

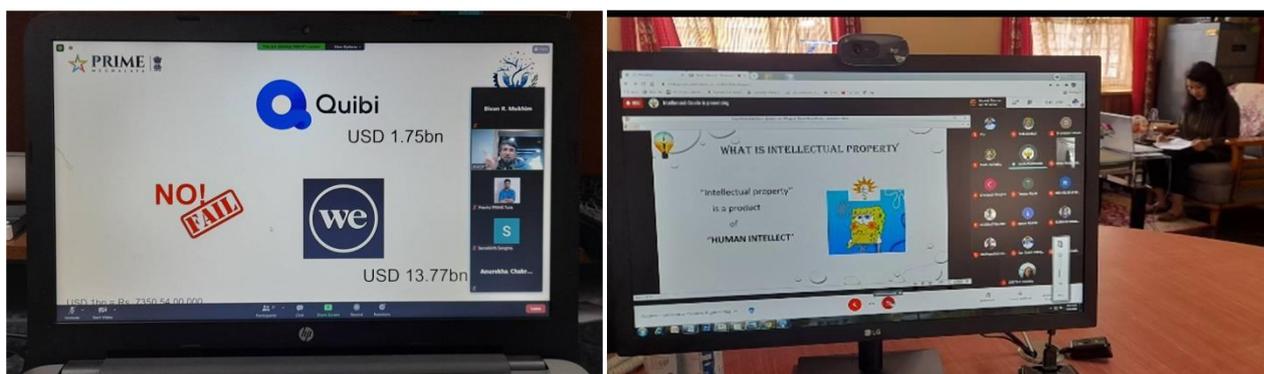
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- The Red Ribbon Club- Don Bosco College, Tura under the aegis of Meghalaya Aids Control Society celebrated National Youth Day / Vivekananda Jayanti today, the 12th January 2021. The theme of this year's National Youth Day was *Youth for Nation Building* and the deliberations were on responsibilities of youth towards nation building woven together with health and life. While Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim, Principal, Don Bosco College Tura and Dr. Barbara S. Sangma, the Red Ribbon Club Nodal Officer of the College harped on youth and the ideals of Swami Vivekananda during the Inaugural function, the main thrust of the National Youth Day was Awareness on HIV & AIDS. The celebration was in two parts: the morning and afternoon sessions.

The Chief Guest of the Morning Session was Dr. Marwin R. Sangma, District Medical and Health Officer, West Garo Hills, Tura and he spoke on the spread of AIDS and the need to contain the malaise. He encouraged the students gathered for the programme that they do a lot to contribute to the over-all development of the country, beginning from creating awareness of HIV & AIDS. The Resource Persons Dr. Rajamoni Marak MD, I/C ICTC and STI/RTI and Nodal Officer ARTC, Tura Civil Hospital gave a comprehensive presentation on HIV & AIDS and Ms. Narbecca Momin, Clinical Psychologist, Tura Civil Hospital also made a presentation on Mental Health with particular reference to HIV & AIDS patients.



- A one-day Online Programme for the students of the college on 'Entrepreneur: Idea to Execution' was organised on Wednesday 13th January 2021 by PRIME (Promotion and Incubation of Market-driven Enterprises), a comprehensive programme launched by the Government of Meghalaya. The Online Programme was animated by Mr Flo Oberhofer, a social entrepreneur and Program Head of PRIME Start-up Hub seeks to create and promote an entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state. He has taken up the charge of mentoring aspiring start-ups that are based across a plethora of fields, industries, and are harbouring at diverse stages.



- An Orientation Programme for Morning Shift Asst. Professor was held on Monday 25th January 2021 at the Conference Hall, Don Bosco College, Tura. The orientation programme was animated by Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Principal and Fr. Abhilash V.J., Vice Principal.

Principal Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim presented about the college and discussed the various expectations of the morning shift teachers. He added that the morning shift of the college is in a mission mode. “The morning shift students needed us the most and we need to give the best to help the students succeed”, Fr. Bivan said. He added that the morning shift students will be given more opportunity so that they are able to grow and perform. Fr. Abhilash V.J., Vice Principal animated on the Preventive System of St. John Bosco. He based the presentation on the three pillars of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness.



- The first Staff Meeting of the year was held on 9 February, 2021 and started with a short prayer by Miss Chichi Ch. Sangma followed by a Report of the previous meeting read out by Dr. Mueller Beul M. Sangma. The agenda included Service book, Time Table, NEHU Examinations 2021, Internal Assessment, AQAR 2019 - 2020 and Syllabus etc. Besides, issues and problems related to NAAC were also touched upon.

