

## ANNUAL REPORT - (2019-20)

Date 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Honourable Chief Guest, Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Dear Parents and Well wishers of DBS,

It gives me immense joy to welcome you on behalf of the staff and students of Don Bosco School, Siliguri to this Rector's and Parents' Day programme which has been prepared as a token of gratitude, appreciation and love for each one of you. Each one of you is a special guest for this programme because it has been prepared for you by your children, to tell you that they are grateful to you for everything you do for them.

It is my pleasure to present you the Annual report of the various activities of the school and its accomplishments.

- With a total of 2716 unique individuals including 2589 students, 86 Teachers: 7 Office Staff and 34 Non-Teaching staff, DBS family is ever growing into an impressive strength.

### RESULTS

The Excellence of the school in many fields is acknowledged & appreciated by everyone. Academic performance is the primary area of excellence. This year the School Average for ICSE was 88.18% while ISC was 86.60%.

#### **This year 149 students appeared for the ICSE examinations -**

Master Sangbit Bishnu who scored 98.00% was the topper from our school in the ICSE 2019.

#### **123 students appeared for the ISC examinations in the year 2019:**

- Master Sanskar Kumar Gupta scored 99.50% and was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in India.
- Master Vaibhav Berlia scored 99.25% and was ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the country.

Though excellent academic results have been a regular feature in Don Bosco School, Siliguri since its inception, we do emphasize, the all round holistic development of our students by helping them to explore their inherent talents, through a plethora of co-curricular activities. Be it indoor games or outdoor sporting activities, the students get ample opportunities to excel in a field of their choice. Not only do inter-class and inter-house competitions help the students to realise their strengths but encourage them to compete in inter-school events with confidence. Lightning Tournament is organised for all the students in various sporting activities and games. Bag free day and shared lunch make the students happier and inculcate in them the values of friendship and sharing.

We organise debates, quiz, elocution contest, choral recitation and speech contest to enhance the boys' linguistic and communication skills through various inter-house, inter-class and inter-school competitions.

Instead of sitting snug (K) and basking in the past glory, we have been trying out new activities. Our school initiated MUN into Siliguri circuit and since the first year itself, our boys have brought home laurels through inter-house and inter-school competitions.

It is not the awards and prizes that our boys win but the laurels they reap for their wonderfully disciplined behaviour as well as polite and courteous ways that fill our hearts with pride.

Though team work is our forte, individual boys are also encouraged to carve out a niche for themselves. Master Avirup Kundu was ranked among the Top 16, SaReGaMa Little Champs, Master Priyansh Goyal won the bronze medal at the international level karate championship held in Malaysia. We were also the proud winners of the Inter School Cricket as well as Basketball Tournaments this year.

#### World record

The school made a world record in Bosco Fest 2019 by hosting 71 events on a single venue in a single day with 2300 participants from 17 schools.

This year, in the month of October, the school went on its 1<sup>st</sup> international educational trip to NASA, USA, to give the students a first hand experience of the practical realities of the real world. It was, indeed, a great learning experience.

If preparing science models helps the science students to apply their knowledge in discovering or inventing something unique for humanity, the commerce students are trained in various aspects of business transactions and skills through Bosco Imprenditore.

It was the wish of Don Bosco that the students who leave Don Bosco schools should register their names, participate in activities and partake of the privileges & responsibilities of a Don Bosco education system following its motto: “KNOW, LOVE, HELP ONE ANOTHER & KEEP UNITED”. The ever vibrant & enthusiastic Alumni of our school has been striving hard to live up to these expectations. The free medical camp conducted every Sunday in the primary section provides free medical check-ups to the local people. They also organise Blood Donation Camp from time to time under the supervision of able doctors.

Committed to its social responsibility, Don Bosco School, Siliguri works on various out reach programmes. It runs a free evening school for the under privileged sections of the society. 220 poor and needy children of the locality are provided free text books, exercise books and uniforms. The school also provides free education to 150 students from class KG to class 4 in its adopted school in a small tea garden village in Saraswatipur. 200 boys and girls from the above mentioned tea garden are given scholarships and 5 students are helped in pursuing higher education. To sponsor these programmes the school organises Bosco Fest and the Annual School Fete in the month of August and November respectively.

