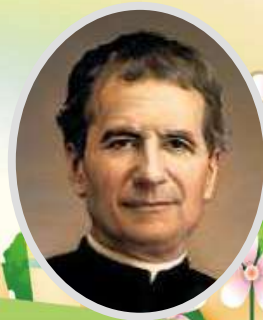


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FR. PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents, Students and Well-wishers,

At long last, the much eagerly awaited monsoon has arrived. It has put an end to the agonies of the summer and its heat, dust and perspiration. Pleasant days are back again and we are feeling well and comfortable. However, even the month of July has not given us the normal rains and expected comfort level. This must obviously make us think of the environment, which we so often take for granted. Kavi Guru Rabindranath Tagore has aptly described the month of July as the month where, 'the cloud is thick, dark and laden with unshed showers'. However, looking up at the sky we do not feel that the skies are laden with dark rain clouds.

Lack of rain must concern us, as it is an indication of change of climate. Whereas, in certain parts of India there are excess rain, cloudburst, landslides, mudslides etc., while there are other parts of our own country suffering due to drought like situation. We all cry hoarse, lamenting the climate change, however, we are either incapable of doing anything positive to arrest the climate change or unconcerned about the climate change.

I strongly feel that actions must start from our own personal initiatives and steadfast actions. It's high time that we learn to conserve water, avoid polluting our environment, restrict the use of plastics, conserve energy and use alternative and renewable sources of energy. We need to be more conscious of carbon emission, which clearly is caused by the use of fossil fuel. Let us be responsible citizens of this global village.

Yours truly,

Fr. Siby Joseph Vadakel sdb

Principal - Don Bosco School, Bandel

From the Editors' Desk

Dear readers, welcome to a new chapter of our shared adventure.

As we embark on the journey of the scholastic year 2024-25, we at Don Bosco School, Bandel are pleased to announce the commencement of several exciting events. Our school has always encouraged young minds to nurture their talents and work on their weaknesses to become individuals who will foster uprightness in their future lives.

We are delighted to welcome our readers to this new edition of DBB BEAMS, where we share glimpses of the events conducted so far in this scholastic year. As Albert Einstein once said, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." We hope this edition inspires you to think, learn, and grow.

Happy Reading!

From the Editorial Team

Ms. Ipshita Banerjee, Ms. Sharmistha Chatterjee (Das), Ms. Soma Chakraborti

ICSE TOPPERS : 2024

1st



RUDRA SHAW
98.40%

2nd



SWASTIK PRAMANIK
98.20%

2nd



SWARNENDU MOHAN ROY
98.20%

3rd



ADYASISH SAHA
98.00%

3rd



SWAPRAVA DEBNATH
98.00%

3rd



TIYAS CHATTERJEE
98.00%

ISC TOPPERS : 2024

1st



ANUBRATA ACHARYA
97.75%

1st



AYUSH MAJUMDER
97.75%

2nd



ANINDYA MUKHERJEE
96.75%

3rd



SASWATA DAS
96.00%



REASON, RELIGION and LOVING KINDNESS

Investiture Ceremony 2024-25 (Junior Section)

A good leader serves as a role model for others. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to nurture the leaders of tomorrow under the care and guidance of the Reverend Fathers and the esteemed teachers of our school.

The Investiture Ceremony for the Junior Section was held on May 15, 2024. The day commenced with a morning prayer, seeking God Almighty's blessings for everyone, especially the newly appointed leaders, followed by a hymn performed by the choir group.

The leaders stood in disciplined formation in the presence of Reverend Father Rector, Reverend Father Principal, Reverend Father Vice Principal, teachers, and students. Reverend Father Rector delivered a motivational speech, encouraging the appointed leaders and emphasizing the responsibilities of upholding the school's ideals.

Subsequently, he presented badges to the Junior School Prefect, School Vice Prefect, the four House Prefects, and the four House Vice Prefects. Class Monitors, Class Vice Monitors, and House Captains received their badges from their respective Class Teachers in their classrooms.

The young leaders were warmly congratulated with a resounding round of applause.

