



DBC Maram voice

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear readers of DBCMaram Voice!

We are back! Thanks to your patience and welcome gesture to read these lines of DBCMaram Voice. We have moved into the last phase of the month and the year. There is a mood of festivity and vacation in the air. At the outset let me wish all our readers Christ filled and rejuvenating Christmas and a year full of happiness and joy in our accomplishments. May the Child Jesus carry us safely through next year.

Many of our students have gone home for their Christmas vacation and nearly half are now in the campus appearing Manipur University Semester Examination 2012. The year was packed with lots of activities and new ventures as usual. I do not intend to give a report of the activities here, which will be done in the pages to come. Let me take your attention to the recently concluded ASEAN Car Rally 2012 that passed in front of our College on 15 December 2012. The ASEAN car rally was organized to commemorate twenty years of India's relationship with the ASEAN countries - Indonesian, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar. According to our Prime Minister of the Country the car rally was to make an effort to use the partnership with ASEAN countries as a catalyst for achieving peace, progress and prosperity for the people of these countries. Thus the purpose is obvious. Will it achieve what it intends to achieve is another question! Let us not become too skeptical. The car rally had its share of media coverage on all the dailies and electronic media of North Eastern States. Thank God we are not second to anyone in this field. The boycott and bandhs in certain parts of Manipur also highlighted the car rally as it caught the attention of the Centre. There were thousands of people on the road waving and jeering the cars as they passed by.

Many countries of South Asia are making all-out effort to make themselves heard and seen in the world through greater collaboration, networking and unity. The innate desire of human beings to search for identity and roots is manifested in 2012 edition of the car rally. The car rally has brought home the message that 8000km across nine countries is a spring board to togetherness and greater collaboration in many fields. The heads of nations and world associations are making efforts to materialize the concept of global village. Are these efforts reflected at the grass root level? I am of the opinion that when this does not happen at our village level, at district level, at state level and interstate level, the dream of many of our leaders will be mere mirage. Thank God the rally has taken and so, the thoughts related to it will hopefully do the rest. Things will change. It needs time and will. Can we do something?

Yours lovingly
Fr. Benny James SDB
Principal





RECTOR'S WISHES

It is great pleasure and joy to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

May baby Jesus make all your dreams, aspirations and wishes come true. May love and friendship come your way to stay with you forever. I wish you have a perfect Christmas this year. Merry Xmas!

Christmas is a very visible sign of God's love for us. The cave, the manger, the swaddling clothes - - all these are signs which underline that great love. And the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will" (Lk 2,14). Within the bosom of each believer Jesus Christ, the God-Man, seeks a modern-day manger where - if we allow Him - He brings the radiance of His Presence and an assurance of His peace that surpasses all understanding

We feel Christmas is in the air; stars lit, when the lights are turned on and decorations and tinsel glitter, when carols are sung and people are busy shopping and it is a time people are welcomed home. Yes, Christmas is with us again and what a joy it brings the joy of being together, grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren, all sharing, giving, and receiving.

One of the most popular traditions on Christmas is exchanging gifts on Christmas eve or Christmas morning. Everyone loves receiving gifts on Christmas. Children, with their innocence wait eagerly for Santa Claus to bring them gifts. In many countries children hang stockings believing that it will be filled with goodies by Santa Claus. But, as adults we understand the significance of giving more than receiving and plan way ahead to get something thoughtful for our near and dear ones or less fortunate who have no reason to receive any gifts.

When Jesus comes, nothing is ever the same. This is the Christmas message. And it's for you. Why was Ebenezer Scrooge so unhappy? If you knew only the man's assets and had never read Dickens's "A Christmas Carol," probably you could not guess the answer. Most of us believe (if we are honest enough to admit it) that happiness comes through getting. If only I can get a new pair of cloth, shoes, bike, trendy jackets, job, better grade in the exam or relationship, I will be happy. But Ebenezer Scrooge was unhappy not because of a failure to get but to give, and this, I submit, is the most

important message of Christmas.

