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AT THE UNIVERSITY**



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Message from the Vice Chancellor

The other day we had the ninth edition of our 'Appreciation Day' at the Tapesia Campus where the University family got together for a day of fun and frolic. As the year draws to a close, there was much to celebrate, a plethora of memories to contend with, and a whole host of shared dreams and experiences to recall and to relish...

There was much fun... a lot of laughter too... and, of course, the sound of music and dance...

Life is made up of memories, they say... and I could not agree more... Appreciation Day stirred those memories yet again...

The years have left us with a rich tapestry of golden memories, woven from the precious strands of a shared vision, an engaging work place and the personal commitments of every one at the University far beyond the call of duty...

Speaking of memories... Here is one I cherish from years back: There used to be a bookseller here in the town who used to go around from institution to institution selling old books. He would come with a list of books that he had: with a number of columns against each book indicating the author, the title, the edition number, and anything else that was relevant.

Quite often at the end of the short description of the book you would see the letters 'WAF' in the very last column. On enquiry, he would tell you that the acronym stood for 'with all faults'.

It was his way of warning you that the book was imperfect, that it had obvious and hidden defects. Perhaps some pages were missing, or it had suffered significant damage, or that someone had doodled all over the pages. It further indicated that he had found some faults in the book, but that he thought that there could be more.

In short, he wanted you to understand that, if you really wanted the book, you could have it. But you would have to 'accept it as it was', 'with all faults'.

We have just completed six months of arduous work, with everyone involved in the task, to make the 'Self Study Report' of the University as realistic and as impressive as possible. This preparation for the visit of the Peer Team from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council has been a monumental task that called for the intimate participation of every member of the faculty and staff of the University.

Further, in the course of this study, revisiting the journey of the university from its establishment to its present state has been an intense experience for every one in the most profound sense of that term – the story of a group of men and women 'journeying in hope', a journey replete with enormous success and satisfaction... and an ample measure of setbacks, mistakes and obstacles!

This exercise of compiling a self-study report has succeeded in making that journey a part of the psyche of everyone here at the University – the



faculty, the staff, the management, the alumni... making it, more than ever before, a shared dream, a collective memory, a pooled determination to tackle every obstacle, especially the intractable ones.

It has also brought home, most intensely, the recognition that 'Don Bosco University' is the shared dream of a cross section of individuals, organizations and agencies, prime among them being the faculty and staff of the University who have given it all they have... and Don Bosco Society that has nursed it as a monument to its commitment to the young people of the world and their aspirations... in the footsteps of their Founder 'Don Bosco, the Dreamer'.

Understanding the turns, the twists, the meanderings, the pains and aches as well as the joys on the way (small and big) has brought about an in-depth sense of belonging and ownership. It has also thrown into sharp focus their role as deeply involved players in a grand venture that holds promise of blossoming into one of the best things that is happening in our part of the world.

It has also thrown up one undeniable truth: this University is the fruit of the dedication and involvement of a host of individuals 'with all their faults'; it is a project in the making – it still needs hands, and hearts and dreams of a whole lot of persons to keep it ticking and growing... It is, indeed, a large canvass to work on...

What we accomplish here at the University has started to reverberate across the globe just one message that Don Bosco University is a good place to be in, to learn, to work, to grow!

There is a second message too – it's about miracles and dreams: Learn to dream, learn to dare, learn to risk, learn to hope and trust... Miracles do happen – they happen to the ones that dream, and the ones that dare to chase that dream... 'with all their faults'!

Christmas is round the corner – let me wish you and your Dear Ones an abundance of the peace and joy that the Christ Child brings us... and may the New Year be replete with blessings all around!

**- Fr Stephen Mavelly
Rector & Vice Chancellor**

Rector Major at the University

The University on 10th November 2017 received with love, Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime, Rector Major of Salesians of Don Bosco (the 10th Successor of Don Bosco) at Tapesia Campus.

Welcoming Fr. Artime among our midst and inviting him to bless the newly erected bust of Don Bosco, the Vice Chancellor Fr. Stephen Maveley expressed the University's heartfelt gratitude to the Rector Major for his ardent support for the development of Don Bosco University in the North Eastern part of India. He also explained how the dream of Don Bosco has been carried on by his followers across the globe as Fr. Artime blessed the bust which sits above a plaque that simply reads 'To Don Bosco – the Dreamer'.