- A one-week training programme was initiated from 22nd to 26th February, 2021 by Meghalaya Battalion at Shillong for all NCC cadets. Only eligible candidates were allowed to attend the training and those who had attended minimum one camp after one or two years of training with minimum 75% of attendance were given ‘B’ Certificates. Those who had attended the 3rd year of training in the third year of degree course were given ‘C’ Certificates. Altogether 35 cadets attended the camp for ‘B’ Certificates and 14 for ‘C’ Certificates. The training and the sessions were conducted by (Permanent Instructors) PI Staff and Prof. Bravewell Mawthoh, (Care Taker Officer) CTO, Senior Division.



- SWA (Students Welfare Association) Election was conducted on the 3rd of March, 2021 to promote healthy corporate atmosphere in the college and to assist in maintaining proper academic, cultural and sports atmosphere and orderliness in the college. The office bearers of the Students Representatives were elected on 5th March, 2021. The students were given an idea about the formation of Association and the kind of responsibilities which they would need to shoulder as leaders. The Election was conducted in a transparent manner with only the students voting for their desired candidates.

- On the 5th of March 2021, the senior cadets of the NCC Unit of Don Bosco College were given ranks based on the Drill Stem Test (DST), attendance and leadership quality. The ranks were awarded by the Principal of the college.



- International Women’s Day was celebrated on 8 March, 2021. The programme was anchored by Agape Marak and the beautiful song ‘Chiquitita’ was performed by Eldora Sangma. The Principal, in his message shared his Views on Women that both men and women contribute to the betterment of society and play a vital role in upbringing of children. Dr. Biswajit Paul, Head, Department of Zoology spoke on the status of women across the world that 7 million women are restricted on getting jobs and that both men and women share same freedom. On the occasion, the services of the two ladies, Smt. Lakji Sangma and Justa M. Sangma were also acknowledged. James A. Sangma, 5th Semester Botany Honours Student spoke on the celebration of Women’s Day and respect and love for women who are object of honour and respect, not for teaching but for their identity.



- Interactive Session with Shri Ram Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills and Jagdish Chelani, SDO, Dadenggre Block, West Garo Hills with the Science Faculty members of the college took place on 11 March, 2021. In the session, various ways to help interested students in preparing for entrance examinations for IITs and IIMs were discussed. During the course of

interaction, Shri Ram Singh assured that the District Administration would start coaching programme for competitive admissions and would sponsor those aspiring students to attend coaching programmes. Furthermore, he urged faculty members to identify suitable students who are serious and willing to attend coaching programme.



- Don Bosco College, Tura collaboratively with District Administration, West Garo Hills conducted a session on 13th March, 2021, on a strategy to prepare for UPSC CSE 2021 Examination. The programme was animated by Shri Jagdish Chelani, IAS, SDO of Dadenggre Block, West Garo Hills and Dr. Dara Aswaghosh, IPS. Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim, the Principal of the college welcomed the resource persons and students heartily to the programme. The avowed aim of the programme was to prepare students for competitive exams and to crack UPSC Examinations in particular. Dr. Dara Aswaghosh and Shri Jagdish Chelani shared their experiences that there is nothing man cannot do but we need strong will power to fulfill our dreams. They further added that if IAS and IPS are possible for them it is possible for our students as well. About 70 aspirants attended the programme avidly.



- A Webinar on Intellectual Property Rights was organized by the college on 30th March in collaboration with Bio-Safety Issues Committee. Miss Megha Agarwal, Founder and Patent Agent Intellectual Coolie, IIP was a resource person for the programme. Dr. Aksana Neah Ch. Marak, Coordinator, IPR and Biosafety Issues Committee of Don Bosco College spearheaded the programme. At the outset, Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim welcomed the resource person and faculty members and spoke on the importance and understanding of IPRS in academic activities. He added that the Intellectual Property Rights help protect our inventions, literary and artistic works, images and symbols etc. The rights protect our creation and works from unfair use by others. The Webinar

was concluded by Dr. Arindam Ghosh, IQAC Coordinator. Miss Megha Agarwal, in her talk laid emphasis on the Intellectual Property which is a product of human intellect as it can be considered as an asset.



● Don Bosco College, Tura bade adieu to Prof .Kalyan Momin, Associate Professor, Head, Department of History and Shri Starline Sangma, Peon on 9th April, 2021. The day was memorable with the waves of emotion and nostalgia for everyone. On the occasion, a short speech was delivered by a student, History Honours who expressed his profound gratitude to Prof. Kalyan Momin for his thirty four years of dedicated service to the college. Prof. Siddhartha Roy also spoke reminiscing about the commitment and noble qualities of both Prof. Kalyan Momin and Shri Starline Sangma. On the previous evening on 8 April, 2021, the staff of the college organized a Farewell Get-Together for Prof. Kalyan Momin and Shri Starline. Rev. Fr. Francis Cheramben, Director, Don Bosco College-Higher Secondary Section along with the Principal honoured the retirees. All the speakers expressed their gratitude to Prof. Kalyan Momin and Shri Starline Sangma for their commendable dedication.



