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EUGENE VISIONARIES

To resonate the vibrant and the holistic spirit
of SEEMHS School - Boda

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INAUGURATIONS

AT ST. EUGENE SCHOOL - BODA
Academic Year 2024-25

NURSERY

HIGHER SECONDARY

DE MAZENOD ACADEMIC AWARDS

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ST. EUGENE HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL (E.M.)-BODA

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ST. EUGENE PROVINCE – OMI INDIA



St. Eugene High School, Boda - Creates History! The First Oblate School in India to become Higher Secondary

Date: 6th August 2024; **Time:** 9 am; **Venue:** St. Eugene E.M. High School – Boda

Inauguration Ceremonies - Boda

SEEMHSS - BODA

Nursery to Higher Secondary

A New Era for Oblate Education in India

Greetings from Boda. As we continue to grow and evolve, we are immensely proud and privileged to announce that, this academic year 2024-2025, St. Eugene Hr. Sec. School, Boda, has ushered in a new era for Oblate education in India.

On August 6, 2024, the school celebrated a historic milestone with the grand inauguration of its Nursery and Higher Secondary sections.

This achievement marks a significant leap forward, positioning St. Eugene, Boda, as the first Oblate School in India among the OMI Group of Schools-India, to offer a comprehensive educational spectrum from Nursery to Higher Secondary level.

This groundbreaking accomplishment sets a new benchmark for Oblate schools across the country.

St. Eugene School (E.M) – Boda

the First Indian Oblate School, among the OMI Group of Schools-India, to offer holistic education from Nursery to Higher Secondary level.

St. Eugene Hr. Sec. School, Boda, has expanded its educational offerings with the introduction of Nursery and Higher Secondary Sections.

This significant step demonstrates the school's commitment to nurturing students from their earliest years and preparing them for advanced studies.

By providing a holistic and comprehensive educational pathway, the school aims to cater to the diverse needs of students at every stage of their development.

To commemorate this historic achievement, Fr. Harry Immanuel, OMI, our Provincial Superior, OMI India, presided over the inaugural ceremony of our Nursery Section and Higher Secondary Sections (Classes 11 and 12) at St. Eugene School, Boda, on August 6, 2024, at 9 AM.



Gratitude is the Best Attitude

We stand on the shoulders of giants. With profound gratitude, we acknowledge the immense sacrifices and tireless efforts of the Oblate pioneers who laid the foundation for St. Eugene English Medium Higher Secondary School (SEEMHSS), Boda.

Their pioneering spirit and visionary leadership and dedication have shaped the institution we cherish today. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the futuristic vision and collective wisdom of the past and present Provincial Administrations of OMI India, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in our journey.

To our generous benefactors, and the tireless efforts of our teaching, and service staff, the entire school community, whose commitment in shaping the future of our institution, has been unwavering, we express our deepest appreciation to them. Your foresight and hard work have brought us to this historic and momentous milestone.

Key Highlights of the Day:

❖ **Chief Guest:** Dr. Fr. Harry Immanuel, OMI, Provincial Superior and President of the OMI Group of Schools in India.

❖ **Guest of honour:**

Frs. Tomy, OMI, Councilor for Ministries, Fr. John Devaji, OMI, Councilor for Missions, Fr. K. Gnanam, OMI, Zonal Animator for North Region (Chhattisgarh, Maharastra and Madhya Pradesh), Sr. Vimala, HFB, Sr. John Mary, HFB, Boda and local Zonal Oblates.

❖ **Flag Hoisting:**

The Chief Guest began the ceremony by hoisting the national flag during the morning Assembly.

❖ **Staff Uniform Coat:**

The Chief Guest distributed the Uniform Coates to all the Staffs.

Declaration of Significant Inaugural Events at Eugene School – Boda

1. Official Inauguration of Nursery Section:

The President of the OMI Group of Schools, formally declared the Nursery Section. The first batch of Nursery kids consists of 15 children. Nursery section will mark the commencement of our early childhood education as per NEP 2020.