Interacting with the students and faculty of the University, Fr. Artime explained the beauty of the mosaic of cultures and beliefs, saying, "No matter where we come from, no matter what or how we worship, in the end, we are human beings sharing and living in the same world, and the secret of achieving peace in the world is to respect each other's beliefs and religions". Answering questions from the students, he shared how his humble beginning from a small town in Spain, a fishing community, helps him interact and work effectively with the less privileged people. While touching the subject on a connected world through social network, he urged the students not to lose in touch with the real world. Expressing his deep gratitude to the warm welcome, he said, "You stole my heart; if you are like this every day, I could stay with you forever".



This is his maiden visit to the University, and he was accompanied by Fr. Arokiam Kanaga, General Councilor, Don Bosco Society, South Asia and Fr. Thomas Vattathara, Chancellor, Assam Don Bosco University.

Before he left, Fr. Artime picked up a guitar and serenaded the gathering with Mexican songs to the wonder and joy of the students and staffs who broke into dancing to the beautiful tone and catchy tunes.

This day will linger in the memories of Don Bosco University as the day 'Don Bosco' comes to life, to show us how to live by our motto 'carpe diem'; how to seize the day...through his successor Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime. Gracias!



Appreciation Day 2017

The University held its annual Appreciation Day on 25th November 2017 at Tapesia Campus.

This is a day kept aside every year for the University's staff and faculty to get together along with their families, to sit down and have a fun day with various party games, dramas, skit and lunch together. It is observed as a day of appreciation of each and every member's contribution towards the development of the University.



This year's programme included tug of war, dances, antakshari, skit and group songs. Addressing the gathering and thanking all the members for their contributions, Fr. Stephen Mavelly, the Vice Chancellor said, "We are not a group of perfect people who are working together; we all have weaknesses, faults; in spite of this, we work together as a team, recognizing and appreciating the strengths of each member – this is where our strength as a University lies".

Sixth Convocation

On 9 September 2017, the University celebrated its Sixth Convocation at Azara campus, Guwahati, in a vibrant celebratory atmosphere, where 728 students from 42 countries were awarded degrees in various programmes.

The Sixth Convocation was graced by Shri Banwarilal Purohit, the Honourable Governor of Assam and Visitor to the University, along with many dignitaries and eminent guests from prestigious academic institutions, the graduates and their parents.



The Hon'ble Governor, in his address, congratulated the graduates and the University saying, "The fact that the University is catering to a diverse population and the presence of students from various countries today reaffirms that this University is indeed a global university". Encouraging the graduating students to serve the nation with the skills and degrees they acquired, His Excellency said, "The reason why progress is slow in our country is because of the culture of rampant corruption. It is the responsibility of this generation to come together to fight to eradicate this culture... Follow your heart, live simple, trust in God; No matter where we come from, what God we worship, we are bound together in this nation to work together to achieve our dreams".

Rachael George (valedictorian representing the graduate students, winner of a gold medal in Computer Science and Engineering, and the Vice Chancellor's gold medal), expressed her gratitude towards the university, saying, "Don Bosco University is a



very important milestone in our lives and a ladder to our dreams. It is and will always be a place that nurtures the minds and bodies of young men and women, pushing them to achieve the impossible making them believe that they can do it”.

Ramona Singani (a valedictorian representing DBU Global) thanked Assam Don Bosco University on behalf of all the Online Graduates, for the unswerving support and for spreading the wings of education beyond borders: “When I go back to Zambia, as a member of the Broadcasting Corporation, I will do all I can to see that the great work done by Don Bosco University is disseminated far and wide”.

“We are very proud of our esteemed research supervisors, mentors, who are down to earth and extremely persisting and highly compassionate throughout our efforts to accomplish our dreams,” said, Shajymon ML, another valedictorian representing the Research Scholars.

NECONRE 2017

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering organized a National Exhibition & Conference on New and Renewable Energy (NECONRE-2017) with a special focus on “Renewable Energy for rural India: the present and the future”, in association with Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA), at Azara Campus on 6-7 October 2017.

The conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Mr. Ajanta Kumar Goswami, CGM, Assam Power Distribution Company Limited.

The conference was attended by 70 participants and 31 technical papers on various topics supported by new and renewable energy such as solar energy, wind energy, hydro-electric Energy, bio-fuels and miscellaneous new and renewable energy sources were presented in four technical sessions.



Together with the deliberations of experts in the conference, an exhibition was held, to enlighten the students, developers and policy-makers on the various opportunities under the latest “new and renewable energy investments”. This national level project exhibition competition for the students was organized in two categories; where a total of 26 groups of students from various academic intuitions participated. In Category-I (for Class IX-XII) of this competition, the first prize was bagged by St. Clare’s Convent High School, Borjhar, Guwahati and in Category-II (for Degree and Diploma students), the first prize was bagged by a group from Don Bosco University.

