

CHRONICLES 2018

●A group of eight students escorted by the Vice Principal Fr. Albert Sangma went on a 12 day educational tour to Rajasthan on 20th January and returned on 31st January, 2018. The tour was initiated by Sister Mariola Sequeira and hospitality was offered by the Mission Sisters of Ajmer at Angela Sophia Senior Secondary School, Jaipur. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Jaipur Literature Festival which is said to be the greatest literary show on earth and the Kumbh of literature. Writers of national and international repute interacted with scores of literary enthusiasts including students. They also visited the Barefoot College, Tilonia, Ajmer, one of its kinds. The students also got the opportunity to showcase their cultural heritage in the form of a Garo Dance at the Assembly of Sophia Girls' College, Ajmer.



●Staff meeting of the college was held on 6 February, 2018 in the Conference Hall. There were discussions on various agenda such as Students' progression, Issues related to Exams, Departmental activities and varia.

●Parents' Meet for Science students was held on 10 February, 2018 where parents and guardians discussed and interacted with the College administrators.

●Counselling Session for all aviation and hospitality aspirants was conducted on 12 February 2018 at Don Bosco College, Tura at 12.30 PM in the College Conference Hall.

●Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme was organized by Commerce Department on the 13th of February, 2018 at 1.00 P.M in the conference hall, Don Bosco College, Tura. The 6th Semester B.Sc and B.Com students along with the Commerce Department attended the programme. The programme was conducted by Dr. Abhigyan Bhattacharjee, Associate Professor, Dept. of Management, NEHU, Tura Campus, and Dr. K. D Singh, Assistant Professor, Dept. of M.B.A, NEHU, Tura Campus. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, in his speech, stressed the need to organize such type of programmes. Dr. Abhigyan Bhattacharjee spoke on the indispensable state of

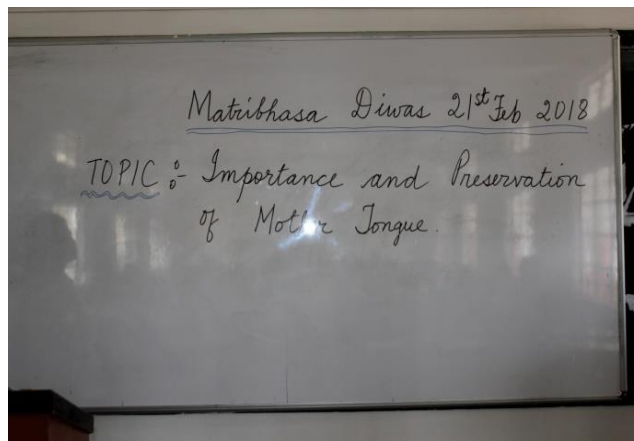
entrepreneurship, and the importance of making the format of a project and creating employment. Dr. K. D Singh addressed the gathering on the need of an entrepreneur to take risks and create something new and organize production. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. K. Mahimairaj, HOD of the Dept. of Commerce.

- Parents' Meet for Arts students was held on 17 February, 2018 in the College Conference Hall.

- On 19 February, 2018, a group of Don Bosco College students performed a *Short Skit on Ethical Voting*. The main objective of the skit is to create and spread awareness messages among the voters by educating them to cast their votes with consciousness, voting for the right candidate and not to be induced into voting for money. The SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Election Campaign was also held in which the officer from the Election Commission of India urged the students those who have attained 18 years of age to cast their vote and select their leader following the true principles and called upon them to maintain "One Man One Vote".

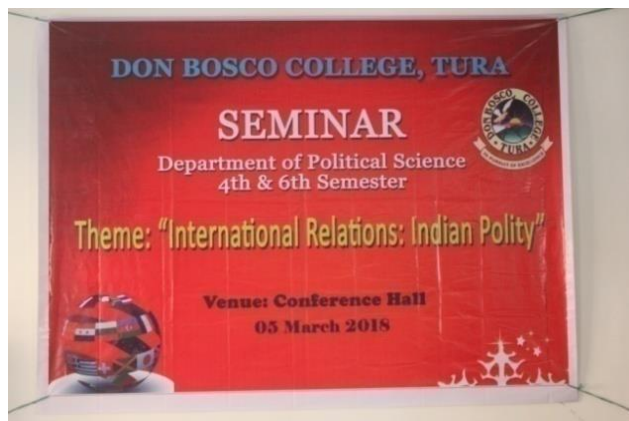


- In observance of Matribhasha Divas (International Mother Language Day) on February 21, 2018 an Essay Writing Competition was organized in Don Bosco College at 1pm. The theme of the competition was "*Importance and Preservation of Mother Tongue.*" The objective of the essay competition is to help the students understand and respect their mother tongue. A good number of students participated and wrote the essay in Garo, Khasi, Bengali, Nepali, Assamese, Boro and Hindi languages.



