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Message from Principal



Dear Friends,

Getting back from a Picnic is a refreshing feeling. The scenes and the memories of being so naturally disposed among friends enervate oneself. A kind of feeling that life requires these moments of relaxation and free movement with friends to make it worth while.

It was quite some time in the plan and given the hectic schedule most of us lead and the compulsions of family and workspace that prevent such freelancing it was a wonder that nearly ten of us could make it.

Thanks to the members of the core committee for persisting and I am sure the photos speak for the day and record the fact that there is something in the making when it comes to enthusiasm and excitement built around the notion and fact of being a Salesian Alumnus/Alumna.

May this quite joy of being with the other just because the other is a friend, a companion and a Co-sojourner in search of happiness keep motivating us to join hands for the activities lined up for the year.

Yours truly in Don Bosco,

Fr George Thadathil sdb
Rector & Principal
5/2/23

Build Around The Best



**Marsom Lepcha (Vice President)
AASCSC**



Well! It's been almost one year being part of executive Committee member. Memories are still fresh in my mind. Uncertain hours of initial days, when I had to decide whether to embark the journey or not on the boat of Alumuni association. The answer may slightly disappoint you because it was exactly opposite to my present status in the squad. "We suffer more in imagination than reality"- Seneca .The first thought quite obvious it was skeptical couldn't find the thread to connect I found it wasn't the right time to contribute as executive member since I am still a student or scholar better perhaps , as for the time concern it was difficult to devote the duties which would go unpaid.

Normally, if you have same thought in certain situations a basic human tendency that John Keats the romantic poet best quoted and explored the idea of "Negative capability" In early 19th century. However what makes difference is, how you overcome these tides of uncertainties or such inescapable thoughts. The specialty is, despite the individual difference and cultural belief we work for common good beyond the personal interest .A fine democratic approach not limited to the words but in practice as well , You may come across to the unique and same time difficult personalities that isn't a problem but opportunity. Scope to develop the ways of the world. Way to encounter and escort the difficult situations. As smile resolves often the old issues thus the philosophy of association required with the life to be connected without involving. Something that drifted me back to live the missing part of college days. Because "Good artist copy, Great artist steals "- Pablo Picasso, after all isn't the nuance of the great artist discovered while performing in theatre? Serving the external expertise without disturbing the internal locus. Sooner or later connectivity suits busy minds, and to be late is better than to be lost and left out .

MISUSE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



Subham Agrawal
SECRETARY, AASCSC

Till date you have read my articles regarding friendship and love but in this article I would like to divert your kind to major problem faced and impacts on men in today's time due to various women centric laws in our country. Women-centric laws are made to benefit women who are considered as an oppressed section of the society. But there is a need to see these laws from a different perspective. These laws are affecting the rights of the males who are being harassed by false charges against them. The role of the judiciary is to provide justice to every individual and there can be no discrimination between men and women.

Now a days a young man's suicide is talk of the town and local news channels. He committed suicide after a week of proving innocent from the charge of domestic violence. When he was arrested there was not enough proofs against him but to get a women justice and to establish that the women-centric laws are for the protection of the females he was arrested. But after returning back life was not the same for him. He lost his job, people around him still treated him like a criminal and made sarcastic remarks against him. He was unable to bear this and gave up on his life. The simple question is whether the laws made to protect women possess the right to kill an innocent person? The laws are made to protect every individual. Considering women as the weaker and oppressed section of the society various laws were developed to protect them. But today, many of those laws are being misused. The laws which are mostly misused are Section 498-A and Section 376 of Indian Penal Code.

Section 498-A of IPC deals with the subjugation of women to cruelty by her husband or her in-laws. It is a non-bailable, cognizable (the police officer can arrest without warrant) and non-compoundable (a complaint cannot be compounded just by withdrawing the case but has to be quashed by the High Court) offence. When the woman or her relative's file complaint in the police station, an action is taken against the husband immediately. The husband, along with his family members, can be put behind the bars for 3 years and be fined. But in IPC there is no law against cruelty towards men. There are several women who are capable of subjecting men to cruelty. The tears of females are visible to everyone but no one sees the tears of men. There are so many false cases of domestic violence being lodged and innocent people are being put behind the bars. The family of the husband too is arrested in most of the cases and has to face humiliation in the society.

Section 304-B of IPC is a provision made to protect the women from cruelty by her husband and in-laws for dowry. It is presumed that if a woman dies within seven years of her marriage and her husband or in-laws were demanding dowry, then they will be responsible for her sudden death. This provision protects women but what about men. There is no such rule that if a husband dies within seven years of marriage the wife can be held liable. The law should be such that which protects the rights of each and everyone in the society and not only the females. There should be proper enquiry about the reason of the death and not directly putting the blame on the husband and his family.

Whenever there is discussion regarding sexual assault the first thing which comes to mind is women as the victim and men as the assailant and this is where the basic problem lies. Section 375 of IPC which was enacted to help the women to get justice if they are forced into sexual activities is also being misused. A man is not given any protection.

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Alumni Picnic



To celebrate and encourage the bond between Core committee members of Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter, a family a picnic was organised to a beautiful and refreshing venue (Dudiya) by the Secretary Subham Agrawal under the guidance of the Coordinator Tanisha Kansal with help of a member Karan Gupta.

On 4th February all the members reported in the college by 10 am. And then they all left for Dudiya with the Principal Fr. George Thadathill . After reaching the venue everyone enjoyed the beautiful view. The refreshing breeze relaxed them from daily hectic schedule and changed their moods.



After spending few hours enjoying their time and creating memories with selfies and group photos. Everyone had mouth-watering lunch at nearby restaurant " Chill Out "and then small meeting was organised over the table where two ideas emerged by Subham and Karan first idea was the Birthday of core committee members should be celebrated and core committee members must be invited or involved in college events as judges .

Then the group moved to Rohini for some refreshments and headed back to pavilion. Fr. George thanked the Secretary for organizing such a wonderful outing. , "A picnic is more than eating a meal, it is a pleasurable state of mind.

Subham Agrawal
Secretary
AASCSC



Campus



The letter of Approval of Autonomy for Salesian College is handed over to Principal Fr. Prof. George Thadathill SDB by Prof. Bratyo Basu Minister of Education, West Bengal and Prof Om Prakash Mishra, Vice Chancellor, NBU in the presence of Inspector of Colleges and Registrar (Officiating).

In the Executive committee meeting it was decided that student Saloni Begani will be given fees concession from Alumni Fund. The concession check was handed over to her.



Salesian College Siliguri faculty held a facilitation program for Bishop Nirmol Vincent Gomes of Krishnanagar on 9th December 2022. On the same day, Bishop released the hard copy of the Coffee Table book - Livelihood on the Street - prepared by first semester students of Mass Communication.

A Session on Emotional Intelligence was organised by Management Studies department. Professor Dr E.V. Swaminathan delivered a talk on the aspects of physical and mental health, and the importance of being happy, on 5th December 2022.



Salesian College Siliguri was Academic Partner while Radio Salesian and Salesian TV were Media partners for 3-day media Conference on Development Journalism organised by Press Club Kolkata in collaboration with UNICEF, West Bengal. The conference was held simultaneously in two venues from 12th to 14th December 2022. While main event was held at Hotel Mount Amara Siliguri, parallel sessions were held at Salesian College Siliguri.

A Coordinator of Post Graduate Department of Psychology in Salesian College Dr. Prince C.P. organized a session entitled 'DESH' - Developing Effective Study Habits, on 1st December 2022. It was divided into three one hour slots for three different groups of first year students.



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