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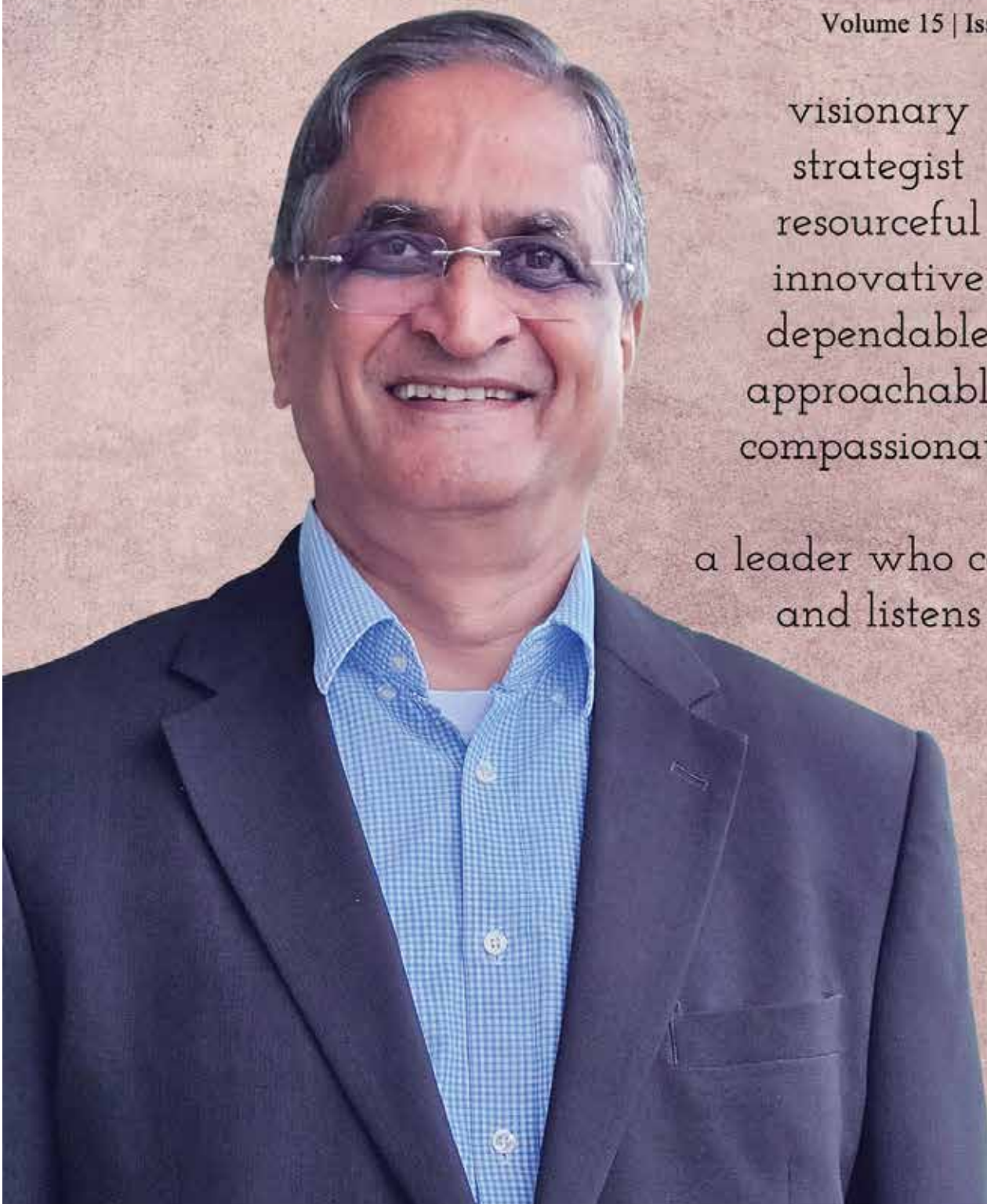


A Newsletter for Don Bosco University family, alumni and friends

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visionary
strategist
resourceful
innovative
dependable
approachable
compassionate

a leader who cares
and listens



FR (DR) STEPHEN MAVELY
FOUNDING VICE CHANCELLOR
2006 - 2023

Message from the Vice Chancellor

A spark is lit...

It seems like yesterday when, on 11th August 2008, we took a significant and deliberate step towards the establishment of Don Bosco University with the inauguration of our School of Technology at our Azara Campus. Since then there has been no looking back! The 'timeline' of the University from 2008 to 2023 has been pictorially captured by our OSD, Mr. James Famkima, in the following pages – a growth graph that we are all justly proud of.

On that occasion, addressing the very first batch of our students, I had said:

Welcome to Don Bosco! 'Don Bosco' ... two words - rich with meaning! To some, it stands for a school; to others it is a college; to others it's a non-formal training centre; to yet others it is a technical school; to some a shelter from the streets; to some others it is the Church...

To many it evokes memories of wonderful days as they prepared to take their place in the world; to countless young people here in India and all over the world Don Bosco stands as the key to their future!

'Don Bosco' to millions of others is a person – a Catholic priest with a passion for educating young men and women and preparing them for their transition to the world of work.

'Don Bosco' is also a movement of persons and institutions right round the world that carries on this vision – the Salesians of Don Bosco. It is a way of life... It is an inspiration...

Here and now, 'Don Bosco' is a professional institution – Don Bosco College of Engineering & Technology (later re-named as 'School of Technology, Don Bosco University') - that takes to its wings today... So, once again, welcome to Don Bosco – this multifaceted reality!

Welcoming the first batch of students, I said on that occasion:

We started our function this morning with the lighting of the lamp as we sang "Go, light your world!" Taking a thought from that symbolic gesture, let me say that, this morning a spark is being lit – literally and figuratively.

