

## Director's Message

The new year brought with it new hopes. The first two months of the year have been marked by a number of activities and events. The biggest event among them was the Don Bosco Kalamela 2022 organized by Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kollam. The event became a platform for the youth of the coastal region of Kollam to showcase their talents in various fields and challenge themselves to bring out their best. It was a fitting tribute to Don Bosco, the patron of youth whose feast is celebrated on the 31st of January and the program did indeed recreate the spirit of Don Bosco. The legal clinic organized in collaboration with DLSA (District Legal Services Authority, Kollam) was another path breaking event. The inauguration of the multipurpose was a dream come true. A number of other programmes like the Scholarship distribution to deserving students, support to police personnel in covid protocol maintenance, medical assistance for cancer patients etc show that FCDP continues to be committed in reaching out to others.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

## Legal Service Clinic



Responding to the dire need of the landless families of the fishermen Community, the legal service

authority in collaboration with FCDP organised legal service camp. A preliminary meeting was organized on 04th January 2022 regarding the same. DLSA Sub-judge Shri. Bijukumar, TLSA Secretary Smt. Daya, DLSA Panel Lawyers Adv. Rahul and Adv. Pallimon Sreekumar, Pallithottam Councillor Shri. N. Tomy, FCDP Director Fr. Joby Sebastian and FCDP staff members were part of the meeting.

Legal Service Clinic was held for four days from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The applications from the fishermen Community for filing as petitions in the court were received at FCDP Hall by representatives from DLSA. The applications were categorized under six categories and prepared under the supervision of Smt. Daya (TLSA Secretary), Adv. Sreekumar and DLSA Para Legal volunteers Shri Noufal and Smt. Jayalekshmi. A total of 785 applications were received. Smt. Leela Francis and volunteers from Don Bosco Youth Forum helped the people in preparing the applications. DLSA officially informed that



these applications will be accepted as Special Pre-litigation petition and further legal procedures will be undertaken.

## Indiana Malayalee Association: Second Phase of Scholarship distribution



The second phase of Scholarship distribution by Indiana Malayalee Association for the children of the fishermen was inaugurated by Eravipuram MLA Shri. M. Noushad. The scholarship was given to honour the fishermen for their unparalleled service during the Kerala floods.



The meeting was presided by FCDP Chairperson, Dr. Sindha H. Mendez. Fr. Joby Sebastian, Director FCDP & TMS welcomed the gathering. The scholarships were given to Maxon Paul, Sijo,

Jobitha J., Dixy N., Ancy Andrew, Milton, Akhila, and Nisha. In the financial year 2021-22, Indiana Malayalee Association has contributed over 5 lakh as scholarship for the children of fishermen through FCDP.

Mr. Jerson Sebastian, author of the books 'Layi Layi Kuseena' and 'Njanga Neenga', was also honoured during the programme for his contribution towards the cultural heritage of Kollam. Felicitations were offered by Shri. Fayas (Pallithottam CI), Shri N. Tomy (Pallithottam Councillor), and Shri. Milton Stephen (Board Member, FCDP).



## Don Bosco Youth Forum members return as Covid volunteers

Amidst the rising cases of Covid and threat of Omicron, Don Bosco Youth Forum members served as volunteers for the Kollam police. The aim was to raise awareness about hygiene and safety among people and to ensure compliance of covid protocol to prevent the spread of the pandemic. The youth volunteers numbering 45 assisted the Police for two weeks in various places of Kollam working in shifts.



## Inauguration of Multi-purpose hall



The multipurpose hall at FCDP was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal sdb (Provincial, Salesians of Don Bosco, Bangalore) on 5th February 2022. Thanks to Don Bosco Mondo and BREADS Bangalore, this was a day of dream come true for FCDP. With the multipurpose hall a major problem of space constraint has been addressed. The multipurpose hall includes the tailoring centre, computer center, Psc coaching center, library and room for SHG activities.

The inauguration and blessing of the new multipurpose hall was followed by the function at FCDP hall. During the event financial assistance of Rs. 50000/- (fifty thousand only) through a benefactor was handed over to a deserving family by Rev. Fr. Jose Koyikkal. Fr. Provincial also released the annual report of the year 2020-2021 on the occasion. Present at the function were Dr. Sindha H. Mendez (Chairperson FCDP), Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Parish priest & Rector, Thope), Fr. Joe Fernandez (Director, Boys home), Fr. Bino Nadakkal (Director, DB Tech), Fr. Immanuel, Mrs. Veronica (Vice President, TMS), Sr. Mary Mathew (Superior FMA Convent), Mr. Ansel, the Board and staff members of FCDP & TMS.