● On the 20th of April, 2021, Fr. Januarius Sangma, the Salesian Provincial of Guwahati Province and the Chairman of Don Bosco College paid a visit to the college and addressed the students and the staff. He was welcomed with great pleasure by the college with a Garo stole, a memento and a bouquet of flowers. In his address, Fr. Januarius urged students to strive towards excellence as the college is providing the best facilities to the students.



- The NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura observed World Earth Day on 22nd April, 2021. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Bravewell Mawthoh and Prof. Cherimchi Sangma, CTOs of the NCC Unit. The programme was attended by the Principal of the college and some officers of Meghalaya Battalion. Speeches were delivered by the senior cadets on the topics related to climate change and its impacts. Pledges were also taken by the cadets to protect and preserve environment.

- The English Language Day was celebrated at the college by the Department of English on 23rd April, 2021. What is remarkable about this eventful day is that it coincides with both the birthday and death day of the renowned poet and playwright William Shakespeare. The programme was conducted by Dalanglin Rynjah, the 2nd Semester English Honours student. Special songs were also presented by the students to mark the occasion. Elocution Competition was also organized which was followed by Essay Writing Competition. Dr. Barbara Sangma, Head, Department of English accentuated the importance of English Language as it is a tool for communication. She further spoke on Shakespeare's contribution to literature that how he changed literature around the world by introducing a lot of new words to the English Language. Rev. Fr. Bivan Mukhim extolled English Department for observing the remarkable day, and urged students to take the advantage of the great opportunity to be a part of contributing to literature in general.



- In order to maintain environment health and to keep agricultural production at a sustainable level on 23rd April, 2021 the workshop on Organic Farming for Sustainable Agricultural Production in Garo Hills was organized by the Department of Zoology, Don Bosco College, Tura at the District Training Office, Sangsanggre, Tura. The workshop was attended by Prof. Biswajit Paul, Head, Department of Zoology along with the students of the college. The inaugural programme was led by Dr. J. Mahanta, Senior Scientist and Head (I/c) ICAR, KVK. The Chief Guest of the Programme, Shri Ram Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner spoke on the importance and implementation of organic farming in India. He further remarked that organic farming cannot only

boost the health of the people but also uplift the economic condition of the people. The programme was well conducted and the students benefitted from the technical sessions with the enlightenment on the prospects of the new modes of farming organically and utilizing the knowledge in future.



- On 27 April, 2021, the NCC Cadets of the college observed *Swarnim Vijay Varsh* as part of the Golden Jubilee of India's Victory in the 1971 war. The cadets were animated by Prof. Bravewell Mawthoh, CTO on the importance of the day and the strategies taken by India during war in 1971 that led to the victory of the country. In observing the Golden Jubilee of the 1971 War, the documentary film was also shown to the students.



- A virtual Staff Meeting was conducted on 28th April, 2021. A gathering was attended by the staff members to discuss various issues relating to the running of the college smoothly and effectively during pandemic. The agenda comprised of Internal Assessment and other important academic matters.

- The non-teaching staff members of Don Bosco College observed International Labour Day on the 1st of May, 2021. The Principal welcomed all the non-teaching staff and thanked the office staff members as well as support staff for their devoted and dedicated service by working overtime, providing valuable contribution in maintaining cleanliness of the college.



- As part of World Environment Day, Don Bosco College, Tura organized a Webinar on the theme “Ecosystem Restoration Through Webinar” on 5th June, 2021. The Webinar was attended by Smt. Agatha K. Sangma Hon’ble Member of Parliament and Shri T.T.C. Marak, IFS (Retd), the Chairman of State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Government of Meghalaya, Prof .O. P. Singh, Department of Environmental Studies, NEHU, Shillong. Smt. Agatha Sangma spoke on the need to conserve the environment and urged the attendees to do something decisively on saving the mother earth. Shri Tony T. Marak recounted the steps undertaken by the Government in the past to conserve environment. He stressed the need to take care of the environment. Prof. O. P. Singh, in his message exhorted the attendees to avoid wastages and dumping of waste into the environment, to avoid landfilling which impacts environment, land, waste, soil and causes air pollution. Others who spoke on the occasion included Shri Grebar Sonyo Ch. Marak, Forest Guard, Forest Department. Shri Abal Manda Sangma, the Nokma of Rimba Adinggre, Shri Simpo Sangma, a farmer, and Shri James A. Sangma, a student of Don Bosco College, Tura.