As reported by Ma'am Dolan Chakraborty



Investiture Ceremony 2024-25 (Senior Section)

Leadership is an art. It is about inspiring individuals to pursue a mutual vision as a team. Leading people can be one of the most fulfilling things to do, but it also comes with a great variety of difficulties. A great leader is able to ignite the spark within the team to envision a better tomorrow.

The Investiture Ceremony of Don Bosco School, Bandel was held on May 16, 2024 to inspire the newly elected student-leaders and help them to visualize a better tomorrow and progress towards it. This is one of the most auspicious ceremonies of the school calendar as on this day, the Student Council pledges to ignite the spark for a better future and walk on the path that has been shown by our founder-father St. John Bosco.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by our Reverend Fathers, followed by the handing-over of flags by the outgoing Student Council to their respective House-Masters. The new Student Council was then called in and the new House Masters of the four Houses were called to hand-over the flags to the new House-Captains. The School Flag was handed over to the newly elected School Captain by Rev. Fr. Principal, Rev. Fr. Vice Principal inspired our new Student Council with his words of wisdom and the school pledge followed. The programme ended with the hymn to Don Bosco.

NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL:

SCHOOL CAPTAIN	: SHITHAN ROY
SCHOOL VICE PREFECT	: RUDRA SHAW
SCHOOL ASSISTANT PREFECT	: BALARK DAS
RED HOUSE CAPTAIN	: AITAREYA MUKHERJEE
BLUE HOUSE CAPTAIN	: ADITYA HAZRA
GREEN HOUSE CAPTAIN	: SHUBH KHATTRY
YELLOW HOUSE CAPTAIN	: DEV CHATTERJEE

As reported by Ma'am Pronomita Basu



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

On the 4th of April, 2024, excitement filled the air at Don Bosco Bandel as students gathered for the inaugural day of the new academic year. Eager to reunite with friends and explore their freshly assigned classrooms, everyone arrived early. The atmosphere brimmed with joy, culminating in the year's first morning assembly in the paved area. Reverend Father Siby Joseph Vadekal, our Principal, led us in prayer and shared insightful words to motivate and guide us for the year ahead. Reflecting on such moments, as Maya Angelou once said, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Class teachers warmly welcomed students to their new environments, ensuring a smooth transition into the academic routines. With the first day concluding around 10:30 am, spirits were high as students embraced the challenges and opportunities of the upcoming year.



Welcome to Kindergarten



The blooming buds and the youngest members of the Don Bosco family entered the school gates with mixed emotions. Some were crying, some were excited, while others appeared perplexed and overwhelmed by the school's campus and the bustling crowd. They walked into their classrooms with eager and happy faces, though some were reluctant to leave their parents at the door. The interactive panels in each classroom served as a comforting refuge, helping to anchor them to their seats and soothe the sobbing little ones. The Rev. Fathers, teachers and staff, who had been eagerly anticipating meeting their tiny students, welcomed them with love and affection.

As reported by Ma'am Moon Mukherjee



Welcoming Father Provincial

On April 22, 2024, we had the privilege of hosting Reverend Father Joseph Pauria, the Provincial of the Kolkata Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Reverend Father Principal warmly welcomed him and introduced him to the students. A student representative extended a brief greeting to Father Provincial, presenting him with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation.

Father Provincial addressed the students, sharing insights on this year's Strenna given by Reverend Father Fernandez Artime Angel, the Rector Major of the SDB: "The dream that inspires you to dream, a heart that transforms 'wolves' into 'lamb'." He also discussed Father Fernandez's upcoming appointment as a Cardinal and how he delegated responsibilities to his subordinates to ensure continuity of work. Father Provincial highlighted Don Bosco's enduring vision and its realization through transformative initiatives in schools. He concluded by encouraging and motivating students to pursue their own dreams.

- Shithan Roy, 12 C



Parents' Orientations - KG

Connecting home and school makes us a great community of learners. The journey of a student begins at home, and thus, Don Bosco School, Bandel, welcomed the very first educators of our tiny tots to the Orientation Programme 2024.

