

## Director's Message

The past few months were marked by various activities of Don Bosco Youth Forum, the youth wing of FCDP. This included a number of initiatives to sensitise the community regarding various issues of public interest like Beach Cleaning, Peace rally, Sexual health and education, Child rights, and so on. The highlight obviously was the Biryani fest - a fundraiser for cancer patients. Kudos to DBYF and Team FCDP, that over 4500 well wishers participated in the Biryani fest. I take this occasion to register our gratitude to all our benefactors and well wishers for their generous contribution. The distribution of E-Autos for women (WE Autos), E-shram registration for daily wage labourers and migrants, and scholarships for children and youth were other events that have been beneficial for the community members. We are happy at the support of every one to ensure that FCDP and TMS continue to serve as platform for the women, men, children and youth from the fisher folk towards their holistic empowerment. A very happy new year and God's blessings to all.

-Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

## Fitness training for DBYF members

Fitness training, a new initiative for Don Bosco youth forum under FCDP kicked off at 7am on 7th September 2021 at FCDP hall. The training will be beneficial for over 180 members of Don bosc youth forum spanning from Thangassery to Thanni. As the pandemic is on a rise, it is important to be healthy, physically & mentally. The training is headed by Ms. Anisha. B. Chacko, project coordinator, FCDP. Following the covid protocol the training will be conducted in different sessions twice a week. The number of participants are limited to below 20. The DBYF members who attended the first session of fitness training were all praises for the new initiative. Zumba is the largest branded fitness program in the world, created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Pérez and founded in 2001. Zumba aims to help people achieve personal transformation.



## Beach Cleaning Campaign



Don Bosco Youth Forum, the youth wing of FCDP in collaboration with Kollam Corporation and Rotary Club of Thangassery organized a Beach Cleaning Programme on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 04:30pm. The event was organized as an effort to generate awareness among the youth and the coastal community towards environment pollution as part of World Ozone Day. Dr. Sindha H. Mendez, Chairperson of FCDP, in her presidential address, showed her concern towards the increasing pollution and the responsibility of youth towards the situation. She appreciated the members of the Don Bosco Youth Forum who took such an initiative and thanked Kollam Corporation for their support. Dr. Chintha Jerome, Chairperson of the Kerala State Youth Commission, congratulated the Don Bosco Youth forum members for taking up such an initiative. She also reminded the audience of the sixteen-year-old Greta Thunberg who challenged the world leaders to take immediate action for climate change. During the programme, scholarships were awarded to meritorious students of Don Bosco Youth Forum. Students



from 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard who scored well in their board exams were also honoured during the programme. Present at the function were Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS), Mr. N. Tomy (Councillor, Pallithottam), Mr. Sajeev Soman (Councillor, Udayamarthandapuram), Mr. Vipin Kumar (President, Rotary Club of Thangassery), Mr. Ambili S. (Assistant Governor, Rotary Club of

Thangassery), Mr. Georgie Philip (Secretary, Rotary Club of Thangassery). Kollam Corporation arranged the bags and other materials for collecting different types of waste. Instructions for waste segregation were provided to the DBYF members by Mrs. Shalini - Junior Health Inspector, Kollam Corporation.



## Peace Rally for non-violence

Don Bosco Youth joined the rest of the world in celebrating Gandhi Jayanthi and international year of non-violence. A Peace Rally was organized under the aegis of Rotary Club of Thangassery in collaboration with Don Bosco Youth Forum and FCDP to mark the occasion. The Peace Rally was flagged off by Mr. Sreenivasan (Director General, Rotary Club).

The rally started from Gandhi Library, Tangasseri at 7.00 a.m. and concluded at Kollam beach by 8.30 a.m. At the Kollam Beach, the participants were addressed by Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian sdb (Director, FCDP & TMS), Sr. Mary K. FMA (Asst. Director, TMS), Mr. Vipin Kumar, (President, Rotary Club of Tangasseri), Mr. Ambili (Asst. Governor, Rotary Club of Tangasseri) and Ms. Anisha B. Chacko (Project coordinator, FCDP).

Mr. Georgie Philip (Secretary, Rotary Club of Tangasseri) proposed the vote of thanks. Don Bosco Youth Forum representatives spanning from Thangasseri to Eravipuram participated in the event which aimed at promoting peace and highlighting the need to resolve conflicts within and without the society.



## International Girl Child Day



Don Bosco Youth Forum in Collaboration with Rotary Club of Thangassery observed the International Girl Child Day on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The programme was chaired by Dr. Sindha H. Mendez and was inaugurated by Deputy DMO, Dr. R. Sandhya. In the event, Dr. R. Sandhya also handed over the certificates of successful completion of Computer training by Jan Shikshan Sansthan. Felicitations were offered by Mrs. Agnes John (TMS President), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS), and Mr. Vipin Kumar (President, Rotary Club of Thangassery).

