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He went ahead and found a vegetable seller. "What could be the value of this stone?" he asked the vegetable seller. The seller saw the shiny stone and said, "Take one sack of potatoes and give me the stone." The man again apologized and said he can't sell it. Further ahead, he went to a jewelry shop and asked the value of the stone. The jeweler saw the stone under a lens and said, "I will give you 50 Lakhs for this stone. When the man shook his head, the jeweler said, "Alright, alright, take 2 Crores, but give me the stone." The man explained that he can't sell the stone.

Further ahead, the man saw a precious stone's shop and asked the seller the value of this stone. When the precious stone's seller saw the big ruby, he lay down a red cloth and put the ruby on it. Then he walked in circles around the ruby and bent down and touched his head in front of the ruby. "From where did you bring this priceless ruby?" he asked. "Even if I sell the whole world, and my life, I won't be able to purchase this priceless stone."

Stunned and confused, the man returned to God and told him what had happened. "Now tell me what is the value of life, God?" God said, "The answer you got from the Orange Seller, the Vegetable Seller, the Jeweler and the Precious Stone Seller explain the value of our life. You are a precious stone, even priceless, but people may value you based on their level of information, their belief in you, their motive behind entertaining you, their ambition and their risk taking ability. But don't fear, you will surely find someone who will discern your true value."

In the eyes of God you are very precious. Respect yourself. You are unique. No one can replace you. You are precious to Salesian College, precious to the Alumni Association. God bless you

Ever Affectionately,
Fr.(Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil SDB
Rector, Salesian College

Gift of Smile

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Gandhiji used to say the best gift is to make someone smile and the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Inspired by such great thoughts, the Salesian College Siliguri Alumni Association organized a charity event 'Gift of smile' for the street children, on the

occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October 2015) at the college campus. It was an endeavor to spread happiness among the underprivileged children.

The management team along with the volunteers and other members gathered in the campus at around 8 AM and started their preparations as they were allotted accordingly. At around 9 AM children from different areas of Check post & Champasari arrived to the college campus. The alumni members welcomed them with Khada (The Nepalese garland). At the beginning they were taught the importance of washing hands before and after meal and then a healthy breakfast was provided. The smile started spreading among them when they were happily enjoying their breakfast.

By 10 AM the outdoor competitions began. Separate groups of 10 kids were made and three different games like Kabbadi, Musical Chair and passing the pillow were played by them. The volunteers tried their best to make the games interesting and easy for them. All cherished their childhood days as while watching the kids playing with great energy and enthusiasm. At around 11 AM the games concluded and all were given light refreshment to bury the tiredness.

By 11.15 AM a short planned cultural programme started in the college portico where the present students and faculty members also took part. Fr. Mathew Pulingathil (the Rector), Ms. Priyamrita Chatterjee (Coordinator), Mr. Pawan Prasad (HoD, Dept. of Commerce), Chanchal Agarwal (President of Alumni association) along with other office bearers and members, students and staff were present. Kuljeet Kaur was the emcee of the day. Fr. Rector, Sir Pawan, Ms. Priyamrita, Alumni President and secretary were invited to light the lamp and inaugurate the programme. After the lighting of the lamp paying of Floral homage and garlanding of Gandhiji's photo was done by everyone present there along with the tune of bhajan "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram". The Alumni Head, Fr. Mathew Pulingathil enlightened the children with his valuable words. The special guest of the day Sir Pawan Prasad addressed the gathering and began his talk by welcoming all the kids and appreciating the work of the Alumni Association.

On this special day the logo of Salesian College Siliguri Alumni Association was unveiled by Fr. Rector, Sir Pawan, Miss. Priyamrita and the Jt. Secretary, Surya.

To explore the talents of the children towards art and culture of our society they were taken to lecture hall and were provided with the Chart papers and colors. They were asked to draw anything of their choice within 45 minutes. It was great to see their power of imagination and talent as they were making it with full interest. In the midst of the competition they were provided chocolates. After the drawing competition the lunch was served with instruction of hand washing and no wastage of food to teach them ethics of life and basic hygiene.

After the lunch the Alumni members organised a quiz on general knowledge where questions were asked on the Cultural, political and history of our country and those who had given right answers were encouraged by gifts.

The concluding part of the programme was gift distribution. Fr. Mathew announced the results of Drawing Competition and the Outdoor games. The winners of the Drawing competition were 1st Runner up Golam Salek ali, 2nd Runner up Guddu Sarkar and winner Pramila Lama. All the winners were presented with a new school bag. Alumni members distributed dry foods, Clothes, Shoes, winter wears and exercise books to all the kids.

The kids are the real source of joy and achievement of the day as it was Gandhi Jayanti and they are the real heroes of tomorrow. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I congratulate each and every one present there. I specially thank our college management for granting us the permission for the event. On behalf of entire association I take the opportunity to appreciate and thank all the donors of the day weather in cash or kind without which it was not possible to do anything, it was a very good response. We also specially thank our local media for taking the initiative to print the news in their reputed newspapers.





