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# Principals column



Dear friends in the alumni of Salesian College,  
We just completed the 207th birth anniversary of Saint John Bosco. All over the world it is amazing to see the kind of enthusiasm the day generated in terms of acknowledging an approach to life that respects and values young people: their freedom, their aspirations to Maximise the potentials that are in them and are God-given.

Anyone who has come into the system and has realised the beauty of being cared for - so as to nurture and fructify one's innate aspirations - joins the team in order to enable others to do so. I guess it is precisely this angle of influencing as a result of being influenced - the outcome of an experiential learning - that makes this approach to life appreciable. It is based on "reason, spirituality and loving kindness" and if truly lived by sustains and expands itself as education.

The recent events of prom night, alumni friendship cup in football and basketball for men and women held in Siliguri campus and the collaboration of Sonada alumni in the August 15th events in Sonada Campus Grounds are manifestations of the above outlining of how an idea spreads and influences a society.

This globality of good ideas from any part of the world travelling across and giving impetus to new ways of reconfiguring life is the essence of globalisation or the traditional notion of 'one world' or even the ancient idea "Vasudeva kutumbakam."

Thank you to the organisers of these events and welcome to the new office bearers and members of the Siliguri chapter of the Salesian alumni Association. I do hope those who are located elsewhere will give a thought to have small or big chapter of Salesian College Alumni to be initiated and activated in their own locations.

With warm regards  
Yours truly in Don Bosco,  
Fr (Prof) George Thadathil sdb  
Principal & Secretary  
Salesian College,  
Sonada & Siliguri

# PROM NIGHT: FIRST EVENT BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



July 10th, 2022, Siliguri: After a long wait with excitement finally the countdown ends, „Prom Night“ the event by the Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter arrived at the door. “Live for today, Plan for tomorrow, Party Tonight”

Vivan Agarwal and Vikshit Bansal were the host who gave a start to the Programme at 6 pm by welcoming all the guests. The Executive Committee Members were introduced by Tanisha Kansal , Alumni Coordinator and they were felicitated by Fr. George Thadathil SDB the Rector/Principal with khada. He also boosted the energy of the host and core committee members for the event in his opening speech. Then the President also gave a warm welcome to the guests and thanked all the sponsors for the event. The guests enjoyed the melody songs by singer Ayaz with mouthwatering Hi-Tea. The program was carried on with surprise games by the host and the winners were given prizes. The Cake cutting ceremony was conducted by the Fr. George Thadathil (Principal), Ms. Tanisha Kansal (Coordinator), Sidhant Agarwal(President), Subham Agrawal(Secretary) with other executive committee members. Then the floor was given to the guest to dance on the beats of DJ Gaurav which was followed by Dinner. It was great success and everyone enjoyed it. Everyone is eagerly waiting for the next Sporting event on the occasion of Independence Day.

**Subham Agrawal**  
**Secretary**  
**Alumni Association of Salesian College**  
**Siliguri**

# ALUMNI FRIENDS CUP-2022

August 15th, 2022, Siliguri: The Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter organized a Sports Event called “Alumni friends Cup” to mark 75 years of Independence Day on 15th August, 2022. Basketball & Football were two sports for the event. Committee Coordinator- Tanisha Kansal, Event Heads- Shiv Pratabh Singh , Marsom Lepcha an Elma Zarin with other Core Committee members –Subham Agrawal , Nihal Sarkar and Elma Zarin were present. The Program started with Flag hoisting ceremony by the college and NCC team. Elma, the host for the event introduced Alumni and welcomed Father Principal- George Thadathil and Mayor of Siliguri- Gautam Deb to inaugurate the event and declare the Event Open. After this she introduced the Referees for the day-Mr. Govinda Sharma and Mr. Akaash.

Basketball match started at 11 am. Salesian college Team took a victory in basketball against alumni team with a score of 35-27. After which Football match was held in which College Team lifted Football Trophy with a score of 4-2 against Alumni Team. Neirev Giri was awarded as best player for Basketball. Despite being out of practice Alumni Team gave a tough Competition to College Team. Assistant Prof. Nikkon Dutta also motivated the players by participating in alumni football team.

The program was concluded with Vote of Thanks by Tanisha Kansal.Alumni Coordinator. The trophies and certificates were given to the participants and winners along with refreshments packets to all the players and guests. Father Principal motivated Core Committee Members for such initiative and also encouraged to keep up the view of organizing such activities so the students can remain fit both physically and mentally and the bond and unity continues between the students of college and alumni members.

**Subham Agrawal**  
**Secretary**  
**Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter**



# CONGRATULATIONS



**The Alumni and former Faculty of Salesian College Sonada Fr. Nirmal Vincent Gomes is ordained Bishop of Krishnanagar.**

## CAMPUS



### NSS

Salesian College Siliguri, conducted a self defence workshop, on the occasion of 23rd Kargil Vijay Diwas, on 26th July, 2022. The workshop instructors hailing from Siliguri Sports Academy included Shihan Dai Bijoy Das, Sensei Rajarshi Raychaudhuri, Sensei Gita Das, and Sempai Monoj Das. They taught NSS volunteers some random self defence techniques under Karate, that would make everyone self dependent and strong.

