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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Well-Wishers,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of our school newsletter. As we reflect on the past years, we celebrate the achievements, milestones, and moments of growth that have marked our journey as a learning community.

I am particularly proud to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the successful completion of the Silver Jubilee celebration in the year 2023. It was a momentous occasion that brought together our entire school community to commemorate 25 years of excellence in education, innovation, and service. Your enthusiastic participation, unwavering support, and heartfelt contributions made the celebration truly memorable and meaningful.

Furthermore, I am delighted to share that our school has achieved the prestigious NABET accreditation, reaffirming our commitment to academic excellence, continuous improvement, and quality education. This accreditation is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our teachers, staff, and students, who have consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence in all aspects of school life which has strengthened us as a school community.

In this edition, you will find a treasure trove of articles, updates, and insights that capture the vibrancy and vitality of life at SFS Guwahati. From academic accomplishments to extracurricular achievements, from cultural events to community initiatives, each page reflects the diverse talents, passions, and aspirations of our students and staff.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff, supportive parents, enthusiastic students and all Stakeholders for their dedication and contributions to our school community. Your commitment to excellence and your spirit of collaboration continue to be the driving force behind our collective success.

God bless you all.

Fr. George Thomas MSFS  
PRINCIPAL

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# SFS SILVER JUBILEE FIESTA (SILVER JUBILEE CLOSING CEREMONY)

The Silver Jubilee is a grand event for any organization. SFS Guwahati marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its Silver Jubilee with great fervor and enthusiasm. The closing ceremony of the Silver Jubilee was celebrated with much excitement and joy at SFS Guwahati. St. Francis De Sales School appreciates the past, celebrates the present, and more importantly, looks forward enthusiastically to the future as the school celebrates its Silver Jubilee. As we reflect on the Silver Jubilee celebrations, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the event. Our sincere thanks to the esteemed dignitaries, staff, students, parents, alumni, and the local community for their unwavering support and enthusiasm.

The closing ceremony of the Silver Jubilee celebrations took a kickstart on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at around 4 pm. The dignitaries were escorted to the Jubilee Closing Ceremony celebration ground, by the guard of honour led by the SFS school band. The celebration was followed thereafter. The program started with the graceful prayer dance followed by lighting of the lamp by the guests of honor namely Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, Superior General MSFS, Most Rev. John Moolachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, Provincial, MSFS Guwahati province, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal of SFS Guwahati, Rev. Sr. Provincial / Superior of Venerini Sisters. Following this, the Silver Jubilee flag hoisting took place which was hoisted by Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Abraham Vettuvellil, Superior General MSFS.

Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas, delivered a welcome speech where the stories of SFS as a baby that has been nurtured and aged so gracefully were shared with the audience. Soon after various speeches were being delivered by our alumni Dr. Jasmin Hussain post which the felicitation of the all-time toppers was done wherein Prerana Sharma, who scored, 496 mark, 99.2% in the Class 10 CBSE board examination 2023, was awarded with a memento and cheque award of Rs. 1 lakh by Rev. Fr. Saji George and Anushka Ashok Choudhury, who scored 98.2% in the 2022 Class XII board examination was handed over the memento and cheque of Rs. 50 thousand by Rev. Fr. Genes Shanpliang, the Manager of the school. Soon after this a special speech was delivered by our MLA Mr. Atul Bora. A special moment of releasing the school souvenir 'SILVER SPARKS' was also marked during the Silver Jubilee Fiesta, by Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas and handed over the first copy to Most. Rev. John Moolachira, the Archbishop of Guwahati and Rev. Sr. Sissy MPV, the Provincial of the Venerini sisters.

After this, the cultural bonanza which soon started was a visual delight for the audience and was unveiled with the most zealous dance forms that started with a choir performance. The cultural fest showcased the diverse talents of our students. Dance, music, drama, and art performances captivated the audience and demonstrated the rich cultural tapestry that SFS Guwahati has nurtured over the years. Then began the special musical drama named 'Harmonious Living' which tells the story of our school with an unwavering commitment to its values, vision and mission. The musical drama comprised various enthralling performances like the beautiful Creation Dance, Bhangra, Hip-Hop, Sattriya, Bihu, Romanian dance, Gujarati Dance and many more to even mention. The Silver Jubilee Fiesta concluded with a speech by the Chief Guest, followed by a vote of thanks and the National Anthem.

The success of the Silver Jubilee celebrations would not have been possible without the collective efforts of the students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this milestone event a resounding success.



# SFS GUWAHATI ACHIEVES NABET ACCREDITATION: A TESTAMENT TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

We are thrilled to announce that SFS Guwahati School has successfully received accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) after undergoing a thorough review and verification process by the NABET team on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. This accreditation serves as a testament to our commitment to educational excellence and continuous improvement in all aspects of our academic programs and operations.

The NABET accreditation process involved a comprehensive evaluation of various parameters, including infrastructure, teaching-learning processes, student support services, safety measures, and administrative practices. The NABET team conducted extensive assessments, interviews, and observations to assess the school's adherence to quality standards and best practices in education.

After careful scrutiny and deliberation, SFS Guwahati School was awarded accreditation by NABET, recognizing our school as an institution of high repute that upholds the highest standards of quality and excellence in education. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and collective effort of our faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders. With NABET accreditation as a guiding light, we embark on a new chapter in our journey towards educational excellence, shaping minds, transforming lives, and creating a brighter future for generations to come.