That flame over there, on the lamp stand, is the physical spark. .. Where is the real spark?

I think the real spark is what made you leave the comfort of your homes this morning to begin this venture, this new day in your life. You are anxious perhaps about this new place and new surroundings. But I am sure there is a sense of tingling excitement about the journey you have just begun... That's the real spark, that bracing feeling that you can and you want to make something of your life.

That spark is in your minds, it is in your hearts, it is on your faces. We can see it in your eyes today... don't let that spark go out!

The 'spark' that was lit on 11th August 2008 was the beginning of a big dream that was to take shape – the establishment of Don Bosco University here at Guwahati. That function was the harbinger of great things waiting to happen – the creation of a model university that would strive to make quality higher education accessible to the less privileged across the vast reaches of our land. Ever since then, we have kept our eyes glued to the realization of that dream, and set out 'travelling on in hope' with a determined march to reach out to new horizons!

Today, it is as though another 'spark is being lit' in our University – a new Vice Chancellor is taking charge at a time when momentous changes are taking place in our education system with the introduction of NEP 2020, bringing with it immense possibilities – a tantalizing vision of historic possibilities and challenges!

Fr (Dr) Jose Palely is eminently qualified for handling these new challenges and promises of the changing times. He will, undoubtedly, handle the post of a Vice Chancellor with finesse as he has both academic and administrative experience, a capacity for sustained work and a proven track record in strategic planning and development. He also brings with him considerable expertise in handling personnel and financial matters... He has my best wishes and prayers to rise to the occasion and to the call to 'be' a Vice Chancellor to one and all, within and outside the University

Our Theme for the forthcoming Academic Year 2023-2024 carries forward the very same message:

New horizons beckon...

To strive, to seek, to find...

