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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fr. George Thomas MSFS
Principal, SFS Guwahati

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Well-Wishers,

Warm greetings to each of you!

It gives me immense joy to present the 21st volume of our school newsletter, DESALITES NEWS & MORE. This publication offers you a vibrant glimpse into the various events and activities that have taken place in our school over the past months – a true reflection of the life, learning, and spirit that define SFS Guwahati.

As you flip through the pages, you will witness the diversity of experiences our students engage in. Be it academic pursuits, cultural celebrations, sporting excellence, leadership training, value-based programs, and much more. We, as a school, believe in focusing on everything that contributes to the holistic development of a child. No achievement is too small, no event too ordinary – each moment is a building block in the journey of shaping well-rounded individuals.

I am proud of our students who continue to excel in multiple domains, our teachers who remain committed to nurturing potential with dedication and care, and our parents whose constant support strengthens our mission. A heartfelt thank you to the Editorial team for capturing these moments so meaningfully.

Let this Edition not only inform but also inspire you to appreciate the richness of our school life. Together, let us keep moving forward and continue to grow, learn, and make a difference.

God Bless You All.

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COUNSELLING SESSION FOR CLASS X STUDENTS

On 3rd November 2024, SFS School had the privilege of hosting an insightful and interactive session titled "Effective Revision Techniques and the Role of Parents in Class X Board Preparations" conducted by the renowned educator Sir Dinesh Lahoti. The session was designed to equip both students and parents with practical strategies and mindsets essential for excelling in the upcoming Class X board examinations. With his dynamic and student-friendly approach, Sir Lahoti guided the participants through a range of scientifically backed revision techniques, emphasizing the importance of consistency, active recall, spaced repetition, and the creation of a conducive study environment.

One of the key highlights of the session was the focus on the crucial role parents play in a student's academic journey. Sir Lahoti encouraged parents to offer emotional support, maintain open communication, and foster a balanced routine that nurtures both academic excellence and mental well-being.

The session also included interactive moments, real-life examples, and take-home tips that left a lasting impact on the audience. The engaging delivery and relatable content sparked enthusiasm among students and provided clarity to many doubts surrounding board exam preparation.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sir Dinesh Lahoti for his valuable insights and to all the parents and students who actively participated and contributed to making the event a resounding success. Such initiatives truly reflect the school's commitment to holistic support and academic excellence for its learners.



DIPLOMACY IN ACTION: SFS MUN 2024 SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES AT SFS GUWAHATI

From the 1st to 3rd of November 2024, SFS Guwahati witnessed the vibrant spirit of global dialogue and youthful diplomacy during the much-anticipated SFS Model United Nations (MUN). The campus was abuzz with excitement as delegates from various reputed schools came together to engage in thoughtful discussions, spirited debates, and collaborative problem-solving — all echoing the essence of the United Nations. Over the course of three days, participants took on the roles of world leaders, diplomats, and global changemakers. With decorum and dedication, they tackled some of the world's most pressing issues, representing different countries and perspectives. The air was charged with ideas, resolutions, and meaningful exchanges, all reflecting the depth and maturity of the young minds present.

What truly stood out was the energy, confidence, and preparation the delegates brought to their committees. Be it through passionate speeches, well-researched stances, or respectful counterpoints, the MUN turned into a platform for critical thinking, leadership, and collaboration.

Though the details of each committee's proceedings may vary, the overarching experience was one of growth — where students not only sharpened their public speaking and diplomatic skills but also made lasting memories and friendships beyond committee rooms.

SFS Guwahati is proud to have hosted this enriching experience and extends heartfelt thanks to the participating schools, dedicated student organizers, and the guiding mentors who helped bring this event to life.



A BATTLE OF BRILLIANCE: MSFS INTER-SCHOOL NATIONAL QUIZ LIGHTS UP SFS GUWAHATI

On November 13, 2024, St. Francis De Sales School, Guwahati, played host to an extraordinary event, the MSFS Inter-School National Quiz Competition. This intellectual spectacle brought together bright minds from MSFS institutions across the country, making it a memorable celebration of knowledge, teamwork, and cultural diversity.

Opening Ceremony

The day began around 8.00 am with a solemn Prayer Dance, setting a serene tone for the day. Rev. Fr. George Thomas, the Principal of SFS School, welcomed the gathering with inspiring words, emphasizing the importance of intellectual curiosity and collaborative learning. The distinguished guests and participants who came all the way from different provinces of India, were felicitated, acknowledging their presence and contributions to the event. There were participants (two from each) from total 7 provinces across India who came along with their Teacher-Incharges.

The highlight of the morning was the introduction of the quiz master, Mr. Surya Narayan Prabhakaran, a veteran with over 500 quiz shows to his credit. Known for his engaging style, he has hosted prestigious quizzes for organizations like ONGC, Amul, and the Government of the Netherlands.

Participants from various provinces were introduced, followed by the National Anthem, which concluded the formalities of the opening ceremony. The audience, including students, teachers, and esteemed guests, moved to Mermier Hall, where the quiz began in earnest.

The Quiz Competition

The MSFS Inter-School National Quiz Competition 2024 began at 9:30 AM with participants showcasing quick thinking and deep knowledge across subjects. Several engaging rounds tested their problem-solving, conceptual clarity, and teamwork. The competition concluded around 12:30 PM after an exciting series of challenges.

