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## Message from VC



The Department of Mass Communication is hardly a month old... still taking the first baby steps, one would have thought. But here they are launching the first e-Tabloid of the University "Campus Splash"... Let me wish them every success as they keep putting together issue after issue of this e-journal...

Do keep telling us of the ephemeral and the eternal, of the ideal and the real, and, of course, sharing with us nuggets of wisdom to know the difference...

Fr (Dr) Stephen Mavelly SDB



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## First National Entrepreneurship Development Conference Held

A two-day National Conference on Emerging Trends in Entrepreneurship Development in Northeast India took place at ADBU, 22-23 August 2014.

Submission of scholarly and original research work and practical experience in the various aspects of entrepreneurship development were presented.

In his inaugural address, Dr Stephen Mavelly, the Vice Chancellor, ADBU, said that, "the attitudinal change taking place among faculty and students regarding entrepreneurship, "is the in thing to do in the University," he said listing various initiatives being undertaken in the university's labs to produce marketable and commercially viable appliances.

Don Bosco College of Engineering & Technology Principal Dr Manoranjan Kalita endorsed opinion of several panellists when he said, "Government should support youth, devoid of red tape, to ensure that financial risk by budding entrepreneurs is minimized."

Dr Kalita also called on government to set up a separate sector to endorse entrepreneurship among students and issue "mandatory instruction to the corporate sector to help in academic training, as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility."

Prof. Nayan Baruah, Head of the Department of Commerce, Guwahati University lamented that only 10 percent of students proceed to Higher Education in 682 universities in India of which 45 are Central, 321 state universities, 129 deemed and 128 private universities catering to 1.23 billion population.

The Deputy Director of ICSSR and NERC, as the Chief Guest at the Conference, Dr Joshua Thomas, complimented both Guwahati and DonBoscoUniversities in their joint venture to help generate jobs for their students.



GauhatiUniversity, in her presented keynote address challenged students "to identify alternative entrepreneurial options, and choose the sustainable and labour intensive ventures."

Prof Borkakoty also emphasized on "industry-university research collaboration which can lead to thriving world class small entrepreneurs like SME's of Taiwan."

Almost 170 people participated in this conference as delegates of 10 universities and colleges in Guwahati, Universities in Silchar, Tezpur and Dibrugarh and 56 ADBU students, as well as 56 presenters.

Awards for the best presenter at the conference went to Dr Sinmoy Goswami & Suman Sarma of Assam Institute of Management Guwahati for their paper entitled: Reasons for Entrepreneurship in Kamrup & Kamrup District of Assam."

The Convener of the Conference was Dr. Biju Mani Das.

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi was the chief sponsor while Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, Bhangagarh, Guwahati, Raju Dresses, (Specialist in

school and college uniforms), and United India Insurance Company Limited (Pandu Branch, Guwahati) were co-sponsors.

The main sub-themes of the conference were: Economic development and growth through entrepreneurship, rural and agricultural entrepreneurship, globalization and entrepreneurship, infrastructure development for entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship for engineers and technological innovations, women entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship development in different sectors (such as tourism, fisheries, food processing, horticulture, sericulture, handloom and handicraft, etc.) entrepreneurship education, green entrepreneurship, export-oriented entrepreneurship, international entrepreneurial opportunities with reference to Look East Policy.

## Convocation 2014



Shri Janaki Ballav Patnaik, the Honourable Governor of Assam and Visitor to the University will be the Chief Guest among dignitaries from civil, church and academic institutions to attend the third annual convocation of the Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU), 12th September at the University's Azara Campus, Guwahati. It will be webcast live on [www.dbuniversity.ac.in](http://www.dbuniversity.ac.in). ADBU Chancellor and the Salesian Provincial of Guwahati Rev. Fr V.M. Thomas, and ADBU Vice Chancellor Dr. (Fr.) Stephen Mavelly will be the main speakers at the solemn function.

This year marks the graduation of the first batch of MA students in Human Rights (Child Rights & Development).

Degrees will be conferred on 400 students of which 166 students will receive bachelor's degree in Engineering & Technology, 34 M.Tech, 50 MSW, 30 MCA, 36 MBA degrees, 4 MA in Psychological Counseling, and 6 MA in Human Rights. In the DBU Global on-line courses the following degrees and diplomas will be conferred: 1 PG diploma in psychological counseling, 45 PG degrees of MBA and MSc-IT, and 28 MSW.

Gold Medals under various categories will be awarded to 13 outstanding graduates with the highest Cumulative Grade Point Average in each program.

## Mission Superior Visits ADBU



Fr. Guillermo Basanes, General Councilor of the Salesian Missions worldwide made his maiden visit to Assam Don Bosco University, Azara campus, 13 August. ADBU Chancellor and Provincial of Guwahati Fr V.M. Thomas accompanied the visitor along with Dimapur provincial.

After a brief meeting with the Vice Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavelly, Fr Basanes addressed the Post Graduate students of the School of Humanity and Social Sciences. Some 130 students and faculty along with the university officials took part in the hour-long interactive session.

During the motivational talk given to eager students, Fr Basanes insisted that "students need to dream to find new solutions."

He urged them to be "creative minorities that provide solutions, stating that university students belonged to that privileged minority."

Fr Basanes warned students of the dangers of thinking differently, and explained that only "dangerous people can think differently for peace and creative solutions." Fr Basanes was recalling the courage of 19 year old Israeli air force pilot and his companions who were jailed for refusing to fly jets to bomb Palestinians in the ongoing war.

He further encouraged the students "to be the active and creative minority and to be the agents of a globalization of solidarity."

Fr. Basanes was born in Washington (USA) to Argentinean parents and had his initial Salesian training in Argentina before venturing into the African Mission of Angola. Over two decades of missionary life in Africa he served the Salesian missions in various capacities. He was elected as the Mission Superior for the Salesian Missions worldwide in a recently concluded General chapter in April 2014 .



## Don Bosco University launches MA in Convergent Media

Starting its seventh academic year, Assam Don Bosco University, (ADBU) launched, 31 July, a new post graduate degree program in Master in Mass Communication. The first batch of 12 students includes seven men and five ladies.



"It is amazing that this path breaking new course has been received enthusiastically by students who want to delve into social media as their professional option," says Vice-Chancellor of ADBU commenting on the overwhelming response for the program which got

17 applicants not only from India but also Myanmar and Sudan. Christened MA degree in Convergent Media and Technologies, the course, first of its kind offered in India has attracted students not only from Assam and neighbouring Meghalaya, but also from distant states like Rajasthan, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

Additional Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary Finance and Tourism Departments and Principal Resident Commissioner of Assam Mr H.S. Das after addressing the inauguration of the academic year 2014-15 at the university's School of Technology and Social Sciences campus at Azara took time to inaugurate the new classroom for Convergent Media studies.



The post graduate degree program takes students through hands on exercises in the glamour of the advertising gimmicks, the way a news story g a t h e r s

### The faculty and the students

steam, and let them try their hands at getting a video production from script to screen, and cause waves.

"The new media platforms – Blog, Twitter, YouTube, Podcast, Face Book and other social media networks are so varied, pervasive, influential and fast changing that it is a continuous challenge to keep pace with the latest trends in media-related industries," tells Head, Mass Communication department Fr C.M. Paul, explaining what motivated his team in putting together the challenging syllabus.

Parents and guardians of some of the new arrivals at the university from Assam and neighbouring states were present at the three hour long solemn ceremony during which new faculty members and students were introduced.

