



# THE ALL-INDIA ANGLO-INDIAN ASSOCIATION

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## Honorary Secretary's Report for the period August 2023 to July 2024

**Our very 1<sup>st</sup> event** was celebrating the Anglo-Indian Teachers of our Branch. The Youth Committee of our Branch organised a Teachers Day function to celebrate and honour our Teachers on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Jubilee Hall, Don Bosco Academy, Digha Ghat, Patna. Thank you to the Youth committee members for a wonderful Teachers Day Celebration. The gifts were well appreciated and all present enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Sharon and her generous sponsors who generously contributed towards the saplings, bags, cards etc., for this event.

**Joy of Giving** - A very noble and charitable cause was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at this very campus celebrating Gandhi Jayanti and the Joy of Giving. This was an initiative of our Youth Committee and it was a huge success. Ration hampers to the tune of Rs. 75,000/- was distributed to the underprivileged slum dwellers of Digha area with the help of the Mukhia of Digha and other wellwishers.

Funds for this campaign came vide a newspaper drive conducted at Don Bosco Academy - Digha & 126 Patliputra Colony, St. Xavier's College of Mgmt & Tech, Digha, and our very generous donors from Patna, Jamshedpur, Goa, Bangalore and Australia too.

Ms. Mary Alphonsa – Principal, Don Bosco Academy and Rev. Fr. Martin Poras – Principal, St. Xavier's College of Mgmt & Tech were the Chief Guests at this noble event. The Mukhia of Digha was also present as a special guest as he had helped us identify the beneficiaries who deserved the hampers.

A big thank you to the committee members, the youth committee members and our ever helpful volunteers. Special thanks Mario Martin for conducting the newspaper drive at St. Xavier's College of Mgmt. & Tech., Mr. Alan, Mr. James and Ms. Tanya for conducting the newspaper drive at DBA and Mrs. Sharon Hurley for organizing the badges, the bags and the saplings as souvenirs which was sponsored by one of her generous donors.

Thank you to Mr. Alan Cowell, Mr. James Ried, Tanya and team for organizing the DBA choir and the DBA volunteers to entertain and serve the beneficiaries. It was a well planned and well executed event and it sure felt great doing what we did. Seeing the JOY of the faces of the beneficiaries gave us great satisfaction. I'm sure we'll repeat the event this year too with much more participation especially from our members. Special thanks also to Mr. Frank Krishner for his contribution too vide media.

**IGNITION....AN EDUFEST** was conducted on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Don Bosco Academy Campus, Patna. At this EDUFEST we conducted the "On The Spot Drawing & Painting Competition", "The Winnifred Conally Elocution Contest", "The Hector Angus Brown Memorial English Debate Competition" and the grand "India Quiz" over a period of two days.



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I take this opportunity to thank all the participants and their schools for participating in the Edufest. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Rozario, Ms. Mary Alphonsa, Mr. Shankar Dutt, Mrs. Munniba Sami, Ms. Neerja Lal & Mr. Frank Krishner and all our special dignitaries and sponsors who encouraged us and graced the event. At this event we felicitated Mr. Donald Martin before the commencement of the India Quiz for his contributions to the India Quiz events.

It was pretty challenging to conduct all these events in two days and yes, we did it our way. It was a first for us and we came out victorious although it was a bit stressful. But we enjoyed it cause' we love doing what we do for the Danapur branch.

**THE LEIGHTLYN FERNANDEZ MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS CAROL COMPETITION - 2024** was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Don Bosco Academy, Digha. As usual this is our most colourful and melodious event of the year.

**The Annual Christmas Tree Party** was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Don Bosco Academy, Digha starting at 6 pm. wherein children up-to the age of 12 years received gifts from the branch. All those present enjoyed the Christmas Tree party.

**Subscriptions** is a big issue at our branch and we need to find a way out of this. We will discuss this a little later in the evening.

**GRATITUDES** - I thank very specially our sponsors and well wishers for always contributing towards our various activities of the branch. A big thank you to Mr. Rajesh Agarwal of Agarwal Fancy Stores for his generous contributions. Special thanks to Mr. Sameer of Sam Books for ensuring our events do not stop.

I place on record my sincere thanks to the Teaching & Non-Teaching staff of Don Bosco Academy for their continuous help and encouragement in all our endeavors.

Special thanks to Mr. James Reid, Mr. Bishwajeet, Mr. Arjun and their team for the wonderful decorations at all our events. Mr. James Reid needs a special round of applause for his spectacular sense creativity and deco. Thank you James.

A special thank you to Mr. Michael Daniell for regularly updating our website with our notices, reports and pictures. Thank you Michael.

A HUGE Thank You to Mr. Alfred George deRozario – Director/Senior Principal of Don Bosco Academy, Ms. Mary Alphonsa – Principal of Don Bosco Academy and Mr. Eric deRozario – Vice Principal of Don Bosco Academy for always coming to our aid by providing us the Don Bosco Academy premises and its facilities from time to time to conduct our functions and activities. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I thank very specially Mrs. Dorothy deRozario for all her help, co-operation and guidance in all that we do. Her motherly concern for our branch and its members is most appreciated. We cannot thank you enough and words cannot express how much you mean to us. Your presence is more than enough for us. Thank you Aunty Dorothy.



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Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony deRozario and Mr. & Mrs. Eric deRozario for all their help and co-operation in our activities and functions. We are most grateful to you.

I take this opportunity to thank every member of our branch for encouraging and supporting us in all our endeavors. Your presence is all that we ask for, other than your subscriptions. We really appreciate the time you give to the Danapur Branch. Your support allows us to continue our mission of providing warmth and togetherness.

I must thank our active Youth Committee Members - Tanya, Jennifer & Mario headed by Sharon Hurley for their superb commitment and execution of all the activities we undertake. They need a special round of applause. Please give it up for them.

I place on record my deepest appreciation and gratitude to my co-committee members and youth committee members of the Danapur Branch without whom we cannot do what we do for the community and society at large. No matter what, where, how, whether funds or no funds this team gets on with their tasks and make sure our events are successful and our members are treated with the best

Please give this team a huge round of applause. Thank you guys.

A huge round of applause for our **President – Mr. Eric deRozario** for spearheading all our activities. In spite of his busy schedules and association with other organizations, he gives us his full attention. His commitment & hard work is amazing. Thank You Eric.

My favourite para..... A wise person once said – **What we desire is not always what we get. But unknowingly many times we get things much more than what we expect.....these are called BLESSINGS.** And our blessing's is none other than Mr. Alfred George deRozario & Mrs. Dorothy deRozario.

**Thank you very much Madam and Sir for all that you do for the community and very specially for us at the Danapur Branch. We Pray for your good health, wellbeing and God's Blessings upon you always.**

**Thank you once again and God Bless Our Community!!!!!!**