It was out of a heart full of love that God gave to us Jesus Christ to be our sin-bearer. God's love always has this marked characteristic: it manifests itself in giving. Christmas is a good time of year to remind ourselves of the truth. The most important message of Christmas is that of joyous giving. And, more importantly, it's the message of that first Christmas. For the baby in Bethlehem's manger was a gift, a present from a loving heavenly father to his lost and hurting children, a gift the Bible says brought "good tidings of great joy" to giver and receiver alike. Of course it cannot be any other way for He who has said that it is more blessed to give than to receive cannot fail to exemplify His principle.-

As college students completing semester or another year of fruitful academic activity and the year 2012 closing in to move forward to 2013 we look back on year past. For many of us who are completing another phase of life in the corridors of college or nearing college studies the future is a score of excitement, hope, and challenge, for others however is cause of understandable anxiety. I do not think we shall be over anxious. We need to draw inspiration from those constant and unchanging values incarnated in the person of Jesus Christ, compassion, love, tolerance, justice, fairness, mercy, forgiveness and charity. These are the land marks which can guide us through years ahead.

The future is not only about new gadgets, modern technology or the latest fashion, important as these may be. At the centre of our lives - today and tomorrow - must be the message of giving and caring for others which is the message at the heart of Christianity.

During Christmas 2012 may I suggest to give generously:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your heart.

To a customer, service.

To all, charity.

To every child, a good example.

To yourself, respect."

Once again you can be assured of my prayers during this holy season of Christmas and it is my joy to extent all the blessings of Jesus the Saviour and best of the year 2013.

God bless you.

Rev. Dr Sebastian Karottupuram sdb
(Rector)

Jesus Youth

Reaches out to NEW MARAM



DBC Maram 11 Nov 12: On 11th of Nov, at 6:30 am, 18 members of DBC Jesus Youth accompanied by the full timer – Ms. Elba Ann Mathews and Sr. Bindu, CCV, the animator DBC JY, set out to New Maram with a mission of reaching to the nearby village of New Maram. We could make ourselves useful in helping the village during mass which was

children stories were narrated in such a way that the importance of grace before meals were stressed and how to keep interacting with Jesus in their everyday life.

For the youth, the significance of Holy Mass and confession was emphasized and very practical means of participating effectively in the Holy Eucharist and the sacrament



celebrated by Fr. Francis. During the mass, after the gospel proclamation, we acted out the passage for the believers of New Maram and as an aid in post communion reflection; we also sang a Manipuri Gospel hymn. We gathered in a circle outside the chapel, since it was a bright sunny day and even some interested parents stayed back. In the beginning we taught the children an action song and we had also planned for different games for everyone gathered there. For the

of reconciliation was imparted. Many more games which conveyed the message of recognizing the good and evil was played and a small competition of action songs were also organized. The gathering dispersed with a short prayer, giving thanks to the Lord for the beautiful children and youth of New Maram, and for the opportunity to spend time with them. And finally the outreach team returned joyfully back to their respective homes.

JESUS YOUTH

TRAINING FOR TEEN LEADERS

26 Oct DBC Maram: Four JY members of Don Bosco College, Maram, set out towards Christ College, Bangalore on 19th October, 2012 and reached the venue by the evening of 22nd October. There were participants from 16 states of India. The training program highlighted the fact that JY Teens Ministry aims at the all round development of teenage students through its different initiatives and formation programmes with the vision "To mould a generation of spiritually dynamic, socially responsible and intellectually alert teenagers for Christ".

The first day was a mixture of praises for the Lord, games which enhanced fellowship and four sessions which covered the following themes, 'come, lets together mould the next generation', the apostolic letter 'Porta Fidei'. The second day all the participants gathered were reminded of their special call in leading teenagers to Christ and encouraged them to embrace that call. The day was used to remind every participant, who a true disciple was and how each of them could improve themselves as a true disciple of Christ.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated that day by the Archbishop of Bangalore who encouraged our efforts towards a stronger faith and the propagation of faith in this Year of Faith. The final day was indeed made marvelous by the different decisions taken towards each of the students' personal commitment decisions since the theme for the day was 'evangelization'. Adoration marked the end of the training programme which strengthened the decisions each one took.

MARY JONAH KIRO BCA 3rd Sem

JESUS YOUTH

NATIONAL ANIMATORS' TRAINING

National Animators training program me was held at Palloti Home Vasco, Goa from 24th – 30th November 2012 organized by the Jesus Youth of India. Sr. Bindu, CCV; represented the state of Manipur from Don Bosco College Maram. Focus of the training program me was on "YOUTH MINISTRY". It had a close study at the youth of today to understand them who are coming from different families, society influenced by Media, technology, Relationship, peer group etc .and how to minister them to the path of holiness and dedicate their life for a better society .It was an invitation " TO WALK WITH THE YOUTH" and be with them wherever they are with a listening attitude and open heart.