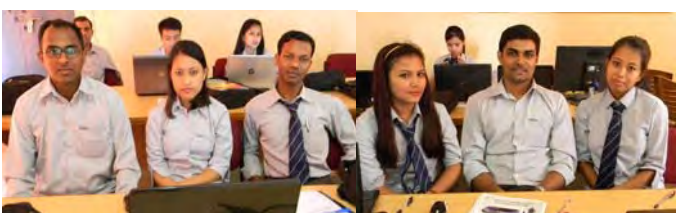
Soon after the inauguration, the students had a two day joint induction program together with the department of Educational Leadership in the newly furnished class room.

## The Faculty and Students



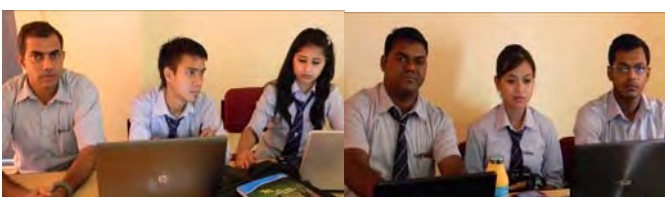
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## MCMT Students in working groups



Shyjan C.J., Risa sa Laloo, John Paul

Aurelyne, Sabin Sebastine, Steffi Solbam



Arvind Amliyar, Everwin, Macdolina

Jacob M., Patricia Swer, Daniel Thomas

## Social Media immersion Workshop for CMT and MEL

Twenty two first semester post graduate students of Educational Leadership and Mass Communication at ADBU started their new academic year with hands on social media exposure, 4-6 August. The workshop conducted for the first time in the university besides marking the launch of the Mass Communication department, first of its kind masters level degree program in northeast India.



"It was in deed the best way to launch the Convergent Media and Technologies course, by getting students get immersed in the use of social media right at the start," says Program Coordinator and Head of

Mass communication Department Fr C.M. Paul.

Among the participants were students from neighbouring country Myanmar and far away countries of Maldives and South Sudan.

"Initially we were very skeptical about our ability to learn audio and video editing in such a very short time," says Pallottine father Jacob Malkias from Nashik, Maharashtra.

His companion Miss Aurelyne Kongriat from Shillong Meghalaya who was shooting her group members on her smart phone adds, "I never thought I could do near professional video shoot with my smart-phone."

Beginning with basics of social media, like the creation of accounts in Blog, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, the students working in five groups uploaded photos and news items on to their newly constructed social media pages.

On the second day, after a brief introduction to audio editing skills on Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) Audacity by ADBU Registrar Dr Basil Koikara, students created 90-120 seconds audio segments and proudly gave demo presentations.

Third day, a die hard FOSS enthusiast Dr Koikara introduced students to video editing skills on "KdenLive."

Working on a project called, "Sights & Sounds of my place" students created 90-120 seconds video presentations with their smart phones show casing their native places and ambiance.



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## Guwahati Archbishop John Moolachira visits University, confirms 8

Archbishop John Moolachira of Guwahati visited Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) for the Sunday Eucharist with the University community on 31 August 2014. Students and faculty along with University staff participated at the celebration held at the University atrium.

Archbishop Moolachira presided over the Eucharist along with the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor and 12 concelebrants comprising of students, faculty and university officials. He also took the occasion to administer the sacrament of confirmation to eight people, (5 students and 3 staff).

"I am happy to know that Assam Don Bosco University is growing into a premier higher education institution in the country." The archbishop in whose diocese is located the first Catholic University in the country established in 2008 expressed and further added, "I am also happy to see that there are some 300 Catholic students at this service."

Reflecting on the readings of the liturgy, in his homily the archbishop called on the students to be inspired by the singing nun who won the *Italian national talent contest* early this year and was not afraid to testify before the national television how she was totally committed to Jesus who called her to serve him as a religious sister.



Archbishop with the newly confirmed and the concelebrants

Archbishop also shared the Sunday reflections briefly to the staff present in Hindi language. "It needs courage," he stated addressing eight candidates who would be receiving the sacrament of confirmation from the archbishop.

Soon after the Eucharist, archbishop handed over the certificates of confirmation along with "Basic Catechism Hand-

book."

The ADBU Campus ministry department with its director Dr Francis Fernandez and his team coordinated the preparation of the candidates for confirmation, as well as the preparations for the solemn liturgy celebrated in the atrium.

Special attractions at this year's celebrations were the well prepared multilingual rendition by the university choir, as well as Live Video Streaming of the whole event.

As a token of appreciation, Vice Chancellor Dr Mavely thanked archbishop for his gracious acceptance of the visit and handed over the Sunday collections of the past few week amounting to some Rs.16,000. "I am grateful to you for the kind gesture, said Archbishop Moolachira declaring that, "this money will go for the archdiocesan scholarship fund for the poor children of our parishes." After the Eucharistic celebration, archbishop prayed over and blessed everyone who approached to wish him.

## Faculty Induction Programme

The new faculty recruits at Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) had a four day induction program from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at its Azara campus. Ten new faculty members including two who joined earlier in the year participated in the program organized by Human Resource Director Miss Juhi Baruah.

Some of the day-long training content for 10 new faculty included topics like: Orientation in the World of Don Bosco – history, mission, vision, and values; Research; Orientation in Human Resources: Performance Management, and Employ's Service Manual; University's Outreach Program, Psychological Counseling;



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The entire faculty was present for the day-long session on mentoring conducted by Dr Loya Agarwala for the Department of Psychological Counseling, and a three hour session on the last day on "Interaction on learning to teach effectively" conducted by ADBU registrar Dr Basil Koikara.

The Vice Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavely present at the concluding session listened to each individual participant's learning experience from the induction program. Another two full day Professional Development program on "Transformation Through Reflection and Critical Thinking," for faculty is scheduled for 15-16 July. It will be conducted by Mr. Neville Lobo, Global Head of Training & Development, Larsen & Toubro and Mr. Rohan Athalye, Training & Development, Larsen & Toubro.



## Curtin University team visit



A three-member delegation from Curtin University, Western Australia visited Assam Don Bosco University and met with ADBU authorities, as well as interacted with various departments of the School of Technology.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Andris Talis Stelbovics, Faculty of Science and Engineering lead the foreign delegation along with Dean International for the Faculty of Science & Engineering Prof. Syed Islam director of Centre for Smart Grid and Sustainable Power Systems, and Dr Salim Barbhuiya lecturer in the dept of Civil Engineering at Curtin.

Principal, Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology Dr Manoranjan Kalita lead the ADBU School of Technology delegation. Among the four presenters from ADBU included Dr Sunandan Baruah (Head, Electronics & Communication), Dr. Yumnam Jayanta Singh (Head, Computer Science and Engineering & Information Technology), Dr Shakuntala Laskar (Head, Electrical & Electronics), and Dr Monmayuri (Head, Basic Sciences).

Curtin University of Technology is Western Australia's largest university with over 40,000 students, around 16,000 of those offshore and onshore international students and nearly 1,700 research students. It is named after the former Prime Minister of Australia from 1941-1945, John Curtin. Curtin University of Technology is a world-class, internationally focused institution.

Curtin's main campus is situated in Bentley, six kilometres south of the centre of Perth, Western Australia's capital city.

## B Tech student turns Kindle publisher

Amazon has just published an e-book of poems written by a B Tech student of Assam Don Bosco University.

Arnab J Baishya's first e-book, "From Love to Revolution" comprises of 40 poems on various topics ranging between love and revolution.

