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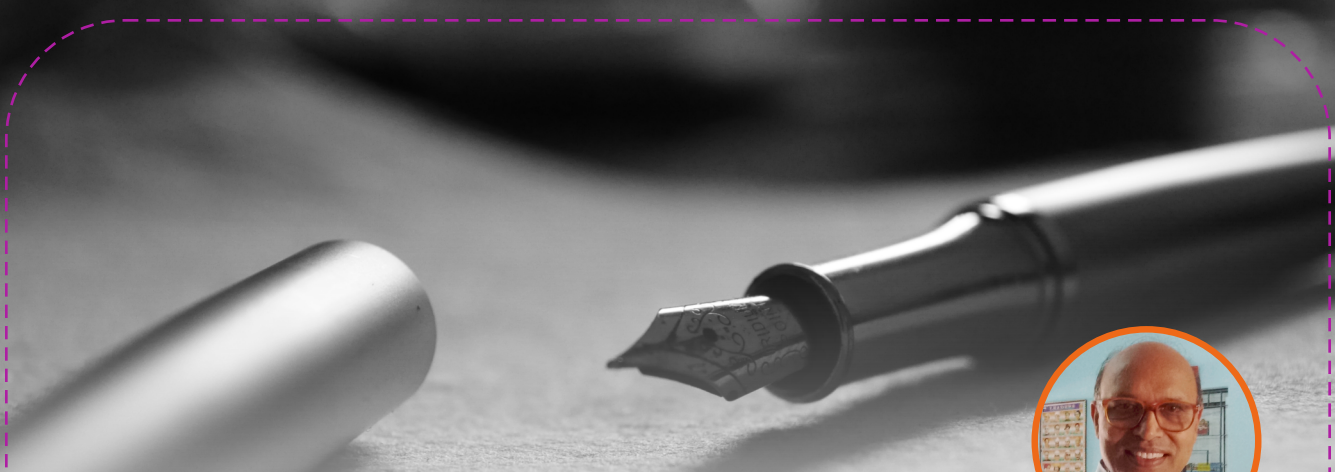


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We have one **Gold medalist in Psychology - Raina Mohalanobish**

Four Silver medalists : Psychology - Renita Washington

: English - Trishya Majumder

: Management - Shreya Agarwal

: Sociology - Rittu Mangar

A special award - Kartik Chandra Maiti Memorial Medal to Tishya Majumder for securing second highest marks in BA English Honours.

Hearty Congratulations to each one of you and to your respected Asst. Professors. Let me share a little thought.

Some people say that sometimes some things are written in your destiny. No matter how hard you may try to change them, they never change...

The crow and the parrot were both created ugly. The parrot protested and was made beautiful. However, the crow remained content with the will of its creator. Today the parrot is in a cage and the crow flies free...

Behind each incident is so exquisite a wisdom that may be you will never understand it. Therefore, never ask "why?" to the creator. God loves you and has given you the best that you can handle.

With my prayers and affectionate greetings,

Fr. Mathew Pulingathil SDB

Rector, Salesian College Siliguri



A Sprint towards becoming two years old

Chanchal Agarwal, President, Salesian College Siliguri Alumni Association



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Yes our dreams and desires are big and we are marching forward with firm dedication to attain them all. The Association was formed with an aim of bringing together all the students who have completed their graduation from Salesian College Siliguri Campus. But today the Association has advanced in being socially responsible by organizing various campaigns and awareness programs. We were invited to attend National Level conference in Don Bosco Park Circus in the month of August and have organized picnics and get-togethers for recreation of the members.

The monthly E-newsletter is one wonderful platform where Ex-students from both the campuses get the opportunity to share their experiences, articles and are informed about the campus news and achievements.

Alumni Association has great plans for the future and what is of utmost importance is your support and prayers. As we are heading towards our third phase, we are sure we are going to achieve more. The roots of this Alumni tree is going deep and is becoming strong, each one of you reading this is a wonderful fruit of this very tree. It has to grow more and reach every corner where Salesians are present.

I extend my sincere gratitude and warm wishes to the complete Alumni family in completing two fruitful years. It has been a wonderful journey till date and this journey still continues to attain great destinations.



Time Flies....

Tony Thomas, Alumnus of Salesian College Siliguri, Batch - 2014

Yes the time passes by, without telling the world how deep impression it is making to its users. We have plans and desires that are easily overpowered by time. In no duration your plans may go in vain and your desires may not be fulfilled. As I was giving it a thought, time has passed by so quick that it's been a long wait and I have missed a lot of special occasions. Occasions that range from missing my senior cum elder sister's wedding to missing my dearly junior cum sister's Religious vocation ceremony. What we often plan does not come into play and that's when we feel really low. Life is such a surprise altogether. I am sure each one of you reading this have had a special occasion you missed of your college mate that you still regret. Well before you read further, there's a small task for you. Make use of the technology here, call your college friend or just send a mail; if it's been a long wait, this is going to be really interesting. Talk about your life changing moments, clear the misunderstandings or it's been long that you haven't shared about your feelings to someone.