Alongside the presentation and the exhibition, R&D practitioners, and Industry delegates were invited to showcase their equipments, materials, services, innovative findings, new knowledge and other practices relevant to addressing energy poverty. 5 companies engaged in renewable energy sector nationally participated in the Industrial exhibition, viz. Free Power Technology Private Ltd., Susconnect Pvt Ltd, Havells India Limited, Ujaas Energy Limited, Greenlight Planet India Pvt. Ltd.

NECONRE-2017 also featured a Panel Discussion session among experts from various fields who are directly or indirectly associated with renewable energy sector. The session successfully benefited the participants by creating awareness in them in critical issues of renewable energy sector.

MoU with NE Cancer Hospital and Research Center

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU), Guwahati and North East Cancer Hospital and Research Institute (NECHRI), Guwahati on the 25th of September at the Tapesia Campus of the University.



The MoU includes conducting joint training programmes; develop institutional capacity building including joint consultancy and research programmes, researcher and student exchange programmes for human resource development through education, training and staff exchange and sabbaticals.

Other activities under the MoU will include joint organization of International Workshops, Conferences, Seminars and Symposia focusing on Medical Technology development. The institutions plan to facilitate the transfer of innovation and technology in the areas of mutual interest. ADBU and NECHRI plan to jointly introduce Certificate/Diploma/Degree courses in Radiotherapy, Radiology and Pathology. A major area of interest for both the institutions is to utilize expertise from both sides to develop indigenous low cost medical equipment and accessories.

The MoU was signed by Fr. Dr. Stephen Mavelly, Vice Chancellor of ADBU and Dr. M. N. Baruah, Managing Director of NECHRI. The other dignitaries present in the MoU signing programme were Dr. Imliwati Longkumer and Dr. Gitartha Roymedhi from NECHRI and Prof. Basil Koikara, Prof. J. N. Viswakarma, Dr. Peter Paul Huhnar and Prof. Sunandan Baruah from ADBU.

Workshop for Anganwadi Workers

A series of workshops on 'Understanding Child Growth and Development' organized for Anganwadi Workers by Assam Don Bosco University in collaboration with University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas was concluded today with a short ceremony held at the Crystal Hall where participants were awarded certificates.

This workshop, unlike other workshops is a series of capacity building workshops for Anganwadi Workers and Helpers of Sonapur, Assam. Apart from 33 Anganwadi Workers and Helpers, the Child Development Project Officer of Dimoria Block and 3 Anganwadi Supervisors attended these workshops.

The workshop, which began in the month of August ended on 5th November 2017 and covered various themes like: Education –importance – Child and Society, Physical Development, Emotional/Psychological Development, Social Development and Needs, Special Needs – Focus on Special Education.

Addressing the participants, the Vice Chancellor, Fr (Dr.) Stephen Mavelly said, "It has been a dream of the University to be a part of the developmental process of the surrounding villages. This is just the beginning. As we (the University) develop, we want you to develop. Please feel free to come in to the Campus and make use of the facilities we have here to learn new things and new skills".



North East Astronomers' Meet

A three day meet of North East Astronomers, jointly organized by the University and Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, was held at St. Anthony's College, Shillong from 5th to 7th October, 2017.

The aim of the meet was to bring together young and highly motivated students, researchers, and college and university teachers of the North- East region, working or intending to take up research in the field of Astronomy and Astrophysics and related topics, on a single platform to simulate discussions and collaborations.



The three day meet started at 9:30 am on 5th October 2017 with a very brief inaugural session in which Br. (Dr.) Albert L. Dkhar, Principal, St. Anthony's College gave the welcome speech, Dr. Monmoyuri Baruah, Convener, NEMA III; and HOD, Department of Physics, ADBU, gave an overview of NEMA III and Prof. Ranjeev Misra, IUCAA, explained the aim and objectives of NEMA series.

The talks in the sessions were delivered by faculty members, research scholars, project fellows and post graduate students from various institutions. The meet had five technical sessions comprising a total of 25 talks and 41 participants including faculty members, research scholars and students from different Universities and Colleges of North East India. The universities and colleges included Assam University, Cotton University, Tezpur University, Gauhati University, Manipur University, Rajiv Gandhi University, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, North Eastern Hill University, Hojai College, Assam Don Bosco University.

