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# DESALITES NEWS & MORE

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### Message from Principal

COVID 19 has been an irreplaceable learning experience for the entire human fraternity. I am sure our tomorrow will be shaped positively by the education we have received through this once a lifetime experience. Life is uncertain; this is the first learning. The little virus hit us hard when the going was good and splashy. There were grand plans and preparations in all walks of life by individuals, families, organizations and states. But COVID 19 hit everyone like a bolt from the blue.

The second learning is that things that impact us are invisible and intangible sometimes. It was not easy to see the virus with our naked eyes. But the invisible and hidden virus is still holding us hostage reducing human beings to a laughing stock.

The third learning from the pandemic is that human ingenuity and creativity is par excellence. The creator has bestowed in the human race the spark to overcome challenges and hindrances of great magnitude. And proudly, we can validate it; Desalite News & More bears witness to this fact. As a school, we overcame the threat of continuous and effective education, thanks to technology and unparalleled cooperation by teachers, students and parents. This biannual newsletter in your hands portrays glimpses of this undying human spirit and rainbow of collaboration that happened amid this worst global pandemic. My appreciation to every stakeholder of SFS Guwahati and particularly to the Desalites for lifting their spirit and flying high. Happy reading.

Stay safe. God bless you all.

Fr. George Thomas  
Principal  
SFS - Guwahati

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## COVID 19 AND THE EDUCATIONAL RESPONSE: NEW EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL REALITIES

Worldwide, the COVID 19 Pandemic has drastically affected the educational system. The only buzz word for all was "COVID 19". Governments also decided to temporarily close educational institutions in an attempt to reduce the spread of COVID 19. During the pandemic, St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati started online education for all the students in the month of March'20. SFS didn't let the pandemic affect the school's educational system. It scrambled to find creative solutions to teaching students online, in-person but socially distant, or in a hybrid format.

Parents and teachers played a fundamental role in supporting students to develop these crucial attitudes. SFS always loves challenges, which is why it took the entire situation positively and ensured that students continue with their learning. It was also difficult for the teachers, changing their teaching mode from offline to online. Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal of SFS Guwahati, encouraged each and everyone not to lose hope because life is not a bed of roses. SFS feels very proud of having a person like him as the backbone of the school.

## CBSE BOARD EXAMINATION RESULTS 2019 – 2020

Amidst COVID 19, CBSE declared the results on 14th July 2020. 103 students appeared for Class XII Examination 2019-2020. The stream toppers of Class XII are Rubul Sarma from Commerce with 97% achievement, Partha Pratim Sarma from Science with 96% achievement Deepnayana Sinha from Humanities with 96% achievement. 22 students scored above 90%, 39 students scored 80-89%, 31 students scored 70-79% and 11 students scored 60-69%.

On 15th July 2020 the CBSE declared the results for Class X Examination 2019-2020. 52% of students are able to score more than 80% marks in this exam. The rank holders for Class X are Namrata Nayak with 97%, Nilanjan Das with 95.60% and Parismita Bordoloi with 95.60%.



### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, NARENGI

TOUCHING LIVES, MOULDING FUTURE

#### CLASS X



**97 %**

**NAMRATA NAYAK**



**NILANJAN DAS**  
**95.60 %**



**PARISMITA BORDOLOI**  
**95.60%**



**SUMIT SHARMA**  
**95.40%**



**DEVARSHI MAHANTA**  
**95.20 %**

#### CLASS XII



**PARTHA PRATIM SARMA**  
**96 %**  
**(SCIENCE)**



**97 %**

**RUBUL SARMA**  
**COMMERCE**



**NEHA GUPTA**  
**96.60 %**  
**(COMMERCE)**



**DEEPNAYANA SINHA**  
**96 %**  
**(HUMANITIES)**



**NAZIFA ANJUM RAHMAN**  
**95.80 %**  
**(HUMANITIES)**



**MONIKA KONWAR**  
**95.40%**  
**(HUMANITIES)**



**RUNIA DENTA**  
**95%**  
**(HUMANITIES)**

## SOLACE IN TIMES OF NEED –

### A MASSIVE PROGRAMME TO FEED THE POOR AND THE HUNGRY



St. Francis De Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati, undertook a massive relief programme to feed the poor and hungry in collaboration with FASCE India (Fransalian Agency for Social Care and Education) from 4th April 2020. This was necessitated due to the unavoidable lockdown that started in the country for the COVID 19 Pandemic. The country was under a mandatory lockdown imposed by the central government for 21 days to arrest the spread of the virus. Amidst these preventive measures to combat COVID-19, daily wage labourers and migrant workers are among the worst affected as they cannot go out to work, earn their living and buy food. There have been reports that many people were forced to go without food during the lockdown.

SFS Narengi, with the help of Fr. Dr. Saji George Puthiyakulangara, Director of FASCE India and Staff took an initiative to distribute essential commodities like 5kg of Rice, 1kg Dal, 2kg Potato, 1lt Oil, 2 Soaps, and Masks to more than 750 families from localities including Satgaon, Narengi to Forest Gate Road. Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal of SFS Narengi says "Solace in Times of Need" Phase I was a huge relief to the hungry people around the locality.

FASCE India and SFS Narengi will continue with the relief programme in the days to come. Fr. George said that the motive was not just to distribute food but also to spread awareness about COVID-19 and personal hygiene.

## SHIFT TO ONLINE TEACHING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, excellence and equity, the cornerstones of our school system were challenged, and the urgent nature of the situation called for relevant and impactful solutions to reinvent the concept of learning. Real change often takes place in deep crisis and this pandemic too offered that golden opportunity. As a progressive school with a vision, we were determined to discover potential innovations to the educational challenges to the new situation. The initiation of remote teaching and learning process through the use of technology was the first major disruptive innovative step taken in this direction. The core idea was to design, mobilize and share the most innovative digital learning environment. A blend of activity-based instructional videos, discussion forums and live interactive classes started as early as 27th March 2020. The School's in-house software Desalite Connect was upgraded immediately to adapt to the current and future needs of the school community which integrated students' attendance, teachers' evaluation, homework submissions, academic assessments including the Class XI selection test in a single platform. As social distancing became the norm, virtual parents-teacher meetings and staff meetings were organized through digital platforms to reach out to every parent and teacher associated with the school. This enabled the school to build stronger relationships between the school and its primary stakeholders. Though technology is the lifeline of future education, at a time when we were unprepared for digital learning, to ensure equitable access to high-quality online education, the school organized a series of webinars, training, career and book fair for parents, teachers and students.

