



ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I would like to thank all the Brothers, Sisters, Senior Staff and Teachers for their efforts, devotion and co-operation towards the successful completion of one more year!

The Montfort Society is ever-growing, ever-learning and always looking forward to include, integrate and transform. Guided by Montfortian Values and our Patron Saint's teachings, Montfort is functioning in multiple dimensions, albeit there exist numerous challenges, the enthusiasm and will can never diminish.

A special thanks to the Management Staff, Team of Ayahs, Peons, Technicians, Hostel Wardens, Guards and all the people who continue to bless this association, we are stronger with your support. Montfort will strive for greater results and greater balance between the various aspects of School Education in every coming year.

Montfort Centre for Education includes:

- The Marian School For the Blind
- The Gabriel School for the Deaf
- The Louis School for the Mentally Challenged
- Montfort Higher Secondary School
- Montfort Training Centre for the Teachers of the Deaf
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- Study Centre for B.Ed and Foundation Course
- Vision, Audiometry and Speech Therapy Centre
- Vocational Education for the Disabled
- St. Louis Hostel for the Disabled
- St. Francis de Sales Convent and Hostel for the Disabled Girls
- St. Sebastian's Hostel for Children
- St. Sebastian's Church

We value our relationship with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM), Light for the World, National Institute for the Visually Impaired (NIVH), Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped (AYJIHH) and the North Eastern Hill University (NEHU).

Academic Year 2013-14: Events and Achievements

'Prayers, promises and a will to do better'

The Academic year began in the month of January. Principal Bro. Maria Soosai conducted a special assembly welcoming the children, old and new, to the Montfort family. The Investiture ceremony was also held.



Annual Sports Days



In March 2013, Montfort conducted its Eighteenth Annual Sports Meet.

The usual athletic events like 200m Sprint, Relay, Marathon, Long jump and others were coupled with thrilling competitions like Sack race, Three legged race, Plate Balancing, Marble on Spoon.

The children with disabilities also competed with the nondisabled students and many of them triumphed.



Farewell for the D. Ed Teacher Trainees Batch 2011-2013

Reckoned as one of the most talented, sincere and dedicated; the 2011-13 batch of Teacher Trainees (D.Ed- Sp. Ed) bid farewell to the centre. They were a determined group and will always remain a part of the Montfort family. We wish them all the best. This batch included trainees from the states of: Bihar, Manipur, Meghalaya, West Bengal



New Batch of Teacher Trainees:

Montfort Centre welcomed the D. Ed trainees for the batch of 2013-2015. The senior trainees by way of a dance performance greeted the freshers. Also, Mr. and Ms. Fresher were elected on the basis of popularity and majority vote.



Art and Photography Workshop at the Louis School for the Mentally Challenged

Came a man with papers, scissors, sticks, rings and a Camera!

Chandan Rathore, a professional photographer and arts and craft enthusiast indulged with the MR section and it was a simply 'SUPERB'.



Fancy Dress Competition:

Students from the Gabriel School for the Deaf participated in an Inter-School Fancy Dress competition organized by the St. Mary's School and bagged the first prize.

Such competitions expose children to the society and also inculcate positive competitiveness.

Bijosh Sangma was chosen the winner for the design and creativity.



Teacher's Day:

Montfort celebrated this special day with gusto and fervor. It is said that 'A teacher is a candle who burns himself to enlighten the life of the others'. Perhaps this is the reason why teachers hold a special place in the heart and lives of the students.

For once it was the teachers who took the centre stage and they did with élan.



Story Telling with the Deaf and Blind children:

An activity initiated by **Katha Ngo** and organized by the special educators at Montfort. The story of **Paplu the Giant**, who was unlike any giant was recited. The children were visibly thrilled and wanted to meet the hero of the story.



Auditory and Speech Training:

Handled and conducted by **Ms. Debashini**, alumni of the **D. Ed- Special Education**. Children with moderate to severe hearing loss are trained to reproduce the sounds of common letters and words with help of **lip-reading** and **speech training**. Emulating the idea of **total communication**, we at Montfort try to impart every technique which would lead to the best learning and minimize exclusion.



Bro. Thomas More Memorial Inter School Competition:

Dedicated to the founder of the Montfort School

Late Bro. Thomas More. The event was inaugurated with a prayer service in memory of Bro. More.

All the reputed schools participated

in the Arts and Music competition held in the school campus.

Notable amongst the many were the participants from the

St. Peter's Seminary and **Sherwood School**.

The Montfort school Choir (which includes not a single fully sighted member) was at their usual best.



Study Tour of the Teacher Trainees:

Teacher-trainees (D.Ed) of the Montfort Centre embarked on an excursion organized for their exposure, experience and educational exchange. The study tour is organized annually by the Senior Faculty at Montfort, the primary purpose being the visit to reputed organizations of South-India working in the field of disability and empowerment of persons with disability. The tour also incorporates visits to religious and tourist sites and other venues and vistas.

The tour was a week long and the itinerary was such:

Educational and Vocational Institutes:

- St.Thomas Mount and St. Thomas Basilica
- Montfort Academy and Matriculation School
- National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)
- St. Louis Institution for the Deaf and Blind
- All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH)
- JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled

Sight-seeing:

- Marina Beach
- Mahabalipuram
- Shrirangapatna Temple
- Tipu Sultan's Cemetery
- St. Philomena's Church
- Mysore Palace
- Chamundeshwari Temple
- Vishveshwaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM)

Seminar for the Teachers and Students:

The Theme/Motive of the seminar was to brainstorm and discuss about the ethics and morals of teaching and the teacher-student relationship; the M.I.T of Education- Motivation, Inspiration and Trust.

Bro. Monson shared awe inspiring videos, he shared true stories from his own personal experience. Activities which left some astonished and some in splits like the 'Four minute test'.



Reminisce- 2014

A two day alumni meet cum disability workshop conducted by the Faculty of Special Education, Montfort Centre. More than 60 trainees (pass outs in the last ten years) gathered to share, celebrate and reminisce!



Session on the Rights of Persons with Disability

The headlining session was conducted by **Shishu Sarothi**, a disability | Assam. The main discussions were around:

Challenges faced by PWDs in various areas

- Socio- Economic
- Academic
- Cultural



This Annual Report was created by gathering, evaluating and analyzing the numerous practices, activities and outcomes for the year by the evaluation team. The Annual Report serves the purpose of setting higher goals both in terms of co-curricular and academic learning and activities of the students and also as a manual to look back upon and analyze how much we have grown as an institution.