## CBSE TEACHERS' TRAINING ON 'FINANCIAL LITERACY AND THE USE OF DIGITAL TOOLS'

SFS School, Guwahati hosted a comprehensive CBSE teachers' training session on the topic *Financial Literacy and the Use of Digital Tools*, conducted by Resource Person Ms. Prachee Sharma, who is a wealth architect, working in the financial industry for the last 7 years. She has conducted over 100 Investment Awareness Programs with different groups, institutions, corporates etc to spread the message of financial awareness. She is also a regular faculty for the officers at the Assam Secretariat.

The training, held at Mermier Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, aimed to sensitize teachers to the importance of financial literacy in the CBSE curriculum and equip them with practical strategies for integrating digital tools into their teaching methods. The Resource Person engaged the participants with an insightful overview of financial literacy's relevance in education, followed by a hands-on exploration of diverse digital platforms and tools. The session's interactive nature allowed teachers to actively participate, fostering a collaborative learning environment.



# DESALITE FIESTA 2023

The Desalite Fiesta was organized with full zeal and zest on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, at SFS Guwahati, with students from different schools participating in different events. There were various events like quiz competitions, solo singing, solo dance, pencil drawing, elocution, group dance competitions, etc. The major goal of the fiesta was to engage students in recreational aspects providing them a scope to nurture their skills. Each competition was organized in different categories, as per the age group of the students.

The fiesta began with the inauguration ceremony which started with the felicitation ceremony of the Father Provincial Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis MSFS, who was the Chief Guest. All the Judges and the teacher in-charges of different schools were felicitated and welcomed in the ceremony. Soon after this, the various competitions began where the students showcased their talents and their skill sets. All the competitions ended around 1.30 pm with everyone having a delicious lunch.

Soon after the lunch break, the prize distribution ceremony started where the prizes of the different winners of the competitions were awarded and winners of the various events performed their winning act in front of the entire school. Thereby the fiesta ended around 2.30 pm with the Principal congratulating everyone.

SFS Guwahati wishes the heartiest congratulations to all the winners and the participants and looks forward to engaging in such events, in the upcoming days. Winners of competitions under the event, as per the respective categories are mentioned below –

## Group Dance Competition

### Category 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: St. Francis De Sales High School, Sindukpathar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: St. Joseph's, Manikbond

### Category 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: St. Paul School, Panishali
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: SFS Nongalbibra

## Elocution Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Ayushi Nang Ukoi, SFS Guwahati
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dinah Hansepi, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Hamren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Uddipta Medhi, St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Federic Mukhim, St. Francis De Sales School, Mawryngkneng

## Drawing Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Bhargav Shivam, St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dharitri Phukon, SFS Guwahati
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Chekame S Sangma, SFS Somanpara
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Rimbi Phangchopi, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Hamren

## Solo Dance Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Bhargobi Barman, St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Tasia N. Sangma, SFS Nongalbibra
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Banrikynti Kharbani, Don Bosco Secondary School, Mawklam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Angelina Brahma, St. Francis School, Panbari

## Solo Singing Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Upasana Barman, SFS Guwahati
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Dinah Hansepi, Don Bosco School, Hamren
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Priscilla Myrthong, Don Bosco Secondary School, Mawklam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Rimukhim Khonglah, St. Francis De Sales Secondary School, Bakur, Dawki



## Quiz Competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Abhigyan Das & Saptarshi Upamanyu, St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Harshita Basak & Mridutpol Gogoi, SFS Guwahati
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Edleena Timungpi & Jirmily Terangpi, Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Hamren

# BEST TEACHERS' AWARD 2023

SFS School Guwahati proudly announces the successful conclusion of the *Best Teachers' Award Competition*, an initiative aimed at recognizing and honoring exceptional educators. This prestigious competition was an online competition that saw enthusiastic participation from teachers across India, showcasing their dedication to the art of teaching.

The competition was structured into two stages, Stage 1 (Sept. 2023) and Stage 2 (Nov. 2023), attracting teachers both actively teaching and those who have contributed to the field in the past. Participants registered through the school website, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in education. The competition was open to teachers from private schools, fostering a sense of community within the private education sector.

In Stage 1, participants presented a 10-minute teaching session through a video submission, adhering to specific guidelines that ensured a fair and standardized evaluation process. The videos, showcasing innovative teaching methods, were evaluated by a distinguished jury panel comprising eminent individuals from renowned institutions.

The top 10 participants progressed to Stage 2, where they attended a Zoom meeting, further demonstrating their teaching prowess. Each participant conducted a 10-minute teaching session on a different topic, contributing to the diversity of the competition. The participants' adaptability and creativity were on full display as they navigated the virtual teaching environment with finesse.

The jury panel, consisting of Mr. Dinesh Lahoti, Mr. Anjan Choudhury, and Mr. John Jose, brought a wealth of experience and expertise to the evaluation process. Their discerning judgment played a crucial role in determining the winners of the Best Teachers Award.

SFS School Guwahati extends heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their dedication and passion for teaching. The Best Teachers' Award Competition not only celebrated excellence but also provided a platform for educators to share their innovative teaching methods, contributing to the collective growth of the education community.

