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Editorial

The month of February was marked by leadership and skill training programmes for women entrepreneurs. The future of the fishermen community lies in education and entrepreneurship. FCDP has been trying to promote both. In the given social scenario, it has been noticed that when women take up small or even nano enterprises, the prospect for community development is comparatively high as the whole of the income mostly go to the families for various purposes.

Through Fishermen Community Development Society (FCDS), every effort is being made to provide a platform for marketing the products from enterprises started by women in the coastal area. FCDP continues other activities like Football match organised by the children's forum to foster teamwork and develop talents. It is hoped that the activities of FCDP will continue to benefit every section of the fisherfolk society.

**-Fr. Joby Sebastian SDB
(Director, FCDP-TMS)**

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS HELD

A leadership training was organized for SHG leaders at FCDP Hall on February 9, 2024, as part of a series of leadership trainings under the WYEP Project. Mr. Anantharaman Sajith, Mr. Bharath Manoj Nair, and Ms. Akshaya Saji served as the resource persons for the sessions.



Over 80 SHG leaders participated in the training. The motive of the leadership training class is to develop and enhance leadership skills such as, communication, decision-making, conflict resolution, and team building, in order to empower individuals to effectively lead teams or organizations.

TMS GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD

The General body meeting of Theeradesa Mahila Society was held on February 20 at 2 pm at FCDP Hall to take decisions regarding the International Women's Day 2024. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) presided over the event. The meeting decided to celebrate Women's Day on March 8 at the Rotary Community Hall and to organize a proclamation rally in the evening of March 7. We also discussed other details related to Women's Day. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst. Director, FCDP) and Mrs. Lactia Martin (Treasurer, TMS) were present at the meeting. About 75 leaders including Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS)



CAKE EXHIBITION AND CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

As part of the WE-LivE project, a production class was organized on February 20 at FCDP Hall. At the end of the three-day class, an exhibition and certificate distribution were organized on February 23 at the FCDP hall. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the function. Fr. Akhil (Asst. Vicar, Port Kollam Church) inaugurated the function and awarded certificates to all the participants in the cake baking class. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director FCDP-TMS) Mrs. Roshna Jackson (Trainer), Fr. Stephy Francis (Director, DB Tech & Dreams), Sr. Mary K. (Asst. Director, TMS) spoke on the occasion. The well-wishers of FCDP and staff members of FCDP-TMS were also present. The main highlights of the event were the variety of cakes and chocolates, Prepared by trainees. All the participants expressed their satisfaction and happiness. Different types of cake like milk cake, mango cake, butterscotch cake, red velvet cake, pineapple cake, brownie, party pop, popsicles, dream cake etc were exhibited.



CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION AND CONCLUSION OF FISH PROCESSING

The certificate distribution of Fish Processing training on February 24 at FCDP Hall. The fish processing class began on February 23. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Sr. Mary K. (Asst. Director, TMS), and Mr. Ajay Shankar (Trainer) spoke on the occasion. Mr. Ajay Shankar (trainer) distributed the certificates to the students who participated in the class. Fish processing is a skill sector that offers vast opportunities for economic empowerment and sustainable growth. By adding value to fish products, women are helped to access wider markets, increase income and make their own contribution to food security. The cooking training class was organized as part of supporting women entrepreneurs in this sector.



DON BOSCO UNDER-15 SEVENS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WAS ORGANIZED.

"Don Bosco Under 15 Sevens Football Tournament," organized by Don Bosco Children's Forum under the leadership of FCDP, was successfully conducted as part of the Don Bosco's Feast. Seven teams from the Children's Forum participated in the matches, which took place on February 24, 2024, at Don Bosco Boys' home. DBC Thunders, DBC Legends, DBC Rock Stars, and DBC Squad X played in the semi-finals and final match was held on February 25, 2024, inaugurated by Mrs. Mary John (Former DBYF Coordinator). Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TTMS) presided over the function.

DBC Thunders and DBC Legends clashed in an exciting final. DBC Legends won the final match 2-0. Fr. Stephy Francis (Director, DB Tech & Dreams) distributed the prizes to the winners. Tony (DBC Legends) as adjudged the Best Player, Noble (DBC Thunders) as Best Goal Keeper and Emmanuel (DBC Legends) as Best Scorer. DBC Thunders were the runner-up of the final match. Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst. Director FCDP) delivered the vote of thanks. Don Bosco Football Coach Mr. Innocent S. (Aji), Al Amin, Nithin, Mrs. Bindhu Harrison (DBCF Coordinator), Group Animators Mrs. Mini Placid, Usha Biju, Rineesha Francis, Anu Moses, Jency Paul, Sindhu George, and Stefania led the tournament.



FAREWELL, DEAR RESHMA RICHARD

FCDP, TMS, FCDS family bade farewell to Mrs. Reshma R. on February 28, 2024. Mrs. Reshma worked as staff at FCDP and later as part of FCDS for past seven years. The FCDP family thanked Mrs. Reshma for her hard work, commitment, and contribution to the Fishermen community of Kollam during the nearly seven years of her service. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



CELEBRATIONS

We wish Mrs. Princy Edison, Mrs. Soja Lazer, Mrs. Veronica Antony And Mrs. Bindhu Harrison 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.



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