

INDIA'S BEST BOARDING SCHOOLS

Eastern Region



Assam Valley's Mountford & wards: favourable combination

The nationally respected St. Paul's School, Darjeeling (estb.1823) ranked No. 7 all-India, has effortlessly topped the Eastern Region league table. But this politically troubled region which doesn't seem to have a strong boarding school tradition, has witnessed the spectacular rise of the painstakingly constructed Assam Valley School, Balipara which has

vaulted into the national Top 20 (39 to 19) and the Himali Boarding School, Kurseong (43 to 20). Consequently they have also risen to the No. 2 and No.3 positions in the eastern league table, surprisingly besting the hitherto highly-fancied St. Joseph's College, North Point, Darjeeling which has slipped nationally (10 to 21) and regionally (2 to 4).

Comments D.N.A. Mountford, an alumnus of St. Stephen's College, Delhi and London University who began his teaching career in Doon School prior to being appointed headmaster of the state-of-the-art Assam Valley School, promoted by tea tycoon B.M. Khaitan, in 1995: "I am pleased to learn that despite it being only 14 years old, AVS has entered the ranks of the Top 20 residential schools in India and is ranked second in the eastern region. A favourable combination of factors — a progressive and supportive board of governors, excellent teachers attracted from across the country, constant upgradation of the school's infrastructure and our talented students, the majority of them from the Seven Sister states of north-east India — is responsible for our rise in public esteem."