## PRIZES AND RECOGNITION:

The competition offered a chance for participants to win substantial prizes, with the top five educators receiving:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Fifty Thousand Rupees
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Twenty-Five Thousand Rupees
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Fifteen Thousand Rupees
- Consolation Prize (x2): Five Thousand Rupees each

### The Following were the winners –

- 1<sup>st</sup> – NIDHI BHAGRA, St. Francis De Sales School, Delhi (TGT Maths Teacher)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – PAYAL TAKKAR, St. Francis De Sales Sr. Sec School, Janakpuri, New Delhi (Assistant Teacher English)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – MINAKSHI SAHARIA, Axel Public School, Guwahati, (Vice Principal)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – VICTOR KUMAR BARMAN, St. Francis De Sales School, Guwahati
- 5<sup>th</sup> – JAYASHREE GOSWAMI, St. Francis De Sales School, Guwahati



# BEST TEAM AWARD AT THE PASHUPATI BHUYAN MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION

Proud moment for SFS School! Zeba Tahsin Ahmed (Class XI, Humanities A) and Trisham Dutta (Class XII, Science) clinched the Best Team award at the Pashupati Bhuyan Memorial Inter-School Debate Competition organized by CESE Sahodaya School Complex, Guwahati Chapter on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023. Congratulations to our brilliant minds for their outstanding performance!



## LEARNING OUT TOGETHER OF CLASSES LKG & UKG TO ASSAM STATE ZOO

We are thrilled to share the delightful experiences of our LKG and UKG students during their educational excursion to the Guwahati Zoo on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023. It was a day filled with wonder, learning, and unforgettable memories as our young explorers delved into the fascinating world of the animal kingdom. Accompanied by our dedicated teachers and staff, our little ones embarked on a journey of discovery as they encountered a diverse array of wildlife species. From majestic elephants to playful monkeys and colorful birds, each animal captivated the imagination of our students, sparking curiosity and excitement. Throughout the day, our educators facilitated interactive learning experiences, engaging students in discussions about animal habitats, behaviors, and conservation efforts. Through hands-on activities and guided tours, our young learners gained valuable insights into the importance of wildlife preservation and environmental stewardship. But the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the joy and laughter shared by our students as they marveled at the adorable antics of the zoo's inhabitants. From observing the graceful movements of big cats to giggling at the playful antics of mischievous primates, every moment was a treasure to behold.





# PRIZE DISTRIBUTION OF SFS INTRA-SCHOOL ONLINE COMPETITIONS

The morning of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 witnessed an atmosphere of excitement and achievement as the SFS School held its much-anticipated Prize Distribution Ceremony for the SFS INTRA SCHOOL ONLINE COMPETITION. The event was organized to recognize and celebrate the winners of the SFS Intra-School Online Competition, which encompassed a variety of categories, showcasing the diverse talents of the students and parents.

The program started around 8.00 am simultaneously in both the academic blocks i.e., the SFS Block and MERMIER Block with a warm welcome by the school's emcee, setting the tone for the day's festivities. The SFS Intra-School Online Competition included several engaging categories, reflecting the school's commitment to nurturing a holistic learning environment. The categories included: Student Speech Competition, I'm a Teacher Competition, Student Solo Dance, Student Solo Singing, Student Blog Writing, Family Singing, Parent Solo Dance and Parents Solo Singing competition.

The highlight of the ceremony was the distribution of medals and trophies to the winners by the Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas (at SFS Block) and the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas (at MERMIER Block) simultaneously. The joy and pride on the faces of the winners, as well as their peers, reflected the significance of the occasion.

To add a personal touch to the event, the parents who won at various categories of competitions held for parents were invited to perform on stage. This unique feature allowed the parents to showcase their talents, creating a special bond between the school, students, and their families.



## SPLASH – A NATIONAL LEVEL ART, CRAFT, AND WRITING COMPETITION AT SFS GUWAHATI

At SFS Guwahati, creativity knows no bounds, and our students had the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents on a national platform. SPLASH, an esteemed art, craft, and writing competition hosted by AXIS BANK on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023, provided the perfect avenue for our young minds to explore their creativity and express themselves.

The competition, open to students from schools across the nation, aimed to empower young individuals to harness their creative potential and become catalysts for positive change. As advocates for nurturing innovation and fostering a culture of creativity, SFS Guwahati wholeheartedly encouraged our students to participate in SPLASH, knowing that it would not only enhance their artistic skills but also instill in them a sense of empowerment and confidence.



## 'MY CLASS CHRISTMAS TREE' COMPETITION

The halls of SFS School Guwahati were adorned with festive cheer as students from classes LKG to XII participated in the eagerly awaited "My Class Christmas Tree Competition" on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2023. This spirited event, held annually, saw each class transform their respective spaces into winter wonderlands, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm for the holiday season.

From traditional ornaments and twinkling lights to handmade crafts and personalized touches, each class put their heart and soul into creating a masterpiece that reflected their class spirit and camaraderie. The highlight of the day was the arrival of the Coordinators, who toured the classrooms with keen eyes and discerning hearts, evaluating each Christmas tree based on creativity, originality, and overall presentation. It was a tough decision, as every class had poured their heart and soul into their decorations, but ultimately, the winners were chosen based on their exceptional efforts and ingenuity.

Beyond the thrill of competition, the *My Class Christmas Tree Competition* served as a platform for students to showcase their teamwork, creativity, and festive spirit. It was a celebration of unity and togetherness, reminding us all of the joy that comes from coming together as a community to celebrate the magic of the holiday season.



## SFS SILVER JUBILEE FIESTA GET-TOGETHER

On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023, SFS School Guwahati hosted a grand staff dinner party in commemoration of the successful completion of its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The evening unfolded with a meticulously planned schedule that included heart-warming performances, inspiring messages, and expressions of gratitude.

