

# Campus Buzz



**DON BOSCO INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT  
GUWAHATI**

## II year MBA picnic to Tigheria (10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018)



Those picnic plans and excitement cannot go in vain, a husky voice emanated from the diehard picnic enthusiasts. It's either now or we never go for picnic. So into the last days of our journey at DBIM, a time of get together outside our usual mundane was set for Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. Picnic is a time we come together, once a year to relax, chat, cook delicious meals, play and dance. The spirit kicked off on the morning of Saturday, a beautiful sunny day with a great team to accompany us, Sister Anna Molly, Sir Pradeep, Sir Hrishikesh and Sir Abhinav. Though we started a bit off the scheduled, but nothing deterred our positive mood. The bus was accompanied by a circus of strange noises and hardly five minutes into our journey the entertainment didn't even needed an intro, a few of those energetic feet and hands starting swaying and rocking the floor to every beat that was blaring from the bus speakers. Bollywood tunes, khasi tunes and Assamese tunes made our dancers kill for every beat. You can well imagine!

Our destination was Tigheria Picnic Spot, it is 8kms away from our university at Tepesia. It is located amongst the dried yellow paddy fields and the green clad hills. To add more to its beauty is a stream that runs down the rockscape from the hill above. A picturesque place for those intending to double or triple their facebook likes. One's predictions were true that the cameras worked tirelessly. Moving on, we all began assembling our cooking spot and work began fast. Our cooking friends had enough support starting from heart-warming Sister Anna Molly to our superstar teachers and wonderful friends to start off the cooking process and soon enough everything was in place. To add more zing to our energy at the picnic, Fr. Johnson our Executive Director, Fr. Johny our Director along with newly married couple Mr. Loui and Mrs. Maria joined us sometime past mid-day. We felt very privileged to have them with us on our very last DBIM picnic. It was even more special because Mr. Loui and Mrs. Maria recently got married, a special guest indeed. We were overjoyed by their presence.

Before others could whine whether the food was ready or not? Hot steam filled the air as containers of food were being organized so we could start eating. Father Johnson led us into a wonderful prayer. I can recall Fr. Johny happily saying "We are glad to reached just in time, just

in time for food with you our colourful youths". We all sat down for a soothing picnic lunch, some squashed together in one place others got peculiar sitting places to enjoy their sumptuous lunch.

Before the day could wrap up in darkness, we set our things back to the bus. A few of us played football with the teachers and a few of us danced like never before. It was such a memorable trip. We then took a group photo to conclude the class picnic of 2018 batch. We couldn't be grateful enough for the overwhelming support given by the institute under the leadership of Father Johnson and Father Johnny , Sister Anna Molly and our wonderful teachers. A big Thank you to everyone who made picnic 2018 a success.

- Contributed by Garry Skhemborlang Azarel Umdor, MBA, IInd Year, DBIM

### **Extension lecture on StockMind-6 (February 9, 2018)**



Don Bosco Institute of Management organized an Extension Lecture 'Stock Mind-6' on 9th February 2018 for the 1st and 2nd Year batch of MBA students. The event serves as a breeding ground for all those who wish to make big fortunes through investments in the stock market in future. In its sixth season now, StockMind challenges the sharpest minds across the country by offering them a platform to learn, compete and win exciting prizes. It's a nationwide initiative that allows students to understand the nuances of stock investing in an easy, exciting and risk-free manner and has been featured as a 'Largest Competition on Stock Investments' under Business section of 2016 edition of Limca Book of Records.

The competition encourages students to learn the nuances of the stock market by using virtual money in real market situations, thereby eliminating monetary risks. Ms. Smita Chakraborty, Zonal Marketing Manager-East, ICICI Securities Ltd gave the key highlights of Stock Mind competition. She explained the importance of Stock Market trading to students and the

opportunity of Virtual trading platform that allows risk free trading with virtual money. The students were motivated to participate in the online trading game that would open from 12th February for 7 days which requires them to test their decision making and analytical skills. The competition would fetch exciting prizes at all levels, participation certificate to all students and a Grand Prize of Rupees one lakh to the national winner.

### **Cultural Day 2018 (5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018)**



The annual cultural day was organized on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. The first year MBA students took the lead in organizing the event. The theme was "Unity in Diversity". Fr Johnson Parackal, Rector DBIM gave the welcome address. Thereafter there was a ppt presentation depicting the cultural backgrounds of the students studying at DBIM. This was followed by a message from Fr P.D. Johny. The students organized a number of games. The highlight of the program was the ramp walk followed by "Mr and Miss DBIM" and the "Best Dress" competition. The program culminated with the prize distribution for the winners.