### BASKET BALL

Two Salesian College teams namely Scavengers from Siliguri and Agastya from Sonada took part in Lieutenant Yap Wangyal Tobden Wazalingpa Memorial Cup 2022 in Paljor Stadium, Gangtok Sikkim, from 22nd - 24th July 2022. Lieutenant Yap Wangyal Tobden Wazalingpa was Commissioner of Police at the time of the Chogyal, the king of Sikkim. The men's category had 18 teams while women's category had 5 teams



### TEAM BUILDING

The three Sections (A,B&C) of the Commerce Department organised the Team Building Event for the 1st year students in the Students Orientation Program for more than 100 students on 10th of August, 2022. The event was oriented towards creating a friendly, engaging and creative environment among the newly inducted students along with some useful learning in the process. It also helped to establish a good rapport between the seniors and the juniors.



## **NCC girl cadets listen to Agnipath scheme briefing by Army Recruiting Officer**

The 4th Bengal National Cadet Corps girls battalion conducted a seminar in Salesian College Siliguri to make the cadets aware of Central Government's new Agnipath scheme on 13th July 2022. Army Recruiting Officer for North Bengal and Sikkim directorate Colonel Sandeep Kumar addressed some 400 cadets about the advantages and disadvantages of the scheme, and the criteria for selection



## **PSYCHOLOGY**

Salesian College Siliguri, Psychology department held 'Life Skills Training and Family life Education' workshop on 18th and 19th July 2022 for 60 students. The workshop facilitated by Dr. Prince CP from New Delhi consisted of both theory as well as activities.

## **Foundation Day**

Salesian College Siliguri celebrated its 14th Foundation Day on 9th July 2022. Dr Debasis Dutta, Controller of Examination, University of North Bengal was the Chief Guest. s



## **Service-Learning programme by BCA Department**

The BCA Dept. Of Salesian college Sonada and Siliguri organised a five day pilot Service learning project in collaboration with Hong Kong Polytechnic University on knowhow of Artificial Intelligence. Students of two schools from Siliguri and three schools from Sonada took part in the programme.

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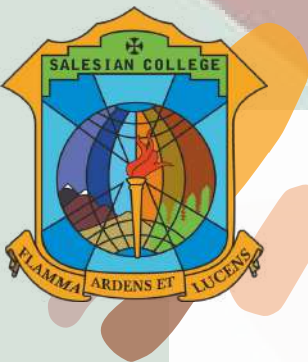
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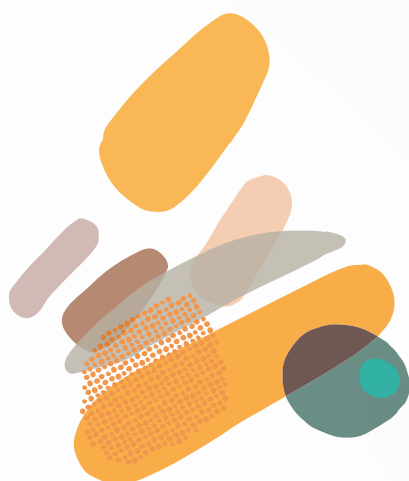


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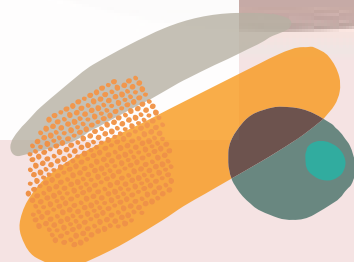
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## From the Vice Principal's Desk



In the present modern era, the ways of imparting education have immensely evolved as the pace of advancement in science and technology have increased manifold. Aristotle says, 'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all; knowledge can give intellectual ethics not conduct'. Still the art of educating the mind is of prime importance. Moreover, purity of heart, tolerance of other people, compassion for poor and world-peace are of utmost importance. Salesian education is tailored to give young a sense of excellence, professionalism, rationality, truthfulness, empathy and honesty. Salesian college alumni are engaged and generous, and have a direct impact on the education we provide to the students today. I encourage each of you to be involved in holistic education of young. There are many occasions that you can be associated with and work in greater collaboration and cooperation in the various events in the college. Over the past years I have seen how alumni are connected to the college, which is a true testament to the strength of Salesian college that the alumni continue to be as involved and passionate as they are in the years after they graduate. As the saying goes, 'you are a student for only a short time, but you are alumni forever'. Whether you are graduated one year or ten years ago, staying connected with your fellow alumni and the college has never been easier. However, you choose to get involved and make more things possible. The possibilities are endless!

I am pleased with the opportunity to engage and connected with all of you as we work toward continuing the great legacy of Salesian college Siliguri, becoming a flame that enlightens and enlivens.

Fr. Saju Puthuserry SDB  
Vice Principal  
Arts and Humanities



**Subham Agrawal**  
**Secretary of AASCSC**

## *Health is the ultimate wealth*

Nowadays everyone is running behind money. Money is our necessity but money is not everything. People don't understand this. We sacrifice our sleep and proper meals if there is scope of earning money, even me too. Nowadays everyone wants to become Mukesh Ambani and Rakesh Jhunjhunwala but Rakesh Jhunjhunwala's life is a lesson that good health is the ultimate wealth. Beyond a few crores, it is just a number. This covid lockdown created a new class of home bound traders, who are not doing any physical activity. A combination of sedentary lifestyle and lack of physical activity along with stress in mind is a deadly combination.

A few years ago, on New-year once Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was asked what his wish was. He said, Doctors had advised him movement and to give priority to his health. He admitted he was lazy and loved his drinks in the evening. Finally it was proved a fatal combination. Physical activity is a must. Walking in the Sun daily is a must. Sixty two is definitely no age to die.

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala the Big Bull had invested in Star Health, the company in which people invest for their own medical needs but alas!