Closing Ceremony

Starting at 2:00 PM, the closing ceremony was a vibrant celebration. The audience enjoyed a captivating Bhortal dance, followed by an impressive performance by the SFS Girls' Band. The event was graced by Mr. Sandeep Tandon, Regional Head of CBSE Guwahati Region, who encouraged students to pursue excellence beyond academics.

Prize Distribution

The much-awaited prize distribution segment celebrated the top-performing teams:

Champion: St. Francis De Sales Public School, ICSE, Bengaluru, South West Province (₹50,000, trophy, medals, and certificates)

1st Runner-up: St. Francis De Sales School, Bahalpur, Guwahati Province (₹25,000, trophy, medals, and certificates)

2nd Runner-up: St. Mary's English School, Kinwat, Nagpur Province (₹15,000, trophy, medals, and certificates)

3rd Runner-up: St. Francis De Sales School, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam Province (₹10,000, trophy, medals, and certificates)

All participants received mementos as a token of appreciation for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Vote of Thanks & Conclusion

The day concluded at 2:45 PM with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Vice-Principal Rev. Fr. Melvin Parambukattil. The singing of the school anthem brought the event to a meaningful close. This quiz competition was more than a contest—it was a celebration of intellect, collaboration, and the MSFS vision of holistic education. SFS Guwahati takes pride in hosting this inspiring event.

SFS School, Guwahati, stands proud as the host of this enriching and unforgettable event, setting a benchmark for inter-school competitions across the country.



A DAY OF TOGETHERNESS AND JOY - CHILDREN'S DAY 2024

On November 14, 2024, St. Francis De Sales School, Guwahati, came alive with joy, laughter, and the spirit of togetherness as both the SFS Block and Mermier Block celebrated Children's Day in a truly memorable manner. This special day was filled with activities designed to honor and entertain the students, with the teachers stepping into the spotlight as performers.

The day began at 8:00 AM with students from LKG to Class 12 participated in a unique food-sharing activity. Each class shared a variety of food items with their peers, embracing the motto of "Sharing is Caring." This heartwarming activity not only filled the air with a festive spirit but also reinforced the values of community and kindness. Students enjoyed a delightful breakfast together, strengthening bonds across classes.

Following this a lively assembly, where the teachers took charge, setting a joyous tone for the celebrations. They delivered the morning prayer, news updates, and motivational thoughts, demonstrating their versatility and enthusiasm.

The highlight of the day was the series of vibrant performances by the teachers, which took place in both the SFS and the MERMIER block. The teachers showcased their talents through: A fusion dance that blended tradition with modernity, a high-energy hip-hop dance that had the students cheering with excitement, soulful renditions of popular songs that created a lively and engaging atmosphere. Skits were also performed by teachers.

These performances brought smiles to every face, as the students watched their mentors step out of their usual roles to entertain and inspire them.

Classroom Celebrations

The celebrations continued within the classrooms, where students enjoyed quality time with their Class Teachers. Teachers and students bonded over light-hearted activities, games, and personalized discussions, making this segment a cherished memory for all.

A Memorable Conclusion

The day concluded at **11:30 AM**, leaving everyone with hearts full of joy and minds enriched with the day's events. The students left the school with smiles, carrying fond memories of a day dedicated to celebrating their presence and potential along with the special snack boxes from the school management.

This unforgettable day not only celebrated children but also highlighted the dedication and creativity of the teachers, making it a perfect blend of learning, joy, and festivity.



SFS INTER-SCHOOL SPELL BEE COMPETITION 2024

SFS School, Guwahati, hosted the prestigious SFS INTER-SCHOOL SPELL BEE Competition 2024, a celebration of the magic and power of words on 19th November 2024. The event witnessed the participation of talented students from various esteemed city schools (around 15 schools), fostering a spirit of intellectual excellence and camaraderie.

The event commenced at around 08:00 AM with a warm welcome by the vibrant anchors, Ananya Bose and Marzia Shabnam, who set the tone for the day with their eloquence.

The program began with an invocation through a soulful prayer song, 'We Welcome You', after which the gathering was addressed by the Honourable Vice-Principal, Rev. Fr. Melvin Parambukattil, whose words of encouragement inspired all present.

Following this, the Principal, Fr. George Thomas, extended a heartfelt welcome to the participating schools, acknowledging their dedication to academic excellence. Each participating school was introduced and warmly applauded for their enthusiasm.

The Competition

The SPELL BEE Competition was officially inaugurated, and the stage was handed over to the pronouncer for the event, Madam Anuradha Gogoi in the Mermier Hall around 10.00 am.

A total of seven rounds were conducted, challenging the participants' vocabulary, spelling prowess, and linguistic command. The audience was captivated as the young spellers showcased their brilliance, making it a tough contest for all.

Prize Distribution Ceremony

The prize distribution ceremony began at 1:30 PM at the assembly ground in the SFS Block. The program commenced with a vibrant Bihu dance performance by the students, which added a cultural charm to the event.

The Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Santosh, delivered an inspiring speech, congratulating all the participants for their exceptional performance and emphasizing the significance of such competitions in nurturing young minds.