## Don Bosco Kalamela 2022

Don Bosco Youth Forum in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra organized Don Bosco Kalamela 2022 on 12th February 2022. More than 150 youth participated in the talent competition. The events included Solo and Group song competition, solo and group dance, quiz, poem recitation, speech, and painting competitions. The chief guest for the closing ceremony of the Kalamela was Mr. X. Ernest (President, District Sports Council, Kollam). Dr. Sindha H. Mendez (Chairperson, FCDP) chaired the programme and Mr. Nipun Chandran (District Youth Officer, Nehru Yuva Kendra) gave the keynote address. The winners of various events were given cash prizes and certificates in the closing ceremony.





## Technical training for Women Auto drivers

Technical knowhow is very important for the improved efficiency of electric vehicles.

A training was arranged for the We-auto beneficiaries at FCDP hall on 16th February 2022 at

4:30 pm. The session was handled by the customer care deputy manager Mr. Manu (Mahindra, Bangalore) and was assisted by technical manager Mr. Rahul (Asian motors).

The training session consisted of various aspects of the maintenance of electric auto rickshas like general maintenance, driving, charging,

washing, service etc. The training was attended by the women auto drivers of the We-Auto Project. Mr. Jerald (Electrician) was also instructed on the installation of power plugs and other appliances for charging. The one-hour session ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Anjali (Project coordinator).



## One Day Program for Don Bosco Youth Forum

A one day programme for the members of DBYF was organised on 19th February 2022. The day began with a meeting held at FCDP hall to evaluate Don Bosco Kalamela 2022 and plan the events ahead.

Following this, the DBYF members went for a day out to Adventure park. The DBYF members took up rope climbing challenges and played various games. The highlight of the day was the boat ride, where the youth relaxed themselves with dancing and singing. The program concluded with a session where in members shared their day's experiences and by 5.00 pm everyone left for their homes with pleasant memories.

## Medical Assistance for Cancer patients by DBYF

Don Bosco Youth Forum, the youth wing of FCDP, organized the first phase of the programme to distribute medical aid to Cancer patients. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Radhakrishnan, Chief Editor, Kerala Kaumudi on 27th February 2022. The programme was chaired by Mrs. Agnes John (President, TMS). Ms. U. Pavithra, (Chairperson, Health Standing Committee) gave the key note address.

During the function, medical aid was distributed to 25 cancer patients. The fund for assistance

to cancer patients was raised through Biryani Fest organized by Don Bosco Youth Forum in December 2021.

On the occasion, Mr. Stalin Sebastian was honoured. Mr. Stalin secured first rank in Bachelor of Physical Education from M.G. University. Present at the function were also Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS) and Sr. Mary K. (Asst. Director, TMS), members of Don Bosco Youth Forum and the board and staff of FCDP.



## FCDP makes representation before J.B. Koshy Commission



Mr. Milton S along with Fr. Joby Sebastian (director, FCDP) represented before J.B. Koshy Commission on socio-economic and educational backwardness of fisherfolk at Asramam guest house in Kollam. A memorandum along with evidence for the same was also submitted. J.B. Koshy Commission was appointed by the government of Kerala in order to study the problems faced by Christian minorities in the state and to present a report. Former DGP Jacob Punnoose and former secretary to the President Dr. Christy Fernandez are the other members of the committee.

## Latest @fcdpkollam Youtube



FCDP's youtube channel has crossed 1.74K subscribers with over 70 videos. Thanks to all the viewers and supporters. We will be up with more content from our own Kollam coast through Coastal Diaries, Dance, Motivational videos and much more. Keep watching!



## Celebrations!

Mr. Joe Luis, Mrs. Bindhu Harison, Mrs. Princy Edison, Mrs. Usha B, Ms. Anjali and Ms. Reshma celebrated their birthdays in the months January and February. We wish them years of happiness and prosperity ahead. We also wish Fr. Stephen Mukkattil who celebrated his 71st birthday this year.

We wish Br. Dennis good luck for his future endeavours as he completes his journey with FCDP.



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