Baishya is a civil engineering student published his first Kindle book in June 2014

"The poems included in the book are targeted to get over a social message to its readers keeping the basic idea clear,"



says multi-gifted Baishya who is also an exceptionally talented musician.

Priced at 59 rupees, the 61-page book explores themes like, love, youth, exploitation, injustices, violence, war, revolution and so on. Three sample poems are titled: Nothing, Welcome to Hell, and California Café.

One of the favorite lines of the poet is "come out of the concrete jungles, to get lost amidst untouched heaps of life, far from modernity."

The e-book has tributes to two great personalities: the celebrated Assamese singer late Dr. Bhupen Hazarika, legendary Latino revolutionary Ernesto Che Guevara, and the last poem is a prayer of desire (earning) for the Son of God- Jesus Christ.

The book cover is designed by "10 on 10 Designs," an entrepreneur group at ADBU's B Tech.

## B Tech girl spends vacation recording songs

A third year Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) B Tech (Computer Science and Engineering) student spent her summer holidays recording songs in her home town Imphal in Manipur. Besides writing lyrics for the song, Rinky Gurumayum composed music, sings and acted in her music video.

"The most exciting thing about working with BM Production is that I have to write my own lyrics, I have to act in front of cameras for the music videos, plus I have to compose it. I have learnt so many things working with them," says Rinky.

"During my summer holidays, I record songs, write poems, stories and songs and in spare time do little bit of painting. I can't wait for my next holidays because that's the only time I can record songs," says Rinky taking a break from her video shoot.

Her first major music video production this summer is entitled 'Move On'.



Taking a sip of soft drink from a 7up bottle Rinky says, "The song is about all the reality happening in the lifestyle of youths, and art lovers."

"Move On" features Imphal's popular rappers R JAY, B Maisnam, Russell Lang and herself Rinky G. Her debut song conveys the fact that life is not simple; to get something one has to work hard for it no matter how many difficulties one must face. Rinky explains, "no matter how much hater hates us, the main point of the song is never look down on yourself but MOVE ON with a

smile on your face and aim high because sky is not the limit, the limit is yourself."

Her instant talent has bagged one more project with BM Film, the second music video entitled "Never Gone" the lyrics of which Rinky wrote together with BM Productions manager B Maisnam. Both the music videos of 'MOVE ON' and 'NEVER GONE' will be released shortly.

Ecstatic about both songs, Rinky says, "I can't wait to share my new song 'Never Gone' with everyone."

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## Training in Reflection and Critical Thinking



Mr. Neville Lobo, Global Head of Training & Development, Larsen & Toubro and Mr. Rohan Athalye, Training & Development, Larsen & Toubro, conducted and facilitated this programme which was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2014.

The first day programme began with some real fun-filled ice-breakers and group activities. After the group activities were over, each group was asked to reflect on the core of the essence of group tasks and critical analysis of the same. Groups were again reshuffled and this time each group was asked to jot down on "what should be an ideal teacher like". Each group came out with different viewpoints and these were further documented to be used as a reference later.

During the same day, Mr. Lobo introduced to all the importance of "Experiential Learning" which he said is one of the best methodology to be used for adult learning as it focuses both on content and process and combines cognitive, affective involvement, theoretical and conceptual material. He also discussed as to how the process of experiential learning cycle works.

During the process of introducing experiential learning (ELM) cycle, he also introduced a famous model of ELM, known as Kolb's Learning Cycle. The model he said is composed of four elements namely; Concrete Experience (CE), Reflective Observation (RO), Abstract Conceptualization (AC) and Active Experimentation (AE). The essence of introducing these concepts were to make the faculty members understand the various teaching styles that they adopt over time depending upon the learning ability of the students. To further simplify on the things and make one understand their own teaching styles, Mr. Rohan introduced a small game to test and find out the same. By the end of the day, each department was asked to prepare a presentation on any topic of their subject-matter by applying all the four styles of teaching and learning adopting Kolb's Learning Cycle.

The second day began with a short movie named as "The Fish Story". The idea behind showing the movie was to make everyone reflect upon the importance of enjoying one's work and changing the outlook of seeing and doing things.

## Six Scholars Present Research Synopsis

A batch of six Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) Ph.D Scholars presented their research synopsis, 5th July 2014. Of the six presenters (four women and two men), three belonged to Biotechnology department while remaining three belonged to the Departments of Communication, Northeast India Studies, and Social Work.

A dominant concern of the researchers with science background was to find new molecules for anti-inflammatory and cancer treatment. Three of them said that by the year 2020 there would be over 10 million deaths due to cancer.

The first connection between cancer and inflammation was made way back in 1863 by Rudolf Virchow. Since then, scientists hoped if they could eliminate inflammation, they could prevent cancer.

While two researchers try to develop synthetic strategies for hither to unknown anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer molecules using green chemistry methodology, a third scholar is trying to discover new strains from plants that could treat cancer following Dr Hartwell's 1982 invention. She hopes to arrive at a finding that could fight or prevent breast and cervical cancer from the extracts of thousands of medicinal plants that grow in the northeastern region, and still unexplored.



Mr Revinus Nongkynrih made a presentation on "Anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer activities of novel synthetic adamantane-tetrahydropyrimidine /- quinazoline hybrids. Miss Melboureen Sunn spoke on "Anti-inflammatory and anticancer activities of novel pyrazolopyrimidine derivatives." Miss Linu John's presentation was on "Evolution of anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory activities of Clerodendrum chinense, Gynura bicolor, and Mazus pumilus."

Dr L. Indira Singh is the guide for the above three scholars. Among the other three scholars from the school of social sciences is Jesuit Fr Michael R Kolb from the department of Northeast India Studies. His topic of study under the guidance of Dr Alphonsus D'Souza is entitled: Attitudes toward traditional religious culture

among college educated Dimasas: A pilot study."

Miss Anupa Lahkar Goswami from the department of Mass Communication under the guidance of Dr Paul Pudussery is working on, "Media activism in India's Northeast: A post 1970 comparative study of the print and new media – A reference to Assam."

Miss Kasturee Kakoty from Social Work department under the guidance of Dr Molly Kaniampadickal is working on "A study on the impact of MGNREGA on the socio-economic status of women in Assam."

The Synopsis presentation panellists included, ADBU Vice Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavely, Research Director Dr J.N. Vishwakarma, and Dr Molly Kaniampadickal.





## Prajyuktam, Brings a Smart Phone Film Competition

This event is based on campus life and is going to be held for the first time and we welcome all the student to take part in this exciting event. It is open for all college students who have a zest for storytelling. The goal of the competition is to show case talent and creative while documenting life on campus.

**Theme:** Campus Life

**Length:** The film shall be a maximum of 4minutes including all text/ titles/ credits/logos.

**Subtitles:** If the language used is other than English then it's necessary to put subtitles.

**Last date of registration:** 6<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

**Last date of submission:** 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

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## ADBU Boys' Hostels Hold Sports Week 2014



Vice-principal of Salesian College Sonada (Darjeeling)  
Fr C. J. George inaugurates the sports week

Both Undergraduate and Postgraduate hostellers' conducted week long multidisciplinary sports tournament at Assam Don Bosco University's Carrenno Complex, from 11<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2014.

Hostel warden Fr. VJ Abhilash welcomed the new comers to the Sports Week, a major and much anticipated annual event of ADBU Hostels.

Some 260 boys were divided into 12 teams for various events like football, basketball, volleyball, cricket, table tennis and badminton. The vice-principle of Salesian College Sonada (Darjeeling) Fr C. J. George opened the Sports Week with a short message. Encouraging the students to take part in the events Fr George said, "enjoy the game, play like sportsmen, make friends, and don't hurt each other."