Letter to my great-great-great-great grandchildren



My dear great-great-great-great grand children,

I am sure that you are happy and in good health. I would like to congratulate you children for surviving the best and the worst days of mankind. . My dear heirs do not panic because this is English. In your age I presume, SMS English and BBM English must have ruined your literature. I don't blame you for your loss and this is not archaic. My generation had enough of Keats and Shakespearean Tragedy to throw the archaistic bone away. Your literature and your language must be of high pleasure. Please do not be dismayed, I write in peace.

Your generation might laugh at our sluggish progress in science and our imprudent theories. Yes, I absolutely agree with you as we had many other things to improve other than science and technology.

The robots and the computers must be serving mankind. I believe that mankind must have reached at its ultimate apex and beyond our wildest dream. As a result of which your celluloid level must have hiked due to lack of motor activity. It must be common disease like common cold or flu. I feel prehistoric to tell you about the disease we suffered here. You must be suffering from something modern.

My dear children, I am writing this letter not to compare, disagree or criticize your generation but to warn you about certain things which were committed in our times. If possible I would write this letter in a parchment paper and bury it in the ground for you, to find in the future. I doubt that your generation have ever seen a tree or a piece of paper except in the museum. It is the fault of our generation and can't be undo now.

All I can say is try; Try little harder to make the world you live in, a better place for others to live. Be unique and kind. Be different.

My children, when we were young we made mud houses and we ran across the jungle for adventure. There was just one channel in television and all our neighbours used to watch only one set of TV with euphoric bliss of sharing. We came from a generation that valued human over gadgets. God created Earth and Mankind; Man just imitated his creator and created assets to make life better. My wise children do not be deceived by the heartless things. Smart work is easy, hard work is what keeps you on the top.

If you are wondering what God is? I have no short answer but this. Everything has a beginning and an end. Every good has its end and no evil shall prevail for too long. And God is someone who has no beginning and end. There exists a supernatural power that governs everything and that is God, He who has no name no shape and no form. That power exists but the reason why nobody wants to believe in Him is that nobody can see Him. My children, if you can't see a certain thing that doesn't mean that it does not exist. Most beautiful things in our life are not perceivable. I firmly believe your generation needs God. Freedom is chaos unless you are chained. There must be order for life to triumph. Do not be deceived my children, there is nothing in between but confusion and suffering. You cannot ride two boats at a time and surely cannot serve two masters but one. Choose to be right even in great tribulation of your faith.

You must be thinking 'who cares who God is? But that was what we thought when we were young. Because of our reckless thinking we forgot about being human.

I doubt your generation must be suffering from moral famine. You must believe, everything man does goes unpunished and unresolved, everything man does must be right and there might be no room for wrong. There must be few protestors against such command. And I can imagine the dystopian world you people live in.

That is why I am writing to you my future, your generation needs God and the wisdom of knowing right from wrong. I need you to believe with your heart in a faithless world where truth is shunned. Atheism does not

give you any room for morality and there is paradox in religion too. But you follow that one Supreme Being who has no end and has the power beyond your imagination which neither your science nor your technology can explain. That knowledge that your generation boasts of unveiling is just a fraction. It is like your generation has unlocked a 2 GB data of God's 100×n GB data.

My children believe that there is life after your physical death so be morally upright and live with harmony, respect the elders and love the young. Try little harder to spread love and make the world a better place to live in.

Listen to your heart when things go wrong. There lies someone within whose voice whispers to you and guides you to do the right. The right thing is always the hardest one to choose. You have to sacrifice, compromise and sometimes it hurts. Sometimes everyone around you mocks and rejects you but at the end you win the war of life. It is very easy to quit but the end is what matters.

With Love

Your great-great-great-great grandmother



Everything on Earth has its own Time

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Holy Bible says, "...Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14. "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes". (James 4: 13, 14)

How precious is our life on earth, actually it revolves around time, there is a time to be born and a time to die because Ecclesiastes 3:1 says; "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven".

Dear friends, I wish to focus on the theme "Time" which revolves around our friendship brought through the platform of education at Salesian. It is time which has separated us and now the time has brought us together through the platform of Alumni Association.

Now the question is how serious we are? Have we lost hold of our commitment we made before leaving each other? Let us think and reflect upon it! The promises are easy to make but hard to keep! God given life on earth is beautiful and it becomes more beautiful when we think about others and share our joy and sorrow to our family and friends around.

Amidst entangled with the responsibility of family and profession, dear friends let us take our time and give a room for things happening around our friends, may be our togetherness with one mind and accord, can make the life on earth more beautiful and the place to live in, making difference in the World undergoing with different sufferings.

My simple urge to friends is that, before missing everything else and regretting upon, let us make use of the platform of Alumni Association, let us come together and do something meaningful! Let us be Associated with each other. For our inner satisfaction and peace comes through living for others and not for self finally.