2. Official Inauguration of Higher Secondary Sections:

The Higher Secondary sections of Class-XI and Class-XII were formally inaugurated by the Chief Guest.

The Higher Secondary Sections include four main subjects namely, Maths, Science (Bio), Commerce and Arts. The first batch of class-XII consists of 47 students in the academic year 2024-25.

It is a significant step in providing comprehensive education to our students as per NCERT.



3. De Mazenod Academic Awards

- Boda:

The Chief Guest established the De Mazenod Academic Awards to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of SEEMS Boda. The Awards were conferred upon the Top-performing Class-X students who are now in Class-XI and Class-XII. The consolation awards were also given alongwith Certificates for all. The awards, named after the founder of the Oblates, St. Eugene de Mazenod, serve as an inspiration for students to strive for the highest excellence.

4. “Eugene Visionaries Boda” - School Magazine Launch:

To showcase the creative talents and intellectual contribution of our students and the staff at SEEMHSS Boda, the first edition of the school magazine, "Eugene Visionaries Boda," was released by Fr. Harry, OMI, the Chief Guest and the President of the OMI Group of Schools – India.

5. Investiture Ceremony: School Students Leadership Council (SSLC):

To Empower the students of SEEMHSS Boda to take up leadership roles in future, the Chief Guest presided the installation of the School Head Girl, Head Boy, House Captains, Class Leaders, House Coordinators. It was followed by a pledge by the School Leadership Council.

Conclusion:

August 6, 2024, marked a historic day for St. Eugene Hr. Sec. School, Boda, and the Oblate community in India.

The inauguration of the Nursery and Higher Secondary Sections, coupled with the establishment of the De Mazenod Awards, and releasing of School Magazine, “Eugene Visionaries Boda”, signify a monumental leap forward in the school’s journey.

This momentous occasion was graced by the presence of esteemed dignitaries, including fellow Oblates, Holy Family Sisters, dedicated staff, enthusiastic students, and proud parents. The Chief Guest’s message and the aerobics drill and exercises highlighted the day.

By completing the educational spectrum from pre-primary to higher secondary level, St. Eugene School – Boda, has positioned itself as a pioneer in Oblate education in India.

This expansion paves the way for a legacy of academic excellence, character building, and lifelong learning, aligning with the broader mission of the OMI Group of Schools.

The school management extends a sincere thanks to all the participants for their encouragement. God bless you all.

- Fr. S.D. **AROKIARAJ**, OMI
Principal, SEEMHSS Boda



Events and Invitations



**INAUGURATION
OF
NURSERY**

*Learn to Play
Play to Learn*

6th August 2024, Tuesday | Timing 09:00AM

CHIEF GUEST & GOVERNING BODY
Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI
Provincial & President of OMI Group of Schools - India

GUESTS OF HONOUR & GOVERNING BODY
Fr. Tomy Thomas, OMI
Ministry Councilor, OMI Group of Schools
Fr. V. Arockia Samy, OMI
Treasurer & OMI Group of Schools - India

School Management
St. Eugene Higher Secondary School (E.M)
Boda, Block - Batauli, Dist. Surguja (C.G.)

**बोदा स्कूल में नर्सरी सेक्शन के उद्घाटन में
आपका स्वागत है**

आमंत्रित : नर्सरी कक्षा के माता-पिता और SMC सदस्य



Good News of a New Chapter

SEEMHSS - BODA, Academic Year - 2024-2025



Class - XII, the First batch, witnessing the launch of the Higher Secondary Section

St. Eugene School, Boda - 2024

Expanding Horizons & Proudly Pioneering
Higher Education among the
OMI Group of Schools in India

To be Officially Inaugurated as
The First OMI Higher Secondary School in India


Streams offered:
Science (Bio), Maths, Commerce & Arts

● **Date : August 6, 2024, 9 AM** ●

Chief Guest
Rev. Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI
Provincial Superior, OMI India &
President, OMI Group of Schools - India

**Join us to celebrate our
Higher Secondary Journey**

**Oblate Community - Boda
Bl. Cebula North-India Zone**



**Class - XI, the Second Batch of the
Higher Secondary Section**



Oblate Gurukula at Boda

A Call to Knowledge & Life as Mutual Companions

Dear Fathers, Sisters, Staff, Students and Parents, Greetings to you all!

