

# JPIC NEWSLETTER

## GREETINGS FROM JPIC INDIA

The first JPIC NGM was held from 16<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> September. It was hosted by LORETO CONVENT DELHI. Delegates from all the Loreto schools, comprising of principals, teachers and students were welcomed by Sr. Mercia, Principal of Loreto Convent Delhi. This was the first NGM where there were student participants. The theme chosen for the JPIC NGM, 2016 was URJA (Energy).



Sr. Anita our provincial Head, Sr. Sabrina JPIC, CJ Sisters -Sr.Lucy, Sr. Anci and Sr. Sunita, Sr. Nirmala, Principal of Loreto House, Ms. Prabal Principal of Loreto Elliot Road and JPIC National Co-ordinators Mrs S.Singh and Mrs. S.Biswas all were active participants of the JPIC NGM.





Eminent speakers like Dr. Priyadarshini Karve and Ms. Ajita Tiwari conducted a session on "How to do an Energy Audit" and "How schools can curtail their carbon emissions".



JPIC annual reports were creatively presented by the various schools in the forms poems, PowerPoint presentations, dance and dialogue. Guest Speakers Bro Steve Rocha, Mr. S.K. Sinha (Founder of CSR), Mr. VBahl (Senior Journalist), Dr. Priyadarshini Karve, Dr. S. Narain (Writer, Environmentalist and Padmashree Award Winner) conducted a panel discussion on the impact of climate change and Sustainable changes that can be undertaken to control climate change.







Dr. D. Singh, the next speaker, stressed on the need for changing the life style and the attitudes of people from materialistic to simplistic. Mrs M. Goswami emphasized the need for behavioural change in order to bring a change in the youth of today.



The panel discussion was followed by a session of Mock Parliament in which all teachers and students were invited to participate, under the supervision of Mr S.Sinha. The Loreto Parliament of climate change passed 2 Bills:

- 1) Loreto Schools in India commit to dedicate one lakh trees to the Nation by 2020
- 2) Loreto Schools in India commit to making their Schools Carbon neutral by 2020







Sr. Nirmala through a PowerPoint started her session by giving a brief history of the MDGs, the reasons for their failure and the evolvement of the 17 SDGs having 169 targets with 324 indicators. She guided us with two yearly action plans which could be implemented by individual JPIC units.



A resolution was taken that JPIC would be agents to spread awareness about SDG 2030 teachers and students sat in their own school groups to work out strategies as to how to achieve the two goals passed by the Loreto parliament. The schools then presented their reports.



Delegates from all the schools visited TERI University. Mrs. Fauzia Torannum, a lecture with the Department of Regional Water Studies conducted an interactive session with the students and the availability of water and the urgent need to conserve water resources. She guided the children and helped them to do a 'water audit'. The concept of 'water footprint' was explained to enable them to be responsible consumers of water.

In the final session of the NGM the schools presented their individual plans for achieving the action goals. The JPIC National co-ordinators thanked Sr. Mercia and Loreto Convent Delhi for hosting the first JPIC NGM.



It was decided that all Loreto schools would observe ONE BILLION RISING on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Sr. Sabrina requested all students to participate and campaign for OBR.



It was decided that JPIC units would continue with all their JPIC activities along with the two goals of URJA .Every six months a report would be presented by each school on progress made.