



# DESALITES NEWS & MORE

17<sup>TH</sup> EDITION



## MESSAGE BY THE PRINCIPAL

As SFS turns Silver, I am thrilled to announce that our school is celebrating its Silver Jubilee celebration this year. It is a moment of great pride and joy for all of us who have been associated with SFS Guwahati for the past 25 years. As we look back on the journey of SFS school, we can't help but feel grateful for the support and encouragement that we have received from our students, parents, staff members, and all our stakeholders. It is because of their dedication and hard work that SFS School has been able to achieve new heights of excellence in education. Over the past 25 years, SFS School has achieved numerous milestones and accolades. We have grown and evolved, and we have remained committed to providing a high-quality education to the students. SFS school has been a place of learning, growth, and development, and it has been a privilege to be part of such a wonderful community. Let us come together to reminisce about the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a bright future.

Coming this far was not possible without the guidance of the School Management, thereby I express my sincere gratitude for the Vision, extended Leadership, strive for Excellence, and strong will to Service in ensuring the success of the school. With the unwavering Vision, SFS school has become a beacon of hope and an inspiration to students, parents, and teachers alike in the North-East India. The leadership has not only ensured the smooth functioning of the school, but it has also helped create a nurturing environment where students can thrive and achieve their full potential.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents, and staff for their continued support, dedication, and hard work. It is because of their contributions that we have achieved this remarkable milestone. I am proud of how our students, teachers, and staff have shown resilience and determination to overcome the obstacles that came our way. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to provide quality education, while our students have adapted to new learning methods and demonstrated remarkable progress in their academic and personal growth.

As we look forward to the next academic year, we remain committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment that fosters creativity, experiential learning, and personal development. I thank everyone who has contributed to publishing this newsletter on time. With the support of each and one I am confident that SFS will continue to achieve great things.

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God bless you all.

Fr. George Thomas MSFS  
Principal.







## ANNUAL SCHOOL BLESSING CEREMONY

A blessing ceremony was organized at the school premises for the betterment of the entire SFS school on 12th October 2022. The ceremony began in the morning assembly around 8.15 am with the prayer song. Soon after this our Principal Rev. Father George Thomas spoke a few words on why is blessing such an important part of our lives and how God's blessings enrich each and everyone's life. Post the speech, the school blessing ceremony began wherein the Holy Water was sprinkled on the entire premises of Block A which was conducted by Fr. Sibin, Fr. Santosh, Fr. John Barman, Fr. Josh, and Fr. Rijesh Thomas.

After the ceremony was conducted, all the Fathers were felicitated by our very own Fr. George Thomas and were thanked for conducting such a pious blessing ceremony. The school blessing ceremony ended around 8.30 am with the National Anthem being sung by all.



## SFS SCHOOL BAND BRINGS GLORY TO THE SCHOOL

Once again the SFS School Band had brought laurels to the school. The SFS School band had participated in the 5th Annual Drill Competition held at Nalbari College where they won in the following categories –

- Best Marching Band
- Best Drill Commander Award
- Best Cadets Award

The band was awarded and their achievements were acknowledged in the morning assembly of the school on 20th October 2022. They were handed over certificates by Vice Principal Sr. Josna and HOD Jali Kumari Nath. Once again we would like to congratulate the school band and wish them all the best for the future.



## A JOURNEY FROM SFS GUWAHATI TO IIT

A felicitation ceremony to mark the recognition of two alumni from SFS Guwahati was conducted on 14th October 2022 in the morning assembly. The program started with the prayer song. Following this the felicitation ceremony of Mr. Nilanjan Das and Mr. Nilkamal Das, who were students of SFS Guwahati took place.

Mr. NILKAMAL DAS was studying at SFS school from class 5 and he passed his 12th standard as one of the brilliant students by scoring 94.2 %. He also ranked 17 in his IIT Design.

Mr. NILANJAN DAS was studying at SFS school from class 6 and he passed his 12th standard as one of the brightest students by scoring 90.6 % . He also ranked 1121 in his IIT B Tech.

They were felicitated with the SFS Gamusa, bouquet, and memento. Thereafter our Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas spoke a few words in appreciation of them. After this, the alumni gave a small speech. The program ended with the vote of thanks around 8.20 am with the National Anthem being played by the band. Overall it was an inspiring day for all the students.







## PARENTS' PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

We at SFS Guwahati with our motto 'Touching Lives, Moulding Future' strive to bring 'Joyful and experiential learning as a part of our school mission. In light of the same SFS Guwahati organized a Parents' Prize Distribution Ceremony on 19th October 2022, to award the achievements of the parents who won prizes at the various competitions that took place on during the summer vacation. The aim of conducting such events is to engage parents and children together and provide everyone a platform to explore their skills, showcase their talent and nurture inherent skills.

The morning assembly started around 8.00 am with the school prayer. Following that, a welcoming session to thank the presence of the winner's Parents took Place. The school then cheerfully enjoyed some graceful and energetic performances by the Parents. Forging ahead to the main highlight of the day, the Prize Distribution Ceremony, the prizes were then distributed among the parents who were felicitated with the SFS Gamusa and awarded with mementos and certificates. A brief message was delivered by The Principal as a mark of encouragement and thankfulness to the parents for their active participation and engagement with the school. The program ended around 8.45 am with the National Anthem being played by the school band.



## TEACHER'S TRAINING ON POCSO ACT

A Teacher's-Training was conducted at SFS Guwahati on 16th November, 2022 from 2.30 pm in the Mermier Hall.

The resource person for the training was Ms. Thangzamawi Guite, presently serving as Assistant Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.

The session started with the felicitation of Ms. Thangzamawi, by our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas and welcomed her with his speech. Soon after that, the training started. The topic of the training was "SALIENT FEATURES OF POCSO Act in the context of school environment, Child Right Protection from the perspective of legal educational and psychological aspects." The teachers were trained and given insight into the act of POCSO. The session ended around 3.30 p.m. It was an informative session for the teachers.