The inauguration of Sports Week began with the basketball match. All the twelve groups participated in the event. The team members

were screaming and cheering to their friends and the team players.

At the award ceremony concluding the Sports Week, the ADBU Controller of Examinations Dr Francis Fernandez appreciated the initiative taken by hostel warden Fr. VJ Abhilash. He also added that, "winning or losing is the part of any game but players must keep up the sportsmanship."

Over 120 medals and certificates were distributed to the winners in the various events organised by 7<sup>th</sup> semester students.

### Winners and winning teams

#### Table Tennis

1<sup>st</sup> Fr. John P. & Bro. Mulugeta 2<sup>nd</sup> Leping & Don

#### Carroms' Double

1<sup>st</sup> Pritam Jyoti Gogoi & Ujjal Saha 2<sup>nd</sup> Tamchi W & Liken K

#### Badminton

1<sup>st</sup> Biraj Baruah & Dipankar Kalita 2<sup>nd</sup> Mansel R. Marak

#### Basketball

1<sup>st</sup> Road Rushers 2<sup>nd</sup> Farm Villas

#### Cricket

1<sup>st</sup> Temple Runners 2<sup>nd</sup> Contras

#### Football

1<sup>st</sup> Crandy Crushers 2<sup>nd</sup> Subway Surfers

#### Volleyball

1<sup>st</sup> Super Mario 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Rushers

#### Counter strike

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1 Justin Pathan	1 Joy deep Atreya Sonar
2 Daryl Hamasbabiang	2 Debraj Bordoloi
3 Dashemborlong Dolloi	3 Janardan Laskar
4 Emayametre Lyngdoh	4 Dulal Deb
5 Habandon Kupar M.	5 Dipankar G.



HOD of Mass Communication Fr. C.M. Paul giving away the prizes to the winners



Dr Francis Fernandez, Controller of exams address the hostel boys at closing ceremony of the sports week

*"It does not matter how many times you get knocked down, but how many times you get up."*  
-Vince Lombardi, Football Coach

## Computer Aided Process Planning held



All students of 3<sup>rd</sup> semester Mechanical Engineering and faculty members of Mechanical Engineering Department

Dr. Manjuri Hazarika, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Assam Engineering College delivered a 90 minute Guest lecture on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 morning.

The topic of the lecture was "COMPUTER AIDED PROCESS PLANNING (CAPP)".

Around all student of 3<sup>rd</sup> semester Mechanical Engineering and faculty members of Mechanical Engineering Department participated.

Dr. Manjuri Hazarika spoke on basic of CAPP and gave example with pictorial diagram in the presentation.

## Student Development Programme

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2014, Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology (DBCET) conducted "Students Development programme" for various branches in the college auditorium. The programme not only aimed at developing the personality of the students but also provided a platform where the students could realise their weak points and work on improving themselves.

The programme was initiated with the morning prayer and a speech by Dr. Francis Fernandez, Controller of Examination, Assam Don Bosco University, followed by a game "BINGO" where the winners were awarded with sweets once they completed a level at different intervals.

This was followed by a session conducted by Ms. Nesmita Das and Ms. Neelam Bara, Asst. Professors, Dept. of Psychological Counselling, Assam Don Bosco University, on "STRESS MANAGEMENT" where students were taught how to handle stress in everyday life and how a short period of meditation could help their minds get relieved of stress and worries.

After this session the students were given a break followed by a session by Fr. Abhilash, Warden at Carrenno Complex boys hostel on "PROFESSIONALISM IN WORK-PLACE" where students were first asked to draw any type of image that comes to their mind in which they portray their dream or character after which a presentation was shown.

This was followed by a short documentary on "UNTOUCHABILITY AND THE BACKWARD CLASSES OF THE SOCIETY" by Mr. Victor Narzary, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Assam Don Bosco University, where the real image of the Indian society was shown portraying the backward classes doing an odd yet an honest job of cleaning the sewers and public toilets to keep our environment and city clean.

Mrs. Sontara K. Baruah, Asst. Professor, Dept. Of Basic Sciences, DBCET, Assam Don Bosco University, took a session on "MENTORING STUDENTS" where students were enlightened on the need and benefits of mentoring.

Diraksh Rahman

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## B.Tech girl spends vacation recording songs

"Relation with BM Production and me is like a family now; the bonding is really strong so their door is always open for me."

Recalling the early signs of her talent in music and singing Rinky tells, "Since my childhood I like singing a lot, but I never knew that I could sing. The song which inspired me to sing was Celine Dion's My heart Will Go On, after listening to her voice and the way she carries the music, it really touched my heart."

Rinky confesses, "my first major talent show was at 'D'ERVE' 2013 (Don Bosco Engineering College's weeklong talent festival).

There I took part in a singing competition and by God's grace I stood third and after that there was no turning back."

She quickly adds, "If there is anything which encourages me to sing is because of ADBU only, it's like giving me wings to fly and explore the world of music."



I'm really thankful to Don Bosco University because there was none who didn't encourage me."

Rinky's first song "MOVE ON" when released on (SoundCloud) got many positive comments and in just one day the song hit 500+ listeners in SoundCloud.

Emphasizing a parting message for her generation, she says, "I would like to tell everyone that if you want to do something in life then just do it in positive ways, like if you want to be a singer or dancer or doctor or an actor, then work hard to achieve your dream."

BM Film, a production house based in Manipur, hunts new faces that got music talent in them.



Asst. Prof., Department of Mechanical Engineering, Assam Engineering College Dr. Manjuri Hazarika, delivers a lecture to the students.



## DBCET Fresher's Social 2014

Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology, Azara, Guwahati finally marked the beginning of the autumn semester 2014 for the first year students as they celebrated the Fresher's Social on 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. This celebration projects a traditional way of welcoming the newest members to the Bosconian family. The function was put into play under the leadership of the college association and the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester students of both B.Tech and MCA under the guidance of principal Dr. Manoranjan Kalita, faculty in-charge (Student Affairs) Dr. Monmoyuri Baruah, Asst faculty incharge Mr. Bikash Agarwal, Faculty coordinator Mr. Mriganka Gogoi and Asst. faculty coordinator Ms. Pushpanjali Konwar. The 3<sup>rd</sup> semester class representatives made their step in this function celebration with everyone's hard work and dedication. The celebration began sharp at 1pm in the college quadrangle.

The function was being graced by the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Fr. Steven Mavely along with the high dignitaries of the college. Students of all the semesters took an active participation in the event.



Abhijeet Baruah (MNE-3), Subhankar Dey (MNE-3), Phirashisha Syiemlieh (MCA-3) and Tabassum Ullah (CSE-3) opened the function as the hosts of the cultural show. The function marked the beginning with a welcome

*Masters of ceremony at fresher's day* song by Dabiang and his group of 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

Young budding talents overflowed the stage and mesmerised everyone. Students viz. Manzil (EEE-7), Sukanya (CSE-1), Rintu & Shreyakshi, Pranjal (CVE-3) sang melodiously and Arijit (CSE-1), Sonny (EEE-3) performed outstanding solo performances. Students from 7<sup>th</sup> semester, 5<sup>th</sup> semester as well as MCA won the hearts of the audience with their group dances followed by instrumental by Arnab (CVE-3) and his group and Hiranmoy (CVE-3). There were speeches by the Student coordinator, Principal, Vice Chancellor, Asst. faculty coordinator and Asst. student coordinator.

