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- Students' feedback on teachers without questionnaire was conducted by IQAC for the outgoing 3rd year degree students in the month of February 2016.
- Self-Assessment for teachers was taken by IQAC in the month of February 2016 for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 and was sent to the third party for compilation.
- •34 Committees were formed. Each committee having a convenor held meetings among themselves.
- •Seminar cum Workshop on National Science Day was observed in the college on the 29th of February 2016.
- •As part of College Extension Programme, English Language Proficiency Course (ELPC) is offered to the students of Bosco Mount, Rongkhon, from March, 2016.
- •A seminar was held at the college premises on account of International Women's Day on 8 March, 2016.
- International Women's Day in Don Bosco College,was celebrated on 8th March,2016 with a welcome speech delivered by Ma'am Ipshita and welcomed everyone present for the celebration. In his speech, the principal said that women should be respected and given rightful place and never think that women are inferior. The Principal also cited the example of Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani girl who defied the bullet and threat of Taliban in support of Women Education and this is something the world will never forget and the history will not fail to stop remember her as a brave, determined and thoughtful girl. The Convenor of the Women Cell of the College Dr. (Mrs) Barbara Sangma gave a detailed history of the birth and growth of International Women's Day. Another speaker was Dr (Mrs) Ajanta Deb of the Department of Economics. The programme ended with a song by the students of First year B. Sc students "We are women... women of Faith." The programme was coordinated by the Women's Cell of the College.
- •A seminar was organized by the State Bank of India, Chandmari Branch, Tura for the students on 11 & 12 March, 2016. The students were introduced to the system of online payment of fees.
- •College amphitheatre was lent to NEHU, Tura campus for one day on 16 March, for the university week, basketball tournament.
- •Parents 'meeting with the management was held on 19 March, 2016.
- •NAAC, RUSA and IQAC were allotted separate rooms on 29 March, 2016.
- •Department of Physics organized a parents' meeting with the parents of 2nd semester students on 31 March, 2016.

- College cricket team participated in super tournament in Tura in the month of April 2016.
- •Fr. G. Basanes, Extraordinary visitor from Rome, Italy visited the college on 18 April and interacted with the students, faculty members and management.
- •Orientation course for 3 year degree students was held on 19 and 20 April 2016. The experts were from Don Bosco Institute, Guwahati.
- •The College launched Short Term Courses .Namely: English Language Proficiency Course and Basic Course on Computer Skills on 21 April 2016.The official inauguration of the same was held in the College Conference Hall.
- •Extension Lecture on "Impact of Folk Songs on Youth Culture" by Mr. Biby Sam Varghese was organised for the students of the college on the 22nd April 2016.
- •House System was introduced for Third year Degree students on the 25th of April 2016. The students were divided into four houses.
- •"Savio Stall" was inaugurated in the college on 26 April 2016 by Fr. George Plathottam, the Principal of the college, in the presence of the two Vice Principals and the members of campus and canteen committee. The stall makes available to the staff and students stationery items, jerseys books and Photostat machine.
- •A three-Day Hands-on-Training cum Workshop on "Plant Tissue Culture" was held in the college on from 26 to 28 April 2016 for 3rd BSc students of the college. The workshop was organized by Botany Department.



•A two- Day Hands-on-Training cum workshop on Plant Tissue Culture was organized by the Botany Department in the college on 29 and 30 April 2016 for Class XII science students of various institutions of Tura.





- Staff Meeting was held on 10 May 2016 at 2.30 p.m. The meeting and discussions were started with a short prayer followed by the talk on IQAC.
- •3rd Semester classes started from 12 May, 2016. Orientation programme was also held at the Conference Hall for the students.
- •1st Semester classes started from 16 June, 2016.
- •Inauguration of New Academic year was held for the students on 17 June,2016 in the college premises. The rank holders, a total of 8 students in the Final BSc and BA Examinations, Talen Robert Sangma and Chadime P. Marak, BSc Botany Honours and others from Garo Honours were felicitated. The Chief Guest of the programme was Shri Pravin Bakshi, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya.
- •The Sports Committee of Don Bosco College, Tura in collaboration with the District Sports Office, West Garo Hills, Tura organized a short marathon run of about 2 km on the 28th of June,2016 at 6.00 AM. This event (Non-Competitive run) was organized to create awareness about the ideals and values of Olympic Movement as well as to recognize and acknowledge the selfless services extended by thousands of officials and volunteers for the conduct of successful and peaceful Olympic games in every 4 years.
- •Freshers' Social 2016 for new comers was held with fun and gaiety on the 2nd of July,2016. As they welcome the freshers, the 3rd year students danced elegantly to the tune of music which was followed by a song performed by a student 3BA, Saldorik.
- •Cultural Exchange Programme was held on 7th July, 2016 in Don Bosco college. 13 Taiwanese students from FU JEN Catholic University in Taipei visited Don Bosco College in Tura and Loyola College in Williamnagar. Bowled over by the natural beauty of the region, the students were delighted for being able to witness the culture and lifestyle of Garo Tribe. The visitors observed the similarities in culture and lifestyle between themselves and the Garo Tribe. The two-hour cultural show ended on a high note with students of Don Bosco College and Fu Jen Catholic University dancing together.