The event commenced around 7.00 PM with a soulful prayer song, setting the tone for an evening of celebration and reflection. Rev. Fr. George Thomas, the esteemed Principal, extended a warm welcome to the gathering, expressing gratitude for the collective efforts that led to the successful completion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis MSFS, the Provincial, also delivered an inspiring message, acknowledging the dedication and hard work that contributed to the school's significant milestone. Post that, the melodious performance by our students Upasana Barman and Julianne Deka, added a musical touch to the evening, captivating the audience with their talent. Mr. Abhijeet Chaudhury, a family member of an SFS employee, also shared heartfelt words, highlighting the sense of community and family that defines the SFS School ethos.

The evening concluded with a gracious vote of thanks delivered by Jwngma Basumatary, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations post which everyone headed for the scrumptious dinner.

The SFS SILVER JUBILEE FIESTA GET-TOGETHER was not merely an event; it was a celebration of unity, dedication, and shared achievements. As the school bids farewell to its Silver Jubilee year, the memories created during this joyous evening will undoubtedly resonate within the hearts of the SFS School community for years to come.



# PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT SFS GUWAHATI

The pre-Christmas celebration at SFS Guwahati on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023, was a joyous and festive event that brought together students and staff from Classes L.K.G to XII. The morning assembly, held at (MERMIER Block and SFS Block commenced at 8:00 am and 9.00 am respectively), setting the stage for a memorable occasion.

The assembly started with a prayer song, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere. Following the prayer, the festive vibes took over as the sounds of Christmas carols filled the air. The little Desalites, brimming with enthusiasm, showcased various Christmas-themed performances, captivating the audience with their talent and creativity. A highlight of the celebration was a beautiful choreography depicting the birth of Jesus. The students' performance artfully conveyed the essence of the Christmas story, allowing everyone present to witness and appreciate the significance of the occasion.

After the vibrant performances, Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas and thereafter Vice-Principal Fr. Rijesh Thomas took the stage to deliver a heartfelt speech. In his address, they extended warm Christmas greetings to the entire SFS family, fostering a sense of unity and joy among the students and staff. The morning assembly concluded, marked by the playing of the National Anthem.



## MY CHRISTMAS FRIEND

In the spirit of spreading festive cheer and fostering camaraderie, a delightful pre-Christmas celebration unfolded at Mermier Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2023, starting at 2:30 pm. The event centered around the heart-warming tradition of 'Secret Santa,' bringing together the SFS staff in a joyous celebration of goodwill and friendship.

The essence of 'Secret Santa' lies in the concept of having a Christmas friend who commits to praying for the goodwill of their chosen person throughout the year. To mark the joyous Christmas season, participants exchange thoughtful gifts as tokens of love and appreciation.

The SFS staff wholeheartedly embraced the 'Secret Santa' tradition, each member bringing carefully selected gifts for their designated Christmas friend. The exchange of gifts took place in a lively meeting, creating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation. Laughter and joy filled the room as colleagues reveled in the surprise of receiving thoughtful presents from their secret Christmas friends.

Amidst laughter and joy, SFS staff exchanged their surprises during a lively meeting, making the 'Secret Santa' activity a delightful experience concluding the celebration at 4 pm. The event not only added merriment to the holiday season but also strengthened the bonds of friendship among the SFS family.



# FAREWELL FOR CLASS XII 2023-24 BATCH

The much-anticipated farewell ceremony for the Class XII batch of 2023-24 took place at Mermier Hall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, 2023. The event was meticulously organized, adhering to a schedule that promised a mix of emotions, performances, and acknowledgments.

The ceremony commenced at 12:00 PM with a sense of unity and nostalgia as the soon-to-be graduates gathered for a group photo and attendance. The atmosphere turned soulful with a beautiful prayer song thereafter, setting the tone for an emotional yet celebratory occasion. The stage then welcomed Prerana Sarma from Class XI (INT. Sci.) who delivered a heartfelt welcome speech, expressing gratitude and fond memories. Following this, the audience was treated to a mesmerizing classical dance performance, showcasing the artistic talent within the school. Gift distribution became a moment of joy as the XII HUM A and HUM B classes received tokens of appreciation. The festive spirit continued with a group song and another round of gift distribution for the Commerce stream. A dynamic fusion dance performance added vibrancy to the ceremony, captivating the audience with its energy and creativity. The spotlight then shifted to the XII Science class, receiving their farewell gifts. The schedule also featured a skit presentation, adding a touch of entertainment and storytelling to the event. A specially curated video took everyone down memory lane, encapsulating the essence of the students' journey. The much-awaited message from the Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, was delivered thereafter. His words of wisdom and encouragement resonated with the graduating class, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts. The ceremony included a momentous occasion with the declaration of the Head Boy (JYOTIRMOY TALUKDAR) and Head Girl (JULIANNE S. DEKA) for the upcoming session 2024-25, acknowledging their leadership and contributions to the school community. This was followed by a vote of thanks from Manas Pratim Thakuria and Bhargabi Medhi, the current Head Boy and Head Girl expressing gratitude to all who made the event possible.

The festivities concluded with a well-deserved lunch, providing an opportunity for the students and staff to share a final meal together. This farewell ceremony not only bid adieu to a batch of accomplished students but also celebrated their journey, achievements, and the everlasting bonds forged within the school. The memories created during this event will undoubtedly be cherished by the Class XII (2023-24 Batch) and the entire school community for years to come.



