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You can ride the wind
Don't be afraid to fly!*



ASSAM DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Dear Graduates

Graduation... an event that always tugs at the heart making one thoughtful, reflective, nostalgic... often accompanied by a deeply felt recognition

- that a threshold is being crossed...
- that there is an inevitability about the march of time...
- that certain experiences can never be lived again...
- that, come what may, one must move on...

There is a sense of liminality too to the experience of a graduation...

- a glimpse of a higher plane that beckons...
- an urge to set ones compass to a different set of coordinates...
- a call to step gingerly on to uncharted territory and move on...

As you graduate today, and as you begin to navigate your own unique, individual paths, our prayers accompany each one of you down that long journey wherever it takes you...

The theme for this academic year is "You can win... You can ride the wind... Don't be afraid to fly!" As I wrote in the last issue of 'Spark', 16th August this year marked the 200th birth anniversary of a man (Don Bosco) who started 'dreaming of flying' at the tender age of nine in the midst of the debilitating poverty that forced his mother to put him to work as a farmhand in the fields of a relative.

This year, as we celebrate his legacy that is alive and active in 132 countries with over 30,000 followers catering to over 15 million youth worldwide, we are thrilled as you graduate and join the great Don Bosco Family that is looked up to and held in high esteem all over the world.

Echoing the verses from our theme song, Don Bosco would have told you, "Don't be afraid to fly! Some days you'll stumble, some days you'll stand... But you'll never have to wonder if you can... Don't be afraid to fly!"

Here at the University, we shall wait eagerly to hear from you...

- about the adventures of chasing down your dreams and aspirations as they crystallize and take wings...
- about the challenges that will inevitably dot your path and how you meet them...
- about the ripples that will radiate across the world from your work and vision...



When we set out planning and conceptualising our university, we wanted the raison d'être of the university to be the formation of generations of leaders who would impact and transform their own societies.

You are the answer to this all important focus of our University - a batch of leaders we are sending out to the world with the message that here is a group of Don Bosco University graduates...

- who are dependable human beings armed with a new mind-set...
- who are competent professionals in their own areas of expertise...
- who have the vibrancy to make lifelong learning a constant companion of their lives
- who value self-reliance and social commitment as the hallmarks of their professionalism and leadership...

It is my firm belief that you will signal to the world a very distinctive type of person...

- cultured, competent, knowledgeable, broad-minded...
- never done with education the whole life-long...
- leaders who, while immersed in the task of making a life for himself / herself, are also intimately involved in the life of his / her community!

God bless you!

May the road always rise to meet you!

- Fr Stephen Mavelly SDB
Rector & Vice Chancellor

Reminiscences from Gold Medalists - 2015



A Life Changing Experience

- Cassandra Caszo, MSc (Psychology)

A keen natural interest in Psychology and Counselling was what had drawn me to pursue it at Assam Don Bosco University which has the distinction of being the first university in India to begin a Masters course in Psychological Counselling. And I was not disappointed – the course had a rich and varied syllabus covering the most significant aspects of the subject – mental health, counselling in the fields of family and marriage, child and youth, individual and group, addiction and trauma to name a few. Many weeks of fieldwork and a whole semester dedicated to internship made it all the more enriching. A thesis at the end of the course under the able guidance of dedicated faculty members gave us a sneak peek into the world of further research.

In a larger sense, this University has taught me all I need to know about the real and professional world. I feel proud and grateful to have experienced life at an institution that promotes not only academic excellence, but also moral eminence and a commitment to society. I hope I can be

a beacon of light in the future and spread the same love I have received at Assam Don Bosco University. The last two years of my life at the University have been the most fulfilling years of my life. Within the span of this period, I 'grew' in the true sense of the term.



Beyond Engineering

- Swapna Bhuyan, B Tech (Electrical and Electronics Engineering)

As I leave Don Bosco University, one experience stands out in my mind... I am talking about my first visit to Snehalaya, Noonmati. As I reached that gate it was locked. A bunch of kids came running from within, and with all enthusiasm shouted together to call a Sister to open the gate.

I had gone there along with my dad to fix a date for a social commitment program for our branch. As soon as we entered, we were surrounded by the kids – some insisting with my dad to take them on his lap, few fascinated with his moustache and pulling it, one or two busy figuring out the colorful stone on my earring. One small child even drew closer and kissed me! We were pleasantly surprised.

The programme was a wonderful day for all of us. There was a girl who was the star of the day. She sang, danced and made everyone

laugh with her jokes until we learned she was mentally challenged. I also noticed a child hardly 4 years old who never smiled throughout the day. I tried to make her smile, cracked jokes, made faces, tickled her but failed. Later I heard from the sister there that it was her second day at Snehalaya. Her mother had dropped her off there. I can't forget her sad eyes locked on the gate constantly through the program, waiting for her mother's return.

