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COLLEGE DIARY 2018-19

As I begin to compile the College Diary, that familiar feeling begins to sink in, that sensation of numbness as I try to grapple with the need to present the following account of college activities in a humorous vein. Meanwhile, my two stories high bundle of answer scripts blinks at me with disapproval, feeling abandoned. My attempt to apologize to them is then interrupted by my new found alarm system-my new born baby crying for a change of diapers. I tell the baby and myself, as I work at the straps of the fresh diaper, a few thousand more of these before you are potty trained. I return to my desk with a cup of coffee to deal with the joyful stress of being a new dad and the attempt to be funny. I suddenly remember this Whatsapp message that was forwarded to me; it read: "STRESSED IS DESSERTS SPELLED BACKWARDS". Hmmm. I eventually chuckle.

The following is a *selection* from the numerous activities that took place in the College:

An NCC cadet of the College huffed and puffed the whole month of May in the drill grounds of distant Kazakhstan, as part of the prestigious Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) 2019. This distinction was presented to another student of our College who represented the nation at YEP Russia in the month of August. Kudos to our NCC unit for *drilling* the right values into our students! Bravo.

The years 2018-19 also witnessed the sad occasion of seeing some of our beloved senior colleagues retire after having selflessly given everything to the College and to the generations of students that came under their wing. Prof. Patricia Syiem was given a farewell by the Deptt. of Khasi on 18 May 2018. Prof Ashit B Chakraborty from the Department of Statistics and Prof. Ashrofuddin Ahmed from the Geology Department retired from active service on 31 January, 2019.

The College also bade adieu to the well loved Rev. Fr. Sagi Stephen through a Farewell programme that was organised in the College on 11 June 2018. The mood of the event was aptly captured by the Department of Music who arranged the melodic and haunting songs "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Climb Every Mountain".

The Graduation Ceremony for outgoing students was held on 14 November 2018 in the College Auditorium. Hundreds of Anthonians attired in Graduation Robes descended on the venue buzzing with unbridled excitement. Having spent three years in the College, it must have been a surreal moment for the graduates to receive the parchment that would tell them that their journey as students at St. Anthony's College was drawing to a close.

A significant feather to the cap of the College was added with the Inauguration of the Rev. Fr. D. J. Wollaston Annexe which was held on 17 November, 2018. Blistering windy conditions played havoc with the arrangements, blowing helter-skelter the chairs that were neatly assembled as well as the name cards of dignitaries. Speaking of caps it was truly a day unsuitable for wigs as the wind knocked the stuffing out of any elaborate hairdo done to fit the occasion! In spite of the distractions, the dignitaries and guests assembled at the venue, nonchalantly braved the weather and were rewarded for their stoicism with rich and vibrant songs and dances displaying the culture and heritage of North East India. The presence of the dashing Chief Minister of the state who chose to sport a trendy sunglasses and that of the honourable Cabinet Minister Jual Oram made the day memorable.

Former Anthonians were given a healthy dose of nostalgia and a reprieve from the humdrum of busy lives in the form of an Alumni Meet that was held in the College on 24 November, 2018. Rev. Fr. Saji Stephen was the Guest of Honour on this occasion. The event which was organised by the SACSA unit of the College was a roaring success with the participation of former Anthonians from all walks of life. Such reunions give the Alumni of the College an opportunity to reminisce about their old glory days and crazy moments spent at the College. Music, stories, conversations and dinner brought an unforgettable day to a close.

The College was also a hotbed of other activities that signified the onset of change in the political landscape of our state and nation. Election trainings for the MDC elections and then for MP

elections were held in College in the year 2019. Consequently, classes could not be taken on the days earmarked for election training and for good reason, considering the huge turnout of people assigned for these trainings. Change is the only constant thing in this world. Just like seasons, life and people change too. This would true in the field of politics as well.

Onto the College Week then which commenced on 16 February and concluded with the Grand Finale on 25 February 2019. Themed, “Rhapsody, Express Yourself”, the students, like the theme suggests, were given an opportunity to express themselves through a variety of events that were organised during the week long celebrations. In a departure from the College Week of last year, some of the events this year had to be organised outside the College premises because of election duties. The talents of the students were on full display and they showcased their intellectual abilities, vocal acrobatics, and their swag in dancing events. They were even given an opportunity to flex their muscles in pulling the derelict and yet impossibly heavy jeep cart parked in the garage. Events like the Cosplay competition drew murmurs of admiration from those who could relate to the characters from popular culture that students dressed up as. The rest of us, yours truly included, were left scratching our heads on what was going on. (clearly an example of the generation gap that exists between some of “us” and “them” tech savvy students.)

