nirmala Communiqué' was officially released by Sr. Bernadine (Superior) and Dr. Sr. Jyoti (Principal) on this occasion.



#### TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day was celebrated by the students with much pomp and revelry. The inaugural ceremony was followed by a cultural programme which consisted of a vibrant array of performances. The highlight of the event which received a standing ovation from the teachers—was—a—mesmerizing—slide—show dedicated to the teachers on their role in bringing out the best in a student, realizing her potential and capabilities. All the members of the faculty were felicitated for their hard work and constructive support.



#### N.C.S.U. ELECTION



Guided by all electoral norms, Nirmala College Students' Union (N.C.S.U.) Election 2014 was held on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. Voting rights were exercised by the class representatives of all Honours departments. Counting of votes and declaration of results were done on the same day. The newly elected office bearers were administered oath on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. The tenure of the office bearers shall be of one year.

OFFICE BEARERS

(From L to R) President: Akansha (BCA-III); Vice President: Jiji George, B.A.-II (Geography), Secretary: Sweta Lakra, B.A.-III (Political Science); Joint Secretary: Anupama Mansi (BCA-II); Deputy Secretary: Sonal Mishra, B.A. - II (Hindi)

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

~ John Quincy Adams ~

OTHERS ARE WATCHING WHAT YOU DO. TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

# हिंदी दिवस, हिंदी पखवाड़ा



निर्मला कॉलेज में तीन दिवसीय (१७.६.२०१४–१६.६.२०१४) हिन्दी पखवाड़ा का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर बतौर मुख्य अतिथि एवं विशिष्ट अतिथि राँची दूरदर्शन उप—महानिदेशक डॉ. शैलेश पंडित, उप—निदेशक डॉ. प्रमोद कु. झा एवं पूर्व विभागाध्यक्ष डॉ. नीरा परमार ने राष्ट्रभाषा हिन्दी के विश्व व्यापी उत्साह वर्धक स्वरूप पर प्रकाश डालते हुए हिन्दी के प्रति भारतीय जनमानस की उपेक्षणीय गुलाम मानसिकता पर प्रहार किया एवं हिन्दी के उज्जवल भविष्य के प्रति दृढ़ विश्वास प्रकट किया।

कार्यक्रम का शुभारंभ सकारात्मकता का प्रतीक दीप प्रज्जवलन के साथ हुआ। हिन्दी विभागाधक्ष डॉ. रेणु सिन्हा ने अपने स्वागत भाषण में हिन्दी के प्रति तथाकथित भारतीय आभिजात्य वर्ग की 'नाक — भौं सिकोड़' मानसिकता पर प्रहार किया। इस अवसर पर सुपीरियर सिस्टर बर्नाडिन, प्राचार्या सिस्टर ज्योति, उप—प्राचार्या सिस्टर शोभा एवं काफी संख्या में शिक्षिकाएँ तथा छात्राएँ उपस्थित रहीं। कार्यक्रम का समापन श्रीमती कनकलता रिद्धि के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन से किया।



#### RASHTRIYA EKTA DIWAS & RUN FOR UNITY



The 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' was observed on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 to commemorate the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The Principal, Dr. Sr. Jyoti gave an address urging everyone to imbibe and spread the message of unity, integrity and peace as illuminated by Sardar Patel. This was

followed by a special lecture by Dr. Rashmimala Sahu (HOD, Political Science) on the integral persona and contributions of the Iron Man of India. She shed light on how he skillfully wove the Indian States and provinces into one nation with his convictions of unity, secularity and integrity. The entire college pledged to serve India and preserve its unity, integrity and secularity. Students and teachers were then led by the Principal for the 'Run for Unity'. Essay writing and drawing competitions were organized on this occasion. Interdisciplinary events were also organized by the departments of Political Science and History. It was a unique experience of unity in India.





