

## Five Catholic Universities to address the future of India's higher education

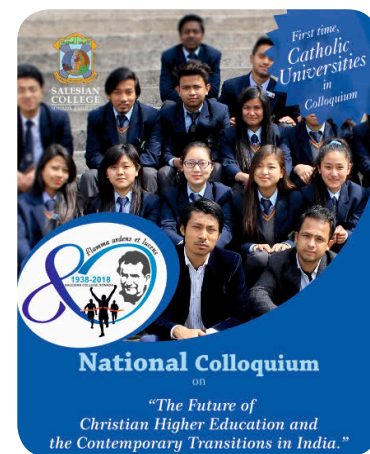
**Darjeeling**  
By Fr. C. M. Paul

Kolkata will host a national colloquium on "Future of Christian Higher Education and Contemporary Transitions in India" on November 16, 2017, to celebrate the 80th year of Salesian College. "For the first time, the event will witness five Catholic universities of India in colloquium," as Principal of Salesian College, Fr. (Prof.) George Thadathil, SDB, informs Matters India. The event will be held at Don Bosco School at Park Circus. Father Thadathil added further, "the topic is pertinent in the contemporary educational scenario in India and the rising number of subtle at-

tempts in the saffronization of educational establishments in the country." He expressed the hope that, "the colloquium, while exposing the alarming trends in higher education, will also inspire the growing number of Christian Institutions of educational excellence, to upgrade themselves to serve minorities and marginalized groups". In lieu of which Salesian College, a constituent college of North Bengal University and with a campus in Siliguri, has applied for autonomous status two years back. The Catholic Universities invited to participate in the colloquium include Assam Don Bosco University, Guwahati, Christ University, Bangalore, Xavier University, Bhuvanagar, St.

Xavier's University Kolkata and St. Joseph University, Kohima, Nagaland. The colloquium will discuss topics such as, Mission in Higher Education and Contemporary Transitions in India, Church's Social Concern and Challenges from Corporates in Higher Education, Visioning the Future of Higher Educational Institutions and Strategies to Replicate Existing Institutions of Excellence into Universities. Among the speakers are the Chancellor of Don Bosco University, Fr. V. M. Thomas, Former Principal of Delhi's St. Stephen's College, Dr. Valson Thampu, Vice-Chancellor of Christ University, Dr. Thomas C. Mathew, Professor of Eminence in Sociology & HoD, department of Social Work, Tezpur Cen-

tral University, Dr. Virginius Xaxa and Jesuit Higher Education Commission Coordinator, Dr. Xavier Alphonse. Three heads of leading Christian Women's Colleges who will respond to the presentations will be the Secretary of Xavier Board and former Principal of Stella Maris College, Chennai, Dr. Annamma Philip, Principal of Loreto College, Kolkata, Dr. Christine Countinho, and Former Principal of Women's College, Patna, Dr. Doris D'Souza. Besides being a post novitiate philosophy studies center for Salesian India, for almost 80 years, Salesian College is also the cradle of Salesian university education in India, started in Shillong in 1933.



The Brochure for the upcoming National Colloquium

After an accidental fire gutted the building on a Good Friday in 1936, the college was re-located at Gorabari village near Sonada. It is situated some 6,500 feet above sea level and is home to some 70 Philosophy students from various Salesian provinces and dioceses. The college which opened to local residents in 2000, has almost 1,500 students studying in 15 departments today.

### DAS PRIDE!!



Salesian College, Sonada and Siliguri campus has recently earned the title, 'Pride of the Catholic Church' for imparting value based education based on the Gospel values to a commendable level. The Salesian Times on behalf of the Students' Community congratulates the efforts of all those who are behind this remarkable achievement. May God bless the Salesians.

## Nation's trend hits Salesian Siliguri

By Loden Lama

### The NSS unit observes Swachhata Pakhwada

Between September 1 and 5, 2017, The NSS unit of Salesian College, Siliguri organized the 'Swachhata Pakhwada Campaign' to spread the message of hygiene and cleanliness. The programme comprised of different 'daily events' such as cleanliness drives, awareness trips and surveys, which were conducted along with Essay and Elocution competition. The participants emerged from the campaign wiser and sensitive towards 'swachhata', as they felt the events to be 'healthy' and 'informative'. The Campaign was organized with great enthusiasm by the NSS Unit, under the guidance of

the NSS Unit coordinator, Mr Sandeep Sundas, also a faculty at Siliguri campus. The programme concluded with the closing ceremony on September 15. The participants and organizers were congratulated on a job well done.