Holy Rosary the Ladder to Spiritual Revival in DBCMaram



DBCMaram 31st October 2012: On the last day of the month of Holy Rosary to the Blessed Mother Mary, the JY of DBC Maram organized a special Rosary for all the students. Mother Mary was decorated in traditional costumes in the morning of the auspicious day. The veneration ceremony started right after class hours with a hymn and a Marian talk given by the Rector of the College, Fr.K.O.Sebastian. Fr. Rector spoke about the importance of reciting the rosary every day and citing some examples of incidents, he stressed that by having great devotion to Mother Mary many miracles would take place in our lives.

The procession was participated by an estimated number of around 200 to

250 students. The journey began from the College Assembly Ground and proceeded to the College Football ground. The participants carried the statue of Mother Mary and each mystery was accompanied by special intentions for the college, the church and even the whole world. The procession ended with the final blessing by Fr. Rector back in the assembly ground of the college. The Rosary procession was indeed an occasion for the students and the faculty to implore the special blessings and intercession of Mother Mary. We extend our sincere gratitude to the management of the college for making it possible.

Veikho Samuel

IN MEMORY OF CHACHAJI

Children's Day was celebrated in the college in honor of the great Indian Leader, the teachers along with the management expressed their love for the students with songs and dances. The students also received sweets from the management and teachers as a token of their love.

MOCK MAT EXAMS CONDUCTED FOR MBA ASPIRANTS

The college provided a golden opportunity of providing training to all those students who are interested in pursuing their higher education in the area of management. And after the training, Management Aptitude Tests were conducted and the students who cleared the tests got an opportunity to attend free trainings and to make their future secure.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY OF ROWERS AND RANGERS

A group of students underwent trainings to become a member of 'Rovers & Rangers' and finally took up their oaths of offering themselves completely for the service of the nation & their society in whatever ways possible. They took up their oaths & received their scarves and caps from Fr. P X Francis, SDB and Sr. Bindu, CCV, Program Officer with the entire college witnessed the ceremony.

HEALTH CAMP AT DBCMaram

Maram 3 November 2012: The Don Bosco Alumni, Maram Unit organized a Health Camp on Saturday, 3 November 2012 at Don Bosco College, Maram, Senapati. The camp was organized in collaboration with the District Health Mission Society, Senapati under

National Rural Health Mission (NHRM), to help the students in need by spot diagnosis and treatment.

The day long camp started with a short introductory function at the college assembly hall. During the introductory programme Mr. David Kamei, the Unit President of the Alumni, welcomed the medical team, the Principal of the College Fr. Benny James SDB, who is also the unit delegate of the Don Bosco Alumni Maram unit, Dr. Fr. K.O. Sebastian SDB, the Rector, the fellow alumni and the participants. Fr. Benny also welcomed everyone to the camp and thanked the alumni for organizing the health camp. Dr. Simpson Sario, the CMO, Mrs. Elizabeth RK, the district programme manager (DPM-NRHM), Senapati, about 13 doctors, nurses and Para-medical staff made up the medical team.

Test and investigations available at camp were OPD, Ultra Sound, X-Ray, ECG, Blood Testing Lab, ENT, gynecology, ophthalmic, dental, general etc. Over 300 students and a good number of staff got treated for various sicknesses by expert physicians. The entire necessary test and investigations as well as the dispensing of medicines were free of cost. All those who came found the camp beneficial and worth attending.

David Kamei, President,
Don Bosco Alumni Maram





NSS Towards National Building

A one day NSS camp was organized in DBCMaram by Unit II and III on 1st December 2012. 103 volunteers attended the camp. The NSS volunteers assembled in the College at 5.30 am. We commenced the day by hoisting the NSS flag. Fr. Benny James, the Principal of the college, was the chief guest of the day and he appealed to the volunteers to contribute their services for nation development. After that we had a campus cleaning followed by a delicious breakfast. At 9.00 am we began our first session. Miss Elba was the resource person for the first session where she highlighted the importance of Youth and their potentials for national development. She presented a power point presentation on the theme of youth and their potentials. She also explained the importance of good character, discipline and social service in self-development and the development of society. The second session was conducted by Sr. Sweta the programme officer of Unit III. She focused on the theme- 'Save water' and 'Plastic Pollution.' The volunteers pledged to ban the plastic, save water and to bring awareness in the society. Our third session was conducted by Prof. Jayasen, the Head of the Department of Physics, DBCMaram.