With the fund raised by the Annual School Fete 2018, Don Bosco School distributed tin roof sheets worth 11 lakhs to 100 poor families this year. We built a house worth 4 lakhs for a poor family with the income generated by the Bosco fest 2019. We helped 9 girls to complete their office management course this year. Miss Mala Paswan was given Rs. 50,000 towards her marriage expenses. In the field of social out reach programme, DBS is second to none.

Infrastructural changes are imperative to keep pace with the changing times and our ever-increasing strength. I am glad to inform you that by God’s grace and with your generosity, we hope to have the new building functional by the beginning of the new scholastic year for the benefit of our boys.

It is a matter of great joy that two of our support staff Mr. Morris Reberio & Mr. Policarp Kerketta are celebrating their silver jubilee.

We also bid farewell to our beloved teacher and a support staff, Mr. Augustine and

Mr. Bel Kumar Mangar who are retiring after a dedicated service of 35 years & 40 years.

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

The academics, the discipline, the games, the sports, the music, the cheerfulness, the familiarity, the availability, the atmosphere of respect & support, in short, the Don Bosco way of life at DBS has contributed to our school being the most sought after school – the most happening school in the city. It was awarded the certificate of Honour this year in 3 categories by the Telegraph Foundation.

- Excellence in Academics (ICSE & ISC)
- A school that cares
- Social Service

DBS has been selected for Asia's Education Award 2019. We are ranked among the top schools of Asia by The International Brand Consulting Corporation, USA. The award ceremony will be held on 11th December 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

**The India's School Merit Awards 2019 ranked DBS as the NO 1 school in Siliguri, No 1 School in Bengal, and for the very first time No 1 school in India.** It is a moment of pride for all of us. It is indeed heartening for all of us associated with DBS for being ranked the no 1 school in the country in the Boys Day school category. We realise the responsibility that comes with every achievement. Hearty congratulations to you, dear parents, staff and students.

Owing to the benevolence of the Almighty God and the support of the Salesians, the teaching fraternity, the office staff, the support staff, parents and students everything flowed smoothly for us this year. We are, forever grateful.

In all humility, I bow before God for his immense blessings and graces.

I express my deepest gratitude & appreciation to the Salesians (Specially – Fr. Davis – Rector, Fr. Subir Mondol – Bursar). They collaborate with me at every step with vibrance and zest and help me with their brotherly guidance & support at all times. I am forever thankful.

The strong pillars of our school are the Teaching Staff, I am grateful to the team of dedicated teachers of the School who through their loyal, self sacrificing service have helped the school to attain the heights it enjoys today. They strive to develop caring & professional relationship with every student at the school so that the children can experience an enjoyable, challenging & educational curriculum in a safe environment.

The silent contribution of the Office Staff of our school is commendable and needs a special mention on such an occasion. Their selfless sacrifices help in the smooth running of the school. They have always been there, living up to their motto "Anytime, Anywhere".

The Non Teaching Staff members are the backbone of this school as they keep the vast premises spick and span and they can be counted on for the safety & well being of our children.

The Parents' encouragement & support in learning activities at home as well as in school is vital to children's education. An effective partnership between parents & school to support children's learning leads to improved learning outcome. I am grateful to you, dear parents for your constant support and co-operation. Thank you, above all, for closely collaborating with us in all that contributes to the education of the young.

It is wonderful associating with you. You have chosen the right place for your children to be in. Thank you for the confidence you place in us and on Don Bosco. Thank you for all your collaboration and assistance.

Thank you to the students who under the able direction of our committed teachers, have put in their best to make this day a reality.

I take this opportunity also to wish God's blessing on each one of you & on all your family members. Wish you a very pleasant evening & continue to sit back & enjoy the evening.

Thank you so much.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

**REV. FR. MANOJ JOSE SDB**

**PRINCIPAL**