



**Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre
Celebrates
5th Anniversary, 2014-2019
10th August, 2019**
"to love the poor is to live, die and rise with them"



The joy of the completion of 5 years by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre was officially observed on 12th June, 19. Thus, it was carried forward by the post celebration on 10th August, 19'at Loreto Convent, Entally school hall room.



REGISTRATION



The 5 years Celebration was observed at the gracious presence of the Chief Guest Sr. Anita Braganza, Province Leader of South Asia, President of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre & her council members and the Guests of Honour Mrs Ananya Chakraborty, West Bengal Commission for protection of Child Rights, Nadira Patheyra, Justice (Retd). Calcutta High Court, Mrs Gauri Basu, Director of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre and Prof. Dr. Nirmal Kanti Chakraborti, Vice-Chancellor of West Bengal National University of Juridical Science.

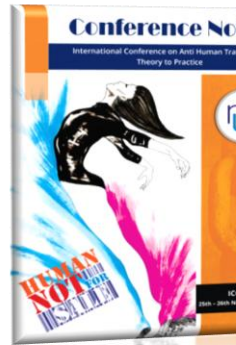
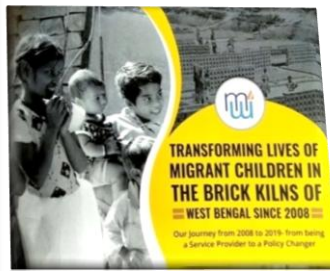
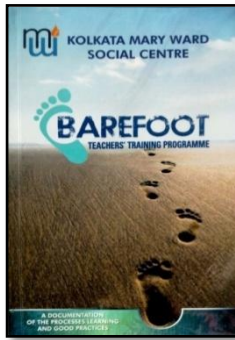


The Programme eventually began with a prayer, which is a long tradition of KMWSC and practised in every working day.

The celebration continued with a short and mellifluous welcome speech by the director of KMWSC, Sr. Monica Suchiang, which was later followed by a short documentary film on the Journey of KMWSC well captioned as "Walking with Mary Ward, Journey from 2014 – 2019."

The show continued with the wonderful felicitation ceremony with Uttorio and Mementos by the chief guest Sr. Anita Braganza to the Guests of Honour. The celebration marked the occasion with inspirational and elegant speeches by the Guests of Honour.

NEW PUBLICATIONS RELEASED



PERFORMANCES BY OUR BENEFICIARIES

A stupendous performance by the Children of Red Light Project immensely depicts the importance of women, validating her strength, struggle and victory. It simply proves that "No voice on Earth goes unheard, to every voice there is an answer, answer of God."



The Celebration was now followed by an exquisite performance by the 3 thematic areas of Service and Empowerment. A striking performance by the children of Skill Development depicts the struggle and freedom of any girl in the society.



KMWSC in the midst of its celebration has now greatly portrayed the life of a girl through a wonderful performance with an introductory speech stating "A girl is not a statistic or piece of property." They are equally eligible for all the rights and shall not be forced into Child Marriage.

PERFORMANCES BY OUR GUEST PERFORMERS



A beautiful performance of one of the popular dance form of Bengal from Purulia "The Chou Dance" in collaboration with the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre



The Grand Celebration concluded with a Charismatic performance by the students of St. Mary's Dum Dum, which showcased "the new emerging woman of today, who just won't give up."

The grandeur programmes with now towards its ending are at its remarkable moment in the history of KMWSC, where the Chief Guest, Sr. Anita Braganza and the Council Members were felicitated with Uttorio and Mementos by the Director, Sr. Monica Suchiang. It was an exquisite moment for KMWSC team to witness the inspirational and warming speech by Sr. Anita Braganza.