At the outset, my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of you for the great efforts that you have taken over the years to make SEEMS Boda very proud and great and in a special way for having taken it to a significant height of making it a Higher Secondary School.

On behalf of the Governing Body I take this opportunity to congratulate all of you who were instrumental to this historical milestone of SEEMS Boda. We live in a fast-growing world, a world of change in which 'Newness' has become the fashion of the day. Development means an ongoing process of becoming something new, good and creative.

I believe education is also a process of learning that subtracts and adds something more substantial to the life of the students. Education today is no more a rote learning. Rather, it is a channel of 'Experience' in which a student not only learns but also thinks and acts. Education is that unquenchable spirit of self-discovery which ultimately leads one to be critical, creative and constructive. In this sense, SEEMS Boda's motive has been influential in creating this joy of self-discovery and newness in the hearts of staff and students through all her endeavours.

ॐ सह नावतु। सह नौ भुनक्तु। सह वीर्यं करवावहे।
तेजस्वि नावधीतमस्तु मा विद्विषावहे।
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥



In all our new initiatives and adventures, we need to be humbly reminded that our goal is nothing other than excellence and psycho-spiritual formation of our students. Let us make our school into a "Gurukula", a great ancient Indian system of learning, where knowledge and life were mutual companions, Guru and Sishya were mutual partners, love and wisdom were cordial gifts. Let our everyday learning lead us into these great heights of education which will bring a deeper transformation in us and in the world in which we live.

Once again, my sincere thanks and appreciation to our fathers, sisters, teaching and non-teaching staff, students and parents for your wholehearted support and cooperation, in actualizing the vision of our OMI Group of Schools. Be assured of my constant prayers and support. May God Bless Us All!

"The one unchanging characteristic of our contemporary social and economic life is that, it is ever changing, and it requires that our educational systems need to be adaptable, flexible and able to learn."

- Anil Goyal, the Director of Mexus Education, Mumbai.

Rev Dr. Harry Immanuel, OMI, President
OMI Group of Schools; St. Eugene Province, India



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

Inaugural Ceremony with Morning Assembly 6-8-2024; Tuesday, Time: 9 am

Flag Hoisting By Chief Guest
Fr. Harry Immanuel, OMI
Provincial Superior, OMI India



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

Introducing the Inaugural Events of the Day - by Secretary



Declaration of the Historical Milestones SEEMS BODA



**Provincial Fr. Harry, OMI,
Officially Declared Open
Inauguration of Nursery Section (PP-1),
Higher Secondary Section
(Class XI & Class XII)
and De Mazenod Awards
- dt. 6th Aug'24; Time: 9 am**



Eugene Visionaries-Boda



**Welcoming
the Guests
by MCs**



**Welcome Song by the
Teaching Staff**



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

Staff Uniform Coat

Distribution by the Chief Guest



6th August 2024

SEEMS Boda



Commencement of the Events – 6th August 2024



MCs



Of the Day



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

Cultural Welcome to PP-I - Kids, the first batch of Nursery



Inauguration of Nursery – SEEMS Boda



6th August 2024, Tuesday, Time:9 am



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

Nursery Section Inauguration at SEEMS Boda

The First Batch of Nursery Kids – the Prince and Princesses with their Parents and Staff; 6-8-2024, Tuesday, Time: 9 am



Eugene Visionaries-Boda



Inauguration of Nursery Section (PP-1)
by Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI, Provincial, OMI India
– dt. 6th August 2024



Inauguration of Nursery Section



Nursery 2024 - 25; 1st Batch



Nursery Kids with their Parents



St. Eugene School – Boda – Now Higher Secondary



Inauguration of Higher Secondary Sections (Class XI & Class XII) – by Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI, Provincial, OMI India Dt. 6th August 2024, Time: 9 am