Mr Peter Lepcha, HoD, dept. of English and Mr Shomik Saha, HoD, dept. of Business Studies were judges for the Essay and Elocution competition respectively. The winner of the Essay competition was Srijana Rai

from the Finance department with Anandita Roy and Jyoti Kumar Shah, both from the Commerce department, stood second and third respectively. The Elocution competition was won by Prashant Sharma pursuing Geography Honors. The campaign was a resounding success and greatly affected the outlook of many participants. It is with hope that the NSS Unit and the College at large looks forward to such events in the future.



A group of students of NSS Unit of Salesian College, Siliguri campus cleaning the streets



- ### 'CHEW'ABLES
1. Two Siliguri campus NSS members for R-Day Parade
  2. NCC installed at Siliguri Campus
  3. Siliguri campus is smelling of Innovision

### The Salesian Times gets inaugurated

Siliguri  
Joyeesha Sarbadhikary

The Salesian Times - a bi-monthly newsletter was inaugurated by Fr.

(Prof.) George A. Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College during the assembly recently. The first copy was given to the HoD of the dept. of Mass communication and Journalism Ms. Rochelle Ann Lepcha. Father appreciated the efforts of the students who came up with this newsletter. He suggested to include in the newsletter; name of the student

with highest elective attendance or the one who never has lost his or her handbook, adding, "We are the creator of news" and expects students to continue with the same spirit. He concluded with a motivational speech and urged students to be more creative and knowledge seekers.

## Neuro - Linguistic Prog at the Siliguri campus



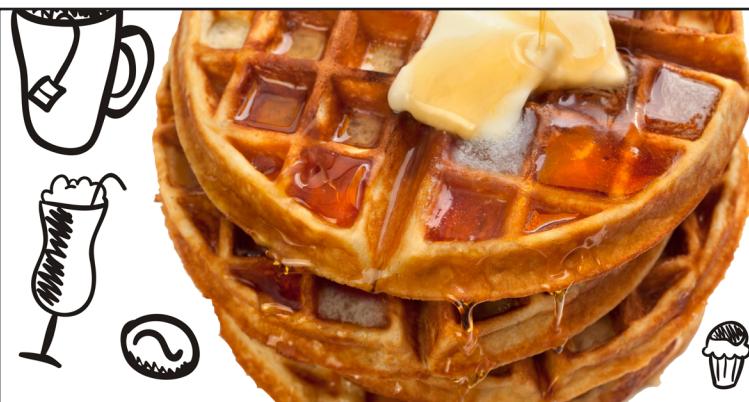
Dr. A Abraham addressing the faculty members during an NLP session

Siliguri  
By Pooja Sharma

A two day Neuro-Linguistic programme was organized by the dept. of Psychology in collaboration with the 'Mind Masters', Kerala, as part of a faculty development program. The programme started with a speech by Father (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil, Rector, SCSC, in which he welcomed the Guest Speaker, Dr. A. Abraham, MD, AIIMS and a certified practitioner of NLP (ANLP), UK. Dr. Abraham gave

a little introduction on the human beings who are the best of the Creations; of a race which possesses unimaginable capabilities. Comparison or competition is not conducive to development in the human race as each individual differs in capability and potential. Further, he stated "Everything starts in the mind" and added, there's a need to understand one's own self before beginning to draw conclusions about others. Everyone is brilliant, so don't compete or compare. He supported the

theory with various logical examples. The entire programme was an interactive session. One of the faculty members observed, "Neuro Linguistic Programme' would help to develop a better teaching and learning environment in the college." Day two continued with discussions about the abilities of the brain. A demonstration along with a questionnaire was employed to determine the more dominant part of the brain. The results were then discussed personally by Dr. Abraham. He motivated and inspired the faculty members to be positive and lead a positive life. The session was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Susweta Acharya Dutta, HOD, dept. of Psychology and Father Pulingathil. Father (Dr.) George Chempakathinal, Vice Principal, Siliguri campus also shared his views on the program.