- In observance of World Environment Day, The NCC cadets of Don Bosco College, Tura on the 5th of June, 2021 carried out tree plantation during lockdown within the peripheral area of their houses. About 20 cadets enthusiastically took steps in a bid to encourage others to do the same and helping each other in planting saplings.

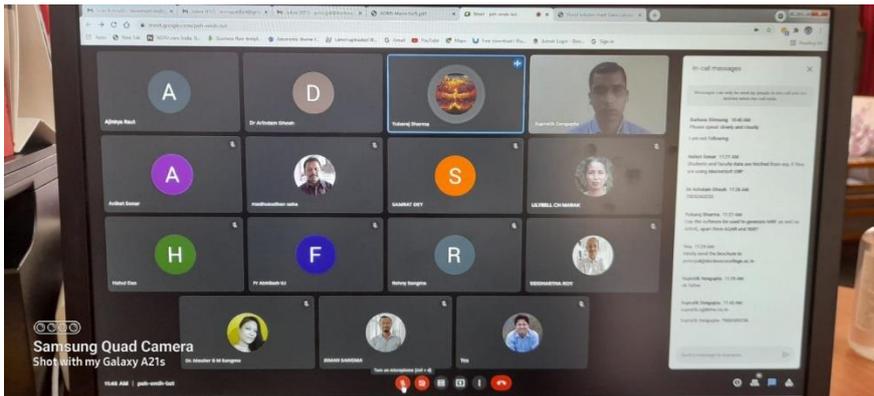


- Don Bosco College, Tura was awarded “One District One Green Champion” by the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education under the aegis of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, and Government of India. The award was handed over by Shri Ram Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills to the Principal of the college during online Webinar organized by the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education. The webinar was attended by the Principals of the colleges and schools of West Garo Hills. In his speech, Shri Ram Singh, the Chief Guest for the occasion lauded MGNCRE, Ministry of

Education. Besides, he congratulated the college and appreciated the efforts of educational institutions for organizing programmes in the institution for a green and clean campus.



- The IQAC members of the college on 21st July, 2021 attended the “Accreditation Data Management System Demo” conducted by Mastersoft ERP Solutions headquartered at Nagpur, India. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Yubaraj Sharma, Criteria Coordinator of the college. The session was animated by Mr. Supratik Sengupta, Manager East Mastersoft ERP Solutions Private Limited and Mr. Ajinkya Rant and Mr. Aniket Sonar from Mastersoft. The Demo Programme made IQAC members aware of the possibilities of ERP System and how software can benefit the college through automation and cloud based storage.



- The NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura took part in the Cleanliness Drive of the Garo Labour Corps Memorial monument at Babupara, Tura on 15 August, 2021 to mark the historic day, that is the 75th Independence Day of the country. A total number of 13 NCC Cadets undertook the task of cleaning and its surroundings under the supervision of Senior Wing caretaker Officer, Miss Cherimchi T. Sangma.



- Two cadets from NCC Unit Don Bosco College, Tura participated in the Firing Competition held at Shillong from 8th to 12th of September 2021. The purpose of the competition is to select cadets to be part of the NER Directorate Shooting Team. Miss Jasmine Sylvera Ch. Marak, SW cadet, CQMS and Arimba R Marak, LCPL participated in the competition.



- On the 23rd of September, 2021, a Staff Meeting was held to ensure that the college runs smoothly in which various NAAC related issues and other important matters of the college were discussed.

- A short farewell programme was held for the outgoing NCC cadets on 27 September, 2021. The programme was organized by the 2nd and 3rd year cadets under the guidance of CTOs. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal spurred the outgoing cadets to strive forward thereby abiding by the motto of the NCC 'Unity and Discipline'. He also congratulated the cadets on their completion of NCC and wished them good luck in their future endeavours. A memento was also given away by the Principal to the outgoing cadets as a token of appreciation for the services rendered by them.



- On October 1st, the NCC Cadets of the college in collaboration with the Coffee Board, Tura, West Garo Hills observes International Coffee Day with the theme Coffee's Next Generation. The programme was held at the college amphitheatre. A good number of NCC Cadets took part in the programme. The resource person spoke on the advantage of drinking coffee and more importantly on planting and investing in coffee growth.



- An awareness programme was conducted on the 1st and 2nd October, 2021 by the National Digital Library of India Club admins in a bid to cater to the need of the students with the accessibility to digital educational resources available and to empower and encourage learning. Registered students received the first-hand training on Digital updates. In the inaugural speech, Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim, Principal, Don Bosco College appreciated the admins for taking the accountability of conveying the information to the students and faculty of the college how to explore the library faculties by National Digital Library of India. In one of the sessions, the students and the faculty were given an insight about the advantages of the library and how to get registered thereby accessing various types of study materials in the form of text, video and animations etc. A total number of 319 students and faculty got themselves registered.