The winners were then announced:

Winners : SFS Guwahati [Aaron Choudhury (Class XI) & Harshita Basak (Class IX)]

1st Runner-Up: Delhi Public School, Khanapara [Aanya Choudhury (Class IX) & Bianca Thokchom (Class IX)]

2nd Runner-Up: Army Public School, Narengi [Satvik Kr. Ranjan (Class IX) & Chayanika Bhattacharjee (Class VIII)].

The Principal, Fr. George Thomas, delivered a brief congratulatory speech, expressing gratitude to the organizers, participants, and the audience for making the event a grand success.

The program concluded with the school band playing the National Anthem, marking the end of a day filled with learning, joy, and celebration of linguistic excellence. The event wrapped up around 2:00 PM, leaving everyone inspired and looking forward to more such enriching experiences.



DESALITES SHINE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE!

SFS Guwahati is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Saraswati Devi Kabrabam of Class 7C (now 8B), who was selected to represent India in the Hong Kong 2024 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championship held at the iconic Hong Kong Coliseum.

Representing the India Taekwondo Team, Saraswati showcased exceptional talent, discipline, and dedication on an international platform. Her selection for such a prestigious event stood as a testament to her relentless hard work and passion for the sport.

The entire SFS family rejoices in this moment of pride and extends heartfelt congratulations to Saraswati for bringing honour to the school and the country. Her journey has been an inspiration to all, and we look forward to many more such milestones in the future.



SFS STUDENTS EXPLORE SCIENCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



On 3rd December 2024, a group of enthusiastic students from SFS Guwahati had the opportunity to attend the India International Science Festival 2024 hosted at IIT Guwahati. The event offered a glimpse into the fascinating world of modern science and innovation.

Throughout the day, students explored engaging exhibits, observed technological advancements, and interacted with a variety of scientific minds. While each corner of the festival held something new to discover, what truly stood out was the environment — one that sparked questions, encouraged exploration, and inspired future possibilities.

The experience not only broadened their perspective on how science shapes our world but also nurtured their innate curiosity. It was a meaningful step towards empowering young minds to dream big, think critically, and look beyond the textbook.



SFS ANNUAL FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAM

The SFS Annual First Aid Training Program was conducted on 30th November 2024, from 8:30 am to 9:30 am, at Mermier Hall, SFS School, Guwahati. This program was specially organized for the bus staff of the school to equip them with essential first aid skills, ensuring the safety and well-being of students during their commute.

The program commenced with an introductory welcome speech by the school administrator, setting the tone for an engaging and informative session. The Resource Person for the training was the in-house school infirmary medical nurse, Mrs. Sushmita Baruah, who brought her extensive medical expertise to the session. Following the welcome, Mrs. Minakshi, a Senior staff member, felicitated Mrs. Baruah with a token of appreciation for her valuable contribution to the program.

Topics Covered



1. Effective Use of the First Aid Kit in the Bus

Mrs. Baruah demonstrated the proper usage of the first aid kits installed in the school buses, emphasizing the importance of familiarity with the contents and their applications during emergencies.

2. CPR Training

A key highlight of the session was the detailed training on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Participants were guided through the critical steps to perform CPR effectively, potentially saving lives in situations such as cardiac arrests.

3. Treatment of Minor Wounds and Burns

The nurse explained how to handle minor injuries, including cuts, bruises, and burns, ensuring quick and safe first-aid treatment to minimize risks of infection or further complications.

The training was highly interactive, with participants actively engaging in practical exercises to reinforce their learning. Mrs. Baruah's clear and practical instructions ensured the bus staff gained the necessary confidence to handle emergencies effectively. This training program was a significant initiative by SFS School to prioritize student safety and preparedness. The proactive efforts of the management, coupled with Mrs. Baruah's expertise, ensured the session was a resounding success. Such programs will continue to strengthen the culture of safety and responsibility among the school staff.



A MORNING OF INSPIRATION: SPECIAL ASSEMBLY BY JYOTINIKETAN SCHOOL



SFS Guwahati was deeply honoured to host the specially-abled students of Jyoti Niketan – School for the Blind for their annual special assembly, held on campus in the SFS Block. This cherished tradition, which continues to inspire year after year, took place on a serene morning, beginning at 8:00 AM and concluding by 8:30 AM, leaving hearts touched and spirits uplifted.

From the moment the assembly began, the atmosphere was filled with joy, reverence, and beauty. The students of Jyoti Niketan led us through a soulful morning of prayers, carols, and performances that radiated grace and courage. Their presence reminded us of the power of perseverance and the light that shines from within. Each student, through their performance and presence, embodied resilience, dedication, and quiet strength, becoming a true source of inspiration to the entire SFS community. Whether through song, prayer, or simply by being themselves, they reminded us that greatness knows no limits and that every individual has a unique gift to share with the world.

As a school, we are deeply grateful for this continued bond with Jyoti Niketan. Their visit not only brings us joy but also teaches us valuable lessons in empathy, inclusivity, and hope.



SFS STUDENTS EXPLORE THE CREATIVE FRONTIERS OF AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming the way we think, learn, and create — and our students had the opportunity to experience this transformation firsthand! From December 11th to 13th 2024, a group of students from SFS Guwahati participated in an enriching workshop titled “Creative Uses of Chatbots: Building Projects with AI”, organized by NEILAC (North Eastern Institute of Language and Culture), Guwahati.