## **CLEANLINESS DRIVE**



'Cleanliness Drive', under Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, was organized at Nirmala College on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2014. On the occasion, Honorable Principal, Dr. Sr. Jyoti, addressed the students and informed them about the **4Cs** -Clean mind, Clean Body, Clean Environment and Clean Society which, as directed by UGC, were fundamental to the idea of a clean India. Coordinated by the Department of English, the event witnessed an enthusiastic participation of students, teachers and the non-teaching staff.







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"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude & bond."

~Gwendolyn Brooks ~

# YOUTH FESTIVAL: 12TH - 13TH NOV. 2014



The two day spectacle epitomized the creativity and vigour of the quintessential spirit of Nirmala College. Youth Festival 2014 hosted a plethora of events

s h o w c a s i n g multifarious talents

of our youth, highlighting contemporary socio-cultural issues with a call for positive action. On the inaugural day, following the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, Sr. Superior, Sr. Bernadine addressed the students emphasizing the cultural and

productive aspects of education. Classical Dance, Tribal Dance, Light Vocal, On the Spot Painting, Poster Making, Collage, Debate, Elocution, Skit, Mime, Rangoli & One Act Play were the events held during the festival. Winners of these

events, Akanksha Kumari, Savitri & group, Jiji George, D.Usha, B.Pooja, Jaya Kumari, Soni Yadav, Pooja Dutta, Sweekriti Kumari,

Antra Banerjee, Nidhi & group, Rashmi & group,



Anisha & group, Shilpa Sharma & 'Manika & group' respectively were awarded trophies and certificates. On the concluding day, Principal, Dr. Sr. Jyoti congratulated the students and the teachers on their enthusiastic contribution in making the

event a monumental success. Representing Nirmala College, the winners bagged 1<sup>st</sup> prize in Mime, 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes in One Act Play & Debate and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Skit during the Ranchi University Inter College Youth Festival 2014.



## **ELECTION AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**



An Election Awareness Campaign was held at Nirmala College to create awareness of the voting rights of an individual. It began with a wonderful interactive session organized by Aao Haath Milayen, an NGO, in collaboration with State Election Commission and Minority Commission. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014, a students' rally was organized as part of the Election Awareness Drive. An election awareness

campaign was organized on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 by Prabhat Khabar to

sensitize students into choosing the right candidate. Mock Poll took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 to introduce the students to the Electronic Voting Machine as well as the new VVPAT system. On 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 Nirmala College organized a rally for Election Awareness. The rally was flagged off by the esteemed Principal Dr. Sr. Jyoti, who felt proud of the wholehearted participation of the students.



#### COLLEGE DAY

Nirmala College celebrated Foundation day with a Holy Mass and a cultural programme on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2014. Dr. Sr. Jyoti welcomed Fr. Tete and spoke of the college's recent achievements - Award for Best Missionary Institute, RU; HRD's permission for B. Com.; acceptance of proposal by TISS to train students under NUSSAD and Anindita Kar's selection in TCS in

campus recruitment drive by RU. The stupendous overall result of the college B.A/B. Sc I- 82%, B.A/B. Sc II - 94%, B.A/B. Sc III- 91% was declared. She also informed the audience about the eagerly awaited upcoming NAAC team visit and starting of SAP as well as other add-on programs for students for their contribution to society. The Chief guest Dr. Fr. Tete



(Principal, St. Xavier's College) wished everyone a Happy feast as well as Foundation day. He expressed enthusiastically his belief in the need of women empowerment and said that mothers who rock the cradle rule the world. According to him the country will

change if the women of the country inculcate and carry forward values. He was felicitated with a

memento by Dr. Sr. Jyoti. A special announcement was also made about post-graduation courses offered by St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.



### CHRISTMAS DAY

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014, Christmas Day was celebrated marking the glorious advent of Christ. Christmas carols, prayer dances along with the enactment of the Good Samaritan and the Nativity Scene recaptured the divine spirit of Christmas. The Principal, Dr. Sr. Jyoti, addressed the gathering spreading the message of Christmas. The entry of Santa Claus to the tune of Jingle Bells was memorable. The program concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.