The programme began with an address from Father Principal, who enriched and enlightened the audience with the institution's aims and purposes. This was followed by valuable guidelines set forth by our Vice Principal. The parents were informed about the assessment procedures and various other rules designed by the school for the holistic development of the child. Furthermore, representatives from Toondemy explained the

curriculum design and the app functions to enhance parents' understanding. Later, the respective class teachers had the opportunity to meet the parents and address all their concerns.

Children are like clay in the hands of parents, teachers, and society. A perfect coordination between the parents and the school bridges the gap between two homes and paves the path for the most beautiful journey toward excellence.

This orientation programme successfully commenced the wonderful journey of our children.

As reported by Ma'am Moon Mukherjee



Tribute to the Workforce



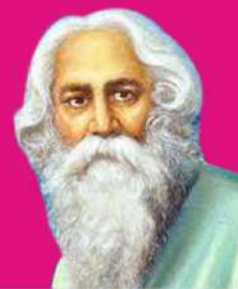
The 1st of May being a day of scorching heat, the school celebrated Workers' Day on the 16th to recognize the contribution of the non-teaching staffs for ensuring the execution of the educational transactions that take part in the school throughout the year. Whereas, this specific day served as a red letter day to give us the opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude to these silent working hands but for which the smooth rendition of the teaching learning would be an impossibility in the true sense of the term. It did not fail to remind us the significance of their tireless strife which very often goes unnoticed. It was an occasion to greet each of them with a bouquet of flowers to acknowledge their initiative that enhance the academic procedure undertaken by the school. It was a treat to see the happy faces radiant with the joy of contentment and recognition.

-As reported by
Sir Suryadip Mukherjee



Rabindra Jayanti

2024-25



"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." Rabindranath Tagore

The versatile genius, Rabindranath Tagore, has inspired us with his ideas of universal harmony, love, and humanity since time immemorial. His belief in the power of education brought about holistic development in the education system. The Bard of Bengal not only composed revolutionary music but also made significant contributions to poetry and drama. His soulful melodies continue to enthrall music enthusiasts even today.

Rabindra Jayanti was celebrated this year at Don Bosco School, Bandel, on May 16, 2024, commemorating his 163rd birth anniversary. The program began with the school prefect, Shithan Roy, garlanding an image of Rabindranath Tagore. This was followed by a short yet energetic presentation of poems, dances, and music by students from the senior section, themed 'The Monsoon Saga'. Subsequently, a fusion of Rabindra Sangeet songs was presented by a few students, followed by a delightful performance of instrumental music by two students from class X.

Honoring the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore, the program concluded with the hymn to Don Bosco, emphasizing the values cherished by both Tagore and the school community.

As reported by Ma'am Sraosri Banerjee



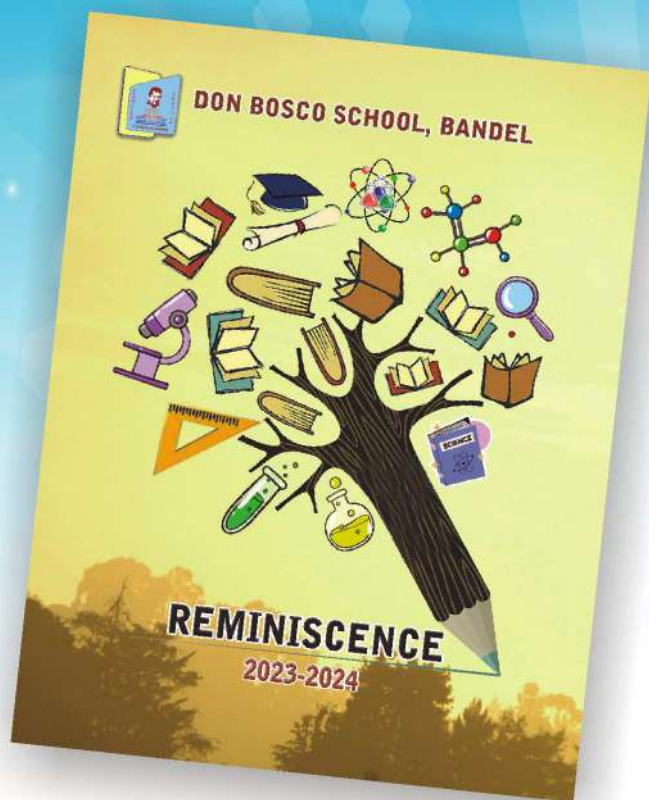
Thank You for the memories : Wishing Ma'am Lipika and Gopal 'Da' a Happy Retirement