The workshop was led by the renowned Prof. Ken Kahn, a retired faculty member from the University of Oxford, who brought with him a wealth of experience and passion for AI in education. Under his expert guidance, our students delved into the fascinating world of artificial intelligence, exploring how chatbots and AI tools can be used creatively in building innovative projects.

Through hands-on activities, collaborative tasks, and open-ended exploration, students developed projects that merged technology with creativity, showcasing their ability to think critically and work together in a dynamic learning environment. The experience encouraged them to reimagine the role of AI not just as a tool, but as a partner in the learning process.



NEILAC WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN
CREATIVE USES OF CHATBOTS: BUILDING PROJECTS WITH AI
From Nilac with the brilliant participants and esteemed Prof. Ken Kahn & Prof. Mary Dabryngale



MY CLASS CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION AT SFS GUWAHATI

The halls of SFS Guwahati sparkled with joy and creativity as students came together to celebrate the much-awaited "My Class Christmas Tree Competition" a cherished annual tradition that brings festive cheer and vibrant teamwork to life.

On the previous day of 17th December 2024, each class enthusiastically decorated their own Christmas tree, transforming classrooms into magical spaces filled with twinkling lights, handmade ornaments, and heartwarming festive vibes basically following the concept of Best Out of Waste. From classic red-and-gold themes to innovative eco-friendly decorations, every tree was a unique expression of the students' imagination and collaboration which was judged by the Coordinators and accordingly winners were chosen. More than just a competition, this joyful event celebrated the true spirit of Christmas i.e togetherness, joy, and sharing. It was heartening to witness students working hand in hand, showcasing not only their artistic flair but also their strong sense of unity and festive enthusiasm.

The excitement, laughter, and creative energy were beautifully captured in a special video, offering a glimpse into the vibrant celebration and the holiday magic that filled our school.



A DAY FOR BOOK LOVERS: BOOK FAIR AT SFS GUWAHATI

On 18th December 2024, the campus of SFS Guwahati was filled with excitement and curiosity as a delightful Book Fair brought the world of literature right to our doorstep. The event opened up a treasure trove of books that captured the imagination of students, parents, and teachers alike.

With an inviting display of titles ranging from captivating stories to educational reads, the fair provided a wonderful opportunity for our school community to explore, discover, and reconnect with the joy of reading. The energy was contagious as students browsed through the collections, sharing recommendations and discovering new favourites. This literary experience not only promoted the habit of reading but also sparked meaningful conversations around books, creativity, and knowledge. It was a joy to witness young minds choosing their next adventure, guided by the simple thrill of turning a page.



SFS GUWAHATI ANNUAL SPORTS – A GRAND CELEBRATION OF ATHLETIC SPIRIT AND UNITY

The Annual Sports Meet 2024 of SFS School, Guwahati, was held from 19th to 21st December 2024 with grandeur, energy, and a spectacular display of talent and sportsmanship. The three-day celebration was an embodiment of discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and true sporting spirit, bringing the entire SFS family together on a common platform.

Day 1: Inauguration Ceremony (19th December 2024)

SFS Guwahati was abuzz with excitement and energy as the school proudly hosted the Inauguration Ceremony of the Annual Sports Day 2024—a much-anticipated celebration of sportsmanship, strength, and school spirit on 19th December 2024. The event was graced by the presence of Olympic Medalist and India's pride, Madam Lovlina Borgohain, as the Chief Guest, adding immense prestige and inspiration to the occasion.

The morning began with an enthusiastic welcome by student anchors Devansh Meitei and Lamneihas Singait, who set the tone for a spirited day. The arrival of Madam Lovlina Borgohain was met with thunderous applause as students, staff, and guests welcomed her with warmth and admiration.

The ceremony opened with a soulful Prayer Dance, invoking blessings for the success of the day. This was followed by an inspiring welcome message by Rev. Fr. Melvin Parambukattil, Vice Principal of SFS Guwahati. Father Melvin and Sr. Josna Varkey, Vice Principals, were also felicitated for their invaluable contribution to the school.

The Flag Hoisting Ceremony, led by the Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas and the Chief Guest, Madam Lovlina Buragohain marked the formal opening of the Sports Day. The School Anthem, echoing through the campus, instilled pride and unity among all present.

A spectacular March Past followed, showcasing the discipline and dedication of students from all houses. Then came the symbolic Torch Relay, led by the school's proud athletes:

- Aaron Choudhury (Grade 11 Science) – U16 State Football Team Champion
 - Ayesha Nasrin Choudhury (Grade 7C) – National-level Taekwondo Gold Medalist
 - Saraswati Devi Kabrabam (Grade 7C) – Winner of Nasik Selection Trial for Hong Kong Taekwondo World Championship
 - Ekalavya Verma (Grade 12 Humanities B) – U19 Inter District Basketball Champion
- The Oath Taking Ceremony, led by Sports Captain Swayam Rai, reaffirmed the commitment of all athletes to fair play, integrity, and true sportsmanship. What followed was a breathtaking sequence of cultural and thematic performances, including:

- A Semi-Classical Nritya Sangam Dance
- A Drill Demonstration showcasing precision and unity
- A Blended Yoga Demonstration merging rhythmic grace with balance
- The colorful and artistic Umbrella Drill
- A thrilling Martial Arts Demonstration
- And a heartwarming Generation Alpha Dance Performance by the little ones



The event also celebrated winners of the SFS Marathon 2024, with medals awarded in both student and staff categories. The joy of receiving prizes from Madam Lovlina Borgohain was a moment of pride for all the winners. In her motivational message, Madam Lovlina shared insights from her journey, encouraging students to stay determined, disciplined, and passionate in all that they pursue. She officially declared the Annual Sports Meet 2024 open, igniting the spirit of competition and camaraderie.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks by Coordinator Madam Zebin Akhtar, followed by the National Anthem performed by the dynamic SFS Girls' Band.