He threw light on the pollution and its effects. It was indeed an inspiring session as he explained on the issues of global warming and green house effect through video clips and PPT. We also had various competitions to mark the World AIDS Day. The volunteers brought out creative skits on the theme 'Getting to Zero'. The day was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm assimilate the colours of national integration and social service in the college. Sir Jayasen appreciated the efforts of the volunteer and he also distributed the prizes to the volunteers to commemorate this day. The main aim to organize this one day camp was to sensitize the youth in building a peaceful world by breaking the shackles of traditional evils and work for humanity. We ended the day by de-hoisting of the NSS flag and NSS anthem.



Don Bosco Institutions Shape the Future Citizens of the Country



Maram 24 Oct 2012: Culmination of cultural fest 2012 was graced with the gracious and esteemed presence of Shri. Pradeep Kumar Jha, IAS, DC- Senapati as the Chief Guest. He was accorded a grant welcome on his arrival. On august gathering of bosconians grace upon grace was brought upon by Fr. K.O. Sebastian the Reactor. He emphasized the students to look upon great personalities like Shri Pradeep Kumar as their role models and become admirers rather than film figures. Excellent performance of cultural fest 2012 like College Anthem, western dance, folk song, unplug, mimicry and eastern solo were staged. Dushera the victory of good over evil, to celebrate the occasion rangoli, the Indian traditional art was portrayed by various groups. Fr. Benny James the principal in his address of welcome profoundly appreciated and thanked the core team, the staff, support staff, group leaders, students and everyone concerned. He very specially expressed his gratitude to the village leaders as well as superiors of various congregations for their

cooperation and acknowledged their great contributions for the smooth running of the college. The chief guest of the day Shri Pradeep Kumar Jha sowed pearls of wisdom and diamond as he spoke on the occasion. He acknowledged the great contribution of Don Bosco institutions in shaping the future citizens of our country and the state; as well as he expressed his appreciation and admiration for all the Salisians especially Fr. Benny James for his optimistic outlook and being a great doyen. He motivated the students to be captivated by 3D's...Discipline, Dedication, and Determination. He also stressed the importance of being "a true human being". He said that "to come out of one's own comfort zone, one should open the doors and windows of one's own mind" that would polish the raw diamonds within. DBCMaram Youth Fest 2012, with the theme BE CREATIVE and BE ORIGINAL came to a grant success with the words of gratitude from Sr. Sweta CCV, one of the members of core team. Sr. Shiny George FCC and Ms. Daihrii Matia



SPIRITUAL CONVENTION, BCMARAM

Don Bosco College, Maram takes into account the holistic development of its students and the spiritual convention conducted every year is a perfect example of the importance given to the emotional and spiritual development of each of its students. This year it was made very special by the powerful Vincentian animators chosen by the management-Fr.Bobby, Director of Divine Retreat centre, Margherita and Fr. Dinny Paul, UP, accompanied by their musician Mr. Johns. The entire college students attended the retreat and the college witnessed many miracles during those blessed days.

ANGELS' ARMY IN NEW MAGAIMAI

16th Dec 2012; New Magaimai : A team comprising of a Jesus Youth from the higher secondary of DBS, 3 students from DB Higher Secondary, Maram accompanied by Sr.Bindu, the animator, DBC JY; Miss Alice, staff of BIIT & Elba, the JY fulltimer in DBC set out to New Magaimai on the 16th of Dec, 2012. Soon after the service, we gathered the children & started out our session by teaching all of

them the 'sign of the cross'. Since 'Our Father' was taught to them the previous Sunday, they shouted out the Lord's Prayer with us. Then the Christmas Story was imparted to them by distributing nativity colouring pages & sketch pens for them to colour, after dividing them into groups. At the same time the team went to each group explaining the pictures & therefore the story of Jesus' birth was clear to all the tiny minds. The enthusiasm and the eagerness of the children encourages us to not let go of the idea of reaching out to them as a sign of Jesus' love.

Peace Club Celebrates Gandhi Jayanti Day

Don Bosco College, Maram: In commemoration of the Gandhi Jayanti, 'The PEACE CLUB', of Don Bosco College, Maram, Manipur organized a social work : cleaning of the college campus; under the guidance and supervision of Fr. Benny James, the Principal and Sr. Vinaya, the coordinator of peace club respectively. A total of 36 members gathered in the college assembly ground at 5:30 am and started the work, after invoking God's blessing.