I learned one thing that day - we have a lot to offer. We may not be experts in our fields, we may not have much money but even then God has blessed us with a whole lot of services we can offer. These children do not ask for things, but their eyes do. They seek not things, all they need from us is love, company and a feeling that they too are a part of our bigger family. They have inspired me to do my bit for the society I live in.



From A House of Love

- *Bosco Gandiras N Marak, MA (Human Rights)*

“Let the little children come for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 19:14).

It was Rev. Fr. Lukose Cheruvalel Sdb, the Director of Snehalaya who motivated me to study a Masters Programme in Human Rights (Child Rights and Development) under Don Bosco University. In the process, I was also stationed at Snehalaya to assist the boys there. Initially I felt like a fish out of the pond; however, the study of Child Psychology and Child Rights brought about a U-turn in my life. I learnt a lesson for my life – how to swim against the current – from the boys out there. Life is not a bed of roses, every boy who enters Snehalaya in the beginning has a story to tell, a story full of drama, action, fear, anxiety, emotions and insecurity. However, after staying in Dhirenpara Snehalaya the transformation in their life takes place gradually and once again they are re-integrated, accepted and loved in the society.

Eating like a horse, praying like a monk and playing like a champion with the boys of Snehalaya Dhirenpara for two years, I have learnt from them how to be open-minded, studious, diligent and welcoming. I strongly experienced what it means to fight everyday against the evil which they have unconsciously inherited because of the situation derived from railway stations, streets, homes and friends especially the smoking and drinking habits, sniffing dendrite, consuming gutka and tobacco and other harmful substances.

It is here that I learnt that only LOVE can bring a change in their lives. It was in Snehalaya that I began to understand and accept them, and become a friend and a brother to them. I also realized and experienced that the Snehalaya boys are extremely talented and skillful. What they need is to be exposed to the right opportunity and platform to showcase their talents.

Today, as I receive this gold medal, I dedicate it to all the loving boys and girls of Snehalaya, I firmly believed that it is because of their unceasing prayer and support that I got this medal.



Irreplaceable Memories

- *Viketo Zhimomi, MA (Educational Leadership)*

Of the many good things that can be said regarding my studies here at the University, let me mention just one. Belonging to the first batch of Masters Programme in Educational Leadership, I was apprehensive as to what I will find and at the same time filled with unrealistic expectations from this new course that was unique in its design and syllabus.

With no exaggeration, I can say today that this course is indeed one meant for those who prefer the road less travelled. I have grown, I have seen, I have learnt, and I can confidently walk down any challenging road today.

Freedom and responsibility were the two key concepts we learnt and practiced. A variety of guest lectures and activities enabled us to examine educational leadership as a challenge that never ceases to amaze and attract.

I owe a lot to the young, energetic and talented faculty members who pushed me to strive for the frontiers of excellence. Thank you all, and I will miss you. Long live Bosconians!



A Road Strewn with Dreams

- GITU DAS, M.Tech (Electronics & Communications Engineering)

“Writing is exploration” as they say. When it is my turn, exploration never seems to come to an end. I remember the Hindi comedy serial “Mungerilal Ke Haseen Sapne”. Mungerilal, a middle class man, who thinks high, but doesn’t have wings to fly. All of us have a Mungerilal in us. We love to dream, want to reach higher and higher. But dreams remain dreams unless converted into thoughts and then actions, as said by Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam.

To me it is the actions we take in pursuit of our dreams which gives us the wings to fly high and achieve our dreams. What finally counts is not just the dreams we try to achieve, but also the innumerable lessons we learn and the knowledge we gain while pursuing our dreams.

Yes, hurdles are bound to come, but each hurdle only equips us with a set of new tools for cracking the next. I have always been proud to be a Bosconian and take this opportunity to thank Assam Don Bosco University for providing me the platform to pursue my dreams. My teachers and my

friends have always been the hands pulling me upwards. Finally, dream, plan, work hard and succeed.



A Rite of Passage

- HANS DARIUS NONGSIEJ, MBA

I consider myself fortunate for having completed my MBA from the School of Commerce and Management of Assam Don Bosco University. From where I stand now looking back two years into the past, I see how much I have changed, it was here that life was filled with enriching experiences that have allowed me to grow into the person I am today.

Not many of my classmates would believe me if I were to tell them that I was a guy shy of the spotlight and perfectly contented

with being a member of the audience. Perhaps it was the impressive infrastructure and the beautiful buildings or the faculty and the academic environment or perhaps... it was just the panoramic view of the Brahmaputra river, stretching wide and mighty. But something struck me and I told myself that ‘this time I am going to do things differently, do everything I can and take advantage of every opportunity that comes my way. I’m a post grad student and this is perhaps the last time I am going to have any kind of formal education. So I will make the most of it’.