## CHILDREN'S DAY 2022

The earth reveals its innocence through the smiles of children. Children's Day which is also known as 'Bal Divas' is celebrated in India on November 14 every year, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

On this auspicious occasion, SFS Guwahati organized a grand program for the students. The program commenced around 9:15 am with the Prayer Song in the school premises. Soon after that, the cultural programs began where the performers were not the students but their dear teachers this time. Almost all the teachers performed various programs right from mesmerizing dance performances to enthralling songs and skits as well. The various performances were dance performances on modern tracks, satriya dance, folk and retro dances, mimicry show, solo singing, duet songs, bollywood dance, drama etc. The programs ended beautifully with all the students enjoying the performances of the teachers. The day ended on a cheerful note around 11:00 am with the distribution of snacks.



## PARENT – TEACHER MEETING FOR TERM 1

Parent-Teacher meetings can encourage students to improve their behavior and academic performance. As the child grows and develops, their communication with teachers about their progress becomes more and more important.

A PTM was organized for the students of Class LKG – XII during the regular school hours from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm, where the parents came along with their wards and met with the respective Class Teachers and discussed about the performances and progress of their child.

## THE DEMISE OF REV. FR. TOMY THEKKEL, THE FIRST PRINCIPAL OF SFS GUWAHATI

SFS Guwahati is saddened to announce the demise of Rev. Fr. Tomy Thekkel (1964 - 2022), the First Principal of the School.

In his remembrance, a Prayer Service was conducted in the morning assembly on 16th November, 2022 at SFS Guwahati where everyone offered flowers and prayers to the deceased. Our Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, spoke a few words on how kind of a person Fr. Tomy was.

Rev. Fr. Tomy Thekkel, left for his heavenly abode, after a brief illness from which he was slowly but steadily recuperating on 10th November 2022 at 11.45 pm in Kerala. His sudden demise has left everyone sad and shattered. The School has lost someone who laid a strong and formidable foundation for its glorious existence, growth, and expansion. He was an excellent humanist and not to forget a very disciplined Principal. He served the school from the year 1998-1999.

He shall always be remembered in our hearts and SFS Family is forever indebted to his contribution in making the School to what it is today. Prayers to the departed soul.







## SFS INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION – “IT’S DEBATABLE”

The program began with a prayer dance. There were a panel of guests for the program starting with Chief guest – Pallabi Chutia (RJ of Red FM), Speaker Mr Manish Goswami, Assistant Editor, The Assam Tribune, Judges Mr Bishaldeep Kakati, Advocate of Guwahati High Court. He is a 3 times winner of the prestigious Parag Kumar Das Memorial State Level Debate Competition, Ms Bagmita Borthakur, a Faculty to the Department of Political Science in Dispur College, Guwahati. She is an avid writer, debater and a socio-political commentator and have handled talk shows in most of the popular media houses of Assam.

The program began with Rev. Fr. George Thomas delivering his words of welcome and thereby welcoming and felicitating the guests. Soon after the felicitation ceremony the debate competition with the topic, “Social Media has distorted the values and personal integrity of the Young Minds” began wherein it was a wonderful sight to watch the young students debate and expressing their point of view on the mentioned topic. 17 schools took part in it with a total participant count of around 54 participants.

After the lunch break, the prize distribution ceremony took place wherein the judges encouraged the students and applauded them for their confidence and for the way they spoke and distributed the trophies, certificates along with cash prizes to the winners. The winners were –

1st best team - Gurukul Grammar Senior Secondary School, Guwahati

2nd best team – St. Francis De Sales, Dhemaji  
Best speaker ( for the motion) - Pratithi Sharma, Maharshi Vidya Mandir, Guwahati

Best speaker (against the motion) - Jinti Baishya, Modern High School

Best interjector - Niaz Tanveer Islam, DPS Guwahati

Overall the event was a grand success which ended with the SFS school band playing the National Anthem.



## DESALITE FIESTA 2022

The Desalite Fiesta was organized with full zeal and zest on 31st October 2022, at SFS Guwahati, with students from different SFS 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 of the Father Provincial Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis. Also, there were felicitations for the judges as well. All the participants and the teacher in-charges of different SFS 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 SCHOOL BAND PERFORMS IN IT'S FULL GLORY

The SFS School Band participated in the march past commemorating 'the Valor & Sacrifice of Mahabir Lachit Barphukan' on the occasion of the 400th Birth Anniversary of Lachit Barphukan on 18th November 2022.

The SFS Guwahati School Band Cadets seized the opportunity to perform at the march-past ceremony on the 400th Birth Anniversary celebration of Lachit Barphukan.

Different platoons performed in the march past. The SFS Guwahati NCC Band Team displayed high spirits during the ceremony and performed with grace. It was indeed a proud moment for the SFS Guwahati NCC Cadets to perform in front of the Commissioner of Police and other esteemed guests.



## OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE DESALITE NEWSLETTER 16TH EDITION

The Newsletter aims to nurture the skill and talents of students through their literary contributions to various academic and co-curricular activities of the institution.

SFS Guwahati is immensely proud to officially release the bi-annual publication of the school "Desalite News and More" on the 5th of December, 2022. The '16th' edition of the Newsletter was released during the morning assembly around 7:55 AM in the presence of all students and staff. The release commenced with the welcome of the Chief Guest Ms. Thangzamawi Guite, Assistant Director, National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, with the 'school Gamusa'.

Following this, the release of the newsletter commenced. The first copy of the Newsletter was handed over to the Discipline Coordinator, Baburam Sarma by the respected Chief Guest. A short speech was delivered by Mrs. Guite soon after. The release day concluded around 8:30 am with a heartwarming message by Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal, acknowledging every member as a part of the school fraternity for their dedication and hard work.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF VICE-PRINCIPAL

SFS Guwahati celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas, Vice Principal on the 23rd November, 2022. The celebrations began in the Mernier Hall. All the faculty members and staff organized a small celebration to show love and appreciation to Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas.