- A Film Appreciation Programme was organized by the Department of English for the 6th Semester BA students on the 3rd of March, 2018 from 9.30 AM onwards.

- The Department of Political Science organized a Seminar for the 4th and the 6th Semester Arts students on the 5th of March; 2018. The theme of the Seminar was International Relations and Indian Polity. The seminar was headed by the Head of Political Science Department which involved the presentation of papers by the students and various topics such as Euro Debt Crisis, Demonetisation, United Nations and Human Rights, Foreign Policy of Narendra Modi and India China Relations etc. were discussed with keenness and zeal.



- The Department of Physics, Don Bosco College Tura conducted a one day Seminar on the 5th of March, 2018, from 1PM onwards. The students of the 4th semester BSc presented papers. Various topics such as Geiger Muller Counter, Ionisation Chamber and Scintillation Counter were discussed in group among the students. Prof Arindam Ghosh and Prof. Mahidar Rajbongshi gave concluding speeches encouraging students as how to make presentation in a better way, and providing tips about making of PPT slides, building confidence and body posture during presentation.

- On March 8, 2018, International Women's Day was celebrated in collaboration with District Social Welfare Office, West Garo Hills and Don Bosco College of Teacher Education. On the occasion Rev. Fr Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Principal Don Bosco College in his welcome address spoke about the need to respect women and highlighted on the need to bring about gender equality. The speakers were Shri Ram Singh, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills and Smt. Valerie Blah, District Social Welfare Officer; West Garo Hills spoke at length on the status of women with particular stress on the necessity of respecting women. Moreover, Rev.Sister Guadalupe Velasco MCJ was felicitated for her selfless dedicated service to the people of Garo Hills in general and the sick and needy persons of Leprosy Colony, Tura in particular. The programme was attended by a great number of students and teachers.



●On 10 March,2018,the students of the 6th Semester BA(English Honours)went on a field trip to Nokrek Biosphere Reserve with the twin purpose of practical experience of the highest mountain of Garo Hills and to acquire knowledge about the place. The students numbering about 55 geared off in high spirits in rented Boleros and Mahindra Pick-ups and got to experience a number of things for the first time.



●Don Bosco College Alumni Association, Tura organizes ‘Food Festival’ on the 13th of March, 2018 in order to raise fund for Alumni Association of the college. All the departments, the students and the non-teaching staff as well cooperatively participated and generously contributed to make the fest a success.



●The Department of Education, Don Bosco College, Tura organised a one-day Symposium for the 4th and 6th Semester students on the topics “*Role of Education in Shaping the Personality of the Adolescents*”, “*Globalization of Higher Education*” and “*Use of ICT in Education*” in Don Bosco Bed College Conference Hall on 14 March, 2018. The avowed purpose of holding this symposium was to train the students in building confidence and competence and to equip them with the knowledge of simple MS-Office PowerPoint presentations. All the students took active part and made their presentations through PowerPoints.



●World Consumer Rights Day was observed by Commerce Department on the 15th of March, 2018. On that event, a one-day Seminar cum Food Fest was organized to mark the importance of the day. The theme of the Seminar was “*Making Digital Market Places Fairer*”. The programme started at 11.00AM with the lighting of lamp by Rev. Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim, Principal, Don Bosco College, Tura followed by the welcome speech by K. Mahimairaj (Head of the Department, Commerce). About 210 Commerce Students participated in the Seminar. The students presented papers which intended to provide some awareness about the consumer's product in the present market of food products and to give some idea about the protection and awareness policies and rules and regulations of the available acts in the country. In the afternoon as a practical in market management the department organized Food Fest.



●The NCC Unit of Don Bosco College,Tura organized a Bike Rally on the 22nd of March,2018 in observance of “*World Water Day*”. About 50 zealous students both boys and girls participated in the rally carrying banners. The theme of the rally was “*Do not let our future dry up –Save Water.*”The intention of the rally was to raise awareness for water issues and to inspire action to make a difference and to educate people about the importance of conserving and managing water resources. The principal of the college was grateful to the District Administration and the Police Department for their great help and cooperation in making the rally a success.



