

ANNUAL REPORT OF DON BOSCO SCHOOL RAMFALBIL 2019-20

Don Bosco School, Ramfalbil had been established in the year 2004. It was blessed and inaugurated on 26th of February 2004 by Rev. Fr. Anthonio Domenech Sdb (Dept. of Education and Youth Affairs Rome, Italy) and Fr. Manoj George Sdb was the first Principal of the school. The school had been started here in Ramfalbil to reach out to the less privileged especially the poorer to give them good education. As the days passed the school grew in numbers and matured in strength. Today there are over 700 students, who are learning in this institution.

The inauguration of the new scholastic year 2019-20 was held on 27th April 2019; the new scholastic year started with the Holy Eucharist which was presided over by Rev. Fr. Edward D'Souza SDB (The Manager of Don Bosco Centre Ramfalbil). On that day Fr. Eddie spoke briefly to the staff and students highlighting the value and importance in giving primacy to God. As we begin this new scholastic year let us entrust all our activities into the hands of the creator and ask His blessings that we may be able to carry out our responsibilities in our teaching learning process.

We have learned to brave the challenges, to rejoice in success, to forge new ventures and to learn from our mistakes. Through a variety of opportunities, our students have learned to participate and interact with one another better. We have tried to realize the positive energy in the students through the seminars, vocational orientation programmes, helping the poor, being truthful at all times, winning competitions, taking up responsibilities, sketching beautiful pictures, forming peace promoting clubs like science club, Wushu, Music, YSM etc, and excelling in studies. This year Don Bosco School Kokrajhar celebrated Silver Jubilee and had organized dance and various other competition. Don Bosco School Ramfalbil bagged the first prize in the dance competition.

Animation programmes were also organized for the students of class X on mass media, value education, leadership, character formation effective learning skills, at DBI from 8th to 11th April 2019. Similarly, we had three days' seminar for the staff and the students taken by Fr. Joseph Thelekatt Sdb based on class room management, time management, leadership and personality development. This year the staff also had various other animations, seminars and intensive exposure programmes organized at various centres like Goalpara (on gender sensitivity), at Bongaigaon (on personality development and classroom management) and at Guwahati (on inclusive education). Four of our Teachers also got an opportunity to take part in the seven days Scout Masters and

Guide Captains training at Don Bosco School Boko trained by Fr. PX Francis and Others.

This year in 2019 we had organized twice PTA (Parents and teachers meeting) to interact with the parents of our students to know how we can assist the students and how parents can play an important role in the lives of their children.

With the aim of providing a holistic education and constant request by the CBSE board to put aside extra time for physical development, fitness and intellectual development for the students, and so we had organized various co-curricular activities during the scholastic year, the school organized various competitions such as singing, dancing, painting, speech, poetry, sports etc. the regular assemblies and the celebrations of important festivals animated by the students and the teachers have inculcated leadership qualities and values of peaceful co-existence among the students. This year in the month of August we also had the arts and crafts and science exhibition in the school which displayed the hidden talents of the students in displaying various scientific methods and processes. Just recently concluded we had the annual sports started off with the Marathon race on 30th November over three hundred students took part, followed by the sports week and the grand conclusion of the annual year with Parents cum annual sports day and pre-Christmas celebrations today.

This year 13th October 2019 marked the Red letter day in the history of Don Bosco School Ramfalbil as we joined to celebrate the 79th Birthday of Rev Fr. Edward D'Souza sdb, on the same day we had commemorated his Golden Jubilee (50 years of Priestly life). Thousands of people fondly remembered him and flocked to greet him. Some even said that it was he who had baptized them, touched their lives and also helped them in pursuing their studies. Father leads us by an example through his work, and commitment to his apostolate. Today the infrastructure in the school building, the surrounding campus and latest one to add to the list is the Multi-purpose auditorium for the school, where we are sitting and enjoying the day it is all because of his self - sacrifice and seer hard work. The construction of the entrance road is in progress. Thus, it is befitting for us to express our sentiments of love, joy and gratitude to him for setting up this beautiful place. Fr. Eddie has been an ardent worker in educating the underprivileged youth and providing facilities to improve the quality of education in these regions and extending great care and attention to the young in particular. He has given his time and energy tirelessly for over 40 years in working, building, catechizing, baptizing and educating the young people.

Nature provides us with the basic necessities of our life and so it is our utmost duty to protect and preserve the nature, hence the school observed the environmental day by planting trees and encouraged the students to do the same within the school compound. As the saying goes...Cleanliness is next to godliness the school took part in the Swachh Abhyian Bharat on 23rd November 2019 to clean the approach roads to the school, Serfanguri Bazar area, the state dispensary and the surrounding areas of Serfanguri bazar.

