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Director's Message

I am very happy to share with you the e-newsletter of February 23, presenting the various social development activities undertaken during the month. The foremost among them was the distribution of two more e-rikshaws to women as part of the WE-Auto project. This has been one of the most visible of our projects with the outcomes being very immediate. The we-autos have made a big difference in the lives of the beneficiaries not only in terms of the income and standard of living but also towards gender empowerment. In the area of health, a blood test camp was organised in the community, in collaboration with Metropolis Laboratory, Kollam which was widely appreciated by the public. The youth and children had also a number of programmes in keeping with the spirit of Don Bosco. Thanks to the various animators, outings were arranged for students of the children's forum to help them relax from the pressure and anxiety of exams. Don Bosco Quiz was another important event conducted for members of the Don Bosco children's forum and youth Forum, aimed at generating knowledge and love for the patron saint, Don Bosco.

We would like to express our gratitude to our dedicated team members and partners who made these initiatives possible. We believe that these activities will go a long way in promoting social development and making a positive impact in the community.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian
(Director, FCDP)

Electric autos distributed to women

At the function held at FCDP on 6th Feb 2023, Two Piaggio Ape autos were distributed to women as part of the We-Auto project. Mr. Sarath Chandran (JRTO, Kunnathoor) handed over the keys and flagged off the autos. In his inaugural speech, he mentioned that the We-Auto project of FCDP is a good example of women empowerment. The keys were handed over to Mrs. Shajitha and Mrs. Jaya Roy. Till now, FCDP has provided 17 electric autos to coastal women.



Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the function and Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP) delivered the welcome address and Mr. Ashiq Shahjahan (Kollam District Head, Piaggio) felicitated. Smt. Veronica Antony concluded the ceremony with the vote of thanks. About 40 people including Board and staff of FCDP participated in the event.

The We-auto project proposes to provide 32 e-autos for women in an effort to overcome gender stereotypes and make women earning members of families. It is inspiring to note that the women beneficiaries are earning between Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 45,000 per month.



Don Bosco Quiz Competition

Under the leadership of FCDP in collaboration with Don Bosco Children's Forum and Don Bosco Youth Forum, "Don Bosco Quiz" competition was organized at FCDP Hall on Saturday, February 11 at 11am. From DBYF, DB Speranza and DB Alpha bagged the first and second positions respectively. From DBCF, DBC Warriors and DBC Legends won the first and second positions. A total of 12 teams participated in the Quiz. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS) was the quiz master. Smt. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS) was the Assistant Quiz Master and Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP) the score keeper. Mrs. Bindhu Harrison (Coordinator, DBCF) gave the welcome speech and Ms. Mary John (Coordinator, DBYF) proposed the vote of thanks. The program started with a prayer song led by Ms. Aneesha Bosco. Programs on the Patron Don Bosco such as Quiz give opportunities to know Don Bosco and will help everyone stay more grounded and emulate the saint's life. Members of Don Bosco Youth Forum and Children's Forum, coordinators and animators also participated in the quiz competition.



Leader's Meeting of Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) held

The meeting of the board and leaders of Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) was held on 20th February 2023 to plan the programmes on Women's Day. Around 75 leaders participated. In the discussion, women's day theme was finalised as "Embrace Equity." The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS), Mrs. Agnes John (Chair Person, FCDP) Mrs. Lacticia Martin (Treasurer, TMS), Sr. Mary Kuruelil (Assistant Director, TMS), Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS), and the staff participated in the discussions. Women's Day 2023 aims not only at equal opportunities but also as opportunities as per the need of every woman.



Blood Check-up camp organized

A blood check up camp was organized under the leadership of TMS and FCDP, at the FCDP hall in collaboration with the Metropolis Laboratory, Kollam. Sugar, cholesterol and thyroid tests were conducted. Over 150 people participated in the camp.



Don Bosco Children's Forum take a break before Exams.

On 25th February Under the leadership of Fishermen Community Development Program (FCDP), the members of the Don Bosco Children's Forum namely DBC Warriors and DBC Legends enjoyed a day out at Adventure Park, Kollam. The outing was organised for the students of DBC Warriors and DBC Legends. They were 32 in call. Adventure Park obviously was the ideal place to take a break as it provides a peaceful ambience and a nice place to have fun and engage in group building activities. It was an attempt to reduce the tension and anxieties of children before the forthcoming final examinations.



DBYF Volunteers go on a day out

The Volunteers from Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) went for a day out to on 19th February 2023. This trip was a long awaited promise come true for the youth who had volunteered for the summer camp. The train journey, the Auto ride, the walk on the beach, food out all added to the fun. No surprise, there are already ready with the next trip planned to Kovalam. Outings are a great way to strengthen bonds and build each other besides offering a break and an essential aspect of Don Bosco's educational system.



Celebrations!



We wish Mrs. Bindhu Harison, Mrs. Princy Edison and Mrs. Veronica Antony good health and prosperity as they celebrated their birthdays in the month of February. We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP and TMS.

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