The combination of this reasoning and the fact that I was studying in a Don Bosco Institution made me bolder than I used to be, take more risks than I used to and, most importantly, I was participating in whatever I could get my hands on. However old habits die hard, I remember one too many times when my determination failed and I fell back into the small shell of my comfort zone.

It was at times like that you realize what sets a Bosconian apart from the rest. We are a family, and a helping hand is always nearby when you need one. Be it in the form of an inspiring speech from our Director, or the words of wisdom of our faculty, or the kindness and support from our friends. In

effect, I see the institute as an environment that nurtures not only the growth of knowledge but also individual identity. For we come out so much more clearer about who we are than we did while going in.

My days in the Institute would have been quite a bore if all we did were classes and studies and exams. Granted these form the core purpose for which I was there, when I look back now into how I have spent my days in the Institute. It is the people

and the times we have shared together that I cherish. The endless hours spent engaging in conversations with my classmates, occasional jokes that a professor would crack in the class, the short chats, 'hellos and byes'... these are just a few examples of the experiences that have enriched my days. So I feel it is important to strike a balance between sincerity in academic performance as well as adding some colour and fun while we're at it. It's like a rite of passage, failing to engage which would have meant that one has deprived oneself of one of the essential experiences that life has to offer, in an age where you are young enough to be reckless but also old enough to remember that you have responsibilities.



Made in India...for the World

- Shaheen Akhtar Wahab, B.Tech (Civil Engineering)

My journey at the University has been a great learning experience. The university emphasizes on the overall development of the students and helps us to be a better professional, providing us with many opportunities and platforms in different areas.

In this short note, I want to highlight the placement activities of the University. This year a number of companies from various fields visited for recruitment. The first company I appeared for the test and interview was 'Tech Mahindra' where six students, including me got selected. The University's Placement officer Mr. Shahnawaz Hussain is indeed hardworking and it is because of his untiring efforts that many of us got our placements in a variety of companies.

As the University focusses on the employability of its students, training and placement activities begin right from the first year itself. I personally feel that the different training programmes that were conducted by the Training and Placement Cell of our University, like, online aptitude tests, group discussions, mock-interviews, etc. were really beneficial. These invaluable training sessions provided us with quality training and helped us in grooming and shaping our personality, thus making us industry ready.



Workshops, Seminars, Projects, Labs...

- Prerana Das, B.Tech (Computer Science Engineering and IT)

Assam Don Bosco University provided me a very valuable platforms where I learnt many things. I would like to share one such experience of a workshop that my department (CSE) organised.

It was a national level workshop-cum-summer internship on Web Application Development (NSIWAD'14). It was the first summer internship that was organised by the department in collaboration with CMC Academy. The teaching faculties were excellent. They taught us some basic ideas about how to create a professional website using client-side scripting language and server-side scripting language.

On the last day of the workshop a competition was also held for us so that we can apply our theoretical knowledge practically. We were divided into groups and were assigned the task of creating a website. Our group got the second prize in that competition and it helped in boosting my confidence level. Within a very short period of time I learned many new programming languages. Exposure to such workshops provided a unique opportunity for us all. I will remain grateful to the department and to the university for giving me such a platform. Proud to a BOSCONIAN



A fun filled Journey

- Nasreen Ara Rahman, MCA

As the saying goes, “Life is a Journey”, a journey where everyone travels a different path to a different destiny. My student life started as a Bosconian and ends as a Bosconian. I feel fortunate to have been a part of Assam Don Bosco University and to re-live my life as a Bosconian. Looking back at the times and the memories created here at the University, I feel very happy and at the same time sad too as my student life has come to an end and new horizons beckon.

As a Bosconian, I have learned that life is not all about competing with each other and tiring yourself to be the best and stay on top. It is about giving your best and being content with what you get. Yes, it is about living in the present, learning things that attract your interest, exploring and discovering new things every single day. As for me, the three years of my life at the University was a judicious mix of education and fun. Anything can be fun provided you have the right attitude. I believe that knowing how to strike

a perfect balance between the time we spend for having fun and the time we spend for learning is true wisdom. My sincere gratitude to every one for helping and guiding me in every possible way they could. Wishing good luck to all my juniors!



The Real Classroom is Out There!

- Tomy Joseph, MSW

When I look back at the two eventful years that I spent at the University, I remember vividly the many workshops and fieldworks we had. Each semester (4 semesters) we would go for a different kind of field work practicum - concurrent fieldwork, continuous field work, block placement and internship etc. At every step, we were supported and guided by an experienced field work supervisor and a qualified faculty supervisor.

During these two years I was placed for fieldwork in Observation Home, Bamunigaon, Boko, Assam; LGB Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, Assam; and Montfort center for Education, Tura, Meghalaya.