For Don Bosco School Ramfalbil 2019 had been yet again an unfortunate and sad year since we lost two of our dear students. The first one to go was Konsaikhang Narzary (class IV) who slipped and fell from the tree and died, then we lost Hagrama Brahma (of class IX) in the month of July who had gone for bath in the river and got drowned there. Fr Eddie also lost his elder sister who expired in the month of May. May the good Lord grant them eternal rest to their souls.

I am indebted to all our teachers who have been very cooperative in carrying out their responsibilities in the style of Don Bosco. I am sure by giving our best in all we do, our students will have better tomorrow. As we have entered into the lives of our students, we want to give them the best.

And to you dear students I say, "You are the pride of this institution. You are the sole reason for its existence. While you do your schooling at this house of Don Bosco, make these years a time when you build your lives on solid values which will stand you in good stead for the rest of your life. Make the school proud not only by good results which you will surely bring, but even more by learning the art of living meaningfully, joyfully and usefully. Put yourselves on the path of becoming wonderful citizens of tomorrow who will bring glory to yourselves and to the society in which you live."

Dear parents, I would like to thank you for all your support and collaboration. I am sure with our joint efforts we can give the best to your wards and make our education relevant for all times.

I thank each and every parent, guardian and the dear ones of our students for your support and encouragement. We, immensely appreciate your concern for us, especially your presence here today to be with us in spite of your heavy schedule. May God Bless you all!

VOTE OF THANKS BY FR. ZACHARIAS MINJ
(22nd December 2018, Panbazar Guwahati)

Your Grace, Most Rev. John Moolachira (The Arch Bishop of Guwahati), Vicar Generals of the Archdiocese of Guwahati, Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal FMA (The Provincial of Guwahati Province), Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and dear ones of Sr. Alice Minj and friends.

We have come to say good bye to an extraordinary Salesian Sister, a daughter of Assam. She was the first oneto embrace the religious lifefrom our kith and kin. She worked joyfully and enthusiastically in the Salesian Missions of Assam spending her life to the last day in spite of her advance age and failing health. She died in harness. She loved to work especially in the schools and parish set ups where she was constantly in touch with the people. She loved to live in the midst of her people sharing their joys and sorrows taking part in their family and social festivals dancing and singing with the young and the old, bringing the good news of joy and happiness to the ordinary people struggling as they are against innumerable obstacles.

I am grateful to Arch Bishop John Moolachira for presiding over today's funeral Mass and Emiritus Bishop Thomas Menampampil for his presence. I thank Sr. Alphonsa Kurisingal FMA (The Provincial of Guwahati province) for making all the arrangements during these last months of her illness, for her treatment, for her care and for being present personally to encourage and support her in her moments of pain and sorrow.

I thank the provincial community, Auxilium Convent of Christian Basti for every effort made to look after sister, to assist her, to be with her and for sacrificing your precious time with her. Thanks to you as well for offering food and lodging to all the guests who came to see and visit her.

I would like to express my sentiments of gratitude to the Superior & Community of St. Joseph's Convent Tezpur, for being with her in her moments of difficulties and assisting her in every way possible for her wellbeing, and seeing to her needs and also for the time that you have given her to support her in her pain and agony. I thank in a special way those Sisters who have given their time and energy to be with Sr. Alice when she had been hospitalized at St. John's Especially Sr. Lily and Sr.

I also thank all the other communities where Sr. Alice worked and had been, and all those who have been instrumental in helping and assisting her in her needs, and supported her in moments of sorrow and anxiety.

In a special way I thank the Doctors, nurses, and all the staff members of St. John's Hospital who took care of her whenever she had been admitted there. Especially these last months they gave everything they could to help her recover. I am extremely grateful to the staff of St. John's Hospital for their unfailing availability, care and attendance.

I thank Fr Vincent Xalxo and the Parish staff of St Joseph's Church, for all the arrangements made to have the requiem Mass and for preparing the burial place here in Uzan Bazaar, Guwahati. I am grateful to everyone who has put in their effort in giving a helping hand.

I am also grateful for the presence of all the fathers, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends for your prayerful support, in this moment of grief and loss. I thank all the relatives of Sr. Alice for coming here to share our mutual loss. My heart-felt condolences to all of you at this moment of bereavement.

Once again, thank you a millions! God Bless you. May the Lord Grant Rest to the soul of Sr. Alice Minj.