A feedback session was conducted by Prof. Ranjeev Misra at the end of the 5th Technical Session where participants expressed their satisfaction and a new found interest in pursuing higher studies and research in the area of Astrophysics. The meet ended with a vote of thanks from the convener Dr. Monmoyuri Baruah.

MoU with IIEE

The University signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati on 15th September 2017. Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati is an organization of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India having its registered office at Basistha Chariali, East West Corridor, Near Game Village, Lalmati, Guwahati.

The University has been selected as a Technical Agency for the revamped Central Sector Scheme titled the "Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)" which has been drawn up and approved by the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).



Assam Don Bosco University will be providing close handholding and implementation support to the SFURTI clusters. This is an opportunity for ADBU to help restructure the dying traditional industries of Assam and the North East. The MoU was signed by Mr. Manoj Kumar Das, Director, IIE and Fr. Joseph Nellanatt, Pro-Vice Chancellor, ADBU.

Symposium on Patent Awareness

Keeping in view the importance of Intellectual Property Rights, especially Patent, the IPR Cell together with the Department of Mechanical Engineering organized a one-day symposium on Patent Awareness with the help of Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTEC), Guwahati on 29th August 2017.

Patents have emerged as an important indicator of academic and industrial competency. Understanding patents has become as vital as understanding innovation, technology, marketing, finance, company governance, industrial and political economy and strategy. They provide insights into technological innovation and business competency and have the potential to have an effect on Research and Development and business methods of universities.



Resource persons from ASTEC, Dr. Ranjit Kr. Barman, Head, Science and Technology Division of ASTEC and Mr. Siddhartha Debnath, Scientist 'C' delivered insightful information on Intellectual Property and Patent. Dr. Barman delivered a talk on Intellectual Property and its significance and Mr. Debnath presented detailed information on Intellectual Property (IP) – Patent and held an interaction session. The resource persons encouraged the University and the participants to work on Geographical Indication (GI) process for some traditional products of Assam which the University intends to take up in the near future.

A total of 38 participants from various departments in the University took part in the symposium.

University Teams bagged Young Innovations Awards

Two teams from the University at a statewide competition 'Ideathon: Youth Innovations for a Brighter Assam' held on 2-3 November 2017 were declared 'winners' among top 30 teams selected to participate in the grand finale.



The two day event was organized by the Centre for Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Centre for Innovation and Futures Studies (CIFS) and Transformation and Development Department, providing a platform to all young students of Assam from various institutions to develop solutions for few of the biggest challenges in Assam.

After a rigorous selection process from an overwhelming number of entries from various colleges and universities of Assam, the top 30 teams were selected to participate in the grand finale. Out of the four teams from Assam Don Bosco University that have joined for the competition, all the teams made it to the grand finale for developing scalable models and prototype for any of the critical problem statements provided by the Ideathon team.

The winning teams were mentored by Ms. Nupur Choudhury and Ms. Gypsy Nandi and have been assured to be provided with the seed fund of Rs. 1.5 lakh for further developing their ideas. The winning teams are now fully geared up to demonstrate the practical application of the prototype developed in the competition to be applied in the selected areas of Assam.

One Day Symposium on 'Electronics - the Backbone of IOT'

On 4th November, 2017, the Department of Electronics and Communication organized a one day Symposium on "Electronics-The Backbone of Internet of Things (IOT)".

The main objective of the symposium was to provide an understanding of the role of Electronics in IOT implementation and there by providing the young engineering students and researchers a platform to discuss about the various issues, challenges and other factors related to IOT.

Eminent academicians Dr. Ferdous Ahmed Barbhuiya, Head, Dept. of CSE, IIIT, Guwahati and Dr. Nayan Moni Kakoty, Associate Professor, Dept. of ECE, Tezpur University delivered invited talks on this topic. Dr. Ahmed Barbhuiya spoke about the various issues and challenges related to IOT while Dr. Kakoty on the other hand spoke about the various fields such as agriculture, healthcare, smart farming, etc. where IOT could create a revolution and he termed IOT as the 'the Instrument of Fourth Generation'.



After the invited talk, there was a brainstorming panel discussion on the topic which was facilitated by Prof. Sunandan Baruah, Director of Centre of Excellence in Nano Technology & Professor, Dept. of ECE, Don Bosco University. The other panelists were Dr. Nayan Moni Kakoty, Associate Professor, Dept. of ECE, Tezpur University; Dr. Abhijit Sarma, Assoc. Professor and Head, Dept. of CSE, Gauhati University & Mr. Arup Baruah, Sr. Asst. Prof., Dept. of CSE, ADBU.

