## Vivekanada Day

## *Time:* 9:30 am *Date:* 02/03/2013 *Location:* Auditorium

*Attendance*: Vice - Principal Fr. (Dr.) Nirmol Gomes, In-charge of Day Session Fr. Dr. James Chacko, faculty members and students.

The programme commenced with a welcome message by Ms. Nilima Moktan, Assistant Professor Department of Education and lighting of the lamp by Fr. (Dr.) Nirmol Gomes and other faculty members. Following which Fr. Nirmol led sang a prayer song and he was joined by the congregation.

Ms. Akshita Singh Thapa of Part II, English Honours presented her speech on the life and philosophy of Vivekananda.

Fr. Nirmol garlanded the portrait of Swami Vivekananda and shared his personal reflections on Vivekananda's education and travels. He reminded us that it was Swamiji who had sown the seeds of India's independence and preached service to mankind. Father reiterated Swamiji's golden advice to the youth of the nation that success is an outcome of focused thought and action, urging all present and listening to follow Swamiji's prescription in order to serve the nation and achieve their personal goals in the process.

Mr. Peter Lepcha, Campus Co-ordinator and Head of the Department, English took the mike to brief us on the programme for the rest of the day. Two separate contests were to be held, essay writing and Sit & Draw, the latter was further divided into two groups, Oil pastel (crayons) and pencil sketch. Both the competitions began at 10:10 am and went on till 11:10 am. Students from all departments participated with enthusiasm.

After the end of the competitions Fr. (Dr.) James Chacko shared his message with all. He ended his speech with the hope that Swamiji would continue to inspire the youth to leave their own footprints behind on the sands of time.

The award giving ceremony comprised of giving away the certificates of merit and cash prizes to the winners of the above mentioned competitions. Livia Mithu Mondol, Jacinta Shilpi Mondol and Sumit Karmakar won prizes in the oil pastel section of the drawing competition; Gracy Neinunhoih, Bimal Kumar Sarkar and Sr. Vandana Ekka won prizes in the pencil sketch section. Akshita Singh Thapa, Jagriti Saraf, Bijay Tamang and Hema Kujur won prizes for their essays.

The day came to a close with the photo session.