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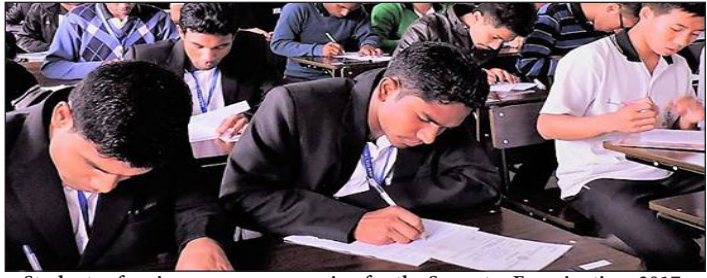
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## Semester at Salesian



Students of various courses appearing for the Semester Examination, 2017.

Sonada/ Siliguri  
By Nivedita Thapa

The students of Salesian College recently appeared for the Semester Examination 2017. It started from October 6, 2017, just after the Durga Puja vacations, and concluded on 16th of the same month. More than 1200 students from both the campuses at Sonada and Siliguri appeared for the examination. The semester examination, one of the unique traits of the Don Bosco system of education, aims to evaluate the acquired knowledge and ability of the students after three

months of regular classes. It is also meant to prepare the pupils for the upcoming University examinations. Examination controller of the college, Mr Pawan Prasad efficiently managed the examination by allotting classrooms to faculty members for different examinations every day. Mrs. Mousakhi Ray, Mr Subhijit Bose, HoD, dept. of Mathematics and Mr. Tanay Bhadra from the Department of Computer Science, also lend great help to the administration in managing the examination during this period.

## Siliguri Commerce Dept pays an industrial visit



Students accompanied by the HoD, Mr. Pawan Prasad (centre) and Miss Risha Chhetri during an Industrial visit.

Siliguri  
By Shasi Patodia

An industrial visit to 'Peak Chemical Industry', was organized by Salesian College, Siliguri on September 22. Twelve students of the department of commerce accompanied by three faculty members visited the industry where Mr. D. R. Sen told them how he started the industry and the entire business of Argo Biotechnological products. The industry has its self designed techno-economically viable projects. It manufactures Caffeine IP, Sodium Benzoate and Benzoic Acid, among other chemicals. The raw materials bought are first

tested before being processed and after that the manufactured products goes through a quality control test. It also has a soil testing laboratory with AAS which meets the requirements as per FCO-85 standard. It is also an IMO certified industry. After the visit, the students found the visit to be very exciting and valuable. The industry was established by Mr. Sen back in the year 1976. He is a visionary technocrat entrepreneur and under his guidance, the group has been committed to and proficiently associated with the agricultural sector over the last few decades.

## Spirit of Christmas draws near



By Gracie Lepcha

When the night dawns there's felt the presence of a bearded man in red with a big fat tummy and a bag full of gifts - for the kids who have been good and kept themselves off 'The Naughty List'. They call him Santa Claus and he is said to be living in the North Pole, a figure who comes all the way to every house with drooped stockings, riding his sledge pulled by reindeers, and flying through the sky, to fill it with Christmas presents.

The man behind the story is St. Nicholas, a Bishop who lived in the fourth century in a place called Myra in Asia Minor (Turkey). St. Nicholas having lost both his parents at a very young age and with all the fortunes to himself was a very kind and generous man; always fond of helping people. There were many occasions where he showed his sincere spirit of generosi-

ty, one of which was the birth of Santa Claus. He became famous when he secretly helped a poor man to marry off his daughters, by dropping bags of gold down the chimney into the house. The poor man finally caught the secret helper and thus began the 'era' of Santa Claus and the custom of hanging stockings to receive gifts by none other than Santa himself.

Over the years, parents have played the role of Santa to their children. Gifts and warm fuzzies have become a staple of the season. Children flock to Christmas trees decorated lovingly by the family members, eager for their gifts from Santa, while the parents receive their own Christmas presents; the happiness of their children. The spirit of Christmas is bigger than gifts. It lives in each one of us as we share our love and happiness with each other; our friends and families. Santa Claus lives in each one of us - as we laugh, eat and drink, share gifts and memories; spreading the Christmas cheer, we are all embodiments of the spirit of Christmas.