●A Mega Seminar on Civil Services and other competitive exams was conducted on 23rd March, 2018 at Don Bosco College, Tura by Don Bosco Academy in collaboration with Alternative Learning System Private Limited, New Delhi. The main objective of the Seminar was to inspire and motivate the young minds of Garo Hills in particular and the region in general to join Civil Services, Educational institutions of Higher Secondary and Colleges of Garo Hills were invited and about 200 students including teachers and heads of the institutions participated in the Seminar. Mr.Ritesh Handa, CEO, ALS, New Delhi, a premier coaching centre for Civil Service stated that DBA will facilitate the daily streaming of classes for ALS coaching centre by creating infrastructure of modern technology and digital learning platforms.Mr.Jojo Mathew, Chief Executive Director, ALS, New Delhi informed that complete course would be of 11 months with specialized professional approach and systematic methods of teaching. Among the other distinguished speakers were Shri Ashok Tegite, the first IAS Officer from Garo Hills and Chief Advisor cum Mentor,DBA,Tura,Shri Cyril D. Diengdoh ,IAS,DC of South West Garo Hills,Ampati, Shri Swapnil Tembe, IAS,SDO of Dadenggre,Shri Ram Singh,IAS,DC of West Garo Hills ,Tura.The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr. Bivan R.Mukhim, Principal, Don bosco College, Tura.



●Chemistry Department, Don Bosco College, Tura organized the Annual Seminar on the 10th of April,2018 at 10.30 AM at the Seminar Hall, Don Bosco College of Teachers Education. In the inaugural session Fr. Bivan R. Mukhim addressed the gathering and applauded the initiative taken by the Department. Mrs Carobina Sangma, District Service Supervisor, and Govt. Of Meghalaya graced the occasion by her presence as the Chief Guest and highlighted the need of competition and the kind of exposure for all round development of the students. The theme of the day long Seminar was '*Nurturing Chemistry in Garo Hills*' just to acknowledge the contributions and efforts made by the teachers to cultivate Chemistry in this part of the country. About 20 students from the 6th Semester Chemistry Honours presented on various topics based on EHU Curriculum for undergraduate studies in Chemistry.



●Aadhar Enrolment by Avvas Infotech was initiated at Don Bosco College from the 12th of April 2018 onwards for a week for those who want to apply are allowed to do so during free hours.



●Don Bosco College, Tura celebrated Annual Parting Social on 19 April, 2018 in the college amphitheatre to bid farewell to the outgoing students who are the First Batch of Semester System. The programme kick-started with the junior students performing a melodious song which was followed by the welcome address by Marcuch Sangma, 2nd Semester BA, on behalf of the current students. The gathering was enthralled by special dance and song performances. Prof. Ipsita Roy, the Head of the Political Science Department delivered a motivating speech. The fun and entertaining games were conducted by the Commerce students. On behalf of the outgoing students, Jakrimra Marak gave a short speech after which

the outgoing students performed a traditional song. After the event the outgoing students presented a farewell gift to the college.



●On the 31st of May, 2018, NCC Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura observed World Tobacco Day. The NCC volunteers displayed anti-smoking posters and placards in the college campus to create awareness against the detrimental effects of consuming tobacco. The principal of the college urged the students to maintain a tobacco free campus.



●Don Bosco College, Tura in collaboration with District Administration and IBDLP, Basin Development, Tura observed World Environment Day on the 4th of June instead of 5th being a Sunday. The theme selected for World Environment Day 2018 was “Beat Plastic Pollution”. Kumari Agatha K. Sangma ,MLA 51,South Tura Constituency was the Chief Guest, Mr. Skylance G.Momin,Former IGP, Meghalaya Police was the Guest of Honour.Other dignitaries were Shri Ram Singh,IAS, Deputy Commissioner,West Garo Hills, Shri Raghavendra Kumar IPS,SP,Tura,Shri P.R.Marak,Chief Conservator of Forest. In her high-powered speech, Kumari Agatha Sangma urged the audiences to strive towards making Tura a plastic free town. She further accentuated on the negative impact of plastic on environment and the rampant use of plastic by public which will make the ocean in future flooded with non-biodegradable materials and will have long lasting effects on ground water. Shri Skylance Momin, retired IGP and President of Council of Nokmas also urged the audiences to make every effort to conserve the biodiversity of Tura. Shri P.R.Marak, Chief Conservator of Forests also spoke on the preservation of nature’s beauty in West Garo Hills.