In the field of sports and literary activities, our students brought home fresh laurels after vying with contestants from other colleges. The winner’s trophy was claimed in sports like cricket, football, basketball, badminton and even competitions like kickboxing and karate. Prizes and distinctions were also won in events like debate, chess etc. by our students. All in all it was a good year for such events, something which the overflowing cabinets that house the trophies will tell you.

We take a moment to remember and pay our respects and prayers to our students who passed away in the year 2019. Shalomi Ching Biak Naulak, a 4th Semester student from the Deptt. of History tragically drowned on 21 March 2019. It was a sad moment for the College to lose a student in such an unfortunate way. To show solidarity, a condolence meeting was held on 22 March at Mama Margaret Hall.

On the morning of 20 April 2019, Honlem Konyak of 6th Semester from the Department of Commerce had a fatal accident while on his way to Laitlum. The loss of these two students stunned and saddened the Anthonian community. May their precious souls rest in eternal peace.

This has been a brief report of some of the activities of the College for the year 2018-19. The numerous seminars, workshops, lectures and other activities that also took place will be featured in the Anthonian Chronicles.



ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS (SACMUN)

A report on the activities for the year 2018-19

The new Secretariat of SACMUN for the session of 2018- 2019 was elected in the month of March in 2018 and even though the work started at a comparatively slow pace, we quickly picked up momentum. The Secretariat comprises of three key figures, the Secretary General, the Deputy Secretary General and the Under Secretary General for Finance. There is also a Senior Adviser for the Club who is the former Secretary General and also a Director General who is later nominated by the Secretariat to handle additional duties. Victoria N. Daulaguphu was elected Deputy Secretary General, Daisy Rajbongshi, the Under Secretary General for Finance, Bhagyashree Rabha, the Director General, Deep Shankar Nath, the Senior Adviser and I, the Secretary General.

With our entire team now ready, we started working towards fulfilling our main goal, a dream that we had cherished for over two years, to conduct the first ever edition of the SACMUN Conference.

Our first step was to conduct training sessions to keep our members on their toes, with over four simulations of various organs of the United Nations.

When the new batch of students joined the College, we faced a new challenge, bringing new member into the fold. There were three orientation sessions conducted by the Secretariat over the time span of one week. We were extremely pleased with the results as our ranks swelled to over 130 members strong. This brought a new challenge as we had to introduce and prepare this large number of people with the concepts and mechanisms of MUNs.

This led the Secretariat to conduct training sessions and mock sessions every month. As the time for our main conference drew closer, a new team of people was brought into the picture. The Organizing Committee was set up in the month of November with sub-committees for Finance, Logistics, IT and Public Relations. I am extremely proud to say that this group of people worked heart and soul, often late into the night and made a near impossible scenario come true by organizing the entire conference in a mere 15 days of time. There were four committees simulated, 1) the Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee discussing on the agenda "Investigating the Prospect of Prostitution as a Legitimate Occupation", 2) the Economic and Social Council discussing



on “Exploitation of Natural Resources and the Displacement of Resultant Refugees in Africa”, 3) the Disarmament and International Security Committee discussing on the agenda “Nuclear Disarmament and the Non Proliferation of Nuclear weapons”, and 4) the All India Political Parties Meet discussing the agenda “Reviewing Laws Pertaining to Money Laundering, Money Fraud and corruption”. The Conference was a huge success and a matter of great pride for each and every member of the Club with over 130 delegates in attendance of the conference from the states of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and Delhi.

The members of the Club have also continued to carry on a tradition that has existed ever since the Club started by sending members to participate

in different conferences; the tradition of never coming back from a MUN Conference empty handed. The delegates have outshone themselves with their victories in every MUN that we have been invited to such as SECMUN, PIMUN, NIT Silchar MUN, IITGMUN and TISSGMUN.

With their continued hard work and utter devotion towards attaining perfection, each and every member has contributed towards making SACMUN the gem it has become today.

Compiled by
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Secretary General,
2018-2019

ANTHONIAN YOUTH CLUB (AYC) - A REPORT

Anthonian Youth Club is a non-profit group comprising students of St. Anthony’s College. The Club stands by the motto “United We Strive to Serve Society”. Therefore, it wants the youth to unite and take a step towards helping the poor and the needy in today’s society. The main initiative of this Club is to help create awareness of education and health among the people in the rural areas. It believes in molding a society where even the underprivileged ones are treated alike with the privileged ones. For this, the Club promises to

help children in the urban, semi-urban and outskirts areas who are in the grip of financial instability by providing them with the minimum facilities of health and education. The main emphasis of the Club is to help children in the age group of 4-14 years; encourage education in the rural areas; promote personal health and hygiene among children.