The panelists also answered queries by the participants.

More than 80 students and research scholars from the University as well as from Gauhati University and Tezpur University attended the symposium.

Faculty Development Programme on ICT for Education

As a part of 'Train Ten Thousand Teachers' project, the School of Technology hosted a two week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on ICT for Education as one of the remote centers across India.

The training programme organized by IIT Bombay was approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body of Govt. of India. The remote center at the University had 17 participants registered for the course and it began from 3 August 2017 and ended on 7 September 2017. Interactive classes were held every weekend.



Each participant was expected to access the online platform, using a PC at home or office, on any convenient day and time during the weeks, with an online test held every week. Each participant had to spend 6 – 8 hours per week to learn and give test and this was considered as equivalent to one day of work in a regular FDP. Focused interactive sessions with the participating teachers were also conducted by the faculty from IIT Bombay.

The training programme focused mainly on the following three issues and some case studies:

- Identify various ICT devices and applications useful in teaching-learning.
- Develop awareness towards ethical practices for use of ICT in education.
- Make use of best practices for information dissemination using ICT.

The FDP was funded by National Mission on Education through ICT (MHRD, Government of India). It was free course and all the live videos were recorded and the final edited audio-visual contents along with other course materials were released under open source for free access.

Independence Day Celebration

The 70th Anniversary of India's Independence Day was celebrated at the University by hoisting the National Flag in the morning at the Rotunda, in front of the residential block by the Vice Chancellor, Fr (Dr) Stephen Mavelly.

Highlighting the pace of developments in India, Fr. Mavelly said, "As a country we have reached the tipping point where we can either move forward or backward. We have to voice our opinions, build platform for the voiceless to be heard".



Memorial Khongkai, a student of Social Work also spoke on how she experience India's Independence Day celebration year after year since her childhood, and the way it changes her views and perspectives, and invited her fellow students to contribute for further developments of the country in whichever way they can. The ceremony ended with the gathering singing 'Let My Country Awake' by Rabindranath Tagore.

World Photography Day

World Photography Day was observed on 19th August with a special assembly organized by the Department of Mass Communication.



Shania James, a final year student of Masters in Mass Communication delivered a short speech on the history of photography and awards were also distributed to the winners of Smartphone Photography Competition, organized in commemoration of this day.

The students of Masters in Mass Communication also organized a photo exhibition at the Atrium of Academic Block – I, where photographs of various photographers from North East India were displayed. In addition, a replica of a 'Dark Room' has also been made available for students and staff to visit and have a better understanding of how photos were used to develop in a dark room prior to the digital era.

Workshop on 'The Concept of Development'

The Department of Mass Communication, Assam Don Bosco University, Tapesia held a two day workshop on 'The Concept of Development' on 25 - 26 July, 2017 for the 3rd Semester students of M.A. Mass Communication.

The purpose of the workshop was to enlighten the students with the concept of communication for development and how to use it in an effective way to serve the society, especially 'the weak and the marginalised.'

The resource person, Dr. Lukose PJ, HoD, Department of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University dealt with the concept of development drawing examples from his life experiences. According to him, the word development is 'an actualisation of one's inner potentialities' which starts with cultural changes.

The programme included power point presentations, anecdotes, songs, interactions, group discussion and presentation. Avishkek Chakraborty, one of the participants said, "It was a fruitful and enriching workshop and easy to understand as the resource person provided us with examples from his real life experiences".

Workshop on Learning Disabilities

A two day workshop on 'Specific Learning Disabilities and Remedial Education', was organized by the North East Counsellors' Association (NECA) hosted by the Department of Psychology and Counselling, Assam Don Bosco University on 25-26 August, 2017.

Ms Rumana Fatehi from the Institute of Exceptional Children facilitated this two day workshop, which intended to provide relevant information to detect and provide intervention through support, services and remedial education on 'Specific Learning Disabilities'. 35 participants including special educators, teachers, clinical psychologists, counsellors and administrators from different renowned institutions of Northeast India attended the workshop.



One Day Meet on Skill Development

Board of Practical Training (BoPT), Eastern Region, Kolkata organized a one day meeting on Skill Development for Engineering (Graduate and Diploma) in NE states under National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) at the University's Conference Hall, Azara Campus on 29th August, 2017.



The main objective of this Industry-academia meeting was to bring together the stakeholders, viz., the alumni, Institutions and the Establishments/Organisations fraternity of Northeast, to interact with each other regarding the present day requirement of industries and facilities available through NATS for achieving the dream of a developed India through skill development.