With hearts full of pride and spirits soaring high, the school transitioned into the much-awaited athletic events. The inauguration ceremony was not just a celebration of sports—it was a witness to unity, perseverance, and the vibrant culture of SFS Guwahati.



Day 2: Sporting Events (20th December 2024)

The school playground turned into a lively battlefield of passion and sportsmanship as the students participated in a wide range of track and field events. From sprints and relays to shot put, long jump, and team games, the day was packed with enthusiasm and roaring cheers from the audience. The entire day witnessed the tireless efforts of the school's athletes, cheered on by their peers and teachers, creating an environment of healthy competition and unbreakable spirit.

Day 3: Closing Ceremony and Prize Distribution (21st December 2024)

The Closing Ceremony on 21st December marked a beautiful conclusion to this dynamic celebration of sports. It began with a warm welcome and invocation through a Prayer Song. The Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, addressed the gathering, reflecting on the values of sports and the importance of nurturing both the body and the mind. This was followed by a soulful performance by the School Choir, winning the audience's hearts. The Prize Distribution Ceremony, conducted by Madam Anuradha Gogoi, honoured the outstanding athletes and teams who excelled in various sports events. Medals and trophies were awarded for individual and team excellence across disciplines and categories. The event concluded with:

- **Vote of Thanks acknowledging the contributions of school management, staff, students, and parents**
- **School Anthem, led by the school community, symbolizing unity**
- **A heartfelt closing note wishing everyone a joyful and restful evening**

The SFS Annual Sports Meet 2024 was not just a celebration of physical achievements but a manifestation of the school's holistic approach to student development. The spirit of sportsmanship, unity, and excellence echoed through every performance and event. The three-day extravaganza successfully brought out the best in our students, reminding us that while winning is sweet, participation, effort, and respect are the true victories.



PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Pre-Christmas celebration at SFS Guwahati on December 22, 2024, was a heartwarming and festive occasion that united students and staff from Classes L.K.G to XII. The celebrations commenced with the morning assemblies at both the Mermier Block and the SFS Block, starting at 8:00 am and 9:00 am respectively.

The assembly began with a soulful prayer song, setting a peaceful and spiritual tone for the day. The festive spirit quickly came alive as joyful Christmas carols echoed through the air. Young Desalites enthusiastically took to the stage, presenting a variety of Christmas-themed performances that showcased their talent, creativity, and excitement for the season.

A major highlight of the event was a beautifully choreographed presentation depicting the birth of Jesus. Through expressive movements and storytelling, the students conveyed the true essence and message of Christmas, leaving the audience deeply moved and inspired.

Following the performances, Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas addressed the gathering with a heartfelt Christmas message, sharing blessings and best wishes for the season. He was followed by the Vice-Principal, Rev. Fr. Melvin, who also extended warm festive greetings and encouraged the students to carry the spirit of Christmas throughout the year.

The morning assembly concluded with the National Anthem, bringing the joyous celebration to a graceful close. The event not only embraced the spirit of Christmas but also strengthened the sense of community, unity, and joy within the SFS family, creating cherished memories for all present.



SFS GUWAHATI INNOVATION SUMMIT 2024-25

The SFS Guwahati Innovation Summit 2025 was a vibrant celebration of student creativity, intellect, and forward-thinking ideas. Hosted on 10th January 2025 with the vision of fostering innovation and critical thinking, the summit served as an ideal platform for young minds to showcase their ingenuity and problem-solving skills. Students from various classes enthusiastically participated, presenting a wide array of projects and prototypes that highlighted their creativity, technical knowledge, and awareness of real-world challenges. From sustainable solutions and smart technology models to social impact ideas, the summit was a true reflection of the bright and innovative spirit of our Desalites.

The Innovation Summit was not just a display of ideas—it was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of our students. Their presentations, research, and hands-on exhibits were met with appreciation and admiration by visitors, teachers, and peers alike.

SFS Guwahati takes immense pride in providing such enriching platforms where students are empowered to think differently, explore boldly, and innovate fearlessly. The Innovation Summit 2025 was indeed a proud moment for the entire school community, celebrating the brilliance and potential of the next generation of changemakers.



RIISING DESALITES SHINE ON NATIONAL AND GLOBAL PLATFORMS

SFS Guwahati proudly celebrates the extraordinary achievements of our students who continue to raise the bar of excellence and bring laurels to the school on both national and global stages.

