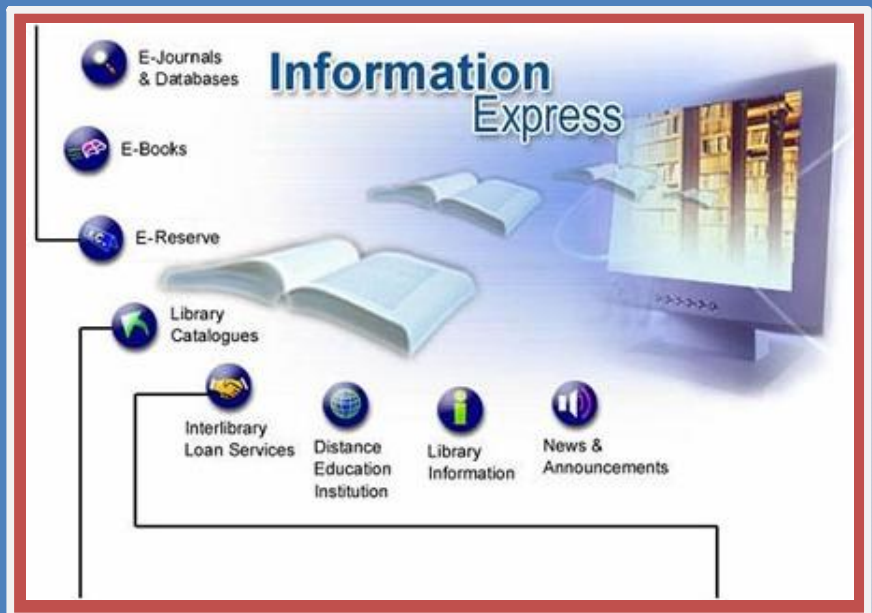




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**Date** : 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
**Venue** : Salesian College,  
Siliguri Campus.

## State Level Seminar on "Promoting e-Resources in North Bengal"



*Organised By*  
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## Objective:

The present age is rightly marked as digital age in which information is acquired, organized and disseminated by electronic means. The new technology has made the essence of information seeking very demanding and dynamic and has enhanced the expectation of users for timely, relevant, up-to-date, easily available, filtered and tangible information services. In order to cope up with the new changing environment, Library and Information Centers have made vibrant changes in its knowledge management procedures. The users have experienced the changing trends from print resources to electronic resources and as a result libraries are gearing-up the new challenges. To assess how far such challenges and changes have made inroads into libraries in the region of North Bengal & Sikkim as well as to promote the usage of e-resources in the region are the objectives of this seminar.

## The Host

Salesian College is a Government recognized minority educational institution of the Catholic Church, run by Salesians of Don Bosco, Kolkata Province where the students do their regular B.A., B.Com & B.Sc. studies under the North Bengal University.

Salesian College, established in Shillong, in 1933, was shifted to Sonada, in 1938. It is one of the founding colleges of NBU. In 2009 the college opened its new campus at Siliguri. It has recently been declared as a College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) by UGC. The UGC sponsored seminar on promoting NMEICT-INFLIBNET Resources in the region of North Bengal and Sikkim is being organized by Salesian college in collaboration with ABN Seal College, Coochbehar and the venue is Salesian College, Siliguri Campus.

## e-Resources

An electronic resource is defined as a resource which requires computer access or any electronic product that delivers a collection of data, be it full text data bases, electronic journals, image collections or other multimedia products commercially made available with an aim to being marketed.

These may be delivered on CD ROM, on tape, via internet and so on. Over the past few years, a number of techniques and related standards have been developed which allow documents to be created and distributed in digital form. Hence to cope with the present situation, libraries are shifting towards new media, namely electronic resources for their collection developments that the demands of users are better fulfilled. The e-resources on magnetic and optical media have a vast impact on the collections of university libraries. These are more useful due to inherent capabilities for manipulation and searching and making information access cheaper. It also enables savings in storage and maintenance especially when the electronic form is the only alternative.