"I am a heavy alcoholic consuming 6 pegs daily, smoker with 25 cigarettes per day, Eat like a pig and no physical exercise." He only revealed these habits in one of his interviews. So in a way he had decided his own fate. In the process developed high blood sugar, had ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease) and survived on HD (haemodialysis) till his ultimate demise. He also had a bad diabetic foot. He was once unable to rise from his chair even in presence of PM Modi ji, for which he was trolled badly, until real reason for his act was revealed.

He grossly ignored his health while amassing immense wealth, 40 thousand cores ₹ to be precise. Unfortunately not a penny he could carry with him during his final journey. He left behind a large booty for his family and even more precious message for every single one of us. Money has crores of positive sides but only one negative side; you cannot carry it with you. Health is a real wealth, which you can't buy, it has to be earned and maintained, to enjoy life with your hard earned money.

None of us are worried about running out of time. All of us are worried about running out of money. Even 40,000 cr can't give you one extra minute of your life. He passed away at sixty two years with a bank balance of 5 BN USD that is 40,000 Cr.

Most people will run out of time before they run out of money but everyone behaves as if they will run out of money before they run out of time.

RIP Rakesh Jhunjhunwala.

# Congratulations



Congratulations to Salesian College Siligguri Campus alumnus (batch of 2014) Mr. Tony Thomas for his wedding.

The College and Alumni Association wish him happy conjugal life forever.

## Activities of Alumni Association



**Siliguri, 30th August, 2022:** The Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter conducted an interaction session with present students of the college. It was started with the opening speech by Elma Zarin, member of Alumni, introducing the Alumni Association and what it stands for. It was followed by a short speech from Siddhant Agarwal, President of Alumni Association introducing about the idea of Gift of Smile to the present students. Then Vikshit Bansal, member of Alumni, interacted with the students to elucidate what an Alumnus means and what are their expectations from the association. He briefly explained the importance of Alumni in the college and how the present students and Alumni can work together. With a great response from the students the session concluded with the Closing speech by Rector and Principal Father George Thadathil.

-Subham Agrawal (Secretary)

# Gift of Smile 2022

**Marsom Lepcha**  
**Vice President,**  
**AASCSC**



On 19 October 2022, Wednesday, Salesian College Silliguri Alumni Association came back yet again succeed to push the envelope, but this time away from the college boundaries, with the spirit to promote social responsibility and helping gesture towards unprivileged people of the society. On 2nd October 2022 ; at 11:00 AM ; on the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Janyanti. The charity event was first inaugurated by Vice Principal father Saju Puthuserry in Kilian Hall, which included collection of cash , clothes and stationary.

The actual programme of 'Gift Of Smile ' commenced on 19th October at 3 pm , coordinator Miss Tanish Kansal with the core committee crew Mr.Yadesh Prasaad, Vivavaan Agarwal ,Karan Gupta , Nihal Sarkar, Marsom Lepcha Elmma Zaringathered in the College Campus and invited father Principal George Thadathil to lead the group by unfolding the donation box.

Then the team proceeded towards the venue in Pinewood School, Khalachand fafri. Where the local people of Fafri village were already waiting and lined up. After the short meeting with host of Pinewood school Sir Biswajeet Bohmik and Miss Soma Bohmik. The gifts were set to send to destination. Distribution was inaugurated by father Principal followed by core committee members. Smile continued as distribution of clothes started to excite their eyes. However despite the challenging situation due to huge number of people this charity event succeeded to meet its purpose , and within one and a half hour intense distribution of clothes comes to the its end . Last but not the least, Mr. Sayak Moitra former alumni executive member was been addressed and given Token Of Appreciation by coordinator Miss Tanisha Kansal and Secretary Subham Agarwal for his valuable contribution throughout..

# Campus



## MOU signed

Salesian College and Women's Christian College Kolkata signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 17th September 2022 to promote collaboration and cooperation in quality enhancement of both the institutions.

## Fr. Principal speaks at Sahitya Academy's Kolkata Meet

On 18th September Principal presented a paper on "Digital Platforms in Regional Languages with special reference to Nepali" at the Regional Writers Meet organised by Sahitya Akademi in its Kolkata Regional Office.



## Art Kolkata honours 3 Salesian College Sonada Alumni for outstanding service to society

At an event marking 75 years of India's independence and Literacy Day, Church Art Kolkata honoured 3 Salesians for outstanding contribution to society along with several eminent citizens from Police and Railway Departments.

The program was held at Indian Council for Cultural Relations Kolkata on 8th September 2022. Among Salesian achievers honoured were Fr. C.M. Paul, director of Radio Salesian Darjeeling, Bishop George Palliparambil of Miao diocese of Eastern Arunachal and Fr Sacria Nedumattathil of Don Bosco Human Resource Centre West Midnapore, All three of them are Alumni of Salesian College Sonada.



## Indian Air force team visited Salesian College Siliguri

On 6th September 2022, Indian Air force team visited Salesian College Siliguri to promote career opportunities in Air Force. Fr Principal inaugurated the workshop which received five batches of students to be addressed by Officer Manish Verma - the main speaker. He was accompanied by Flying Officer Pawandeep Kaur and Squadron Leader Rahul Bhandari and other officers. Students also visited the Air Force bus which was equipped with flight simulator and flight related exhibits of fighter aircrafts and military transport planes





### Effective Communication: Opportunities & Challenges

Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Salesian College Siliguri in collaboration with the Department of Sociology and IQAC organised a special lecture on Effective Communication: Opportunities & Challenges, on 3rd September 2022. Dr. Mrityunjay Chatterjee, Director at School of Media and Communication, Adamas University Kolkata engaged students to an interactive session which included discussion on why and how should one communicate effectively.