The pandemic gifted us a great opportunity to rework our systems and develop a deeper insight in terms of our strengths and weaknesses. The impact of disruptive innovations taken up by the school has been manifold. Due to the increased digital communication, our teachers got an excellent opportunity to form a stronger connection with parents. SFS teachers put up all efforts to nurture students effectively through online mode taking school to home and beating Corona.

While COVID-19 is spreading global destruction, the timely and visionary steps and solutions adopted by SFS Guwahati has made it future ready. The catastrophe was an ideal opportunity for the school to harness the power of innovation and technology to upgrade in the school and embrace the alternative ways of thinking. Our steps were instantaneous, keeping in mind the best interest of the child. And its impact is truly disruptive and may need another pandemic to erase.





## **DESALITE ONLINE FIESTA 2020**

Desalite Fiesta is the cultural fest organized by the school every year where the students showcase their cultural and literary talents but this time the parents were involved as well. Despite the pandemic, SFS conducted Desalite Fiesta virtually from 24th May to 21st June 2020 with a variety of online events such as Solo Dance Competition, Solo Singing Competition, Speech Competition and Story Telling Competition category wise. The most interesting event was the Family Group Singing Competition where parents participated with great enthusiasm. New interests and passions emerged among many students as they participated in the competitions of the Desalite Fiesta alongside numerous presentations. Overall we received a total count of 897 students participating for the events. Virtual competitions were able to show everyone the importance of learning experiences beyond the school building. Though 2020 had been quite difficult for everyone, SFS organized virtual events to keep everyone captivated in its crucial time.

The school also acknowledged the winners, position holders and participants for their hard work and success. Winners were appreciated on the school's official Facebook page by publishing their videos.

## **SFS GUWAHATI – SANITIZING THE WHOLE SCHOOL CAMPUS**

St. Francis De Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati took the initiative to reduce the risk of COVID19 by sanitizing the school premises, classrooms, floors, and washrooms on regular basis during the time of pandemic. SFS followed all the guidelines and recommendations by the state government. All the members took responsibility for this essential duty of keeping the school building clean by continuously disinfecting the entire school classrooms, toilets, laboratories, basketball and football courts, canteen, conference hall, assembly area, auditorium, campus, vehicles, instruments, infrastructures such as computers, books and a lot more. As we all know that hygiene and cleanliness are the keys to deter the spread of COVID 19, therefore SFS truly promotes safe and hygienic practices in the school premises.



## THE SCHOOL CONDUCTS ONLINE EXAMINATION

During the pandemic, the key challenge was to develop and implement sustainable solutions while taking good care of everyone involved in the process. The initiation of remote teaching and learning process through the use of technology was the first major disruptive innovative step taken in this direction. The core idea was to design, mobilize and share the most innovative digital learning environment. Amidst COVID 19 SFS has conducted PT – I Examination which was held from 16th to 24th July 2020. The School's in-house software Desalite Connect was upgraded immediately to adapt to the current and future needs of the school community which integrated students' attendance, teachers' evaluation, homework submissions, academic assessments including the Class XI Selection Test in a single platform.

## A SESSION ON THE EFFECTIVE USE OF LOCKDOWN PERIOD – (MR. ANJAN CHOWDHURY)

In 2020, SFS initiated a webinar on online counseling for the students on the effective use of lockdown period with Faculty Development Trainer Mr. Anjan Chowdhury where our Principal Rev. Father George Thomas welcomed him and the students with an inspirational speech. The shutting down of schools, offices, and public transport has significantly disrupted the lives of common people including that of students. Mr. Anjan nurtured all the students to cope up and make use of the lockdown period effectively. SFS Students expressed how they are finding it hard to keep up with their course developments even though teachers are offering online classes. Mr. Anjan urged the students to make good use of their time and also provided few guidelines through which they can effectively use this lockdown time.

## FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS COMMUNITY

SFS organized a variety of online events during the lockdown for all the students and parents. This pandemic revealed how people's attitudes changed towards digital events. SFS always ensured to keep tabs on everyone's mental and physical health. Parents expressed their gratitude towards the INITIATIVE taken by SFS in the pandemic time by their words of appreciation which we received through mails and WhatsApp message. They are quite happy and satisfied with our school service. Parents also thanked all the teachers for

conducting the online classes with sincere dedication and utmost enthusiasm. It was a whole lot of new experience for everyone. SFS is overwhelmed with the love and support bestowed by the parents.



## VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR 2020

Book Fair gives children a motivation to read by offering them a wide selection of books to choose from. Reading helps children to improve their understanding of the language and build their vocabulary. SFS for the very first time organized a virtual book fair event during the lockdown. Corona virus might mean that in-person events have had to be cancelled, but SFS without losing hope made effective use of the lockdown period. Students enjoyed this event to their fullest.



## CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Independence Day of India is celebrated religiously throughout the country every year. It was on 15th August 1947, India was declared independent from British colonialism, and the reins of control were handed over to the leaders of the Country.

