## **Raring to Go: First Batch of MoRD Students in Siliguri**

In two weeks time, the first batch of MoRD-DBTech Skill Training Programme students of Salesian College, Siliguri Campus will graduate and will be ready for job placement. The 112 students of the first batch are brimming with expectation and enthusiasm at the prospect of holding a job for the first time in their lives. All the students belonging to BPL category and hailing from diverse cultures, linguistic groups and religions and tribes have created a mini-India in the campus during the past weeks. The majority of the students hail from the tea gardens of Jalpaiguri and Bagdogra dioceses. Fifty five students from the far flung areas of the region are accommodated in the two separate hostels for boys and girls.

Launched in July 2010, training has been imparted in the three domains of Computer, Hospitality and Retail Management with special emphasis on Spoken English and Personality Development Programmes. The four Trainers at the centre, namely, Avirup Ghosh, Sahara Pradhan, Sanjib Chakraborthy and Sukanata Banerjee under the guidance of Fr. Mathew George, the Centre Coordinator have been have been accompanying the students in professional yet personal manner to bring out the best in each student. The Teachers' Day celebrated with much fanfare saw the students at their best in the two hour long variety entertainment they put up in honour of their teachers.

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