### Verzotto Memorial Lecture

Salesian College organised the annual Verzotto Memorial Lecture, on 21st September in Siliguri Campus and on 22nd September in Sonada Campus. The topic of the lecture was: Economic Development And Financial Inclusion In A Socialist Society - A Brief On Career Development. Don Bosco Alumnus and Retired Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Mr. Reginald Kujur from Kolkata was the guest speaker.



### College organises Exsurge 2022

Salesian College Siliguri campus organised the Annual cultural event Exsurge from 27th to 29th September 2022.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## *Message from Principal*



***Dear Friends in the Alumni of Salesian College,***

The Season of Happy Holidays is here again. The inclusive nature of traditional greetings is noted. Acknowledging the faith and beliefs of the participants in a cultural forum inspires because it's a mode of preserving the diversity which is the foundation of Indian civilisation as Padmashree Prof GN Devy reminded us powerfully at the third of the Salesian Lecture Series 2022 he delivered at Sonada on 23 November 22. His own lifelong commitment to marginal linguistic communities and in mapping the languages spoken in India and are endangered was inspiring to all his listeners in all four venues - SCSC, SCS, Sikkim Central University and NBU between 21-24 November 22.

I would like to congratulate Nihal Sarkar the recipient of Gold Medal from Sikkim University for his Masters in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies. Academic activity and especially pursuing research is something that is motivational for many, especially new generation of students.

May we all prepare to wish good bye to 2022 with this sense of contentment and satisfaction arising from the good we have done individually and collectively as Alumni. My sincere appreciation for all who led the events - Promnight, Sports, Gift of Smile and other events. The coordinator and executive committee have shown much dedication in living up to the motto: flamma ardens et lucens - a flame that shines brightly (in order to enlighten and enliven)!

**The Joys of the Season**  
**Fr. George Thadathil sdb**  
**Rector & Principal**  
**Salesian College Siliguri and Sonada**





### **New Era Dawns for Salesian College**



Year 2022 has been absolutely eventful ushering in new era for Salesian College. Most auspicious was the date 11.11.22. It was on 11th November 2022 at the inauguration of the annual sports day in Siliguri that Vice Chancellor of University of North Bengal with additional charge of Darjeeling Hills University announced "Salesian College soon to be autonomous". It was glad tidings, as we mark 22 years of Prof. George Thadathil as Principal of both colleges.

As 11th principal of Salesian College established in 1938 in Sonada, Darjeeling (Shillong 1933) Fr. Thadathil has been longest serving Principal of Salesian College. In May 2023, he is turning 60 years, hence, it is fitting that alumni of both Sonada and Siliguri come up with plans to mark the occasion in a very tangible and unforgettable manner!

Among the many achievements of his tenure are:

- 1) Opened Salesian College for non residential students
- 2) Started Siliguri campus in 2009
- 3) Introduced some 18 new courses and six COP
- 4) Served two terms in North Bengal University Court
- 5) National president of All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE)
- 6) Founding member of IUS (Istituto Universitario Salesiano, Rome)
- 7) Achieving Autonomous status for Salesian College
- 8) Starting Radio Salesian 90.8 FM - The Voice of the Hills
- 9) Pioneering Salesian Publications and Translation Centre

I am soliciting some of our illustrious / eminent alumni to come forward and form a core team to carry forward Thadathil Memorial Project. We shall soon hold an on-line brain storming session. Those of you who are inclined to be part of the core team may interact with me on Whats App

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Wishing you all a grace filled New Year 2023,

**I remain**

**Fr C.M. Paul, SDB**

**Vice Principal (Sciences)**

**SCS Alumni Batch of 1975**



# Free Health and Dental Check up Camp



After a success of Gift of Smile Part-1, where the members collected funds and distributed clothes, stationary and food items to Unprivileged Children and people, another event was planned by the event heads under Gift of Smile which took place on 19th of November 2022 from 3 pm onwards in the college campus. Sidhant Agarwal, Subham Agrawal, Yadesh Prasad and coordinator Tanisha Kansal were present in the programme.

In today's fast paced day and age, people tend to compromise with their health. The fast paced way of living has become more of a lifestyle of sorts having followers ranging through diverse age groups. Be it Students or Office goers, everyone seems to have fallen a prey to the shallow way of living life. Most of them contribute by following an unhealthy regimen and compromise with self care for healthier and fit body of individuals. With the motive of promoting a healthy lifestyle, the Event Heads of Gift of Smile had organised a Free Health checkup camp with collaboration with Lions Club of Siliguri Sargam on November 19th, 2022. Doctor Rabi Shankar Agarwal (MBBS, DNB Consultant Physician) and Dr Nimisha Agarwal (BDS, MDS) were cordially invited by the Event Heads for the noble cause. The camp consisted of Normal check up, Dental Check up and Diabetic monitoring by Lions Club of Siliguri Sargam. The Doctors not only examined all the students and other faculty members but also gave them valuable insights on how to maintain a fit body with respect to today's day and age.



The event folded up with free health check up of all the children and parents who visited the camp. Food packets with juice were distributed. The team of Lions Club of Siliguri Sargam and Guest Doctors were facilitated by the Event Heads with a Memento. And were thanked for taking out their precious time for the noble cause. The free Health checkup Camp set by the Association was a huge success and of a great help to all who reaped the benefits of the programme.