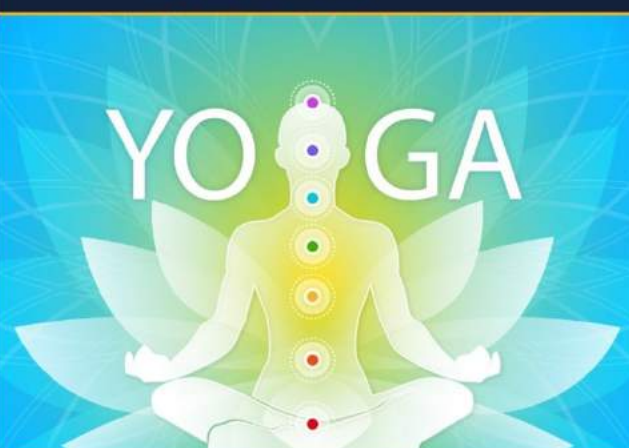
St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati, amid the ongoing pandemic celebrated the 74th Independence Day annually on 15th August 2020. As a part of the programme, Provincial of MSFS Guwahati, Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis was invited as the chief guest to grace the auspicious occasion. The celebration was marked with a prayer song in the beginning. Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal of SFS, welcomed everyone for the event with a welcome speech. The National Flag was unfurled by the chief guest along with Rev. Father George Thomas, followed by the National Anthem played by the NCC Cadets of the school. To mark the occasion, a song was performed by Upasana Goswami.

However this year due to the pandemic the celebration was different. Nonetheless SFS appreciates the cooperation that everyone displayed to make this event a successful one.

## CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Yoga is a powerful tool to deal with the stress of isolation, as well as to maintain physical well-being. Amid the ongoing Corona virus pandemic, SFS celebrated an Online International Yoga Day on 21st June 2020. Each student was asked to send pictures showcasing their yoga postures via WhatsApp. The programme was a huge success. The school received a total of 1557 folders where students were seen doing yoga poses. SFS promotes Yoga as it plays a vital role in promoting health in a holistic manner by improving physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Students were seen bending and twisting their bodies in complex postures to mark the International Day of Yoga. The event highlights the intrinsic link between yoga and sustainability and the idea is to encourage people on how to stay active and healthy amidst the lockdown.

 **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**  
HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, NARENGI  
FOUNDED 1964



**INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY**  
21ST JUNE, 2020

YOGA SESSION WILL BE HELD AND BROADCASTED  
ON TELEVISION BY MINISTRY OF AYUSH

**TIME: 7 A.M.**

## TALENT HUNT CUM FRESHERS' DAY

"Freshers' Day" in any college is an event which every student eagerly awaits from their time of admission. The purpose is to welcome new students in a friendly atmosphere and to encourage their creative impulses to boost their confidence.

Continuing with the proud tradition of the school, St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School for the very first time virtually celebrated Talent Hunt Cum Fresher's Day on 24th August 2020. The program was introduced by the new batch of students from Class XI. The event was telecasted live on the school's official Facebook Page. The celebration was marked with a prayer song followed by a welcome speech. Students arranged many cultural and literary events which include dancing, singing, speech, and many more.

Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal of SFS also delivered an inspirational message towards the end of the program. The event was filled with excitement, joy, music, enthusiasm, laughter, and happiness.

Finally, the program ended, leaving behind sweet memories that will be cherished lifelong.

# TALENT HUNT

**FRESHER'S DAY**

**2020-21**

## ONLINE TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers are the second parents' who shape the future of students. So to honor the teachers for their priceless job, students celebrate Teachers' Day every year. On 5th September 2020, with the ongoing pandemic situation, SFS Students celebrated Teacher's Day virtually through Zoom App and School Official Facebook Page where in teachers enjoyed & participated enthusiastically in all the activities.

SFS organized a Teacher's Blog Writing Competition as well on the celebration of Teachers' Day. A cash prize was also distributed among the winners. Asst. Teacher Miss Payal Roy secured the first prize in the blog writing competition, followed by Sandra Abraham who secured the second position and the third prize was won by Mr. Pawan Upadhyay and Mr. Arnab Choudhury. The winners' blogs were published on the School Official Facebook Page.

The way kids are excited to make this day special for teachers, likewise the teachers also wait eagerly to see what they have in store. The programme started with a prayer song followed by a Parents' message. Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas welcomed all the viewers and participants of the event with his welcome speech and Provincial Fr. Sabu Francis also delighted the teachers with an inspirational speech. The day was marked by a series of programmes which include Bihu Dance, hip hop, solo and duet singing and various other colourful and cultural extravaganzas with a perfect blend of technology and real-time live performance. The viewers were enthralled with the amazing performances displayed by the students. The pandemic has not dampened the enthusiasm among students despite limitations. The celebration was a huge success and the programme concluded with the School Anthem.

# Teachers' DAY Celebration

2020 - 21

LIVE STREAMING

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ZOOM & FACEBOOK

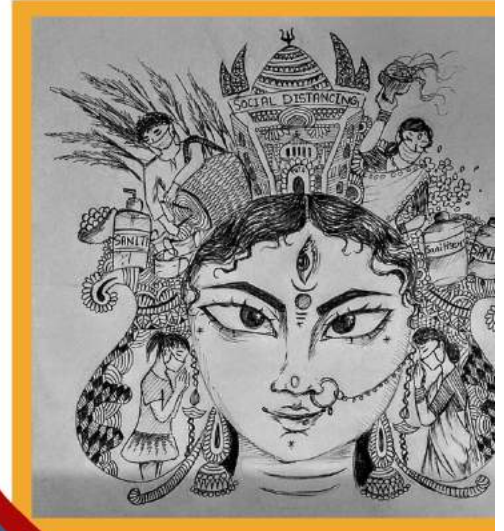
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**TIME: 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.**

# First Prize Doodle contest

## THE DOODLE CONTEST

SFS Guwahati, during the lockdown period organized an Online Doodle Contest on 27th October 2020 on the theme of Durga Puja. It was surprising to see the entries of the Doodle contest. Students from many esteemed schools had participated in the contest as it was open for all schools. The artistry, creativity, and dedication that the students poured into their canvas were admirable. The winners were published on the school's official Facebook page. The first position was secured by JupitaraThakuria, followed by Ayushi Naang Ukoi who won the second prize along with a cash prize. But amid all the artworks, there was one doodle that could not be ignored so SFS decided to give out a consolation prize which was won by Shreesti Singh. SFS had extended its heartiest wishes to all the artists.



