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Journeying in hope...

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CLASS OF 2016

Message from the Chancellor

As the Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) moves into its permanent campus at Tapesia, it has come a long way since its inception as an idea in the minds of a few individuals way back in 2005. As always, great ventures begin as ideas, more often as wild dreams, in the minds of daring individuals; the greatness of these individuals consists in selling the idea they have, as a possible realistic venture, to the organisation of which they are members, for the organisation to carry it forward as a social venture. This is precisely what happened to the ADBU idea.

The concept of a Don Bosco university was taken up as a viable idea by the then superiors of the Don Bosco Society worldwide, and specifically of the Province of Guwahati, who saw in it the wisdom and foresight of the pioneers of the idea. Don Bosco Society Province of Guwahati set about realizing the dream of a Don Bosco University in Assam, as a collective effort. Refraining from mentioning individual names of those associated with the initial ADBU idea, I would be remiss if I did not mention Fr. Sebastian Karotemprel SDB, of happy memory, in giving the lead to the idea and dream of a Don Bosco University, contributing substantially to making the dream a reality.

Many hardships and hurdles had to be overcome in the process of actualising the idea of ADBU and making the dream take on concrete shapes and contours, both in terms of infrastructure and academics. Fr. Stephen Mavelly SDB, the current Vice Chancellor of ADBU, was appointed the team leader to make the dream come true. The ADBU as it exists today is testimony to their resilience and hard work. I place on record the gratitude of the entire Don Bosco Province of Guwahati to the sterling leadership given by him in making such a resounding success of our Province venture, despite the many obstacles, big and small and of different natures. The Don Bosco province of Guwahati is definitely committed to the Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU), be it from the human resources point of view



or from its financial and infrastructural requirements that will help to actualize the dreams and goals of the young for a personally fulfilled and dignified life.

"Carpe Diem" in Latin from the Roman poet Horace, is what you read on the ADBU logo. Today we read it in English as "Seize the Opportunity." The Assam Don Bosco University is the avenue for fulfilling the dreams of the less privileged and disadvantaged youth of our region who are unable to pursue their higher education elsewhere due to lack of means. Here is the opportunity; seize it with both your hands and take it to heart to realize your dreams and climb the heights of your self-fulfillment and achievements.

Congratulations to the graduating batch of 2016.

I wish you blessings of the Almighty and success in your adventure of life.

*Fr. Thomas Vattathara (VM) SDB
Provincial*



Message from the Vice Chancellor

'Journeying in hope...' is a highly evocative phrase that defines for individuals, institutions, civilizations and peoples the sum and substance of their experiences as they chased a dream, lived through some of the most exhilarating or harrowing chapters of their individual or collective stories, met with triumph and disaster along the way, tasted the heady smell of success or bit the dust in dark despair, breezed through seasons in the sun and shivered through the incessant rainy days - a phrase that is replete with the lived experience of holding on "when there is nothing in you except the Will which says 'Hold on!'"

'Journeying in hope...' is what the Israelites did in the desert for forty long years when the Promised Land kept eluding them. It remained a tantalizing dream and a promise that seemed never to materialize... The interminable turns, twists, meanderings, the pains and aches - they never seemed to end... Just when they seemed to have reached the very limit of their endurance came the joys and the miracles (small and big), the manna and the quails, vines laden with grapes they had not planted, pomegranates and figs in plenty, gurgling brooks and the majestic Jordan river - literally the land flowing with milk and honey, the plains of Jericho.

'Journeying in hope...' is what we as a University community has done these past nine years... The evening of the 24th of August 2007 was when that journey began - the road to Tapesia! That was when Fr CV George and I, accompanied by Mr Utpal Gogoi, made our first visit to Tapesia Tea Estate. We walked through pelting rain that evening for quite a while to get a feel of the place. An hour later, getting back into the car, dripping wet, our shoes a soggy mess, we made our decision: 'we have been to the mountain top, and we have seen the Promised Land - Tapesia is going to be the site for the University... all 814 bighas of it!'

Since that tryst with destiny, Tapesia has been a vision... .. a tantalising vision that kept eluding us over nine long years ... During these years, we have had our hopes raised time and again only to be dashed to the ground every time - umpteen number of times...

But, now, we do not look backward at the pain, the anxiety and the heart-breaking disappointments that dogged our path to Tapesia... They remain 'the tales of yesterday'... Today, as our theme for the year says, our eyes are glued on the present moment brimming with opportunities waiting to be recognized, grasped and appropriated... Carpe Diem!

Today, we look forward to the days ahead holding promise of developing this land into the ideal setting for an exceptionally attractive campus that will provide the best of ambiance and opportunities for our students and faculty... for generations to come!

'Journeying in hope...' is not what one would associate with the two dejected disciples on their way to the village of Emmaus. The Messiah had roused their hopes, raised their expectations, put a spring into their steps - they had felt they could dream again!



Disaster struck on Good Friday - the all too familiar taste of mud in the mouth! All seemed lost as they took to the road back home - they trudged on in silence, dragging one leaden foot after another. That's when a fellow traveller joined them on their weary road - what followed at the breaking of bread remains even today a testimony to the abiding and nurturing presence of a Power greater than your own that you can lean on, that accompanies you all the way as you 'journey on in hope...!'