## IGNOU Induction at Siliguri campus

The Induction Programme for the learners of IGNOU Special Study Centre at Salesian college, Siliguri campus was held October 11, 2017 under the chairmanship of the Regional Director, Dr. Salam Dilan Singh and the Co-ordinators, Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pullingathil, Rector, SCSC, Fr. (Dr.) C. J. George, VP, SCSC and Fr. (Dr.) Babu Joseph, Campus Minister, SCSC. The programme started by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries while the College staff sang a Bhajan and a hymn. There were about 50 learners who attended the programme. Dr. Singh delivered a comprehensive and inspiring speech about the importance of the counselling classes and the necessary information for the learners' smooth learning process. There was also a question hour for the learners, where they were given an opportunity to clear their doubts. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Niramala Kujur of the IGNOU centre at Siliguri campus.

## When education and commitment prevail

By Shiba Khatoon, Assistant Prof  
Department of Education, SCS

Hopelessness and helplessness defined the unprecedented 104 day strike as life in the hills came to a standstill for an enormously extended period of time. At the same time, despite the agitations and crisis in the hills, a ray of hope gradually became visible when some diligent students and dedicated teachers in Kurseong braved the unprecedented strike by choosing educational right over constitutional right. In such a situation, while some feared stepping out of their comfort zones in the hills, some others juggled with the dilemma in mind - hills or no hills? With such a prolonged strike, anyone not belonging to the hills would fear coming and making a career here in such intense a situation. A prolonged crisis impregnated with uncertainty caused many to go through

an approach-avoidance conflict. Nevertheless, optimism began taking a strong grip over pessimism and 'education' and 'commitment' emerged as victors. Salesian College, Sonada, remained open throughout the period of strike braving agitations and crisis and its students, teachers, administrators, office staff, support staff proved their commitment to the Institute by uniting over a common cause- Right to Education. Duty, service and commitment thus over-ruled fear and apprehension. This proved equally true for the newly recruited teachers and newly admitted students who were waiting patiently for the hills to return to its normalcy with some even joining the College while the hills still hovered with uncertainty. Their commitment to the Institute and their belief in the education system spoke louder than their dilemma, fear and apprehension which echoed beyond the walls of the Institute.

## Siliguri student reaches Tollygunge

Siliguri

Priyadarshini Bhattacharya, a second year honors student from the Department of English at Salesian college, Siliguri campus, was recently selected to become the top five 'Patanjali Kesh Kanti Pujor Kuntala' organised by Patanjali Kesh Kanti at the Tollygunge Studios, Kolkata. She was selected out of 9000 contestants. Bagging a cash prize of ₹50,000 and a gift hamper of



worth ₹5000 she secured the second highest vote in the entire West Bengal. "It was an elating experience, and it really helped me a lot to come out of my long borne cocoon and after the results, I now feel more confident about myself" said Priyadarshini with a radiating smile of a true winner. The event was covered by T2, the weekly supplement of The Telegraph, which was all the more exciting for Priyadarshani.

## Connecting youth on wheels at SCSC



Shravan Kumar with a selfie smile

Siliguri

Siliguri campus recently organized a seminar on keeping emotional wellbeing at check. Mr. Shravan Kumar Yadav, founder of 'Connecting Youth on Wheels', is on a National Mission to connect colleges/universities' students through seminars and lectures. He speaks about how to keep the emotions in control and use them in a positive way. He addressed the students in two groups, a batch of 90 each; who found him to be very realistic, helpful and inspiring. The man is traveling on his Bullet and has already addressed numerous seminars and lectures in many universities and colleges across the country.

## A Doctorate in Comparative Religion

Sonada

By Suprina Chamling

A senior faculty member of Salesian College Sonada, Dr. Terence Mukhia, has completed his PhD from Assam Don Bosco University, recently. He is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy and English language at the Gorabari campus of the college.

The title of his doctoral thesis is "Impact of Christianity on the Tamang and the Lepcha tribal communities in the Darjeeling District: A Philosophical perspective (1841-2012)."

He completed his degree under the guidance of Dr Mathew George, a former professor at Salesian College, Siliguri, currently based in Kolkata. Though Dr Mukhia's main subject was philosophy, his area of interest was comparative religious studies, which became his topic of choice for his PhD degree.