**Report by  
Subham Agrawal  
Secretary**

**Alumni Association Of Salesian College, Siliguri  
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## What is unfulfilled love, why is it so painful and how can you get over it?

Unfulfilled Love is the topic of many sad movies and love songs and with so many of us experiencing at some point of time or another. It's no wonder why loving someone who doesn't love you back hurts more than a break up but it's less talked about of heart breaks. Unfulfilled love is basically love you have for someone that isn't returned back. This can mean someone you're not with but you want to be with or it can also happen in a relationship that has become one-sided.

When you love someone who doesn't feel the same way, it can be confusing to understand why, particularly if you've expressed your affection - which can make things even more frustrating. If we have such strong feelings for someone else it may be hard to understand why they don't feel the same way about us. This type of love can also lead to feelings of rejection, which can make you doubt yourself and think you've done something wrong. This can really take a toll on your self-esteem. "People will often blame themselves for why they're not getting reciprocated love,". I often hear things like, 'I'm not good enough, if only I was prettier or smarter they would be able to commit or show me love, and this can also create a lot of anxiety. We are chasing after something which we will be never able to reach, So we have feelings of loss which are the same as grief, "It hurts to mourn the loss of someone, whether a romantic relationship that never even started, or reaching the end of the road with a long term partner,"

Just like getting over a breakup, it's possible to get over unfulfilled love too. When you're wrapped up in how you feel about someone, it can be hard to see things from their point of view. But looking at things from a more positive perspective can be helpful, "This will allow you to be kind to yourself, knowing that there are other factors influencing what's going on; you are not being loved is not just because you're a terrible person." If you love someone from a far, you've probably created an idealised version of them - but it can help to see them for who they really are. Doing this will help you see their flaws and work towards knowing that they aren't the best person for you, If you're in a situation where your love isn't returned, set boundaries about the kind of commitment you expect. "The key to that is, if they can't meet your boundary, then you have to walk away," At the end of the day, our experiences make us who we are. Learning from unfulfilled love will help you to know yourself better, and to have a better idea of the love and care you deserve - which can only be a good thing.

To burn with desire and keep quiet about it is the greatest punishment we can bring on ourselves. There is nothing worse than knowing you want something, besides knowing you can never have it.

**Subham Agrawal**

**SECRETARY**

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SALESIAN COLLEGE. SILIGURI CHAPTER**

# Campus



Salesian College Siliguri Campus organised the Annual Sports Meet on 11th November 2022. The chief guest of the day was Vice Chancellor of the University of North Bengal with Additional charge of Darjeeling Hill University Prof Om Prakash Mishra

The Jesus Youth Group organised a two-day Campus Meet, Fotizo, at Salesian College Siliguri from 5th to 6th November 2022. The event consisted of various sessions on Bible teaching, sharing of life changing experiences by youth leaders and action songs



The Department of Mass Communication and Journalism in collaboration with Sony, India and Spectrum School of Photography, Siliguri conducted a workshop on "Street Journalism and Documentation" on 7th November 2022.



The Dept. of Mass Communication and Journalism, SCSC organised a Special Lecture in the memory of their beloved teacher, Late (Mr.) Dipjyoti Das on November 16th 2022. Shri Subhrajyoti Kundu (HOD, Dept. of Mass Communication, NBU) was the guest speaker of the day.



On 26th November 2022 In collaboration with SPIC MACAY, a platform to bring the youth closer to Indian music, art and culture. Salesian College Siliguri campus has organised a cultural programme of Rajasthani folk dance. A tribal troop from Rajasthan travelled all the way from Rajasthan to perform in Salesian College.

Department of Commerce, Salesian College Siliguri campus had organised an annual flagship event Conoscenza, on 14th and 15th November 2022. The event focuses on the simulation of business and corporate environment for students to give them an experience of what goes on, in the real world.



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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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A photograph of several pink and yellow carnations scattered on a white, textured surface. Some flowers are resting on an open book with visible text. The text on the book includes "GALLERIA LUISSELL", "ample, that the fact that you", "do with B", "ables", "our agree", "chronicles were", "tradition so", "he was made ma", "day, a youthful friar of gov", "superior for permission to ad", "to the wonderment of the", "he sore vexed, he be", "er coarse and to", "of a boy", "hind", "dign", "being gra", "him and sm", "with", "the", "ing truth", "many", "in the", "be".

