

## **NAAC SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR**

### **AUTONOMY: A MEANS TO QUALITY ENHANCEMENT ORGANIZED BY IQAC, SALESIAN COLLEGE ON 23-24 AUGUST 2012**

On 23 of August the programme started with the registration at 9.30am. After completion of the procedure of registration we headed towards the inaugural session where a prayer song video was played and then there was lighting of the lamp ceremony along with garlanding the guests. Then Fr. Mathew George, Iqac, co-ordinator, salesian college gave a welcome speech welcoming our honourable guests Prof. Prabir kumar Das, Secretary, West Bengal State Higher Education Council, Prof. Indrajit Ray, Vice-chancellor, Panchanan Burma University and Fr. Varghese, Principal, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. Before leaving the stage Fr. Mathew George invited our guests Prof. Prabir kumar Das to come and deliver the presidential address. He summed up talking about the positive aspects of salesian college achieving autonomy. Prof. Indrajeet Ray took over after him for the inaugural address. His speech mostly concentrated on the decisions to be taken by whom on the questions of autonomy and how can autonomy help an institution in catering to the social, intellectual and moral needs in short quality enhancements. After his address Fr. Principal, salesian college was called to deliver the rationale of the seminar entitled "Autonomy : A Means to Quality Enhancement". Before talking about the rationale he spoke about salesian college and its mission of enhancing quality in higher education. The scheme which was started by UGC to promote and enhance quality in higher education is well taken care by NAAC. NAAC acting as a good agency has always supported the institutions trying to acquire the aspects of quality enhancement. Fr. Principal summed up commenting on the requirements of a growing institution trying to achieve autonomy to enhance quality and salesian college is moving forward in the struggle for progress. Then Fr. James chacko took over the session and presented his observation on the same topic. His observation was based on a statistical study which showed the positive influences of autonomy on various institutions which played a great role in quality enhancement. The inaugural session came to an end with giving away the mementoes to our honourable guests and also a token of appreciation to the teaching staff of salesian college. Ms. Ganga Parajuli Tirkey gave the vote of thanks and with this we headed towards a tea break at 11.45 am.

After the break we assembled in the A.V. Hall at 12.00. We started with the plenary session chaired by Fr.(Dr.) James Chacko, vice-principal, day session,

salesian college. The first speaker of the day was Fr. C.M. Varghese, principal, Sacred Heart college, Tirupattur who shared his experience of heading an autonomous college in Tirupattur and how autonomy has helped in promoting

and enhancing quality in his institution. He stated that an autonomous institution works freely at all levels to improve the teaching-learning skills. After his presentation we had an interactive session followed by the lunch break.

The technical session started at 2.30 pm with Fr. C.M. Varghese chairing the session. The first paper presenter of the day was Mr. Shomik saha. Co-ordinator of exam and his study was based on the assessment and evaluation of examination system in Salesian college. The second paper was prepared by Uday kumar saha, faculty, department of history, salesian college, sonada campus on “Evaluating the role of Indian libraries in the social science research work”

After he completed his presentation the chair-person spoke on the issues concerning lack of documentation and then the faculty members and students were divided in to groups for the workshop and a set of questions were handed down to them for redressal. With the discussion and fr. Nirmol’s observation the programme came to an end.