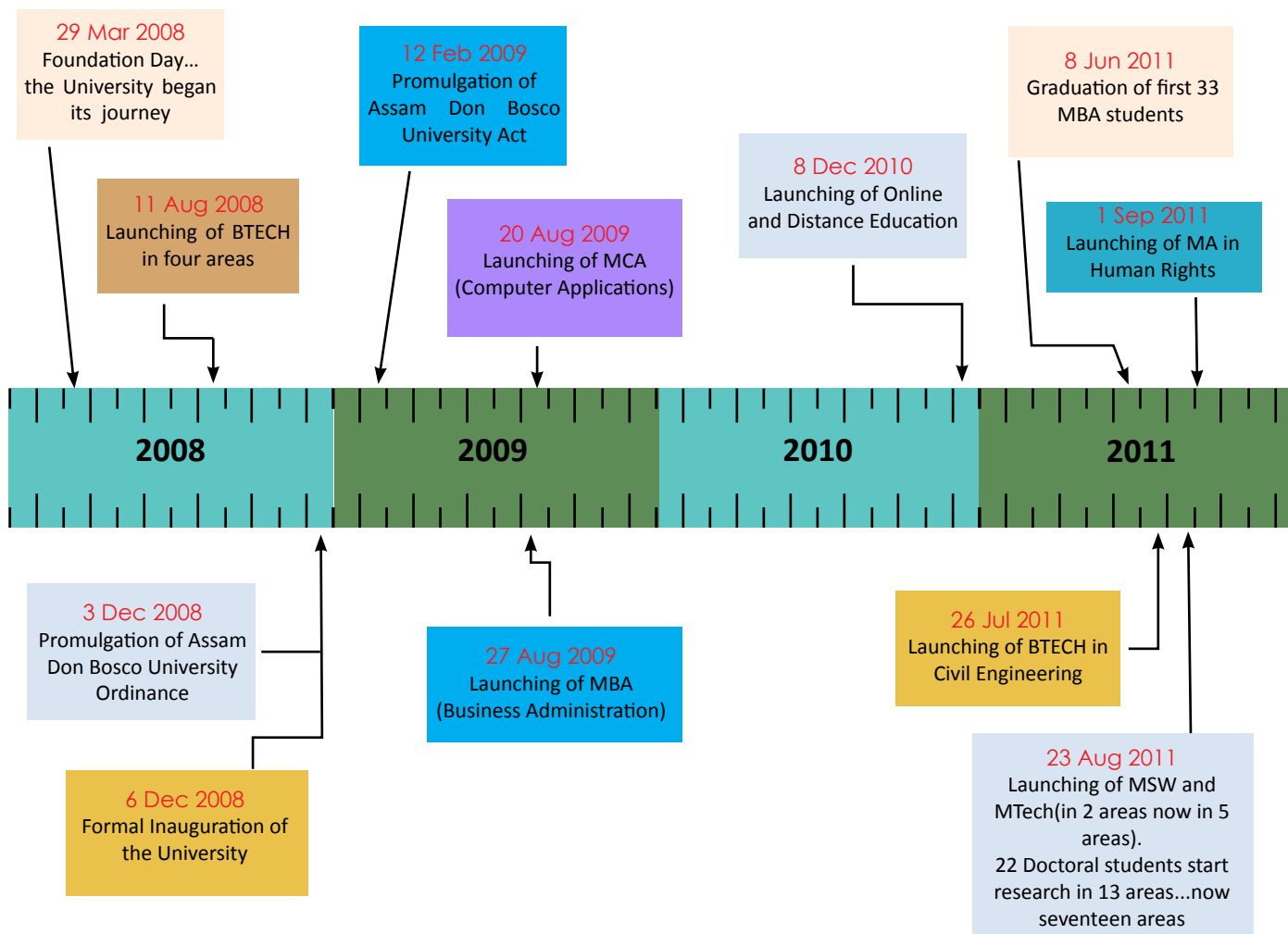
Some of the field work experiences will always linger on in my mind. As a part of Block placement I was asked to be a part of Nongpoh Outreach Programme under the Physiotherapy Section of Ferrando Speech and Hearing Centre. The team consisted of a Physiotherapist, an Orthotic and I. One of the patients we visited was a four year old girl who had cerebral palsy – she