To our graduating class of 2016, as we bid you farewell in the words of the traditional song, "God be with you till we meet again," we pray that God will indeed guide your ways and purposes to their end.

During your years here, you would have realized that Don Bosco University has been designed to provide you with the best of ambiance to grow and develop, to blossom into the leaders of tomorrow -

- leaders with a human face,
- leaders with a vision in their hearts and on their minds
- leaders who will leave their footprints wherever they find themselves in life
- leaders who will notice and lend a hand to the little guy on the sidestreet...

I am sure that you would have found that Don Bosco University is a good place to be in, to learn, to work, and to grow! Eight years old now, this grand venture is fast developing into one of the best things that is happening in our part of the world... You have been, and will continue to be an intimate part of this growth, with you as our ambassadors, this message shall reverberate across the world.

Let me also say this, 'Just like the University, and just like every bit of creation in fact, you and I are works in the making... The road ahead offers you a large canvass to work on, with infinite possibilities for years to come!

Learn to dream; learn to dare; learn to risk; and, above all, learn to hope and trust... Miracles do happen - they happen to the ones that dream, and the ones that dare to chase that dream, with hope and trust!

Let me wish you, an abundance of God's blessings as you 'journey on in hope...!'

- Fr. (Dr) Stephen Mavelly
Rector & Vice Chancellor

Reminiscences from the Gold Medalists



Rodney Borneo

MSc (Psychology)

The two years spent in Assam Don Bosco University have taught me some very important lessons for life. These are over and above the significant theoretical and clinical advancements facilitated by lectures, classes and workshops. Two of those important lessons are responsibility and the ability of thinking-beyond.

In our Department of Psychology we are the third Masters' batch and therefore it wouldn't be wrong to say that we are a fledgling department. Yet the strength of teaching and the sheer force of dedication that drove our department opened for each of us, a vista of infinite avenues. I can confidently say that I have become someone who is eager to turn what is limited into limitless. Our strength to form ourselves into a department that heals and cares came not from our quantity but from the quality of our character that the faculty of our department was able to bring to the fore. Our teachers were our gurus who have held us by the hand and have told us "You can fly!" And yet, most importantly, ADBU has instilled in our hearts that we live not only for ourselves but in a large measure, for others. This social dimension, something that is sine qua non to the art of counseling became

not just a part of university routine but a passion that will continue to urge my companions and me to march on as members of the healing fraternity. Wherever I go, a part of ADBU will be with me in lieu of that part of me which, I feel, will remain forever at ADBU. God bless ADBU!



Rissalin Syiemlieh

- MSc (Physics)

I still remember the day I met our teachers in the Department of Physics for the first time. We were all excited as we were the first batch of students in the new Department. Knowing the challenge of pioneering a new Department in a University like ours, the teachers took extra care for our academic and personal improvements. With the initiatives of the Department, I took part in a number of workshops and attended lectures conducted by various scientists from different specializations, and out of all the workshops I attended, the one I value the most was the workshop on "ASTROPHYSICAL DATA ANALYSIS, organised by our department in collaboration with Tezpur University and sponsored by Inter-University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, held on 21st -23rd March, 2016 in our University. It was a great and memorable workshop as we got to learn and interact with people who are highly experienced in the field I am keenly interested in. I still remember the way they taught us of how to analyse datas obtained by satellite using a software called IRAF. The experience was surreal.

I am really grateful to the University for having taught me the ways of life, and encouraged me to fight to improve every single day. It taught me lessons on how to get along with people from different backgrounds. It's a blessing from GOD.

On my last day at the University, I realized how fast two years had gone by, and as we exchanged best wishes with one another I got really emotional. I never thought that one could get so attached to everyone in a class the way I did.

The University, and my Department in particular have nurtured me, helped me to grow not only in academic but also as a human being in various ways. I am looking forward and pray that one day in the future, I will make all my teachers proud. Last, but not the least, to all my friends from this university, who were always my strength and support, who helped me when I fall, I want you to know that it would have not been possible for me to be the person I am today without you guys. Thank you so much! And may God bless you all! Long live Assam Don Bosco University!!

Nasiha Idrees

MA in Education (Educational Leadership)

I saw ADBU's advertisement, when I was searching for an educational leadership master's program. When I surfed through the website I must say, the pictures were attractive - Clean campus with spacious green area. I didn't want to have a second thought as I made up my mind instantly. My 'concerned' friends and family suggested me to change my decision because they often hear many terrifying 'made-up' news about North East India.

My very 1st entrance to the campus surprised me as I saw what was exactly on the website which rarely happens. Education department of ADBU is all about multiple cultures. Our department represented the whole of the North East. My two years in Guwahati had been simply amazing because the very first day, I was given a warm welcome by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Stephen Mavely and the HoD of Education, Dr. Paul Pudussery. Moreover, the help rendered by the registrar, Dr. Basil Koikara can never be forgotten in my life. Furthermore, my professors of ADBU are truly the best that I ever met. Last but not the least, my classmates became lifetime friends.

It was exclusively a new experience that I had in ADBU for two years. MEL program was a real challenge for me. What I liked most about the program was the daily readings as I had to spend hours to complete them. It was also so exciting to adjust to a multi-cultural classroom. In addition, we were given enough responsibilities to organize national and international conferences.