Vice-Chancellor Prof Stephen Mavely awarding PhD to Dr Mukhia at ADBU, Guwahati.

## A walk of fate

By Pratik Thapa

How does one describe Fate? According to the dictionary, it is described as divine will that pre-destines events - the roads we walk have already been chosen for us. Whatever is set to happen in our life will happen no matter how hard we may try to run from it. If fate is divine will then there must exist a being that is more powerful than fate - a being capable of wielding Fate; a being who created Heaven and Earth and everything in between, a being we know as God. No one has seen God yet religion allows us to commune with God.

Are we all ruled by Fate then? Is there no potential for freedom and free will? We are a race full of flaws and yet there is Hope in us. In us Belief reigns supreme. We are different from each other. It is what defines us. If we allow ourselves to be ruled by the construct of Fate, then are we not surrendering to Fate? The flawed human race retains hope in all its imperfections that we will arise, a race not ruled by Fate but a race writing stories of our own destinies.



## Attention! It's a Radio Play Competition



Radio Salesian 90.8 FM is holding a RADIO PLAY COMPETITION to mark its first anniversary on December 8, 2017. The contest is in Nepali language with a script for 20 minutes duration. It is open to three categories: Schools, Colleges and Open category. Cash prizes and certificates shall be awarded and the winning scripts will be produced and broadcast for free. Typed or neatly handwritten scripts in .pdf or .doc formats may be sent via email to 'radiosalesian@gmail.com' or maybe sent on WhatsApp - 8538040168 or via post at 'Radio Salesian 90.8 FM, Salesian College Sonada, 734209 Darjeeling'. The participant(s) is allowed to submit more than one script for the competition which must reach the office of the Radio Salesian on or before December 8, 2017. The scripts will be evaluated by a panel of three eminent judges at a public event on the same day. NO ENTRY FEE.

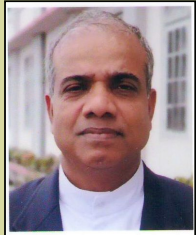


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**Solitude  
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Loneliness**

Solitude is excellent... aloneness... no comments... loneliness is dangerous. Loneliness is catching up. People seem to be lonelier than ever. Due to loneliness, more and more young and old trudge into depression. The present life style supplements anxiety, conflicts and frustration to human life. The negative growth of the mind is on a faster wheel. In a technologically progressive world people try to find an answer to loneliness in fancy apps and machine directed activities. Non- depression/anti-loneliness paths seem to be less tread. What people need is company; mothers, fathers, siblings, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts. Only they can support us as they can be our antidote for a lonely life. They can be our friends in the world who understands. Look out for people who can support us in our personal growth.

Recently, I was invited to a village celebration in Saraswaptipur. There I found some of our students; Kusum, Rashmi, Kanta, Roset, Shajin, Tapsri, Roger, Preeti, Polina, Alka, and Merilyne who belonged to that village. They participated in the village celebration where children and others were singing and dancing, praying and playing, eating and meeting. The students told me that had been part of the preparation for the feast as well. The people of the village enjoyed along with them and were thrilled to include them in their celebration. At the close of the day they found themselves tired but their minds were refreshed and rejuvenated.

Human interactions especially with children have a medicinal value for the mind. Children's innocence, openness, frankness and the "childlike life" are vitamins for the human mind. Create or look for opportunities for a healthy mind. Work on fine tuned interaction models for living, learning, discovering, building and adding value to group living. Organize all programmes, group based and other - oriented, while at the same time creating a radical experiment that helps in developing consciousness amongst small and big groups as the need for one another is important to build a mentally healthy and wealthy human living.

**SCSC English Dept celebrates Hay Fever**

Siliguri  
By Loden Lama

The department of English at the Siliguri campus recently organized 'Hay Fever', a fest celebrating the vast output of the English language. Led by Mr. Peter Lepcha, head of the department, the event is held every year, which is often quoted as the 'herald of the winter season' in the college. Dealing with the theme of representation, the event was a resounding success with participants, faculty members and the spectators. The fest was a two day event, took place on October 30 and 31, 2017. It began with poetry writing, essay writing and story writing competitions. The competitions garnered great response from the student body as the students from various departments eagerly participated in the competitions. The event moved on to the next day with 'Paper Presentation' held for all departments. The event had presentations by students on a wide range of topics. This was followed



Students during a Skit performance

by the much awaited skit competition between the three batches of the department, putting up captivating plays. The first years emerged as winners with the third year batch and the second years, standing second and third respectively. The event then concluded on a grand note with the "Out of the Book" competition, which had students dressed up as different literary characters.