The Club was able to conduct successfully the following programmes during the year 2018-19:





On the **18th June 2018** as part of the World Environment Day celebration, the Anthonian Youth Club conducted an awareness programme at **Seng Khasi School Mawkma**, with the sole purpose to educate school children on the importance of environment and the need for conservation. The program was concluded with plantation of trees in the school campus where the AYC members along with the teachers and pupils of the school took an active part.

The members of the Club interacted with the pupils on crucial topics like Environmental Awareness and Civic Sense. They also staged a skit on themes such as Drug Abuse and Teen Pregnancy. The programme was concluded with a session on Career Counselling.

On the occasion of **Independence Day** the AYC conducted many games to entertain the students of the College.



The Anthonian Youth Club also conducted an Outreach Programme to **Wahmyntait Village, in Ri- Bhoi District**, on the 12th of December 2018. This program was conducted as part of the annual programme of the Club and also to celebrate pre-Christmas. A series of games were conducted for the children of the village. Prizes and gifts were also distributed to the people of the village.

As part of the annual programme of the Club the AYC conducted an outreach program on the 3rd September 2018 in **Roba Sing Syiem Seng Khasi Secondary School, Mawkliaw Village**.



CYBER CLUB REPORT 2018-2019



About the Club

Cyber Club was formed by the students of St. Anthony's College of the Department of Computer Science in the year 1996. The motto of the club is 'Learn, Teach, Serve' which emphasizes the very philosophy of the Club, which is, to become personally proficient in order to be of service to others. The Cyber Club has always fulfilled its mission of learning, teaching and serving.

The Cyber Club has conducted two programmes in the period of 2018-2019.

The first programme conducted was a course titled, 'Basic IT Course' which was held in the College from 12th July, 2018 to 13th August, 2018. This programme was conducted with an aim to improve the computer literacy of the students of the College. The topics covered in this course were Windows, MS Word, MS Power Point, MS Excel and Internet. The course was taught by the 5th Semester BSc. Computer Science students. The participants consisted of 3rd Semester and 5th Semester students belonging to different departments of the College. The total number of participants was forty (40) and these students were divided into morning and evening batches.



Certificate Distribution for Basic IT Course

The second programme conducted was a course titled 'Basic IT Course' for students from Savio Evening School. Twenty five students participated in this course which was taught by the 3rd Semester B.Sc. Computer Science students. The course was held in the College from 23rd July, 2018 to 31st July, 2018. The aim of this programme was to impart basic knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office.



Participants from Savio Evening School



During the class session of Basic IT Course with Participants from Savio Evening School

Such programmes help not only the participants who undertake these courses, but also help in boosting the confidence of the Club members especially with regards to public speaking and they also stand to gain from the experience of organizing these kinds of programmes.



A Report on the Activities of the NSS Unit, St Anthony's College for the year 2018 - 2019

The National Service Scheme (NSS) has played a very crucial role in nation building since its inception at the national level in 1969. The scheme was primarily intended for teachers and students in the colleges and universities across the country to get involved in social responsibility by working in rural areas, adopting villages and schools, and spreading education and health awareness through various programmes. Its motto is "Not Me But You". The College Unit of the NSS meticulously worked out its programmes in the past year which adhered to the principles and objectives of the scheme and hence what is given below is the summary of activities that were undertaken by the Unit.

On 14th June 2018, two Programme Officers namely Prof. Amanda Syiem and Prof. Cathy Saiborne with twelve NSS Volunteers attended a programme to observe World Blood Donation Day at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan Shillong which was organised by Meghalaya Aids Control Society (MACS) with the theme "Be There For Some One Else. Give Blood Share Life".

The Unit commemorated the 71st Independence Day Celebration 2018 in the College by organising various competitions like singing, dancing, drawing, painting and extempore speech on patriotic themes.

24th September 2018 was the 49th NSS Foundation Day and fifteen volunteers of the Unit accompanied by Programme Officer Prof. A. Syiem attended the celebration at the NEHU Convention Center .

A Leadership cum Personality Development Programme was organised by the Unit on 29th September 2018 at Vendrame Institute, Mawpdang which was animated by Prof. Albert Nongrum from the Department of Value Education, St. Anthony's College. It was attended by all Programme Officers

of the College namely Prof. W. Khongsngi, Prof. S. Hynniewta, Prof. C. Saiborne and Prof. A. Syiem along with sixty three volunteers who participated in two sessions. The first session was on the topic "Life Management Skills" and the other session



covered the topic "Principles of How to be an Effective Personality".