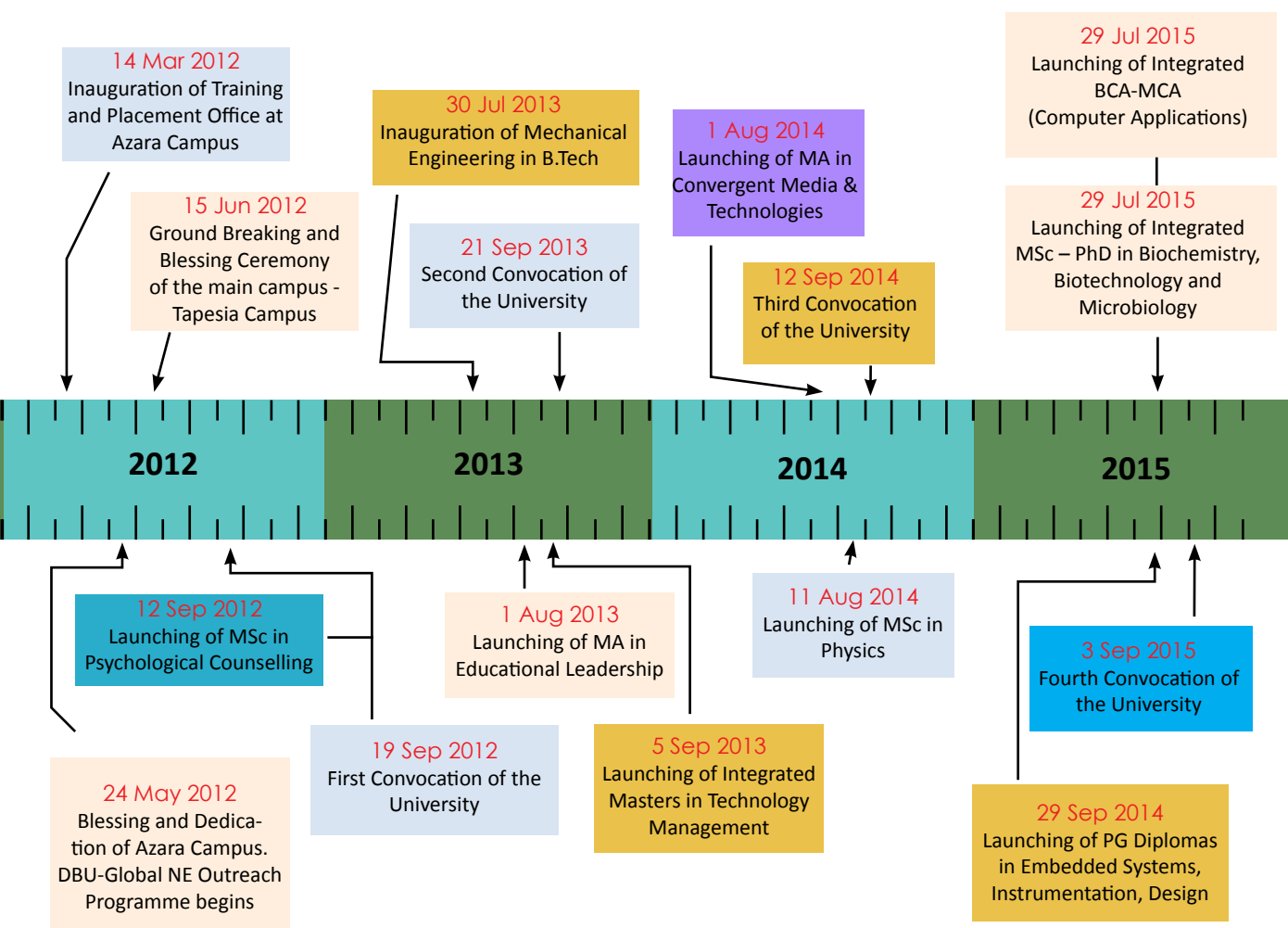
was born in a taxi on the way to Shillong her head hitting the metallic floor of the taxi. She never recovered from that injury, her growth stunted, her body deformed. Since then on, she needs constant care and attention which further aggravate the already weak financial condition of the family.

We took necessary measurements to make a small wheel chair so that the child can sit straight and move around. We also administered physiotherapy to the child. The smile on her face as we push her around on her small wheelchair was something I will never forget.

I have learnt that the challenges faced by the less advantaged families in our society should move us to go out of our way, to step up, reach out and make changes in the lives of the people around us. We have learned a lot of things in the classroom; but, to me, the real classroom for a Social Worker is out there in field. My sincere gratitude to the Department of Social Work for having guided me and my peers in the right direction, taught us how to care, love and share the lives of others out there somewhere waiting for a helping hand to come their way.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME





THE UNIVERSITY TIMELINE

The First Crop of Doctorates in the University

The Fourth Convocation will see for the first time in the history of the University the awarding of Doctoral Degrees to five Research Scholars who had earlier this year successfully defended their theses. The details of these candidates are given below.