Jupitara Thakuria

Class: 12

## ONLINE SOLO SINGING AND DANCE COMPETITION FOR SFS PARENTS'

On 27th September 2020, SFS initiated an Online Solo Singing and Dance Competition for all the SFS Parents. Down through the years, the guardians had been a pillar of strength for SFS. Their talents have not faded as they advance in years rather sharpened and refined. The school is more than happy to provide a platform for the parents to stay active forever. The contest was open for all SFS parents. Some veteran teachers were also invited to judge all the events. Results of the winners' were published on the school's Facebook official page.



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## PARENTS DANCE COMPETITION RESULTS

1st **MONALISA. B. SHARMA**  
M/O- DEBANSI SHARMA

2nd **GEETA SARMA**  
M/O- GAURAV SARMA

3rd **DIPTI MALAKAR**  
M/O- BIKRAMJIT MEDHI



## PARENTS SINGING COMPETITION RESULTS

1st **Dr. PRABAL SHARMA**  
F/O- JAYSURYA SHARMA

2nd **HEMANTA DEKA**  
F/O- RISHAN BAIDYARISHI

3rd **SAIDUL CHOUDHURY**  
F/O- MEHAK YANA CHOUDHURY

3rd **PINKURANI BORA TALUKDAR**  
M/O- UDITI KASHYAP

For the Parents' Solo Singing Competition, Dr. Prabal Sharma secured the first position followed by Mr. Hemanta Deka who secured the 2nd position and the third position was secured by Mr. Saidul Choudhury and Mrs. Pinkurani Bora Talukdar. For the Parents Dance Competition, Mrs. Monalisa B. Sarma holds the 1st position followed by Geeta Sarma secured the 2nd position and the third position was secured by Mrs. Dipti Malakar. SFS congratulates all the winners and participants for actively participating in all the events.



## INTERNATIONAL CAROL SINGING COMPETITION

SFS Guwahati organized the first-ever International Online Carol Singing Competition on 25th December 2021. A total of 58 teams registered from all over the world. 44 teams from 4 continents including Asia, Africa, America, and Europe participated in the event. The best 8 selected carols were telecasted live on the school Facebook Page @Sfsguwahati. The reputed and esteemed jury members were full of praise for the initiative taken by the school and the quality displayed by the participants. In the final which was held on 25th December 2021 at 7 PM, the following teams were selected as the winners.

1st Prize - St. Philips Mission - Swaziland

2nd Prize - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Choir, Philippines, and St. Cecilia Choir Laitmukrah, Shillong, Meghalaya.

3rd Prize - Praise Project Mizoram and Kaveri Communication Trichy, Tamilnadu.

The first prize winners were awarded Rs. 25000.00 as a cash award. 2nd prize winners were awarded Rs. 15000.00 and 3rd prize winners were awarded Rs. 10000.00. During the grand finale, Rev. Fr. George Thomas, the principal welcomed the international audience and the participants. Most Rev. John Moolachira DD, Archbishop of Guwahati, and Rev. Fr. Sabu Francis, Provincial, MSFS Guwahati province greeted everyone on the occasion of Christmas with their inspiring message.



## NARENGI SCHOOL DEVELOPS SOFTWARE FOR ONLINE TEST AND EVALUATION

On June 30th, 2020, St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Guwahati during the COVID 19 Pandemic reached out to the students and parents with the software 'Desalite Connect' which was developed by the school itself. The software was upgraded immediately to adapt to the current and future needs of the school community which integrated students' attendance, teachers' evaluation, homework submissions, academic assessments including the Class XI selection test in a single platform. Despite being at home, the teachers are taking all the responsibilities to provide the environment of the school at home. The school has been conducting online classes using WhatsApp, Google Classes, YouTube, and Zoom.

The evaluation of the teachers also has been done through the software developed by SFS. Our online software Desalite Connect proved to be useful in detecting any anomalies in the system and provided us a comprehensive view of the functioning of the school. While COVID-19 is spreading global destruction, the timely and visionary steps and solutions adopted by SFS Guwahati has made it future ready. The catastrophe was an ideal opportunity for the school to harness the power of innovation and technology to upgrade the school and embrace the alternative ways of thinking. Our steps were instantaneous keeping in mind the best interest of the child. And its impact is truly disruptive and may need another pandemic to erase.

## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On 13th November 2020, SFS celebrated Children's Day virtually, live on the school's official Facebook page due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. The day marks the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, fondly remembered as Chacha Nehru. From dance preparations to plays, a plethora of activities was live-streamed by teachers for the students on Friday, a day before Children's Day on Saturday, November 14. SFS decided to hold early celebrations as the day coincides with Diwali when all schools are shut. All the teachers worked very hard to make the event a special one. Students also appreciated the creativity of the teachers amid the changed circumstances. With much enthusiasm and excitement, SFS celebrated the big, highly anticipated Children's Day. The celebration was marked with many different activities. The effort and creativity of the teachers were essential for the development and success of the event. Through this celebration, the students of SFS had a fun time from the comfort of their homes, taking advantage of technology and virtual platforms to make their day unforgettable, and showing them once again that they are important to God and their teacher, and all the staff who work at the school with much love.



## FASCE INDIA – COMPLETING 200 EPISODE OF SOLACE IN TIMES OF NEED

FASCE India along with MSFS Guwahati Province had taken up a project of serving the poor and the marginalized sections of society during the time of the COVID 19 Pandemic. St. Francis De Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati was also involved with this great initiative of feeding the poor and hungry in collaboration with FASCE India (Fransalian Agency for Social Care and Education) from 20th October 2020. This was necessitated due to the unavoidable lockdown that started in the country for the COVID 19 Pandemic. 'Solace in time of need', is a journey to bring solace to the poor, marginalized, migrants, daily wage earners, slum dwellers, senior citizens, single mothers, children, street vendors, differently-abled people, affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic. Honorable Mr. Atul Bora, MLA of Dispur Constituency was also invited as a guest of honor to grace the occasion of "200 Episode of Solace in time of need". He is very much thankful to be connected with FASCE India which is doing a great job feeding the poor in time of need. He also appreciates SFS for its perfection and feels grateful to the prestigious donors who have supported charity through the FASCE India Organization.



