

Sikkim Govt. B.Ed. College, Soreng

Annual Report- Year 2023

INNOVATION CELL

The establishment of the Innovation Cell represents a significant milestone in our college's journey towards fostering a culture of innovation and inclusivity. By providing students with the resources, guidance, and opportunities to explore their creative potential, we aim to equip them with the skills and mind set necessary to thrive in an increasingly complex and dynamic world.

- As part of our commitment to cultural heritage and sustainability, the Innovation Cell introduced **the offering of biodegradable "khadas" to guests during special events**. These khadas are crafted using biodegradable materials, aligning with our college's values of environmental responsibility. This initiative not only honors tradition but also demonstrates our dedication to eco-friendly practices in all aspects of our operations.
- Within the realm of innovation, inspiration often serves as a catalyst for transformative ideas. To provide students with a source of motivation and insight, the college organizes **"Manthan," featuring talks and panel discussions by accomplished individuals from various fields**. These sessions offer valuable perspectives on life experiences, challenges, and achievements, empowering students to envision their own paths to success.
- As part of our commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable learning environment, **the college actively challenges traditional gender roles**. This includes initiatives such as involving male students in roles of hospitality traditionally associated with women, such as serving offerings to guests during events. By breaking down gender stereotypes and promoting equality, the college aims to create a more supportive and empowering environment for all students.
- **Peer tutoring as recommended by NEP 2020**, has been initiated wherein students of third semester are facilitating EPC discussion sessions on some policy documents under the mentorship of teachers followed by seminars being conducted by students themselves.

SPORTS CLUB

- The College observed **National Sports Day** on 29th August, 2023 in collaboration with Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim. The event aimed not only to celebrate the legacy of Major Dhyhan Chand, a legendary Indian Hockey Player, but also to promote sportsmanship, fitness and team spirit among the students and faculty. The long day celebration featured a diverse range of sporting events. The National Sports Day celebration was a resounding success. The event

highlighted the importance of sports in education and encouraged everyone to adopt an active and healthy lifestyle.

- **Zumba presentation:** The event kicked off with an energetic zumba presentation by the students of B.Ed. College and Government JHS Singling and then followed by felicitation of National Athletes of Soreng District who had outshined in Nationals representing Sikkim.
- **Volley ball (men and women), table tennis:** The participants had an opportunity to showcase their skills in an exciting tournament.
- **Passing the ball:** a fun and engaging activity of passing the ball was organized emphasizing coordination and teamwork.
- The two days Sports Meet was observed at Govt. B.Ed. College on 16th and 17th December, 2023 respectively. The first day had qualifying matches of various events like volleyball, badminton, futsal, and tug of war. The final matches were held on 17th December. The prizes to all the winners and runner ups were distributed.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- **The Annual Alumni Meet** was held on 1st November 2023. The programme started with welcome song performed by 1st Semester teacher trainees and followed by welcome speech by Principal Madam, Dr. Devi Kala Lama. She also highlighted on the importance of Alumni Association in College and she also mentioned that the Association could extend their support in many ways like organizing seminars, conferences, professional enrichment programmes, well provide innovative ideas towards the progress of the institution. Two alumni members Mr. BivekDahal and Mr. Suresh Girishared their experiences by highlighting the pivotal role played by this institution for shaping their career ahead. The session was also addressed by Mr. Budha Hang Subba (Assistant Professor). He highlighted that the association has active roles and responsibilities for NAAC Accreditation. The session was also addressed by Dean Of Student Affairs, Mr. K L Singh and also the IQAC Coordinator. He highlighted that activities of Alumni Association could be the part of curriculum or scholastic areas as well as co-scholastic areas. He also appealed to the members to take part actively in each and every activity that takes place in the institution. After fruitful group discussion the house decided to conduct election for the office bearers. Mr. Sanjay Biswakarma, proceeded with the Election procedure and formed Election Committee which is comprised of the following members; Dr. Rebecca Sharma, Mr. Gagan Rai & Mr. Abhishek Subba. After the formation of Election Committee, the election for the governing body was conducted and following members have been elected for various posts. Advisors (Mr. Mandeep Subba, Mrs. Darba Hangma Subba & Mr. Karma Tshering Lepcha); President (Mr. Suresh Giri); Vice- President (Mr. Budha Hang Subba); General Secretary (Mr. Vivek Dahal); Joint Secretary: (Monika Chettri); Treasurer: (Mr. Prakash Shanker); Assistant Treasurer (Mr. Bhupen Chettri); Publicity Incharge I (Mr. Austin Limboo) & Publicity Incharge II (Methilesh Subba)

CAPACITY BUILDING CELL

- On 9th May 2023, an **'Interactive Session on Innovative Pedagogical Practices'** was organised. The keynote speaker for the event was Madam Prerna Lama, Headmistress of Government Secondary School, Majhitar. The session focused upon giving insight to the students as to how innovative practices can be applied in everyday teaching-training process. The session threw light on how a teacher needs to be flexible in every possible situation to make the teaching-learning experience fruitful. Madam Prerna and two other teachers from her school shared their own experiences/ stories of the efforts being made by them to bring change in the shift from 'teaching' to 'learning'. The trainees of our college found this session very inspiring and insightful.
- We are trying to constantly deepen our understanding about the role of a teacher education institution as envisioned in NEP 2020 and other policy documents through deliberations during **In-house seminars**. The topics covered are NAAC performance criteria, action research, NEP on teacher education etc.
- The college has made arrangement for **financial assistance** to support faculty members to be part of various professional learning platforms within the state and outside, from this year onwards and the Cell has been disseminating information and encouraging them to participate.