However, with all these challenges I have become a better human being in many fields. Therefore, I am really grateful for every second I spent in ADBU. It has highly contributed to make me a better individual. ADBU's friendly culture has taught me lessons worth millions of dollars every day.

Rasal Xess

Masters in Social Work

I embraced ADBU with an open heart and experienced life in its fullness. Thank you again dear teachers and friends for the time we shared our lives together. Congratulations and God's blessings to each one of you wherever you are.

"What is your vision for India?" was the single line question paused by Mass Communication Department on the eve of 69th Independence Day celebration in the university. I picked up the sketch and wrote, "as long as I am alive no child in my village will die of hunger or remain illiterate". And they awarded me a tiny, beautiful table clock that continuously reminds about passing of time and my share of mission in life. Way back home I made a survey in the village, thanks to the traditional practice of tribal communitarian living, this assured me no child will die of hunger in my village. What about the education? 6 students really deserved financial assistance for schooling and I am there by their side.

Sorry, should I talk about academics? Two years was a very short time, the learning continues. Excuse me, the clock is clicking. A list of dreams to be chased, of course, one at a time. Now, I am just an Assistant Director of an NGO called "UPAYA" also heading the Migration Ministry and Anti-human Trafficking Cell of India East Province under the Society of the Divine Word. I still cherish the joy of exploring my horizons by asking questions in the class. Hence, let me ask another question. Friends, have you ever encountered God? God is alive in human beings and most visible in poor and less privileged. My classmates are familiar with the phrase "hurry up slowly", yes, let's hurry up slowly; we have a share of mission in life.





Dency Varghese Mundunadackal

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

My life at the School of Commerce and Management can be termed as one of the best times of my life. My first travel beyond South India gave me experiences of different tastes – sour, sweet, bitter...

When I was asked to write about my experience at the School of Commerce and Management so many wonderful memories came to mind that I wasn't quite sure where to start. Studying at the School of Commerce and Management was definitely more than an educational experience; it was an experience of a lifetime! It was truly a time of academic and personal growth!

Our campus has the best ambience being located on the banks of the mighty river Brahmaputra. We had the best teachers, who would drop to our level and be like students with us. They have all been very supportive by giving us opportunities to get maximum exposure. The professors are top quality and all of them are the best in their field, making themselves approachable and available for our needs. Many

of their sessions will stay with me because of their sincere life advice.

Although the nature of the program is intense and fast-paced, it is certainly a rewarding experience both in and out of the classroom. The courses are designed to enhance not only theoretical knowledge but the ability to work well with others and manage time effectively-lessons to be carried with you wherever you go in life. ADBU's dual master's program is a valuable asset over most MBA programs, allowing a competitive advantage in the job market over most MBA graduates.

Every course material is perfectly structured in order to learn and understand every concept; through every case and group work assigned my leadership style and my strengths as a leader have improved like I never imagined. As students we were given the opportunity to get involved in all the extracurricular activities especially that of social significance in helping out the less privileged students of the village nearby. The extension lectures and experience sharing of the young and successful entrepreneurs really gave us real insight into our future programmes.

Believe me, when I tell you, here you will grow but also create memories that you never expected, memories that will be impossible to forget!



Runjun Das

Master of Computer Applications (MCA)

Looking back at the past three years, I can't help but wonder how much the University has changed me for good.

I remember the day our Department organized a 'One Day Computer Awareness Program' in the year 2015. A group of 5 students of MCA and 2 teachers of our department visited a school at Maligaon, Guwahati. After a brief introduction by one of our teachers we started our programme. We took turn in addressing the students and teachers of the School discussing basic knowledge of computer – how it evolves and also discussing about software and what it is all about in a very simple terms. One of the students of our group presented about cyber-crime and the harmfulness of it – a concept which was totally new to them. Seeing how eager the students were to learn about the computer and how it has brought in a lot of changes in the world encouraged me to study harder. For me, it was the first such outreach programme which opened my eyes to the values and importance of knowledge sharing.

After the presentations and group discussion, we also organized a quiz program for the students and gave award to the winners. Our department has since, organized a number of such outreach programmes and I am glad that the University encourages such activity which means a lot to the young learners and schools around us. As it has shaped my life and served as an encouragement to spend more time in sharing with young students, I am sure it has the same effect on my peers too. It was an experience that will always linger on my mind.

Rima Deka

M.Tech (Electronics and Communication Engineering)

As an M.Tech student of Assam Don Bosco University I will always be thankful to the faculty of the Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering, members of University authorities and each and every University employee during two years of my post graduation journey.

I will never forget the day of my mid term lab exam of digital signal processing. I had never given 6-7 hrs of exam at one sitting and I used to be very poor in programming. When I was asked to give the first lab mid term exam in MATLAB, I was like 'how am I going to do this? I had already forgotten everything I learned in B.Tech!', and the fact that I was late for a month in joining the University and missed most of Lab Classes made the situation worse. As I stood at one corner of the Lab, worried and scared, my name was called and the teacher asked me to pick up a question paper.