Seven volunteers and Programme Officer, Prof. W. Khongsngi participated in the World Blood Day on the 1st October 2018 at NEIGRIHMS Shillong. The volunteers donated blood and also participated in 'Message in a Bottle Competition' where Reuben Langstieh won the title of 1st Runners up.



Omega L. Poi and Shamblestone Marwein, two volunteers of the NSS Unit St Anthony's College attended the Pre Republic Day Camp at USTM at Khanapara.

A Blood Donation Camp was conducted on 28th November 2018, by the unit in collaboration with Nazareth Hospital, NEIGHRIMS, State Blood Transfusion Council and Meghalaya Aids Control Society. The Inaugural Programme was hosted by Prof. Amanda Syiem Programme Officer and was graced by the presence of Dr. Prasad In-charge of Medical Superintendent of NEIGHRIMS, Dr. S. Lyngdoh, Project Director MACS, Doctor and Lab Attendants of Nazareth and NEIGHRIMS as well as the programme



officers and student volunteers of the unit. Dr. Hubert Dkhar, the Lab Director and In-Charge of Blood Bank Nazareth Hospital, conveyed his appreciation to the voluntary blood donors at the camp. Dr. Lutika Lyngdoh, In-Charge of Blood Bank NEIGHRIMS, in her speech stressed on the need of voluntary blood donors. Fr. James Joseph, the Administrator and Counsellor of the College, lauded the voluntary blood donors and exhorted them to continue with their selfless and noble deed. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Programme Officer, Prof. W. Khongsngi after which the camp started. The camp was a huge success in which 196 voluntary blood donors came forward to donate. However, due to some constraints only 105 units of blood were collected.

The NSS Unit of the college conducted its annual special camp at Lumsohpieng village Bhoirybong, Ri Bhoi District Meghalaya from 17th to 22nd December 2018. The camp was attended by sixty five (65) student volunteers and four programme officers. As part of its asset, creation the unit constructed a footpath measuring around 57 meters for the village. In the evening, the volunteers organised various programmes to create awareness amongst the villagers like dental care, general health care and tips on hygiene and

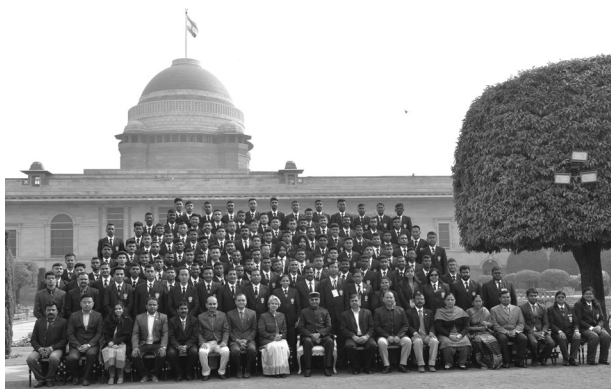


sanitation. Competitions like skit, dancing, singing and football were also held to entertain, promote and create a friendly relationship between the volunteers and the villagers. Overall, the special camp was a huge success.

It was to the immense pride of the unit to record that Omega Lalropuia Poi, a volunteer of the Unit, was selected and participated in the Republic Day Camp 2019 as the second in command, commanding the NSS Squad in the Republic Day parade on 29th January 2019.



On the 28th January 2019, Yarisa Wahlang Kharbuli, a volunteer of the unit secured the 1st position in the District level Youth Parliament organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of Meghalaya and Erinben



NSS Volunteers of the State left for Delhi as delegates on 22nd February 2019, to attend the National Youth Parliament function on the 26th February 2019, at Ambedkar Bhavan where a total of 40 speakers from 28 states participated. They also attended a felicitation ceremony on the 27th February, 2019 held at Vigyan Bhavan which was graced by the Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi and the Minister of State, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri. R.S Rathore.

The unit also observed the 30th National Road Safety Week 2019 from the 04th – 10th February 2019 by displaying a Road Safety banner outside the College gate to create awareness and sensitize the public with tips on road safety. A programme officer along with student volunteers also attended a programme held at Soso Tham Auditorium on the 11th February, 2019.

In closing this report, one can say that involvement with the NSS programmes and activities help in sharpening the individual and collective skills of the teachers and students while also promoting a sense of unity and harmony among all sections of society which in turn lead to a stronger and progressive nation as a whole.

Humtsoe won the 2nd prize . Erenbeni Humtsoe also won the third prize in the State level Youth Parliament.