We are humans and we ought to make mistakes. But correcting it depends fully on us. Misunderstanding or fights that started in college days are often carried forward. The worst part is, misunderstandings separate the most intimate friends and break the beautiful bond of friendship. That's how life is and we need to tackle it with great care and indeed need to take a positive step. Nobody in this world wants to let the time gone by be saddened further by losing a close friend. It's in and through our commitment towards our professional and personal life that we often fail to understand each other. Everybody is growing and struggling hard to achieve their goals in life. Goal of getting settled, earning well, living their desires, getting

married, fulfilling family responsibilities and the list goes on. So yes, it becomes hard to take out time for yourself and your near and dear ones. Along with that we are forgetting to celebrate and get that smile back again. So just think of this crazy commitment of taking out some time to refresh the college days by a CALL! Call up a friend today, share your heart out. Even if you are the first batch of Sonada Campus [yes they are all together up there already!(editor's note)] or the last batch of Siliguri Campus, go for it! Just a Hello would make a difference.

I often say to myself in times of happiness or sadness, this time is going to pass-by'. So, by the time you finish reading this you know very well what to do. This time is going to pass, so why not make it special and later say that the time passed by was just wonderful.

Hope this commitment is not that tough, but surely will take you a nostalgic journey back to Salesian days. Your one step may lead to a precious meeting or getting you back a wonderful friend. But indeed The End has to be positive always, we Indians love it that way, right? If you ought to share your experience in the next publication, that would be just great. But if not, at least send in your feedback at tonythomas993@gmail.com. This will keep me going to write more. Congratulations to each and every member of Alumni Association on completing two years.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep. But I have promises to keep. And miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep"—Robert Frost

Let's all support the Association in our own small ways. It has a long way to go.



Water and Women:

The Effect of Water Scarcity in Tashar Village, Manipur

-Ramachan A Shimray, 2014 batch of Salesian College Siliguri



Water is one of the most essential need of life, without water nobody can survive. But in many countries, women are struggling hard to find and collect water for their families. To collect the water which fulfills the basic household use they walk miles, carry heavy burdens, wait for hours and pay exorbitant prices. The work is back-breaking and all-consuming. Often the water is contaminated, even deadly. In these instances, they face an impossible choice certain death without water or possible death from illness. According to Eleanor, CEO of Water for People, women and girls bear the burden of collecting water around the world. We are working to give them their time back to seek opportunities and live better lives.

In this article I would like to emphasise the plight of the women and girls of Tashar village which is experiencing severe water scarcity. Tashar Village is under the Ukhrul sub-division of Manipur state, India, with an elevation about 1,662 m (5,453 ft) and has approximately 345 households with the total of 2098 people of which 1092 are male and 1006 are female (Census, 2011)

According to the study conducted

by me in 2017 on 'The Effect of Water Scarcity in Tashar Village Ukhrul District of Manipur: A Family Perspective,' it was concluded that women are playing an important role for the wellbeing of the families in this village. They go to fetch water early in the morning and late in the evening. Even though they are engaged in the agriculture, paddy fields and domestic work. In spite of earning by the male members, women in the village are also generating income by selling vegetables, making bread and most importantly they rear animals for living. They are tirelessly working in the paddy field for the whole day and are responsible for waiting in a long queue in water pond to get the water for the basic domestic use. According to Ms. Angam (name changed) sometimes she used to wake up early in the morning around 3:30 am or 4:00 am during the months of December to May to fetch water and she has to walk for a distance of more than 800m every day to fetch water through the hilly and unpaved road. In the day time she teaches in school, after long hours of working in the school, she has to fetch water again for bath, washing clothes and cooking. She

said life in the Tashar village is not easy because we cannot live without water and even though they are tired there is no alternative. Women in the village are unhappy that even little girls have to work hard to fetch water for domestic purposes. The water scarcity sometimes creates misunderstanding among the family members.

The village has been suffering for many years. The water scarcity is leading to health problem, children have started dropping out from their schools and most importantly women in the village are facing difficulties as they are mostly responsible for taking care of home in the patriarchal society.

While studying I wondered what could be worse than when basic needs are not available? How could human life be sustained? When the very basic need WATER... is not in your bowl, pot or container, how could you expect a healthy life? When water is not available for cooking, drinking, cleaning and washing, how will you achieve well-being of the family? Those are the challenges faced by families in Tashar village since many years.

