"National Seminar on the Role of Sports and Games in Holistic Education"

A Two Day National Seminar sponsored by the UGC entitled "Sports and Games: New Approaches to Holistic Education" was held at Salesian College Siliguri Campus on 3rd and 4th August 2012. The seminar was organized by Salesian College in collaboration with the Sports Board, University of North Bengal. The objective of the seminar was to bring together scholars and research personnel for critically evaluating the role athletics, sports and games have in the holistic education of young men and women in university/college campuses.

A total of eighty participants from the various colleges and schools of North Bengal, Sikkim and Bhutan attended the seminar. Nineteen Research Papers were presented by scholars hailing from various parts of the country specialized in the field of education, sports and games. Prof. Manas Chakraborty, Chairperson, Sports Board, North Bengal University inaugurated the Seminar on 3rd August at 10.00 am and gave the Keynote address at the inaugural session presided over by Fr. (Dr.) George Thadathil, the Principal of the Salesian College.

Among the resource persons Prof. Tomy Kallarakal of Christ University Bangalore spoke on the "Administrative Policies required for the Promotion of Sports on Campuses", Prof. Shubro Gomes from St Xaviers Kolkata, on deputation at Gaeddu College of Business Studies, Bhutan, spoke on the Role of Sports in enhancing SAARC networks". Research papers on the theme, looking at the issue of sports and holistic education, were presented from different perspectives of Psychology, Statistics, Management, Literature and Political Science by lecturers from six different participating colleges of North Bengal University. The valedictory session was graced by the assistant secretary of the Sports Board, Mr Vivekananda Ghosh, who appreciated the college for the first ever sports seminar in the region and gave away the certificates to the participants.

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