● In observance of the World Environment Day 2018, on June 4, 2018, a group of 85 NCC and NSS volunteers of Don Bosco College carried out Cleaning Drive and Tree Plantation at Edenbari river source as the area is getting polluted due to plastic dumped by picnickers. Kumari Agatha K. Sangma, MLA 51, South Tura Constituency flagged off the cleaning and plantation drive. While appreciating the efforts of the students and staff she exhorted them to engage in keeping the place green and pristine and to plant trees for greener environment. Saplings were distributed to the volunteers who were divided into three groups tasking with different responsibilities of cleaning, planting and organising the event. Seminar and Workshop Committee of the college also concurrently organised Green Quiz and Open Air Drawing Competition on World Environment Day 2018. In the technical session there was Green Quiz Competition for the Degree students followed by Open Air Drawing at the college amphitheatre.



● The new academic year 2018-19 and Don Bosco Academy were formally inaugurated on the 9th of July 2018 in the presence of host of dignitaries. The function commenced with the ceremonious lighting of the lamp which marked the bright beginning of the occasion followed by the prayer dance performed by the students of the college. Fr. Bivan Mukhim, Principal, Don Bosco College warmly welcomed all the dignitaries and presented to each of them a pot of plants, a college scarf as well as a Garo scarf. Shri Ram Singh, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Tura lauded Don Bosco College for providing excellent infrastructure facilities in salutary surroundings, introducing academic studies with sports, cultural activities and a wide array of programmes to prepare responsible citizens for society.

Shri Prateek Bhattacharjee, National Business Head, ALS (Alternative Learning System) challenged the students that all he needed was their commitment to invest four hours each for two days over the weekend. He was confident that the people of West Garo Hills would not miss the opportunity of taking advantage of satellite assisted training for the civil services in their very home town. Shri Ashok Tegidi, IAS (Retd), the first Garo to join the prestigious civil Services recounted the hardships he had to face to make his dream come true. The Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister and former member of Parliament, in his address motivated the students to believe in their potential and gave them the example of Late P.A. Sangma who regardless of his humble beginnings supported by Don Bosco institutions in Garo Hills became the honourable Speaker of the Lok Sabha.



● The Department of Economics, Don Bosco College, Tura organized a seminar on 11 July, 2018 in the college premises to celebrate the World Population Day. The theme of the celebration 2018 is *“Family Planning is a Human Right”*. In an attempt to create awareness on these and other related issues, the Economics Honours students of the 1st, 3rd and 5th Semesters displayed posters and slogans on the theme. Prof. Siddhartha Roy, HOD, Department of Economics elaborated on the situations in China and Japan, two other Asian giants having high GDP and high population and a comparison of India’s population scenario with these countries. The students of the 5th semester presented papers on the topics *“Family Planning is a Human Right”*, *“World Population Growth and its Effects”*, *“India’s Population Growth and its effects”* and *Population growth –its causes and effects.”*



●The Computer Awareness Programme was conducted for the Students of the first Semester Arts on the 13th of July, 2018. The students were divided into two groups with a time slot of three hours each. Mr Samrat Dey, Head, Department of Computer Science conducted the programme and assisted by Mr.John Satish and Mr. Jevillin A.Sangma. The students were given first hand training on the various components of the computer and the applications. Fr.Bivan Mukhim, Principal while speaking at the inaugural programme will help the students to know how to apply it .The Principal said that this is the age of computers and we cannot be ignorant of the way the world uses computer. He extended his gratitude to the department for arranging the computer literacy programme for the first semester students.

●On the 14th of July as usual, Freshers' Social was organised at the college amphitheatre for the batch of 2018.The programme kicked off with Veronica and friends performing the prayer song followed by the welcome speech delivered by Patia K.Marak, the SWA Vice President. The Principal, Fr.Bivan Rodriques Mukhim in his speech welcomed the freshers and congratulated the Science and Commerce departments for the good results and said that the college gave the best to the students. The seniors performed a variety of dances and the DBC Choir presented a befitting song for the programme. Some entertaining games were also organized by the SWA members for the freshers in which two students were selected as Mr Fresher and Miss Fresher of the college.



● NSS Orientation Programme was held on the 26th of July,2018 in Bosco Hall at 12.30 pm. About 150 volunteers of the college joined the programme. The sessions were animated by the NSS programme officer Prof.Salkam Momin and Prof Suraj Pradhan.The former NSS Programme Coordinator, Prof Prabath Mahanty said that as we have received so much from the society, now it is our turn to give back to the society through NSS programmes. Prof.Suraj Pradhan, NSS Programme officer of the college spoke to the volunteers and explained to them the plans and programmes of the NSS for Academic Year 2018-19.