In the speech presented by the student coordinator, Tenzin Chonzom she formally welcomed the 1<sup>st</sup> semester students with beautiful memoirs of her own fresher's day. Dr. Manoranjan Kalita, Principal, DBCET delivered a wonderful speech not only for the first semester students but also in the common interest of all the students present. He gave certain mantras to the new comers which will help them cope up with their daily activities in the college. Fr. Stephen Mavely, VC, Assam Don Bosco University, delivered a strong and powerful speech on motivation and words of wisdom. He gave beautiful examples of our daily life and motivated everyone.



*Vice Chancellor, Fr. Steven Mavely along with the high dignitaries of the college on the occasion of Fresher's Social*

His speech bestowed as an envelope of wisdom and enriched positive thoughts and aspirations on one's mind. Ms. Pushpanjali Konwar, Asst. faculty coordinator also spoke brilliantly and touched everyone's heart with her powerful words of inspiration for a bright career and better future. The function was made more interesting by the most awaited programme of the afternoon, the Mr & Ms Fresher Contest by the first year students. The show was hosted by last year's winners Savio (CVE-3) and Chandramita



*Mr. Fresher & Miss Fresher*

(CSE-3). 26 students both boys and girls participated in this event that was judged by: Mr. Bikash Agarwal, Ms. Rashmita Barua, Ms. Subra Mukherjee and Mr. Kuldeep participated in this event that was judged by: Mr. Bikash Agarwal, Ms. Rashmita Barua, Ms. Subra M and Mr. Kuldeep.

There were two rounds: the first round; where the participants walked on the ramp and introduced themselves. After getting selected from among the 26 students 10 students qualified to the second round where they answered questions asked by the judges. Results were declared after the second round and Mr. Fresher & Miss Fresher respectively. Prasun Deb and Roshni Konwar were declared

Finally the traditional folk dance of Assam Bihu was performed by some 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> semester students; Sanjay and his group.

he traditional music of Assam changed the whole environment and touched everyone's heart.

At the end, the Asst. student coordinator, Namrata Borgohain gave away the vote of thanks and marked the end of a successful event of the day. Before departing, refreshments were provided after which everyone moved back to their respective places of hospitality. With this a special day closed its eyes leaving away imprints of beautiful memoirs in everyone's heart.

## Be the best of whatever you are!

*A Poem by Douglas Malloch*

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley – but be  
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,  
And some highway happier make;  
If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass –  
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,  
There's something for all of us here,  
There's big work to do, and there's lesser to do,  
And the task you must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun be a star;  
It isn't by size that you win or you fail –  
Be the best of whatever you are!

This poem by Douglas Malloch teaches a lesson that applies to each one of us. Everyone cannot be the president of our country; who would pay taxes to support our government? Everyone cannot be the boss; who would get the work done? There is no dishonorable work — all is necessary. If we were all doctors and lawyers, who would keep our streets clean and in good repair? Who would keep our trash carried off? Although we may not have as good a job as we would like, we need to take pride in our job and be the very best at whatever we do.

I have heard women apologize when asked what they do by saying, "Oh, I'm just a house wife". But to me there is no more an honorable thing that anyone could do than to be a full time wife and mother. Raising children to be good citizens, productive adults, and Christian men and women is as valuable as anything we could chose to do.

I have often struggled over what I can do to make a difference in my life. Yet if I can only be a loving husband and father, a good example and provider, then I can at least make a difference in the lives of my own family. However our influence reaches far beyond our immediate family. We touch people's lives at work, at the store, at the service station, at the restaurant, or wherever we come in contact with people. We may not be able to be as rich or as influential as some, we may not have, in our view, as honorable a job as we would like, but we can be the very best of whatever we are!

**"Great minds discuss ideas;  
average minds discuss events;  
small minds discuss people."**

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## MSW Celebrates International Youth Day 2014 with Poster Making Competition



*33 Posters on display*

The Red Ribbon Club, Social Work Department, ADBU in Association with Assam State AIDS Control Society had organized "Poster-making Competition" under the theme of International Youth Day 2014 "Youth and Mental Health."

The event was entirely managed by the students volunteers of Social Work Department under the guidance of Mr. Victor Narzary, Asst. Professor and Mr. PhungreisoVaru, Asst. Professor, ADBU.

The key objectives of the initiative was to enable the students community of the university and the youths to realize their full potential, and also to create awareness that mental health matters to us all.

Thirty three (33) students participated in the poster making competition-showcasing their talents and creativity mostly

highlighting the experiences of brave, young individuals speaking out about these themes/ issues with the objective of overcoming stress, addiction, stigma and discrimination to ensure that young people can lead full and healthy lives free from isolation and unnecessary shame, and openly seek the services and support they need for a change.

Finally, the jurors chose 3 best posters based on the overall impact, clarity, appropriateness and creativity of the posters while appreciating other participants of the competition event.

The judges were Dr. Sunandan Baruah (DBCET), Ms. Usha Mary Sharma (DBCET), Dr. Riju Sharma & Mr. Jacob Islary (MSW) and Mr. Apurba Bezbaruah (Assam State AIDS Control Society, Ghy.) The spirit, ideas and the enthusiasm of the students community to mark International Youth Day 2014 was highly appreciated by the Vice Chancellor of the Assam Don Bosco University, Fr. (Dr.) Stephen Mavely as he gave away the cash prizes and certificates of excellence to the winners.



*Winning Poster by Tomy J.*



## National Workshop cum Summer Internship



A two-week long National Level Workshop cum Summer Internship on Web Applications Development (NSIWAD'14) was held in collaboration with CMC Academy, a TATA Enterprise, Guwahati, was inaugurated on 2 June at the Azara campus of Assam Don Bosco University.

Organized by the Department of CSE & IT of Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology, it had the objective of exposing and acquainting the participants with state-of-the-art tools and technologies involved in designing and developing professional web applications.

**Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Design is knowing which ones to keep.**

— Scott Adams

The workshop coordinated by Ms Gypsy Nandi, was attended by 57 participants comprising of students from DBCET as well as from the neighboring institutes such as GIMT and Assam Engineering Institute. There were also participants from Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and Vivekananda



## Two week ISTE workshop on Computer Network

A workshop on computer networks, conducted by IIT Bombay with Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology was held. The entire two week program was splitted into one month (22nd May to 29th June 2014) online programme and one week physical participation (30th June-5th July, 2014) in Don Bosco College of Engg. & Technology.

Faculties from various colleges and universities such as NIT Nagaland, Cotton College State University, Gauhati University, Assam Engineering College, NEHU, Pub Kamrup College etc. participated in the programme.

Mr Rupam Kumar Sharma from the Dept. of CSE & IT was the Workshop Coordinator



assisted by Dr. Uzzal Sharma and Mr. Chandan Jyoti Kumar as Teaching Assistant. There were also participants from Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh and Vivekananda College, Maharashtra.

## 5th Sem CSE Students Visit Industry

Students of CSE Vth semester of Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology were taken to ADGP(C.I.D.) office, Guwahati for an industrial visit on 26/08/2014.

CDAC, Kolkata has undertaken a project to identify criminal based on handwriting in collaboration with C.I.D. Assam.

This project is being done under the supervision of Dr. Amit Chaudhury and Mr. Asok Bandyopadhyaya of CDAC, Kolkata. Prof. Manoranjan Kalita, Principal, DBCET, Dr. Y. Jayanta Singh, Head of the Dept. of CSE & IT of DBCET and Mr. Bikash Agarwal, Asst. Prof., Dept. of ECE, were the key persons for the program.