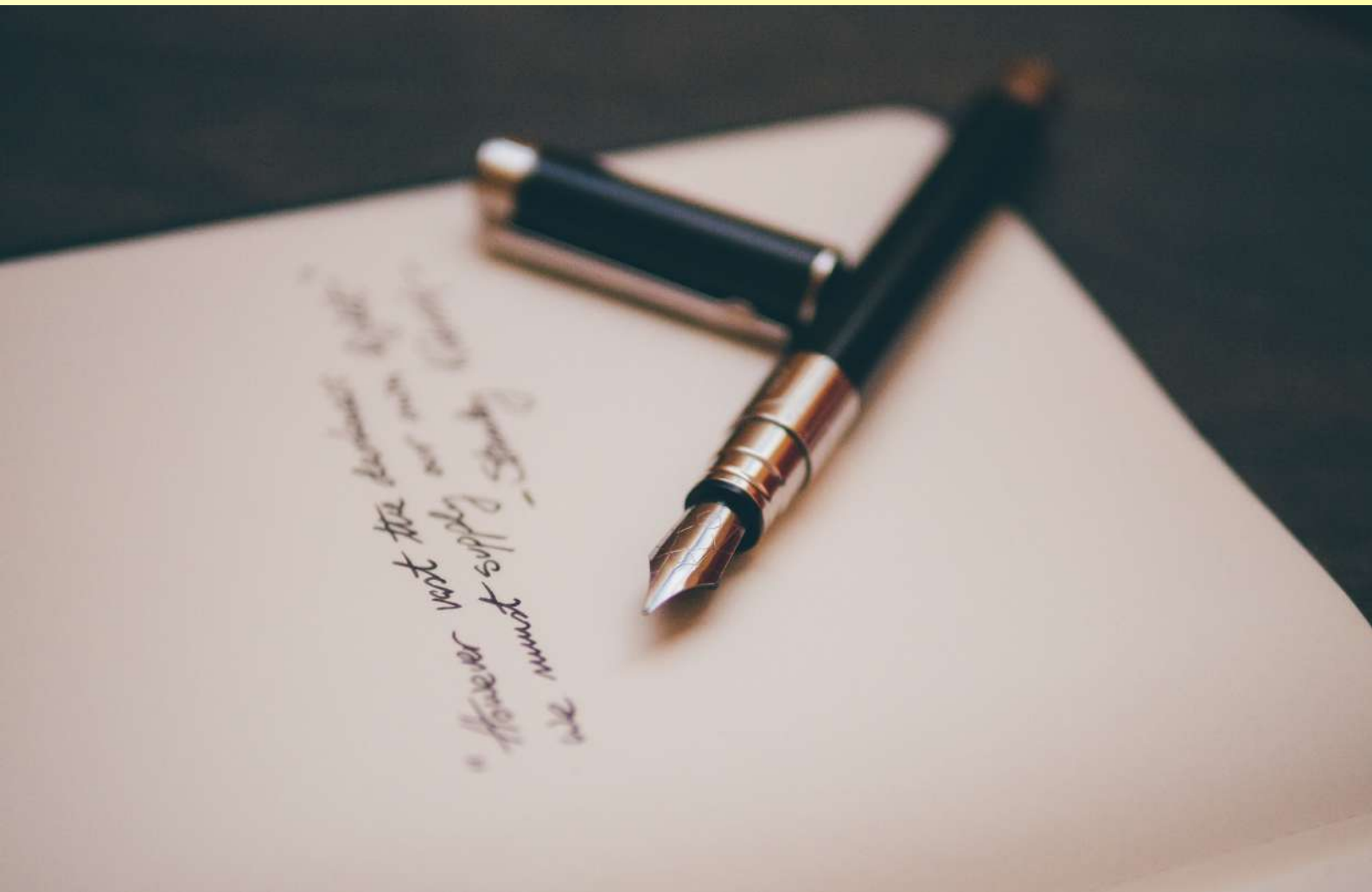
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# Message from Vice Principal



Dear Alumnae,

Greetings from Salesian College Siliguri. I hope you are all in good health. I am glad to know that you are keeping up your enthusiasm in conducting various programmes which benefits you as well as the society at large. As human being, we all have the desire to excel in all what we do. It can be termed as 'passion for achievement' which enable us to excel as individual persons and also to contribute to the society to improve the general quality of life. The span of human life is so short compared to the enormity of the contribution which we would like to make to the society. Our unimpeded enthusiasm and intense focus on the task which is at hand can make our contribution unique and perennial.

Every desire for accomplishment should be animated by personal growth and societal contribution. As human being we are social animals, every individual achievement has a social dimension. We owe much to the society in terms to support and encouragement. We receive from the society and pay back to the society. This is true in case of wealth, health and fame. It is the society which gave us first and we are bound to multiply what we got and give it back so that many others can benefit from our 'giving'. This has been well understood by a group of American billionaires who are philanthropists. Following their footsteps, many Indian billionaires too started contributing generously to the much needed social cause such as education, health care and poverty alleviation. 'Giving' makes a person more resourceful and rich in material as well as spiritual wealth. Let 'giving' be our aim whether it is in the utilization of talents or donation to social charities for the betterment of all. It is by giving that each of us change the world.

Remembering all of you in my daily prayers,

**Dr. Babu Joseph**  
**Vice Principal (Comm. Mgmt. & Voc. Studies)**  
**Salesian College Siliguri**

# MISUSE OF WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



**Subham Agrawal**  
**SECRETARY, AASCSC**



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There are various laws which put males in a disadvantageous position. In many cases they are framed. The various legislations made to protect the rights of the women are used by them to harass men and sometimes to satisfy their ego. Most of the cases of divorce go under the Domestic Violence Act and cruelty under Section 498-A of IPC. Many times these cases are just filed to get money from their partners but one such false allegation is capable of ruining his career and his reputation in the society. Cases of females marrying multiple times just to get the property and maintenance from their rich husbands have also been found. From the time when women were considered weak to this time when the women are respected and all the women are not that weak, things have changed in society but the perspective of the society is still the same. If some cases relating to women-centric laws are filed initially the judgement goes against the man instead of trying to understand the complete scenario.

If a girl is raped everyone is concerned about the girl, her future and gives her sympathy. There is no wrong in this but what about a man who was charged with the offence of rape and is proven innocent. Does society treat him in the same way as they used to do before he was trapped in a false case? The answer is NO.

Now I would like to conclude, there is need to protect women through women-centric laws but the point to be kept in mind is, if any legislation is made to help the women victims it should not destroy an innocent man's life. The legislation should be made keeping the rights of both males and females. Women-centric laws are made to protect women from abuses in society. It was a need at the time of implementation and still the need exists. It is also necessary to see that no one who is innocent is getting harmed by such laws.