Chairman of BoPT Sri Chakraborty mentioned in his inaugural address that 70 percent of the engineers graduating from the institutions in India are unemployable owing to lack of practical skills. He added that the government of India came up with the idea of setting up of the board (BoPT) to give chance to the engineering students to acquire skills through Apprenticeship in various industries, after their degrees and diplomas.

Fr.(Dr) Stephen Mavelly, in his address informed that the University has been providing soft skills training apart from the curriculum to all its graduates. He expressed his thankfulness to BoPT for taking the responsibility of practically training the Engineering students of the whole region.

The Director of BoPT, Eastern Region, Mr. Ahmed spoke about the benefits of Apprenticeship to both the students and the

industry. He said that the online portal of BoPT that is available for industry, students as well as the institutions and, a number of large developmental projects of the central and state governments are coming up in the region, which will require skilled manpower.

Ms. Sushmita Ghosh, the Additional Director of BoPT and Mr. Abhijit Bhagawati, the OSD, BoPT for North Eastern Region representatives from various industries in North East attended the Meet.

Visit to Indigenous Brass Metal Industry

A team from the University comprising of Dr. Sunandan Baruah, Director, Center of Excellence in Nanotechnology and Mr. Vikramjit Kakati, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering visited the brass metal traditional industries in Boniakuchi of Barpeta district in Assam.



The Ministry of MSME through the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship has selected ADBU as a Technical Agency to help revive the traditional industries of Assam. The team observed that the artisans are still working using age old techniques and under adverse working conditions. ADBU will come up with a proposal to introduce low cost machinery to boost production and improve quality of the finished products. ADBU plans to design the instruments in house. It also plans to carry out an ergonomic survey to ensure healthy working environment for the workers.

Children's Day Celebration

Assam Don Bosco University organized Community Children's Day Programme for the children of the surrounding villages on the 11th November 2017 as these children will not be available on 14th November for the celebration at the University.



The function held at Tapesia Campus of the University aimed at honoring children on their special day, to create a fun environment and to inculcate a positive competition within them. It also aimed at teaching them the concept of team work and respect towards themselves and other so as to enhance their abilities and capacities through different activities.

The activities conducted were drawing competition, dance, games and cultural programme. 130 children attended the programme along with their guardians and teachers.

Devised Theatre Workshop

The Department of Mass Communication in collaboration with city-based not-for-profit-organisation Brahmputra Foundation organised a 2-day Devised Theatre Workshop from 27-28 October 2017 at Tapesia Campus of the University. The workshop was organised for the 1st semester UG students of the University. 25 selected students participated in the workshop. The resource person for the workshop was theatre actor/script-writer Ms. Irin Shabnam.

Devised Theatre is a process in which the whole creative team develops a show collaboratively. From actors to technicians, everyone is involved in the creative process. This process has become popular over a few decades. Those who are interested in the freedom to make their own work and explore subjects without the time, content and other possible restrictions that accompany other types of theatrical rehearsal processes tend to flock to this genre of theatre.



Lawandamaphi, a participant in the workshop said, "It was a great experience for all of us. Although I had participated in skits at high school, I was never aware of the many basic aspects of theatre acting. Besides it also helped to develop our oral communication skills. We really enjoyed it". Commenting on the workshop Ms. Shabnam said, "I have conducted workshops with other students, but this group was the best so far. Their commitment and willingness to learn were exemplary."

MoU with Eicher Motors Ltd



The University signed an MoU with Eicher Motors Ltd. On 7th November 2017 at Azara Campus.

Eicher Motors will help familiarize young students and faculty members in the latest automobile technology and also practically demonstrate to them the most scientific way of repair, maintenance and overhaul of motorcycles.

In addition, the Royal Enfield Technician Certification Programme' (RETCP) which is a proprietary teaching and education programme in automobile engineering and technology developed by Royal Enfield, would be utilized by Assam Don Bosco University to train its students and faculty members in particular and any student or any faculty member of

engineering colleges/institutions, industry personnel, mechanics, dealers, vocational institutions, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), etc., at Azara Campus with the assistance of Royal Enfield.

Investor Awareness Programme for MBA Students

National Securities Exchange (NSE) conducted an investor awareness programme at DBIM for the MBA students in collaboration with Global Edutech, Guwahati, on 18th November 2017. Mr. A. K. Nath, Head, Global Edutech and Mr. Assad Ahmed, Certified NSE Trainer, were the resource persons for the program.