- The NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura observed Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October, 2021. A short programme was organized to mark the occasion. In his speech, the principal exhorted the cadets to adhere to the principles and teachings of Gandhiji. A few selected cadets also spoke on various topics related to Gandhi’s life, teaching and principles. The cadets with great zeal attended the programme.



- On the 7th of October, 2021, the Department of Physics, Don Bosco College, Tura organized a talk on the topic “Digital Transformation: Limitless Possibilities”. in the DBCTE Seminar Hall. The resource person of the programme was an alumnus of the college, Abhijit Dutta, Head, Business Strategy, APAC Ericsson, Bangalore. Altogether 150 students as well as teachers partook in the programme.

Dr. Ivonne M. Sangma, DMCHO, West Garo Hills and Secretary of the Alumni Association also shared her experience on how digital world has helped in the process of Covid vaccination. Others who gave talk in the programme were Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim, Principal, Don Bosco College, Prof. Mahidar Rajbongshi, Head, Department of Physics, Dr. Arindam Ghosh, IQAC Coordinator of the college. Abhijit Dutta, in his talk gave the insights of the topic, ‘Digital Transformation: Limitless Possibilities’. He shared his experience and expertise for 17 years in various multinational companies referring to the need to studying basic sciences as it is the backbone of Science. Dr.

Yubaraj Sharma moderated the interactive session effectively while Miss Bulbul G. Momin, President, Students Welfare Association proposed the vote of thanks.

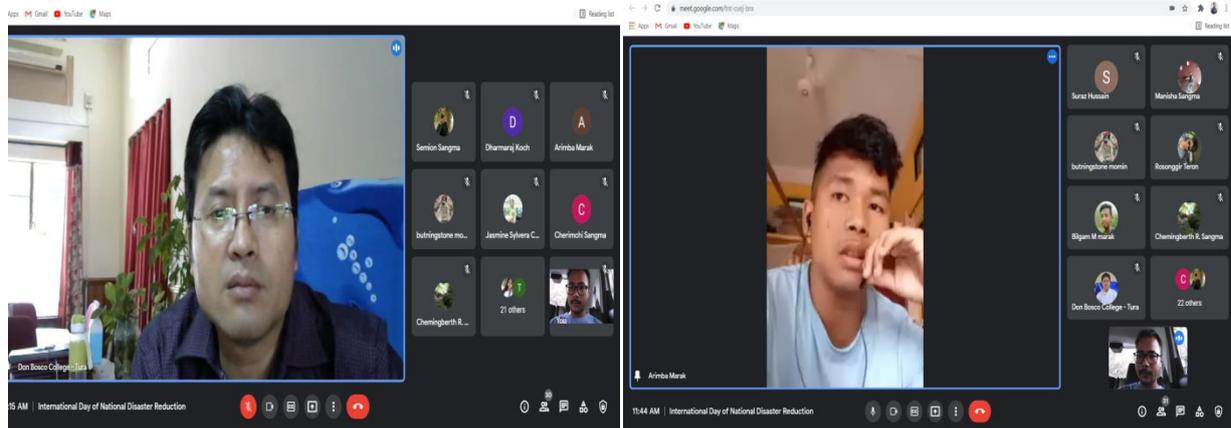


● The Red Ribbon Club, Don Bosco College, Tura jointly with the Meghalaya State Aids Control Society organized a Zonal Level Quiz Competition as part of 'India at 75' on the 7th of October 2021. The Quiz Programme was kick-started with a welcome speech delivered by the Principal. Dr. Ivonne M. Sangma, District Maternity and Child Health Officer was the Chief Guest for the occasion. She urged all those present to donate blood thereby helping those who are in need of it. Dr. Bandi K. Sangma, the Guest of Honour, a respiratory Diseases Specialist stated that T.B. is a social disease which closely related to HIV/AIDS. Shri Alok Lanong, Assistant Director, Meghalaya State Aids Control Society, Shillong spoke about the purpose of organizing such a programme and announced that the winners and the runners-up will be eligible to compete at a State Level Red Ribbon Club Quiz Competition. The Quiz Competition was conducted by Miss Rebecca Lalrinmuani Kingbawl, Language Instructor under NAHEP-IDP, College of Community Science, Tura. The participants from Don Bosco College and Mendipathar College secured the First and the Second Prizes respectively in the competition.