**Two NSSers of Siliguri campus for R Day parade**



Pooja Sharma



Adarsh Sharma

A Pre-Republic Day Parade Camp was organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport under the National Service Scheme Regional Center. It was a ten- day camp from November 7 to 16, 2017 at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. A total of 40 volunteers participated in the parade from all over the state, out of which eight are from North Bengal, including two from Salesian College, Siliguri. Adarsh Sharma from the Department of Computer Applications and Pooja Sharma from the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism are two of the most committed members of the NSS unit of the campus. They performed a number of tasks in the camp. Some of them were further selected, who will be participating on the Republic Day Parade at Delhi or Kolkata next year.

**Prize worth ₹50,000 for Siliguri student**



Siliguri  
By Nivedita Thapa

Chetan Bansal from the Department of Business Studies, pursuing his Management Honors was recently declared the winner of the 4th 'Behance Portfolio Review'

competition, held at Inspiria Knowledge Campus, Siliguri on October 3, 2017. It provided a great opportunity to receive feedback on the portfolios, websites, 3D models, show reels and any other design platforms. The works of the contestants were reviewed by the top design industry professionals. The contest was conducted in a friendly and inspiring environment with 28 participants from all over North Bengal, ranging from photographers, designers, animators to sketch artists and painters. Chetan was rewarded with a ₹55,000 worth of free subscription from adobe credits for one year.

**Siliguri Faculty meets the Union Minister**



Mr. Sandeep Sundas (right) at the State Level Interactive Session on NSS Functionaries

Siliguri campus once again stood tall when Mr. Sandeep Sundas, a faculty of the Commerce department, also holding the position of Coordinator of the NSS Unit at the campus, recently participated in an 'Interactive Session on NSS Functionaries' with Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, as the Chief Guest of the event, held at Amity University, Kolkata on October 29, as a representative from the North Bengal University. The only other person selected from the region was Mr. Baidurya Biswas from St. Xavier's College. The event was organized chiefly to discuss the issues related to the functioning of NSS, inculcating moral values in students, awareness among the unprivileged, Digital India campaign and other youth oriented government projects.



**Sonada bags three at the Media Fest**



Participants of Media Fest with Father (Prof.) George A. Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College and Father C. M. Paul

Sonada  
By Fr. C. M. Paul

The Department of Mass Communication, Sikkim University, Gangtok recently hosted the 'Eastern Himalayas Media Buzz Fest, 2017' on October 16 & 17, for the first time. There were 12 events under literary and cultural categories including, photography, art exhibition, creative writing, news writing, dramatics, etc., out of which Salesian College, Sonada participated in three. Dikshit Tamang from the Department of Mass Communication at Sonada and Dipankar Roy from the Department of Computer

Application took part in the Solo Song Competition, among 25 other participants from various other institutions. Dikshit, a first year student and the youngest RJ at Radio salesian 90.8 FM, won the first prize in the competition. Suprina Rai, another student from the Department of Mass Communication, stood second in Street Photography event. A team of ten students from the department of Commerce bagged third prize for their commendable performance in the Short Drama competition, which was one of the main attractions of the event.

**Radio Salesian launches new programs**

Sonada  
By Dikshit Tamang

Radio Salesian, the community radio of Salesian College Sonada has recently started a couple of new programmes. They are titled 'Aroha Awaroha', Bhanjyang Chautari, and Back to Back English Songs. The first programme features the life of the people and talks about their hardships and sufferings. It is broadcast every Sunday from 6 pm to 8 pm, presented by RJ Moses. Another show, Bhanjyang Chautari (People's Chat) discusses about the current developmental issues introduced by the government like Swachha Bharat Mission, Clean



RJs pose for Bhanjyang Chautari show as Radio Salesian whistle-blows new program

endangered animals. This popular show is hosted by all the presenters and broadcast on every Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm. The third is a 'Back to Back' English Song programme featuring a mix of old and new English songs. The programme is broadcast only on Sunday from 4 to 5 in the evening.