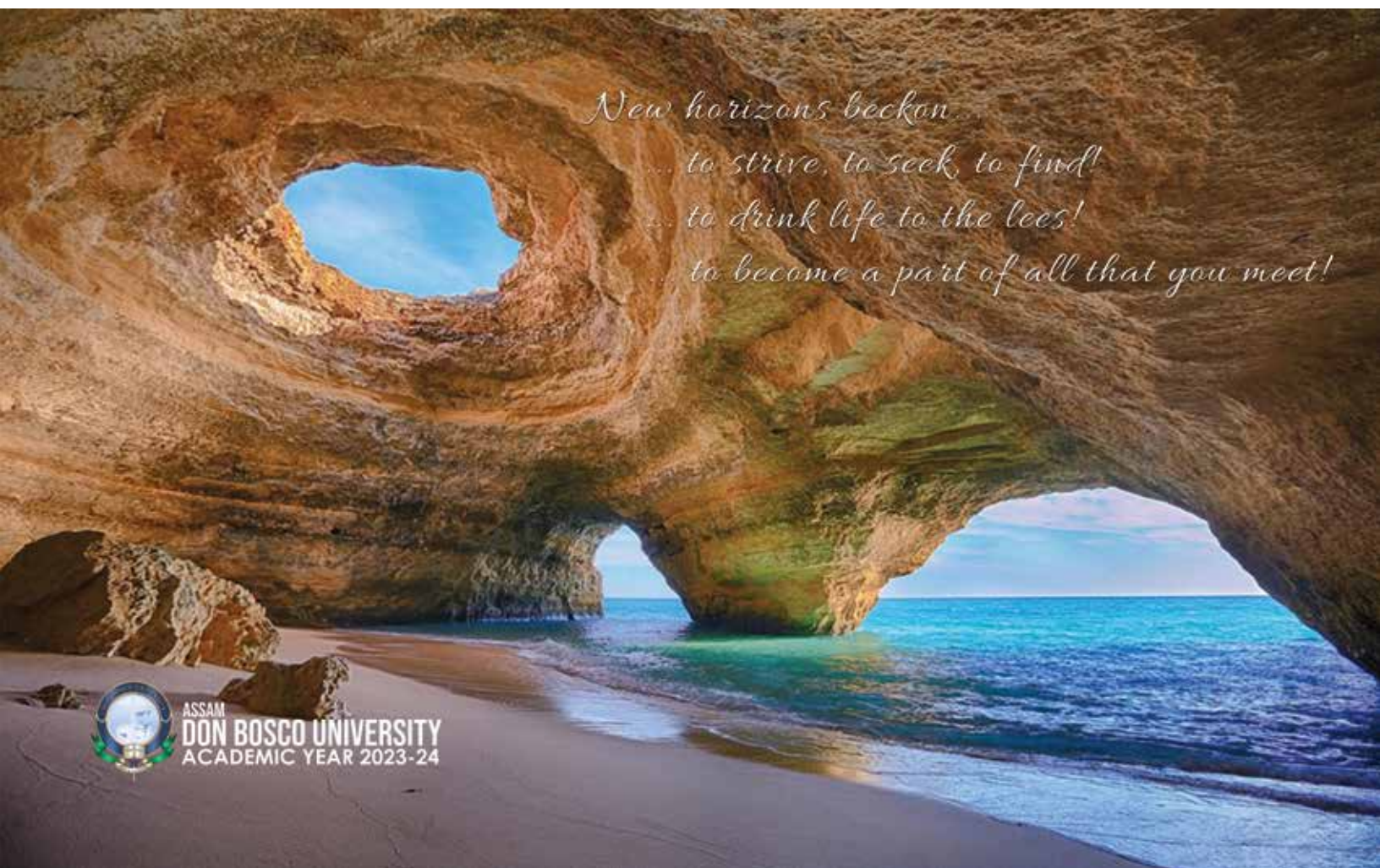
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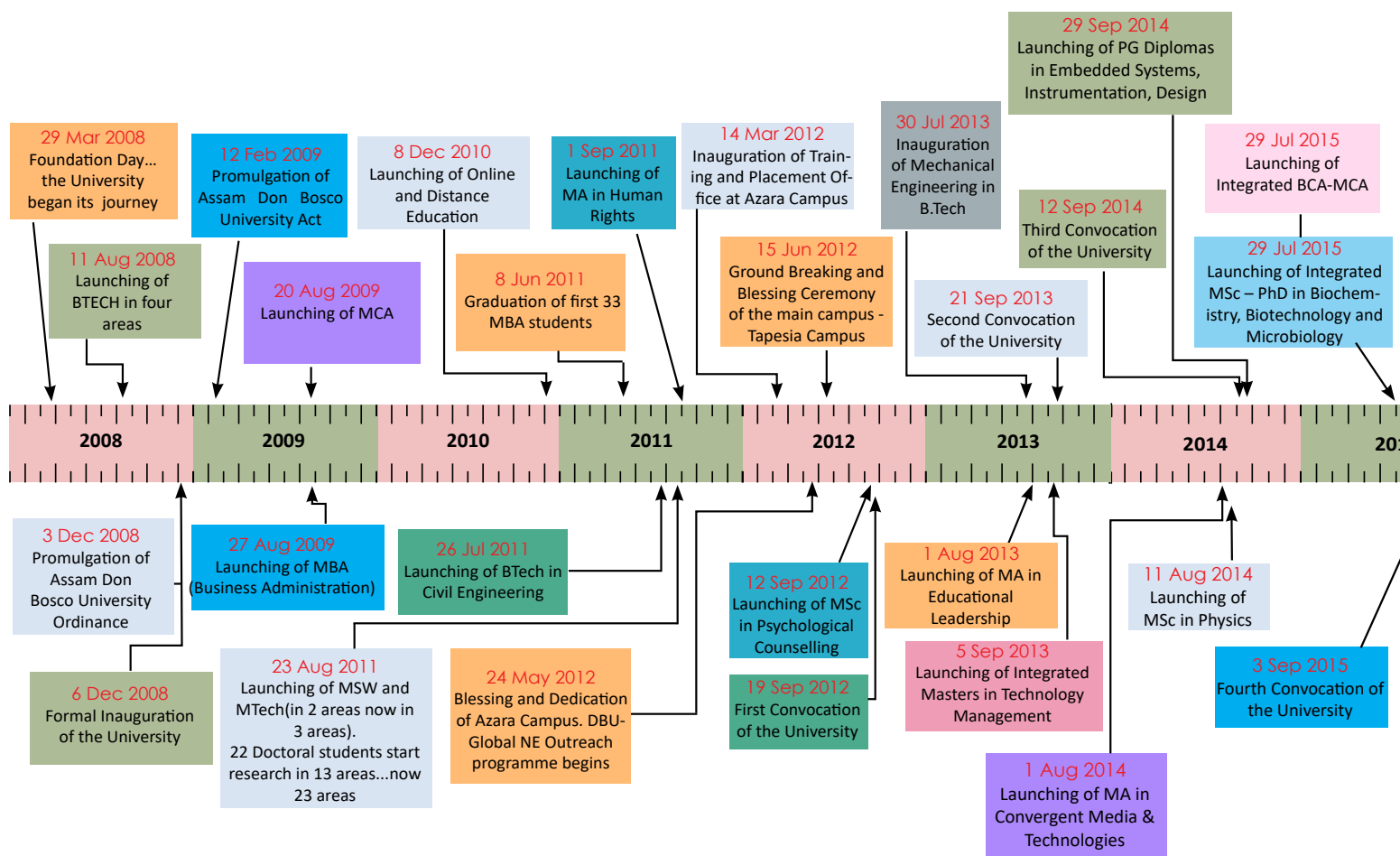
To become a part of all that you meet...