Students were accompanied by Mr. Arup Baruah and Ms. Bobby Sharma. Students of DBCET helped to collect first phase of data for the project. Students were also exposed to various cyber crimes and some of the detection methodologies and consequence of crimes by Mr. Aswini Kumar Kalita, Inspector of Police, C.I.D. of Assam.

## 4th Batch of PhD Scholars Present Synopsis



PHD Scholars during the Session

The ADBU's fourth batch of PHD Scholars completed week-long course work, 26 to 31 May at Azara campus. Scholars included a balanced mixture of 61 male and female candidates of all ages belonging to 17 disciplines. Besides participants from northeast India, there were groups of scholars hailing from Kerala and Goa.

The program coordinated by Research Director Prof. JN Vishwakarma was assisted by Dr. Paul Pudussery and Dr. Dominic Meyieho.

Dr Pudussery took the chunk of morning sessions which included topics like "Envisaging Research in 21st Century; The Craft of Research, Ground Rules for Good Research; Review of Literature; Research Proposal, Research Planning; Analyzing Resources; and Research Methodologies.

**"For Success, Attitude is equally as important as ability"**

had an intake of 30 candidates. In 2013, PHD Scholars selected numbered 50. And this time, fourth year, out of 192 applicants, only 61 were selected. In total there are 161 PHD scholars from all over India.

During the six months of course work the ADBU faculty will conduct tests, and demand seven written assignments to be submitted periodically. The course work will conclude November end when the scholars will spend one week at the Azara campus where they will also have written exams.

The candidates had a 359-page vademecum of selected scholarly articles on research methodologies for daily reading and daily written assignment.

The afternoon sessions were specific to Humanities & Social Sciences, and Science & Technology groups.

Over 60% of the scholars in this year's batch belong to the School of Social Sciences.

The afternoon sessions were school-specific parallel programs in statistics as well as other topics dealt by Guest Faculty.

The post-lunch sessions included topics like: Approaches to Social science Research, Conceiving a research proposal, Objectivity in Research, Ethnography and Cultural Studies, and Development in Social Science Research.

The PHD program started with 20 scholars in 2011. The second batch in 2012

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## Third PhD Pre-Submission Presentation Held

Mr. K.M. Baharul Islam became the third person to present pre-submission presentation for PhD course at Assam Don Bosco University. The first two presentations were held in April 2014.



Mr. K.M. Baharul Islam

Mr Islam's presentation under the supervision of Dr Subhram Rajkhowa Professor at Postgraduate Department of Law, Guwahati University was entitled: Transitional Justice in Post Peace Agreement Societies: A Comparative Study of the Assam and Mizo Peace Accords.

Presenting his findings Mr. Islam argued that "Western concepts of transitional justice with emphasis on retributive justice is not applicable to ensure peace."

Mr. Islam currently chairperson of Planning and Development as well as Chair, Centre for Public Policy & Government at IIM Kashipur in Uttarakhand state insisted that "transparent and participatory approach is preferred and there is a sense of closure and justice that dawns upon the victims."

He also highlighted the contribution of his study as developing a new Model Framework of Indicators (MFI) of success for peace accords based on perception – responses of the stakeholders and citizens.

Drawing on his vast experience working with the United Nations for Peace Accords in Rwanda, Cambodia, Sierra Leone, Sudan, and elsewhere, Mr Islam listed the four pillars of MFI as: a) achievement of Accord Agenda, b) Social Engineering and Development, c) Justice Delivery and Governance, d) Security and Risks.

The PhD Research panelists on 27 June included: Vice-Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavelly, Guide Dr Subhram Rajkhowa, ADBU HoD Education Dr Paul Pudussery, and Director of Research Prof. JN Vishwakarma.



## Global Schoolroom holds teacher training



Three teacher trainers from Dublin, Ireland (Mary, Roisin and Emma) from Global Schoolroom started a week-long training program at Assam Don Bosco University Azara campus for 27 teachers of Don Bosco School Sojong from Karbi Anglong district of Assam, 7 July 2014.

In the following week, the Irish team followed up teacher training with practical classroom training sessions for three-weeks in Sojong.

Global Schoolroom believes in sharing their Educational Experience Worldwide to help eradicate poverty, promote economic development and build sustainable communities.

In furthering this goal Global Schoolroom works directly with teachers and communities to build a strong framework for high standards of teacher education.

Once in place, the Global Schoolroom programme is designed to be sustained by local networks. This is achieved through the forging of respectful links between educational partners to their mutual benefit.

Children in the communities involved receive a better quality education which ultimately leads to greater economic development and higher standards of living.

Experienced teachers in Ireland (both North and South) and the UK are recruited each December to travel to India in the following July to work with their colleagues as part of the four week face-to-face element of the Global Schoolroom programme.

For the volunteer teachers, this is typically a once off experience with preparatory training and preparation provided to them in Ireland over 5 to 6 weekends prior to July and an independent debriefing and evaluation session following their return.

For the volunteer teachers, University College Dublin (UCD) offers an M.A. in Education in Mentoring built around their Global Schoolroom experience.

The volunteer teachers are accompanied by a number of non teacher volunteers to assist in administration and other tasks and by students from Yale University under the Global Schoolroom / Yale Internship Programme. END

## Working with minority community girls

**(Hazel Wahlang):** Girls... Girls... Girls!!! For a month I have to work with them. It kept me wondering 'Can I do it?' I was told that they are quite shy and conservative and would be a challenge to work with but I took it as an opportunity to learn something because we all know if the work only runs through smooth surface then we have to ask ourselves the question 'ARE WE REALLY GROWING? Because challenges are stepping stones to the next stage.

Excited and nervous of what would it be like?... and how many girls will turn up?... will I be able to get the work done?... how would be the reality of the girls in Hatkhwapara?... how would I communicate with them?... were some questions which kept ringing in my head and then finally the reality comes.

The first day came and about 70 girls turned up, and this followed till the end of the month... wow it was overwhelming... and surprisingly 'ALL WENT WELL' with the help of team members and their support which is highly appreciated.

We organised many programmes with the girls – social etiquette, health education, moral lessons, film screening, games, arts and crafts and competition (singing and painting).

I would say it has impacted the lives of the girls in an enormous way. As can be seen from their initial reluctance to participate in some of the activities. They even gave 'a red card' when asked 'are you interested in a dancing competition?' But as day one passed followed by day two then a week and then another week till the fourth week the girls themselves suggested that they wanted to sing and dance in Closing Ceremony of International Student Volunteer Exchange Programme scheduled for 11 July 2014, 2.00 pm in front of a bigger audience to show that they can also sing and dance.

Perhaps the best experience was with the arts and crafts, where the girls had given their best and took part in an open exhibition organized on 9 July 2014 at Azara Public Hall.



This experience build faith in themselves that they are creative and this creativity has value in the market as they generated some fund from the art work. The girls decided to invest the fund for further activities.

The activities with the girls of Hatkhwapara was organized in the premises of the Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU). During the workshop and training phase the girls had used papers, colours and glues to create their products. Sometimes they would spill on the desks, tables or the floor but would immediately make sure that they are clean. Thus a sense of responsibility of keeping the surroundings clean was imparted them during the workshop.

The girls had little surprises for all the members of the Administrative Department of ADBU. They had secretly prepared little arts and crafts for each of them and handed them over on the last day with a 'THANK YOU for allowing us to use the ADBU campus during the summer' note.

