

Lifetime achievement award for Salesian Varsity VC



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Guwahati — Vice-Chancellor of Assam [Don Bosco](#) University ([ADBU](#)) Fr. (Dr.) Stephen Mavely was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by Confederation of Indian Universities on the occasion of 4th International [Conference](#) on [Environment](#) and Ecology at Gauhati University Auditorium on February 12.

The award is an international [felicitation](#) given by the confederation as per the recommendation of International Association of Educators for

World Peace (affiliated to [UN](#), ECOSOC, DPI, [UNICEF](#)).

"[Don Bosco](#) University has undergone a transformation in the recent years in terms of academics, infrastructure and overall development and has become a preferred institute not only in the North-eastern region but also for the entire nation," says Confederation official.

Fr. Mavely has also been nominated as a member of Academic Advisory Council for Massive Open Online Courses at Consortium for Educational Communication set up by University Grants Commission.

Earlier in 2016 Fr Mavely was awarded the '100 Most Influential Vice-Chancellors' in the Asia-Pacific Region by the World [Education Congress](#), at a function held on June 23 in Mumbai.

The award, instituted for the Asia-Pacific and African countries, was based on criteria such as the importance given to strategic planning in the university, quality of infrastructure, future orientation, body of research, emphasis on sustainability, proven record of performance, personal integrity and ethical practices, Assam Tribune reported.

The founding Vice Chancellor of [ADBU](#), Fr. Mavely had also received '[Education Evangelist 2014](#)' award.

[Education](#) evangelists are the visionaries and change makers who have contributed and have been contributing towards the growth of Indian [education](#) system both quantitatively and qualitatively.

Fr Mavely became the first Vice Chancellor ([President](#)) of [ADBU](#) in 2008 while serving as the [Principal](#) of [Don Bosco](#) College, Guwahati.

Prior to becoming the Founder Vice Chancellor and Rector of [ADBU](#), Fr. Mavely spent some 40 years devoted to the education of young men and women in North-East [India](#) – a mission to which he has dedicated his outstanding talents in a variety of fields: literature, media, psychology, communication, theology, management, and pastoral work.

When the concept of accreditation was still in its infancy in much of [India](#), during his tenure as the [Principal](#) of St Anthony's College (Shillong) he won for the college the singular distinction of being the first to be accredited in Eastern [India](#) and the first to be awarded the highest 'Five Star' status by the [National](#) Assessment and Accreditation Council of [India](#) (NAAC).

Among 5 Catholic universities in [India](#) currently are: [ADBU](#), Christ University Bangalore, St Xavier Universities Kolkata and Bhubaneswar and St Joseph University [Kohima](#).

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