● The Department of Philosophy, organised a Webinar Series on "The Idea of Individual and the Social" (Session- One) on 7th October 2021 at 2:00 P.M onwards. The speakers were: Mr. Anish Chakravarty, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi on the topic 'Ataractic Virtue in Pyrrhonism and Ajnanavada,' and Prof. Prasenjit Biswas, Ph. D, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong on topic 'Ethnophilosophy: An Exploration into Tribal Thoughts from North- East India.' The entire programme wa co-ordinator by Dr. Wanphai Mary Japang, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Don Bosco College, Tura.

- On 13 October, 2021, International Day of National Disaster Reduction was observed by the NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura. To mark the occasion a short online Talk was conducted. The programme was graced by the Principal and in his talk he educated the cadets about the risk and loss associated with certain disasters. Prof. Bravewell Mawthoh, CTO, Senior Division spoke on the history and purpose of observing the day. A talk on various types of disasters such as natural and man-made disasters and the prevention of its occurrences was delivered by Miss Cherimchi T. Sangma, CTO, Senior Wing. Miss Jamine Sylvera Marak, CQMS welcomed the participants and Albert G. Momin, CQMS concluded the programme with the vote of thanks.



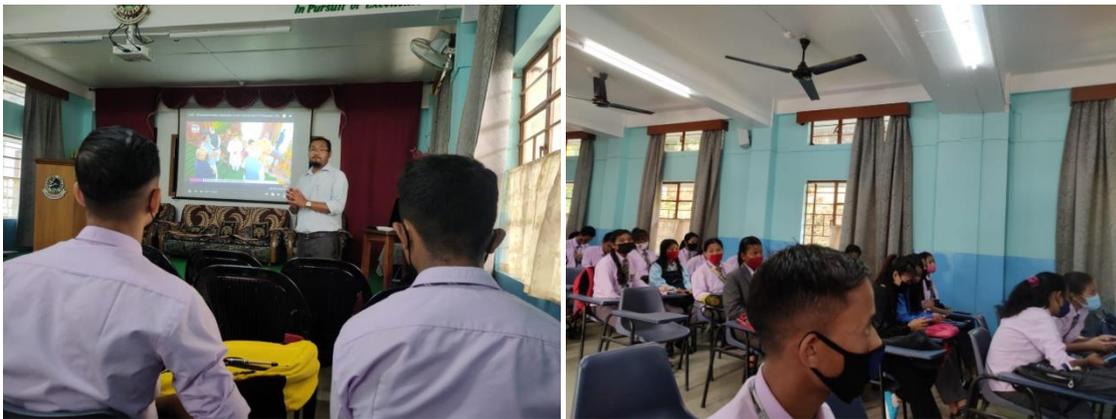
- ‘The State-Level Red Ribbon Quiz Competition’ was organized by Meghalaya AIDS Control Society on 13 October, 2021 at KJPA Hall in Shillong as part of the New India @ 75 campaign. Among the eight teams that participated in the competition, Don Bosco College, Tura bagged the first prize followed by Seng Khasi College and Mendipathar College securing the second and third prizes respectively.



- In connection with the celebration of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava” on the 1st of November, 2021, the NCC Unit of Don Bosco College carried out a cleanliness drive of the Garo Corps Memorial Monument located at Bapupara, Tura. The cleaning drive was conducted under the guidance of Mr. Bravewell Mawthoh, Senior Division, CTO and Miss Cherimchi T Sangma, Senior Wing, CTO. Fifty Five cadets fervently undertook the noble task of cleaning the Monument.



● On 26th November, the NSS volunteers of the college observed The Constitution Day. The volunteers led by Sir Biman Tesil Sangma, NSS Programme Officer recited the Preamble of the Indian Constitution and watched the LIVE telecast of the Constitution Day observed at New Delhi. The NSS volunteers took the pledge to respect the Sovereignty, Socialist, Democratic fabric of the country. The programme officer encouraged the volunteers to respect the constitution and take pride in living it to make India a better place to live in.



● The NCC Cadets of Don Bosco College, Tura along with Red Ribbon Club and National Service Scheme, Don Bosco College Tura on Saturday observed NCC Day by donating blood. The programme was held in collaboration with the Blood Bank, Tura. Deputy Commissioner of West Garo Hills Shri Ram Singh IAS was the Chief Guest at the inaugural programme.

In his speech, Ram Singh IAS encouraged the cadets to be of service to the society and the college. He said that NCC is expanding in Meghalaya and in particular in the border areas. He said that the expansion is a positive move towards extending NCC to all the schools and colleges of Garo Hills.



● The District Administration, West Garo Hills in collaboration with Don Bosco College, Tura on Saturday organised a Career Guidance Programme for UPSC, MPSC, SSC, Banking etc for Graduates and College going students of the district. Around 120 students participated in the Career Guidance Programme.