Prof. Sevendar Dkhar, Programme Officer of St. Anthony's College, Extension Byndihati campus NSS Unit along with Yarisa Wahlang Kharbuli, a volunteer of the Unit, and nine other



MINNOVA CLUB- A REPORT

Minnova, the students' club of the Department of Business Administration was established in June 2008. The Club conducts various events throughout the year within the department and the College. The proceeds from its activities are mostly used to fund its flagship event- the “*Hands of Hope*” Programme, through which it reaches out to those sections of society that need help and recognition.

The activities of the club during the year 2018-2019 comprise the following:

- On 16th July 2018, when St. Anthony's Day was celebrated, the club set up two or more stalls where mocktails, ice-creams and snacks were sold.
- Corporate selling was organised on 4th December 2018. This corporate selling is a part of our study and has been the tradition of the club to organise every year. It includes food and game stalls. Thus, this kind of activity encourages students to come up with new and innovative ideas of doing business.
- On Rose Day of College Week, i.e. 25th February 2019, the club as always took the initiative in selling roses. It is through this selling of different varieties of roses that the club gets the most profit as compared to its other activities. The profits are then used to fund its Flagship Programme- “Hands of Hope”.
- “*Hands of Hope*” is a social activity of the Club which has been there since the inception of the Club. “Hands of Hope” was conducted this year on the 9th of April. The club members accompanied by the Head of Department went to Rilang Children Home, an Orphanage situated in Nongrimbah, Shillong where it donated eatables, stationery, as well as toys worth Rs 15,000 /- for the children. They next proceeded to the Society of Sisters of Charity- Mercy Home in Demthring, Shillong where they donated essentials along with eatables worth Rs 10,000 /- to the inmates at the Old Age Home.

The next event of the Club that is related to its “*Hands of Hope*” Programme is planned with the objective of showing appreciation to the professionals of the health care industry, namely, nurses and ward clerks.



A GLIMPSE INTO THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, KAZAKHSTAN 2018.

"Leadership is the ability to get extraordinary achievement from ordinary people"

Having been awarded the Best Cadet of the North East Directorate as well as having achieved the 4th position in the All India Ranking in the Republic Day Camp 2018 at Delhi, was indeed a dream come true for me when I was chosen to represent India at an International Forum. Sporting the Indian Flag on the chest and bearing the "INDIA" epaulettes on our shoulders is what my batch-mate JUO Faizal Ahmed and I had always wanted.

That golden opportunity came after we returned from the Republic Day Camp. I was the only one from the North East out of the total 12 top cadets chosen for the unique honour as Indian ambassadors to represent the nation at Youth Exchange Programme (YEP) Kazakhstan 2018.

Our joys knew no bounds as we walked into the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on 13th May 2018, wearing our tracksuits on which the name "INDIA" was printed.

On reaching Kazakhstan, our delegation was greeted by the Kazakhstan army personnel and the Cadet Corps.

As the senior most member of the Delegation, I had the privilege to address the students of Shymkent Pharmaceutical University and the Cadets there. Our Delegation also had a very interesting cultural exchange where we performed a traditional dance, sang a Bollywood and a patriotic song and ending up finally with me performing beat boxing with another delegate who played the flute.

We also had an amazing experience in visiting various places in Kazakhstan such as:

1)South Kazakhstan State Pharmaceutical Academy, Shymkent, 2)Taraz State University 3) Taraz University Museum 4)Military Base Camp at South Kazaksthan, 5) Mausoleum of Khoja Yasawi, 6)Nauryz square, 7)Park of Independence, 8) World-War memorial, 9) Turkistan, a city of Kazakhstan 10)Aksu-Zhabagly Nature Reserve, 11) Zoo, 12) Road trip to South Kazakhstan

Our delegation also participated in friendly games and sports being played between the cadets of the two countries. We came out victorious in basketball, volleyball, football and running.

I was also presented with an opportunity to learn their military tactics and practice some of them. In the shooting competition that was organized I was awarded the first prize. What followed after was a rare opportunity to ride in the war vehicles of the erstwhile Soviet era and also to use an AK74 mounted with a grenade launcher or UGL.

While interacting with the locals of Kazakhstan, we learnt of their love for all things Indian especially the noted Bollywood actor Mithun Chakraborty.

After 13 days of fun-filled adventure, we returned home and arrived at the Indira Gandhi International Airport. The Youth Exchange Programme to Kazakhstan was a memorable learning experience for me. My plans for the future is to see myself serve the nation by donning the Indian Army Olive Green uniform and to represent India at the Peace-keeping force abroad.

Jai Hind

Deep Shankar Nath
6th Sem Department of Commerce



Independence Day Celebration



Kargil Vijay Diwas



Various Activities of NSS



Various Activities of AYU





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Declaration:

I hereby declare that the details and information given above are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.



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