Libraries function as an essential integral component in higher education system. Academic libraries in India are facing a lot of problems due to static budget and exponential price hike of library collections. The library environment is currently undergoing a rapid and dynamic revolution leading to new generation of libraries with the emphasis on e-resources. A lot of efforts have been made in past few years to overcome this problem of financial crunch by resource sharing through consortia of university libraries. UGC-INFLIBNET (Information and Library Network) and AICTE-INDEST (Indian National Digital Library in Engineering Science and Technology) Consortium are two major initiatives for university library users. These revolutionary steps are providing scholarly resources including peer reviewed journals, databases, abstracts proceedings etc. These efforts must be a boon to university library users which will definitely boost the level of higher education system in our country.

Academic libraries of higher education in the region of North Bengal & Sikkim forget to fully appreciate that e-resource based subscriptions are cost-effective by avoiding redundant expenses and duplicate subscriptions. The effort of UGC-INFLIBNET and AICTE-INDEST Consortiums are appreciable and will definitely strengthen higher education system in the region by providing highly subsidized access to scholarly e-resources. Initiating it, will help educational institutions fulfill their mission of education, widening the reach of knowledge.

## About the Department

Department of Commerce Salesian College, Siliguri campus was inaugurated on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009. It is the extension campus of Salesian College Sonada, Darjeeling. In the year 2010 the college has added one more course in its portfolio i.e. B.Sc Honours in Computer Science with Statistics and Mathematics General. Salesian College Siliguri campus offers B.com Honours courses in Accountancy and Management, B.Sc Honours in Computer Science and B.Com General with COP courses in TTM (Travel & Tourism Management), CA (Computer Application), CE (Communicative English) and Music.

## Topics to be covered during the Seminar

- 1 e-Resources: Opportunities and challenges for Libraries & Information Centres
- 2 Utility of e-resources in social science libraries
- 3 Information portals and gateways
- 4 e-Resources: Features, Characteristics and Usage Analysis
- 5 e-Resource Users: Information Seeking Behaviour and User Support Services
- 6 Managing Shift from Print to Electronic Media
- 7 e-Resources : Collection Development
- 8 Licensing and Access Management
- 9 The Role of UGC-INFLIBNET in the Promotion of e-resource in Higher Education
- 10 MHRD & NMEICT: Response to the knowledge Revolution

## Call for Papers / Presentation

On any of the themes mentioned or related area or on the actual experience of being part of the e- resource programme, academically and administratively oriented staff are invited to submit Paper or make presentation/ (Case studies). Kindly submit the same by 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 to the organizing secretary in hardcopy as well as electronic form.

### PARTICIPATION

- 1 College Principals
- 2 Faculty & librarians
- 3 Scholars engaged in research for e-resource domain
- 4 Academic administrators and professionals of diverse disciplines from different institutions of higher learning

:: Resource Persons & Presenters of Papers will be provided with TA (3AC).

:: The registration form enclosed must be filled up and send to the seminar secretary by 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

## RESOURCE PERSON

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| 3 | Mr. Mriganka Mandal, Librarian, NBU                           |
| 4 | Mr. Rakesh Mondal, Lecturer, Dept. of Computer Science, NBU   |
| 5 | Mr. Ardhendu Mondal, Lecturer, Dept. of Computer Science, NBU |

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**Other Information :** Hospitality includes food and lodging (for a restricted number on a first come first serve basis). Please note that the lodging facility will be arranged only on explicit request, The participants desirous of staying in hotels will have to make their own arrangement. Travel expenses will be borne by participating institutions.