This experience has left me enriched in life as it has given me a deeper understanding of the challenges of girls from socio-cultural and religious background. I believe that I could have not traded with anything better than this Volunteering Experience and be placed to work among the girls from a minority community.

## The Five Secrets of Effective Communication

### LISTENING SKILLS

1. The Disarming Technique: Seek and find some truth in what the other person is saying, even if it seems totally unreasonable or unfair to you.
2. Empathy: Put yourself in the other person's shoes and try to see the world through his/her eyes.
3. Inquiry: Ask gentle, probing questions to learn more about what the other person is thinking and feeling.

### SELF-EXPRESSION SKILLS

4. "I Feel" Statements: Use "I feel" statements, such as "I feel upset," rather than "you" statements, such as "You're wrong!", or "You're making me furious!"
5. Stroking: Find something genuinely positive to say to the other person, even in the heat of battle. Doing so

## Students use cartoons to teach villagers

Guwahati: A group of Indian and Irish college students experimented with low cost cartoon medium to create community awareness on social issues and published the same in a book entitled: Comics for Social Change.

More than fifty students attending the Cartoons for Social Change Workshop produced four frame cartoon sketches on urgent social issues plaguing the villages, such as: child rights, domestic violence, education, environment, gender, health, livelihoods, social services, politics, and society.

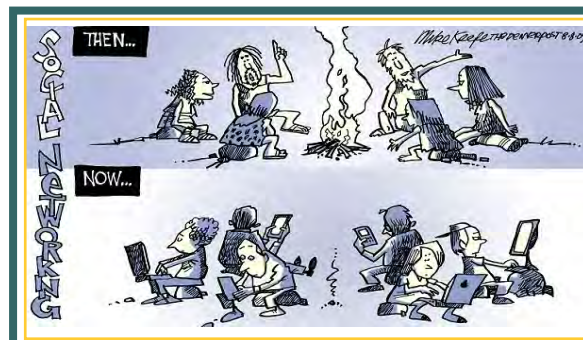


The 60-page sleek book (A4 size) contains a compilation of the comics drawn by students from University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas (UCDVO) from Ireland and students from the Masters in Social Work department of Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU).

Eleven students of social work from ADBU and UCD had a month-long experience of living together, working together and trying their hands at participatory development activity in the villages around the university campus at Azara.

Assistant professor Jacob Islary, Caroline O'Connor and student Duppahidalin Lyngdoh coordinated the cartoon book project along with 50 students whose cartoons are featured in the book.

"Grassroots Comics is a simple yet powerful medium to spread awareness on various issues, as well as to let them express their story. These comics can be made on any issue or around any story."



"The comics primarily highlight local issues and are therefore able to attract the attention of the community members, as they too can relate to the stories from their own experience and make meaning out of it. The audience frequently engages in debate based on the stories they see in the comics," says coordinator of the UCD team Caroline O'Connor.

Each of the 50 comics uses four windows to tell a complete story. The windows contain cartoon images with relevant text telling the story in such a way that even an illiterate person can understand the message and make meaning out of it.

Comics are drawn in black and white making it affordable for photocopying and circulating to a large audience. Once photocopied, the comics can be displayed in various locations throughout a community such as bus stops, market places, shops, schools, and notice boards.

The ADBU department of Social Work has been organizing workshops on Grassroots Comics since 2012 for its students and faculty. END

"Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, and weak minds discuss people."

Socrates



## Toppers of Various Departments

 <p>Name: Ananya Bhat-tacharyya Branch: EEE Second sem. Place: Guwahati. Secret of success: Concentration and active participation in the class. Inspiration: Family and friends. Motto: hardworking the key to success".</p>	 <p>Name: Hazel Berret Wahlang Branch: MSW Place: Shillong Secret of Success: Hard work and encouragement of parents Motto: Be better than what you were, be better than the best always."</p>	 <p>Name: Ankita Patowary Branch: CVE 4th sem. Place: Guwahati Assam. Inspiration: Parents Motto: "To get successful by hardworking".</p>	 <p>Name: Mousumi Das, Branch: ECE - 4<sup>th</sup> Sem. Place:Guwahati Secret of Success: My college. Inspiration: My parents and the movie- 3 idiots . Motto: Think positive, work hard, listen to your elders and do what u like.</p>
 <p>Name: Cassandra Caszo Branch: MPC 3rd sem. Place: Kharagpur, West Bengal Secret of Success: Constant support and encouragement of Mother Motto: Be the best of whatever you can.</p>	 <p>Name: Nasiha Idrees Branch: Education Place: Republic of Maldives Secret of success: Hard work. Inspiration: My husband. Moto: "Make others talk good about me."</p>	 <p>Name: Darsana Bordoloi , Branch: ECE – 6th Sem Place: Guwahati Secret of Success: I try to learn whatever I come across in my life. Inspiration: Myself. I have a lot of criticisms but I've never let that be an obstacle in my way. Motto: Just keep going.</p>	 <p>Name:Nasrin Ara Rahman Place: Dergaon Branch-MCA 4th Secret of Success- Frankly, there is no secret to my success: I just give my best in studies and as an outcome i get my success. Inspiration: My parents</p>
 <p>Name: Diraksha Rahman. Branch: III sem, civil. Place: Panbazar, Guwahati-1 Secret of success: I believe in self-competition and being regular in classes.</p>	 <p>Name: Nituraj Gogoi Branch: V sem,EEE Place: Dibrugarh, Assam Secret of success: believe in yourself and perform your jobs in time, you will surely achieve success.</p>	 <p>Name:Purna Das Place: Guwahati (Assam) Secret of Success: Attend the lecture sincerely and stay focussed in the class. Inspiration: My parents, professor and mentor.</p>	 <p>Name: Shahjabin Rahman Branch: EEE Secret of success: Attending classes, clearing my doubts , Practice. Inspiration: Parents Motto: Determination and Love to whatever I commit</p>
 <p>Name-Priyanshu Thakuria Branch –CSE ,4<sup>th</sup> sem Place-Pandu Sadilapur, Guwahati Motto-Work hard, party harder Secret of success-Family and friends</p>	 <p>Name - Sneha Nath , Branch: ECE 2nd Sem. Place – Digboi (Assam) Secret of success- pay attention in the class and listen to the teachers. Motto –You don't need to be great to start but you need to start to be great.</p>	 <p>Name: Purabi Mahanta Place: Juripar, Sixmile Branch:MTECHECE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem. Secret of Success: Perseverance, hard-work, determination and zeal for knowledge. Inspiration: My husband Moto: "If you can dream it you can do it."</p>	 <p>Name-Syed Fayyaz Awwal Branch-MNE,2<sup>nd</sup> sem Place-Sibsagar,Assam Secret of success- You have to be willing to do the work if you want success. Motto-Excellence</p>
 <p>Name: Shaheen Akthar Wahab . Branch: CVE 6th Sem. Place: Tinsukai, Assam Secret of success: Regular studies, understanding minute details and Internet. Motto: To bring a change in the lives of the people with my creative ideas and innovation that would make my people proud</p>	 <p>Name: Rachael George Place: Guwahati Secret of success: When you have a goal you just have to be willing to work towards it. Inspiration: Batman Motto : Never regret!!</p>	 <p>Name: Runjun Das Place: Barpeta (Assam) Secret of Success: Hard work Inspiration: Teachers and parents</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"I don't measure a man's success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom."</b> <i>George S. Patton</i></p>

### Gold Medalists 2014

On the basis of their academic performance and on the recommendation of the Committee set up for the purpose, the Vice Chancellor is happy to announce that the following students of the University shall be presented Gold Medals in the categories mentioned below, at the third convocation of the University on 12 September 2014