Inauguration Visuals



Cultural Dance by Higher Secondary Sections: Classes-XI & XII



Joy Expressed through dance-steps



SEEMS Boda 6th August 2024; Time: 9 am

Inaugural Celebrations

Efficiently Strive for the Highest overall Excellence! -17-



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Releasing of the 1st School Magazine - Boda

By Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI, Provincial – dt. 6th Aug'24



First Copy received by Sr. John Mary, HFB

Students' Counsellor, Psychology Consultant & Guide



Second Copy received by Fr. Harry, OMI, Provincial
followed by Fr. Tomy, OMI and Fr. John Devaji, OMI
The Members of the Governing Body & SMC



Dream Come True





Dear Readers,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of our School magazine, SEEMHSS Boda, christened as “Eugene Visionaries Boda”! We appreciate the school management and the Teaching Staffs for sharing your insights and for being part of the naming of the School Magazine as, **“Eugene Visionaries Boda”**.

I sincerely thank Frs. Jesus Dias, OMI, the Manager, and Vishal G, OMI, the Administrator, who were former School Management Team – Boda (2023-24) and Frs. James Xavier, OMI, the Administrator and Sumit Tirkey, OMI, the Manager, the present School management Team, for your great support towards the development of SEEMS becoming Higher Secondary School.

Objectives:

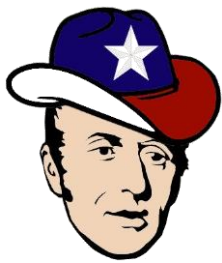
1. “Eugene Visionaries Boda” – the School Magazine intended to serve as a platform for the school, both, students and the staff, to explore and showcase their diverse talents and creativity on various topics (educational, social and daily life etc.).

2. The School Magazine will be a compilation of their original works, including articles, stories, poems, artwork, photography and other literary and artistic expressions.
3. Students and the staff are welcome to express their thoughts, ideas, and perspectives on various topics to inspire others.



1. Chief Editor : Principal
2. Coordinator : Secretary & Student Council Representative
3. Section Editors : Academic Coordinators
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8. Printing & Advisory Board : Manager & Administrator and SMC Representative





DE MAZENOD

ACADEMIC AWARDS

BODA



CGBSE

Class 10 Awardees



Academic Year

2022-2023

Now in Class XII (2024)



CGBSE

Class 10 Awardees



Academic Year

2023-2024

Now in Class XI (2024)

De Mazenod Academic Awards - Boda

1. First Established on 6th August 2024, Tuesday
2. by Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI, Provincial-India
3. Criteria or Eligibility: Student must be studying in SEEMHSS - Boda

To recognize the outstanding academic achievements of our top three students of Board Exams in Classes 10 and 12.



De Mazenod Academic Awards



The First Recipients of **De Mazenod Awards** of SEEMHSS BODA - Dt. 6th August 2024



First Prize; Class – X
Academic Year 2023-24

ASAD FIRDOUSI
5th place in Surguja District

< Congrats



AKANKSHA GUPTA

First Prize; Class – X
Academic Year
2022-23

< Congrats



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

De Mazenod Academic Awards

Class – X – Academic Year 2022-23



Class – X – Academic Year 2023-24



De Mazenod Academic Awards



Consolation Prizes



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De Mazenod Academic Awards



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De Mazenod Academic Awards



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Students Council Election – SEEMHSS - Boda



18-07-2024



Democracy - to choose their "Leaders"



Congrats to the School Captains (Head Girl, Head Boy), House Captains, Vice Captains, Class Leaders & Tr Coordinators