## SUNFEAST CUP, ASSAM EDITION



In a thrilling display of skill, teamwork, and determination, the SFS Greenfield Football Team emerged victorious in the Sunfeast Cup, Assam Edition, held on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, at the Assam Engineering College Playground. The team's exceptional performance and strategic gameplay captivated the audience and solidified their reputation as a formidable force in regional football.

The Sunfeast Cup, Assam Edition, witnessed intense competition among several prominent football teams from the region. SFS Greenfield, known for its commitment to excellence both on and off the field, entered the tournament with a strong resolve to clinch the title. A total of 70 teams participated in the tournament.



### Key Highlights :-

- Anish R of SFS Greenfield received the Top Scorer award in Under 13 category.
- In the Under 16 category final, SFS Greenfield FA edged past defending champions Guwahati City FC 1 - 0 to lift the champions trophy.
- Abinash of SFS Greenfield won the Best Goalkeeper Trophy.
- Abhijeet Choudhury of SFS Greenfield was awarded the Best Coach award.



## CYBER PEACE KEEPERS SESSION ON CYBERSECURITY

The one-day physical session conducted at SFS School on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 aimed to equip 100 students from Classes VIII to XII with the necessary skills and knowledge to ensure their safety while using the internet and various social media services. The training session was designed to create awareness about potential online risks and provide practical guidance on responsible online behavior.

The session commenced at 8:30 AM and continued until 1:30 PM, encompassing a comprehensive 5-hour program. The students actively engaged in discussions, interactive activities, and practical demonstrations facilitated by the expert trainers from CyberPeace.



The various topics taught during the session were about Online Privacy, Social Media Etiquette, Recognizing Online Threats, Digital Footprint Management, etc. The Cyber Safety training session at SFS School was a resounding success, imparting valuable knowledge to students on how to navigate the digital landscape safely. The engagement and enthusiasm displayed by the students throughout the session highlighted the importance of such initiatives in today's technology-driven world.

The combination of on-site training and the Digital Resource Hub ensures a comprehensive learning experience for the students, allowing them to become responsible digital citizens. This initiative is a significant step towards empowering the younger generation with the tools they need to navigate the online world safely and responsibly.

## 4<sup>th</sup> ONLINE CAROL SINGING COMPETITION RESULT

In a harmonious celebration of festive joy, SFS Guwahati successfully hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Online Carol Singing Competition 2024 on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This unique event witnessed the participation of 16 choir groups from diverse regions across India, creating a tapestry of melodies that echoed the spirit of Christmas.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from 16 choir groups, representing various regions and cultural backgrounds of our country. Each group brought a unique flavor to the virtual stage, creating a harmonious blend of traditions and musical styles. They were Chorus Band, Kerala; Diocese Zai pawl, Aizawl, Mizoram; Esperanza, Guwahati, Assam; Howrah Christian Choir, West Bengal; Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Darjeeling; Immaculate Conception Church, Dombivli, Maharashtra; Koro De Santa Ana, Philippines; Little Flower Convent, Hatigaon, Assam; Muktidata Junior Seminary, Tezpur, Assam; National Shrine Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Philippines; Sfs Public School Ettumanoor, Kerala; St. Cecilia Choir, Cathedral Parish Laitumkhrah, Shillong; St Ursula Novi Riste, Ursuline Franciscan Congregation, Dimapur, Nagaland; St. Joseph's Church Laghata, West Bengal; St. Joseph's Church, Panbazar, Guwahati and Vocal Harmony, Cameroun.

A panel of esteemed judge named Mrs. Pauline Warjri, she holds the prestigious position of Director of Licentiate at Trinity Guildhall School of Music, London. With notable achievements, Mrs. Pauline founded the Bangalore Chamber Choir in 2004, the Aroha Choir in 2007, and established the Aroha Music Cultural Society in 2011, well-versed in the nuances of choir singing, meticulously evaluated each performance based on criteria such as vocal harmonies, interpretation, presentation, and overall impact. The judging process aimed to recognize not only technical excellence but also the ability of choirs to convey the spirit of Christmas through their renditions.

### The Winners were

 -National Shrine Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Philippines

 -St. Cecilia Choir, Cathedral Parish Laitumkhrah, Shillong

 -Chorus Band, Kerala



## BLESSING CEREMONY OF CLASSES X & XII (BATCH 2023-24)

On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, a solemn Blessing Ceremony was conducted at SFS Guwahati to invoke blessings and positive energies for the students of Classes X and XII who are on the brink of their crucial board examinations. The ceremony, held at 8:00 AM, aimed to provide spiritual support and encouragement to the students as they prepare to face this significant academic milestone.

The Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas in his address, conveyed words of encouragement and motivation to the students. He highlighted the significance of faith, discipline, and focus in achieving academic success. The Principal also assured the students that the entire school community stands united in support of their academic endeavors.

This Blessing Ceremony served not only as a spiritual grounding for the students but also as a demonstration of the school's holistic approach to education. By integrating elements of faith and community support, SFS Guwahati strives to create an environment that nurtures not just academic excellence but also the emotional and spiritual well-being of its students. As the students left the ceremony, which was over by 8.20 am, they carried with them not only the blessings of the school community but also a renewed sense of determination to face their exams with confidence and grace.