NCC Cadets during a drill

**Sparks of new colour in Siliguri campus**

Siliguri  
By Nivedita Thapa

Salesian College, Siliguri is now one

of the centres for the National Cadet Corps, a tri-service organization comprising the Army, Navy and Air Force, engaged in grooming the youth of the country into disciplined and patriot-

ic citizens. 'Unity and Discipline' the motto of National Cadet Corps is also something the community of Salesian College endeavours to inculcate among the students as well.



## Psychology department day at Salesian Siliguri

By Joyeesha Sarbadhikary

The Department of Psychology at the Siliguri campus recently celebrated its department day from September 11 to 13, 2017, under the able guidance of the HoD, Mrs. Susweta Acharya Dutta. It was an educational and informative session for the students. Globally, September 10 is considered as suicide prevention day, which is followed by a suicide prevention week. To mark the same, the students made posters on depression and anxiety, some of the major causes of suicide. Divided into groups, the students were taken to an Epilepsy center named 'Mrigna' under the assistance of Ms. Subhashree Mazumdar, a guest lecturer at the department. The students learnt about the technicalities of different psychological tests like EEG (electroencephalogram) and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), as part of physiological psychology, which are useful to detect brain anomalies leading to various psychological problems. The students had an interactive session with a professional psychologist who gave a talk, which would prove to be fruitful to those who decide to pursue their careers in Psychology.

## 51 days of Émigré for Sonada brothers

Sonada  
By Ankit Xalxo

Salesian College Sonada had just resumed the classes of current session on June, 13, when again, trouble began on the hills, followed by the declaration of indefinite strike. Initially the students thought it to be a temporary situation, but soon they realized this was going to affect their entire academic year. The resident student brothers of Salesian College Sonada started to commute to Salesian College, Siliguri, to attend their classes. The Novitiate community in Siliguri Formation House, welcomed and accommodated not less than a total of 45 clerics. In spite of having inconveniences, they had quite an experience. They came back to Sonada on September 23. The Émigré has created unforgettable memories. What they cherish most now are friends, loving and dedicated teachers and the way the college functions in Siliguri.

## Research favors academic development in Siliguri campus

By Bhaskar Malu, Assistant Prof.  
Dept. of Psychology, SCSC

An internal research study conducted by Salesian college, Siliguri campus on the difference in the level of academic intrinsic motivation between the 1st year and 3rd year students revealed that the 3rd year students of the campus were found to have a higher level of academic intrinsic motivation as compared to the 1st year students. This indicates that the college creates an atmosphere and an environment for students to grow and develop academically, to be more inclined to achieving success. Intrinsic motivation is the desire an individual has to perform a task to satisfy their own aims or goals rather than complete or perform a task to gain something external (e.g. gifts, compliments etc.). From an academic view point, a high level of intrinsic motivation implies a greater desire to study, to attend classes and perform better in examinations. Intrinsic motivation is a known predictor of better academic performance, student engagement, and is more pervasive in nature indicating that an intrinsically motivated student is more likely to stay that way for a longer period of time which can only be beneficial. The research was conducted on 80 students from various departments within the Siliguri campus. It was a cross sectional research design, the results analyzed using the Kruskal Wallis test which revealed significant differences between the levels of intrinsic motivation between the 1st year and 3rd year students. Salesian college, Siliguri campus creates an atmosphere to stimulate higher levels of intrinsic motivation for their students through the career oriented programmes, personality development programmes, and mentoring classes for each student, along with college level competitions fostering an ambition to become autonomous and competent creating a foundation to grow intrinsically motivated. The research supported by the Salesian Research Centre is on its way for publication, following which, it will be available for public viewing and scrutiny.