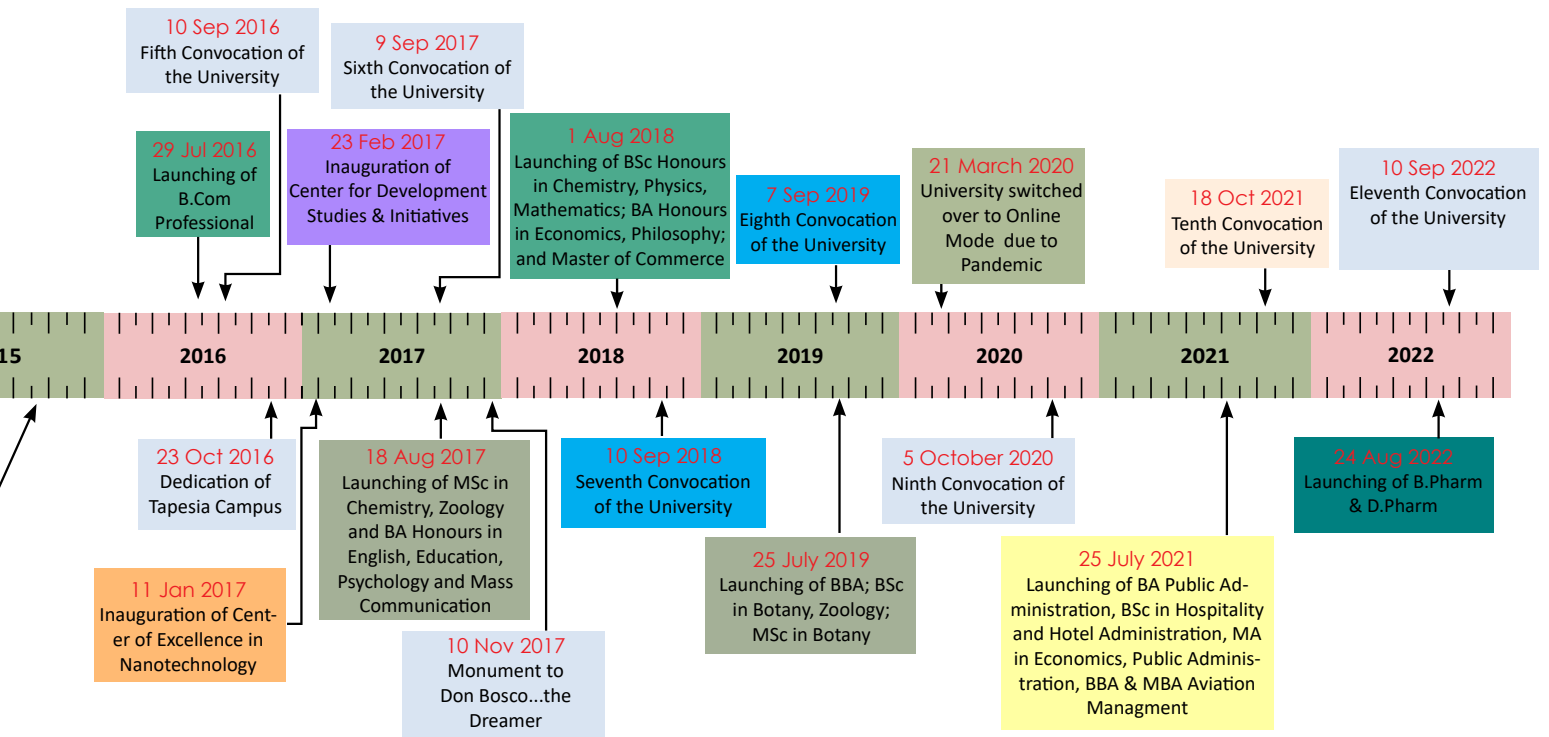
As I demit office, let me wish and pray that, like Ulysses in Tennyson's poem, you will find how 'dull it is to pause, to make an end / To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use! / As tho' to breathe were life!'

God bless our University... May God keep blessing every one of you and your dear ones...

Fr Stephen Mavelly
Vice Chancellor
25 July 2023







*"The state of your life is nothing more than
a reflection of the state of your mind." — Wayne W. Dyer*

Celebrating the Legacy of Fr. Stephen Mavelly

*I hear you often say: 'I love the Zen ways' and I recall
Buddha's saying: "We are what we think; all that we are,
Arises with our thoughts, with our thoughts we make the world".
It is your thoughts that we celebrate today as we hold your legacy.*

*You nurtured extraordinary thoughts, and chased dreams
'With a heart that transforms', often delving into the crypt divine
Facing setbacks with immense resilience and grace - ignoring murmurs,
Strove through darkness as tho' in light, opening our eyes to the unfolding legacy.*

*Every trot through the campus, at every twist and turn,
Moving from one zone to another, I see the 'mindfulness' at work,
Blending the wild beauty and manicured designs,
I see the sage designing epitome of learning in the nature's lap*

*Playing with rocks and flowery paths, green meadows,
Cascading waterfalls hiding within the enveloping green
Hostels and academic blocks cushioned into mountain forest,
A daring interplay of the wild and tame, in tune with the birds in rhyme*

*Makes this campus a unique place where intellectual pursuits
Compete with community responsibility and eco sensitivity
Makes one's heart grow, bending the heavenly horizon to raise
The earthly cares to lofty heights – A rich legacy – a gift freely given.*

*A legacy of Academics and Linkages – Schools of Technology,
Commerce & Management at Azara & Kharguli
Life Sciences, Fundamental and Applied Sciences,
With Professional Courses, Humanities & Social Sciences, at Tapesia*

*With Faculty, Staff and students all richly varied, adorn this academic portal
With delicate soothing touch, hand-picked with flourish, mentored to excellence
Trusting with abundance in human resources, closing an eye to frailties,
Investing in the strengths, defeating negativity with a knowing smile
Is the Legacy that we celebrate today – A team – well qualified, moulded, committed!*

*I bow in worship to the Almighty for making Fr. Stephen a co-creator,
Gifted with abundant endurance, strenuous hard work, persisting gentleness,
And swallowing offences, outgoing in forgiveness, all making you into
"A maestro of success, an epitome of efficiency and legacy".*

*Thank you dear father Stephen, for giving to all generations to come
a rich legacy that all will cherish with wonder and gratefulness.
May you continue to see His footprints wherever and whatever He makes you venture into!*

*As you held the helm, we felt secure even when dark clouds engulfed us,
Like a child in frolic, now that you wish to relinquish, a cold shiver pierces my spine,
And only the warmth of your comforting presence can help us see His footprints.*

Fr. Jose Paley
Vice Chancellor Designate

Stephen Mavelly is stepping down, after shaping Assam Don Bosco University into the esteemed institution that it is today. That leaves me with mixed emotions – emotions of admiration, pride and sadness. I feel admiration towards Fr. Stephen who conceived the concept of a University in the private sector, established it, led it with unwavering dedication and passion for the past 15 years and made it the pride of Salesian India and the North East.

I feel proud of having worked under his leadership, who led everyone by his example. He possessed a remarkable combination of vision, decision-making skills, and an ability to face challenges with a serene mind. His dedication, passion, and expertise are nothing short of inspiring.

Yet, tinged with these positive sentiments, there is a tint of sadness. I am going to miss a great mentor and a role model. I am going to miss that dynamic and supportive leadership.

