

***Fifth Batch of 227 Graduates seen off by Salesian College to
write University Exam:
Life Orientation Programme consummated with Graduation
Day***

With an objective to better equip the outgoing students to deal with the upcoming challenges in their life. Salesian College, Siliguri organised a three day 'Life Orientation Programme'(LOP) from 8March to the 10March 2016. This was followed by a Graduation Day on 12th March, where students were awarded provisional degrees or qualifying certificates of internal assessments of the College in presence of their parents, guardians and family members. A total of 227 students are graduating from the college across disciplines like science, commerce and humanities. The programme was divided into three thrust areas namely orientation towards family life and marriage, educational/pedagogical values of Don Bosco and career orientation. The programme aimed at brushing up the teaching and learning values taught in the past three years and providing career guidance.



The first day began with a prayer by Rector Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil. Thereafter, Mr. Peter Lepcha traced the origin and meaning of the word *orient* and gave an overview about the LOP. There were two speakers Mr. Rajen Banarjee, who spoke about family and relationships. He stressed on the need to abridge the generation gap. The second speaker was Fr. Biji Thomas, the Rector of Don Bosco, Liluah, stressed on values of honesty and truth and using them to deal with life situations. He also laid emphasis on being true to the self rather than being swayed away by the popular view. After the life orientation which was the focus of the first day, the second day of the programme shifted its focus from life to education and career. The

day began with a prayer by Fr. Mathew Pulingathil. A team from Career Launcher exposed the students to the various career options that they could take up after their graduation. They classified jobs into two types: government and private and spoke about the pros and cons of both. They spoke about the eligibility and the aptitude required for banking jobs, Master's in Business Administration (MBA), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) etc.

The third day the programme was a continuation of the second day where Global reach, Amity University and HDFC Life Insurance spoke to students about opportunities in their respective sectors. Global reach made a candid presentation about education abroad, top countries, top universities, fee structure, and types of courses available, part time jobs, expenditure, educational loans, scholarship and visa services. They also compared education in India and abroad and showed that the packages abroad were higher than India and students had a chance to work part time and pay a part of their fees through that income. They also highlighted that during holidays; students could work full time and increase their earning as well as their work experience. HDFC Life Insurance presented the future prospects of the students in the insurance industry. They gave an option to the students to join Manipal Business School (MBS) with which they have a tie-up. Amity University presented an overview of their campus and courses available. Rajagiri College conducted entrance and interview for MBA and five students have been selected through campus placement for the next academic session.



After the orientation, career guidance and placements the last day of this event was the 'Graduation Day' when all the students dressed in their robes marched to the auditorium to get their provisional certificates. The Chief Guest was Prof. Jeta Sankrityayana. The day began by lighting of the lamp by Prof Jeta Sankrityayan, Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil, Rector, Fr Kayyalackal Thomas, Vice Rector, Fr Aju Kurian, Vice Principal, and Sangam Ghatani, Student Council President. The Vice Rector Fr Kayyalackal Thomas blessed the students with a prayer thanking God for everything that he had given and asking him to lead them and help them in taking decisions. The Annual Report was presented by Fr. Aju Kurian who gave an overview about the college and the courses offered. He also highlighted the achievements

made by the college students in the past academic year. Rector Fr. (Dr.) Mathew Pulingathil addressed the students and stressed on the values of the institution and stressed on the motto of Salesian College i.e., to be intellectually competent, morally upright socially sensitive and emotionally balanced.



The Chief Guest of the day Prof. Jeta Sankrityayana expressed his happiness to be a part of the programme. He defined the word university and cautioned the students about the contestation of ideas that are taking place in the outside world and asked them to be prepared to deal with it. The Convocation procession included the Chief Guest, Rector, Vice Rector, Vice Principal, Heads of the Department and Campus Co-ordinators. Fr Mathew Pulingathil administered the oath and declared the students as 'Provisionally Graduate'. The University rank holders of the previous academic session were felicitated and were given a scholarship of Rs. 5,000 each for gold medal and Rs.4000 for silver medal. A scholarship of Rs. 3000 each was given to 11 students for their overall academic performance. Students who performed well in the Continuous Internal Assessment of the college all throughout the year also received certificates. Students having attendance above 90 percent were given a certificate of attendance. Students were given Certificate of Appreciation for their contribution in various fields in the past three years like Mahima Kashyap received a certificate for her contribution to poetry, drama and creative writing, Deepak Chettri for sports and kick boxing, Vivek Roy for sports, Abhro Bhattacharjee, Pradipto Karmakar and Riha Maheswari for their contribution to co-curricular activities in the field of computer applications, Praveen Kumar Sharma and Akash Poddar for their contribution to co-curricular activities in the field of management. On behalf of the students the Student Council President Sangam Ghatani proposed the vote of thanks. He thanked the management, faculty, office staff for inculcating values in them and helping them whenever they were in need. The students enthusiastically participated in the LOP and Graduation Day. According to the third year students, the second and third day of the LOP was interesting and helpful as they learnt about the various career options available to them. The last day was a mixture of happy

and sad moments; they were happy to graduate, but sad to leave their friends and the college.

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