## Club Rinaldi wins the Day

Siliguri campus organizes Sports Day 2017. Club Rinaldi scored 302 points



Members of Rinaldi club with the Winning Trophy at the conclusion of Sports Day at Siliguri campus

Siliguri  
By Nivedita Thapa

The much awaited event of Salesian College; the Annual Sports Day was held on November 3, 2017. The event was organized by the Sports Department led by Mr. Himanshu Poddar, the Head of the Department. The College Administration and faculty members along with the students worked together to make it a success. The event garnered an enthusiastic response from the student body and faculty alike. The event began with a march past around the National Flag led by the NCC unit, followed by the

members of the different clubs, after which the lighting of the torch was conducted. The Guest of Honor, Fr. (Prof.) George Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College, and the Chief Guest, Fr. (Dr.) Matthew Pulingathil, Rector, SCSC, exhorted the students to strive for excellence and conducted the oath taking ceremony. Club-wise, the students competed in various events; track races of 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m, and hurdles, relay, long jump, high jump, dodge ball, tug-of-war, javelin throw, etc. The day provided an opportunity to the students, to showcase their sportsmanship and abilities. The competitors proudly represented

their clubs where everyone showed commitment to secure maximum points and make their club victorious. The atmosphere was filled with cheers of encouragement for the athletes. Events like 100m track race among the faculty members and tug-of-war between the students and teachers added to the enjoyment. The day ended with the distribution of medals and certificates to the winners. The points scored in various events by the competing members of different clubs were calculated and the club 'Rinaldi' was declared the overall winner of the event.

## PICK OF THE MONTH



Fr. (Prof.) George A. Thadathil, Principal, Salesian College, during his visit to Salesian Provincial House Kolkata on October, 7, is flanked by two former principals of Salesian College Sonada. On the left: Nonagenarian, Dr. Peter Lourdes (1967 to 1970) and on the right: Father Alancherril Sebastian (1981-1982)

## T. Triumphant of Victory at Siliguri campus



The Running Trophy for the Winners on display in Salesian Siliguri

Siliguri  
By Gracie Lepcha

A two day Table Tennis Tournament was organized by North Bengal University at the Sports Court on September 7 and 8, 2017. Salesian College, Siliguri emerged triumphant, beating Falakata college in the finals. The participants from the winning team were Tanmoy Agarwal, Aditya Rateria, Nikhil Ladia and J. Sagar Singh. Salesian College, Siliguri was crowned winners of the tournament for the first time in college history. Many other colleges also participated in the tournament and Salesian College had to navigate through various rounds against those quality opponents. The final round and the crowning moment of the Champions was a moment awaited by the participants; fruits of their incessant labour and practice. The winner's team was congratulated and felicitated with a trophy (picture above) and upon coming back to college, an announcement of victory by Father George Chempakathinal, Vice Principal, Siliguri campus.

## It's all auctioning, bidding ... at Conoscenza'17



VP (SCSC) Fr. Dr. George Chempakathinal declaring the names of the winners (left) flanked by Fr. Dr. Babu J. Mundupa thunkal, Asst. Principal, and Mr. Pawan Prasad, HoD, Dept of Commerce

Siliguri  
By Kriti Halder

Recently the Department of Commerce at Siliguri campus organized the yearly Inter-college Commerce Fest "CONOSCENZA 2017" on September 9, 2017. The opening ceremony commenced with a short prayer by Fr. Dr. Babu Joseph Mundupalathunkal, Campus Minister, followed by the lighting of the lamp ceremony. Mr. Pawan Prasad, HoD of the department welcomed the students and Fr. Dr. George Chempakathinal, Vice Principal of the campus declared the fest open with a speech, which emphasized

mostly on the importance of being a socially accepted person. The entire event was organised and animated by Mr. Surendra Kumar Saha and the events were judged by the members of 'Young Indians' and some faculty members. Mr. Prasad, observed, "in comparison to last year, the events are more organized, the number of participants have also increased and I think in coming years we will be able to send our students at international events." The first two events of the fest were 'Auctioning' and 'Mergenture'. Other events were Impresario, Fund Investor, Scrabble, Karyaneeti and Roll and Board Meeting. For the event

Ad Roll, Mr. Patrick Johnson, Campus Coordinator and a faculty of Management Studies, expressed, "I really enjoyed 'Ad Roll', which I had privileged of judging. It was nice to see commerce students exploring the creative side of advertisement business." As interesting as its name suggests, the Board Meeting was the flagship event of the Conoscenza Fest this year. Fr. Chempakathinal said, "Commerce Fest is seen as one of the best ways of promoting students' participation which stimulates lots of psychosocial support, as they prepare themselves for the job market."

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