# Meeting of Core Committee members AASCSC



**March 18th, 2023 Siliguri:** To mark the closing of Financial Year 2022 -23 and plan about the upcoming events Compulsory Executive Committee Meeting of Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter was held on 18th March where Secretary Subham Agrawal with other members Vivaan Agarwal, Vikshit Bansal, Shiv Kumar, Karan Gupta And Elma Zarin under the supervision of Coordinator Tanisha Kansal and Fr. Principal George Thadathil were present.

Secretary Subham Agrawal introduced the agenda for the meeting . First was an upcoming event for the next month and secondly registration fees of new members for Alumni Association. All the members actively participated and shared different ideas. Fr. George Thadathil the Principal and Rector of Salesian College also gave his opinion.

The next event which was finalized is the LOP Session with the students who will be Graduated this year. In this Session Present Executive Committee members will motivate students to join the Alumni Association and brief them about the benefits of joining the Association. They will be sharing their views as a member and what they have learnt from the association. Members will also give details of past events through PowerPoint Presentation .

Secondly, Registration fee of the members was also decided as Rs 500/- for a year and Rs. 2000/- for lifetime membership. The Executive Committee has also decided to make it compulsory for all the students to join the Alumni Association for at least a year. For this an application will be written by the Secretary and President to the Principal on behalf of the Executive Committee stating that, before their examination, students need to take clearance from the Alumni office for their Registration fee.

**Subham Agrawal**  
**SECRETARY, AASCSC**

# Campus

Salesian College, Siliguri inaugurated its first Psychology Lab and Wellness studio in the entire North Bengal region.



3 students from Salesian College Siliguri Mass Communication and Journalism department, participated in the Jadavapur University IBTIDA fest. Salesian students participated in the event "Chaalchitra" the short film making competition of IBTIDA. Their film ANSUNI was screened at Jadavpur University.

A group of BBA students from Auxilium College Vellor visited the campus and had an interaction with the students.



Seven colleges participated in Consoenza a Inter College business fest in Siliguri campus by Salesian College Commerce Association on 3rd March 2023.

Federal Bank, in collaboration with Times Of India group organised a District-level Inter-college Debate competition, at Salesian College Siliguri Campus. The event witnessed participation of 26 students. 6 students were chosen for the Zonal round which is to be held in Kolkata.



Twelve students from Salesian College, Siliguri Campus participated in Insignia 2023, an International level Management fest of St.Xaviers College (Autonomous) Kolkata held between 13th March to 15th March. SCSC students won two events-HR (runners up) and best Manager and secured two awards.

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## Message from Rector



Thank you for the warm welcome to Salesian College Alumni Association Siliguri Chapter, and the opportunity to address you all. At the outset let me welcome the new batch of alumni to our association and wish them an interesting engagement with the rest of us. We will continue to accompany you as you journey towards new frontiers in education and career development. Life unfolds itself in numerous opportunities and challenges, offering you a variety of options and choices. You need to make informed decisions since every decision for something is a decision against something else. So, take time, study pros and cons, enquire, consult, ask advice, get in touch with your deepest passions and aspirations and make the right choices. Do share your stories and connect with the rest of the alumni. You never know how networking helps you charter your future.

Salesian College is making great strides as an institute of higher education, preparing future-ready graduates and postgraduates. As you are aware, the University Grants commission, on 31 May 2023, granted autonomous status to our college. It is a great milestone in our eighty-five-year-old history. I express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all those who worked towards achieving this goal and to the officials of the university of North Bengal, West Bengal state government and University Grants Commission for conferring this status on our college. Our deepest gratitude is due to Fr. Dr. George Thadathil, our former principal, whose vision coupled with relentless pursuit of excellence has made Salesian College what it is today. I congratulate our new principal, Fr. Dr. Babu Joseph, as he takes up the reins and maneuvers the college to greater heights of excellence. Autonomous status is a great recognition of what we are, a huge opportunity for growth and an enormous challenge to face with courage and determination. We trust in God, in the competence and the commitment of the academic community, the administrative body, and the management to navigate our future as an autonomous college.

As alumni you have a great role to play in developing Salesian college as an autonomous college. Sharing your experience of being a 'Salesian', the story of your academic development and personal growth, the skills you have acquired, and the values of life you have imbibed, will motivate future students, and help us better our services. As alumni I welcome you to appear on the pages of Alumnews, to engage with us in promoting higher education and making it available and affordable to those in need. You have become part of the global family of Salesian Alumni existing in over 134 countries of the world. Cherishing the Salesian spirit as beneficiaries of Salesian educational heritage may you remain flamma ardens et lucens. As you enter the world of post-graduate studies and/or work you are equipped with competence, confidence, and commitment. May the knowledge you have gained and the skills you have acquired lead you to live lives with honesty, integrity, simplicity, and compassion. As spiritually enlightened and morally upright persons, you will be worthy citizens of our country. May God bless you and grant you His grace to see the past with gratitude, the present with passion and the future with hope.

**Fr. Dr. Tomy Augustine, sdb**  
**(Rector)**

*Fare Thee Well Dear  
Father!*



**Fr. George Thadathil SDB**  
**Our Sincere thanks for your dedicated services,**  
**Our Prayerful best wishes**

*Welcome*



**Principal**  
**Fr. Babu Joseph SDB**



**Rector**  
**Fr. Tomy Augustine SDB**

# *We will miss you Dear Father!*

-EC members AASCSC



It is with a mix of emotions that we come together to honour and pay tribute to our esteemed Principal, Father(Prof) George Thadathil, who has shaped the very foundation of our alma mater.