## JourNEI 2018 (March 6-7, 2018)



This year, Don Bosco Institute of Management organized its annual college fest, JourNEI, as a three-day extravaganza. The first day was an in-house cultural day. The second day was dedicated to management specific events and competitions. The third day saw events open to all college going students.

The Cultural Day on March 5 began with Fr. (Dr.) P. D. John, Director, DBIM, welcoming Fr. Johnson Parackal, Rector, DBIM, the chief guest of the inaugural program. All the MBA students participated in the program in their traditional dresses. The highlight of the day was a cultural presentation by the student showcasing the cultures of their native states.

Day 2 saw students from around ten management colleges from the city of Guwahati participating in the various management events like business plan, case study, stock market, best manager and the like. Fr. V. M. Thomas, Salesian Provincial of the Province of Guwahati, and founding rector of DBIM, was the chief guest for the inaugural program. During his inaugural speech, Fr. V. M. stressed on the importance of collaboration and networking. He said that events like JourNEI not only allowed students to compete but also provided a wonderful platform to network and collaborate.

March 7, day 3 of JourNEI saw events open to all college students like singing competition, group dancing competition, ramp walk, etc. Students from over 20 colleges participated. The day began with a brief inauguration program with Fr. Johnson Parackal, Rector, DBIM, as the chief guest. It ended with the prize distribution ceremony. Mr. Paul Lokho, Chief Operating Officer, North East Rural Livelihood Mission, was the chief guest and he distributed the awards to the winners.

## **International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018)**



DBIM observed the “International Women’s Day” on March 8 in a short and sweet but grand celebration during the morning assembly. The chief guests of the event were all the women staff of DBI, DBIM and Mothers from Kerala. Fr. (Dr.) P. D. John anchored the program where he showcased the power of women through various questions he posed to the male staff and students. Ms. Pinky Sarkar, staff of DBI, delivered the keynote address where she talked about the power of women by citing examples of her mother. Sr. Anna Molly and Sr. Ruth provided their views on what made women so powerful. The celebrations ended with a song performance by Fr. Paulus Guria, Sr. Anna Molly and Mr. Ravi praising God for the gift of women.

## **Prajjwal Day (March 18, 2018)**

The Amphitheatre looked beautiful, even more when our Prajjwal students started flowing in numbers by the minute. The programme initiated at 10 a.m. on 18th March 2018 with a prayer song and lighting of the lamp formally carried out by the members of Prajjwal amidst the presence of everyone in the programme. Mr. Hrishikesh, the teacher in charge of Prajjwal then welcomed everyone and facilitated the chief guest of the programme Fr. (Dr.) P.D. John (Director of DBIM), Fr. Pojit, and Fr. Paulus. Mr. Alakesh, one of the teacher in charge also spoke about the progress of Prajjwal since its inception and how the neighbourhood kids have grown and progressed with the support from Prajjwal. The programme then started off with various entertaining events performed by the DBIM, DBI and Prajjwal students. These events gave a lot of fuel to the programme as the kids had the best time of their lives singing, dancing,

etc. They enjoyed the performances, specially prepared for them, to their fullest. The kids performed a beautiful Assamese song, and a skit that taught how important moral values are.



These amazing activities finally came to an end with the prize distribution ceremony. The stars of Prajjwal were facilitated with gifts. The rest were also not forgotten as notebooks were gifted to each student who attended the event. It was an unforgettable experience and such a pleasure for each one of the MBA students to get an opportunity to help these less privileged kids.

### **Farewell Day (2<sup>nd</sup> April) for Batch 2016-2018**

A farewell ceremony was arranged in honour of the outgoing MBA student's batch 2016-18 on 2nd April 2018. As is the tradition, the 1<sup>st</sup> year MBA had organized a beautiful and memorable program. The function began at 3:30 p.m. led by a prayer recited by Veronica, a 1<sup>st</sup> year student. Rev. Fr. Johnson Parackal (Rector of DBIM) , Rev. Fr. P.D. John (Director DBIM), Rev. Fr. Pojit Marak, Rev. Fr. Paulous and Sir Chandan Dutta (Academic Coordinator, DBIM) were present to acknowledge the program.