We washed the flower pots of the college, collected papers and plastic around the campus, cut the jungles and cleared the drainage and swept the roads to the college. We concluded the work with a light refreshment in the college canteen.

Happy Birthday to you our dearest National Father, Mahatma Gandhi.





ONLY FOR THE TEACHERS WITH LOVE

The teaching staff of Don Bosco College, Maram were honored and appreciated greatly on the occasion of 'teacher's day' on the 5th of September, 2012. The teachers were presented with grant treats in the form of many programmes that the students prepared with sincere gratitude. The college management also took initiatives to honor the teachers and the happy day came to an end with a feast for the teachers prepared by the joint efforts of the students and the management.

REPUBLIC DAY PARADE- REPRESENTATION FROM DBC

The NSS units of the college had sent four of its students for attending a week of training meant for the selection to the very prestigious Republic Day parade held in Delhi every year. And one of our students; Miss Hriiziia; class 12 got selected to honor the country in front of the leaders of the nation.

ITS EXAM TIME

The Arts, Science, Computer Science, Social Work and Commerce students of the 1st, 3rd and 5th semester are appearing for their

university exams conducted by the Manipur University in the campus. The whole campus is immersed in a very serious and studious environment in spite of the celebrative moods of the season.

IGNOU SELECTS NEW COORDINATORS

The branch of IGNOU in the college is a very striking opportunity for the students who are in search of broadening their scope. The new coordinator for IGNOU in DBCMaram is Sr. Shiny George FCC and Assistant to the coordinator is Mr. John.

NSS Celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

DBC Maram 2 Oct 2012: To commemorate the feast of 'Gandhi Jayanti' we the NSS Volunteers of Unit III rendered our service to our adopted village 'Kabinam'. There were 54 students selflessly volunteered themselves to clean up the drainage and surroundings of the church, to fill up the potholes and to remove the unwanted plants and weeds from the roadside. The volunteers worked from 6.00 am to 8.00 am. After the hard work, the head man of the village and the villagers expressed their gratitude by offering refreshments to the volunteers.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

The NSS of the college in collaboration with an expert medical team organized a blood donation camp with the motto 'Every drop counts'. The camp along with small orientation helped to awaken the minds of young students about the value of life and also enabled each donor to experience the joy of saving more than one life.

AICUF DISTRIBUTES CLOTHES TO THE NEARBY VILLAGES

The college is located in a place surrounded by atleast seven native Maram villages. The AICUF members took the beautiful initiative of collecting clothes that will be useful for the villagers and by distributing it to the nearby villages. A broader outlook of the Don Bosco students is visible in these activities supported by the college.

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL IN MARAM

Maram 14 Oct 2012: In a climate of faith, joy and expectation a three-day spiritual retreat for the faithful of St. John Bosco parish began on 12th October 2012. The preachers from the Divine Retreat centre, Khetri animated them. The team comprised of Rev. Frs. Rony & Sam, Vincentian priests; Rev. Srs. Jesila FCC, Elinda MSMHC & Alva VSDB. It is to be noted that this charismatic retreat was preceded with a lot of devoted preparation by the parishioners in the form of chain fasting and prayers. The youth of the parish took initiatives regarding the discipline of the entire church into their hands. It was indeed edifying to see the faithful who came in large numbers taking part in the retreat wholeheartedly. During the whole course of the retreat the parishioners who attended the retreat in Khetri, the last month took turns to intercede before the Blessed Sacrament exposed behind the altar. On the concluding day of the retreat Rev. Fr. T.S. Dominic, the Chancellor of the diocese, officiated the Holy Mass as the main celebrant. He exhorted the faithful to keep up the 'faith in this year of faith' which was declared by the Holy Father on 11th of this month.

A few impressions from the retreatants....

"I feel so good that, I just want to linger on here."

"I'm lost for words to express how wonderful it is to be a part of this retreat. What I articulate will not suffice what I feel deep inside."

"I came in with a lot of tensions but now I received immense peace, joy & serenity."

