

Director's Message

Slowly, the world is healing and we see rays of hope everywhere. Past months were full of fresh starts & new hopes for our organization too. And in this 4th edition of 'Waves', I would like to share with our well-wishers, some of our successes. To begin with, the We-Auto inaugural function, which was postponed due to covid restrictions, was held in the month of August. A newly renovated production unit for the masalas and home care products, the newest edition of Don Bosco Youth Forum, training for We-Auto drivers, career guidance class, a mini Onam celebration for DBYF etc., were other activities of the past two months. FCDP & TMS are back to regular life after the Covid prevention activities. May God be praised for all his blessings!

- Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

Appreciation for team Covid

'Act as if what you do makes a difference, it does'.

Team Covid continue to receive tokens of love from all sides even after relieving from the relief activities. Reena Titus, Parlour executive of Olivia herbal cosmetics company handed over their token of appreciation on 1st of July at

FCDP. Fr. Joby Sebastian received it on behalf of the Team.



"This is a token of our gratitude to all the Community workers and volunteers tirelessly working for a Covid free world" - Said Ms. Reena.

Each phone call, appreciation, and award that we receive is an inspiration and encouragement and we dedicate it to our dear Volunteers.

We-Auto Inauguration

The inauguration of WE-AUTO (women empowerment) project and the first phase of distribution of electric autos to women was held on Wednesday 04th August 2021 at FCDP. Smt. Prasanna Earnest, Hon. Mayor of Kollam, official-



ly inaugurated the function. In her speech, the Mayor said that by providing a sustainable means of income to the fisher women, FCDP was giving new meaning to women empowerment.' Mr. A K Dilu, Regional transport officer, Kollam, highlighted environmental protection that is being brought out through the distribution of electric autos. The Vicar General of the Diocese of Kollam, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent Machado appreciated the cultural transformation that is brought in through electric rickshaws.

The keys of the e-autos were handed over to the women by the honourable Mayor, RTO Kollam, Vicar General, Parish Priest and Rector of St. Stephen's church, Thope



and Chairperson, FCDP.

Present at the function were also Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director FCDP), Mr Tomy Nepolean (Counsellor Pallithottam), Mr. Vinod (Proprietor Sreekala driving school) and Mr. Shibu (Managing partner, Asian motors) were also present at the function. The e-autos were flagged off by Mr. A. K Dilu (RTO, Kollam).

Birthdays



A simple function was organized at FCDP to celebrate the 51st birthday of **Fr. Joby Sebastian** (Director, FCDP & TMS). FCDP family wishes him a very happy and healthy year ahead! We thank God for his constant love and blessings. We thank him for his vision that has taken the institution to newer heights.



Mrs. Agnes P. P., (President, TMS), lovingly known as Annie teacher, celebrated her birthday on 25th July. FCDP family wishes and prays for her good health and happiness. We thank her for her selfless service.

Mrs. Sabeena and Mrs. Sindhi celebrated their birthdays in the month of August. We wish them a beautiful new year and thank them for their dedicated service .



Farewell



The staff of FCDP and TMS bid farewell to Shri. Anoopraj at a moving function held at FCDP hall on 4th of August at 4:30 pm. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Sindha Mendez, the chairperson of FCDP. Mrs. Mini Mary welcomed all while Sr. Mary Karuvelil, Gretta Raju, Dr. Sindha Mendez and

Mary George extended felicitations. The staff rendered a beautiful poem; Ms. Anisha & Ms. Anjali also dedicated songs.

Fr. Joby Sebastian, Director of FCDP and TMS handed over the memento to Anoop raj for the meritorious service of three years at FCDP. Mrs. Gretta Raju and Mrs. Mini Mary representing FCDP and TMS respectively, presented tokens of affection. Representatives from SHG groups and We-auto project also honoured Mr. Anoopraj.

The Board and staff as well as the members of FCDP and TMS remain ever

grateful to Shri. Anoopraj for his dedicated and selfless service.

The years he spent at FCDP was marked by growth and development of the institution through various programmes and initiatives especially women and youth empowerment in the fishermen community.