The program commenced at 2:30 PM with the prayer song. Soon after it, a special song was performed by one of our teachers, followed by words of appreciation from one of our HOD's. A speech comprising birthday greetings by Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal on behalf of the entire SFS fraternity was also delivered. After which, the cake-cutting ceremony took place, with everyone humming the tune of happy birthday. A traditional Assamese Gamusa, a bouquet, and a small gift were presented to Rev. Fr. Rijesh, as a token of love and greetings for the special day, on behalf of the SFS family, followed by the Vote of thanks.

There was a brief staff meeting as well where birthdays of other staff were celebrated along with gifts. The program concluded at 3:30 PM with refreshments for all the faculty and staff to mark the occasion.







## TREKKING TRIP FOR NCC STUDENTS.

A trekking trip was organized by SFS Guwahati, especially for the NCC students from Classes VI-IX on the 4th of December 2022. Almost 60 cadets trek in the lap of nature and experienced something they have never in the past. These types of adventure trips are just not part of their syllabus, for fun but also have certain learning outcomes like physical fitness activity. Adventure-based activities enable cadets to hone leadership skills and enhance their character qualities and interaction with the local people & understanding the lifestyle of the people.

The students gathered on the school premises and started off their journey around 6.00 am. Post which the students trekked their way with the flag under the guidance of the teachers. They went from Basistha to Garbhanga Trek. The students enjoyed and learned many survival adventures like hiking, river crossing, monkey climbing, etc. They were also taken to a waterfall viewpoint after which the student cadets went to Shampathar Village and interacted with the locals. They were intrigued to learn about the lifestyle of the people of the village.

Later they had their lunch in a beautiful spot and then marched their way to Panikheti where they witnessed a serene view and captured immense knowledge and natural beauty of the place. Around 6.00 pm the students along with the teachers Dilip Subedi and Nandalal Yadav came back from the trip and overall it was an informative and fun-filled trip for the students.



## TOPPER'S BADGE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY

SFS Guwahati feels very privileged and honoured to acknowledge the achievements of our brilliant students who have made both the school and their parents proud. It is a matter of great honour and pleasure to appreciate the hard work as well as the performance of the students who have made us all proud.

In light of the same, a badge distribution ceremony was held on 9th December 2022 during the morning assembly. The ceremony commenced at 8.00 am where the School Toppers, 1st rank holders, 2nd rank holders, and 3rd rank holders were acknowledged with badges in the morning assembly in front of the entire school. There were 4 categories of school toppers i.e from Classes I-II, Classes III - V, Classes VI-VIII, and Classes IX-XII. The students who get the highest percentage in the mentioned categories are awarded with badges.

The Principal, Vice Principal and the Academic Director gave away the badges to all the school toppers and the rank holders and congratulated them. Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas also gave a short speech on how to stay motivated always and congratulated everyone. Finally, the ceremony ended around 8.25 am with the SFS School Band playing the National Anthem.







## TWO-DAY TEACHER'S TRAINING CONDUCTED AT SFS GUWAHATI BY CBSE

A two-day teacher's training was conducted at SFS Guwahati by CBSE. The training commenced on 20th December 2022 around 9.30 am where teachers from different regions of the Northeast came.

They were trained on topics like 'English language development' and 'Classroom Management'. On both the days i.e 20th December & 21st December 2022 there were two sessions going on simultaneously, one in the Mermier Hall and the other in the conference hall. The Resource Person for the 'English Language Development' was Mrs. Mandakini Das Gupta, faculty and trainer from Royal Global School, Guwahati and the Resource Person for the topic 'Classroom Management' was Mrs. Sangeeta Deka, faculty and trainer from Sarala Birla Gyan Jyoti School, Guwahati. The teachers had an informative session on both the days which was full of immense knowledge and insight on various points.

On the second and final day of the training i.e on 21st December 2022, at the end of the session around 3.00 pm, certificates were provided to the participants of the training and overall it was a successful training session.



## SPECIAL MORNING ASSEMBLY CONDUCTED AT SFS GUWAHATI BY JYOTI NIKETAN - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Those born without the gift of sight may not know the beauty of God's world by the eyes, but they definitely have it in their thoughts and hearts. This is what the students from 'Jyoti Niketan - School for blind' portrayed as they conducted the special morning assembly at SFS Guwahati on 21st December 2022. The special morning assembly began at the usual morning assembly time i.e from 8.00 am. The specially-abled students conducted the morning assembly with prayers to the Almighty. They also performed and sang jolly Christmas carols which was a great sight for everyone witnessing the morning assembly.

Post this our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas delivered a short congratulatory speech and appreciated and thanked the students for their beautiful performance despite being visually impaired, but not forgetting to be grateful to God each day. The Principal also distributed gifts to all the students and thanked the Sisters and teachers of Jyoti Niketan - School for blind, for taking such good care of the students. The assembly concluded around 8.25 am with the National Anthem being played by the school band.



## CHRISTMAS FRIEND - PRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR EMPLOYEES

A staff meeting and pre-Christmas celebration was held in the Mermier hall on 22nd December 2022 around 2.30 pm. The meeting started with the staff birthdays which are celebrated and are a tradition at SFS Guwahati. Soon after the birthday celebration got over, the Principal discussed some important points with all the teaching and administrative staff.

Post this, the 'Secret Santa' began. The concept of the 'Secret Santa' is basically to have a Christmas friend who would pray for the goodwill of the person throughout the year and as a mark of the Merry Christmas time, would exchange gifts with each other as a token of love.

All the SFS staff brought gifts for their 'Secret Christmas Friend' and exchanged the gifts with each other in the meeting. It was a fun activity. At the end, a special Christmas cake was brought and the cake-cutting ceremony was held, post which everyone enjoyed their slices of cake with the meeting ending around 4 pm.







## SFS GUWAHATI TURNS SILVER- '25 GLORIOUS YEARS'

The Silver Jubilee is a grand event for any organization. SFS Guwahati is more than proud to have entered into its 25th Year, and as we call it 'SFS Turns Silver'. The opening 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.