School Election Day



Teacher Coordinators for each House

→ Red-Green-Yellow-Blue ←



**Congrats to the
House
Coordinators**



**School
Captains
Election**



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

School Student Leadership Council

SSLC

Academic Year 2024-'25

Date. 6th August 2024, Tuesday; Time: 9am

Sl. No.	Role / Responsibility	House / Class	Section	Name of Captain Or Cls. Leader	Vice-Captain Or Cls. Asst. Ldr	Co-Ordinator Or Cls. Tr
School Captains						
1	Head Girl		Bio	Pooja Yadav Cls-XII	- Akanksha Gupta-XII - Shreya Gupta-XII	Elected by 11 th & 12 th Classes, House Captains, Staffs & Cls. Leaders
2	Head Boy		Com	Gautam Mokko Cls-XI	William (Cls XI)	
House Captains						
3		Green	Bio	Suraj Kumar Cls-XII	Vincy Ekka (Cls.11)	➤ Tr. Amol Ekka ➤ Tr. Alpha Xaxa
4		Yellow	Bio	Anamika Gupta Cls-XII	Victor Kujur (Cls.11)	➤ Tr. Khushi Gupta ➤ Tr. Neelima Minj
5		Blue	Mat	Santosh Minj Cls-XII	Shristi Rani (Cls.11)	➤ Tr. Jenifa Xalxo ➤ Tr. Silbirus
6		Red	Bio	Sachin Bhagat Cls-XII	Smriti Xalxo (Cls.11)	➤ Tr. Ashok Tirkey ➤ Tr. Anjali Bara
Class Leaders						
7	Cls. Ldr	XII	Mat	Tobit Kujur	Akansha Gupta	Tr. Rekha Rana
8		XII	Com	Manish Singh	Prakash Das	Tr. Jenifa Xalxo
9		XI	Bio	Asad Firdousi	Deepika Kujur	Tr. Swati
10		XI	Com	Lijalin Ekka	Anshuman Painkra	Tr. Amol Ekka
11		X		Anurag Yadav	Anuditva Xalxo	Tr. Smriti Vibha
12		IX		Isha Kujur	Ragul Tigga	Tr. Sr. Philo, HFB
13		VIII		Prerna Kujur	Arman Kerketta	Tr. Binita Lakra
14		VII	A	Pratik Gupta	Abhilasha Gupta	Tr. Anjali Bara
15		VII	B	Gyandeep Gupta	Visakha Singh	Tr. Munil Tirkey
16		VI	A	Jails Minj	Aradhana Minj	Tr. Robli Bara
17		VI	B	Ansh Raj	Sakshi Gupta	Tr. Silbirus Toppo
18		V	A	Mayank Bhagat	Yutika Grace Kujur	Tr. Suchita Minj
19		V	B	Shristi Singh	Angel Tirkey	Tr. Kushi Gupta



Investiture Ceremony

honouring the Head Girl and
Head Boy of the School - Boda

6th August 2024



Vote of Thanks



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School Student Leadership Council - SSLC

The Chief Guest honouring the House Captains - dt. 6th August 2024



Guests with the New Captains, Leaders & Coordinators



Pledge by Captains, Class Leaders & Coordinators





छत्तीसगढ़िया न्यूज़

6th August 2024

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धूमधाम के साथ मनाया गई सेंट यूजिन इंग्लिश मीडियम हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल बोदा में इनाॅग्रेसन सेरिमनी