Retirement signifies a renaissance of the superannuated person providing him or her with ample time to cherish his or her passions and embellish his or her dreams unattained till now - this was the thought of the day i.e. the 16th of May as the school observed the farewell ceremony of Ma'am Lipika Bose, a veteran senior teacher of the Senior Section of the school and Mr. Gopal Rajak, the lab assistant of the Senior Section who had been serving the school for 33 and 39 years respectively. It was a day to say goodbye to them officially just to adorn the new phase of life they are going to pave. Reverend Fr. Rector, Reverend Fr. Principal, Reverend Fr. Vice Principal, Reverend Fr. Bursar all showed their gratitude to Ma'am Lipika for her enriching service for the nourishment of the English Department of the school. They thanked Gopal Da for being instrumental in the smooth executions of the scientific experiments taking place in the science lab of the school everyday. All the teachers, the non-teaching staff and the students expressed their love and gratitude to them through a short but graceful cultural programme, each item of which was designed to commemorate their participation in the "man making" and "character building" process that has been taking place in the school for the last three decades. Although a day tinged with the gloom of estrangement which choked the voice of Ma'am Lipika and Gopal Da as they were delivering their message to the august audience seated before them, the soulful celebration kept the note of liveliness and optimism alive throughout the programme.

-As reported by **Sir Suryadip Mukherjee**



Publication of the school magazine 'REMINISCENCE' 2023-24



BOSCO BIZCON 3RD EDITION, 2024

Bosco Bizcon, 2024 is the 3rd edition of an inter-school commercial conclave of unparalleled repute. It comprised an array of seven meticulously curated events, each one of which was designed to challenge the acumen of its participants in the domains of law, management, economics, finance, marketing, entrepreneurship and human resources.

This inter-school competition was held on June 22, 2024, where 11 schools participated in seven different events comprising 185 participants. A core committee of six students was formed to oversee the successful completion of the event, and they worked tirelessly day and night. The students of the core were:

1. Shubh Khattry
2. Dev Agarwal
3. Kingshuk Ghosh
4. Ayamik Singh
5. Aarav Tiwari
6. Aditya Mukherjee

The day started with the opening ceremony, where the garlanding of St. John Bosco's bust was done by Rev. Fr. Vice Principal,

followed by the trailer shown to all participants. Following this, cheque books were distributed by Rev. Fr. Principal to the respective student representatives of each school. Then, the events started at the allotted venues, with each event organized by event directors who were students of our school. At the end, after all the judges submitted their results, the day concluded with the closing ceremony comprising a vote of thanks and prize distribution for all the events. Finally, the best three schools were awarded trophies based on their performance and the balance sheet prepared by the bank. The program ended with the hymn to Don Bosco.

The best three schools awarded were:

1. Don Bosco School, Park Circus
2. Don Bosco School, Liluah
3. Don Bosco School, Bandel

-As reported by **Ma'am Twinkle Jain**





Consecration and Foundation of Jubilee Hall



On June 27, 2024, amidst a sacred and deeply reverent ceremony, the foundation stone of Jubilee Hall was laid at Don Bosco School, Bandel. This momentous occasion, attended by members of the Salesian community, marked the beginning of a new chapter in our institution's history, commemorating nearly half a century of nurturing young minds and enriching souls with knowledge and service.

The towering auditorium, once the central venue for all events large and small, has been dismantled in recent months to make way for Jubilee Hall. This new structure, envisioned for our upcoming Silver Jubilee celebrations, promises to be grander and more fitting for the spirit of our institution.