The opening ceremony of the Silver Jubilee celebrations took a kickstart on 15th December 2022 at around 3 pm. The dignitaries were escorted to the Jubilee Opening Ceremony celebration ground, by the guard of honour led by the SFS school band. The celebration was followed thereafter. The program started with a devotional prayer dance seeking the Almighty's blessings. Following this, the Silver Jubilee flag hoisting took place which was hoisted by Chief Guest, Mr. Thangkholet Mate, Regional Officer CBSE and our Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas. Post this the Lighting of the lamp was done to mark the opening ceremony by Mr. Thangkholet Mate, Father Provincial Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, MSFS, Our Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Fr. Jose, Fr. Shaji, Mrs. Prity Minz and Samriddhi Singh. Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas, delivered a short welcome speech and welcomed everyone. The cultural Bonanza which soon started was a visual delight for the audience which was unveiled with the most zealous dance forms in Assam, BARPETA'S Bhortal Nritya. It was a scintillating dance performance. Other various performances like Garba Dance, Bihu Dance, Wellness Fusion Dance, Hip-Hop Dance, Chinese Dance etc. Another enthralling dance performance of North East Fusion Dance was performed. The vibrant display of North East culture through this dance was displayed which swayed the large audience. Provincial Sabu Francis also gave a short speech gracing and blessing SFS just after the Garba Dance. The whole campus echoes his prominence and his role in making SFS successful. Also, the Chief Guest, Mr. Thangkholet Mate, gave a speech towards the end of the program about the growth and the expansion of education in North East.

Towards the end there was a musical bonanza, to ignite the nostalgia amongst us all, especially among our dear parents, our choir group has prepared this very song. The opening ceremony of the Silver Jubilee came to an end with everyone standing for the SFS School Anthem, thereafter which fireworks were done and at the end, National Anthem was played which marked the conclusion of the ceremony at 5 pm. The venue reverberated with thunderous applause. Gleaming faces exchanged appreciative nods as the audience witnessed the perfection and extravaganza of the show. The Desalite family stay united and work together harmoniously. The Silver Jubilee was celebrated in an awe-inspiring manner which was meticulously planned by the dedicated, passionate and compassionate team of both administrative, teaching and non-teaching faculty. We thank everyone for making the event a grand success.







## 14th SFS BASKETBALL CHALLENGER'S TROPHY 2022



The most anticipated basketball tournament i.e 14th SFS BASKETBALL CHALLENGER'S TROPHY started at SFS Guwahati on 15th December 2022 till 17th December 2022. This grand 3-day event was a notable one where almost 13 teams from the North East have participated.

15th December 2022 -

The tournament's opening ceremony took place on the first day, starting with the prayer song seeking the Almighty's blessings. Thereafter which the felicitation ceremony took place where the referees who came for the event were felicitated by the Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas. Post that an official announcement was made by the Principal and a shot was played by the Principal as a mark of the official beginning of the 14th SFS Basketball Challenger's Trophy, soon after which the tournament began with lots of enthusiasm, passion, and vigour for celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship.

16th December 2022 -

The second day was marked as a usual day where matches were held for different boys' and girls' teams. The quarter-final matches took place on this day and it was a great sight to witness.

17th December 2022 -

This day marked the final day of the tournament when during the day time the final match for the girls' team took place. The final was played between the girls' team of SFS Guwahati and SFS Dhemaji team and after an enthralling match with 46-33 points respectively, SFS Guwahati Girls' team managed to be the winners and bag the trophy.

The final match for the boys' team started in the evening, with a large audience cheering for the respective teams. The match was between SFS Narengi boys team and Netaji Vidyapith Railway Higher Secondary School boys team. The match was very exciting to view as it was a neck-to-neck match as both the teams were marvelous with a score of 65 - 66 respectively making Netaji Vidyapith Railway Higher Secondary School boys team the winner of the tournament by a margin of 1 point.

The match ended around 5.30 pm. Soon after which the closing ceremony and the prize distribution of the 14th SFS Challenger's Trophy took place. The ceremony started with the felicitation of the Chief Guest Mr. Dhrubajyoti Kalita, General Secretary of Guwahati Sports Association. Also, we had with us Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, Provincial of Guwahati Province, Rev. Father. Jose Thekkel, Manager of Managing Committee, of SFS Guwahati, Principal of SFS School, Rev. Fr. George Thomas & Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas for the closing ceremony. Post the felicitation ceremony welcome speeches were delivered by the Principal and the Chief Guest congratulating the winners. Also, gift hampers were distributed to the referees who were the backbone of the event. A song and a dance performance were delivered by the alumni.







## PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2022

A pre-Christmas celebration was held during the morning assembly on 22nd December 2022 at SFS Guwahati. The assembly started at 8.00 am. The entire students from Classes L.K.G to XII along with all the staff were present in the assembly held at Block A.

The assembly began with a prayer song. Soon after it, the tunes of Christmas carols echoed throughout the assembly as the little Desalites performed various Christmas-themed performances. They also performed a beautiful choreography portraying how Jesus was born which everyone witnessed.

After the performances, Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas delivered a small speech wherein he wished the entire SFS family Christmas greetings. The assembly ended around 8.45 am with the SFS school band playing the National Anthem.



## ADIEU CLASS XII !!!

SFS Guwahati organized a farewell ceremony on 23rd December 2022 to bid adieu to the outgoing batch of Class XII students. The day began with welcoming the outgoing students by the Class XI students. The ceremony began in the Mermier Hall from 2.00 pm with a prayer song followed by a welcome speech by Navneel Talukdar, a student of class XI. There were a variety of programs prepared by the students of Class XI for their beloved seniors. The series of programs began with a soulful musical melody followed by various performances like a duet song, Gujarati folk dance, semi-classical dance, a skit named 'Stick to the status quo' etc. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by the outgoing students of Class XII.

A certificate distribution session was also held where certificates were handed over to the Head boy and Head girl along with the CCA Captains. Partha Pratim Nath was termed as the best student of the batch and was awarded by the Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas. A warm presentation was prepared and displayed from school's end to make the students reminisce a bucket full of memories for the seniors. Towards the end of the program Rev. Fr. George Thomas delivered a warm message for the dear students, wishing good luck and best wishes for the future. The day ended with the distribution of gifts and mementos along with refreshments for everyone around 4.00 pm.