# EMPOWERING WOMEN: DESALITES JOIN THE FIRST NER'S ALL-GIRLS BAND AT KARTAVYA PATH, NEW DELHI

In a momentous celebration of talent and inclusivity, the SFS School Guwahati organized a felicitation ceremony on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 to honor the remarkable achievements of the All-Girl Band team that participated in the prestigious NCC Republic Day Parade 2024 at Kartavya Path, New Delhi. The event marked a historic milestone as the first All-Girl Band from the Northeast to be part of this grand occasion.

The event commenced around 8.00 am with expressions of joy and pride as the organizers acknowledged the extraordinary accomplishments of the students along with their coach and our NCC & Drill teacher, respected Lieutenant Dilip Subedi. The entire team, comprising Junior Under Officers, Under Officers, and other members, demonstrated exceptional dedication and skill, earning them the Best Team Award.

The focal point of the event was the felicitation ceremony where our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas, honored and felicitated Lieutenant Dilip Subedi, for his exemplary guidance. Each member of the NCC All Girls Band Team was individually called forward to receive their well-deserved felicitation. The audience applauded their achievements as they received recognition for their outstanding contributions.

## Best Team Award:

The entire team was collectively honored with the Best Team Award, underscoring the synergy and excellence they demonstrated as a cohesive unit.



## DG Commendation Award :

Ankita Sharma, a standout performer, received the DG Commendation Award in Delhi from Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh, adding another layer of distinction to the team's achievements.

Junior Under Officer Anshikha Jha was invited to share her thoughts and experiences on behalf of the team. Her speech provided insight into the mesmerizing journey of participating in the Republic Day Parade and the immense pride the team felt in representing the North East. Anshikha's words resonated with inspiration, motivating the audience and leaving a lasting impression on the significance of the historic event.

The Program Coordinator expressed gratitude to all involved and highlighted the significance of the achievement in promoting excellence in both academic and extracurricular pursuits. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt thank you and a call for a round of applause to recognize the dedication and success of the NCC All Girls Band Team who served as a source of inspiration for future generations to contribute meaningfully to their community, state, and nation.

The felicitation ceremony was a resounding success which concluded around 8.20 am, leaving a lasting legacy of pride and motivation within the SFS School Guwahati and NCC Kohima communities as well.



# 75<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

The 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebration at SFS Guwahati was a momentous occasion, marked by a series of patriotic and ceremonial events. The day commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 around 8:00 am with NCC students escorting esteemed guests to the venue. A soul-stirring prayer song, dedicated to the well-being of India, set the tone for the event. The Chief Guest, Mr. Santosh Varghese, was warmly welcomed with a traditional Gamosa, a gesture symbolizing respect and hospitality.

The message from the Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas, emphasized the significance of the day, underlining the values of unity and patriotism. The flag-hoisting ceremony, accompanied by the melodious tunes of the SFS Band, echoed the spirit of the Republic. A parade by NCC and Band students showcased discipline and precision.

Speeches by Reenov Saikia and a patriotic song by Ratnadeep Thakuria, both students of Classes VIII and IX respectively, resonated with the audience. The energetic patriotic dance by students from Classes V, VI, and VII added vibrancy to the celebration.

The Chief Guest delivered an insightful speech, highlighting the essence of democracy and citizenship. Aniket Borgohain and Ankur Borgohain from Class XI Sci expressed gratitude in the Vote of Thanks, acknowledging the collective effort.

The celebration concluded with a heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem, fostering a sense of pride and unity among the SFS Guwahati community. This Republic Day event was a testament to the school's commitment to instilling patriotic values and a spirit of togetherness among its students. The day ended around 9.00 am with the distribution of sweets.



## INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH SFS NCC ALL GIRLS' BAND BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

An engaging and informative interactive session took place at SFS Guwahati on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024, where distinguished guests, Brigadier Dinar Dighe, NCC Guwahati Group Commander and Colonel Arvind Singh Thakur, Commanding Officer of 1<sup>st</sup> Assam Battalion NCC visited to interact with a group of NCC girls band students. The students had recently showcased their exceptional talent by participating in the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, Delhi. The session began with a prayer song post which Rev. Fr. George Thomas welcomed the esteemed guests and felicitated them.

The primary objective of the interactive session was to provide the NCC girls band students with an opportunity to share their experiences from the Republic Day Parade and to gain insights and guidance from the esteemed guests. The Brigadier and Colonel aimed to inspire and motivate the young performers while imparting valuable lessons from their own military experiences.

The session, marked by discussions, questions, and motivational talks, served as a platform for inspiration and guidance. Colonel and Brigadier's insights emphasized the importance of discipline, teamwork, and leadership in shaping the future of the youth. Their presence not only encouraged the students to strive for excellence but also highlighted the strong bond between the armed forces and educational institutions in fostering patriotism and leadership qualities among the youth.



# INNOVATION SUMMIT 2024

The Innovation Summit held at SFS Guwahati School on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, was an exemplary showcase of the immense talent and intellectual prowess of students spanning from LKG to XI. The event served as a dynamic platform where young minds translated their innovative ideas into tangible projects and models. The first day of the summit was dedicated to student-to-student interaction, fostering an environment of exploration and collaboration. Students from various grades enthusiastically navigated through the diverse exhibits, engaging in insightful discussions, sharing ideas, and celebrating the richness of their collective creativity. The exhibits ranged from scientific experiments to artistic displays, providing a comprehensive view of the multifaceted talents of the student body.

