

## SILVER BELLS AT DIVINE WORD COLLEGE, BABUDI, GAIBIRA



The silver Jubilee year of New Orissa Higher Secondary School, Gaibira (Unofficially known as **Divine Word College, Babudi**) was inaugurated by Most Rev. Kishor Kumar Kujur, the Bishop of Rourkela Diocese and Rev. Fr. Ronal Pereira, SVD, the Provincial Superior of India East Province, in the presence of all the students, staff of the college as well as many invited guests and local well wishers, on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

The Jubilee year Inaugural function began with the College Anthem, hoisting the Silver Jubilee flag and bursting of crackers, by Most Rev. Bishop Kishor and Rev. Fr. Ronald Pereira on behalf of all



present, as a sign of jubilation. It was followed by Holy Eucharist and a variety cultural program presented by the college students. Most Rev. Kishor Kujur in his address advised the students to work hard and take full advantage of the college facilities provided by the Society of the Divine Word. In his address, Fr. Ronald Pereira too stressed the need of working still hard to get better results and assured the full support of the Society of the Divine Word India East Province for the better Education of the poor students of our Gangpur mission and the bright future of our only college of the Province. The other speakers too, including Sr. Flora, DC, Provincial Superior of the Daughters of the Cross, Fr. Ignatius Soreng, SVD, the former Principal of the college and Fr. Oscar Lakra, former Secretary of the college, appreciated the staff and students for colorful program and encouraged them to bring also the academic excellence.

Concluding the inaugural function, Rev. Fr. Gregory Ekka, SVD, the present principal, on behalf of Fr. Tejkumar Lugun, the present Secretary, Fr. Joe Mannamparambil, the Rector of the SVD house, all the staff and students, thanked all the guests, well wishers and the Society of the Divine Word for their constant support and guidance.

Fr. Sunil Damor, SVD



**A SHORT HISTORY OF**  
**NEW ORISSA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL GAIBIRA**  
(Divine Word College, Babudi, Gaibira)  
1989-2014

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The +2 Junior college NEW ORISSA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL GAIBIRA Started on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1989 as an up-gradation of New Orissa High School Gaibira. It was a long awaited God's Vision to provide Higher Education to the Rural poor, Downtrodden, ST, SC and other backward people of this locality. According to God's guidance The Society of the Divine Word opened the door to set up higher educational Institution. (Revelation 3:8 "See I have set before you an open door, and no one can Shut it.....")

For the +2 Junior college NEW ORISSA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL GAIBIRA God's Vision was proposed by Late Fr. Ignatius I SVD. It was discussed in the Governing Body of The Society of the Divine Word, Presided by Fr. John Maliekal, Late Fr. Joseph Barla, Fr. Mathew Poovanpuzha, Rt. Rev. Bishop Lucas Kerketta, Fr. Cyprian Pinto, Bro. Sushil Soreng, Fr. Joe, Fr. Ignatius Soreng, and other members. They passed the resolution and approved to open +2 Junior College at Gaibira. The New Governing Body was formulated with proper procedures to run the college. The +2 Junior College was unofficially known as The Bishop Herman Westerman College. Fr. Oscar Lakra, SVD was the first secretary of +2 Junior Collge New Orissa high school, empowered and jointly appointed to take the responsibility and prepare all the required documents from the Government of Odisha.

The +2 junior college started in 1989 at Gaibira Parish Compound. The opening permission was granted in 1990 by Director of Higher Education Odisha. The Recognition was granted in 1991. Further the Affiliation was granted in 1992. The college started its steps with Resolutions of the Governing Body members. In the very beginning there were three optional subjects as History, Political Science and Economics with compulsory English and M.I.L. (Odia). There were four teaching staff members, Late Fr. Marcel Dungdung, lecturer in English and principal in-charge, Mr. Petrus Bodra lecturer in History, Mr. Domic Toppo Lecturer in Political Science, Smt. Suberdani Kerketta lecturer in Economics and Non-teaching Staff Mr. Peter Dungdung as a peon along with The Secretary Fr. Oscar lakra.

The First batch enrolled for 74 numbers. They appeared for the first time and the institution was tagged to the Government college for the boys' and the government women's college Sundargarh for the girls' for the Annual Examination in 1991. The Second batch enrolled for 112 numbers, They appeared for the second time and the institution was tagged to Dalmia College Rajgangpur for the boys' and the government women's college Sundargarh for the girls' for the Annual Examination in 1992. The +2 Junior college has been conducting the Annual Examinations in its own institution since 1993.

The academic Performance was satisfactory with poor, marginal and below standard students. The college started flowing in its full swing. There were Periodic changes in the staff and Governing Body members. The classes were adjusted at New Orissa High School Building. The students were adjusted in different boys' and girl's Hostels. The Time table and Extra-curricular activities were adjusted with New Orissa High School Gaibira. The +2 Junior college NEW ORISSA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL GAIBIRA put steps ahead for upliftment of the backward, down trodden poor people of this area. (Psalm 37:23 'The Steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in His way.')

The +2 Junior College continued imparting higher education for 12 years with full cooperation of New Orissa High School Gaibira. The +2 Junior college NEW ORISSA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL GAIBIRA detached from the High school building and shifted to a new place at Babudihi about four kilometers away from it in 2001. It was essential as per the direction of the Government, the Department of higher Education Odisha. The site of new place was finalized at Babudihi for +2 Junior college after long period of searching the place of it in Gaibira and Lathdega with motivating the people, disputes and problems. The people donated their lands with their generosity and dedication for imparting higher education. Fr. Ignatius Soreng Former Principal and Sir Shishir Kumar Badhai Lect. in Political Science have contributed their extreme services towards New College site and acquisition of land. They have undertaken lot of pains, troubles and made Sacrifices. They have even cried in different situations while dealing the people, preparing Land - Patta (documents) and other paper works. They have got accidents while doing the Land acquisition. (Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye.")