## A YOUNG AUTHOR FROM SFS GUWAHATI - BOOK RELEASE

SFS Guwahati is proud to announce a special event. A special book release was held on 22nd December 2022 during the morning assembly at around 8.30 am.

The book named "TRUTH BLINDED" was authored by a student of Class IX D from SFS Guwahati, Charbik Kashyap and his parents were felicitated by the Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas and the Vice Principals. Post that, a speech was delivered by Charbik, where he explained the real cause of him authoring a book at such a tender age. He explained how he was pained to see the specially-abled people and witness the challenges that they face. The Principal also congratulated him for authoring at such an age and asked the entire school to support his book.

The book was officially released by Rev. Fr. George Thomas and the first copy of the book was handed over to Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas. The book release ended around 8.45 am.





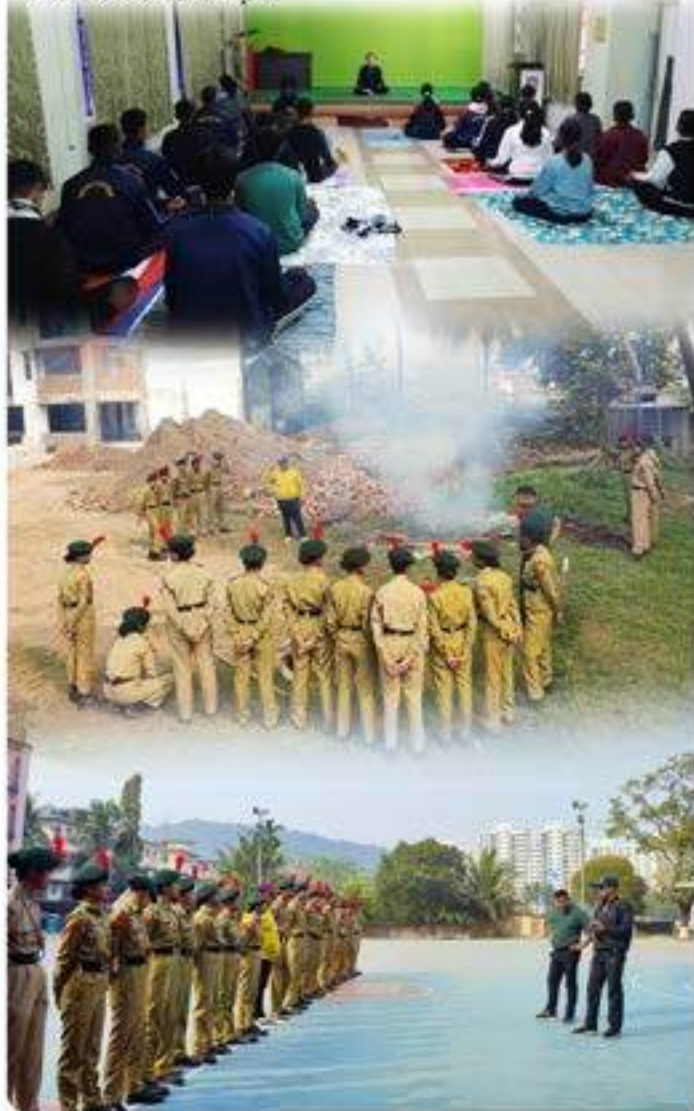


## THREE-DAY RESIDENTIAL NCC WINTER CAMP HELD AT SFS GUWAHATI

A residential Winter NCC Camp was held at SFS Guwahati from 29th December to 31st 2022 which was a hub for so many fun activities for the students. A total number of 23 students were a part of this residential camp.

The students had the theoretical as well as practical experiences of many adventures like fire disaster management, rappelling, ziplining, rifle shooting, etc. Lecture sessions were conducted for the students. An interaction session was also carried out by the students (non SFS) of 'Youth Exchange Program' where they shared their experiences of representing India in Bhutan and other inspiring stories with the students attending the camp. Also, a career guidance session on "How to join NDA (National Defence Academy)" was carried out.

Apart from bonfire sessions and good food, a motivational movie "Gunjan Saxena" was also shown to the students which depict the story of one of the first women to fly in a combat zone from the Indian Air Force. Overall, the camp was a successful one that ended on the evening of 31st December around 4 pm.



## 'ENTHUSIA' - ALUMNI MEET

The first-ever school fest was conducted at SFS Guwahati named 'ENTHUSIA' on 6th January 2023. This musical fest was an initiative of the Alumni association of SFS Guwahati. The fun-filled evening started with the live performances of artists like Tanmay Saikia, Dikshant, Saahel, Firozio and Tavreed music.

The fest began from around 6.00 pm beginning with a breathtaking beatbox music performance followed by trending soulful melodies as well as dance worthy songs. The crowd enjoyed the evening. Approximately, more than 800 people came together and formed as a cheerful audience to witness the first-ever school fest. Alongside there were almost 9 food stalls to enhance the experience of all the ones present on the 6th January 2023 evening. The food festival along with various games started a day prior to the fest i.e on 5th January, 2023.

Turning ideas into action is something to be achieved with sheer discipline. The fest concluded around 10 pm with all the fans taking autographs and picture sessions with their beloved artists. A big note of thanks to ALUMNI and everyone for making the ENTHUSIA possible.







## EQUINOX - THE LIVE ASTRONOMY SHOW AT SFS GUWAHATI.

For the first time in the entire North-East, an astronomy show session was conducted at SFS Guwahati to enrich the students' learning experience and students got to witness internationally acclaimed planetarium shows, which triggers the spirit of scientific inquiry among the students.

It was a week-long session that started on the 4th of January till the 10th of January 2023. The students from Classes L.K.G - IX witnessed shows on astronomy where the live planetarium was installed within the school premises.