During the sessions, the advantages in investing money in the financial markets compared to fixed deposits in the banks were discussed. Students were also informed about the need to begin investments early. There was a demonstration on possible returns that investors can earn by the time they retire depending on when and where they invest their money.



Sensitization Trip to Kodomguri

The final year students of MBA went for a trip to Kodomguri, a village in Kokrajhar District that had suffered ethnic clashes and as a result, socio-economic developments have been crippled.



The journey began on 19th November morning and the students with two German delegates arrived at Kodomguri on 20th noon. The group went as far as Bus could take them and then started off on foot to reach the village. The village people had been informed and they had arranged a welcome programme filled with beautiful cultural dances.

Relief materials were distributed and students interacted with children, men and women of the village and came away with a better understanding of the reality of life, the struggle, for such an ethnic clashed torn village. The smiles on the faces of children and the contentment of the people in general for whatever little they had to live by, inspired the students to learn to look at life with a new perspective, to examine and count the many blessings they have been showered upon, and to reach out and share.

The trip had taught invaluable lessons to all that in life, the rich are for the poor and the needy, the educated are for the uneducated and the illiterate, and above all, to be content with what one has.

Faculty cum Student Development Programme

Faculty cum Student Development Programme on 'Case based Learning Methodology for Business Schools' was held on 2 September 2017 at the School of Commerce and Management. Prof. Debapratim Purkaysatha, Associate Dean, IBS Hyderabad who has authored more than 500 case studies and has received several national and international awards in case writing was the resource person.

In the first session held for the students, Prof. Purkaysatha dwelled on skills required to be successful in the competitive business environment. He urged the students to be open to experimenting with various career options to find a career that they are passionate about.

In the second session, held for the faculty, Prof Purkaysatha explained different types of case studies that can be used for teaching, common problems faced by tutors while adopting a case study approach and how to work around these problems. He also shared his expertise on how to prepare case studies.



The programme ended with distribution of certificates to faculty participants. Along with the faculty members from DBIM, faculty members from GIMT and Guwahati Commerce College also participated in the programme.

RESEARCH PULSE

The quarter October-December of 2017 was full of various research activities like completion of the PhD Course Work 2017, research proposal presentation, PhD Pre-Submission Seminars, Viva- Voce examinations of some of our research leading to PhD degree.

PhD Course Work 2017: In this programme that was spread over a period of six months, 24 candidates from various departments had joined. Barring one, the remaining twenty-three of them have successfully completed the course work and the results under preparation.

Research Proposal Presentation/Registration of Research Scholars: Eleven Research Scholars presented their proposals and applied for registration:

1.	Pramod Korula	Management
2.	Salim P.	Management
3.	Sharmistha Jha	Mass Communications
4.	Theresa Phawa	Language Studies
5.	Anjok Kropi	Education
6.	Marley Boneface Paul	Computer Science Engineering
7.	Bhanupriya Daimary	Comparative Religion
8.	Shilpika Khanikar	Chemical Science
9.	Ayan Bhuyan	Computer Science Engineering
10.	Jagannath Das	Comparative Religion
11.	Susma Das	Chemical Science

PhD Pre-Submission Seminar: The following research scholars presented their PhD Pre-Submission Seminars successfully:

1. Gypsy Nandi – Computer Science Engineering
2. Jhimli Kumari Das – Electrical and Electronics Engineering
3. MV Johnson – Comparative Religion
4. Nabamita Das – Language Studies
5. Viraho – North East India Studies
6. Anupa Lahkar – Mass Communication
7. Kisholoy Choudhury – Mass Communication

PhD Viva Voce Examination: Three of our Research Scholars have successfully completed their Viva Voce leading to the award of PhD degree of Assam Don Bosco University –