The Celebration towards its end was followed by a felicitation ceremony to all those Guests of Honour who have been a kind friend, well wisher and a truthful partner with KMWSC namely Sr Cyril Mooney, Mr Mahesh Menon, Mr Joydev Mazumdar, Sarbari, Mr Sunil Lucas, Mr Bhowmick, Mr Satnam Ahluwalia, Mr Dominic Barren, Debashish Bhattacharya, Mr Periwal, Sr. Powlin, Friends of Mary Ward, Sr. Carmella, Sr. Christopher, Nandini Bhattacharya, Grace William, Sr. Anita Lakra, Sr. Marila, Mrs Bagchi, Br. Sabino, Br. Charles, Mrs Beas, Mrs Banerjee, Mr Chittopriyo Sadhu, Mr Sunil Banra, Mr Sujoy Banerjee, Ms Asha, GKB, Narayana Hospital, Quadra, Mr Christopher Lobo and Rodney Rodriques



FLAGSHIP

Caritas is now partnering with KMWSC to protect the rights of children in “Basirhat”, West Bengal. This flagship release was done by our Chief Guest, Sr. Anita and the Guest of Honour Mrs Chakraborty & Sr. Monica

KMWSC has always held its head high in securing the rights & privileges of women. While Sr. Monica visit to the brothels of Sonagachi, she met many pretty ladies in the soft lighted room. During her interaction with them, a soft voice was heard on the question of Sr. Monica, “So when are you happy?” Out of a dim lighted room an overwhelmed voice was heard the 3 days of their periods, when they don’t need to entertain the clients and can relax in peace. This answer deeply moved Sr. Monica and inspired her to launch the sanitary pads unit for the marginalized women with due respect for the women of Sonagachi.

Last but not the least the Flagship of Legal Aid partnership with the West Bengal NUJS. KMWSC is thankful to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Nirmal Kanti Chakraborty for extending his hands generously in partnership with KMWSC.



CHILD RIGHTS PROGRAMMES

New partnership with Caritas India (United for Child Protection – Protecting and Reclaiming Childhood in West Bengal) in 20 villages of 3 Gps at **Basirhat** in the district of North 24 Paraganas.



Kolkata Mary Ward social Centre, Sanitary Napkins initiatives supported by Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Australia.



LEGAL AID



In Partnership with the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences.



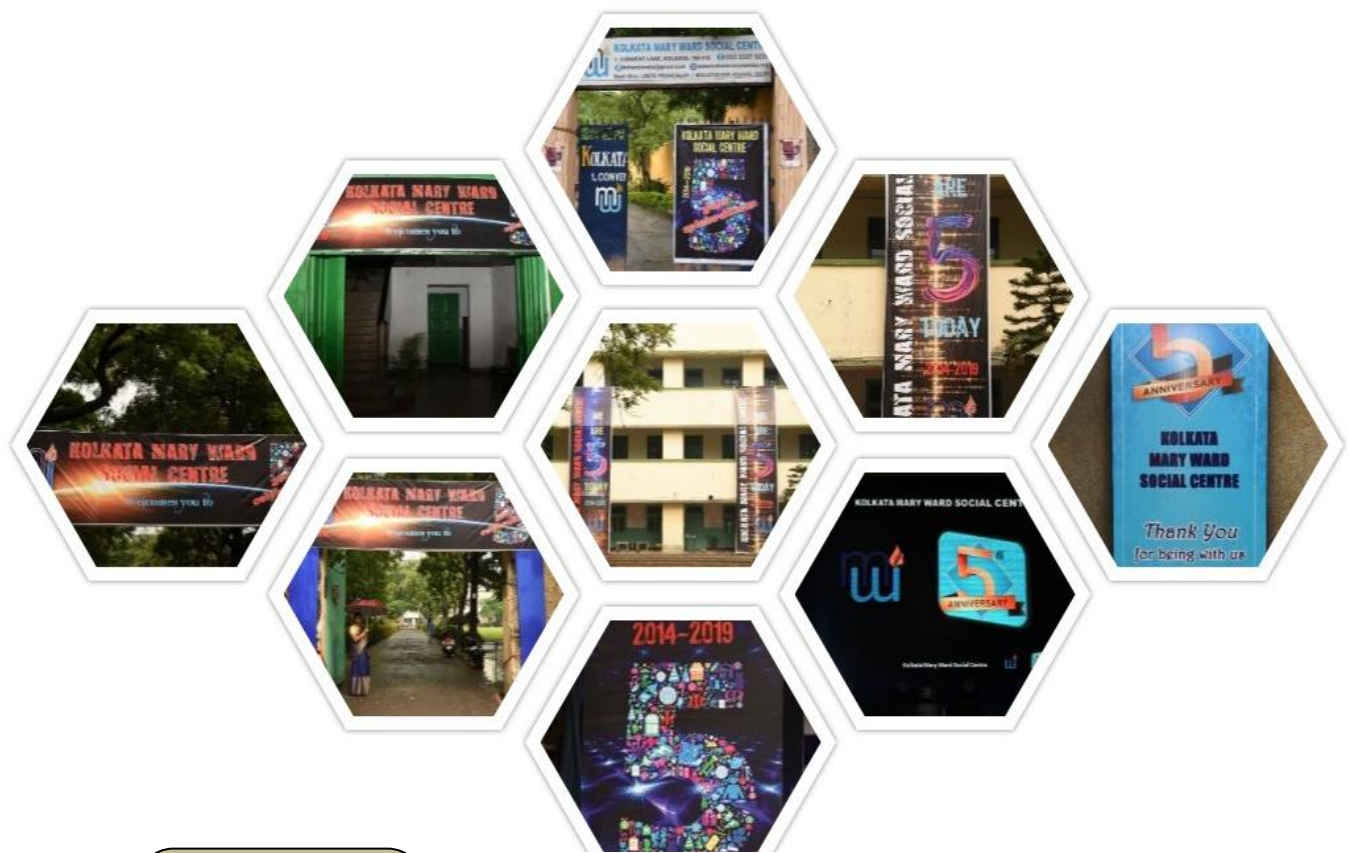
Finally the programme at its end was carried forward by a warm “Thank You” speech by the Director, Sr. Monica Suchiang addressing to the Chief Guest, the Council Members, Guests of Honour, friends and well wishers of KMWSC.