In a brief yet profoundly meaningful ceremony at the site of the former auditorium, the foundation stone of Jubilee Hall was blessed and consecrated by the Salesian community.

The teaching and non-teaching staff, office personnel, members of the Student Council, and others, were present and joined in a humble prayer invoking the Almighty's guidance over our endeavours.

Earlier that day, Reverend Father Principal had announced plans for Jubilee Hall, detailing its design: the ground floor to feature an open assembly hall, the first floor to include additional classrooms, and the second and third floors to house a dedicated auditorium, a tribute to its predecessor but with enhanced grandeur and functionality.

As the entire school community eagerly anticipates our Silver Jubilee, we extend our support and gratitude to those dedicated individuals working tirelessly to turn this vision into reality. We await with pride and anticipation.

- Shreyaj Halder, XI-C



Felicitatation Programme for School Toppers by AHAISI (Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools in India, West Bengal)

On July 6, 2024, Don Bosco School, Bandel, attended a felicitation ceremony at Saint Thomas Church School, Howrah, organized by the Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools in India, West Bengal Centre. The event, graced by Chief Guest Bishop Paritosh Canning, celebrated the achievements of students across the region.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp and a culturally rich welcome dance, creating a joyful atmosphere. Brave students who showed exceptional courage and resilience were honored, followed by the recognition of academic achievers. **Anubrata Acharya** and **Ayush Majumdar** were celebrated as **ISC toppers**, and **Rudra Shaw** as the **ICSE topper** from Don Bosco School, Bandel. Other high-performing students from different schools were also present.

Rev. Fr. Siby Vadakel, the school Principal, accompanied the students, providing motivation and pride. The well-organized event fostered camaraderie among students from different schools. Reflecting on their journey, the students felt gratitude for the support received and were inspired to strive for excellence in the future.

- Rudra Shaw, 11 D





Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2024 (Junior Section)



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

The annual prize distribution programme for the Junior Section, celebrating the academic year 2023-24, took place on July 11, 2024. The event commenced with a soulful prayer dance, setting the tone for a memorable ceremony.

Students from classes II to V were honoured with prizes and certificates for their outstanding academic achievements and perfect attendance. Meanwhile, the young achievers from KG and Class I were recognized for their overall excellence and commendable attendance records.

The esteemed presence of Reverend Father Rector, Reverend Father Principal, and Reverend Father Vice Principal added grace to the occasion as they personally awarded the deserving students. Their encouraging words resonated with the young minds, inspiring them to aim higher.

The programme culminated with the stirring hymn to Don Bosco, symbolizing our commitment to holistic education and moral values.

Congratulations to all the winners who have not only excelled academically but have also shown dedication and perseverance throughout the year.

As reported by Ma'am Manisha Ray



Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony 2024 (Senior Section)

"The pursuit of excellence and the eternal odyssey of learning is like rowing upstream to stagnate is to recede, and transcending one's bounds to achieve a destination is a feat worthy of acknowledgement."

On July 12, 2024, the Senior Section gathered with illustrious delegates to honor and reward outstanding academic achievements. The ceremony celebrated students whose exemplary performance reflected a year of determined pursuit of their goals.

Opening on a note of positivity and encouragement, Ma'am Shampa Chakraborty led the school community into the event's prologue as she stressed on the stellar nature of the many students' outstanding achievements and further as to how they remain inspiring examples for all their companions. Ma'am Ipsita Banerjee initiated the ceremony by inviting Reverend Father John of the Basilica of Bandel to distribute honors to the bright young minds of Class VI for their academic excellence, attendance, and regularity.

After a Bengali choral recitation, Reverend Father Rector honored Class VII achievers with tokens of recognition. This was followed by a play organised by Drama Club about Prometheus, whose foresight in giving fire to humans paved the way for civilization.

Sri Tarun Bhattacharya, the Assistant District Magistrate, delivered a soulful message as the Chief Guest, encouraging perseverance in those who fell short of their goals. He then handed memorabilia to Class VIII achievers, leaving the audience inspired.