Nonetheless, I am grateful for the invaluable lessons learned and the profound impact they've on my life. Farewell, dear Fr. Stephen, and may your journey ahead be filled with joy, fulfillment, and the blessings of the countless lives you have touched.

Fr. Johnny Jose
Registrar

Dear Fr. Stephen,

As I pen down these words, my heart is filled with a mix of emotions – gratitude, admiration, and a touch of sadness, as the time has come to bid farewell to a leader and a mentor who has profoundly impacted my life and the lives of countless others. I want to take this moment to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks as you, the founding Vice Chancellor of Assam Don Bosco University enter into a new phase of your life.

It feels like just yesterday when I first stepped onto the Azara Campus, back in 2007. Little did I know that this University would become the beginning of a life-changing journey for me. From the very beginning, it was evident that your passion and unwavering commitment to create an inclusive and nurturing environment were the cornerstones upon which our University was built.

Your visionary leadership style, marked by dynamism and dedication, transformed ADBU into a place of academic excellence and innovation. Under your guidance, not only have I grown as an academican, but also evolved as an individual ready to make a positive impact on the world.

Through both achievements and problems, you have taught us the true essence of learning – to embrace every experience as an opportunity for growth and to emerge stronger and wiser than before. Your encouragement during moments of success and your support during times of failure have been a guiding light in my journey.

Reflecting on the path we have traversed under your mentorship, it becomes evident that you are not just a visionary leader but also a true friend and an exceptional mentor. Your warmth, compassion, and genuine concern for each one of us have left a profound impact on our life, and I am certain that your influence will continue to resonate in my heart for years to come. As you embark on this new phase in your life, I want to express my deepest gratitude for everything you have done for the University and for each one of us.

I wish you happiness, good health, and fulfilment in the days ahead. May this new chapter be filled with exciting adventures and memories that your contributions to education and your mentorship have touched countless lives, including mine.

Thank you Fr. Mavelly, for being an exceptional leader, mentor, and a friend. Your legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

With gratitude and respect

Nissi Paul
Deputy Registrar

Dear Rev. Fr. Prof. Stephen Mavelly,

I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to you for your contributions to education for everyone around us; locally, nationally, and internationally. It is hard to believe that you are retiring but that is the reality.

I must thank you for creating this wonderful infrastructure for a high-quality education in this part of the country. My association with you started in 1986 when you joined St. Anthony's College as a Principal where I was already teaching. Within a short span of time you made it clear to all of us that modernity in education was the way forward. A College was meant for higher education and research was your Pet Slogan. Accordingly, you introduced a number of professional courses at UG and PG levels. These steps were challenging indeed but you kept on overcoming all the obstacles on your way. Under your dynamic guidance many Departments started executing research projects funded by various funding agencies like the UGC, DBT, DST, World Bank etc. Soon, we took research to doctoral level and I personally supervised five doctoral students at St. Anthony's College, which was a unique milestone in the life of the College. It was all due to your foresightedness, encouragements, and blessings. The idea of NAAC was introduced by you for the first time in the North Eastern part of the country and so was the Computer Science Education at UG and PG levels. Realizing that St. Anthony's College was fully grown and had reached a level of supersaturation, you left the College to run and is running well...

We did not know about your next project but something extraordinary happened – you started this great University. From almost zero to where we are today is the result of your dedication, hard work and sleepless nights. Soon I became a part of this Institution in 2011... Thank you for this opportunity and your kind guidance during the last decade working in close association with you.

I have enjoyed every moment working with you, Dear Fr. Stephen and learned a lot from you.

You will be missed at the doctoral presentations including Viva Voce Examinations of our students.

Your uniqueness lies in the versatility that you demonstrate in dealing with PhD theses of any subject – Engineering to Physical Sciences to Biological Sciences to humanities including English literature with equal ease. Just the other day you were talking about Chat GPT and AI shows as to how well-informed you keep yourself.

Under your able guidance, we have completed awarding 118 PhDs so far – Dr. Niranjana Agarwala being the first in 2015 and Dr. Tirthraj Sapkota from Nepal the latest one in 2023.

I am extremely happy to mention that our doctoral students have been highly appreciative of your kind and learned approach and they will always remain indebted to you for the opportunity given to them.

I together with my team – Dr. Dominic, Dr. Uzzal Sharma, Dr. Pegu, Dr. Gautam and Dr. Agnes express our heartfelt gratitude to you and wish you the very best for your retired life.

You will always be very fondly remembered as the founding Vice Chancellor of this World Class University.
Thank you!!!

Prof. JN Vishwakarma
Director of Research



Father (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly

At the vanguard of breaking ground in education to bring about transformative life changes, unleashing intellect to engage constructively with differing perspectives, to be unrelenting in the search for truth and to navigate divisiveness Father (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly has inspired educationists and students alike to make a “difference” where it truly matters in helping to build a more sustainable and inclusive world.

While in current times, Higher Education Institutions in the implementation of the NEP realize the need for a robust Human Resources Management, Father (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly established the Human Resources Management System of the University much ahead in the early years of the University itself for developing University talent. The pioneering spirit of getting to the “heart of the matter” has been a differentiator with “open doors, open minds” in ensuring a collaborative working experience thereby fostering initiative taking and leadership across all levels.

Despite set-backs and even a global phenomenon of lock down due to the pandemic, Father (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly was undeterred and with unflinching faith in the “Dream of Don Bosco”, led the University with compassion, anchored to the vision and mission of the University.

To have served under the visionary leadership of Father (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly, a true Nation Builder, it has been an honour, privilege and an impactful learning experience. Thank you Father, for enabling us to understand the “Dream of Don Bosco” and “Carpe Diem”.