I opened and saw a complex expression including some terms of signal processing. I felt like crying at that moment but somehow managed to sit in front of the computer and tried to solve the problem. After sometime the teacher came and asked me about my progress.

Seeing my face he understood that I was struggling, so, he told me that I was on the correct path and I would be able to solve it. He told me take as much time as I needed saying, "I'm here for you. Take as much time as you need to complete it, so that you know the challenges, your weaknesses and strengths." I, along with some of my friends took almost 4 hrs to solve the problem and I was surprised to see that the teacher was still waiting for us and that he conducted Viva Sessions for all of us.

When the exam finally got over, it had taken us almost 8 hours. He even took time to discuss our queries, our mistakes and explained to us the basic ideas. Though the exam took such a long time, I felt great as the teacher helped me overcome my fears and complete the task. By the time the Viva Sessions got over, it was already dark and too late for us to walk to our Hostel, so, our teacher even dropped us at the Hostel. That day will always be remembered.

Sports' days, cricket and basketball matches with our faculties, different cultural events and the DJ nights will remain as the most memorable days of my life. I had such a wonderful two years at the University!

Sarbani Das

M.Tech (Electrical and Electronics Engineering)

The University's School of Technology was my second home and the Dept. of Electrical and Electronics my family during my study here at the University. The teacher-student relation, according to me is the best part of this University as it helped me academically to perform well. I know that the progress I have made and continue to make, is a combination of the amazing support I had from teachers and staff and also from my peers. My teachers always knew how capable I was, even as I didn't always know. They didn't just let me fail, but took time to help me get started and stay on the task at hand. Again and again this showed me the type of people they are and how much they care about helping their students. They go way beyond the call of duty in their dedication to the students here.

The University prepared me to face many challenges in life and offered me broader thinking tools, pinpoint "soft skill" knowledge, and enriched personal confidence in me. The MENTORING system is also a great process of discussing one's problem in academic and non academic areas. This University has restored and rejuvenated my individual competencies and made me able to continually work with the fast changing environment. I am proud that I could overcome some tough times and also enjoy some really good ones in this University which will be remembered fondly and kept close to my heart always.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my whole family for not giving up on me. I know I wasn't easy and still may not be, but to know that all of you love me and support me means so much and it is beyond what words can describe. Last, but not the least, I thank God for bestowing his blessings upon me. I am glad that I will forever be a part of this University.





Shahid Zaman Barbhuiya

M.Tech (Computer Science and Engineering)

While looking for a place to pursue M.Tech, a friend of mine who is an alumnus of Assam Don Bosco University suggested the University and urged me to get admitted in a University, which, according to her is 'the best higher educational institute in the entire North-East India'. Today, after completing my Master of Technology (CSE) from the University, I full heartedly acknowledge that the decision to join this University was by far the best decision I've made in my life.

Prior to joining M.Tech, I had a feeling that I already knew a lot of programming languages and that I had to join M.Tech to secure a better job. However, after few months into M.Tech, I realized that there are a whole lot of things that I had not known and that there always is a scope for improvement in any area of studies. Prof. Yumnam Jayanta Singh, our HoD would constantly kept on challenging us to achieve something bigger. I remember him saying again and again that we have this 'Chunni Lal Ka Problem' which means - due to our negligence during our B.Tech studies, we are facing hurdles during our M.Tech.

These words challenge me to do better every day, and in order to live up to his expectations, I had to learn something new each day and due to this, eventually I developed a new way of learning. The very experience of learning something new each day became a daily routine for me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty of CSE Department, who were just awesome! They were more of friends than teachers to us and whenever we approached them with some confusions or questions, they were always there to help us out. I would also like to add that, studying at this University has taught me that 'one can learn and create anything if one has the passion for it'.

I would also like to thank the new friends I made at the University, without them by my side, this journey would not have been as pleasant and worthy as it had been. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one who strive to make this University a great place for learning. Thank you all for making me what I am today. It had been a wonderful two years which I shall cherish for the rest of my days.



Aditya Upadhaya

B.Tech (Electrical and Electronics Engineering)

The day I joined the University Hostel, I was really homesick and felt terrible that I had to come so far away from home to study, and also worried about ragging in the Hostel. But to my amazement, there was not a single incidence of ragging and I found our seniors to be very friendly. My first day in the University was also amazing. I was a quiet kid, disappointed by my results in Class XII, who had a resolution to focus only on my studies. So, I was least concerned about making friends and about anything else. But, then the University changed me; provided me with a home which I was desperately in need of. I found many good friends and some special ones too. I got good teachers, teachers who were not only good at teaching but also very supportive and caring. They helped me forget my sorrows and I was happy again, laughing and smiling.

I will always remember the Student Development Programme when we were in 6th semester. We were taken to a place where people abandoned by their families and suffering from some sort of sickness were kept and taken care of. I've always

wanted to visit such a place where I could go and lend a helping hand. My University provided me with that opportunity. We contributed some money, bought fruits, snacks and a water filter. Upon reaching there, we interacted with the inmates, played carom with them, danced with them and also I sang a song for them. Seeing those people smile was the greatest feeling I ever had and knowing that I was a part of the reason they smile was precious.