Name : Niranjana Agarwala
Department : Department of Management
Thesis Title : *Customer Satisfaction in the Telecom Sector in India – A Study on Assam and North East Circle*
Viva Voce Examination : 23 April 2015
Research Supervisor : Dr. P.K. Jain



Name : Jose K Jacob
Department : Department of North East India Studies
Thesis Title : *An Anthropological Study of Religion among the Rangdani Rabha of Assam*
Viva Voce Examination : 24 April 2015
Research Supervisor : Dr. Gautam Kumar Behera



Name : Baharul Islam
Department : Department of Social Work
Thesis Title : *Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Societies - A study of Mizoram and Assam Peace Accords*
Viva Voce Examination : 1 June 2015
Research Supervisor : Prof. Subhram Rajkhowa



Name : Utpalparna Kalita
Department : Department of Chemical Sciences
Thesis Title : *Synthesis, Structure and anti-inflammatory Activities of 1,2,3,4 Tetra hydropyridimine Adamantane Hybrids*
Viva Voce Examination : 6 June 2015
Research Supervisor : Prof. J.N. Vishwakarma.



Name : Rashmita Barua
Department : Department of Management
Thesis Title : *Enhancing Foreign and Domestic Investments in Assam through expansion of Exports in Merchandise and Services: the way Ahead*
Viva Voce Examination : 22 July 2015
Research Supervisor : Associate Prof. G.G. Banik

Inauguration of the Academic Year 2015-16

Don't be afraid to fly!

The Academic Year 2015 -16 was inaugurated at the School of Technology Atrium on 30th July 2015.

Welcoming the students and parents to the Don Bosco Community, Vice Chancellor Fr (Dr) Stephen Mavely introduced the theme for the year, 'You can win... you can ride the wind! Don't be afraid to fly!'



Addressing the gathering of freshers and their parents listening with rapt attention, the Chief Guest, Mrs. Patricia Mary Mukhim, who is the Editor of Shillong Times and the recipient of Padma Shree Award of the Government of India, insisted that "talent and passion will help you to take on challenges". Sharing the story of her own struggles in getting an education, she recalled how she was forced out of school as her mother could not pay the fees.

A fearless social activist and newspaper Columnist across newspapers all over India on northeast India matters, Mrs Mukhim called on the students to recognize and use their "capacity to raise their voices for the voiceless," and to "learn to cope with conflicts, and to become true peace builders."

Tuning in to the national agenda

Digital India Week

Heeding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to hold Digital India Week, the University, though in summer vacation, organized a programme at its School of Commerce and Management campus on 4th July.

Some 200 students including MBA students and a group of young people from northeast undergoing various computer courses participated in the hour-long programme of speeches and digital presentations.

Introducing the programme, Pro Vice Chancellor Fr Joseph Nellanatt highlighted the importance the University gives "to bridge the digital divide especially by making Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) accessible through easy to learn Spoken Tutorials promoted by IIT Bombay."



"Digital IT is power to share and collaborate," said Chief Guest Mr Dinesh Pegu, Managing Director of Assam Electronics Development Corporation (AMTRON) speaking on the Government's point of view.

Mr Anwar Shirpurwala, Executive Director, Manufacturers Association for Information Technology (MAIT) spoke on collaborating with the Digital India Mission. He called on students to come forward and be part of the Research Unit of Digital India Action Group.

Mr Vjiay Prasad, Asst Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering & IT, gave a presentation on practical learning aspects of Spoken Tutorial in helping students learn several Open Source Software.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Digital India Week on Wednesday, 1st July with a view to transform the country into a digitally-empowered knowledge economy. The Digital India project, a campaign promises broadband connectivity in all panchayats, wi-fi in all schools and universities and public wi-fi hotspots in all important cities by 2019.

School of Life Sciences is born

Another dream takes shape

The School of Life Sciences was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Fr. (Dr) Stephen Mavelly on 3rd August 2015 in the presence of the University officials, students and faculty of the School. The new school began its journey by introducing Integrated MSc – PhD in three areas of study – Biotechnology, Biochemistry and Microbiology.

The Vice Chancellor, Fr.(Dr.) Stephen Mavelly expressed a warm welcome and best wishes to the students and faculty of the School of Life Sciences. He spoke on how the dream of having a vibrant School of Life Sciences has finally become a reality.