# HOW TO REACH US

## **How to Reach Siliguri by Air:**

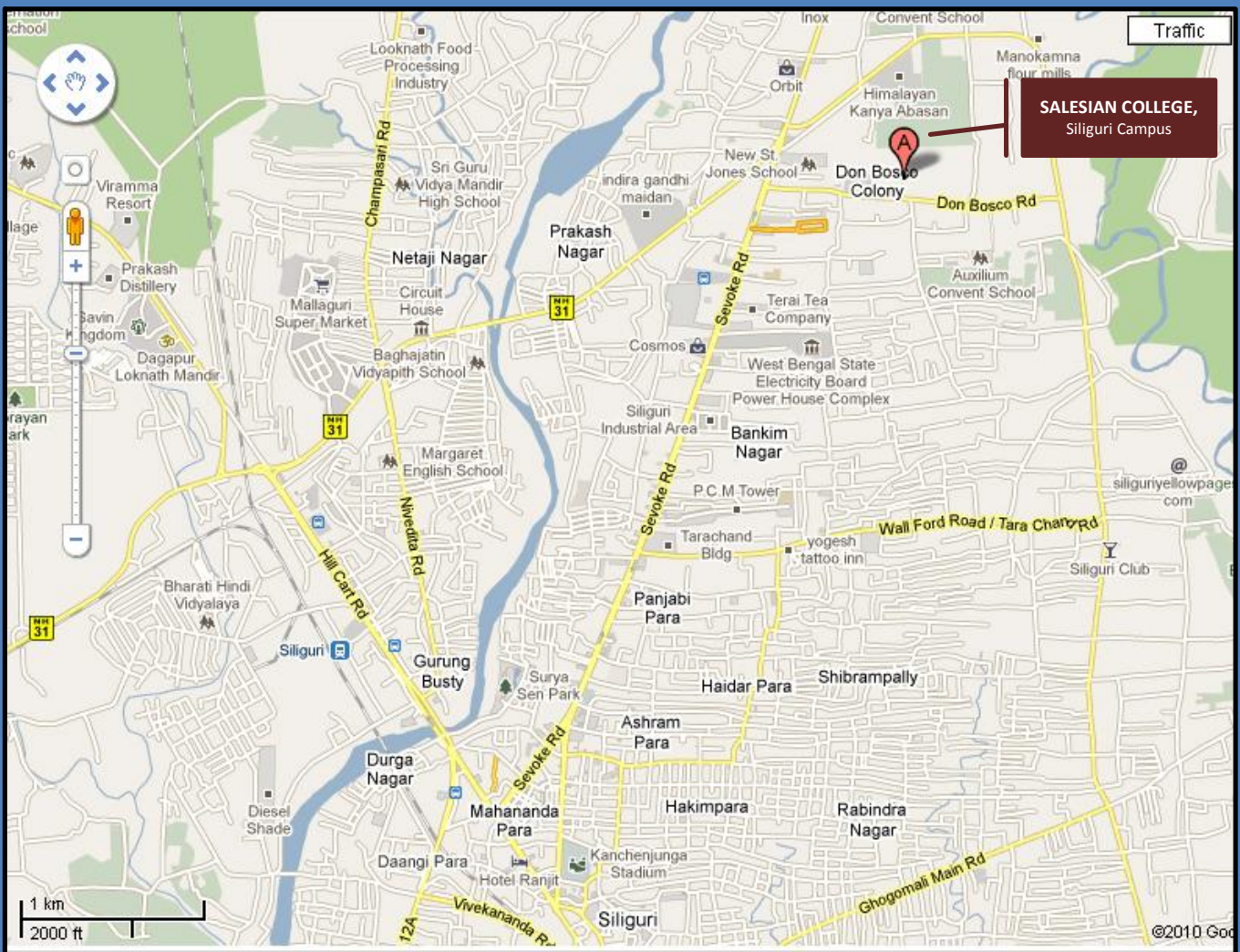
The city has a domestic airport in Bagdogra, which is only 12kms away from the city center and connected by regular flights to Kolkata and Delhi. Several private and public airlines service the airport.

## **How to Reach Siliguri by Road:**

Siliguri is an important trade center and much of a gateway to the exotic north east of India. An extensive road network connects Siliguri to Kolkata, which is in turn linked to the rest of the country. Siliguri is also connected to Indian state Gangtok, and countries Nepal and Bhutan by road.

## **How to Reach Siliguri by Rail:**

New Jalpaiguri is the nearest Railway Station to Siliguri. One of the key Railway Stations in the region is linked to Kolkata (Howrah and Sealdah), Guwahati and many railheads of the country. You may approach Siliguri from any part of the country by rail.



Map of Siliguri