# REPUBLIC DAY

The 66<sup>th</sup> Republic Day started by the undergraduates' March past, followed by flag hoisting by the chief guest, Dr. Sr. Bernadine. She

reminded all present of the true essence of



being a republic and a patriot. Patriotic song and dance were presented. Principal, Dr. Sr. Jyoti exhorted the audience to keep alive



the spirit of being republic—through commitment to work to work together for the all round development of the institution.



#### FAREWELL FUNCTION

A farewell function was organized on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 for the outgoing students of B.A/B.Sc III. The programme commenced with a floral welcome of the students followed by the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Sr. Bernadine (Superior), Dr. Sr. Jyoti (Principal), Sr. Shobha (Vice Principal), Mrs. N.D Ekka and students' representatives. Dr. Sr. Jyoti addressed the students and enlightened them regarding the significance of farewell and motivated them to be righteous and dignified in their action and behaviour. Speaking on the farewell theme "Let your Light Shine" she said that the light of honesty, peace and universal sisterhood can never be diminished. Thereafter, Dr. S. Ghosh and Dr. Debjani Roy addressed the students and





elaborated on means of achieving success in life. Students' representatives from all departments shared their experiences and expressed their deepest gratitude. The students were then presented mementos by the Principal and Heads of the respective departments. A scintillating and thematic cultural programme presented by the students followed and then Mrs. N.D Ekka in her parting message wished the outgoing students a wonderful life ahead. The programme which was held under the supervision of Mrs. N.D. Ekka, Dr. Anjana Singh and Dr. Emma Seraphim concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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#### **EXTENSION ACTIVITY**

Nirmala College has started 'Gyan Jyoti', an extension activity in the form of an outreach program which is co-ordinated by the IQAC. Classes are held thrice a week for the children of the staff and neighbouring areas. The program witnesses an active participation of the teaching faculty and students on a voluntary basis.



#### INTRODUCTION OF COMMERCE STREAM



The College started its first batch of Commerce on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 with 180 students and two faculty members- Mrs. Sunita Chitlangia and Dr. Sarika Sinha. The classes commenced after the Honorable Principal, Dr. Sr. Jyoti, addressed the students in an Orientation Programme held to inaugurate the new session.

#### **ENSURING EMPLOYABILITY: TISS-NUSSD PROGRAMME**

On 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014, National University Student Skill Development (NUSSD) classes, a pilot programme undertaken by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in association with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports were started in Nirmala College to help students develop skills and enhance their employability. 7 courses spread over 3 years will help students hone communication skills, digital literacy, financial literacy and legal literacy among others. Total commitment and not fees is what is required of the students. Mr. Dou Smite (National Programme Officer for NUSSD, TISS) & Mr. Avinash Anand (Programme Officer for NUSSD, RU) collaborate with NSS Programme Officers Dr. Sr. Sushma Ekka & Dr. Janet A. Shah to help the 354 students enrolled at present take full advantage to enhance their future.

NUSSD ORIENTATION CLASS IN PROGRESS



#### COLLEGE TOPPERS (2014-15)



ARFEE SABA



ANJALI KUMARI BOTANY



HENA KAUSAR ECONOMICS



BABLI KUMARI GEOGRAPHY



SUSHMITA PRATICHI HINDI



PRIYA KUMARI HISTORY



RAHAT AKHTAR B.Sc. (IT)



KHUSBOO KUMARI MATHEMATICS



RUPU KUMARI POLITICAL SCIENCE



MANISHA RANI PSYCHOLOGY



GEETA HORO ZOOLOGY

#### AWARDS/PLACEMENTS (2014-15)



SUCHITA TIRKEY ASSAM RIFLES



SURBHI PO, ICICI BANK



ANINDITA KAR BPO EXECUTIVE, TCS



JR. SOFTWARE ENGINEER
TECH MAHINDRA



NIKITA JHA JR. SOFTWARE ENGINEER TECH MAHINDRA



NAZIA PARWEEN BEST THEME—FIRST RUNNER UP INTER COLLEGE FASHION SHOW

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