The School of Life Sciences has the following features as envisioned by the University:

- ...Wide exposure to theory and skills undergirding the field of Biosciences
- ...Intensive laboratory exercises and projects attuned to industrial developments
- ...Exposure to emerging areas of research in Biosciences in the country and abroad
- ...Industrial visits/internships/interactions with experts on live industrial projects
- ...A seamless entry to doctoral studies on completion of the Master's level dissertation

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Though I've been here only for a short time, the past few weeks have been filled with learning new things and exploring new horizons in Biotechnology. Our teachers are very supportive, open minded and always ready to listen to our views and opinions. With their guidance, I have adopted a scientific approach to teaching – learning process. Also, I am glad to have found friends who are very cooperative, sensible and intelligent. Above all, I'm happy that I chose to join this University and look forward for a fun filled scientific learning experience. - Farheez Rafique, Student, Dept. of Biotechnology



It is a privilege to have joined the School of Life Sciences as it begins its journey. I am sure there will be challenges along this journey but as and when challenges arise, we will be right there to face and tackle them. I've learned that the University has already started large plantations of rubber, coconut, cocoa, turmeric, ginger and cashew nut at the Tapesia Campus creating a platform for scientific research of crop development, inter-cropping, food processing etc. I hope that in the near future, the School of Life Sciences will become a scientifically vibrant learning centre in this part of India. Wishing all the very best to everyone! Bon Voyage! – Prosun Tribedi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Microbiology.

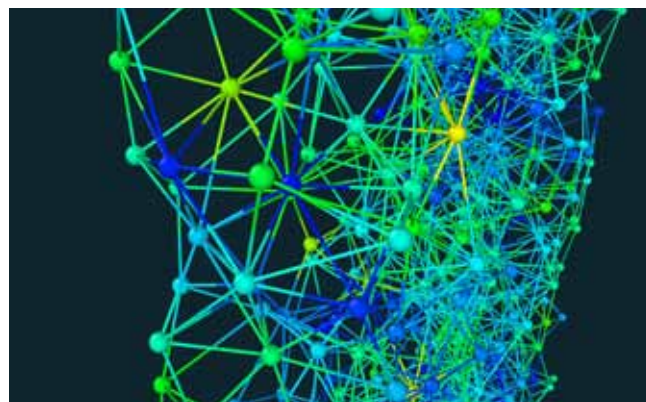
Creating an Entrepreneurial Ambience on Campus

Staff Enrichment Programme

The academic year 2015-2016 started off with two day Staff Enrichment Programme with its emphasis on creating and maintaining an entrepreneurial in the campus.

The Human Resource Director, Juhi Baruah giving the reason for the workshop said “as we embark on the new academic year, we need to continue being conscious of our role as educators in enabling students to create opportunities for themselves and inculcating entrepreneurial values.”

Two resource persons from Kolkata Mr. Deepak Khaitan and Mr. Subhabrata Bhattacharjee of Wadhvani Foundation and National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN) engaged some 140 faculty members who came up with ten business





proposals. Three of these adjudged best proposals included: App Based Comprehensive Domestic Services (ABCDs); Spoken English Training Institutes for Villagers; and Portable Water Purification System.

The NEN trainers encouraged faculty members to launch the proposed start-up companies, motivate students, and offered them assistance in mentorship.

International Conference on 'Asian Values and Human Future'



The University in collaboration with Hubei University (Peoples' Republic of China) and World Culture Development Forum, on 7-9 July 2015 organized an International Conference on 'Asian Values and Human Future'. The Conference brought together eminent scholars and academicians from Bangladesh, India, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, People's Republic of China, the Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and the United Kingdom deliberated on the theme "Asian Values and Human Future", in the light of the cultures and values of the world, particularly of Asia.

The Conference unfolded with an inaugural session, a plenary session and six technical sessions stretched over 3 days. A total of 21 papers were deliberated and discussed over.

The Conference began with the inaugural and welcoming function held in the evening of 7th July at the atrium. Dignitaries present at the function included Chief Justice (Acting) Guwahati High Court K. Sreedhar Rao, Minister of Culture of Assam Bismita Gogoi, Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati, and former Archbishop Thomas Menampampil of Guwahati and other eminent citizens.

Highlight of the inaugural session included cultural programme by the Assam Government's Ministry of Culture as well as an exhibition portraying the history of Assam by Assam State Museum.

At the plenary session, Prof. T. Menampampil delivered the key note address and Prof. Edward J. Alam deliberated on "Role of Asia in the Quest for Global Justice", with Prof. Corazon Toralba as the chairperson.

The first technical session was chaired by Prof. Dhruva J. Saika, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Cotton College State University. The theme of the session was Asian Values: A Way Forward for Human Future. 3 eminent scholars presented their papers, which was followed by elaborate discussions and deliberations on each paper.

The second technical session with the theme Asian Reality and Probity in Public Life was chaired by Dr. Joshua Thomas, Deputy Director, ICSSR-NERC. This session witnessed a brilliant presentation by a Historian, a sociologist and a Philosopher. The papers presented invited an engaging discussion.

The third and fourth technical sessions were combined and chaired by Prof. Trophy D' Souza. This session also saw three well research papers presented and elaborated discussion on the papers. The themes of the session was Emerging Perspectives and Transformation of Values and Fellowship and Fellowshiping of Cultures and Values.