●As part of the Students' Development Programme and preparing them to meet the market situation, the 5th year BCom students undertook an exposure Trip to the rubber plantation of the college on the 26th of July, 2018.The trip was a great learning experience to the students It was interesting to know that rubber is a tropical tree and it is not merely planted for commercial purposes but also for industrial utility. If it was not an enriching interaction with the workers and their willingness the share then the trip would have been an exercise in

futility. Rev.Fr.George Plattotham, Rector, Sir Timir Mandal, Placement Coordinator and Prof.K.Mahimairaj (HOD), Commerce Department accompanied the students.

- The NSS Unit of Don Bosco College, Tura in collaboration with the Municipal Board of Tura launched a fortnight's cleanliness drive (Swatchta Pakhwada) on the 1st of August, 2018. The inaugural programme was graced by Shri Ram Singh, Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills and Smt.Sabrella B.Marak,the CEO of Municipal Board,Tura. Welcoming the guests of honour, Fr.Bivan R.Mukhim, the Principal said that it was a pleasure to collaborate with the district administration in such proactive programmes that enable students to become agents of change for the better. The NSS programme officer Prof. Suraj Pradhan outlined the day-to-day activities that were planned for the entire fortnight which included a visit to Galwang-Chidekgre, Babadam-the adopted village of the college. Smt.Sabrella B. Marak in her speech expressed that there was no greater joy than to return to her Alma Mater, to enthuse students to be partners in maintaining a clean environment. The Deputy Commissioner, Ram Singh said that the picnic spots and ecologically fragile streams and water bodies that have become dumping ground for liquor bottles. He further urged the students to take pictures of polluted areas and send them to him, but also to roll up their sleeves and be accountable about the way they dispose their garbage.



- Rev. Fr.Januarius Sangma, Provincial,Guwahati Province visited Don Bosco College, Tura on 3rd August 2018 and met the staff and students. In doing so, he extended his gratitude to the teachers for commitment and hard work. Addressing the staff, he said, “Teachers are the part of Salesian family collaborators and transforming people’s life is a great success in life.”

- On the 7th of August,2018, to create awareness among the people about cleanliness and making the village open defecation free, a group of NSS volunteers visited Babadam village under the guidance of the NSS Coordinator, SurajPradhan. The organic farming venture of Don Bosco College was also inaugurated simultaneously at the adopted village, Galwang Chidekgre. Financially supported by IBDLP (Integrated Basin Development and Livelihoods Promotion),a local self-help group termed as ‘Chikasin’ has set up a demonstration hub to generate organic fertilizer ‘Azolla Pinnata’ to a great extent. Shri V.Valentin, Project officer, IBDLP addressed the students on the need to sharpen their skills so as to promote and encourage the efforts of the local community. Sister Mariola gave a brief summary on the concept of organic farming and how it could be a boon to Garo Hills through complete mobilization and support.



●A Prayer Service for Late Adin Rongmei was conducted on his first death anniversary on the 10th of August, 2018. All the staff members made it convenient to come together to pay their respects to the former colleague, Late Adin Rongmei. Dr Arindam Ghosh, Head of the department (Physics) said, “The void left by Adin, not only in the Physics Department but in Don Bosco College, will take a long time to fill”.



●Special Cleanliness drive has been carried out in T.B. Hospital on the 10th of August, 2018 by NSS volunteers. About 16 volunteers geared themselves up in surgical masks and disposable gloves, cleaned the ground with brooms except the rooms of infected patients and picked up garbage including medical waste and dust. The principal of the college extolled the volunteers for their commitment and cheerful disposition.

●The students of Bcom 5th Semester attended a two-day International Seminar on “Data Analytics and Business Research Dimensions” on 10 and 11 August 2018. The seminar kicked off with the lighting of the lamp by the distinguished dignitaries followed by welcome song by the students of Management Department, NEHU, Tura Campus. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Sundrjya Borbora (Department of Humanities and Social Science, ITI, Guwahati). The address on Research Methodology was delivered by Prof. NVR Jyoti Kumar (Dean School of Economics, Management, Information ND Social Science, Mizoram). Shri U.K. Sangma (Former Secretary, North Eastern Council, Retired IAS) spoke on the topic of understanding the requirements before doing research. The programme concluded with vote of thanks delivered by Dr T. Rao (Joint Coordinator)

●The 14th of August 2018 marked the climax of the Swatchta Pakhwada (the cleanliness awareness campaign) when the total strength of 200 NSS volunteers of Don Bosco College

staged a rally which started from the college and moved through the Missionaries of Charity Campus to Chandmari and came back via the main road. The NSS displayed the catchy slogans written in English, Hindi and Garo.