On the second day, the Innovation Summit opened its doors to parents, creating an opportunity for them to witness firsthand the incredible ingenuity displayed by their children. The exhibition hall bustled with excitement as parents interacted with the young innovators, marveling at the complexity and sophistication of the projects. This engagement not only deepened the appreciation for the students' efforts but also provided parents with valuable insights into their child's interests and potential academic inclinations.

The event also garnered attention from distinguished guests, including Principal and few teachers from neighboring schools such as Army School Narengi as well as from Little Angel English High School. Their presence not only enriched the event but also emphasized the collaborative spirit within the educational community. The exchange of ideas and experiences among different institutions contributed to the collective pursuit of academic excellence.



# CAREER FAIR 2024

SFS Guwahati hosted a transformative Career Fair on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, welcoming representatives from fifteen esteemed universities and institutions. The event served as a beacon of guidance and opportunity for students and parents alike, fostering a platform for informed decision-making and career exploration.

Throughout the day, Coordinators from participating Universities dedicated their expertise to offer comprehensive insights into various courses and career pathways. With a focus on empowering students with knowledge and direction, representatives shared invaluable information on diverse career opportunities available across India.

The Career Fair witnessed robust engagement from SFS students, alongside attendees from Little Angel English High School, emphasizing the event's inclusive reach and impact. Commencing at 9:30 am and concluding around 2:10 pm, the fair provided ample time for attendees to interact, learn, and envision their academic and professional trajectories.

The Institutions/Universities that participated in the Fair include: Sharda University, Lovely Professional University, Indian Institute of Art and Design, Geet University, Rai University, Flame University, Ashoka University, Krea University, SRM University, ESSEC Business School, Global Reach, Presidency University, Inspirus Education, OP Jindal University etc.

The event not only facilitated interaction between students and representatives but also fostered an environment of exploration, discovery, and empowerment.



## OPEN HOUSE PTM SESSION

An interactive session for parents along with the PTM (Parent Teacher Meeting) was held at SFS School, Guwahati, on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 which aimed to foster a collaborative environment between parents and the school community. The schedule for the day was meticulously planned to provide valuable insights into various aspects of the school's functioning and to facilitate open communication.

The session commenced with a soulful prayer song, setting a positive tone for the day and extending a warm welcome to all attendees. Soon after the prayer, the school administration extended a warm welcome to parents and the distinguished Resource Person, Dr. John Jose, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, IIT Guwahati. He works in the domain of multicore computer architecture. His research group in Multicore Architecture and Systems (MARS) Lab explore various cutting-edge research problems. Dr. John Jose provided valuable insights into Parental relationship with their children. His session contributed to a better understanding of contemporary educational trends and approaches. The gesture emphasized the importance of parental involvement along with the students in the life and educational journey.

Post the insightful session with the esteemed Resource Person, the Academic Director presented the school's academic plan, outlining key strategies, curriculum enhancements, and initiatives aimed at fostering academic excellence. Parents gained valuable insights into the school's vision and mission.

Soon after this, a dedicated session for parents to interact with the school Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas provided a platform for addressing queries, concerns, and receiving updates on their child's academic progress as well as in general. The interactive session strengthened the parent-school partnership. A session was also conducted by the System Coordinator about the access of the DESALITE CONNECT, and school social media. The event concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to parents, the Resource Person, and everyone involved in making the PTM a success. The collaborative efforts of all stakeholders were acknowledged.



## EDUCATIONAL EXPEDITION WITH SFS SCHOOL: A SCHOOL EXCURSION!



At SFS School, we believe that learning extends far beyond the confines of the classroom walls. It is in this spirit of exploration and discovery that we organized an exhilarating excursion for students of Classes IX and XI to the picturesque town of Manali, Amritsar & Delhi beginning their journey on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.

Accompanied by a dedicated team of teachers, our students embarked on a journey that combined adventure, education, and cultural immersion. From historic sites to natural wonders, every step of their expedition was infused with opportunities for learning and growth.

The places served as the perfect backdrop for our students to delve into the rich tapestry of history, culture, and natural beauty that defines this Himalayan paradise. Guided tours to historic landmarks provided valuable insights into the region's past, while interactions with local communities offered a glimpse into their way of life.

But the learning didn't stop there. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, lush valleys, and cascading waterfalls, our students were treated to a firsthand experience of the wonders of nature. Through activities such as trekking, nature walks, and river rafting, they gained a deeper appreciation for the environment and the importance of conservation.



## DESALITE OLYMPIAD FOR TEACHERS

The Desalite Olympiad, a unique initiative organized specifically for teachers across all SFS schools, serves as a platform to assess and recognize the exemplary efforts and talents of our educators. Held at SFS Guwahati on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, this event provided an opportunity for teachers to showcase their knowledge, skills, and innovative teaching methodologies.

Designed to foster a spirit of healthy competition and continuous professional development, the Desalite Olympiad challenged teachers to demonstrate their proficiency in various academic disciplines, pedagogical techniques, and educational trends.

As teachers engaged in spirited competition and collaborative learning, the Desalite Olympiad underscored the importance of continuous professional growth and lifelong learning in the teaching profession. It reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing a culture of excellence and innovation among our educators, empowering them to inspire and empower the next generation of learners.