Prerana Sarma of Class XII (INT SC) has achieved a phenomenal milestone by securing a place in the Indian National Biology Olympiad (INBO) 2025. She is among just 4 students selected from Assam and one of 266 students from across India, chosen from a vast pool of 20,000–60,000 participants. Her remarkable accomplishment is a testament to her academic brilliance, determination, and passion for the biological sciences.

Aarohan Bora Sengupta of Class IX-B has made the school proud by being selected among the Top 10 students globally in the prestigious SOF Techfest IIT Bombay Innovation Challenge 2024. Competing against over 10,000 participants, Aarohan's innovation and creativity have earned him this exceptional recognition on a global platform.

These achievements highlight the dedication, perseverance, and exceptional potential of our Desalites. Their success is not only a personal triumph but also an inspiration for their peers to dream big and pursue excellence.

At SFS Guwahati, we remain committed to nurturing young talent, supporting their aspirations, and providing them with the platforms they need to shine.

Congratulations, Prerana and Aarohan! You make us immensely proud. Keep soaring high!



CLASS XI STUDENTS VISIT JOONBEEL MELA

On 18th January 2024, the Class XI Humanities students of SFS Guwahati embarked on a remarkable educational journey to the Joonbeel Mela, a centuries-old indigenous fair organized by the Tiwa-Lalung community of Assam. Known as one of the world's last remaining platforms for barter trade, the visit offered students an unforgettable window into the vibrant cultural and economic traditions of the region.

The experience was deeply enriching and immersive. Students witnessed firsthand the practice of bartering goods such as spices, handloom items, and vegetables—a tradition that continues to thrive amidst the fair's colorful and festive atmosphere. The mela also featured folk music, traditional dances, and rituals that celebrated the diverse heritage of Assam.

One of the most memorable highlights was the students' interaction with His Highness Deep Singh Deo-Raja and his courtiers, offering a rare opportunity to engage with the cultural custodians of this unique tradition. This interdisciplinary field visit beautifully aligned with the NEP 2020 vision of experiential learning, encouraging students to connect classroom knowledge with real-world cultural practices. It fostered values of harmony, brotherhood, and a deeper appreciation for socio-economic diversity, making it a truly transformative learning experience.



SFS STAFF PICNIC – A DAY OF FUN AND TOGETHERNESS

On 23rd January 2025, the SFS School staff came together for a much-awaited picnic at the scenic Khamrenga Beel, creating memories filled with laughter, bonding, and relaxation. The day was a perfect blend of nature, fun, and togetherness—an opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate amidst the school's busy schedule.

The picnic began with a hearty breakfast, setting a cheerful tone for the day. The tranquil surroundings of Khamrenga Beel provided a refreshing backdrop as the staff engaged in a variety of team games and lighthearted activities, sparking joy and camaraderie across the group.

With cheerful chatter and shared laughter echoing across the open space, the team relished a delicious lunch together, enjoying the warm hospitality and scenic beauty of the venue. The moments spent relaxing by the water and participating in group fun made it a truly refreshing experience for all.

The picnic was not just a day off—it was a celebration of the SFS family spirit, where bonds were strengthened and spirits uplifted. Events like these are a reminder of the importance of teamwork, appreciation, and the joy of shared experiences.

TAKING LEARNING TO NEW HEIGHTS – AEROMODELLING SHOW

On 25th January 2025, the students of SFS Guwahati were treated to an exhilarating and educational experience through a specially organized Aeromodelling Show. The event was designed to provide students with hands-on exposure to aircraft mechanics, design, and flight principles, merging science with innovation in a truly dynamic learning environment.

The show offered a rare opportunity for students to witness and engage with the fundamentals of aerodynamics, engineering, and aviation through interactive demonstrations and real-time model aircraft performances. Guided by aviation experts and enthusiasts, students explored the construction and control of model planes, gaining insights into the practical application of physics and mechanical design.

This unique initiative aimed not only to enhance technical knowledge but also to foster creativity, precision, and critical thinking. Students participated enthusiastically, asking questions, examining the mechanics closely, and even trying their hands at maneuvering models under supervision.

Beyond technical learning, the Aeromodelling Show also instilled essential life skills such as discipline, teamwork, and problem-solving—qualities vital for both academic and personal success. The experience inspired many to dream beyond the classroom, sparking an interest in fields like aerospace engineering and aviation science.





REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION 2025



St. Francis de Sales School, Guwahati, proudly celebrated the 76th Republic Day on 26th January 2025 with immense patriotic zeal and grandeur. The event, held at the school's Assembly Ground, brought together students, staff, and guardians in a memorable celebration of India's democratic legacy.

The program began at 8:00 AM with the escort of the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, Provincial MSFS, by the NCC cadets—setting a tone of discipline and dignity. A soulful rendition of the prayer song “I Love My India” followed, evoking deep national pride. The Chief Guest was warmly felicitated, and the Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, delivered an inspiring welcome address emphasizing the importance of the day.

At 8:25 AM, the National Flag was unfurled by the Chief Guest, accompanied by the National Anthem and a spirited march past by the four school houses and the school band. The synchronization and precision showcased the students' dedication and unity.



The cultural segment was vibrant and meaningful. Students from Classes VI to XI enthralled the audience with a dynamic patriotic dance. Spriha Sanyal of Class XI Humanities delivered a powerful speech reflecting on the values of the Republic and the pivotal role of youth in nation-building. Younger students from Classes II to V presented a patriotic dance drama portraying India's journey to freedom, followed by a melodious group song by students of Classes VI to XI, celebrating India's diversity and unity.

Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, in his address, urged students and staff to uphold constitutional values and contribute actively to the nation's progress. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, followed by the school anthem, symbolizing unity, pride, and commitment to excellence.

The event concluded by 9:30 AM, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of patriotism and responsibility. The Republic Day celebration at SFS Guwahati was not only a tribute to our nation but also a testament to the school's dedication to instilling values of citizenship and cultural pride in its students.

DESALITE STUDENTS OLYMPIAD 2025 – NURTURING YOUNG MINDS

On 6th February 2025, St. Francis de Sales School, Guwahati, successfully conducted the much-anticipated Desalite Students Olympiad 2025, an academic initiative aimed at fostering a spirit of healthy competition, curiosity, and intellectual growth among students. Students from Classes I to IX enthusiastically participated in the Olympiad, showcasing their academic prowess across various subjects. The exam served as an excellent platform for students to apply their classroom learning, enhance their problem-solving skills, and develop confidence in a structured and competitive environment.

The Desalite Students Olympiad is a significant step toward promoting academic excellence, aligning perfectly with the school's vision of nurturing holistic development in young learners. The initiative not only encourages a love for learning but also helps identify and support budding talent from an early age.

The school commends all participants for their enthusiasm and determination and looks forward to celebrating their achievements in the upcoming results.

Kudos to our young Desalites for taking this step toward intellectual growth and excellence!



A DAY OF INTELLECT, EXCITEMENT, AND ACHIEVEMENT – THE MIND GYM QUIZ

On 6th February 2025, SFS Guwahati witnessed an intellectually stimulating event—the Mind Gym Quiz. This event was the culmination of months of rigorous preparation, as students earned their spots through dedication and outstanding performance in the Mindspark challenges held from October 1, 2024, to January 15, 2025.

The quiz brought together some of the brightest minds from the school, who showcased their vast knowledge across a range of subjects, demonstrating not only academic excellence but also strategic thinking and teamwork. The students' enthusiasm and competitive spirit were truly commendable as they tackled questions with confidence and poise. The event was further elevated by the presence of distinguished guests, Ms. Pooja Kapoor from Educational Initiatives (Ei) and our Vice-Principal, Rev. Fr. Melvin Parambukattil. Their support and encouragement added to the occasion, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

Kudos to all the participants for their impressive performances! Their hard work, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship were on full display, making the quiz a true celebration of knowledge and intellectual growth. The Mind Gym Quiz was not just a test of academic prowess but also a platform for students to demonstrate the value of perseverance, learning, and teamwork.

DESALITE TEACHERS OLYMPIAD 2025 – A PLATFORM FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

On 8th February 2025, St. Francis de Sales School, Guwahati, successfully conducted the Desalite Teachers Olympiad, a unique platform designed to challenge and celebrate the knowledge, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills of our dedicated educators.

The Olympiad brought together our teaching staff, offering them an opportunity to demonstrate their expertise across various academic and pedagogical domains. This event was not just about testing knowledge but about fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional excellence, core values that resonate deeply with our school's commitment to providing the best educational experience to our students. The Desalite Teachers Olympiad emphasized the importance of lifelong learning for educators, ensuring they stay engaged with evolving teaching methodologies and trends. The event also served as a reminder of the collective responsibility to nurture and inspire the next generation of leaders.

We are incredibly proud of our educators for their enthusiasm and commitment to excellence. The Desalite Teachers Olympiad is one step forward in empowering our faculty and encouraging them to constantly evolve and strive for professional growth.



BLESSING CEREMONY OF CLASSES X & XII (BATCH 2024-25)

On 10th February 2025, St. Francis de Sales School, Guwahati, conducted a solemn Blessing Ceremony for the students of Classes X and XII, who are about to embark on the pivotal journey of their board examinations. The ceremony, which began at 8:00 AM, aimed to invoke blessings and offer spiritual support as the students prepare for this crucial academic milestone.

In his address, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal, delivered words of encouragement, emphasizing the importance of faith, discipline, and focus in achieving academic success. He reassured the students that the entire school community stands united behind them, offering both moral and spiritual support throughout their examination period.

The Blessing Ceremony, which concluded at 8:20 AM, not only served as a source of spiritual grounding but also reflected the school's holistic approach to education. By integrating faith and community support, SFS Guwahati aims to nurture the academic, emotional, and spiritual well-being of its students, ensuring they are well-equipped to face the challenges ahead.

As the students left the ceremony, they carried with them the blessings of the school community, a renewed sense of confidence, and a steadfast determination to face their board exams with grace and resilience.



SPARKLES 2025 – A JOYFUL SHOWCASE OF OUR LITTLE STARS

The campus of SFS Guwahati radiated with joy and excitement on 26th February 2025 as our tiniest stars from L.K.G and U.K.G lit up the stage during Sparkles 2025 – a special celebration akin to their Annual Day. Held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Mermier Hall, the event was a heartwarming showcase of energy, creativity, and innocence.