The three days of Spiritual retreat came to an end today with adoration during a number of them were healed of their sickness and ailments. PRAISE THE LORD! ALLELUIA!!

by Sr. K.C.Monica FMA & Elba Mathews – Jesus Youth Full Timer 2012



ANIMAL GYM COMES TO DBC Maram GYM

DBC Maram 11 Oct: The representatives of the Animal Gym, Imphal visited Don Bosco College Maram on 11 October 2012. The team was led by its proprietor, Bishovjit. They were given a grand reception by the Principal, the staff and the students, who gathered around and gave them applause. The Principal, Fr. Benny James SDB in his speech welcomed them and expressed his sincere happiness for their presence in the college. During the short gathering four of the members exhibited their physical body fitness. This was done to encourage the young students to go for physical exercises and maintain good health and fitness. Exercises relieve stress and allow the mind to think and respond more sharply. It reduces life threatening chronic conditions such as high blood pressure, obesity, heart disease, diabetes, insomnia and depression.

Later, the team met the gym instructor, Mr. Kabi John and the students in the college gymnasium and had an interaction cum short instruction session on how to build muscle, burn fat, increase strength and on how to become the next Ronnie Coleman.

Ms. D Matia MA (English)





Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Award to Don Bosco College Maram and to its Programme Coordinator

New Delhi 19 November 2012: The prestigious Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme Award (IGNSS) is conferred on Don Bosco College, Maram and Sr. Stella Thomas (commonly known as Sr. Arpita Therese) belonging to the congregation of Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (SMMI), for the best programme officer of NSS for the year 2011-2012.

Don Bosco College Maram (DBC Maram), established in 2000, is a degree college in the tribal and hilly area of Manipur. DBC Maram is the first college to be selected nationally for such prestigious award from Manipur ever since the award was established in the year 1969. Fr. Benny James SDB, the principal of Don Bosco College, Maram and Sr. Arpita Therese received the award from the President of the country in a very colourful and impressive ceremony that was organized in the Darbar Hall, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New

Delhi on 19 November 2012.

A cash award of Rs. 70000/- and a trophy and Rs. 20000/-, citation and a medal were conferred on the college and the Programme Officer respectively. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India has instituted the Indira Gandhi National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards to recognise the Voluntary Service rendered by NSS volunteers, Programmes Officers, NSS Units and Colleges. These awards were instituted in the year 1993-1994. Since then, these awards are given away every year at four levels namely University, Programme Officer, NSS Unit and NSS Volunteer. It is expected that these awards will encourage the awardees to work with more dedication for the community development in future.

Sr. Arpita Therese hails from Kerala and has been serving as a lecturer in Don Bosco College Maram, Manipur in the

department of English since 2007. From 2009 onwards, she has been actively involved in the NSS unit of the college as tireless programme officer. National Service scheme (NSS) is a Governmental and the biggest organization of the youth was launched on 24th Sept. 1969, with its motto, "Not me But You". She is also the coordinator of the Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of the college, which was launched in 2011 under Manipur Aids Control Society (MACS). The NSS in Don Bosco College, Maram has seen new heights under the leadership and encouragement given by the Management, the Principal, Vice Principal, staff and student community and the different stake holders of the College. In the past years, she has helped volunteers to explore their talents with many exposure programmes. This is seen in the regular participation of at least one volunteer in the Republic day parade, Adventurous camps, Exchange programs in China etc. Sr. Stella also had taken part in several training programmes both at National and Regional levels. Some of the commendable activities carried out under her leadership are Voluntary Blood Donation, Tree plantation, Cleanliness

drive, Repair of NH 39, HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaign, Outreach Programmes to the neighbouring schools, Special camping in the adopted villages and a host of other activities.

A total of 1 University, 10 colleges, 10 programme officers and 30 volunteers received the national award today from the Honourable President of the Country Shri. Pranab Mukherjee. Don Bosco College, Maram with the assistance of Government of Manipur, Manipur University and different supportive agencies have grown to be a household name in educational field. The number of students in the college has increased in the recent years with the introduction of new courses like BCA, BSW etc. DBC Maram has become a centre of learning and excellence. This national award had brought in lots of joy and commitment among the Bosconians of Maram to be more centred on youth development and educational enterprise among the needy young people of today.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST CELEBRATED IN DBC

A pre-Christmas celebration was organized for the entire college on the 5th of December, 2012 under the coordination of Campus Ministry and AICUF. The mixed emotions due to the declaration of results of the December examination for the students were transformed to joyous celebration when the entire family

gathered to celebrate. Many cultural events were performed by different hostels and Peace Club & Jesus Youth. Father Benny James, principal of DBC gave the Christmas message to the college. Finally the college treated everyone with the distribution of Christmas cakes.

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