Father, as you embark on a new path forward, you will remain our inspiration and our best wishes and prayers always for the fruition of your dreams in always making a difference where it truly matters.

With prayers and best wishes

Juhi Baruah

Director, Human Resources



Messages from PhD Awardees

Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavelly,

Thank you, it was your dedication and vision that has led to inception of Assam Don Bosco University. The University gave me an opportunity to pursue my PhD and the ethos of the University has had a deep impact on me. Your valuable contribution to education in India especially the North-east is immense. I wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your journey.

**Jovi Jose Salvador D'Silva
Project Scientist,
CSIR - National Institute of Oceanography**

Dear Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavelly,

I feel proud that I am one of those privileged few as you were my Principal during my under-graduation studies in St. Anthony's College, and the Vice Chancellor of Assam Don Bosco University from where I earned my Ph.D. You have selflessly worked for the betterment of the students especially here in North East India which is apparent from your vision and actions. Personally, you have left an indelible mark in my life as someone of your stature too, took pride in my achievements. I and the people of the NER will be forever grateful to you for your immeasurable contributions. May this new chapter in your life be filled with joy and contentment for the outstanding service that you have rendered.

**Dr. Medari Janai Tham
Associate Professor
Department of Computer Science
St. Anthony's College, Shillong**

The news of retirement of Fr. Stephen Mavelly came as a shock to me and I cannot help but obsessively ponder "Does he really need to retire?" I first met Father in 2001 during my graduation days at St. Anthony's College, though this was a brief meeting but his principles, dedication and sincerity to work echoed deeply into all aspects of Anthonian way of life which soon became a large part of my being. My PhD journey at ADBU gave me another opportunity to observe Father and be awed by his vision and sheer grit to turn them into reality. I fondly remember his remark after my proposal seminar "There's no stopping you- Go ahead with this clarity- complete your research." These words were magical and it became my hope and strength at some of the most lonesome and frustrating times during the PhD journey.

Thank you, Father, for empowering me and all others whose life you have touched in ways beyond words could ever suffice.

**Dr. Rajani K Chhetri
Asst. Professor
Department of Mass Media
St. Anthony's College.**

Deepest appreciation to Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavelly, our exceptional founder of Vice-Chancellor. Your remarkable leadership, keen intellect, unwavering dedication, and tireless commitment have been instrumental in elevating the university to a center of academic excellence and innovation. As a true son of Don Bosco, your spiritual guidance has inspired us all. Thank you for your invaluable contributions which have positively impacted countless lives within the institution and beyond.

**Sr. (Dr).Stella Thomas SMMI (PhD, 2022)
Principal of St.Paul's Hr.Sec.School
Mangsang P.O, East Garo Hills
Meghalaya- 794110**

A note of Gratitude to Fr. Stephen

An ever-glowing dynamic figurehead with a pragmatic approach to all things developing seamless solution. His insights into understanding the different areas and different subjects demonstrated his academic proficiency providing beneficial gain for the development and growth of the institution. A towering personality, delegating effectively and effortlessly communicating, emanating a powerful upright persona. The time span under his leadership has been quite educative, illuminating and influential. The University is what it is today because of his unique and extraordinary contribution, his administrative professionalism, vision, leadership, conscientiousness, dedication and sheer hard work.

Wish you 'All the Best' with all good things to come.

**Sincerely,
Dr. Shunan Kaping**

"For me, Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavely impersonifies St. John Bosco. His personality has been a source of inspiration and motivation for me to pursue quality research work since I took admission as a Ph.D scholar at Assam Don Bosco University in 2013. I cannot portray the image of ADBU in my mind without Fr. Mavely in it. I am sure he will continue to inspire many wherever he is after this. My best wishes and prayers are always there for his good health and successful endeavours. "

**Dr. Rashi Borgohain
Associate Professor
Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering
Assam Engineering College**

It is sad to know that our beloved Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavely, our founder Vice Chancellor, will be retiring. He is a man of selfless dedication and of great visionary. His guidance immensely helped me to complete my PhD and to learn the purpose of life. We need always you, your advice. You will always remain as 'Polar Star' in our life'.

**Dr Aparup Sharma MBBS, DA, PGCEM, MBA, FICM, PhD
Consultant- ICU
Nemcare Hospital, Guwahati**

Respected Rev. Fr. Stephen Mavely,

From the very inception of our university, you played a pivotal role in shaping its ethos, values, and academic direction. Your passion for education and your commitment to fostering a nurturing environment have been the driving force behind our collective pursuit of excellence. Under your guidance, we have witnessed tremendous growth, elevating Assam Don Bosco University to new heights and turning it into a center of knowledge, innovation, and intellectual discovery. Your open-door policy and approachability have made you not just a leader but also a friend and mentor to many of us. Your ability to listen, understand, and offer valuable insights has been a source of inspiration to both faculty and students alike. Thank you, Rev. Fr. Stephen Mavely, for being the driving force behind this great institution and for inspiring us to dream big and reach for the stars. You will be dearly missed, but your legacy will live on in the hearts of all those whose lives you have touched.

**With warmest regards and heartfelt appreciation,
Dr. Kaustubh Bhattacharyya
Electronics and Communication Engineering"**

It is still very fresh in my mind when Fr. Mavely interviewed me for the PHD admission . He not challenged me with a few contextual questions but also helped me to focus and give my best in my research on Service Learning. I was blessed even more to have him written the Foreword for my first book on Service Learning launched recently. God bless Fr. Mavely with good health and prosperous ministry in the years ahead. You are an inspiration.