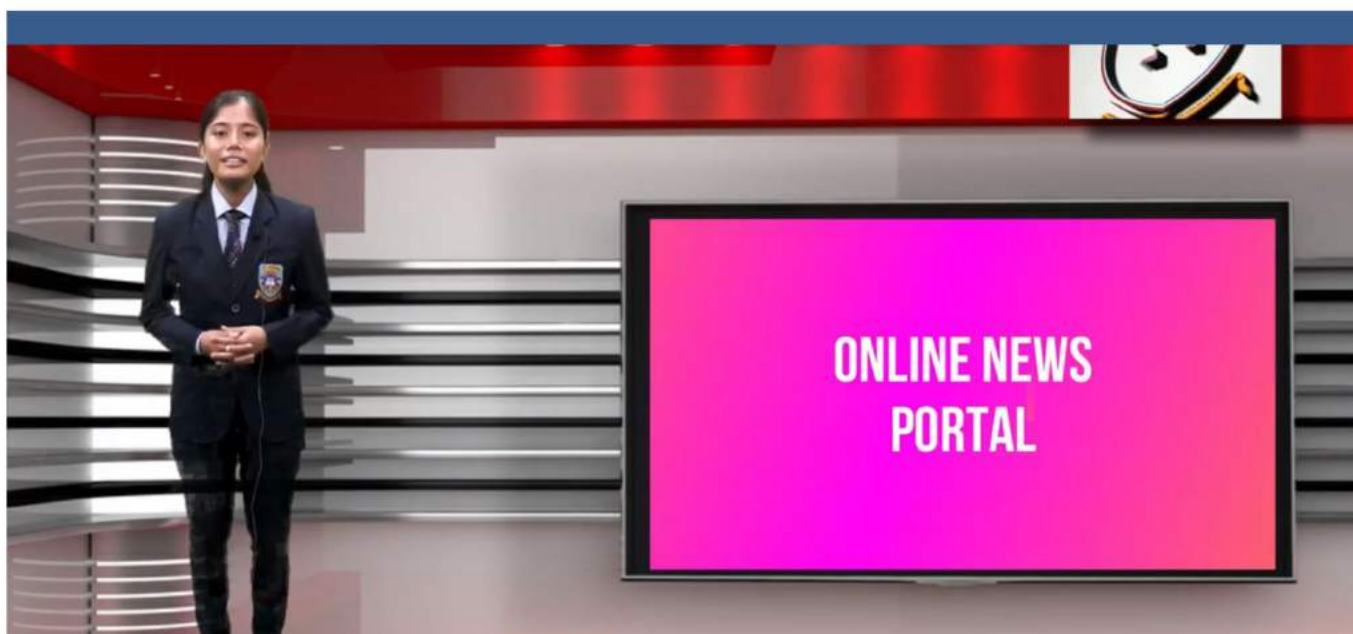
## BACK TO SCHOOL

COVID 19 days were challenging and traumatic. It had highly affected everyone physically and mentally. But nothing stays permanent. St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati had allowed the pupils back on campus from 1st November 2020. School authorities had decided to get the student back to the school on alternate days. It was the first offline day after Covid 19 pandemic. Keeping in mind, the Covid protocols, students from Classes IX to XII appeared for their half-yearly examinations. SFS felt overjoyed to see the children back in school. Since the school was shut for many months the attendance was not normal like previous days. All SOPs were followed in the school and children came to school with masks and hand sanitizers. All the teachers, as well as students, were very excited to come to school and meet their friends in person. All safety measures and precautions were already in place which had created a lot of confidence and encouraged parents to send their wards back to school. SFS School also made arrangements for sanitization for students in classes. Since only 50% of the class was allowed, the social distancing norms were implemented without a fuss.



## ONLINE NEWS PORTAL

In today's world, people have no time to be updated through the newspaper or watching or listening to the news on television or radios. People need to be updated on daily basis in this competitive world. Most people get information about the world around them through the internet which is fast, accessible, and reliable. Keeping that in mind an Online News Portal was initiated by St. Francis De Sales School in the month of December for broadcasting news to a larger mass. During the projection of events, the news was projected by the SFS students. The objective of the news portal was to promote the events organized by the school and also provided an opportunity for the students to enhance their skills.



## ONLINE INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPTITION

St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati organized the first-ever Inter-School Online Debate Competition – “It’s Debatable” on 24th January 2021.

The topic for the Debate Competition was: The house is of the opinion that Artificial Intelligence will seriously hamper economic development, create unemployment and social instability and drive technological development to reduced human worth and existence.

The competition was organized in honor of the feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron of SFS School that falls on 24th January. A total of 14 schools participated in the competition. 8 finalists of the categories - for the motion, against the motion, and interjection were shortlisted for the final which was held on 18th January 2021 in zoom meeting. The event was streamed live on the official Facebook page of the school, @Sfsguwahati on 24th January 2021 at 10 AM, and results were declared during the telecast on the same day.

The competition was witnessed by a highly competent and skilled panel of judges. Mr. Deepak Sharma, Dr. Dayananda Pathak, and Mr. Bishaldeep Kakati were the eminent judges. The winners of the competition for each category were:

For the motion:

§ Ms. Harshita Jain (1st) Sarala Birla GyanJyoti, Amingaon

§ Ms. Mayusha Kashyap (2nd )Shrimanta Shankar Academy, Dispur

Against the motion:

§ Mr. Sarthak Choudhury (1st) Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Silpukhuri

§ Ms. Namrata Nayak (2nd) Kendriya Vidyalaya, Noonmati.

Interjector:

§ Mr. Chetan Lunkar (1st) Sarala Birla GyanJyoti, Amingaon

§ Mr. Francis L. Hauhnar (2nd) Monfort Convent, 10th Mile

The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs 5000/- (1st Prize for both Speakers), Rs 3000/- (2nd Prize for both speakers) respectively. Interjections will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 3000/- (1st prize) and 2000/- (2nd prize) respectively. Participants also received e-certificates for participation in the competition respectively. The telecast of the event reached more than 3834 people with views above 1000 respectively.