Throughout his tenure, Fr. Principal has been a beacon of inspiration, guidance, and unwavering commitment. He has touched the lives of countless students, staff members, and alumni, leaving an indelible mark on our community. Under his leadership, our institution has been flourished, reaching new heights of excellence in academics, extracurricular activities, and community engagement. He has tirelessly worked to create an environment that fosters learning, personal growth, and compassion.

Our Principal possesses a rare ability to see the potential in every individual and nurture it. Father has been a mentor, a role model, and a friend to so many of us. His unwavering support and belief in the power of education have inspired us to strive for greatness and pursue our dreams fearlessly.

As for the Alumni Association, Father has been supportive throughout and under his valuable guidance, all events went by so smoothly and successfully. Beyond the day-to-day responsibilities, he also demonstrated a genuine care for each member of our Alumni Executive Committee. Father's vision and dedication have not only impacted the students during their time at the college but have extended far beyond graduation. His efforts to foster strong alumni connections have kept our community alive and thriving. Through reunions, events, and networking opportunities, he has created a lifelong bond among us all.

To Father (Prof.) George Thadathil, we express our deepest gratitude for your commitment, exceptional leadership, and profound impact on our lives. You have touched our hearts, challenged our minds, and empowered us to be the best version of ourselves. Your influence will forever resonate within these walls. You have touched the lives of generations and left an unending imprint on our institution. As Alumni, we stand united in gratitude, admiration, and deep respect for the leader you have been.

On behalf of the entire Alumni community, I extend our heartfelt thanks for your immense dedication and wish you the very best in your future endeavors. We know that wherever life takes you, you will continue to inspire and make a positive impact, just as you have done here.

May your journey ahead be filled with joy, fulfillment, and continued success.

With utmost respect and admiration,

***Tanisha Kansal,***  
***Alumni Coordinator.***

## Reverend Father Principal

"Reasonable men never achieved anything "therefore here we are with the few words of reminder. Being at the top of the hierarchy like a mind one has to always surrounded by multiple voices, voices with multiple intentions though not always encouraging in nature yet to lead those voices, with best possible way to it's objective. It's an art, achievement of rare kind, something we can't born with of attitude of gratitude.

***Marsom Lepcha***

A Guardian away from home who made me a better person and always taught me to push my limits to achieve higher goals.

***Elma Zarin***



I wish you had many more years to spend with us. You are special for all of us, we appreciate you, and we will greatly miss your words of wisdom and encouragement.

***Vivaan Agarwal***



It's been a great time spent with you since the inception of the college. You will be missed dearly father and yes, thank you for all the learnings and memories!

***Yadesh Prasad***

It breaks our hearts to see you go, Fr. George. Our Salesian college is what it is today because of your leadership. We wish you all the best. You led our college to glory and success. I wish you best of luck for your future journey .

***Subham Agrawal***



A person who's an institution himself. It's rare that we come across such learned & humble personalities. Father George is one such person. He was the first person I met during my college admission.

***Siddhant Agarwal***

Father George reminds me of Albus Dumbledore who has been the protagonist maker throughout my observation during my college days both as student and alumnus. He has been an institution himself.



He interviewed me at the time of admission in the college and that day only, I realised that he truly values the dreams of his children, no matter how hypothetical or how irrelevant the dream is, he has always taken the responsibility to shape us in such a way so that we ourselves can make our dreams true by our own capabilities. Help has been always given from his side to those who have asked for it! His signing off from Principal's desk in the Salesian College leaves us equally heavy hearted compared to the climax of Walt Whitman's Captain!

***Nihal Sarkar***



# Alumni Events



The members of Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri celebrated the Birthday of then Principal Fr. George Thadathil SDB on 1st May 2023



Alumni Mrs. Sriya Singhal was invited by Dept. of Commerce (B) in AASCSC to deliver a motivational talk on Self Perception, the way to Mental fitness.



EC Members of Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter had an LOP session with Final Semester Students of the Campus



# Blood Donation Camp 2023



16 May 2023, Siliguri: The Alumni Association of Salesian College Siliguri Chapter has organized a blood donation camp in collaboration with Blood Point Siliguri in the college campus today. The blood collection team from Blood Point was present to collect blood and provide other helps. The donors were distributed with refreshments, donor card and certificate.

Students, Alumni members and faculty members donated their blood and altogether 101 units of blood were collected.

Vice Principal of Science Deanery Fr. C.M. Paul sdb, Ms. Tanisha Kansal (Alumni Coordinator & Asst. Professor), Mr. Chanchal Agarwal (Founder Member of Blood Point), Mr. Shuvan Agarwal, Secretary of Alumni Association, Shiv Narayan Singh, EC member along with other members of Alumni Association and Blood point were present in the occasion.

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# CAMPUS



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LUCENS!  
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2023**

## GRATITUDE DAY 2023



The Department of Management Studies at Salesian College Siliguri Campus organized the Savoir Faire 2023 event on May 15th, 2023. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 69 students representing various educational institutions

One Day National Conference on Popular Culture :  
Texts and Contexts by Department of English on 27  
May, 2023.



# OBITUARY



With a heavy heart we share the news of the sudden demise of our beloved Kaaku, who rendered his service tirelessly as Security guard for our College's Siliguri Campus, for more than a decade.

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