अब नर्सरी से लेकर हायर सेकेंडरी तक इंग्लिश मीडियम में संचालित होगी स्कूल

● **बतौली** छात्रों के द्वारा प्रस्तुत मनमोहन प्रस्तुतियां एवं मुख्य अतिथि एवं छात्र अभिभावकों की उपस्थिति में संपन्न हुई उद्घाटन सेरिमनी आपको बता दें कि सरगुजा जिले के अंतर्गत बतौली विकासखंड के बोदा में स्थित सेंट यूजिंग हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल में आज नर्सरी सेक्शन का ओपनिंग सेरिमनी का आयोजन किया गया था इस दौरान मुख्य अतिथि तथा छात्र अभिभावकों की उपस्थिति में छात्रों के द्वारा मनमोहन प्रस्तुतियां प्रस्तुत की गई। इस दौरान इस दौरान बीते वर्ष पूर्व वर्तिय कक्षाओं में उत्कृष्ट परिणाम लाने वाले छात्रों को भी पुरस्कृत किया गया। साथ ही बीते कई वर्षों के प्रयास एवं अथक मेहनत के द्वारा ही इस स्कूल को आज हायर सेकेंडरी से लेकर नर्सरी तक संचालित किया जा रहा है इस संदर्भ में उपस्थित पूर्व में पदस्थ प्राचार्यों के द्वारा प्रकाश डाला गया। साथ ही साथ ही नवनिर्वाचित शाला नायक एवं विभिन्न कक्षाओं के छात्र नायकों ने शपथ ग्रहण भी किया। इस दौरान मुख्य अतिथियों को सेंट यूजिंग हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल कि बीते वर्षों की यादों समेटे हुए एक किताब का भी उद्घाटन किया गया। इस दौरान छात्र पालक संघ के अभिभावक मुख्य अतिथि छात्र एवं शिक्षक गण उपस्थित थे।



सेंट यूजिन हायर सेकेंडरी स्कूल बोदा इनाॅग्रेसन सेरिमनी में उपस्थित अतिथिगण एवं छात्र



छात्रों ने प्रस्तुत की मनमोहन कार्यक्रम
इस दौरान छात्रों ने विभिन्न प्रकार की अनेक मनमोहन प्रस्तुतियां की सर्वप्रथम नर्सरी स्कूल के छात्रों ने मनमोहन प्रस्तुतियां दी तत्पश्चात हाई स्कूल एवं हायर सेकेंडरी के छात्रों के द्वारा विभिन्न स्थानीय गीतों पर परंपरागत नृत्य किया गया।

प्रतिभावान छात्रों को किया गया सम्मानित

इस अवसर पर बीते वर्ष हाई स्कूल सर्टिफिकेट परीक्षा में उत्कृष्ट परिणाम लाने वाले छात्रों को मुख्य अतिथियों के हाथों से सर्टिफिकेट देकर सम्मानित किया गया।

1. Nursery Section
2. Higher Secondary Sections (Classes 11 & 12)
3. Investiture Ceremony: School Students Leadership Council (SSLC)
4. De Mazenod Academic Awards – Boda
5. School Magazine 'Eugene Visionaries Boda'





Official Declaration of Eugene High School as the Higher Secondary School - Boda

I, Fr. Harry Manuel, OMI, the President of St. Eugene School, Boda, on this day 6th August 2024, on the Feast day of the Transfiguration of the Lord, do hereby solemnly declare that St. Eugene School, Boda, is now a full-fledged **St. Eugene English Medium Higher Secondary School-Boda.**

This declaration marks a significant milestone in the school's journey, signifying the successful establishment of classes 11 and 12. With this declaration, we commit to providing comprehensive educational transformation from the foundational stages to the higher secondary level, empowering our students to reach their full potential and become responsible citizens of our country. Jai Hind!

Congratulations to all!



"Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow."

- Jawaharlal Nehru



The First interactions with the Provincial by The First Higher Secondary Sections – Class XI & XII

6th August 2024; SEEMHSS BODA



**Friendly
chat
with Frs.**



**Students
expressing
their gratitude**

Eugene Visionaries-Boda



Provincial's Interactions and Meeting with the School Staff and Management

6th August 2024

SEEMHSS BODA



Fr. Harry, OMI, Addressing the Staff



Interactions by Fr. **Tomy**, OMI,
Counselor for Oblate Ministries



Fr. **John Devaji**, OMI,
Mission Councilor
OMI India



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

78th INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

15th August 2024, Thursday; Time: 8.30 am

Chief Guest :

❖ Dr. Santhosh Toppo, Block.- Batauli, Dist.- Surguja

Guests of Honour:

❖ Mr. Ashok Tirkey, Rtd. BSF Officer, Bishrampur

Organisers (School Club): - Tr. Swati, Tr. Vibha & Co.