Following a Hindi choral recitation, Reverend Father Vice Principal honored the exemplary performers of Class IX. A literary piece by Lord Alfred Tennyson was recited, leading to an impeccable dance performance by Senior Section students, celebrating the Divine Energy in our lives.

In the event's epilogue, Reverend Father Principal and Reverend Father Bursar presented awards to the achievers of Class XI, showcasing intellectual maturity and academic poise. Reverend Father Principal concluded by thanking everyone involved and congratulating all achievers, encouraging continued perseverance and excellence.

As the day ended, students departed with a common pool of emotions, joy, satisfaction and recognition, nurturing perseverance and vowing to attain greater heights in future endeavors.

- Shreyaj Halder, XI C



An Extravaganza of Talents BOSCO FEST 2024



Bosco Fest 2024, a magnificent blending of culture, creativity, and talent, witnessed an exhilarating convergence of 18 schools competing in 24 events within a single, unforgettable day. Our school participated in 21 of these vibrant contests, finishing on the podium in six: unconventional games, theme quiz, model making, eastern solo instrumental, journalism and chess. Our prowess shone brightest in chess, where we emerged victorious and bagged the "golden biscuit." The pinnacle of our performance was the face-off dance, where the charisma of our participant mesmerized the judges, reminding them of their own childhood passions and earning a standing ovation from the entire audience.

Moreover, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our Rev. Fr. Principal for always being the backbone of our motivation and zeal. I also wish to thank Mr. Tamojit Chatterjee and Ms. Ruma Debgupta for always making themselves available whenever required. Additionally, I thank everyone in the entire school community, whose support culminated in a day of triumph and shared pride. The fun interactions, relaxing journey, and enchanting performances bolstered our fond memories, making us even more excited to prove our mettle in Bosco Fest 2024.

Written by **Aarav Tiwari**
Student Representative of DBB in Bosco Fest '24



Boscotsav 2024: Participation and Achievements

On July 20, 2024, 104 students from our school participated in Boscotsav'24, organized by Don Bosco School, Liluah. The event saw participation from 24 schools, including ours, with multiple competitions across the Junior, Middle, and Senior school categories. Our school competed in 18 events in the Senior category and secured positions in three of them.

In the Bosco Rationale (Debate), Shithan Roy won the Best Speaker award. In Bosco Chaturang (Chess), our team secured second place, and in Bosco Codenza (Coding), we achieved third position.

Although our performance did not match last year's achievements, our students put in their best efforts to showcase their talents in various events. While certain areas of improvement were identified that may have affected our overall results, this fest has undoubtedly ignited the spirits of our students. We are confident that this experience will drive them to perform even better in upcoming events and aim for higher accolades in next year's Utsav.

- Aitareya Mukherjee, 12 A



BOSCO XPREZNS 2024

On the 27th of July, a truly glorious and incomparable event graced the hallowed halls of our institution, Don Bosco School, Bandel, encompassing the 17th Edition of our Annual School Fest, Bosco Xprezns '24, which was truly an incredible display of galore, pomp and talent, exalting the participation of 17 schools from near and far, with 30 unique events to engross the keen audience and serve dedicatedly as a remarkable platform for the myriad of participants to showcase their well-preparedness, refined talent, ready wit and so much more.

This year's appointed theme was further a true testament to the only unwavering constant in each of our lives and in the grand scheme of affairs- the permanent presence of change in its multifaceted forms and even more varied repercussions on every intrinsic aspect of each of our lives; embracing this change by not casting every feigned inconvenience or failure as a wasted opportunity but rather

as a second chance to chase our passions and aspirations with perseverance and hope was the grand takeaway from the inspiration of our fest

The immortal spirit of Chakratan, the Wheel of Change served as an abiding reminder to behold change not as an adversary, but as a creator of newfound opportunity. The passionate face-off between schools and participants, replete with professionalism, talent, sportsmanship and above all, fairness in this year's Xprezns made a truly remarkable and long-standing impact in the hearts of all those present as witnesses served to carve it into our fond memories. Mirth and revelry, performances and passion, teamwork and cooperation and above all, vaulting contentment were just a few of the innumerable emotions and aspects of Bosco Xprezns 2024, a truly bombastic event; the likes of which shall not soon be forgotten.