•A Seminar was organised by the Department of Physics on 14 July ,2016 in the Conference Hall on the topics "Geiger Muller Counter", "Ionisation Chamber" and "Scintillation Counter". The Seminar was attended by BSc Final Year Physical Science students who actively and enthusiastically participated in the programme.



• Painting competition was conducted on 18 July 2016 in the college campus.



•An inter-Debate Competition was held at the college amphitheatre, Don Bosco College, Tura on 22 July, 2016 at 11 AM. The motion for the house was "SOCIAL MEDIA IS A MENACE," which witnessed 27 participants from different classes and streams. The competition was chaired by Dr.Barbara S.Sangma and judged by Prof. Kalyan Ch. Momin, Dr. Ajanta Deb and Dr. Biswajit Paul. The winners of the competition are Carla R. Marak, 3BA who secured the 1st position, Salmatchi.M.Sangma, 3BCom and Ramdira Hrangkhwal,3BCom secured the Second and Third positions respectively. Sindira .S. Sangma, BA 1st Semester and Tengbath M. Sangma, BCom 1st Semester were awarded Consolation Prizes.



•Staff Meeting on academic activities ,NAAC and IQAC was held on 22 July,2016. Presentations on NAAC were delivered by Dr.Arindam Ghosh,Covenor of NAAC Steering Committee and by one of the committee members, Prof.Jeffrey Dkhar.



- •The Election of the class representatives was conducted on 27 July, 2016 at 11.45 AM. One boy and one girl from each class and each section were selected.
- •The Election of the SWA (Student Welfare Association) office bearers was conducted on 28 July, 2016 in the Conference Hall.
- Green Club, Don Bosco College, Tura conducted a short session to mark the occasion of 'World Nature Conservation Day' on 28 July,2016 at 1:00 P.M. in order to raise awareness about protecting nature and conserving natural resources. The programme was made animated by the keynote and welocome address by Dr.Biswajit Paul and a short talk on 'Conservation' was also delivered by Dr.Madhusudan Saha. Interactive Quiz on nature conservation was also conducted. The programme was wrapped up with vote of thanks by Prof. Rani Aruldas. Tree Planting Session under the banner of 'Save our endangered plants' was also conducted. The rare and endangered plant Citrus indica commonly called 'Me.mang Narang'in the local dialect was donated by Prof. Shabharee Yasmeen A. Sangma, Tura Govt. College from her invitro raised plantlets in the plant tissue culture laboratory of Biotech Hub. Around fifty plants were planted in the campus with the help of eleven student volunteers from 3rd BA.



•Bosco Net Orientation Programme was conducted on 9 and 10 August, 2016 at the Conference Hall. The programme was attended by the students of the college.



•Don Bosco College, Tura organised a two-day programme comprising of an eye check up camp, blood donation pledge camp and clean up campaign on 12 and 13 August 2016. The eye camp was led by Dr. Swapna Sarkar and her team from the Tura Civil Hospital in which 200 students and people from the neighbouring areas had their eyes examined. The blood donation pledge witnessed more than 400 students signing up forms with an undertaking to donate their blood to the needy patients. The programme was led by the management and staff of the college with active collaboration of the student leaders of the college.



•Don Bosco Jayanti was observed in Don Bosco College, Tura on 16 August 2016. The day marks the 201 years of the birth of Don Bosco -- the patron of Don Bosco College and the Father and Friend of youth. The day was marked by unveiling the statue of Don Bosco and offering floral tributes, by conducting essay and quiz competition on the life of Don Bosco and vision and mission of the college.