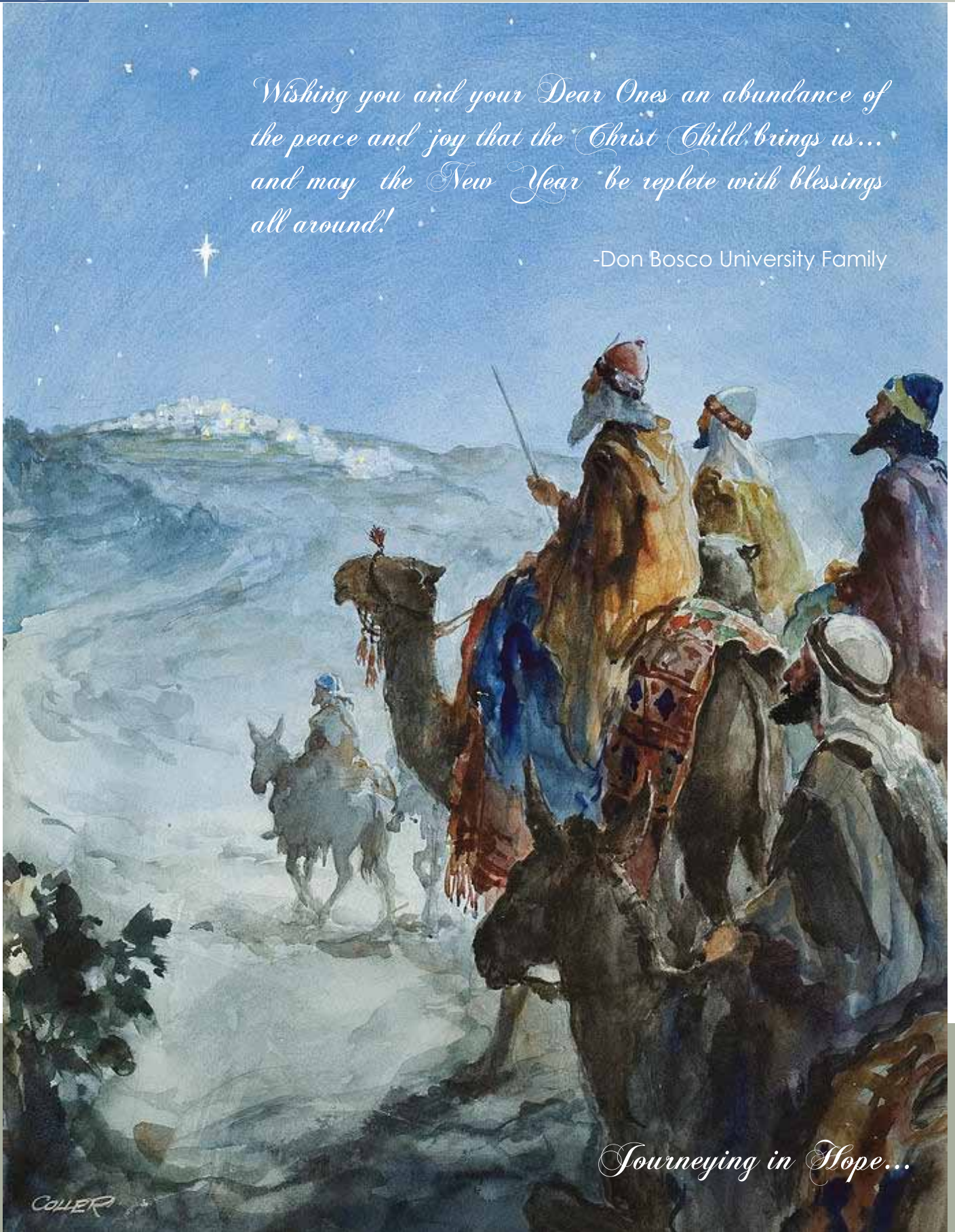
1. Michael Kolb – North East India Studies
2. Xavier Jayaraj – Social Work
3. Rachel Kabi – North East India Studies

Research Projects Granted:

S/N	Investigators	Department		
1	Dr Monmoyuri Baruah Dr. Mayur Kakati,	Physics – Assam Don Bosco University and CIMPLE-PSI Laboratory, Centre of Plasma Physics-IPRNazirakhat, Sonapur	Studies on nitriding of tungsten under ITER Divertor like plasmas	Plasma & Fusion Research Committee (P&FRC), BRNS, Department of Atomic Energy – GOI Rs 16.68 Lakhs
2	Dr. Shiny C. Thomas Dr. Supriyo Sen	Life Science	An attempt to enhance the propagation of agarwood (<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i>) for its sustainability through novel approaches and to promote entrepreneurship in Assam	Assam Science Technology and Environment Council, Govt. of Assam Rs 2.00 Lakhs
3	Dr. Sunandan Baruah Dr. Supriyo Sen	Electronics & Communication Engineering, Life Science	Environmental pollution sensing and remediation using green nanotechnology	Assam Science Technology and Environment Council, Govt. of Assam Rs 5.99 Lakhs

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the peace and joy that the Christ Child brings us...
and may the New Year be replete with blessings
all around!*

-Don Bosco University Family



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