- Don Bosco College, Tura celebrated 72nd Independence Day on 15 August 2018. The college NCC and NSS volunteers participated in the flag hoisting programme as a mark of exhibiting patriotism. In his message on the Independence Day, the Principal highlighted the strength that the country needed people like the NCC and the NSS to bring about change in the nation.

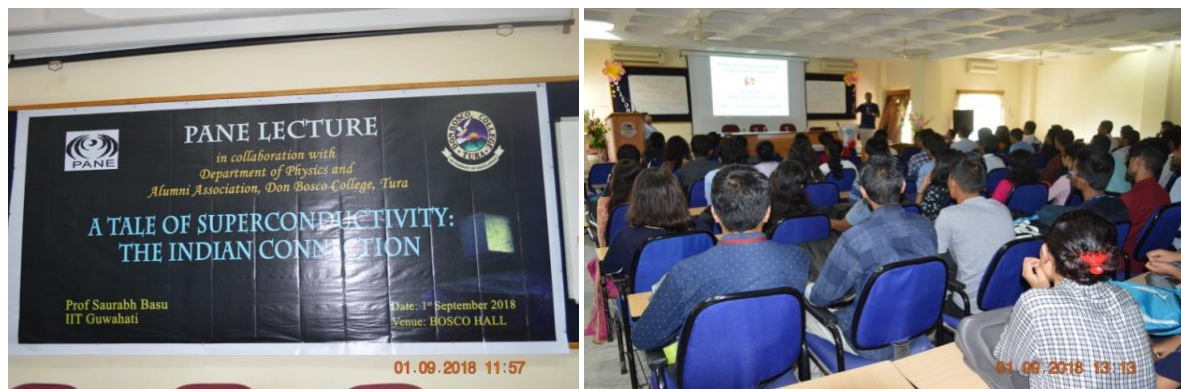


- The staff and the students of Don Bosco College, Tura paid a befitting tribute to the renowned Don Bosco, the founder of Worldwide Don Bosco institutes in his 203rd birth anniversary on 16 August 2018. A special prayer service was held in honour of the motivator and a friend of youth and the floral tributes were also paid. On the occasion, Shri Krishna Kumar, Senior constable of the 75th BSF Battalion was felicitated for his selfless commitment in training the NCC Cadets for an entire month as the nation begins preparation for Independence Day. Fr. Albert D. Sangma, Vice Principal gave away the prizes to the winners of the Inter-Class Basketball Tournaments on the same occasion.

- The Election of the Students Welfare Association of the class representatives was conducted on the 21st of August for the year 2018 -19. The Election was coordinated by the students' welfare convenor, Fr. Albert Sangma and assisted by the members of the committee. The students of the respective semesters and streams themselves elected their representatives by a fair voting system. The Election was carried out by show of hands or a voice vote in all the classes. The office bearers were also selected through voting system.

- Don Bosco college, Tura hosted the PANE (Physics Academy of North East) lecture on the 1st of September, 2018 in collaboration with the Department of Physics and Alumni Association. The speakers were the world-renowned scientists from IIT Guwahati, Prof. Saurabh Basu, Vice President of PANE and Prof. Bipul Bhuyan, General Secretary, PANE. Other panellists were Arya Vidyapeeth college, Guwahati, Dr. Piush Kanti Dhar, Publicity Secretary of PANE and Apurba Kumar Das. Dr. Arindam Ghosh said that the lecture is an incentive to the students of Physics to learn of opportunities of higher learning in Physics. Prof. Bipul Bhuyan, General Secretary, PANE briefed the academic community present on the

occasion on the activities of PANE. A newsletter of PANE was also released on the occasion.



- Teachers' day was celebrated in Don Bosco College on the 5th of September 2018 at the college amphitheatre. It was an auspicious day for students to celebrate which marks the birth of the great teacher, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The teachers were escorted by the NCC cadets for the function as they arrived at the college. An array of vibrant cultural programmes was organized by the students. The SWA President, Chanangbil Sangma in his address proposed his profound gratitude to the teachers on behalf of the students. It concluded with a "thank you note" delivered by a student representative, Kasaan Chokchim M. Sangma, Vice President, SWA, marking the importance of teachers.