Another experience which I would like to share is about a programme initiated by our university called "Swastayan". Swastayan aims at providing free classes to students who cannot afford to take private tuitions. I was an active member of this programme for two semesters. We had to teach the kids from the local community on subjects like mathematics, science, english, etc. It was again a very good feeling to share my knowledge with children who perhaps were not as much privileged like us. The programme got a tremendous response and the numbers of students are increasing every year.

Today, being a Bosconian, I feel proud thinking about such sweet memories. The institution aims not only in providing first class education to its students but also ensures that every student who comes there becomes a good human being first. Whatever I am today, the credit goes to the institution. I miss every part of the University life, my friends, my teachers, my seniors, juniors and all other people with whom I shared the most wonderful four years of my life.

Mousumi Das

B.Tech (Electronics and Communication Engineering)

It is a great privilege to share my experience as a graduate. The journey of 4 years in DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY is one of the most beautiful and amazing moments that I have experienced in my entire life till now. I joined this University as it has a good reputation in discipline and I eventually experienced that and found out for myself that what I only heard is true. I convey my sincere gratitude to the University for providing its students a platform to grow, and develop one's skills in a very different and interesting manner. New things that I have learned through the experienced and supportive teachers will always be the guiding principles in my life. During these four years, I got opportunities to engage myself in a lot of curricular and co-curricular activities and I took part in quite a number of them. The projects that I completed during these years have given me a feeling that, now, I am a real engineer.

As I pursue M.Tech at Tezpur University in Electronics Design and Technology, I am reminded everyday how helpful the knowledge I gained at Don Bosco University is. I am thankful to the University for making me a better person, a woman of substance with a positive attitude who can take care of herself and others around her. What I have learned at the University is priceless and it means the world to me.

Ankita Patowary

B.Tech (Civil Engineering)

I joined the Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU) as a student of its School of Technology at Azara in 2012 to pursue my B Tech in Civil Engineering. The very first day when I stepped into the campus of the ADBU College of Engineering, I was simply amazed by the serene academic atmosphere of the College, under which I could feel a lively mission of teaching and learning going on there. I was simply enthralled. Soon it became a place close to my heart. This University has not only motivated me to seize each and every opportunity to shine but it has also motivated me to work for the society. It is a great workshop for shaping human resources, which, a developing country like ours, today need very dearly.

This University provided me with a golden chance to attend the Republic Day celebrations at the New Delhi Rajpath on January 26, 2015, as one of those 100 meritorious students of the country, who excel that year in their academic performance. We were seated at the Prime Minister's box along with the leaders of the country and watch the greatness of India on display. I will never forget that day and I am grateful to the University for the opportunity.

My teachers in the Civil Engineering Department were great sources of inspiration to me. They were the most trusted friends, philosophers and guides to all of us in the Department. Major share of the credit for whatever we have achieved today should go to them. They are the sculptors who shaped us, moulded us.

The seminars, programmes and activities conducted by the Department and the University as well, helped me learn a lot of things related to our core subjects, in an exhaustive manner.

The University will remain neatly embossed in my heart as long as I breathe. I wish my alma mater to shine like a sun in the sky of the academia!





Banashree Paul
B.Tech (Computer Science and Engineering)

As I look back today at the times I spent in the University, I feel really fortunate and also at the same time miss those special moments we shared for four years. These four years had been filled with energy, excitements and studies.

Life in the University has taught us to handle busy schedules. Apart from how to handle multiple assignments in different subjects at the same time, we learned how to complete them correctly on time. Finishing projects on time I would say was a real challenge. Since computer science basically deals with logic and programming, faculties in our college have guided us to their best in order to sharpen our programming skills (in C/C++, PHP, MATLAB, Java etc). Our HoD was very strict about the quality of the project and about keeping the time, so, we had to submit our projects on time all the time. We also learned how to handle stress during the end semester exams. In this regard, rather than waiting for the last minutes and cramming the formulas at the end, I still feel that it is better to study every day properly and understand each topic as B.Tech has around fifty courses to cover.

Summer training provided by our department on 'Web Applications Development' was the most memorable part of my experience at the University. Computer Lab-1 was full of student participants learning different languages/skills together. We were engaged in various academic activities during this whole time and I learned a lot of new things.

During 6th semester, our class went to CDAC in Guwahati city where we learned few techniques from their employees. Apart from CDAC, we also went to Amingao for industrial visit. Initially I wanted to be an entrepreneur, so I attended programmes offered by EDIC (Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation Centre of the University), which provided me with a great knowledge, wisdom, insight and functions of industries. Apart from these I also attended a number of workshops including android workshop, big data workshop, QEEE classes and a lot more. One special day that I cherish and fondly remember is the Teacher's Day that we celebrated on 5 September 2015 as a class after celebrating as an entire University in the morning. Memories of our lives in the University are still fresh and will not faint even if distance separates us.



Letters from DBU-Global Students...

I'd like to thank you for such a nice experience during the Fourth Convocation. DBU Global Program is very innovative and the support group are very efficient & supportive. So, the Convocation was the first opportunity to interact with the University directly. The combination of friendliness & professionalism that we experienced there during the eve was simply great. People at the University, from the security personnel at the gate and waiters at the canteen to the administrators are very friendly.

