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Felicitating an Author



Dear Friends,

When as an alumnus or alumna - whether of old vintage or of the more recent years - succeed in your career, and make advancements adding to your achievements, for those of you at the helm of affairs, presently, it is indeed a moment of great joy. Receiving a copy of Eunice Nirja's novel, *Perfect* was one such priceless moment.

When one carries through one's convictions of college years into life and into one's profession, those who mentored and guided have the satisfaction and contentment of knowing that their life's labour was not in vain, and that there is reason to hope and persist in doing what one loves doing - nurturing young lives.

The Easter Season that we just went through and the Ramzan on its way and the Holi festival not so far away, all remind of the festive mood and right to celebrate that each one carries within himself or herself.

Yet, the weight of negligence and forgetfulness; discarding attention to the responsibility and duty to preserve and protect life also stare us in the face as we are engulfed in the second wave of a pandemic from which we were cautiously guarding ourselves for over an year.

These "grave" losses that have created a vacuum in the lives of so many await a moment of resurrection from the fear and phobia surrounding the "neighbourhood". May we as members of a family that experienced what it means to share and live the joy of cross-cultural affinity be able to trace a path out of the present predicaments.

Wishing you all Safety and Wellbeing,
Yours in Don Bosco,

Fr George Thadathil sdb
Principal, Salesian College

"I love Dreaming because in my dreams you are actually mine"



Shuvam Agharwal
Alumnus of of Salesian
College Siliguri campus

In my very first Article "Is Getting married one of the hardest decision for this generation? Why? " I concluded with a statement "Marriage is a compromise for one sided lovers" So in this write-up I would like to highlight actually What it feels to fall in One sided Love.

Often people are confused about their feelings of like and love. If you like someone, it means you love something about them. Maybe you love his/her hair, smile, looks, personality/attitude etc.; these are part of that person. You can't love a person without liking a thing or two about him/her.

This love starts with liking. It only grows over time and then one day you realize that you have already fallen in love with that person. This is where you start challenging yourself. If you are brave enough you can confess what you feel but if not, it's really going to be troublesome. You will be confused and scared thinking that opening up may lead to loss of a good friend. We continue to love them even after knowing it may hurt us, at the end, because loving someone is not just being happy; it can also be sad. It's called sacrifice. We don't really want to get hurt; no one wants to. But if you really love that person, you will choose that thing, sacrificing your own happiness, just to see him/her happy.

Our heart may break but the important thing is to keep the trust and friendship we share with that person. We want to continue laughing with her while walking home together, to discuss on various topics with him/her, to share meal with him/her, to look at him/her freely, to comfort him/her and to be by his/her side as a friend that he/she trusts so much. We must be happy just being with him/her and that must be more than enough for us because what we really desire is his/her happiness. We just desire to see that pretty face with a bright smile on it.

We may get hurt at the end of the story but we know that every wound will tend to heal and every broken heart will mend itself. People will continue to move on as the time passes. What is important is living with it gladly, enjoying it and never fear of losing it because we all know nothing is constant in this world. Even if we lose something, be sad for a while, accept and then move on because there is a reason for everything. We must continue to live, laugh and love.

"Do cry because it's over, SMILE because it happened."

From the campus

FTP on Service Learning



Salesian College Sonada and Siliguri campus organized an online Faculty Training Programme on Service Learning in collaboration with IQAC. It was a two days programme. The first session was conducted on 12th March 2021 and the second on 13th March 2021. Each session was of two hours duration.

The Resource persons were Dr. A.S. Priscilla, Asst. Professor in Zoology Lady Doak College Madurai, Coordinator for life frontier engagement centre and Dr. Victor Paul, HoD Department of Social Work and Sociology at CHRIST – Deemed to be University. 100 faculty members joined the training from both Siliguri and Sonada campus.

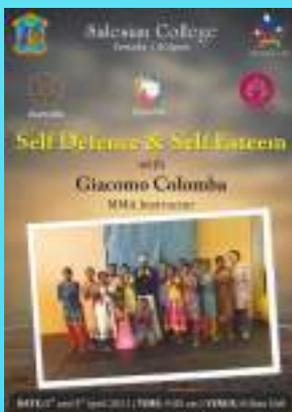


Alumni Meet

The Alumni members joined the Easter gathering and meeting with the alumni members of Sonada campus in the presence of Fr. George Thadathil and Fr. James Molekunnel on Monday 5 April afternoon.

TIST

Salesian College Siliguri campus organised 5th National Conference on TRENDS IN SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY (TIST) on 28th February 2021



Workshop on Self defense

Salesian College Sonada organised Two days workshop on self defense and self esteem on 19 April 2021

During this time of acute crisis, our alumnus Mr. Ankush Agarwala has rendered his service to the needy. We are proud for his gentle initiative. Here is an appeal from him:

We are in the middle of a crisis. Its time to lend our hands to the needy in every possible way. If each one of us do a small act of humanity, the pandemic will have to bow down. There is acute oxygen shortage which is leading to loss of lives in many parts across India. This time everyone of us are affected directly. Thousands of NGO's have come forward and joined hands with financial institutions who directly look into essential supplies. I urge each one of you to join hands and do a little act of kindness .

"Kindness costs Nothing but means Everything."

With regards

Ankush Agarwala

Alumni of Salesian College Siliguri campus



BOOK RELEASE



PERFECT Is the title of the maiden novel by Eunice Nirja, an alumna of Salesian College Sonada, released in the college in the first week of April and due for a release in Siliguri Campus. It is the first novel that features the life of the college and what being part of Salesian Family can mean, in a rather comprehensive manner. Congratulations to Eunice and wish her success in her career as an Author.

The first copies were given to Fr Dr Tomy Augustine, Rector and Fr CM Paul, the Campus Minister.

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