- The Department of Zoology in collaboration with Stella Maris College, Chennai and Department of RDAP, NEHU, Tura Campus conducted a one-day DBT Sponsored Workshop on "*Maximal Usage of Foldscope to Explore Miniatures in the world*" on the 10th of September, 2018 at Don Bosco College, Tura. The day long workshop catered to the development of technological skill to use the Foldscope-Paper Microscope and the popularization of the same. Dr. Biswajit Paul, HOD, Dept of Zoology in his keynote address highlighted the impact of Science and Technology today on the social fabric of humanity and how 'doorstep technology' can bring about a quantum change in the understanding of science by the masses. Dr. B.K. Mishra, Department of RDAP, NEHU, Tura Campus narrated that the project was funded by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India. Dr. K. Veena



●All the Departments of Don Bosco College came together on 12 September, 2018 to organise a food fest in aid of Don Bosco College Alumni Association. The festival was an event and occasion to raise money for the association. More than 10 departments including non-teaching staff and students joined hands to prepare and sell variety of mouth-watering dishes. The food items ranged from native delicacies such as *minil* (sticky rice) and *sakin* (*Garo traditional rice cake*) to Indian and Chinese food. The festival provided a common platform for the students to interact and relish the taste or the flavour of food with their faculty members.



●The NCC cadets of the college geared up for Cleanliness Campaign as part of Swacchta Samaroh on 18 September, 2018. Twenty one volunteers with sweeping materials cleaned the bus stand at Chandmary under the supervision of Prof. Sengprang A. Sangma. The Municipal Board of Tura deeply appreciated the great team work of the NCC cadets.

●A one-day Seminar on Poshan Abhiyan (National Nutrition Mission) was held at the college on 19 September 2018 for the First Semester BA students. The programme was animated by the NSS Programme Officers Prof Suraj Pradhan and Prof Salkam S. Momin and NSS volunteers as well. A talk was delivered by the Programme officer on the causes and cure of Anaemia, to provide better nutritional food and to make malnutrition free. Its objective is to ensure holistic nourishment and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.

●The Department of English headed by Dr. Barbara S.Sangma Head of The Department organized the Annual Intra- Departmental Elocution Competition on the 20th of September,2018 in the Bosco Hall, Don Bosco College,Tura at 10.00AM. In the competition, the students of English honours of the college participated wholeheartedly. The avowed intent of the competition is to promote English speaking skills.Dr.Barbara Sangma in her speech welcomed the Principal,The Principal,Rev.Fr.Bivan R.Mukhim,the Vice Principal Fr. Albert Sangma aand the honourable judges,Dr.L.K.Gracy,Dept Of English,NEHU,Tura Campus and Sister Mariola Sequeira,Asst Professor, Dept Of English, Don bosco College. The participants were judged on the basis of pronunciation, voice modulation and confidence level. The audience and the judges were invited to give their feedback on the overall performance of the participants as well as on the importance of organizing elocution competition. The results were declared at the end of competition, and the Principal presented certificates to the winner selected from each semester.



●Don Bosco Collge,Tura took part in a four-day Basketball Tournament organized by NEHU, Shillong Campus from 24th to 27th September 2018.Altogether 15 colleges from the State took part in the tournament.

●NEHU Exams for the 1st, 3rd and 5th Semester students commenced from the 4th of October 2018.



●Don Bosco College,Tura organized an Alumni Get Together on the 17th of November 2018.The gathering started with a welcome song presented by the staff. About seventy former students of various years attended the gathering to spend a cosy evening full of memories in a

festive atmosphere. The former students of the college were cordially welcomed by the faculty members and a few students. Prof. Susan Sangma, Coordinator, Alumni Committee welcomed the alumni and Rev. Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Principal expressed his happiness about meeting and getting to learn the past pupils of the college. The memorable event attained a new height with a beautiful song presented by the students and fun games at the end of the evening. However, the climax of the get-together was the election of new office bearers for the Don Bosco College Alumni Association. The gathering came to the conclusion with an amazing and a splendiferous dinner.



● International Students' Day which fell on 17th November was celebrated for the first time in the college. The celebration was attended by the 4th Semester and 6th Semester English Honours students. The programme started with a song sung by the students themselves. Dr. Barbara S. Sangma, Head, Department of English welcomed everyone to the Programme. Dr. Lucy R. Marak gave a comprehensive background of the celebration of the international Students' Day and called upon the students to be active and meaningful contributors in the society. Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, Principal accentuated the significance of the International Students' Day in the Indian context through a video show. The programme ended with a beautiful motivational video on the importance of time.



● World Toilet Day was observed in Don Bosco College on 19 November 2018 to draw attention towards sanitation crisis. The theme for World Toilet day 2018 is 'The Nature Calls'. The NCC of the college concurrently conducted a painting competition in observance of the universal event. The theme of the competition was "Let us make West Garo Hills Open-Defecation Free". A good number of students partook in the competition and their

paintings and sketches were displayed thereafter for the students to see. In his inaugural speech, Fr. Bivan Mukhim, Principal said that the day is an important event in India to reinforce the need through Swachh Bharat.