This concept of doorstep planetarium is innovated by the Equinox group. The students from all the classes witnessed this onsite interactive planetarium shows on Astronomy that enhanced the learning experience of the students. The teaching, non-teaching and support staff also enjoyed the informative astronomy shows as well. Overall, it was an enriching experience for the students of SFS School.



## FELICITATION OF OUR DEAR SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF.

'Support Staff' - The very word describes how they have been a very important life support towards the school, without whom the school would not be able to accomplish its objectives smoothly.

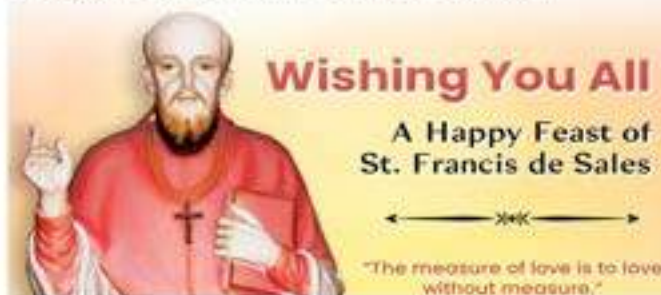
As a mark of appreciation for their sheer dedication and hard work, SFS Guwahati conducted a felicitation ceremony for the entire Support Staff of the school on 1st February 2023. The program was held during the morning assembly which started around 8.10 am with a melodious song by one of the students in honor of the support staff. Post which the felicitation ceremony took place where our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas and Vice Principal Sr. Josna, came forward and felicitated the entire support staff with the SFS Gamusa and gifts as well. Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas addressed the support staff and appreciated for the service they provide to the school, amidst all the hardship and applauded them. After this, a special Bharatnatyam dance was performed gracefully by one of our dear students, which was a 'Thank You' gesture to them. The program ended with one of our dear Support staff, Mr. Leader Forth thanking everyone for this gesture, on behalf of the entire support staff around 8.40 am.

## FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

SFS Narengi, Guwahati is blessed enough to have Saint Francis De Sales who is our inspiration and whose blessings and prayers, the school invokes, both upon its students and staff. Every year on the 24th of January 'Feast Day' is celebrated in memory of our Patron.

St. Francis De Sales, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church was born to a noble family on 21st August 1567 at the Castle of Sales in Savoy, France. He died at Lyons, France in 1622 on 28th December. Very early in life, Francis showed signs of Spiritual awakening with the presence of God everywhere. He worked in the service of God. Commitment was his hallmark, a trait very much in need today. He was courageous and faced the threats of life in a calm manner, a virtue that makes him so attractive to us all even today. He used his wisdom for the benefit of weak and oppressed. St. Francis de Sales is a great inspiration to millions of people. He has touched their lives and moulded their future for better living.

Thousands of educational institutions have been established under the name and patronage of St. Francis de Sales over the years. SFS Narengi, Guwahati is one among them. SFS teaches the value of hospitality, gentleness, and simplicity. He exalts and encourages everyone, students, teachers, parents, and the public at large to strive for a holy life. Wishing each and every Desalite a Happy Feast of St. Francis de Sales.







## SFS GUWAHATI CELEBRATES THE 74TH REPUBLIC DAY WITH FULL GLORY



Like every year, this year also Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2023 with great pride and joy in SFS Guwahati. The program started at 8.30 am with the host welcoming everyone, followed by the seeking Almighty's blessings. After this, our Principal Rev. Father George Thomas welcomed our respected Chief Guest for the day Robert H. Touthang, Director of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Ministry of Cooperation, Regional Directorate-NE Region, Guwahati and felicitated him with the SFS Gamusa.

Following this, the Flag hoisting ceremony was commenced, by our Chief Guest Robert H. Touthang, accompanied by our Principal Rev. Father George Thomas, with the National Anthem being played and everyone present was elated with pride as they sang the National Anthem. Following this, we witnessed the Republic Day parade by our students followed by an enthralling display of the SFS School band. It was a marvelous display.

After that, a set of cultural programs were held where the students danced to the tunes of patriotic songs. A solo song was performed, followed by a beautiful patriotic song with great passion and excitement. And lastly, a devotional group dance was performed by the students where the colors of the Flag each represent different values upholding the integrity of the nation. After enjoying the program our respected Chief Guest came and delivered a short speech where he insisted on the importance of loving and respecting our dear parents and also shared nostalgic memories of his school days. We felt delighted by his words. The program concluded around 9.45 am with refreshments being served. Overall, it was a successful celebration of Republic Day.



## SFS SCHOOL EXHIBITION 2023

The SFS School Exhibition was conducted on the 2nd & 3rd of February 2023. The 1st day of the school exhibition started around 9.00 am and till 2.10 pm. The students of each class set up the models which they prepared with lots of effort and dedication. The models were prepared for almost all the subjects like Maths, Science, Social Science, Language, Environmental Science, ATL, Drawing, Crafts, etc. Teachers went into the classes to evaluate the models where the students explained their theories and concepts. Day 1 of the School Exhibition concluded successfully at around 2.10 pm.

The second day of the School Exhibition i.e on 4th February marked the opening ceremony of the School Exhibition. The day started with the prayer song. Following this our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas delivered the welcome speech where he welcomed our Chief Guest Dr. Abraham Cyril Isaac, Professor IIT Guwahati, and our Dignitaries Fr. Woody Pace from USA and Fr. Francis. They were facilitated by our Academic Director with the SFS Gamusa and a bouquet each on behalf of the SFS Family. Shortly after the felicitation, there was a mesmerizing solo song performance by one of our students, and a group dance show on the theme 'Our Earth' was performed by the Desalites gracefully. After enjoying the performances Fr. Woody delivered a short speech congratulating the school and the students for organizing such an exhibition where the students prepared the best works of their abilities to execute their knowledge. Following this, a speech was delivered by the Chief Guest Dr. Abraham who asked the students to believe in themselves and made them understand that Science and imagination is a free thing that leads to great innovation.