The 9th of July, Ms Yogini Nath, chaired the fourth session on the theme, New Age Values and Spirituality for Human Future. Three scholars deliberated on the theme, which was followed by discussion and clarification.

The fifth session chaired by Edward J Alam dealt with the theme 'Strident Nationalism and Identity Construction' with 3 pre-senters and discussion.

The last technical session of the conference was chaired by Prof. Siddharth Singh, with the theme Values in Conflict Transformation. The session witnessed 4 papers with active discussions.

The conference ended with Guwahati Declaration, that summarized various views and concerns raised during the conference. An extract from the Declaration is given below:

"Human life is a life with the other. Asians cannot claim to have the monopoly of all good values necessary for the growth of humanity. A reflection on Asian Values is not meant to be a chauvinistic self-assertion of emerging nations, nor a claim of superiority, but is a search for identity and the expression of an intense desire to re-interpret values to respond to the needs of the times, for a better human future. Undoubtedly, Asians have benefited from insights of the Western World and vice-versa. This calls for mutual learning from one another.

This International Conference on 'Asian Values and Human Future' expresses a longing for a value based human future..."

The conference was supported by Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR), Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR), Indian Council for Cultural Research (ICCR), the Government of Assam and several other national bodies.



A Sneak Preview

National Conference on 'Quality Configuration for Media Education in India

Exploring the Prime Parameters

Don Bosco University, in collaboration with Mizoram Central University, is organizing a National Conference on 'Quality Configuration for Media Education in India' on 2-3 November, 2015 at the Azara Campus of the University.

Concept

The world has witnessed an unimaginable transformation of the mediascape in recent times. As a natural corollary, it has its own impact on media education. The media profession of the new techno era demands multi-tasking personnel, trained in both media software and the operational knowledge of hardware. The prime challenge of the day is to refine the media education in India to meet these ever-changing demands of the profession by making it relevant and industry-oriented. Given the status and standard of media education in the country, despite an enormous increase in institutions of media education, time has come for media professionals and academia to redesign, revamp and refurbish the portfolio, by altering the system protocol for a meaningful future. Keeping this in view as well as the issues and challenges of media education in an emerging economy, this national conference of media educators will be held at the University in conjunction with several universities of the North-East.

Sub Themes of the Conference:

- Media education in techno sphere.
- Corporatisation of media education in India.
- Professionalising media education.
- Contextualising media literacy.
- Media education, market forces and ethicality
- Uniformity vs. Diversity in curricula.
- Media Education in a knowledge society
- Pedagogical approaches in media education
- Technology in class room.
- Non-academic issues in academic portals.
- Need for professional organizations of media educators
- Globalising Indian media education.
- Prime parameters of quality assurance
- Standardising strategies for media research
- Hybridization of media education

Timeline

Submission of abstracts: September 10, 2015 (mediac@dbuniversity.ac.in)

Submission of full paper: September 30, 2015 (Upon acceptance)

Early bird registration: October 10, 2015 (With a concession of 10%)

Pre-conference Colloquium on the 31st October : Media, Culture and Society (for students and research scholars)

Registration Fees

Rs. 1000/- for Faculty - (Accommodation, local transport and hospitality for outstation participants)

Rs.200/- for Research scholars and Students - (Hospitality and conference kit)

Co-Hosts: Cotton College State University (Guwahati), Gauhati University (Guwahati), Rajiv Gandhi University (Itanagar), Tezpur University (Tezpur), Xavier University (Bhubaneswar), Asian Institute of Management and Technology (Guwahati), St. Xavier's College (Kolkatta)



God be with you... always and everywhere...

Dr. Bryant Olafly

May God bless
you and always
keep you in His love
and care.
- Fr Joseph Nellanatt

"The gull sees farthest,
who flies highest..."
Many happy landings from

You have done your
best, God will take care
of you. Wish you
all His blessings in
your future.

Peter Paul Handma

My wishes, prayers and blessings
be with you in every moment as
you climb the ladder of your
life

- Flintaul

Spread Happiness
wherever you go.

May God bless you.
sukunata Loken

Om

Be endeared and respected
by all around you. May God
bless you with profound
smiling - all throughout life

Surf
(MANIRANJAN KALITA)

Reach the top of
the ladder of success
and serve the society
with your knowledge,
kindness and concern.
Manish

Wish and pray that
all of you'll have a
life abundant and
fruitful.
P. JOSEPH

Do I.T, with more Intelligence
but less Artificial

Be a winner for forever

Dr. Y. Jayanta Gh.

True education → Humility →
Workiness → wealth → good deeds →
happiness.

Hima
(JN Vishwakhanna)

You are all winners. Reach
for the stars! My best wishes
are always with you.
Remember, you are Bosconians!

Sanandan Banah