●Don Bosco College, Tura heartily welcomed Fr. Marcelo Farfan in his maiden visit to the college on 22nd November, 2018. Fr. Marcelo Farfan is the new general coordinator of the IUS (Salesian Institution of Higher Education). In his speech he highlighted the strengthening of the Salesian charisma and to work for youngsters. The staff welcomed him with a beautiful song terming him “shining bright” and the Wangala Dance was also performed rhythmically by the NCC students.”Education is to see the future of youngsters and society”, said Fr. Marcelo in his meeting with the faculty staff. He further said that the role of a professor is not only about transmitting knowledge to the students but listening to the youngsters. Fr. Anthuvan who had accompanied Fr. Farfan was also warmly welcomed with a traditional stole and a bouquet of flowers.



●The annual College Week Programme was held from 5th December to 8th of December, 2018. The opening ceremony began with a Prayer Song presented by Chukhame and her group, which was followed by a scriptural reading from the Holy Bible by Fathima Marak. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim, in his speech stressed on the importance of team work and student participation in the College Week events. The College Week flag was unfurled by the Principal, and the College Week Cauldron was also lighted by the best participants of College Week, 2017, Francis Hasdak and Caneya D. Sangma. The President of the SWA led the oath taking ceremony and vowed along with the various House Captains to play fair with

sportsmanship. The College Week Theme Song was presented by Krismat and his group. The Sports Secretary, SWA, Salchu Sangma delivered the vote of thanks. The function ended with the singing of the National Anthem.



●The Closing Ceremony of Don Bosco College College Week, 2018 began with a Prayer Dance performed by Wandisha and group, which was followed by a Scriptural reading from the Holy Bible by Fathima Marak. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Bivan Rodrigues Mukhim delivered the welcome speech and thereafter welcomed the Chief Guest Smt. Helena Mary K. Marak, Executive Chairman, MBOSE, and the Guest of Honour Shri. R. Girishankaran Thambi, Principal of Tura Kendriya Vidhalaya. The Guest of Honour Shri. R. Girishankaran Thambi in his speech praised the College for organizing the College Week for the benefit of the students. The Chief Guest Smt. Helena Mary K. Marak delivered an inspiring speech and urged the students to excel in their studies as well as in the co – curricular activities. Shri. Sunil Sarkar (Lab Attendant) was also felicitated for his service to the College for twenty-eight years. The vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. Siddhartha Roy, the Games and Sports Adviser. The function ended with the singing of the College Week theme song.



●In an attempt to create awareness, Don Bosco College Alumni Association, Tura initiated Drugs Awareness Programme on the 9th of December 2018 at Matchikol village, in the outskirt of Tura.

- The NSS volunteers of the college took part in the week long Rural Camp at Babadam Village, under Rongram Block from 9- 15 December, 2018. About 60 volunteers under the supervision of Prof. Suraj Pradhan (NSS Programme Officer), avidly participated in the camp. Free Eye Check Up was organised for the villagers in collaboration with the District Medical and Health Officer, West Garo Hills. Shri Clever T. Sangma, Optometrist, Smt. Jollitha Ch. Marak, Optometrist, Shri Vickyoush N. Marak, Ophthalmic Assistant and Silgrak Areng, Ophthalmic Assistant examined around 36 patients and even distributed medicines. Thereafter Pre-Christmas was also celebrated in the evening on 14 December.
- The Department of Zoology and Chemistry of Don Bosco College, Tura jointly went on a study tour to Manas National Park on the 10th and 11th of December, 2018. The tour was organized for the 6th Semester BSc students based on the theme 'Learning with Wilderness'. The students were escorted by Prof. Dhiraj Kumar Rabha, Prof. Tenang R. Marak and Miss Shayantani Das (DBT Research Scholar). The students enjoyed a safari ride for 3 hours at the park. The park known for its endangered species of birds and animals was explored by the students and they could also view various species of animals such as peacock, capped langurs, wild elephants, rhinoceros, wild boars, wild buffaloes etc .
- Don Bosco College celebrated Advance Christmas on the 15th of December 2018 with great fervour and enthusiasm. It was surely a Christmas to remember as the essence of Christmas came alive when the students and staff got together and sang carols in unison. Songs like 'Silent Night Holy Night' and 'Joy to the World' etc filled the air with festivity. The staff also had a nice get-together thereafter.