Post this the vote of thanks was delivered by the anchors' Jasmine Khatun and Rishi Raj to everyone who led to the successful completion of the program and asked everyone to rise for the Nation Anthem being played by the school band. The opening ceremony concludes around 9.20 am. After which the School Exhibition was open for the Parents, Guardians, guests, and students and teachers.







## CAREER FAIR AT SFS GUWAHATI 2023

**C**areer Fair was held at SFS Guwahati on the 3rd of February 2023 where almost fifteen reputed Universities like Parul University, SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Dayanand Sagar University, FLAME Educations, etc. joined for all the students and parents. The coordinators from these Universities teamed up to provide proper guidance and information regarding the choice of courses. Representatives from fifteen prestigious Universities and institutions across India who have created a niche for themselves guided the students about the different career opportunities that can be pursued. The event witnessed the healthy participation of all the SFS students as well as students and teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Narangi. The fair started from 9.30 am and concluded around 2.10 pm.



## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY FOR INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS 2022-23



**T**he prize distribution ceremony for the Inter-House Competitions, which was held in the month of November 2022, was conducted during the morning assembly i.e. on 8th February 2023 in both Block A and Block B.

At Block A the morning assembly began at 8.00 am with the school prayer post which the Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas addressed the students and wished them the heartiest congratulations for winning the medals. Thereafter the prize distribution ceremony began where the rank holders stood as per the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and were accordingly awarded the medals by Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Vice Principal St. Josna, Academic Director Dr. Sangeeta Bharali Dutta and HOD Zabin Akhtar. The ceremony ended around 8.30 am with everyone singing the National Anthem.

Simultaneously at Block B, the morning began at 8.00 am with the school prayer post which the Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas addressed the students and wished them the heartiest congratulations for winning the medals. Thereafter the prize distribution ceremony began where the rank holders stood as per the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and were accordingly awarded the medals by Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas, Coordinator Sanyukta Baruah and HOD Sabari Purkayastha. The ceremony ended around 8.30 am with everyone singing the National Anthem.



## GUEST LECTURE SESSION

**A** guest lecture session was conducted at SFS Guwahati by one of the professors of IIT Guwahati, Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac on the 3rd of February 2023. The lecture session started from around 9.40 am in the Mermier Hall which was attended by all the students of Class XI (Science, Commerce & Humanities). The topic of the session was 'Organizational Power in Action'. The students thoroughly had an interactive session with our guest and acquired a lot of information along with clearing their doubts. The interaction session took place for around thirty minutes and was concluded by 10.10 am.







## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY FOR SCHOOL EXHIBITION 2022-23

The prize distribution ceremony for the participants of the School Exhibition which was conducted on 2nd and 3rd February 2023 was held during the morning assembly i.e. on 9th February 2023 for both Block A & B.

At Block A the morning assembly began around 8.00 am with the school prayer post which immediately the medal distribution ceremony began where the winners stood as per the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and were accordingly awarded the medals by the Coordinators namely Jyotirupa Saikia, Jali Kumari Nath and Sudip Saha. Thereafter our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas addressed the students and wished them the heartiest congratulations for winning the medals. The ceremony ended around 8.30 am with everyone singing the National Anthem.

Simultaneously at Block B the morning assembly began around 8.00 am with the school prayer post which immediately the medal distribution ceremony began where the winners stood as per the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions and were accordingly awarded the medals by the Vice Principal Fr. Rijesh Thomas and Coordinators namely Sanyukta Baruah, Sabari Purkayastha and Shobha Jha. Thereafter Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Rijesh Thomas addressed the students and wished them the heartiest congratulations for winning the medals. The ceremony ended around 8.30 am with everyone singing the National Anthem.



## BLESSING CEREMONY FOR THE STUDENTS OF CLASS XII (SESSION 2022-23)

Blessing the students has been a very crucial part of our school's culture and tradition. Hence, the Blessing Ceremony was conducted at SFS Guwahati on 13th February 2023 for the students of Class XII. Students from all the streams of Class XII i.e. Science, Commerce and Humanities were present for the ceremony.

The Blessing Ceremony began in the morning assembly around 8.00 am with our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas blessing the students and exhorting them to spread the light of knowledge across the world and he stressed the qualities to be preserved throughout life, wishing them all the best for their board examinations. Post which the students lit the candles and prayed to the Almighty. The ceremony concluded around 8.30 am post the Star Assembly performance of Class VII A.







## BLESSING CEREMONY FOR THE STUDENTS OF CLASS X (SESSION 2022-23)

Blessing the students has been a very crucial part of our school's culture and tradition. Hence, the Blessing Ceremony was conducted at SFS Guwahati on 22nd February 2023 for the students of Class X. Students from all the sections of Class X i.e A, B and C were present for the ceremony.

The Blessing Ceremony began in the morning assembly around 8.00 am with our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas blessing the students and exhorting them to spread the light of knowledge across the world and he stressed the qualities to be preserved throughout life, wishing them all the best for their board examinations. Post which the students lit the candles and prayed to the Almighty. The ceremony came to an end successfully around 8.30 am.



## ANNUAL SCHOOL STAFF PICNIC 2022-23



The most awaited day of the year was the School's Staff Picnic to the PRP Valley, located amidst the green valleys of nature in Chandrapur-Digar Road, Guwahati, on 25th March 2023. It was a memorable day for the entire SFS Family which included the Principal, Vice-Principals, Teaching staff, Administrative staff and the Support staff as well. The journey started at around 9.00 am from the school premises.

All the staff members were extremely happy and kept in high spirits with many of them singing songs while on the way to the picnic spot till they reach the venue. A delicious breakfast was followed by so many fun games and activities planned and organized by some of the teachers. It was wonderful to see the teachers, office staff, and support staff taking active participation in all the events.

All of them enjoyed themselves thoroughly. There were prizes for the winners as well. After a tiring and fun-packed morning, everyone headed for a delightful lunch comprising of different veg and non-veg delicacies along with dessert. Towards the end, everyone took pictures with each other and explored the resort. The SFS School Staff picnic concluded with a group photograph of the entire SFS Family post which everyone came back in the buses around 4.00 pm. Overall it was a fun-filled day.