At the inaugural programme, the Deputy Commissioner Ram Singh IAS encouraged the participants to prepare and write competitive examinations whenever possible. He said that communications and lack of examinations centres in Tura should not be a hindrance and an excuse to achievement. He gave his own example of how he travelled to Delhi to write his IIT entrance examinations and how he had to struggle while preparing for his Civil Service Examinations. He urged the students to prepare themselves and to have long term plans to attempt both the central and the state civil services. The resource persons were Mr. V. Agrawal IAS, SDO Dadenggre, West Garo Hills, Smt. Dimseritha A Sangma, MCS, EAC Election. There were also officers from the State Bank of India, Chandmari Branch who spoke to the students.



● As part of the celebrations of India's 75 years and observation of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* the Don Bosco College Tura in collaboration with All India Radio Tura organised a Talent Hunt Programme for Radio Jockeys (RJs) on Thursday 03 December 2021. The topic of the talent hunt was "The New 'She' – A futuristic view of the Empowered Indian Girl"

The programme started with a welcome speech by Shri F. D. Marak, Head of Programme, AIR, Tura. He thanked Don Bosco College for organising this programme and wished the participants all the best. He expressed his wish that the programme will transform the lives of the young people to have great love towards the country.

Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Principal, welcomed the participants and the officers from All India Radio (AIR) and thanked the English Department for helping to facilitate the programme. He said that the college encourages the students to take part in various competitions and give a platform for them to grow. He wished that the students make full use of the opportunity that is given to them, and not waste it. He said that a speech competition should help the students to get rid of stage-fright.



- The NCC unit of Don Bosco College, Tura observed “**World AIDS Day, 2021**” by organising a Poster Making Competition. The cadets actively participated in the competition and made posters carrying messages and awareness related to World AIDS Day. A total of 60 cadets participated in the event, out of which 22 were SD cadets and 38 SW cadets. The posters made by the cadets are to be displayed in the college campus to create awareness among the students. The competition was conducted under the supervision of Senior Division CTO Mr. Brave Well Mawthoh and Senior Wing CTO Ms. Cherimchi T Sangma.



- The NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura organised one-day trekking to Nokrek National Park on 5th December 2021. The motive of the trekking were to provide a much-needed exposure to the cadets, create environmental awareness and love for nature, and create a bonding among the senior and junior cadets. The trekking was planned and smoothly organised by SW CTO Ms. Cherimchi T Sangma and SD CTO Mr Brave Well Mawthoh. The trekking was done under the guidance of a local guide who educated the cadets about the different variety of plant species and the importance of Nokrek National Park as one of the country’s prominent biosphere reserves. On arriving at the park, the cadets were provided breakfast before starting the trekking. After returning, the cadets enjoyed munching their lunch which they had brought from home. The cadets expressed their satisfaction and joy on getting such an exposure and desire to get more such opportunities in the future.



- The NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura observed “**Armed Forces Flag Day 2021**” to show appreciation and contribute to the welfare of armed forces. The Armed Forces Flag Day or the Flag Day of India is a day dedicated to collect funds from the citizens for the welfare of the Indian Armed Forces personnel. It has been observed annually in India on December 7 since 1949. The NCC cadets of the college sold the Armed Forces Flag Day stickers which are sent by the Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Meghalaya. The Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Meghalaya is looking after the welfare of Ex-Servicemen belonging to the Army, Navy, Air Force, their pensionary benefits, medical facilities and other financial assistance from the Central and State

Government. A total of 1815 stickers were sold. The sale proceeds of 1815 stickers should be Rs. 9075, however, the cadets managed to collect a donations totalling Rs. 12,310.



- The NCC cadets of Don Bosco College, Tura along with the staff members on 10th December 2021 paid candle light tribute to General Bipin Rawat who, along with 12 others, was killed in a helicopter crash. The candle light homage was held in the College campus. The cadets also paid homage to Mrs. Madhulika Rawat and 11 other Army personnel who also died in the tragic Mi-17 V5 crash at Coonor, Tamil Nadu. CTO Bravewell Mawthoh and CTO Cherimchi T. Sangma led the cadets to prayer and observation of a minute silence to pray for the departed souls. During the service, CTO Bravewell Mawthoh said that the passing away of General Bipin Rawat is a great loss to the country as a whole. He asked all the cadets to pray for the departed soul. The cadets also remembered the great sacrifice that late Rawat had made during his career.