•Don Bosco College, Tura organized Alumni Meet on the 27th of August, 2016. Office bearers were elected.



- •On the 3rd of September, 2016, Don Bosco College Alumni Association held its first meeting.
- •Don Bosco College conducted a session on Career Options on 7 September, 2016 from 12.30 to 2.15 pm. Resource persons from Pune Institute of Business Management gave talks on opting careers for 3 year (Arts) students at the Conference Hall.
- •The year 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of International Literacy Day. The Department of education took the initiative of observing the World Literacy Day on the 8th of September,2016 to promote literacy as a foundation for lifelong learning. Students displayed models, charts and slogans to address the current challenges and to promote literacy as an instrument to empower individuals, communities and societies.



• A two – day sessions on Student Development Programme was initiated for the students on 9 and 10 September, 2016 as to how to study and prepare for exams, on personality development and writing CV and Bio data.



- On 10 September, 2016 a session on "Initiative for Change" for the 3rd Semester students of all the streams was conducted
- •Don Bosco College in collaboration with its Alumni Association organized a function on 11 September, 2016 at 5 P.M. at the college amphitheatre to celebrate the canonization of Mother Teresa. The event included offering of prayers, singing of devotional songs and reading of short life sketch of the saint and screening of a documentary.



- On 13 September, 2016, at 2.30 pm the Academic Council Meeting was held in the Conference Hall.
- •The Department of Political Science organized a seminar for students of 3rd year BA Honours on 14 and 16 September, 2016. The topic was "Part System in India with special reference to National, Regional and Local Parties." The avowed objective of the seminar was to make the students aware of various Political Parties in different parts of the country. Altogether 84 students attended the seminar and presented papers on INC (Oldest Political Party), CPI, AIADMK, AGP, BJP and UDP.

- •A meeting of the Heads of various committees was held in the Conference Hall on the 15th of September at 2.30 pm. In the meeting updates on activities, plans and programmes were reviewed and future plans and proposals were discussed.
- •On the 16th of September, 2016, Mr. Rajesh Sarawgi, Financial Consultant and an expert on investment matters came to the college and delivered a talk and interacted with commerce students.





- •A day-long Orientation/Workshop for Competitive Exams in collaboration with District Administration, West Garo Hills was held at Don Bosco College, Tura on September 17, 2016. Around 180 students attended the programme from various colleges in Garo Hills and from NEHU, Tura Campus. The resource persons are Shri Ashok Kumar Tegiti, IAS (Retd) and the first Indian Civil Service Garo Officer, Shri Pravin Bakshi, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura and Miss Terakchi K. Marak, IFS and alumus of Don Bosco College. The resource persons shared their own experiences and gave talks on the importance of acquiring communication skills, reading quality newspapers and periodicals, updating general knowledge and current affairs.
- •The Department of Chemistry,Don Bosco College,Tura organized a Seminar cum Interactive Programme with Dr.Anup Paul on the 24th of September,2016.Dr. Anup Paul, an alumnus of Don Bosco College is presently carrying out his Post Doctoral Research in Chemistry as FCT- Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute Superior Tecnico, Lisbon in Portugal. He did his Post Doctoral Research in other countries like Italy and Argentina as well and is working on synthesizing cost effective Cancer Drugs to the common people. In his presentation, he spoke about some part of his research work and the importance of research and innovation in chemistry, daily used materials that appear to be simple and ordinary but involves planning, a lot of researches, hard work in order to bring it up to the market level. He further urged the students about the scope available from different state and central government agencies.



•On 21st October, 2016, The Department of Chemistry, Don Bosco College organized a Seminar cum Interactive Programme. Dr. Mithu Saha, an alumnus of the college was the research person who is presently carrying out his *Post Doctoral Research in Chemistry at Xiamen University*, *China*. In the seminar, he interacted with the students about the scope available for the students of India and North East in particular. He further explained to the students about the work and culture in China and the competency level of the students in China.

•On October 27 and 28 the college conducted a workshop for teaching staff on 'Using Technology for Effective Teaching.'



- •On the 1st November,2016, A lecture cum discussion on Art for students and staff members were initiated in the Conference Hall.
- •The artists of the Lalit Kala Akademi were welcomed and felicitated during the College Assembly on November 1, 2016 at 9.30 am. The Art Camp was also inaugurated informally and the Regional Secretary of Lalit Kala Akademi gave a brief introductory talk on art which has meaning or significance beyond the visual.



