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Director's Message

"We have the right to protest for what is right. There are people hurting, there are people suffering, so we have an obligation, a mandate, to do something" We do believe in the power of social action and the need to be a part of it to bring about a desirable change. The FCDP family declares our solidarity with the protestors at Vizhinjam port.

This issue of "Waves" features series of events all of which highlight the power of social action - the Independence Day programmes of the Children and Youth forums, the Citizens Campaign organized by KILA, We-Auto distribution and Onam celebrations of the FCDP family. "To be silent is to be party to the crime." We have an obligation, not only to speak up for the suffering but also find ways and means to build up our community. That's all about what we do at FCDP. May God bless us all!

-Fr. Joby Sebastian
(Director, FCDP)

DBCF's Independence Day Cycle Rally flagged off by Hon. MP Mr. N. K Premachandran



Don Bosco Children's Forum, the children's wing of FCDP, organized a cycle rally as part of the 75th Independence Day celebrations. National flags were distributed to the children as part of the Prime Minister's call 'Har Ghar Tiranga'. The rally started from Rotary Club Road with a flag-off ceremony by Hon. MP N. K Premachandran. Around 160 children participated in the cycle rally that passed via Canal Road, Vady, Altharamood, Kaval, and Thangassery, and concluded with a public gathering on the beach. Pallithottam Councilor, Mr. N. Tommy, felicitated the participants. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP), Smt. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Smt. Veronica Anthony (President, TMS) and Sister Mary. K (Asst. Director, TMS) participated in the function.

Independence Day & Youth Day celebration by Don Bosco Youth Forum 2022

Don Bosco Youth Forum members came together on 13th August 2022 after a month to celebrate India's 75th Independence Day along with International Youth Day. The celebrations started on Saturday 13th August 2022 at noon at FCDP Hall with an official function inaugurated by the Excise Commissioner, Shri V Rajesh. FCDP Chairperson - Smt. Agnes John



presided over the function and TMS President - Smt. Veronica Antony addressed the gathering. Mr. Emmanuel Escleen who conquered the hearts of many by singing from his Fish stall at Moothakkara was honored at the function.



The Don Bosco Youth forum members took this occasion to share their experiences having successfully completed one year since the inception of DBYF. The DBYF members celebrated by cutting the cake and presented various entertaining performances. The programme ended with a DJ evening.



The Citizens Campaign 2022

As part of the campaign 'The Citizens 2022' organized by the District Planning Committee, Kollam District Panchayat and Kerala Institute of Local Administrators (KILA) to make Kollam district a fully constitutional literate district, constitution classes were organized at FCDP. Classes were organized on 12th August 2022 for FCDP -TMS staff members and on 13th August 2022 for Youth Forum members. Mr. Ansel Joseph, Smt. Vasantakumari and Smt. Mabel Xavier led the classes. The constitution class for Don Bosco Youth Forum members was led by Ms. Dixie who is also a member of DBYF.



As part of this camp, the members from DBYF namely, Ms. Aneesha, Ms. Dixie, and Ms. Suji were made senators trained by the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA).



FCDP stands in solidarity with the protest of fishermen led by the Latin Archdiocese at Vizhinjam port.





Fourth Phase of WE-Auto distribution

The fourth phase of WE-Auto distribution was organized on 26th August 2022 at FCDP. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Saji V. Mathew (Asst. Vice President, Süd-Chemie India Pvt. Ltd.). In the

presidentship of Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Fr. Joby Sebastian welcomed the guests. Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS), Sr. Annie Joseph (Mother Superior), Mr. Douglas Victor (Board member), Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP), and Mr. Ashik Shajahan (Sales Manager, Piaggio) were part of the function. Mrs. Leeba and Mrs. Mary Shobha received their electric auto keys from Mr. Saji V.

Mathew. So far, 14 electric autos have been distributed to women of the fisher folk as part of the WE-Auto project. The project has enabled and empowered women to improve their living standards through sustained income. Women earning 15K to 35K every month are proof of the success of this project.

ONAM 2022

Don Bosco Youth Forum

This year's Onam celebration program of Don Bosco Youth Forum was organized at Mundakkal Boys Home on Saturday 03/09/2022. Ms. Aneesha Bosco from DB Alpha welcomed the participants and guests. Smt. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the official function. The District Legal Service Authority Sub-Judge Smt. Anju Meera Birla was the chief guest. Fr. Francis, Fr. Jerin (Director, Boys Home), Fr. Gilton (Administrator), Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) delivered the felicitation speech. The official ceremony ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Jincy from DB Speranza. After the official ceremony, various competitions were held including Thiruvathira, Onam Song, Onam message, and Malayalee Manka-Maran. Other exciting competitions like musical chairs, Uriyadi and Vadamvali were also organized. Following this, Onam sadya, prepared by the youth groups and animators was served. The programme ended by 5 pm after the prize distribution ceremony.



Don Bosco Children's Forum

A colorful Onam celebration program of Don Bosco Children's Forum was organized at Boys Home on Monday 05/09/2022 at 2 PM. The function was inaugurated by Excise CI, Mr. Andrews. The opening ceremony was presided by Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP). Smt. Veronica Anthony (President, TMS) offered the felicitation. Following the official ceremony, each of the groups performed Thiruvathira and Onam song and delivered Onam message. Children enjoyed games like musical chairs, filling the bottle, lemon & spoon race, tug of war and Uriyadi. Payasam was distributed to the children at the end following which prizes were distributed to the winners.



Onam celebration for FCDP-TMS & FCDS board and staff

Onam celebration for FCDP-TMS & FCDS board and staff was conducted on 7th July 2022. The staff members decorated the office with flower rangolis. The board members offered their felicitations on the occasion. The great Mahabali also offered his felicitation on the auspicious day. Various games were organized for the board and staff and Onam sadya was served at the end.



Fare thee well Mr. Alan Samuel Placid



Birthdays!



FCDP-TMS wishes Fr. Jerin (Director, Don Bosco Boys' home, Mundakkal) who celebrated his birthday on 22nd September 2022 a very happy birthday. We pray for his good health and blessings! FCDP- TMS celebrated the birthdays of Mrs. Sindhi, Mrs. Sabeena, Mrs. Anu Moses & Mr. Sujith Padmanabhan in the months of August and September. We wish them years of happiness and prosperity.

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