



# WAVES

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## Director's Message

I am happy to share the "Waves" - the e-newsletter for September 2023. The celebration of the International Peace Day, an initiative by FCDP youth in on September 23, highlighted a necessary element, nay, the goal of every developmental activity - Peace. Obviously the peace that we promote is not one based on compromise or a false sense of security. It begins with the person in the mirror as Gandhiji was wont to say. It is this peace that percolates into the community. Various programs being carried out by FCDP for promotion of gender equality, women empowerment, Income generating activities for financial security & freedom, programs towards alleviation of suffering whether in the form of counseling, legal aid, medical aid, food, children's and youth forums serve as building blocs for Peace. As St. Francis prayed, "Lord make me an instrument of peace. May God bless us all!

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

## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF TMS

The Annual General Meeting of Theeradesa Mahila Society (TMS) was held on September 22, 2023, at FCDP Hall. Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) gave the welcome address. Mrs. Mini Mary (Coordinator, TMS) presented the minutes of the previous meeting, and Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) presented the annual report 2022-23. Mrs. Laticia Martin (Treasurer, TMS) presented the audit report for the year. It was followed by general discussion. Over 80 members of General Body of the Theeradesa Mahila Society attended the meeting. Dr. Sindha H. Mendez and Rev. Fr. Jithin (Asst. Director, FCDP) also shared the dias. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by S. Mary K. (Asst. Director, TMS).



## ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF FCDP

The annual general body meeting of the Fishermen Community Development Program was held on September 23, 2023, at FCDP Hall. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) formally started the meeting with the welcome address. Mr. Milton S (Secretary, FCDP) presented the minutes of the previous general body meeting, and Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) presented the Annual Report 2022-23 highlighting the significant milestones reached during this period. The financial report was presented by Fr. Jithin (Asst. Director, FCDP) in the absence of Mr. Anil Jose the treasurer. Over 30 members of the general body of the Fishermen Community Development Program attended the meeting. Matters like re-starting of tuition centres etc., were discussed in detail. Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP) proposed the vote of thanks.



## DON BOSCO YOUTH FORUM CELEBRATED THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE.

Don Bosco Youth Forum, the youth wing of FCDP, organized a flash mob and various programs to commemorate the World Peace Day on September 23, 2023. The theme of the international Peace day was "Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the Global Goals." The programs were held at Thangassery Breakwater and at Kollam Beach. Mr. Sajeevan Soman (Ward Councillor, Mundakkal) flew a dove as a symbol of peace at the Thangassery breakwater. Mr. Tomy Napoleon (Ward Councillor, Pallithottam) gave the message on peace at Kollam beach. Miss Sanjana Shaji (DBYF) spoke about the importance of World Peace Day. Over 100 people and youths lit the lamp in celebration of World Peace Day at Kollam Beach. Miss Roshal Maria led the onlookers in the oath taking ceremony. Miss Shruthi Johny offered the vote of thanks. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Rev. Fr. Jithin (Asst Director, FCDP), Rev. Sr. Mary K (Asst Director, TMS), Mrs. Mary John (DBYF Coordinator), and FCDP members, coordinators, and animators were present at the event. The programs went a long way in achieving the aim of raising awareness about the importance of peace and the need to work towards a peaceful and harmonious world.



## WORKSHOP ON GROUP MANAGEMENT HELD

A workshop was organized for women entrepreneurs at FCDP Hall on September 26, 2023, as part of the WE-LivE project. The workshop aimed to promote group enterprises by women. Mr. Sunil S. (Project Coordinator, FCDS) was the resource person for the program which was attended by 50 women. Entrepreneurship is a vital component of economic development, promoting gender equality and empowering women economically. Women entrepreneurs often face unique challenges but also bring fresh perspectives and innovation to various industries, contributing to economic growth and social progress. Initiatives and support for women in entrepreneurship are crucial for fostering their success and driving inclusive economic development.



## THE NATIONAL COOKING DAY OBSERVED

Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) celebrated the National Cooking Day at FCDP Hall on September 28, 2023. The public function was chaired by Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP). Dr. Paul Kannittayil (Pediatrician, Bishop Benzigar Hospital, Kollam) took an informative session on healthy eating habits. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Mrs. Elma Ivan (Rtd. Headmistress, Infant Jesus School, Thope) and Rev. Fr. Jithin M.S. (Asst. Director, FCDP) felicitated on the occasion. DBC Legends led the gathering in prayer song, Miss. Ann Mariya (DBC Bangton) welcomed the gathering and Miss. Bijina Biju (Golden Eagles) proposed the vote of thanks.

The public function was followed by the highlight of the day, namely, the sandwich-making competition between the various groups of the Don Bosco Children's Forum. Over 50 members participated in the event. The winner of the competition was the Golden Eagles, and the 2nd runner-up was the DBC Legends. It was a tough competition with fun and activities that the children enjoyed. The observance of the national cooking aimed at encouraging eating home-made food, cooking by both the genders, and developing the a taste for cooking from a young age.



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