Parents gathered in large numbers to witness their little ones shine on stage through a series of mesmerizing performances and adorable expressions. From vibrant dances to lively skits and musical renditions, the performances not only entertained but also highlighted the confidence and talent of our youngest Desalites. The event was a beautiful culmination of weeks of hard work and coordination by our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students. It also served as a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect with their children's learning journey and celebrate their milestones.

A big round of applause to all the young performers, teachers, and parents for making Sparkles 2025 a resounding success! The morning left everyone with smiles, applause, and cherished memories that will be treasured for years to come.



OPEN HOUSE INTERACTION FOR CLASSES LKG–VIII

From 1st to 21st March 2025, St. Francis de Sales School, Guwahati, conducted a week-long Open House Interaction for the parents of Classes LKG to VIII at the Mermier Hall. The interactive sessions served as a valuable platform for open dialogue, clarity, and deeper understanding between the school and parents, reinforcing the spirit of collaboration in the child's educational journey.

Parents had the opportunity to engage in one-on-one interactions with the Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, where individual queries and concerns were addressed thoughtfully and transparently. These sessions were highly appreciated by the parents, as they offered a direct channel for communication and shared insights.

A key highlight of the Open House was the PowerPoint presentations that introduced and explained various innovative learning tools used at SFS Guwahati. Special emphasis was placed on the School Cinema books, a unique audio-visual educational resource designed to foster life skills and emotional intelligence among young learners. Parents were also briefed about the teaching methodologies, academic goals, and co-curricular plans for the year ahead.

The sessions created a positive environment where parents felt heard, valued, and involved in the academic and emotional development of their children.



STAR ASSEMBLY WINNERS



We are delighted to announce the Star Assembly Winners for this session at SFS Guwahati, recognizing classes that stood out for their creativity, discipline, coordination, and overall presentation during the morning assemblies.

These assemblies are a hallmark of student engagement and learning beyond textbooks, and our students have once again proved their mettle through inspiring performances and meaningful messages.

Category I-II: Class I B

Category III-V: Class V D

Category VI-VIII: Class VII C & VIII C

Category IX-XII: Class XI IC NEET



Each of these classes impressed the judges with their teamwork, innovative ideas, confident delivery, and the spirit of unity they brought to the stage. These assemblies not only showcased talents but also fostered public speaking, moral values, and leadership among students.

A big congratulations to all the winners! Your dedication and enthusiasm continue to raise the bar for excellence at SFS Guwahati.

TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAM: EMPOWERING EDUCATORS FOR EXCELLENCE

From 24th to 27th March 2025, SFS School, Guwahati, organized an inspiring Teachers' Training Program as part of its ongoing commitment to academic excellence and professional development. This enriching initiative brought together our dedicated educators for a series of dynamic and insightful training sessions aimed at enhancing teaching methodologies, fostering creativity, and adopting innovative learning strategies in line with 21st-century educational needs.

The sessions were thoughtfully designed to empower teachers with new perspectives on classroom management, learner-centric approaches, effective integration of technology in education, and creative pedagogy. Through engaging discussions, hands-on activities, and reflective practices, teachers explored ways to make learning more impactful and inclusive.



EMPOWERING OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM THROUGH CONTINUOUS LEARNING AT IIT GUWAHATI

At SFS Guwahati, we believe that growth is a continuous journey—and this philosophy extends to our leadership team. On 28th March 2025, our management team had the enriching opportunity to participate in Revamp & Rise 2025: Annual Refresher Program, a prestigious workshop held at IIT Guwahati, designed to sharpen leadership acumen and strengthen institutional effectiveness.

The workshop was facilitated by distinguished experts—Dr. John Jose, Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac, Dr. Kuldeep Baishya, and Ms. Sumedha Walia—whose insights helped redefine perspectives on educational leadership, strategic planning, emotional intelligence, and constructive communication. The sessions were structured to deliver maximum impact through interactive discussions and real-world applications.

A Day of Insight and Engagement

From 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, participants engaged in four dynamic sessions:

- Extreme Leadership by Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac explored key leadership values, adaptive decision-making, and resilience during challenges.
- Marketing Services in the Context of Schools by Dr. Kuldeep Baishya emphasized building an educational brand without compromising on core values.
- The Art of Giving Constructive Criticism by Dr. Abraham Cyril Issac offered actionable strategies to deliver feedback that motivates and improves.
- Emotional Intelligence by Ms. Sumedha Walia highlighted the role of self-awareness and empathy in team management and conflict resolution.

The session saw enthusiastic participation from our Principal, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Vice Principals, Academic Director, Senior Coordinators, Coordinators, HR personnel, and Administrative Office representatives. Their collective involvement demonstrated SFS Guwahati's unwavering commitment to quality leadership and dynamic school governance. As a gesture of heartfelt appreciation, the SFS team felicitated the esteemed facilitators for their time, wisdom, and mentorship. Their contribution will undoubtedly leave a lasting imprint on the vision and operations of SFS Guwahati.

The workshop concluded with a gracious Vote of Thanks delivered by Fr. Melvin, Vice Principal, expressing deep gratitude to the resource persons, IIT Guwahati, and all participants. This immersive experience marked another meaningful step in SFS Guwahati's journey towards excellence in leadership and innovation in education.

With renewed enthusiasm and strategic insights, our management team now stands better equipped to navigate the evolving landscape of education—ensuring that SFS Guwahati continues to shine as a beacon of visionary leadership.



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