Flag Salutation



Independence Day Message by Students Ujjuma, Cls-9 & Tobit, Cls-12



Independence Day Cultural Events



Stepping into the rhythm of our Nation's Patriotic Spirit





Patriotic Expressions



Jai Hind

Eugene Visionaries-Boda



Igniting the fire of patriotism through arts



Pyramid pose: our patriotic power pose



Eugene Visionaries-Boda

Interview by Pioneer Students of Higher Secondary Section - Boda

Introduction

‘Eugene School Day’ is celebrated at Boda annually on the birth anniversary of St. Eugene, the School Patron Saint. On August 1st, 2024, the occasion of the 242nd birth anniversary of our patron saint, St. Eugene de Mazenod, the Class XII students of Boda School conducted “School Day” interviews with local Oblate priests, Holy Family Sisters and the first recipients of “De Mazenod Academic Awards”.

The Class XII Students were divided into groups to engage in conversations with Fr. SD, the Superior and Principal; Fr. Jesus Dias, the School Construction Committee and former Manager; Fr. Sumit, Parish Priest of Boda Mission and School Manager; Fr. James Xavier, the Administrator and Director of St. Eugene Boys Hostel, Sr. Mary Vimala Francis, Superior and Director of Girls Hostel, Holy Family Convent, Boda, Student Asad (Class-XI) and Student Akansha Gupta (Class-XII), the first recipients of De Mazenod Awards.

The purpose and the aim of these interviews envisioned to gain a deeper understanding of the mission and ministry of the Oblates and their identity, and the distinctive characteristics of OMI schools in India and partially fulfil an academic project in English Subject for class XII. The series of interview questions are summarized for the readers.

1. Students: What does it mean to be a St. Eugene OMI Group of Schools in India?

Fr. SD: It means, we, the Oblates in India are committed to the ideals of the Catholic Social Teachings. Here at St. Eugene School, Boda, it means that we support the Life and Dignity of every individual person near and far. To articulate it more profoundly in the words of our Founder St. Eugene de Mazenod, it means, we hear the call to be in communion with one another wherever the Oblates are planted and respond to the local community with our basic human and Gospel values. For example, the Oblates at Boda mission work closely with Indigenous people as the voice of the voiceless. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate have a long and rich history of accompanying Indigenous peoples on their journey of faith and cultural renewal both in India and other countries.



Interviewing Students-Cls-XII

Students: Pooja Yadav,
A. Akanksha Gupta & S. Akanksha Gupta



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2. Students: How do you perceive St. Eugene School Boda becoming the first higher Secondary School among the OMI Group of Schools in India?

Fr. Dias, OMI: This is a monumental achievement for all of us at St. Eugene School, Boda. It's a proud moment for our school, our community, and the entire OMI congregation. It's a testament to the dedication and hard work of our pioneer Oblates, Provincial Administrations, teachers, staff, and, most importantly, you, our students at SEEMS Boda. Boda Mission School, becoming the first OMI school in India to offer higher secondary education means, that, we've set a benchmark for excellence and this milestone is a noble call to responsibility towards academic excellent, shaping young minds, nurture their talents, provide quality education and expanding opportunities for our students to become responsible citizens of tomorrow. Therefore, we have been inspired by St. Eugene's educational motto, "Strive for the Highest".

This is just the beginning of a new chapter for Boda Mission School, and a golden opportunity for you all to create history, because, you are the pioneers of this new chapter, and your achievements will inspire generations to come. So let's make the most of this incredible opportunity and together we will write a story of success and inspiration by soaring to new heights. Let's continue to strive for excellence and make our school a beacon of knowledge and inspiration in Boda, Surguja region.

Fr. Jesus Dias, OMI, School Construction Committee & former Manager, Boda



Students: Javed, Yasheswiraj, Sachin Bhagat & Vivek Lakra

3. Students: St. Eugene School, Boda is the first OMI Higher Secondary School in India, what is the school's vision for the future? What new opportunities and challenges do you foresee?