The Society of the Divine Word, the higher authority and educational council granted fund for the construction of new building at Babudihi. In the first phase of construction 8 rooms were built which was completed in the year 2001. The +2 Junior college NEW ORISSA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL GAIBIRA shifted to the new college building at Babudihi in 2001. The second phase of construction built 8 rooms as a first floor. The third phase of construction extended and built big library room and large reading room as a ground floor and a huge auditorium hall as a first floor. The fourth phase of construction extended and built 7 rooms and completed the full-fledged college building. The institution has also constructed hostel buildings for boys' and girls'. The Residence buildings constructed for the staff and the Society members.

The +2 Junior college started Arts stream in the very beginning with 64 seats strength, extended to 128 seats and 192 seats strength at present. We have also the advantages for extra admission of ST. SC students. In this way we can admit more than 200 students each year in arts stream. Now we have five optional subjects as history, political Science, Economics, Education and Sociology with compulsory English, MIL (Odia, Hindi and alternative English) in Arts Stream.

The +2 College started the Science Stream in 2005 with 64 seats strength. Now we have five optional subjects in science stream as Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Information Technology with

compulsory English , MIL (Odia , Hindi and alternative English). Arts and Science both the streams have compulsory subjects as Computer, Environmental Education and Yoga prescribed by the Council of Higher Secondary Education, Odisha. The Vision from God for imparting Higher Education has been kept alive for the past of 25 years. It is the sign of dedication, sincerity, faithfulness and generosity for the backward people of this area.

The Society of the Divine Word has extended the benefit of EMPLOYEE PROVIDANT FUND (E.P.F.) to all the employees since 2005. It is one of the important parts of their Generosity towards the employees. The Society of the Divine Word has also favored for the Grant-in-Aid benefits of the employees. (John 14: 14 “If you ask anything in my name I will do it.”)

I would like to present the names of the eminent persons of the Governing body, staff members and Land Donors who have rendered their services to this College.

The presidents of the Governing body:-

1. Fr. John Maliekal
2. Late Fr. Joseph Barla
3. Fr. Baptist D’Souza
4. Rt. Rev. Arch Bishop John Barwa
5. Late Fr. Sojan Vergees
6. Fr. Josph Topno
7. Fr. Telesphore Bilung
8. Fr. Louis Ronald Pereira

The principals’ of the College:-

1. Late Fr. Marcel Dungdung
2. Fr. Ignatius Soreng
3. Fr. Gregory Ekka

The Secretary of the Governing Body:-

1. Fr. Oscar lakra
2. Fr. Mathew Poovanpuzha
3. Fr. Joseph Topno
4. Late Fr. Marcel Dungdung
5. Fr. Clement Kerketta
6. Fr. Tej kumar Lugun

The names of the Land Donors:-

1. Late Rauna Barla  
Sons – Suna, Late Lakhna, Late Dhara, Bhoutal, Late Mangra, Jaurru and Chunda
2. Late Ledha Barla-  
Sons- Etwa, Pradeep
3. Late. Ghud Barla  
Sons- Jatru, Timbu, Budhu and Sadhu
4. Late. Dumra Kujur  
Sons- Luyu, Etwa and Bagi
5. Late. Suleman Dungdung  
Sons- Manuel, Abhiral and Avas
6. Late. Jakarias Kerketta  
Sons- Silbanus and Phlabianus
7. Late Manuel Kerketta  
Sons- Uttam, Pradeep and Ayub
8. Late Ambrus Soreng  
Sons-Prakash , Arun
9. Late Agapit Soreng  
Sons-Silvester,Bijay,Mukti Prakash,Innocent,Davide
10. Philmon Bilung and Andherius Bilung
11. Late Francis Dungdung  
Sons-Peter, Anjlus Dungdung
12. Late Hilarus Soreng and Cicilia Kerketta

The present staff position in Arts stream:-

1. Fr. Gregory Ekka Lect. In English Principal in charge
2. Mr. Shishir kumar badhai Lect. In Political Science.
3. Smt. Namita majhi Lect. In Education.
4. Mr. Anup Kishor Toppo Lect. In Economics.
5. Mr. Madhusudan Rana Lect. In History.
6. Mr.Sunil Kumar Tete Lect. In Sociology.
7. Smt. Sarita Minz Lect. In Odia.
8. Mr. Valentin Dangwar. Clerk
9. Smt. Sushma kumari Ekka Education Demonstrator
10. Smt. Cicilia Kerketta Peon
11. Ms.Sanjukta Barla Peon
12. Ms. Suchita Barwa Librarian
13. Smt.Manjurani Dungdung Lect. In Computer

**14. Ms. Premlata Soreng Lect. In Computer**

**15. Mr. Leonard Dangwar Watchman**

The present staff position in Science stream:-

**1. Ms. Sita monica Beck Lect. In Chemistry**

**2. Smt. Binapani Pandey Lect. In Mathematics**

**3. Ms. Neli basanti Kujur Lect. In Hindi**

**4. Mr. Camil Tirkey Lect. In Information Technology**

**5. Mr. John Ajay kumar Samaria Lect. In Physics**

**6. Ms. Martha Honhaga Lect. In Zoology**

**7. Ms. Lily Lakra Lect. In Botany**

**8. Mr. Innocent Soreng Lab Attendant**

**9. Mr. Khageswar Seth Lab Attendant**