National Anthem, leaving behind the thought of solidarity among the people gathered for the ecstatic celebration and the mouth watering dinner arrangements for the lovely guests.



Our Celebration
continues.....





It is not every day that we have the opportunity to express our gratitude to you all. Thank you celebrity singers Christopher Lobo & Mr Rodrick for singing with your melodious voice.



Law students to turn teachers

JHINUK MAZUMDAR

Calcutta: Students of the city's national law school will visit the districts of Bengal to educate trafficking victims, domestic helps, and brick kiln workers about laws and their legal rights.

National University of Juridical Sciences is collaborating with Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre, the social development wing of the Loreto Congregation in South Asia who work in the villages in North and South 24 Parganas, Hooghly and Nadia in Bengal and Nawada in Bihar.

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre launched the legal aid programme on Saturday to mark its fifth anniversary.

"When we work in the community we have seen that villagers have little or no knowledge about the law and are often exploited. On many occasions if someone is missing they do not even report it at the police station and don't know what is the difference between a general diary and a FIR (first information report)," said Sister Monica Suchiang, director of Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre.

Sister Suchiang realised the importance of empowering the marginalised with legal knowledge and felt the need to collaborate with the law school because of lack of resources at the centre. "NUJS will provide the community with practical



Girls perform at the programme at Loreto Convent Entally on Saturday.

Picture by Biswarup Dutta

also get wrongly framed because of their lack of legal knowledge," he said.

"One of the aspects in which we can be associated with the centre is legal aid activities and we are pleased to extend our support to the programme," said Chakrabarti.

On Saturday, the centre also launched another flagship programme in association with Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Australia, to

ended up asking — "What makes you happy?"

Sister Suchiang quoted one of the women as saying: "We are happy for the three days when we have our period, these are my days when I don't have to entertain clients." The machines will produce sanitary towels to be used by marginalised girls and look after their menstrual hygiene.

During the two-hour programme on Saturday, Sister

evening, Sister Anita Braganza, the president of the centre and the province leader, Loreto South Asia, said about continuing the good work.

"Our hope is that this work will continue and as this work continues it is not about us being the powerful ones helping others. I believe this work is about us being transformed. It's about us Loreto sisters being transformed, it's about our hearts being touched. It's



THANK YOU!