- The Meeting of the Governing Body of the college was convened on the 10th of December, 2021 at 4 pm in the Conference Hall. Rev. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, Provincial and the Chairman of the Governing Body of the college welcomed the members, in particular NEHU representatives, Prof.(Dr) Nikme S.C. Momin and Fr. Levio T. Sangma, Parish Priest Sacred Heart Parish and Bishop's Representative. Fr. Zacharias George, Fr Abhilash V. J, Fr. Ignatius Sangma, Dr Jova C. Marak, NEHU Representative and Govt's Representative were absent on the day of the meeting. The agenda or list of matters were brought up at a meeting and discussed.

- On 11th December 2021, twenty NSS Volunteers of the college participated in Training of Youth on Clean Village-Green Village held at Tura Circuit House. The programme was conducted by Nehru Yuva Kendra, West Garo Hills.



● The Annual College Week 2021 of Don Bosco College, Tura commence from 15th December to 17th December, 2021. The programme was hosted by Dr. Mueller M. Sangma, Dept. of Education. The Chief Guest was welcomed with bouquet, *pandra* and a memento. The opening ceremony was started off with a song, beautifully sung by the students of the college. The performance was followed by lighting of the cauldron. The Chief Guest of the programme, Shri Stephen A Rynjah, CO 2nd Battalion, Goeragre escorted by the principal did the honour of lighting the cauldron. This was followed by Oath taking ceremony wherein the captains and the vice captains of all the 8 houses came forward to take the pledge.

The President of the SWA, Bulbul W. Momin led the oath taking. The Captains and the Vice Captains of various houses vowed to play fair with a sportsmanship spirit. The oath taking ceremony was followed by planting of house flags by the house captains. The Principal, Rev. Fr Bivan Rodriques Mukhim delivered the welcome speech and applauded the efforts of the teachers and the students toward the college week programme. Students from Margaret Bosco Hostel displayed their wonderful dance performance during the function. The Chief Guest, Shri Stephen A Rynjah in his speech expressed his delight to be a part of opening ceremony. He complimented and applauded the principal and the college in general for its discipline, and cleanliness. He motivated the students by citing examples of great personalities such as Nelson Mandela, Jawaharlal Nehru, and APJ Abdul Kalam.



● On 16th December 2021, the college teaching and non-teaching staff members bade farewell to Ms Susan A. Sangma, former Head of the Department of Garo who retires from service and to Shri Timir Balan Mandol, Placement Coordinator who retired from service. The programme was held at 06:00 pm. The gathering concluded with a dinner for all the staff members. Many staff members spoke and shared experience that they had with the two retired staff members. Fr. Bivan Rodriques Mukhim, Principal expressed thanks on behalf of all the staff members and the students for the

dedicated services that both the staff members offered to the college. He wished them luck for future and said that the gate of the college is always opened for both of them.



● Don Bosco College concluded its College Week programme on 17th December 2021. The Valedictory ceremony of the college week, along with the Pre-Christmas celebration was conducted at college amphitheatre. The programme commenced with a melodious song performed by the winners of the group singing competition. The opening song was followed by first prize distribution ceremony to the winners of the indoor games competition. The prizes were distributed by the Guest of Honor to the winners of the various indoor games competitions.

The Chief Guest of the programme Mr. Dharmananda Banai, Assistant General Manager, SBI,Tura along with the Guest of Honor Mr. Ajaipal Singh Somvanshi, Principal, National Skill Training Institute Tura, were welcomed with traditional *A.chik Pandra*, potted plant and a memento as a token of appreciation and gratitude. Further in the programme, Christmas carols were sung by carol singers. The Guest of Honor spoke and lauded the college as one of the oldest prestigious college in Garo Hills. In his speech he encouraged the students and applauded the winners. He also consoled the non- winners urging them not to lose heart but to continue participating.



● The staff of the college on 21st December 2021 gathered to celebrate Pre-Christmas. The programme was held to thank and appreciate their services to the college and the students in particular. Fr Zacharias George, Principal Don Bosco College of Teacher Education, Tura was the Chief Guest, He spoke and wished the staff and motivated them to celebrate Christmas with the sense of giving.

Others who spoke at the programme were Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Principal, Ms. Rehny Sangma, Librarian, and Mr. Hilarius Sangma, UDA. The staff presented carol songs. Fr Louis Arimboor led the staff members in prayer.



● The office and support staff of the college on 21st December 2021 attended a half day ‘Investor Training Programme’ organised by the college. The resource person was Mr. Pratyush Bhaskar from RAA Media Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai.

In his talk he helped the staff members to understand more about investment and how one needs to be aware of the loopholes in investing and banking. He enlightened the staff on the proper use of their money and also in which platform they can make more gains.

He said that one has to become aware and at the same time to have knowledge of investment to have hassle free transactions. He shared tips with the staff regarding better use of the resources and the money they earned from their works.