Fr. Sumit: Of course, with every opportunity comes challenges. "Achieving the status of the first OMI Higher Secondary School in India is indeed a significant milestone for St. Eugene School, Boda. This success is a sign of God's blessings and collective efforts of the entire school community.

Our vision for the future is to create a holistic learning environment that nurtures well-rounded individuals. We aim to equip our students with academic excellence, with strong moral and ethical values and knowledge and skills to excel in the 21st century. We aim to provide our students with a platform to explore their passions, develop critical thinking, innovation, lifelong love for learning and become responsible citizens.



We envision a future where our students excel in various fields, be it academics, sports, arts, or any other area of their interest. We are prepared to address any challenges through continuous improvement in infrastructure, curriculum, and teaching methodologies. We are committed to providing our students with the best possible resources and support to help them reach their full potential.

Fr. Sumit Tirkey, OMI,
Parish Priest & School Manager, Boda



Students: Anamika Minj,
Silky Painkra & Pratima Painkra

4. Students: Dear Sister Vimala, you are closely journeying with SEEMS Boda, and witnessed the launch of our school magazine, “Eugene Visionaries Boda”. Please enlighten us as how it will help foster creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills among the students?

Sr. Vimala, HFB: At the outset, the Holy Family Sisters of Boda extend congratulations and appreciations on your creative initiative of School magazine, christened as “Eugene Visionaries Boda”.

I too thank you for the first interview of the school for this magazine. I am sure that this school magazine pave way for the institution's pride and a platform for students to unfold their creativity and talents through stories, poems, essays, and articles on various topics.

I wish you all success and growth in your endeavours. May this magazine provide a space for students to express themselves freely and creatively to foster a vibrant school community. You will all benefit from this venture, and I am confident that this magazine will continue and blossom many more years. Once again, I wish you all the best.

Dr. Sr. Vimala Mary, HFB, Boda
Superior and Hostel Director



Students: Shraddha Shreya Singh,
Munmun Rani Kujur & Tobit Kujur

5. Students: Starting of Nursery section at St. Eugene School, Boda is a significant step forward. Could you share your inspiration for offering education from such an early age?



Fr. James, OMI: The introduction of a Nursery section at SEEMS Boda, aligns perfectly with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's emphasis on early childhood care and education (ECCE). We firmly believe that the foundational years are critical for a child's holistic development. By providing a motivating and nurturing environment, we aim to equip you, the young learners with the essential skills and attitudes required for lifelong learning.

NEP 2020 underscores the importance of play-based and activity-based learning during these formative years. Our Nursery section is designed to foster creativity, curiosity, and social interaction, laying the groundwork for a strong academic foundation.

We are committed to implement the principles of NEP 2020 to ensure quality education that our young students receive the best possible start to their educational journey.

Fr. James Xavier, OMI

Administrator & Hostel Director - Boda



Students: Nikil Turkey, Dipanchal, Nisha Bhagat & Sushma Nagesh

6. Students: What does it mean to be the inaugural (the first) recipients of the “De Mazenod Academic Awards” at St. Eugene School, Boda? Please share your proud moments.

Std. Asad Firdousi (Class-X; CGBSE Exam 2024): Being the first recipient of the De Mazenod Academic Awards is an immense honor and a dream come true. I thank my teachers, parents, and the entire school community. It's a moment we will cherish forever. This award not only validates our hard work but also inspires us to reach even greater heights. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and hope to continue making our school proud.

Std. Akanksha (Class-X; CGBSE Exam 2023): To be recognized as the best among our peers is truly humbling. It's like standing on the shoulders of giants, knowing that our names are etched in the history of our beloved St. Eugene School, Boda. De Mazenod Award is not just a personal achievement but a reflection of the school's commitment to academic excellence. I feel very fortunate and grateful for this opportunity, to be the first recipient of this prestigious award and hope to inspire future generations of students to strive for excellence.



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Young
Minds**



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