•North East Green Summit 2016 got underway from November 1—5,2016, was co-hosted by Don Bosco College, NEHU, Tura Campus and powered by Eastern Chronicles. The Summit gave an opportunity for the public and private stakeholders to share ideas so as to achieve environmental and economic goals. The Summit includes keynote presentations, educational sessions, outreach activities and networking opportunities. The North East Green Summit was formally inaugurated on November 5, 2016. The programme began with a Prayer Song by the students of Don Bosco College. Dr. Sushi Singh, Chief Advisor, VIBGYOR Media Solutions and Vice President, Delhi Police Officers' Wives Welfare Association delivered the welcome address. The Chief Guest for the function was the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Meghalaya High Court, Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, while the . Guest of Honour was Padmashree Jadav Payeng, leading environmental activist. The other distinguished guests present at the function were Prof. G. Singaiah, Pro Vice Chancellor, NEHU, Tura Campus, Meghalaya, Shri. C.P. Marak, Chairman, Pollution Control Board, Meghalaya, Miss Somhita Biswas, CEO, National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India and Shri. John Borgoyary, Regional Head, North East India, UNDP. The distinguished Guests were felicitated, and presented with bouquets, traditional A.chik Head Gears, mementos, and Badges of North East Green Summit 2016. The Ceremonial Lamp was then lighted by the Chief Guest and other distinguished Guests on the dais. The North East Green Summit 2016, 'Postal Stamp', issued by the Postal Department of India was released at the function. The postal stamp is of Rs. 5 denomination and was issued to mark the first ever North East Green Summit held in Tura on November 5, 2016.





- •The Department of Chemistry, Don Bosco College, Tura conducted seminar for the Third Year BSc Honours students on November 9,2016. The topics of seminar are Solid State, Environmental Chemistry, Electrochemistry, Mass Spectroscopy, UV Sectroscopy, IR Spectroscopy Carbohydrates and Fertilizers.
- •On the 15th of November a one –day Workshop for teachers of Don Bosco College was initiated on IQAC and NAAC. The resource person Prof. Pinhero interacted with the teachers.



•A one-day National Workshop on IQAC and NAAC was organized on 16 November,2016 in Don Bosco College, Tura. Delegates from various Colleges of Garo Hills and Assam attended the sessions actively. The resource person, Prof. Pinhero from Goa enlightened the participants and certificates were distributed to the delegates.



- •The Selection Test for the 3rd Year Final students started from November 16, 2016.
- Don Bosco College Week , 2016, got underway from 31 November to 3rd December. The Principal, Rev. Fr. George Plathottam delivered the welcome speech in which he highlighted the need for the students to press on towards the goal so as to win the prize. The closing ceremony of Don Bosco College Week, 2016, began with a presentation of a bouquet to the Chief Guest and alumnus of Don Bosco College, Shri. Dikki D. Shira, Project Director, DRDA, Tura . The Principal, Rev. Fr. George Plathottam delivered the welcome speech and applauded the efforts of the students and the teachers for making the College Week a success. The Chief Guest, Shri. Dikki D. Shira, gave a speech in which he expressed his delight with the overwhelming participation of the students and motivated them to achieve their goals in life.



- •World Aids Day was observed on December 1,2016 in Don Bosco College, Tura. The NSS Wing of Don Bosco College, Tura organized the befitting program with the introductory speech delivered by Dr.(Prof.) P.Mohanty (Head of Department, Philosophy). Keynote address was initiated by Dr.(Prof) J.C.Dang, Department of Botany. In order to create awareness and spread about AIDS amongst students, the members of Students Welfare Association of the college tied red ribbons as armband to one another as the symbol for prevention against AIDS and solidarity of people for those who are living with HIV/AIDS. Finally, vote of thanks was proposed by Prof.Mahidar Rajbongsi.
- •A farewell party cum Pre Christmas celebration was organised on 16 December, 2016, in the college amphitheatre in honour of the outgoing students of the college. The function began with a song performed by Boros Sangma. This was followed by a dance performance by Ledina and her friends. The Principal, Rev.Fr. George Plathottam in his speech wished the outgoing students a great future. Some exciting games were also arranged for the outgoing students. The welcome speech was delivered by Sundare Sangma and the programme came to an end with the cutting of the Pre Christmas cake by the Principal, assisted by two outgoing students.