NATIONAL LEVEL INTER COLLEGE FESTIVAL
INNOVISION'15
15 & 16 OCT

SALESIAN COLLEGE ORGANISES A NATIONAL LEVEL INTER COLLEGE FEST



Innovision, a national level inter college cultural and academic/literary fest, organised by Salesian College, Siliguri was held on 15 and 16 October in the college campus. The two day event witnessed participation of students not only from colleges in North Bengal but also from some reputed colleges in the country.

The first day of the event started at 09:30 am with the inauguration and the lamp lighting ceremony. In his inauguration speech Principal Fr. (Prof.) George Thadathil mentioned that “Transformation takes place when we innovate, Innovision is a new vision to innovate,” which

highlighted the intent of Salesian College in organising such events. The college Rector Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil also encouraged the students to participate in such events and declared Innovision 2015 as officially open.

Innovision 2015 was categorized into various areas of interest such as Inscape which included competitions like collage making, debate, poster making, and short films, Culfest included events like Fusion Bands, Solo Vocals, Photography, Gone in 3 minutes and Dance Off, Savoir faire, Commerce & Management Fest with programmes like Product launch, CrYSIS, Biz Plan, Bulls & Bears and Top Man. Science & Technology fest namely 'Technokrat' included programmes like Know it all, Joystick, Titan, Hardware Guru, and D-Bugger. Innovision 2015 also had guest performances by *Apurva and the Vibes* and also by Mr. Donald Lepcha the lead vocalist of the *Nomads* fame.



The second day of Innovision 2015 had programmes like short film competition, photography competition, Gone in 3 minutes, theme dance and Dance Off. Mr and Ms. Innovision, a fashion show organised in collaboration with High FM also attracted a huge crowd. All the events received a huge response from the students. The fest came to an end at around 5pm with the closing speeches by Father George Thadathil, Principal Salesian College, Father (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil, Rector, Salesian College Siliguri Campus and the announcement of the results and giving away prizes and certificates.

Innovision 2015 was a successful event as it provided the students not only a platform to showcase their talents but to make changes in the society by introducing new ideas and vision. The designers and executives of the programme were Mr Patrick Johnson and Mr Peter Lepcha along with student council and a team of volunteers from among the nearly 1000 students on campus. The fun and camaraderie that revolved around the preparations and execution of the event was indeed a manifestation of Salesian educational style.

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Visiting Bhutan has been a lifetime experience for me. I had never imagined how beautiful Bhutan could be. The roads are wide and clean, and the mountains are covered with pine forests. You need a thousand eyes to take in the beauty of this beautiful land. The people are soft spoken and gentle in their dealings. The food though simple, is very tasty and healthy. Thimpu is a beautiful valley surrounded by pine forests and apple gardens. The river *Wang Chuu* running through the valley is crystal clear. People do not fish in the river nor do they wash their vehicles or clothes in the river. Thimpu is the only capital with no traffic signals, they just have traffic points. The town is beautifully planned and the market place is very clean selling a variety of local produce. The Buddha Point is a must visit for any tourist. It gives a clear view of the entire Thimpu valley. The *Tashichhoedzong* is a Buddhist monastery and fortress on the northern edge of the city. It is a beautiful structure which houses the administration as well as the monastic body of the capital. The textile museum and the painting school are places one must visit to understand the handicraft and cottage industry of Bhutan.

The road to Phunakha is greeted by the *Dochula Pass* with 108 *Chortens* (Stupas), giving us a clear view of the mighty Himalayas. Punakha is a much warmer valley than Thimpu, with beautiful paddy fields. *Punakha Dzong* is the main attraction of this place. It is a majestic building with beautiful carvings and paintings, located at the confluence of the *Pho Chhu* (father) and *Mo Chhu* (mother) rivers in the **Punakha**–Wangdue valley. The *Chime Lhakhang* or the fertility temple is the other attraction at Punakha. This monastery is located on a hillock surrounded by paddy fields. Paro is a

beautiful valley surrounded by mighty mountains. It has the only international airport of Bhutan, considered to be most difficult landing airport in the world. A hike to *Taksang Monastery* or *The Tiger's Nest* brought back memories from my hiking days in school. The monastery hangs on a precipitous cliff above the Paro valley. The rock slopes are very steep (almost vertical) and the monastery buildings are built into the rock face. Though it looks formidable, the monastery complex has access from several directions. A mule track leading to it passes through pine forest that is colourfully festooned with moss and prayer flags.

Every mountain and valley in Bhutan is amazingly beautiful to be described in words. I have had a very memorable experience. However, I feel I must go again to enjoy this beautiful country, to understand its culture and history and appreciate its march towards the future, holding on to its culture and spirituality.



Creations of the winners of
Drawing Competition
organized for street children
on 2nd October, 2015



WINNER
1st



WINNER
2nd



WINNER
3rd



WINNER
4th



WINNER
5th

Names of Winners :-

1. Golam Sabek Ali
2. Guddu Sarkar
3. Parmila Lama
4. Mamta Singh
5. Samiul Hussain