The day was a fiesta devoted to the years spent together with friends and teachers to reminisce joyous moments. To mark this special occasion, lamps were lighted. The lamp becomes a form of fire or "Tej" in Sanskrit .Light in occasion such as this, reminds us all of the presence of peace, positive brightness, to compel away darkness and more especially to ensure success to those who are stepping out into the world. A special number was performed by Aiban , a beautiful song to remind the 2<sup>nd</sup> years to put God ahead in our lives and to belief that HE is there to guide them when they fall, when they are lost. The song insist that the outgoing batch continue to find grace and strength as we journey ahead after we leave Don Bosco Institute of Management.

Soon after, Rev.Fr.P.D. John , Director of DBIM shared his experiences and poured his affections and love for the outgoing students. He carefully made the students go back and imagine the first time they entered DBIM, the first friend, the interview, the first interaction with teachers, the first class in Lohit, the programs in Sairaihat, the performances in Amphitheater and the games in basketball . All these little things are so precious, it will carry with you wherever you go, so cherish them. More importantly you will carry each one of us as you leave. Fr. P.D John also lovingly called Fr.Johny had a beautiful message to share to all the outgoing students, he portrayed a lovely song "Go light your world" with a presentation where all of the students of 2<sup>nd</sup> years were highlighted. The song so beautifully captured the hearts of the students, the song reminds them to hold the candles for all to see, so that they can light the world. Fr. Johny's main intention is to let us know that all students are born with a purpose to bring light to where darkness prevails, to set our goals high and to bring positive changes to society. His intentions were nicely depicted and students felt special by the humble gesture.

The passing out students, got their last chance of representing on the stage. This time, they wanted everyone to know that they love DBIM beyond words. The song "More than words" exactly portrays that. It was an emotional time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> years to express this meaningful yet touching song. On a lighter note, a few of them expressed their experiences about their journey in DBIM. First of the speakers is Garry Umdor, he stressed on the consistent change that DBIM had bought not just to his life but to all the students. DBIM has the best of everything, learning from amongst the best teachers, we believe that it will take us far. Our future is in safe hands as our teachers have done their part well. Second of the speakers was Grayland, he expressed that DBIM showed a lot of love, in return he expressed that the love of DBIM will be carried in

the hearts of all the 2016 -2018 batch wherever they are. Amongst the girls, Maureen highlighted her journey from the beginning. Her feelings of expectation as she looked forward to studying in DBIM and then two years passed by and here she is, she happily praises how DBIM had moulded her being. Now, she is fearless, independent and focused, "here is the Maureen that you all see". Expressed Maureen on the influence of the institute to her life all along. Despite being far from home, she was able to find so much support and love from all around. For that she appreciated everyone who was part of her life.

The superhero behind every success and behind the operations at DBIM, cannot take place without the one and only Sir Chandan Dutta. His speech at the farewell program was humorous yet profound. He emphasized that as students leave, the contact between the teachers and the students will decrease. On this very notion, Sir Chandan told the students that they should keep in touch. As keeping in-touch goes a long way.

Rev. Fr. Johnson Parackal, had the last final words before the program winded up. It was an evening so meaningful and memorable indeed. Father had eloquently said, "It is one of the most heart touching programs wherein I could feel that our 2<sup>nd</sup> years friends will be soon away from us, having only their memories remain will be tough on our part but we can only hope and pray that they rise and shine. That you carry your candles to light the world."

The remaining part of the evening, Father Johnson and Father Johny had organized a boat Cruise in the Brahmaputra River. Filled with joy and happiness, students got in time to move in the iconic Don Bosco buses. Sometime after, everyone had gathered at "Alfresco Grand Cruises". The evening cruise ride was honoured for the 2<sup>nd</sup> years on behalf of the DBIM family. There was a lot to talk about the evening. The students were accompanied by all the teachers, Father Johnson and Father Johny and Br. John. It was one in a lifetime event, a precious time to spend with friends, amazing Fathers and loving teachers. As the cruise geared up stream and encircled the iconic Umananda Island, it was amidst a lot of dancing and singing. Dinner was served, and a lot of reflections were shared amongst the crowd. Both the Fathers were thrilled to see the students having so much fun. It was evident that the Father want the best of the best to be given to the students. They were given a thunderous applause for their generosity and kindness. The notion of a Don Bosco Father came alive just as Don Bosco famously said "It is enough that you are young for me to love you". Fr. Johnson and Fr. Johny truly depicted the face of Don Bosco. Always for the betterment of the youth and their development. From the stringent and focused academic plans that students have to endure to a time of enjoyment and celebration, Don Bosco Institute of Management is the place to be and a place the 2016-2018 MBA batch will truly remember and cherish as they journey ahead in life.