- Shreyaj Halder, XI C



A Heartfelt Goodbye : Ma'am Shampa Chakraborty's Farewell

On the 31st of July, 2024, the students of our school gathered, accompanied by all the Salesians and staff members, to bid a bittersweet adieu to a person so very illustrious, remarkable, unforgettable and dignified in her service towards our institution that addressing her simply as a 'teacher' or 'mentor' would be a heinous abstraction in itself and unbecoming for her inexpressibly dedicated and ardent self.

Ma'am Shampa Chakraborty, with her tenure stretching for 28 years, the prologue of it all in 1996, served Don Bosco School, Bandel with a zeal, passion and fidelity not commonly known of, be it in our present world or the past. Over the nearly 3-decade-long period of selfless service, Ma'am Shampa, by way of her unending dedication towards education and pedagogy, her incredibly profound ideas and her conviction to execute them, her boundless creativity, humility and humour and her warm and motherly presence, yet being a firm and staunch disciplinarian at all times, truly etched her name and left a bit of her own self in the hallowed halls of our great institution, which would not be what it is today without her tireless contribution towards its undimmed glory.

The nostalgic afternoon opened with Ma'am Piyali Dutta Roy's poignant reflection on the nature of retirement and a short message, giving way to the host of the day, Ma'am Srijia Chowdhury, to initiate the event with a choir song. It was followed by an apt eulogy by Rev. Fr. Rector towards Ma'am Shampa, in a truly nostalgic summary of her incredible years of service, replete with unyielding loyalty, dedication and an insurmountable capacity for goodness. As he went on elaborating that such an individual as her could never stop being a part of our institution- only that she was phasing out of active service, nevertheless unforgettable in every way.

Followed by an adorably cherished dance and a remarkable observance by a student representative, being interspersed with a short skit addressing the critical nature of literacy and education to the masses, many individuals associated with our institution went on to share their orations on behalf of their respective groups with regard to Ma'am Shampa's untiringly precious presence in their midst, exalting the inexpressibly insurmountable nature of her identity as a part of this institution, citing her work and life, her

actions and ideas as being critical to the imprint of the school in the lives of students, making her a teacher, a person, a mentor and guide- impossible to forget.

After her elaborate felicitation involving the teachers of the Junior and Senior sections and the non-teaching and office staff, Ma'am Shampa, in her parting address, went on to humbly observe the presence of our Father and Founder, Saint John Bosco and Our Lady of Bandel, as the beacons of inspiration in her life as she stood indebted in gratitude towards all the Salesians throughout her tenure as being supportive and encouraging towards her initiatives and actions, as well as all her colleagues and her multitudes of students, with whom, she said, she had always accentuated her emotions and earnest feelings and tried her very best to be a friend, mentor, guide, teacher and disciplinarian according to the need of the hour. In her final good-bye, her words, replete with remembrance, validated the longing of nostalgia stirring in our hearts as she remarked with grace that she could never bear to be away from us, being a part of our beloved school eternally, as words could never hope to express.

As she bade farewell to the school, she retained the hope, just as us in our hearts, that we would meet again.

With Rev. Fr. Principal's exhortation at the epilogue of the momentous day, he observed that it was Ma'am Shampa's humility, creativity and above all, fidelity that touched the souls of all those associated with her during the period of service and that it was her undying freshness, her warm smile and her firmness that made their mark on the scores of students that passed through her hands, as well as on the school itself.

In the last swish of poignant remembrance and accentuating the feelings of us all, he remarked affably that once a part of Don Bosco School, Bandel, she would always and forever remain a part of Don Bosco School, Bandel as the gates would remain open perpetually to welcome this unforgettable individual whose glorious presence in the lives of thousands made all of them special in a way that words are incapable of expressing.

- Shreyaj Halder, XI-C