Sr. Nirmala Arul IBVM
At present as a Mission Coordinator for the congregation in Rome

At the end of a miraculous journey that began decades ago in Shillong and has reached its zenith in Guwahati, I don't have the requisite words that would describe the effect that Father's guidance has had upon me, because that has been unparalleled, still, here are a few words for Father Stephen Mavely:

"As the Sun nourishes the Earth giving life where there would only be darkness otherwise, some people come into our lives and like the Sun, give us hope, taking nothing back. Father Mavely was a much-revered guide, of whom I had always been in awe, be it because of his kind nature or his charismatic personality, or perhaps his human and empathic aura. Having known him now for decades, he is an idol, an ideal, a smile whenever there's darkness. I pray for him to continue being himself, for that is enough to bring joy in every sense of the word."

Assistant Professor
Department of Business Administration
NERIM Group of Institutions, Guwahati.

It's a matter of great joy that Assam Don Bosco University had an inventive and insightful Vice Chancellor in the person of Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavely for the past years, leading the premier University to greater heights. According to me, it was era of achievements and progressive developments of the university towards quality and excellence. In him I found an inspiring person who always stimulated a spark of determination and persevering efforts. No doubt he remains a luminary of ADBU ever.

Sr. Dr. Janet S. Mendonca
Principal
V U Bethany College (Affiliated to RGU)
Namsai, Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh

Dearest Fr. Stephen,

I have always been in awe of how beautifully you would sit through every PhD presentation, that all of us as students have given over the years. Over the years not once have I ever seen you slouch or lean, though I would see myself doing the same umpteen number of times. You have an amazing upright body language and you would always keep your camera on and hardly ever take a break. I have always admired how wonderfully you would remember my thesis topic and also the present study that I was working on. I have met you once in person and I have to say that you have a wonderful personality and charisma that adds so much to your overall persona and charm.

Dr. Alisha Lalljee
Consultant Psychologist, Mumbai

World Autism Day

The Department of Psychology of Assam Don Bosco University observed 'World Autism Day' on 3rd April 2023 by organizing various activities throughout the day in Tapesia Campus.

In the morning assembly, a speech on Autism Spectrum Disorder was delivered, followed by a skit portraying the basic characteristics of autism, diagnosis and intervention of children with autism. A solo dance was also performed to support the theme followed by a speech from Fr. (Dr) Stephen Mavely, Vice Chancellor.



This was followed by a fundraising campaign for Society for Health and Educational Development (SHED), Sonapur, Assam, with exhibition cum sale store at the Atrium, Academic Block-II. A few of the special needs children from SHED accompanied by their faculty, and staff members also participated in the event. This activity also contributed in spreading the awareness regarding the need to provide support to improve the quality of life of people with autism/special needs to help them lead a complete and meaningful life as an integral part of the society.

To show the support towards people with Autism a 'hand imprint' activity was also organized where students, staff and faculty members showed their support for the cause by putting their colourful hand imprints in white chart papers.

On the same day, a painting competition was organized by the Journal Club of the Department of Psychology with a theme "Let's light it up blue" consistent with the theme of the World Autism Day 2023. Dr. Yumnam Lokeshwor Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology and Dr. Agnes Humtsoe, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, were present as invited judges for the painting competition.

Study Tour to Manas National Park

The Department of Zoology organized a study tour for the BSC 6th Semester, MSC 2nd and 4th Semester students as a part of their curricula to Manas National Park on the 3rd and 4th April, 2023.



The journey started from the campus at 6:30 AM. On reaching the destination and after lunch, the first session began in the evening at the Smiling Tusker Camp. A documentary on Manas National Park (MNP) was shown to the students. The documentary commenced with the history of Manas depicting how the area served as a base camp for the militant groups in the 1980s and 1990s. During that time the diversity of the area depleted considerably. The park witnessed an increase in Tigers, Indian Elephant, Indian rhino, and Bengal floricans once the militants left the area. The documentary was compiled by The Smiling Tusker. Later, a field biologist Mr. Jyotishman Deka from MNP demonstrated the use of a few instruments in the field of Wildlife Biology which include

a range finder and a compass. He also demonstrated how to set up a camera trap for tigers in the field followed by a discussion session in which the students along with the faculties took active part.

On the second day, there was a Jeep safari to Manas National Park. During the safari many animals were sighted which include the Barking Deer, Indian Rhinoceros, Indian Elephants, Bison, Capped Langurs, Woodpecker, Eagle, Bengal floricans and Peacock to name a few. The Jeep safari lasted for three hours after which the students returned back to Camp and after lunch and an hour rest, the students continued on a return journey back to campus. A total of 72 students took part in the study tour accompanied by four faculties of the Department of Zoology along with one Laboratory Assistant.

Workshop on Towel Origami

A towel folding demonstration and exhibition was conducted by Department of Hospitality and Hotel Administration on 20th April 2023.

Mr. Sabyasachi Banerjee & Ms. Soma Lyngdoh, faculty members of the Department started the session with a brief presentation about the art of towel folding and demonstrated them to the students of B.Sc. HHA 2nd Semester.

The programme ended with showcasing various towel origami to the visitors of the Department who were visibly impressed by the creativity.



Talk by Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta

Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) welcomed a renowned academician and educationist, Prof. Nani Gopal Mahanta at Tapesia campus on Monday, April 24, 2023. Prof. Mahanta, who is currently serving as the Advisor to the Government of Assam in the field of Education, was invited by the university to deliver a talk on "India Vision 2050 through NEP 2020."