Renovation Of Don Bosco Centre As Production Unit

After months of preparation, finally the newly renovated production centre for Healthy Masala and Homecare products under FCDP was inaugurated at Don Bosco Centre, Kodimaram. The unit was inaugurated and blessed by Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Rector and Parish Priest, Thope). Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP), Fr. Bino Nadakkal (Director of Childline Kollam, DB Tech and Quest), Fr. P.C Thomas (Administrator), Sr. Mary Karuvelil (Assistant Director, TMS) and

members of the board and staff of FCDP and TMS were present for the inaugural function. The compound that once constituted a tailoring unit and bakery, provision store and day care centre now holds the Community Health Centre, Don Bosco Youth Centre, and Production Units, while the tailoring centre has been moved to FCDP. The production units and store combined have generated employment and empowered the women of the community.



DBYF Meeting

After a gap of few months, Don Bosco youth forum met again but under covid protocols. The first meeting post lockdown, was held on Tuesday, 3rd of August 2021 at FCDP with a rejuvenated team of new members. The

meeting was held in two batches viz., 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. The morning batch was attended mainly by students who had completed 10th and 12th and the evening batch by graduates and others who had online classes in the morning.

The meetings started with prayer songs by Ms. Aneesha Bosco and Ms. Anupama David respectively and followed by a general introduction by

Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP) on DBYF. Ms. Anisha conducted the ice breaking session. After Mr. Anoop Raj explained about group formation, the members dispersed for group discussion. Group sessions were held according to the relevant areas namely Pallithottam A, Pallithottam B, Port Kollam, Vadi, Thangassery and Mundakkal under the guidance of an animator each.

Career guidance for Don Bosco Youth Forum



On 10th August 2021, a career guidance class was organized for the 10th and 12th standard members of the Don Bosco Youth Forum. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP), inaugurated the session. The resource person was Mr. Rajesh, a renowned Career Coach &

Corporate Trainer based in Trivandrum. He helped the students explore their creativity, learning styles, behaviour & communication. He also explained about various career options and clarified the doubts of the students regarding various courses and their application procedures. A session like this was very much the need of the hour as the 10th and 12th standard students are at the crossroads on completion of their courses and seriously considering their career options. The participants were



glad to be a part of the session. The programme ended with a feedback session by the participants who thanked Mr. Rajesh for the interactive, entertaining and informative session, followed by a vote of thanks by Ms. Ansona (DBYF member).

Training for Women drivers



A training program was conducted for the women drivers at Mahindra Service centre, Madanada, under the WE-AUTO project. The session was led by Mr. Jamin, Technical manager and Mr. Jithin,

Asst. Service manager. Mr. Jamin gave general guidelines with regard to charging, maintenance of battery, need to drain the battery before the next charging, the need to have a circuit braker in case of power variations, importance of charging the vehicle continuously for 8 hours in every four days. He explained the do's and don'ts while driving an electric vehicle. After the session the drivers were given opportunity to clarify their doubts given that the participants have been using own vehicles for some time.

The participants were concerned about the maximum load that can be carried in the vehicle and high battery

consumption in such cases. Concerns were also raised about charging throughout the night. The training programme was attended by Ms. Sabeena, Ms. Seena, Ms. Mary, Ms. Sunitha, Ms. Manju - the beneficiaries of the first phase of the We-auto project and Ms. Shiny, the driver of 'Vishappinu Vida' E-auto. The programme was facilitated by Ms. Anjali Joseph , Project Coordinator, WE-AUTO.



A mini Onam with covid protocols

The Onam Celebrations held at Don Bosco, College Junction, Kollam, though symbolic and modest came as a welcome surprise to the members of Don Bosco Youth Forum. For the past two years, due to the pandemic, Onam

has not been celebrated as a grand event as it used to be. The mini-onam celebration was organized for the Don Bosco Youth Forum following strict Covid protocols with limited number of youth. The on-stage competitions

included thiruvathirakali, onapaattu, and onasandesham. Following this, the youth representatives also participated in tug of war, musical chairs, and uriyadi. The short program kept alive the spirit of joy and happiness that Onam brings.



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