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## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION 2021

St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati had organized a prize distribution ceremony on 10th February 2021 for the winners and participants who took part in the events which were held in the year 2020 by honoring them with certificates and medals.

SFS School acknowledged the talent of the participants who had worked hard to achieve success. The ceremony began with a prayer followed by a prayer song. The event was graced by Mrs. Monalisa Borah Sharma who secured the first position in the Parents' Solo Dance Competition with a dance performance. Rev. Father George Thomas, MSFS, Principal felicitated all the participants and appreciated them for putting their faith, hope and perseverance together. All the events were conducted offline during the Covid 19 Pandemic. SFS School Band ended the program by playing the National Anthem.



## SFS ONLINE PARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION 2021

On 7th February 2021, St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School Narengi, Guwahati for the very first time organized an Online Parents' Day Celebration which was telecasted on the School's Official Facebook Page. As it says there can be no tree without roots. The same role is played by parents in a child's life. So keeping this in mind the students of SFS put in all their efforts to make this event a successful one. It was a one-hour program which started from 8 pm onwards. As a part of the program Mr. Atul Borah, MLA of Dispur Constituency was invited as the chief guest virtually to deliver his inspiring message. Along with Mr. Atul Borah, Rev Father Sabu Francis, Provincial of MSFS, Guwahati Province also graced the event with his motivational message. The celebration was marked with a School Anthem followed by a Prayer Song. In the beginning, Rev Father George Thomas, Principal of SFS Guwahati welcomed all the viewers and participants to the event.

SFS students beautifully executed their performances presenting several programs including dancing, singing, one-take shot, kid's special performances, and many more. Mr. Ranjan Sarma a parent representative also shared his views and emotions on how touched he was throughout the event. There was a special lockdown performance where the students have shown how life has changed before and after the lockdown. Bihu dance performers with their brisk steps and rapid hand movements made Assam proud as always. And to make the parents feel even more special a group of SFS alumni charmed everyone with their outstanding dance performance. The audience also witnessed the kids performing on a popular retro collection which was very nostalgic. Sattriya dance, a well-known dance form of Assam was gracefully executed by some students of SFS. The celebration ended with the National Anthem.

### Online Parent's Day — Celebration — 2021

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## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

SFS new website has been updated on the month of January 2021. Through the website, students, parents and teachers can access to the ERP (Desalite Connect), the brand new software developed by the school to conduct online tests and teacher's evaluations. SFS website is informative and helpful for everyone. School website has easy navigation with a clean site structure and responsive design, welcoming pictures and videos, highlights of the facilities and the extra-curricular activities, an ABOUT US page with the history of the school and campus, a calendar, notice board or news section conveying all important updates and information and a lot more. SFS website has all the latest technology which help one to stay connected with each other. The website has also a lot of visual elements. The whole website is neat and has an excellent structure.

## AUGMENTED REALITY – NEW WAYS TO TEACH IN MORE CREATIVE AND INTERACTIVE MANNER DURING PANDEMIC

St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Guwahati, introduced “Augmented Reality” session with Mrs. Pinky Baruah, Asst. Teacher at SFS. It is a technology that lets people superimpose digital content (images, sounds, texts), over real-life scenes, or in other words, “it is the real-time use of information in the form of text, graphics, audio, and other virtual enhancements integrated with real-world objects”.

Its wide spectrum plays a vital role in the field of education. It helps the students to easily acquire, process, and remember the information. Additionally, augmented reality makes learning more engaging and fun. It is not limited to a single age group or levels of education and can be used equally in all levels of schooling from pre-school education up to college.

This technology is fruitful for both the learners and educators. Through this platform, educators can improve learning outcomes, through increased engagement and interactivity. In education, augmented reality features aspects that enhance learning abilities like problem-solving, collaboration, and creation to prepare students for the future.

Students can get a whole new perspective on abstract scientific concepts and get to interact with something far more tangible than the alternative flat 2D image can.

## SFS STREAM SELECTION 2021

SFS organized a session on stream selection for the students of Class X in the context of their upcoming board examinations. The session was organized to guide the students in selecting the right stream for their careers.

The session was started with three students from Class XII representing each of the streams Humanities, Commerce, and Science respectively who spoke on the three streams and their journey in SFS altogether. The session continued with three teachers each representing the streams respectively Mrs. JaliKumariNath from Humanities, Mr. Deepak Kakoti from Commerce, and Mr. Victor Kumar Barman from Science stream respectively. The teachers presented their overview and interrelated aspects of the three streams in SFS and the potential benefits of the students in opting for the stream of their choice in SFS. School Brochures for the new academic session were also distributed amongst the students and teachers.

The session was concluded by Principal Rev. Father George Thomas with aspects related to preparation for the upcoming examinations of the students.



## SESSION ON EFFECTIVE REVISION AND EXAMINATION TECHNIQUES 2021



SFS organized a session for the students of Class X and XII in the context of the upcoming board examinations of the students. The session was conducted by Mr. DineshLahoti as the resource person. He has been associated with the school for a long time and has provided effective career guidance to students in the past years.

The session was organized in different time slots for each of the classes for guiding as per the requirement of the students. The session for Class X was conducted from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Class XII was conducted from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM.

The session focused on topics that will guide students to prepare efficiently for their exams including time management, creation of mind maps, micro winners, the setting of goals, mock tests as well as the significance of management. The session also incorporated a question and answer round for students to answer their queries and provide assistance.



## SFS REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

St. Francis de sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati, celebrated the 72nd Republic Day of the nation on 26th January 2021 paying tribute and respect to our national heroes & heroines.

As a part of the program Lt. Colonel Deep Dhadwal was invited as the chief guest to grace the auspicious occasion. Along with the chief guest who was accompanied by fellow soldiers, the program was graced by Rev. Father Sabu Francis, Provincial of MSFS Guwahati province, and Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal of SFS.