From the campus

Tata Memorial Intercollege Seminar

On 31st March 2017, Department of Management Studies, Salesian College, Siliguri, conducted the first of its kind Tata Memorial Inter-College Seminar on Managing Business: Opportunities and Challenges. Students of Salesian College Siliguri and Sonada, St. Joseph's College Darjeeling and Kalimpong College presented papers on various topics under five technical sessions representing five different themes, namely, "Towards Cashless Economy" , "Emerging Trends in Marketing", "Ethical Issues in Business", "Entrepreneurship Opportunities in North Bengal" and "Tourism Development Towards Sustainable Growth". The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Dipen Roy, Department of Commerce, University of North Bengal.



Social Outreach Programme

On 20th April 2017, the faculty members and students of Department of Computer Science and Application Salesian College visited Siliguri Girls High School, College para, Siliguri BorodakantoVidyapith, Rathkholaand Salugara High School undertaking Information Technology awareness program. The visiting faculty members and students interacted with the students and tried to understand how and to what extent they are familiar with information & technology. It was a general observation that a voluminous amount of technology is what today's children are dependent on, but they are still unaware of its ill effects. Response from the visited schools was very encouraging as the students as well as the management have expressed that such outreach programmes on IT awareness should be organized more often.



Trauma Competent Caregiver Training and Workshop

A three day Workshop on 'Trauma Competent Caregiver Training and Workshop Module 1' was organised by the department of Psychology, Salesian College Siliguri in collaboration with Child Healing Centre, Bengaluru. The Child Healing Centre is a wing of the NGO Santhosh Samsara Social Charitable Trust founded by Mr George Ebenezer. The aim of this trust is to sensitize people on the emotional and physical abuse faced by children & teenagers and stretching their helpful hand to them.



The participants ranged from school teachers to NGO workers, people associated with handling children and teenagers, involved in looking after orphanages and children homes and parish churches of different denominations.

Cyber Security Workshop

To enhance the students' knowledge about cyber security and its related issues, a one day workshop was organized by the Department of Computer Science and Application in partnership with Rosefinch Consultancy Services, Pvt. Ltd. Primary objective behind conducting workshop was to disseminate knowledge and conduct an awareness campaign on cyber security among college and school students to further explore the field. It was attended by the students of Army Public School (Bengadubi), Sacred Heart School (Matigara), Salesian College (Siliguri Campus) and a faculty each from Sacred Heart School and Salesian College (Department of Computer Science and Application attended the workshop. Mr. Rohan Chhettri, who is presently working as a trainer for CEH (Certified Ethical Hacker) and CSCU (Certified Secure Computer User) at Rosefinch Consultancy Services, Pvt. Ltd, Siliguri was the resource person.



Collaboration with Hong Kong University

Fr George Thadathil sdb was invited to the ICI (India China Indonesia) Summer School in the Hong Kong Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) from 14-20 May 2017. The Ongoing three year project of research is on "Religious Pluralism in Asia." Salesian Research Centre, headed by Fr Prof George Thadathil will contribute to the project exploring the religious diversity and the impact of global modernity in East and North East India.



Religious Pluralism in Asia Research Group from India, China and Indonesia



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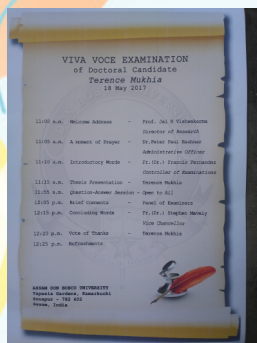
Session 2017-2018

The New Prospectus for the Year 2017-18 admissions are up on the web. The vacant posts and new posts for the new courses have been filled after the two day faculty selection interviews on 25-26 May 2017. There were 149 applicants for about 20 posts. Among the applicants there did figure alumni and we do look forward to more joining the academic community. For admission related information please visit www.salesiancollege.in

Achievement



Mr. Terence Mukhia the alumnus and Assistant Professor of Salesian College Sonada presented his doctoral study on the impact of Christianity on his fellow hills tribal communities of Lepcha and Tamang at Assam Don Bosco University Guwahati, 18 May 2017.



The Ph.D. thesis is entitled "Impact of Christianity on the Lepcha and Tamang Tribal Communities in the Darjeeling District (1841-2017): A Philosophical Perspective". The research was undertaken at Assam Don Bosco University under the supervision of another Salesian college alumnus and former faculty Dr. Mathew George sdb. Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi from where the research scholar, Terence Mukhia, passed Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) has funded the research. Dr Terence Mukhia is also the Campus Coordinator at Salesian College Sonada.



Congratulations



Our whole-hearted congratulations to Fr. Dominic Kachira SDB for becoming the Vice-Provincial of the Salesian Vice-Province of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands (PGS) on 6 May 2017. He is an alumnus of Salesian College Sonada batch 1976.

Alumnus Anu Agarwal of Salesian College Siliguri batch 2013 has tied the nuptial knot with Mr. Nitin Agarwal on 7th May 2017. We wish both of them a successful conjugal life.