#### Gold Medal for securing the highest CGPA



Elpius Lyngkhoi  
MSW



Gitimoni Talukdar  
M. Tech. (CSE)



Sandhyabanti Dutta  
M. Tech (ECE)



Plabita Kalita  
B. Tech. (EEE)



Bhaswati Kalita  
B. Tech. (ECE)



Ankur Jyoti Das  
MCA



Nang Trishna  
MBA



Marbanylla Lyndhdoh  
MSc (Psychology)



Soureen Das  
B. Tech. (CSE)



Neelakshi Dutta  
MA (Human Rights)

#### The Chancellor's Gold medal for University Topper



Gitimoni Talukdar  
M. Tech. (CSE)

#### Vice Chancellor's Gold medal for Outstanding Graduate



UG: Achinta Sharma



PG: Lijo George

**"The reason most people never reach their goals is that they don't define them, or ever seriously consider them as believable or achievable. Winners can tell you where they are going, what they plan to do along the way, and who will be sharing the adventure with them."**

~ Denis Watiley



## Inauguration of Academic Year 2014-15



The inauguration of the Academic Year 2014-2015 was held on Thursday, 31st July 2014 at DBU Azara campus in the presence of new students and parents.

The function began with the lighting of the lamp while students sang Gayatri Mantra in the background. This was followed by an invocation of God's blessings through a prayer song by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, readings from Bible, Bhagavad-Gita and Quran and a prayer by Fr. Tomy, a second year MSW student.

The inaugural function was graced by Mr. H. S. Das IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary Finance and Tourism Departments and Principal Resident Commissioner, Government of Assam as a Chief Guest.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Das called for seriousness in studies and also stressed on the importance of moral upliftment at the personal and society levels. Mr. Das also gave away awards to the toppers of different departments in the University.

Students from the School of Engineering and Technology performed a prayer dance which shows that humanity is the only religion in the world. The Faculty-in-charge, Student Affairs Dr. Monmoyuri Baruah, gave the welcome address highlighting the aims and objectives of University. And Dr. Riju Sharma, Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences also delivered a message in which she emphasized on social commitment which a student should have.



The programme went on with faculty members presenting the theme song "I have a dream" beautifully. With the song still ringing in the ears of the audience the Vice Chancellor Fr. Stephen Mavely addressed the students, their parents and the faculty. Welcoming the new students and urging everyone to have his/her own dream, he further stressed on the importance of having a dream, saying, "We all have dreams. But, having a dream alone is not enough. Dreams eventually fades out if hard work and efforts does not accompany it". The first part of the inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Biksah Agarwal Asst. Faculty in-charge, Student Affairs.

After a brief break for snacks and refreshments the programme resumed with the introduction of the Faculty Members by Ms. Juhi Baruah, Director of Human Resources which was followed by a presentation from the Registrar, Dr. Basil Koikara on Regulations and Behavioral Guidelines of the University.

The programme concluded with two more presentations, one from the Training and Placement Officer Mr. Hussain who spoke of the Aspects of Training and Placement and the other from Creazone Committee, who presented a slideshow of the Activities of School of Engineering and Technology.

## Adieu Sr Shiji James!



The Assam Don Bosco University bid adieu to Sr Shiji James who was Director of Communications at Azara campus for the past five and a half years. Her outstanding production "SPARK" the University's quarterly publication, is known all over the world as the information flagship of ADBU.

The farewell function held at the conference room at noon on Thursday, 14 August, started off with a melodious bhajan sung by Ms Hemashree Bordoloi invoking the Almighty's choicest blessings on Sr Shiji's every venture. Sr Shiji who is completing her PhD in Communications from Guwahati University is scheduled to take up duties in the Head Quarters of Missionary Sisters of

Mary Help of Christians at Hathigaon, Guwahati. Speaking at the event, Vice Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavely expressed his hope that Sr Shiji's departure from the University community would be only for a short while, and that she would soon join the Mass Communication Department after her doctoral studies. Other speakers included principal Mr Manoranjan Kalita and faculty representative Mr Mriganka Gogoi. After the offering of gifts from the Vice Chancellor, Principal and the faculty, Sr Shiji addressed the gathering with words of gratitude for each one by name.

The farewell gathering anchored by Asst Prof. Usha Mary concluded with a tea party.



## Independence Day Celebration 2014



While several parts of northeast India experienced bandhs and unrest the feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother and 68th Independence Day celebrations were solemnly celebrated at Assam Don Bosco University, Azara campus.

Beginning with Morning Prayer and solemn Eucharistic celebration with Vice Chancellor Dr Stephen Mavely presiding along with 11 priests and some 80 students. Prayers were offered for the prosperity of the country, as well as the wellbeing of its leaders and citizens.

At 8.45 am both staff and students staying on campus and hostels gather in front of the college for the flag hoisting ceremony under Commander Jiss and campus minister Dr Francis Fernandez.

The Vice Chancellor hoisted the flag.

After singing of the national anthem, the VC administered the oath of allegiance to the nation.

B Tech student Debashish Barman gave a patriotic speech in Assamese followed by a second speech in English by Thabassum, another B Tech student.

Every one joined in the signing of Rabindranath Tagore's prayer for the country "Into that heaven of freedom my Father, let my country awake."

After a stirring speech by the vice chancellor in which he challenged the smart and brighter students to consider taking up politics as profession, to bring ethics and governance in the country.

## Research activities at ADBU Labs

### Areas of research

The research activities of the Organic Research Lab. at Assam Don Bosco University aim at:

- ♦ designing and synthesizing heterocyclic compounds of biological importance
- ♦ developing synthetic strategies for drug design, discovery and pharmacomodulation focused on new innovative hybrid compounds
- ♦ adopting green synthetic protocol like carrying out reactions at room temperature, use of ultrasonic bath and microwave digester
- ♦ elucidating the structure of the novel compounds by IR, NMR, Mass Spectrometry etc.
- ♦ X-ray crystallographic study of compounds
- ♦ studying the biological properties like anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, anticancer etc. of the novel synthesized compound
- ♦ Biological properties are studied in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya



### No. of Research scholars

There are seven research scholars in the Department of Chemical Science

### Particular achievements

- The Organic Research Lab. is successfully carrying out a three year project entitled, "Design Synthesis and Biological properties of novel adamantane tetrahydropyrimidine/quinazoline Hybrids" sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India-New Delhi, under the able guidance of Professor JN. Vishwakarma as Principal Investigator of the parent institution and Dr. Laishram Indira Singha as the Co-Principal Investigator of the collaborating institute, the Department of Biotechnology, St. Anthony's College, Shillong, Meghalaya.
- \* 40 novel adamantane tetrahydropyrimidine hybrids has been synthesised and characterised
- \* Biological studies of the compound has shown good antiinflammatory and anti-cancer properties
- Deposited more than ten X-ray structures to Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center.
- Has published several scientific papers in journals like Heterocyclic Letters, and Medicinal Chemistry Research.
- Ms Utpalparna Kalita, senior research scholar has submitted her pre-submission seminar and is awaiting her final thesis presentation on November 2014 (tentatively).



## Dream Becoming Reality...

### Cluster I—Eight Constructions at Tapesia Garden

1. Academic Block 1
2. Boys' Hostel
3. Girls' Hostel
4. Staff Quarter Type A

5. Staff Quarter Type B
6. Food Court
7. Don Bosco Residence
8. Bachelors' Quarter