All the dignitaries assembled together to celebrate the event. The celebration was marked with a prayer song in the beginning. Fr. George Thomas welcomed everyone with a welcome message where he shared a few words about the Constitution – its amendment and progress and development of our country with the contribution of our forces.

The National Flag was unfurled and hoisted by the chief guest along with Provincial Rev. Father Sabu Francis and Principal Rev. Father George Thomas, followed by the National Anthem. The Parade by the NCC cadets was led by parade commander senior officer DebaroshiChoudhury and cadet Dhruv. The parade commenced with all the dignitaries taking the salute. The event was intrigued with a few performances of students to mark the occasion. SFS Students Anamika Paul and Upasana Barman graced the event with their beautiful song performance. Rishab Sharma another student enthralled everyone with his heart-touching Dance Performance.

Chief Guest Lt. Colonel Deep Dhadwal also delivered a speech marking the auspicious event where he spoke about reminiscences of his school days and the contribution of his teachers and everyone associated, in the contribution for moulding him to become the person he is today. The celebration ended with the school anthem of SFS.

The program was conducted with strict precautionary measures in context to covid-19. The event was also attended by a number of parents and students including the staff of SFS making the event a success.





## PRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CUM SR. MANJU'S FAREWELL

Along with the other parts of the world, SFS celebrated Pre-Christmas on 19 Dec 2020. Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Vice – Principal Sr. Josna, Teachers along with the staff attended the program. Former Accountant, Sr. Manju's Farewell ceremony coincides on the same day. Rev. Fr. George Thomas welcomed everyone with a speech followed by Ma'am Geetanjali Thapa Pradhan's Farewell Speech. Sr. Manju was also given a token of appreciation by Fr. George. She was associated with SFS for the past 3 years. Ma'am Pranami Phukoon and Sir Souvik Guha intrigued everyone with their song performance. The Pre-Christmas function due to the pandemic was not celebrated in a grand manner. The event concluded with a cake cutting ceremony and lunch for everyone.



## CHANGING FACE OF ADMISSION DURING COVID TIMES

COVID-19 outbreak across the region had impacted all industries and sectors. Work from home is the norm for the day. Educational Institutes and Universities are highly affected due to this crucial yet mandatory decision of lockdown. The entire examination and admission process was changed due to the continuous lockdown. St. Francis de Sales School during lockdown had to change its admission strategy and conducted it online for Class XI with the help of our in-house software Desalite Connect. The interaction for Class I was conducted by following the norms and conditions provided by the government.

In the case of the admission process, there are many aspects related to the admission process including lead management, counselling for the prospective students, sharing course information and brochures to the students, accepting admission forms, merit list generation, accepting the first installment of the fee for admission confirmation. SFS conducted the whole process virtually.



## PAPER BAG DAY

SFS on 12th July 2020, during the pandemic, celebrated "National Paper Bag Day", virtually to make people aware of the use of paper bags that contribute to fight with climate change and the environment. Paper Bag Day is celebrated worldwide on July 12. SFS Narengi Youngsters had participated in this event with a total number of 554 folders.

SFS through this event wanted to spread awareness about using Paper bags instead of plastic to help reduce plastic waste. It was amazing watching the student's enthusiasm throughout the event. The student's prepared colorful bags which were made out of newspapers. It also helped the students to follow eco-friendly habits for life. Students prepared their exclusive paper bags with unique designs. The videos were published on the School's Official Facebook Page. SFS appreciates all the students for their hard work and active participation.

## PROJECT CHILD HEALTH CHECKUP 2021

On 3rd to 6th Feb 2021, SFS School, Narengi Guwahati organized a health care checkup for every student under the Project “CHILD” organization. Project “CHILD” is an initiative that takes care of students' overall development. Every year they conduct medical tests in all the esteemed schools of Guwahati.

SFS School is in a tie-up with this organization for the overall health development. Their yearly check-up usually starts in August. But this time due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the check-up at SFS took place in February. It is a 5-day check-up routine that started on 3rd February 2021. A total of 8 doctors examined students carefully. Students have gone through Dental, Pediatrics & ENT, Vision as well as the height and weight (BMI) Checkup. They have also provided a booklet to each student to fill their previous health issues. They keep tabs on the students and provide them proper vaccines. The Booklet is mainly for the parents to fill up their ward's health information. SFS School is truly honored for its service and hospitality.



## WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY

On 19th August 2020, SFS celebrated “World Photography Day”, virtually so that people around the world can communicate their feelings and express them through the art of photography. World Photography Day is an annual, worldwide celebration of the art, craft, science, and history of photography.

SFS had also conducted a contest in the context of World Photography Day. Around 130 students participated in the contest. This contest had also helped the students to enrich their knowledge about photographs. It was mesmerizing to see their passion for photography. Each photo had its importance which was expressed through the pictures. Photos and videos were published on the School's Official Facebook Page. DeepjyotiDutta from Class XII Science secured the 1st position in the contest followed by HittyakhiBoro from Class IX B who secured the 2nd position and the third prize was won by KaberiRahang from Class IX A. SFS School had also conducted a prize distribution ceremony on 10th February 2021 where all the winners were acknowledged and appreciated for their success and hard work.

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## FATHER PRAVEEN FAREWELL

On 6th March 2021, SFS organized a Farewell Ceremony for Father Praveen, who has been associated with SFS for the past 6 years. Fr. Praveen will further continue his studies abroad.

The programme commenced with a welcome speech where Principal Rev. Fr. George Thomas welcomed Vice-Principal Sr. Josna MPV, Sr. Sheeba MPV, the teachers, and all the staff. Mam Pranami Phookun also sang a farewell song to express her love towards Fr. Praveen. Towards the end, Rev. Fr. George felicitated Fr. Praveen with a token of love for his constant dedication towards his work and school. The program concluded with Fr. Praveen's Farewell Speech where he expressed his gratitude and love for SFS and was lucky to be a part of it.



## VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

Vigilance Awareness Week is a program conducted annually by Oil India Limited for all over the schools in Guwahati. The program was conducted virtually on 27th October 2020. The competitions of the Vigilance Awareness Week were the Online Essay Competition, Drawing Competition, and the Online Quiz Competition. The pandemic had not dampened the student's enthusiasm but rather taught them to make good use of time effectively. SFS Students actively participated in all the events.

Bhargabi Medhi from Class IX C won the first prize in the online essay competition followed by Tajim Basumatary from Class VIII who also secured the first position in the Online Drawing Competition and Ankit Kumar received an Inspirational Prize as the School wise topper for the Online Quiz Competition. All the winners were also given cash prizes as a token of appreciation and certificates. A Prize Distribution ceremony was conducted on 10th February 2021 where all the winners, participants and position holders were acknowledged and appreciated for their hard work and success.

## VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

An unforgettable Virtual Career Fair was initiated by St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati on July 28th and 29th. Four Esteemed Universities, Ashoka University, OP Jindal Global University, Atia University, and Carleton University from different countries conducted an online session for the SFS Students where they have guided for their prospective Career Decisions.

This event helped students who were searching for various career options for admissions in the institutes of their choice. Students learned many things throughout this event. SFS provides the best opportunities for the students to discover their dream program or to get a feel of other suitable study options within the country and outside the country. Thus investing their time in the online education fair was worth full.

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CLASS- VIII  
WINNER

**Quiz Competition (Inspirational Prizes)**  
ANKIT KUMAR  
CLASS- IX  
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## TEACHERS TRAINING

SFS conducts the Teachers Training twice a year which helps teachers upgrade themselves. It is an effective session where teachers learn some unique and effective techniques. It also improves their skills to be better teachers. It focuses primarily on framing questions, academic support, pedagogical techniques, lesson plans, classroom engagements, and many more. Also, they learn about adequate teaching comprehension, different speaking and listening techniques. The sessions are conducted both online and offline modes. These sessions are beneficial for all teachers and help them to get a deeper understanding of subjects and concepts.

## ONLINE PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING WITH MR. ANJAN CHOUDHURY

SFS was the first to conduct an Online Parents-Teachers Meeting from 29th May to 8th June 2020 with Faculty Development Trainer Mr. Anjan Chowdhury. The meeting started with a prayer song followed by welcome words of Rev. Fr. George Thomas, Principal. Mr. Anjan Choudhury gave a counseling session to parents and students to how to effectively use digital platform and to overcome the pandemic.

It is a platform where everyone can have one-to-one conversations. The session was very effective for all the parents and teachers. Covid 19 days were difficult for everyone. Despite Mr. Anjan nurtured all the parents to teach their wards how to cope up and make use of the lockdown period effectively. SFS appreciates all the teachers for their active participation throughout the session.



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## SERIES OF WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS DURING LOCKDOWN

SFS conducted many Webinar Sessions for the students with experts and resource persons from all over India during the pandemic. The sessions were mainly for the students. Experts from different fields interacted virtually via Zoom App where they have nurtured the students to learn new skills.

SFS Students learned how to make use of the lockdown period. Each student was observed and guided personally in the online platform. The students also learned how to keep themselves busy on crucial days. It was an essential, successful, and productive session where SFS students learned many things.

## PICNIC 2021

The most awaited day of the year was the School's Staff Picnic to Panacea the village, Sonapur, Guwahati which was on 22 February 2021. It was a memorable day for all the staff members of St Francis De Sales, Guwahati. The resort gave an experience of being surrounded by greenery and the beauty of nature. SFS Staff started their journey at sharp 8:30 am in the morning with prayer and the feeling of a great day ahead. All the staff members were extremely happy and kept singing songs on the bus till they reached the venue.

A delicious breakfast was followed by some fun activities which were organized by the coordinators of SFS for all the staff members. It was wonderful watching the teachers, office staff, and support staff taking active participation in all the events. Every teacher was allowed to participate and enjoy themselves. There were also prizes for the winners. After a tiring and fun-packed morning, everyone headed for a delightful Lunch. Towards the end, everyone enjoyed themselves by dancing to some foot-tapping numbers. SFS School Picnic concluded with a group photograph.



## A TODDLER'S WORLD

Prajukta Darshini Saharia, daughter of Mridula Saharia and Sanjib Kr. Saharia of Guwahati, Assam, and a student of St. Francis De Sales Higher Secondary School, Narengi, Guwahati, has set a state record for writing and publishing the most number of children's poem, 58 in numbers, and hence, became the youngest girl to publish her own poetry book titled "A Toddler's World" in her age group. She has also set a National record in India and listed her name at "India Book of Records." Her acute sense of innocent and yet deep observations, innate wit, deftness in rhyming characterize the richness of her poetry.

She started writing on different objects around her when she was just eight years old. Her parents supported and inspired her to write poems of her own. Apart from writing poems she also loves to draw paintings. Prajukta had participated in many competitions and achieved prizes for her hard work and efforts. SFS School is proud of Prajukta Darshini Saharia and blesses her for a Bright Future.



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### YOUNGEST GIRL TO PUBLISH A BOOK ON POETRY

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St. Francis de Sales School would like to appreciate her work and wish her more success in life.


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## PRINCIPAL'S DAY

One of the best leaders of SFS School has ever known is Rev. Fr. George Thomas, the Principal of St. Francis de Sales Higher Secondary School. September 22 is a special day for Rev. Fr. George as it is his Birthday cum Principal's Day. This day is celebrated annually with grand celebrations but this time due to the pandemic SFS celebrated the special occasion virtually. His love for the school is immeasurable.


SFS School feels lucky to have a Principal like Fr. George. Students, teachers, supporting staff everyone wished him on his special occasion by sending small videos expressing love and gratitude towards the Principal. A cake-cutting ceremony was also organized offline by the office staff with Vice Principal Sr. Josna MPV. School thanked him for the greatness he adds to the school. He is the one who constantly keeps striving to improve things and make the school better. Fr. George is a beacon of light in the school. SFS School wishes him good health and salutes him for his sincere dedication towards the school.




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