*I can't help but express my surprise and happiness regarding the efficiency and speed by which the problem related to the certificate was resolved. I am very much touched by your cordial attitude...I would very much like to remain in close contact with the University in the future. - **Rupak Ghosh, MBA***

*Whenever anyone asks me where to study in India, I always recommend Assam Don Bosco University. I have no doubt that the University was absolutely the best choice for me, and will be for most people. It is an excellent learning place. I was lucky to have Brajesh Kumar Singh, one of my former colleagues in MINURCAT-Chad who recommended and motivated me on how the University is excellent for pursuing further studies. The support and technology offered by DBU Global especially in internal assessment and during exam is invaluable! The interaction with the staff and administration is smooth and easy. The team at DBU Global is great; I mean, they meet my academic needs. I am excited to see the end result when I will complete my two years studies. So far the knowledge gained for the completed courses are very interesting and are boosting my managerial career for day to day routine. I believe that the well done job will continue! - **Ildephonse Ikitegetse, MBA Student***

I am Hossain Ali, Head of Information Technology (IT) Department from Afghanistan. My hectic work schedule leaves me very little time to pursue capacity development in universities in Afghanistan. However, my desire to acquire more skills drove me to search for the best distance learning program that is available and suited to my needs.

The choice to pursue distance learning at Don Bosco University was an easy one. Don Bosco University provided all the necessary amenities and flexibility to work according to my schedule, in addition to the support and administrative system at the university.

I admire the Student Relationship Management (SRM) team a lot, because they are friendly and they really engage with the students and they have been actively responding to my emails, which says that the staff engages its students and that they really devote the time needed.

- Hossain Ali, MBA Student

The program at Don Bosco University challenges you, which is what you would want from any learning institution. But unlike most, the staff at Don Bosco University reaches out to its students demonstrating its commitment to them, plus, the books and materials are always on time!

I strongly believe that my studies at Don Bosco University will bring in improvements and help me grow professionally. I have studied many new subjects and innovations that will give me an updated understanding of the IT field today. - **Mortaza**

It was 23rd May 2013 that I rang up DBU Global to inquire about MBA course. Ms. Kandra Ahir was there to clear my many doubts and help me join the MBA-HR in DBU, that started my journey. I completed in May 2015 with 7.2 CGPA, in spite of my busy schedule of being an Anesthesiologist and Intensivist. I could complete it because of proper teachings and guidance from the DBU team, and my special thanks goes to Ms Kandra, Mr Arun and Ms Tanu, for their excellent support, with realistic dream, good time management, hard work, determination, regular study and team support like yours can help people like me to achieve their dream. - **Dr Aparup Sharma, MBA**



The Road to Tapesia...the unfolding of a dream!

A retired 4 star US General, Collin Powel once said, "A dream does not become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work". When it comes to the realization of the dream for 'Don Bosco University in India', it takes a little more than sweat, determination and hard work. It takes a dreamer who walks the talk, an embodiment of hard work and commitment who scaled the mountains and braved through the hurdles that came along the way.

It takes a close knit society that supports in every possible way. It takes friends and well wishers here in India and around the world who shared the dream, who opened their pockets with generosity and good will, who offered their services and prayers endlessly. And above all it takes God in heaven who closely watches over every bit of progress with showers of blessings 'in His time'.



"Tapesia has been a vision" said the Founding Vice Chancellor of the University, Fr. (Dr) Stephen Mavelly, "a tantalising vision that kept eluding us over eight long years...something that we had been waiting for since November 2007 when we first met the Chief Minister of Assam for a permission to establish the campus of the University at Tapesia Gardens. During these past 8+ years, we have had our hopes raised time and again only to be dashed to the ground every time – umpteen number of times. But, now, we do not look backward at the pain, the anxiety and the heart breaking disappointments that dogged our path to Tapesia...they remain the tales of yesterday!"

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The dream for DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY was born out of an imperative in the psyche of Don Bosco Society that the society has to be emphatically present there where the professionals and the leaders of the society are being formed. Focussed work on setting up the University began in early 2006 after Fr. Joseph Almeida and Fr. Stephen Mavelly held a preliminary meeting on 24 February 2006. The whole of 2006 could be viewed as a gestation period during which the focus was on clarifying ideas, preparing concept papers, making presentations before potential stakeholders, and forwarding a formal application to the General Council at Rome to obtain the final go-ahead – time well-spent as it resulted in clarifying the vision, the objectives and the approach to the entire project.

The Rector Major and the General Council of Don Bosco Society gave the final approval to proceed with the project of establishing the university on 10th January 2007. This year saw hectic activity to get the project off the ground – endless meetings of 'ad hoc' committees, 'core' committees, finance and fund-raising committees, drafting committees, short-listing and hiring of consultants, preparation of Detailed Project Reports, search for suitable land, etc. It culminated in a presentation of the project to the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Tarun Gogoi and his cabinet colleagues and top government officials on 23rd October 2007.

The formal proposal of Don Bosco Society, submitted to the Government of Assam on 8th November 2007, to set up a private University was examined by the Expert Committee of the government; and, as recommended by the Committee, the government, on 29th March 2008, issued the Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Salesians of Don Bosco to establish the University at Guwahati in Assam. Thus, 29th March 2008 remains as the Foundation Day of the University in the collective memory of those who work tirelessly for the idea to take wings.

