

# **Darjeeling Kurseong Deanery Youth Convention concluded musically in Salesian College Sonada**

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Salesian College Sonada housed the Youth Convention of Darjeeling-Kurseong Deanery from January 11-14, 2016. The youth convention culminated in the Diocesan Bhajan Idol, the grand finale of religious singing contest on January 14, 2016.

This mega event was inaugurated by his Lordship Stephen Lepcha DD, the Bishop of Darjeeling and was participated by over 300 delegates and ZEXCO (Zonal Executive Committee), a 13 member organizing body of youth activities of the deanery managed the convention with the help of 29 volunteers of LOC (Local Organizing Committee). The convention was based on the annual theme for the youth of the Region, "Touched by Jesus, walking his way," and aimed at re-evangelizing the youth in the light of pressing threats of the present world to Catholic Faith.

The convention held serious sessions on themes such as Christian Life in Present Socio-political Scenario, Analytical Approach to Information Technology, Consecrated Life and Ethical Sexual Conduct as Catholics. The epicenter of the power-packed animations was held by Messengers of Theology of Body of St.

**John Paul II. The team of messengers from Kolkata consisting of youth in their late teens and early twenties left the delegates charged with commitment to the dignity of human body as taught by the Catholic Church.**

**The Youth Convention of Darjeeling Kurseong deanery after the educative sessions had the glory of concluding with the show of Diocesan Bhajan Idol. The musical contest for Diocesan Bhajan Idol on the final day saw the gathering of the eminent musicians and composers of Nepali religious music. The mega finale of the religious singing contest found the new Bhajan Idol in Terence Rai of Kalimpong Deanery.**

**The Salesian community of Sonada, left no stones unturned to offer a fitting hospitality to the participants through the instrumentality of Fr. Subir Mondal the administrator of the community. Fr. Patrick Lepcha the dean, went out of his way and helped in animating a session on Religious Consecrated Life and Vocation Promotion. The active presence of Br. Lawrence Mondal the Province Youth Director, though the multi-media presentation made a remarkable difference in the convention. The young Salesians as well chipped in and assisted at every possible place and made the convention a glorious success and made the life of the participants very comfortable.**