Prof. Mahanta began his speech by highlighting the significance of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which was recently introduced by the Government of India. He spoke about the policy's vision of transforming education in Assam, and its emphasis on inclusive education, skill development, and research-oriented learning: to know, to do, and to be. Prof. Mahanta discussed how the NEP 2020 is an attempt to address challenges faced in the education sector. The focus is on – "pure knowledge, vocational training, application of concepts, and fundamental skills."



The talk concluded with a lively Q&A session, where faculty members had the opportunity to interact with Prof. Mahanta and clarify their doubts on the topic. The audience found the talk very informative and inspiring, with many appreciating Prof. Mahanta's insights and perspectives on the subject.

The Vice Chancellor, Fr (Dr) Stephen Mavely, expressed his gratitude towards Prof. Mahanta for sharing his knowledge and experience with the university community.

The event was attended by the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Deputy registrar, School Directors, IQAC Director and NAAC Coordinator, and all the faculty members along with some students from various disciplines.

National DNA Day

National DNA Day was observed by the Department of Biosciences on 25th April 2023 in Tapesia, Campus, Assam Don Bosco University.

On this occasion MSc 2nd Semester students showcased a presentation on Human Genome Project and its impact to society in the morning assembly. An online essay competition was also organised and a total of 20 participants from Department of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Botany participated in the event along with students from Cotton University. Additionally, an Art /Painting and Science Model Competition was also organised in which participants from the Department of Botany and Zoology, Assam Don Bosco University took part.



Inter School Electrical Quiz Competition

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering in association with Living Thoughts Pvt. Ltd., organized an Inter School Electrical Quiz Competition (ISEQC-2023) on 28-29 April 2023. The event was conducted in an online mode with the theme "CLEAN ENERGY". This initiative aimed to raise awareness and focus on one of the most crucial Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely SDG 7 – "Affordable and Clean Energy," out of the 17 SDGs adopted by the United Nations.

The 17 SDGs were adopted by all United Nation Member States in 2015, as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which set out a 15-year plan to achieve the Goals. The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and improve the lives and prospects of everyone, everywhere.

The electrifying contest witnessed an intense competition among 18 teams, comprising the brightest minds from various states of North East India, out of which nine teams made it to the final round held on the second day of the event. The quiz competition proved to be a platform for students to showcase their knowledge and understanding of electrical and electronic engineering, as well as their awareness of sustainable development. The nine finalists showcased exceptional knowledge and expertise in the field of clean energy, impressing the judges with their razor-sharp intellect.

After a nerve-wracking finale, the champions of the competition were announced. Jyotimoy Baishya and Tanbir Talukdar from St. Claret School, Borjhar, Guwahati emerged as the worthy winners, taking home the coveted first prize of Rs. 6000. Their exceptional performance left the audience spellbound as they answered the most complex questions with ease, demonstrating their in-depth understanding of clean energy and its applications. The runners-up position was claimed by the brilliant Diptiman Bora and Pradhiman Bora from Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti School, Guwahati. Their exceptional grasp of the subject earned them the second prize of Rs. 4000. The Kendriya Vidyalaya, Central University Tezpur duo of Darshan Dipan Baruah and Pragyan Pratim Sharma put up an impressive performance and secured the third position, winning Rs. 2000 as a prize.

All the finalists received certificates of participation, recognizing their outstanding efforts and knowledge showcased during the competition, and contributions towards creating a better, sustainable future.



Workshop on Art and Craft Centric Education

The Educare Club, Department of Education in collaboration with NSS Cell, Assam Don Bosco University organized a workshop on Art and Craft Centric Education and Orientation on Overseas Studies on 28th April, 2023.

The resource person was Ms. Kuei-Mi Li, a Teacher in charge at Taiwan Education Center, Assam Don Bosco University. The objective of the workshop was to enhance the skills of students in art and craft which can be utilized for the preparation of teaching aids and to acquaint the students with the prospects and opportunities of studying overseas. The programme was led by Ms. Shreya Chowdhury, a student of BA 6th semester and a welcome speech was delivered by Augustina Stoila from BA 6th semester, followed by felicitation of the Resource Person and a talk by the Head of the Department Dr. Tania Sur Roy and Professor KC Kapoor.



The Resource Person began the first session of the workshop with a presentation, highlighting some facts about Taiwan, a brief history of Taiwan and its culture, the importance of learning Mandarin language, opportunities in studying in Taiwan, availability of scholarships and job prospects in Taiwan. In the second session of the workshop, the resource person began with a hands-on training of art and craft activities engaging all the students and faculty members.

A total of 50 students with faculty members from the Department of Education participated in the programme. The entire programme was coordinated by Dr. Agnes Humtsoe, Coordinator, Educare Club ADBU and Dr. Ranjita Chanda, Programme Officer NSS Cell, ADBU.

DBU FEATURED IN NIRF INNOVATION 2023

In the latest ranking of NIRF INNOVATION announced on 5th June 2023 by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, Assam Don Bosco University was the only University in the private sector in North East India featured in the rank band. National Institutional Ranking Framework Innovation (NIRF) is an initiative of Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development" amongst students and faculty members.



The Nodal Coordinator for NIRF at Don Bosco University, Asst. Prof. Arup Baruah said, "Out of 1417 Higher Educational institutions all over India, Don Bosco University is placed in the 151-300 band and other Universities like Assam Down Town University, Assam Royal Global University, and Assam Kaziranga University are placed in the 'Participated' category. IIT Guwahati is placed in the 11-50 band. NIT Silchar is also placed along with our University in the '151-300' while Dibrugarh University, Tezpur University and other institutes from Assam have been placed in the 'Participated' category".

Commenting on the NIRF Innovation 2023, Fr (Dr) Stephen Mavely, the Vice Chancellor of Assam Don Bosco University said, "This is a testament of the commitment of the University in encouraging innovations and the result of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and students."



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