The Letter of Intent was followed by an Ordinance of the State government on 3rd December 2008 (The Assam Don Bosco University Ordinance, 2008, dated 3rd December 2008), following which the University was formally inaugurated by Shri Tarun Gogoi, the then Chief Minister of Assam, on 6th December 2008. Eventually the Ordinance was replaced by an Act of the State legislature (The Assam Don Bosco University Act, 2009) on 9th January 2009, and published in the official gazette of Assam on 12th February 2009. When the Rector Major of Don Bosco Society Fr. Pascual Chavez visited India in 2009, the blessing of the Foundation Stone of the University was held on 10 November 2009 at the Azara Campus.



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The first venture of Don Bosco University was the establishment of 'Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology' as its first constituent centre which later has been rechristened as the 'School of Technology of the University'. Pretty certain that the process of establishment of the university was well on the way, the University took the bold step of applying to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for starting engineering courses at Azara, under Assam Don Bosco University.



On 30th June, the University received the final 'Letter of Approval' from the AICTE (Letter No. 06/02/ASSAM/ENGG2008/01 dated 30th June 2008), and the inauguration of 'Don Bosco College of Engineering and Technology' was held on 11th August 2008 with a full complement of 240 students in four streams of engineering.



School of Technology

Eight years since classes started in the Azara Campus with only one study programme, the Campus now hosts various programmes of study including B.Tech (5 branches), M.Tech (4 branches), MCA, BCA, B.Com and MSc Physics with over 1700 students. With an aim to have graduates who are industry-ready, the University's Training and Placement Office at Azara Campus, sponsored by NEEPCO was inaugurated by Shri I P Barooah, CMD, NEEPCO, on 14 March 2011.

The University also initiated the School of Management at its Kharghuli Campus, Guwahati, under the able leadership of Fr V M Thomas SDB. The MBA programme at Don Bosco Institute of Management was approved by AICTE on 27 June, 2009 (Letter No. ASSAM/MBA/03/2009/001 dated 27 June 2009). The classes started on 12 August, 2009.



School of Commerce & Management

In consonance with the avowed aim of the University to make higher education accessible to the largest possible clientele, the Board of Management of the University set in place enabling Ordinances in early 2010 that set up a Centre for On-Line and Distance Education (CODE) with Fr (Dr) Joseph Anikuzhikkattil as its first Director and Mr. Raunak Singh Ahluwalia as its Executive Director.

A Joint Committee of University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Distance Education Council of India (DEC) visited the University on 6th December 2010 to examine the preparedness of the University to offer Distance Education. The Committee, led by Prof Latha Pillai (Pro Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University), recommended that the University be empowered to offer study programmes in the distance mode – a recommendation that was approved by the DEC and the tripartite Committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC authorizing the University to enter this field and recognizing the courses of study offered in the distance mode. Accordingly, the University started its Distance Education with 78 students in 2010 and within a span of 6 years, the University now has over 6000 students from 113 different countries under DBU-Global.

A UGC Inspection Team arrived at the University campus on 2 November



Visit of Joint Committee of UGC-AICTE-DEC on 6 Dec 2010

2011 to conduct the inspection on whether the University is in compliance with the UGC rules and regulations, This was followed by their second visit on 29 October 2013 which certified that the University was in full compliance with all UGC norms and regulations. The latest visit by another UGC Expert Team, as a pre-requisite for granting recognition under Section 12B of the UGC Act - right to get grants of various types except for salaries and maintenance - was on 1-2 September 2016.

On 27th November 2014, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Peer Team made their first visit to the University (pic) which resulted in the accreditation of the University by NAAC, the highest accreditation council in India.

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On 19th September 2012, the University crossed yet another milestone when 207 students of the University graduated at the First Convocation of the University from Bachelor of Technology, MBA and MCA graduated. His Excellency the Governor Shri JB Patnaik (L), the then Honorable Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Tarun Gogoi and Shri TKA Nair, then Advisor to the Prime Minister attended this seminal event and celebration as Visitor, Guest of Honour and Chief Guest respectively.

The Second Convocation held on 21 September 2013 witnessed the graduation of the first batches of MSW and M.Tech students, taking the total number of graduates that year to 307 students. The Convocation Address was delivered by the Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Prof. A.N. Rai.



First Convocation - 19 Sep 2012



Second Convocation - 21 Sep 2013



Third Convocation - 12 Sep 2014



Fourth Convocation - 03 Sep 2015



On 12 September, 2014, the University held its Third Convocation where 404 students including 78 students from DBU-Global (the Distance Education Centre of the University) graduated. This Convocation saw the graduation of the first batches of MA in Human Rights and MSc in Psychology. His Excellency the Governor of Assam, Shri JB Patnaik (L) graced the occasion as the Visitor.

The Fourth Convocation held on 3 September 2015 saw the graduation of the first batches of MA in Education, B.Tech Civil Engineering, Doctoral Studies and a huge increase in the number of graduates from DBU-Global. The total students graduated at the Fourth Convocation was 474 including 132 from DBU-Global. The occasion was graced by His Excellency the then Governor of Assam and the Visitor to the University, Shri PB Acharya and the then Honorable Chief Minister of Assam Shri Tarun Gogoi.