## FAREWELL FOR REV. FR. JOSE THEKKEL, MANAGER SFS GUWAHATI

Farewells are a part and parcel of everyone's life. A farewell ceremony was organized today at SFS Guwahati i.e on 14th February 2023 during the morning assembly for our beloved Rev. Fr. Jose Thekkel, Manager SFS Guwahati.

The ceremony started at 8.00 am with our undying tradition to invoke the almighty at the beginning of an important event. Post which our Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas came onto the stage to speak a few words in honor of Rev. Fr. Jose Thekkel. He expressed his gratitude and gratefulness for the service that Fr. Jose Thekkel provided.

After this the felicitation ceremony took place where Fr. Jose Thekkel was felicitated with a bouquet, Phulam Gamusa, shawl, a gift along with a memento. There was a special dance performance by a student from Class V. After the performance Rev. Fr. Jose Thekkel was invited to speak a few words following which the vote of thanks was given. The farewell ceremony came to an end around 8.30 am with the National Anthem being played by the SFS Band.







## OPEN-HOUSE PTM ORGANISED AT SFS GUWAHATI

Open-house PTMs can be an important opportunity for parents to become more involved in their child's education and to gain a deeper understanding of their child's strengths and weaknesses. They also provide an opportunity for teachers to communicate their expectations and address any concerns that parents may have.

With a similar view, a 3-day open house PTM was conducted at SFS Guwahati on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of March 2023 for the Classes LKG to VIII. The Open House PTM was conducted throughout the day for various classes at different hours of the day from 8.00 am – 2.00 pm.

The parents had informative sessions with our esteemed resource person who came and graced the occasion and educated the parents on various topics that were beneficial for good parenting and understanding the needs of the students. They were also given training on the Desalite Connect Application. At the end of the day, the parents had an interactive session with the Principal wherein questions and answers were exchanged from either side. Overall it was successfully conducted on the topic 'Quality Parenting and It's Impact'. Various resource person came like Mrs. Jenny Brooks, Principal Presentation Kindergarten and Dr. Sunita Agarwala, Vice Principal, HOD Dept. of Education, Dispur College.



## TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAM

A Teacher training program was conducted at SFS Guwahati from 24th March 2023 till 6th April 2023. The day long teacher training sessions were an insightful and enriching experience for all the teachers who participated. The training program was conducted to enhance the professional development of teachers and equip them with the latest teaching techniques and methodologies.

The program was attended by various resource persons who brought their expertise and shared their knowledge with the teachers. Various topics were taught by various Resource Person namely Mr. Anjan Chowdhury - founder of Skillfinity. He is a senior empanelled faculty at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, an empanelled member of EICT, IIT Ghy, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, and two of our most renowned Universities - Dibrugarh and Tezpur University, Mrs. Thangzawami Guite Assistant Director - National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development - of Regional Center (Ghy), Dr. Shantanu Kumar Das - Chief Coordinator and Head - Project Child, Dr. Sunita Agarwala - Vice Principal and HOD - Deptt. of Education of Dispur College Ghy and Sir Edmond Dantise - Principal of SSDV DYANPEETH, a senior secondary school in Maharashtra.

The teacher training program was a great success, which started at 8.30 am till 3.15 pm on the mentioned days and the teachers were able to learn and apply new teaching methodologies in their classrooms. The program was designed to enhance the professional development of teachers and equip them with the latest teaching techniques and methodologies. The Resource Persons brought their expertise and shared their knowledge with the teachers, making the program an enriching experience for all. The program has paved the way for more such training programs in the future, which will help in the continuous professional development of teachers.







## DISASTER MANAGEMENT DRILL SESSION

A Disaster Management Drill Session was organized at SFS Guwahati on 23rd March 2023 within the school premises for the students and entire staff of the school. The session was conducted by Civil Defence team from Central Training Institution, Panikhaiti from around 1.00 pm where a live demonstration of Fire safety was shown to students and staff.

Also, how to rescue people in different disaster situations was shown and a live demonstration was built up and shown. Post which they were felicitated from the schools' end. Special thanks to the Director General of Civil Defence and Commandant General of Home Guard, Beltola, Assam for making the training possible which concluded around 2.00 pm.



## SFS INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

The Inter-House Competitions of our school were held from the month of October- November 2022 for Classes LKG - XII. The event was organized to provide an opportunity for students to showcase their talents and abilities. The competitions were held in various fields, such as cultural, literary, art etc.

The various competitions included solo singing, declamation, solo dance, essay writing competition (English, Hindi, Assamese), drawing, painting, quiz, group dance, debate, recitation, coloring, fancy dress and group dance competition. The participants displayed their talents in various forms. The competitions were judged by a panel of experts who evaluated the participants based on their performances. The winners were announced during the morning assembly. The results were as follows:

1st – YELLOW HOUSE, 2nd – GREEN HOUSE, 3rd – RED HOUSE, 4th – BLUE HOUSE

Overall, the Inter-House Competitions were a huge success. They provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their skills and talents. The competitions helped in enhancing their confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. We appreciate the efforts of all participants in making this event a grand success. We look forward to more such events in the future.



## ORIENTATION AND TRAINING SESSION FOR STUDENTS

An Orientation and training session was conducted at SFS Guwahati on 23rd March 2023 for the students of Classes X and XII on the topic "Importance of Discipline, Adolescence and focus towards Self-development." The session was facilitated by resource person Mr. Anjan Chowdhury, the Director of Skillfinity, who has over 26 years of experience in the field of 'capacity building' and 'life skills training'.

The training session commenced from 9.00 am with Mr. Anjan Chowdhury explaining how it is essential to focus on self-development during adolescence because it is a time when individuals are developing their identities and exploring their potential. By focusing on self-development, adolescents can discover their strengths and weaknesses and develop the skills and qualities needed to achieve their goals.

The daylong session concluded at 2:35 PM with a query-solving round and active interaction and engagement of students with the Resource Person thereby, promoting a healthy, positive and conducive environment for learning.







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