

## Director's Message

I am happy to introduce the first issue of "Waves", the monthly e-newsletter of FCDP (Fishermen Community Development Programme) and TMS (Theeradesa Mahila Society), Kollam.

"If clouds are the seaman's bible, the ocean waves are his apostles," Richard Van Dorn writes in his book Oceanography and Seamanship. "Endlessly wandering the vast, untrammelled oceans, they preach the gospel of Nature's might, give warning of coming storms and — in milder moods — provide the endless, ever-changing panorama that exalts the spirit in a manner unknown to landbound mortals." It's hoped that this e-newsletter "Waves", serves as the heart-throb of the fishermen community just as the waves feel the pulse of the ocean. And the name very well corresponds to Theeraspandhanam, the malayalam newsletter of FCDP and TMS.

This inaugural issue of "Waves" presents a brief account of the initiatives taken by FCDP and TMS for the welfare of the community in the month of April. It is hoped that this maiden issue of "Waves" would help to promote and contribute towards the integral development and empowerment of the fishing community.

- Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

## Easter at Visappinu Vida—"Let's say no to Hunger"

Though the covid pandemic dampened the grandeur of Easter with external celebrations being reduced to minimum, for the beneficiaries of the food program "Let us say no hunger", the day matched no other. It was a grand celebration indeed!



As part of 'Visappinu Vida', kits containing biryani, bedsheets and fruits were given to each of the 121 beneficiaries at their homes on Easter noon. Packages were prepared and taken for distribution at 11 o'clock by the team led by Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP) and Mrs. Mini Mary Gerald, (Coordinator, TMS). With the joint efforts of FCDP and

TMS, this gift of love and care was delivered to everyone by 1.30 pm. It was absolutely moving to see 121 faces beaming with joy. To the well-wishers who helped this happen, we say "Thanks for those 121 smiles !!"



## The First Five Women drivers all Set to take off

The first phase of the electric auto project under FCDP is all ready to launch. The project undertaken in collaboration with Don Bosco (Breads) Bangalore, aims to create new employment opportunities and a steady income for women, ensure gender equality, as well as to reduce urban pollution besides raising environmental awareness. A number of women belonging to the coastal areas from Thangassery to Thanni have already

undergone training for e-autos. Through the electric auto project FCDP proposes to provide 32 e-auto Rikshaws to the women trainees in the coming years. It will provide a total of 15 electric auto-rickshaws in the first year, five being distributed at the first phase. This project is also a participatory venture as the members of the scheme contribute a monthly sum of Rs. 6250/- for a year towards the project as rental charge. The e-autos will be made available to



the women, on completion of the first year at a discount price. The project is executed also in collaboration with Mahindra Automobiles, Bangalore who have agreed to support the project by way of price and facilities.

## DBYF receives government affiliation

Don Bosco Youth Forum under FCDP is now affiliated to Nehru Yuva Kendra (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI). Mr. Nipun Chandran, District Youth Officer, Kollam, handed over the affiliation certificate to Mr. Anoopraj, Project Coordinator, FCDP.

Don Bosco Youth Forum, under the aegis of Fishermen Community Development Program, Kollam, consists of youth between 18-30 years of age from the

Thangassery to Thanni in the coastal belt of Kollam. Re-christened in 2019, the main objective of the Don Bosco Youth Forum is to nurture the skills of youngsters in the coastal area and to empower them for personal and social development. Affiliation to NYK is a landmark and will strengthen the youth of the region to emerge as a powerful force to reckon with..



## Reaching Out

Ansona, a member of Don Bosco Youth Forum was given a refurbished Samsung Galaxy J7 phone as a support for pursuing her studies. Our sincere thanks to the donor!



Thanks to our generous benefactors, in the month of April, Medical aid given to three patients suffering from various illness and educational support as given to two students,, one pursuing MBBS and the other diploma in Graphic Designing..

## Covid Help Desk Launched

As the second wave of Covid hits the country hard, FCDP and TMS have launched the Covid Help desk again. The



facilities provided includes registration for vaccination, mid-day meals for quarantined patients, volunteers for delivering urgently required materials, tele-counselling services, support for study materials for students, etc.

## Birthdays & Wedding!



*Rinisha*



*Reshma*

We were fortunate to have three birthdays in the month of April. These were indeed occasions of great joy to thank God and each other. FCDP & TMS take this opportunity to thank our staff members for their dedicated and selfless service.



*Anisha*

The Board, Staff and members of FCDP & TMS congratulate Ms. Rinisha Joseph on her Wedding. We wish her all the best as she embarks on this wonderful journey.



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