The Fifth Convocation to be held on 10 September 2016 will celebrate the graduation of 648 students including 139 students from DBU Global.

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The University has launched the following Programmes of Study:

11 Aug 2008 - BTECH in 4 areas

20 Aug 2009 - MCA

29 Aug 2009 - MBA

08 Dec 2010 - Online Programmes

23 Aug 2011 - MSW and MTECH

01 Sep 2011 - MA in Human Rights

12 Sep 2012 - MSc Psychology

30 Jul 2013 - Mechanical Engineering in BTECH

01 Aug 2013 - MA in Education

05 Sep 2013 - Integrated Masters of Technology Management

01 Aug 2014 - MA in Mass Communication

11 Aug 2014 - MSc in Physics

29 Jul 2015 - Integrated MSc – PhD in Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Microbiology

29 Jul 2015 - BCA

29 Sep 2015 - Post Graduate Programmes in Embedded Systems, Instrumentation and Design, Nanotechnology

15 Jun 2016 - BA Philosophy

29 Jul 2016 - B.Com Professional

The Ground Breaking and Blessing of Tapesia Campus was held on 15 June 2012. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, starting of actual construction was delayed.

Serious constructions at Tapesia Campus of the University began in the beginning of November 2013 with the aim of shifting the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Life Sciences to Tapesia. The first cluster of buildings included one Academic Building, Two Hostels, 30 Bachelor's Quarters and 24 Family Quarters, a Food Court, a Laundry and Salesians Residence.

By the beginning of August 2015, after a year and eight months of intensive work, 70% of the construction work was done as shown in the following pictures:



Ground Breaking and Blessing of Tapesia Campus



Finally on 18th July 2016, the inauguration of the academic year 2016-17 was held at the long awaited Permanent Campus of the University at Tapesia Gardens. Formal inauguration of the Tapesia Campus is being planned to be held in October 2016.

As the University moved in to the Tapesia Campus, in the words of the Vice Chancellor, Fr. (Dr) Stephen Mavely, "Tapesia remains a vision and a promise. We look forward to the days ahead holding promise of developing it into the ideal setting for an exceptionally attractive campus that will provide the best of ambiance and opportunities for our students and faculty".



Inauguration of Academic Year at Tapesia Campus

In its effort of creating an eco-friendly campus, the University Management entered into MoUs with various plantation Boards in India to start Coconut, Rubber, Spices, Cashewnut and Cocoa plantations at Tapesia Campus on 28 April 2013. The University envisaged these plantation projects as a vital link between agriculture and academics, for extensive reaching out to the villages around the campus with model plantations, research and the formation of Farmers Cooperatives.

The research will focus on crops development, inter-cropping, food processing and development of marketing strategies and

value addition to the existing products. Accordingly, 700 coconuts, 2000 rubber trees and 3500 Cocoa have been planted, intercropping with ginger and turmeric.

To ensure power supply for Tapesia Campus and heeding to environmental concerns in creating an eco-friendly campus, the University signed an MoU with NEEPCO on 9th February 2015 to establish a 2MW Solar Farm. And also, to ensure water supply at the Campus, the University has created 2 large and 3 smaller freshwater lakes in the campus.



Rubber Plantation



Signing of MoU with NEEPCO



Water Reservoir

Glimpses of Tapesia Campus...



Academic Building - Side View



Academic Building - Front View



Men's Hostel



Women's Hostel



Type II Quarters



Type IV Quarters



Type III Quarters



Bachelors' Quarters



Biosciences Complex



Food Court

*... ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp
or, what's a heaven for?
- Robert Browning*

God be with you as you
accomplish great things
in your life...

Dr. Stephen

Congratulations! And may
God be with you as you
journey on.

Jim

Happiness depends on the state of mind. Train your
mind to remain happy as variety of challenges
will always be there. Try to avoid all
planning with premeditated arrangement but see
till the foreseeable end. Happy journey!

Prof

Wish you the best of
blessings in your life
as you move ahead in
your life.

Jim

Keep dreaming! Keep striving!
Keep winning!
Reach for the stars. God bless you!

Bob

Wish you all the best.
Lanka.

True education → Humility →
Worthiness → wealth → goodness →
Happiness.

Huma
(JN Vishwakarma)

Congratulations on reaching another milestone
in your life. Many more targets to be reached in
your life's journey. May God bless you all. He
accompanies each one on our life's journeys.
May you all be true ambassadors for our
university.

Fr. Joseph Nellanath
Jim

Blessings from God.
Be yourself a blessing
to someone else.

James

You have done your
best, God will take care
of you. Wish you
all HIS blessings in
your future.

Peter Paul Hoshina

Reach the top of
the ladder of success
and serve the society
with your knowledge,
kindness and concern.

Harish

"The only time you should look back is to
see and realise how far you have come."
God be with you and bless you

Shirish
(S. NISSI PAUL)

The Future is yours!
Sfrate it. Enjoy it and
live life to its fullest

Rharma

Congratulations, may the spirit of the
explorer be always awake in you
as you seek your horizon. Wishing
you the very best and success in
all that you do.

Julie Emma

Success don't happen
we need to create them
All the best, God be with you all.

Joseph

May gracious moments abound in your life.

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