## HEALTH CHECK-UP & TRAINING SESSION FOR BUS STAFF (2024-25)

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, SFS Guwahati organized a comprehensive bus staff training session aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of the entire bus staff. Hosted within the school premises, the training covered a wide range of topics crucial for safe and efficient bus operations. Led by VE Commercial Vehicles Limited, EICHER, the session encompassed key areas such as safety protocols while driving, adherence to speed limits, understanding road signs and their significance, effective bus control techniques, technical aspects of bus maintenance, familiarity with traffic rules and signals, as well as an exploration of the latest technologies integrated into modern buses.

Additionally, a health check-up was provided to ensure the well-being of the bus staff, underlining the school's commitment to their holistic welfare. The training provided valuable insights and practical guidance to the bus staff, equipping them with the necessary tools and information to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers. Overall, it was an informative and beneficial session aimed at enhancing the professionalism and expertise of the bus staff at SFS Guwahati.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AT GUWAHATI INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL (2022)

We are thrilled to shine the spotlight on one of our exceptional students, Minakshi Engleng from Class X, whose talent and dedication have earned her well-deserved recognition on the prestigious stage of the Guwahati International Children's Film Festival (2022).

Minakshi's remarkable journey in the world of filmmaking began with a vision and passion that led her to conceptualize, direct, and edit a captivating film showcased at the esteemed festival. Her creative prowess and storytelling skills were on full display as she brought her ideas to life, captivating audiences and judges alike with her unique perspective and cinematic flair with her short film named "Novel Normal".

Securing the 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Guwahati International Children's Film Festival is a testament to Minakshi's exceptional talent and hard work. Her film not only entertained and inspired but also showcased the depth of her understanding and the maturity of her artistic vision.



## EMPOWERING OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM THROUGH CONTINUOUS LEARNING AT IIT GUWAHATI



We are delighted to share with our school community the recent endeavors of our dedicated management team, who participated in a transformative workshop on "Organizational Effectiveness" at the esteemed IIT Guwahati. Led by esteemed faculty members Dr. John Jose and Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac, this workshop served as a platform for our management team to enhance their skills and expertise in effectively managing and leading our school.

Held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the workshop provided our management team with invaluable insights and strategies for optimizing organizational performance and fostering a culture of excellence within our institution. Through interactive sessions, case studies, and group discussions, Dr. Jose and Dr. Issac imparted practical knowledge and actionable techniques tailored to the unique needs of educational institutions. The participants included the Principal, Vice Principals, Academic Director, Senior Coordinators, Coordinators and HR. It was a day long workshop starting from 8.30 am till 4.30 pm.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. John Jose, Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac, and the esteemed faculty at IIT Guwahati for their invaluable contributions to our professional development journey. Their expertise and guidance have equipped our management team with the tools and resources needed to lead with confidence and competence.



# IN-HOUSE TEACHER'S TRAINING SESSION (2023-24)

The 3-day in-house training session held at SFS Guwahati from 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of teachers. The session followed a structured training schedule with different Resource Persons delivering insightful sessions on each day starting from 9.00 am - 3.00 pm on the mentioned dates.

## Day 1: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Extensive Reading and Understanding of the Teacher's Diary

The first training day focused on extensive reading and understanding of the Teacher's Diary (session 24-25). The session emphasized the importance of maintaining a comprehensive and organized diary to track daily activities, lesson plans, and student progress effectively.

Resource Persons: Dr. Sangeeta Bharali Datta (Academic Director, SFS Guwahati) & Sanyukta Baruah (Senior Coordinator, SFS Guwahati)

The resource persons being experts in educational management, guided the teachers through various techniques for effective diary management. They highlighted the significance of reflection and self-assessment in improving teaching practices and explained in detail how the diary is to be maintained for better results. Interactive exercises and group discussions were conducted to facilitate better understanding and implementation of the concepts discussed.

## Day 2: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 - Topic- Qualities of Good Questions + CARES Integration

On the second day, the training centered on exploring the qualities of good questions and integrating CARES. The session aimed to enhance teachers' ability to formulate thought-provoking questions that stimulate critical thinking and promote meaningful learning experiences that shall be helpful for the students.

Resource Person: Lopamudra Das (Zonal Head, Academic Consulting)

The Resource Person, an experienced educator specializing in pedagogy, led engaging discussions on the characteristics of effective questions and strategies for incorporating CARES principles into classroom interactions. Practical examples and case studies were used to illustrate the application of these concepts in diverse educational settings.

## Day 3: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 - Motivational and Descriptive Session on School Cinema

The final day of the training featured a motivational and descriptive session on utilizing School Cinema as a powerful tool for educational enrichment. The session aimed to inspire teachers to leverage cinematic experiences to instill values, foster empathy, and ignite curiosity among students and how the incorporation of school cinema in the curriculum shall be integrated by the teachers.

Resource Person: Srijana Kumai (Psychotherapist, Counsellor and trainer of School Cinema)

The Resource Person shared insights into the potential of School Cinema in enhancing the teaching-learning process. They showcased inspiring films and discussed innovative ways to integrate cinematic storytelling into lesson plans. Practical tips for conducting film-based activities and discussions were also provided to empower teachers in creating impactful learning experiences.

The 3-day training session at SFS Guwahati proved to be highly enriching and insightful for the participating teachers. The diverse topics covered by expert Resource Persons equipped them with valuable knowledge, skills, and strategies to enhance their teaching practices and promote holistic development among students.





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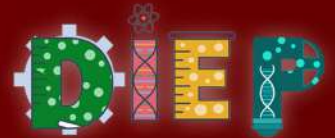
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