ECO CLUB

- The College wrapped up an enriching and insightful three-day program on the occasion of **World Environment Day** with the primary objective of raising awareness about the cruciality of maintaining a clean and sustainable environment, the college orchestrated a series of events on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th of June, 2023 garnering attention at both institutional and social levels. The inaugural day witnessed an impressive display of dedication as students, along with the esteemed teaching and non-teaching faculty, actively participated in a cleanliness drive within the college vicinity. Going beyond the campus, they ventured into the heart of Soreng, meticulously tidying up the main market area. The highlight of the day was a captivating **street play titled "Hamro Paryavaran,"** where the students skilfully portrayed the significance of environmental preservation. Through their well-crafted performance, they successfully instilled a deep sense of ecological consciousness among the masses. The day culminated with a spirited rally through the market, amplifying the message further. The grand finale unfolded on the 5th of June, World Environment Day, with special morning assembly that set the tone for the day's events. In a solemn yet empowering gesture, students collectively pledged to safeguard the environment, setting a precedent for responsible citizenship. Additionally, thought-provoking speeches on climate change shed light on the pressing need for immediate action. An interactive session followed, providing a platform for students and faculty members to exchange ideas and discuss viable solutions to protect our nature at individual, institutional, and local levels. The success

of this three-day extravaganza was a testament to the collective efforts of Soreng Government B. Ed College and its commitment to environmental stewardship.

ART & CRAFT CLUB

- On 5th June, 2023 an engaging **Workshop on Terracotta and Bamboo Craft** took centre stage, captivating the participants with its innovative approach. Renowned artist and Assistant Professor, Mr. SewonRai, shared his profound knowledge of Terracotta art, while local talent and bamboo craft expert, Miss SushmaTamang, imparted her wisdom to the eager learners, who learnt to prepare bamboo craft items on this day.

INTERNSHIP CELL ACTIVITIES

- School Internship programs every year used to begin by inviting school heads for their feedback based on their experiences last year in the presence of only principals and faculty members of this college. It was more like a closed room discussion. And based on this feedback session, decision to modify the existing practices was taken without considering the views of one of the important stakeholders (students). From this year onwards, this platform has been elevated into a **School Education Conference** conducted on 20th February, 2023 where not only the schools heads but their teachers also participated who brought inspiring stories of their students' learning and valuable experiences that they have gained out of new methods and strategies that they are adopting for reforming the existing practices to bring positive changes in overall learning experiences of their students along with challenges that they are facing and the ways that they are dealing with them. The objective is to motivate and prepare the interns towards a rewarding as well challenging learning experience during internship ahead.

ACTIVITIES OF MENTOR- MENTEE GROUPS

- As per UGC guidelines, faculty members and students take part in **Mentor-Mentee small group discussions** and sharing on periodic basis. They have helped in resolving grievances, disciplinary problems and other challenges. This has also helped in bringing improvement of interpersonal relationship of faculty with students and making way for open discussion on their overall experiences of learning and sharing of suggestions for further improvement.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER TEIs

- A one day Workshop on '**Art Integrated Teaching and Learning**' was organised by DIET Gyalshing, West Sikkim for their trainees with the objectives to give them an opportunity and exposure to performing arts, to make them understand the importance and role of art integrated in teaching and learning in purview of NEP 2020. Mr. PawanRai, Assistant Professor of this college took part as the Resource Person for this workshop.

LITERARY CLUB

- The Literary Club organised a visit to **Sikkim Art and Literature Festival**. The trainees were invited to this international book-fair with the theme 'Read and Grow' held on 6th-8th May, 2023 at Yuksom, Gyalshing. This provided the trainees with an opportunity to indulge in their love for art and literature while also helping them understand the importance of developing a reading-habit.
- On 5th October, 2023, four trainees participated in an **Inter-College Debate Competition** organised on the occasion of Bhandari Jayanti. The four representatives successfully stood first bringing pride and joy to not just the club but the entire college.

CULTURAL CLUB

- On 30th Nov. 2023, the Cultural Club of Sikkim Govt B.Ed college, Soreng had organised a **One Day Hindustani Classical Music Workshop** as an educational initiative to promote art and culture as envisaged in NEP 2020. Eminent personalities from the world of music, Miss Snehshree Thapa (Director Ashok Rai School of Music, Siliguri), Sagar Routh (Violinist, Kerseong), Biswajit Sewa (Tablist, Kalimpong), Pawan Rai (Director Gandhar Music Academy, Gangtok) along with Milan Sharma and Nimesh Dahal had participated in the program as resource persons. The workshop began with the history of Hindustani classical music and also highlighted upon its significance in educational context. Students were also taught the voice culture and vocal techniques. The music workshop was followed by the cultural concert in the evening. District Commissioner (DC, Soreng District) Shri Bhim Thatal graced the program as a chief guest, along with presence of CEO (Soreng District) Shri KB Chettri, along with the Executive members of the Alumni Association as special guests. These renowned singers and musicians from different parts of our region mesmerised the audience with their performances. The Cultural Cell of the college plans to take more such initiatives in future too.