Followed by the inaugural event, Ms. Anjali Joseph and Ms. Anisha B Chacko took an awareness class regarding sexual health and education for girls. More than 50 girls from Don Bosco Youth Forum participated in the programme.



## WE-AUTOS second phase distribution

The second phase of WE-Autos under FCDP was inaugurated by Mr. R. Sharath Chandran, Joint RTO, Kunnathoor, Kollam on Saturday, 6th November 2021. In the function, Mr. R. Sharath Chandran, and Rev. Fr. Rubin Mathew handed over the keys of the two new e-autos to Mrs. Sherly Vijayan and Mrs. Lekha N respectively.

The welcome speech was rendered by Dr. Sindha H. Mendez followed by an introduction of the project by Fr. Joby Sebastian. The speakers congratulated





Rev Fr. Rubin who is the new director of BREADS on his appointment and thanked BREADS (Bosco Rural Educational and Development Society, Bangalore) for their gigantic contribution to the growth of FCDP during the past 25 years. Rev. Fr. Joy, the previous director was also thanked for coming to the aid of FCDP at its difficult times.

Fr. Rubin Mathew and Mr. Benny Augustine in their

felicitations appreciated the great efforts FCDP has put to break the stereotypes and bring women to the forefront. Mrs. Mary George who received e-auto in the first phase of the project shared her experience as an e-auto driver for the past few months. Mrs. Agnes John and Mr. Vincent (Board member, FCDP) also offered their felicitations during the function. The two new e-

autos were flagged off by Mr. R. Sharath Chandran (JRTO). Present at the function were the Board and Staff of



## Children's Day Cycle Rally



The chief guest for the programme was Mr. K.P. Sajinath (Chairperson, Child Welfare Commission, Kollam). Don Bosco Youth Forum, the youth wing of FCDP, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Thangassery conducted a cycle rally on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in which more than 100 youths participated. The rally was flagged off by Shri. Kollam Madhu, Deputy Mayor of Kollam from Kochupilammoodu junction to Kollam beach via Chinnakkada, Vaddy, and Thangassery, was wound up with a formal function.

The aim of the programme was to generate awareness about the rights of children as atrocities against them surge day by day. Don Bosco Youth Forum members, Ms. Maneesha James welcomed everyone for the formal function chaired by Adv. K. P. Sajinath, Chairperson CWC. Adv. K.P. Sajinath spoke about the organizations working for the welfare of children like, Child Rights Commission and Child Welfare Commission. Representatives from Don Bosco Youth Forum, Ms. Meleena Andezhhan and Ms. Ancy Andrew spoke about the issues of children and atrocities faced by them. Mrs. Agnes John, President, TMS, offered her felicitations. Mr. N. Tomy (Councillor, Pallithottam), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS), Mrs. Agnes John (President,

TMS), Mr. Vipin Kumar (President, Rotary Club of Thangassery), Mr. Georgie Philip (Secretary, Rotary Club of Thangassery) and Mr. Ambili S. (Assistant Governor, Rotary Club of Thangassery) were present at the function.



## Indiana Malayalee Association Scholarship—First Phase



The first phase of Indiana Malayalee

Association Scholarship for children of fisher folk was inaugurated by Dr. Sujith Vijayan Pilla (hon. M.L.A, Chavara) in a function held at FCDP on 16/11/2021. Mrs. Agnes John (TMS President) gave the welcome address followed by the Presidential address by Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director FCDP and

TMS). In the inaugural speech, Dr. Sujith praised the effort of IMA in supporting the higher education of children of Fishermen. The scholarships were given away by Dr. Sujith, the hon'ble MLA. The scholarships were given to Ms. Sajeena. J, Ms. Riya T, Ms. Jeni V and Ms. Reejamol.

During the function, Certificates



for those who successfully completed the computer training course were also distributed. It was given away by Rev. Fr. Joe Fernandez (Director, Boy's home) and Sri. N. Tomy( Councillor, Pallithottam ). Rev. Sr. Mary Karuvelil ( TMS asst Director) extended felicitations and Ms. Sanjana proposed vote of thanks.

In 2019 too Indiana Malayali association had given a scholarship worth 7 lakh through FCDP. The speakers thanked Indiana Malayali association for their generous intervention in supporting the children of fisher folk Community. Present at the function were also over 70 representatives and well wishers besides the board and of FCDP and TMS.

## E-shram registration

E-shram registration drive was inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at FCDP hall by Mr. N. Tomy, Pallithottam Councillor. Ms. Anisha B Chacko welcomed the gathering and the guests. Mr. Sreekumar, Assistant Labour

Officer gave the presidential address. Mr. Dileep (Common Service Centre, Kollam) spoke about the benefits of E-shram card and its registration. More than 70 migrant workers participated in the programme. Following the vote of thanks by Mr. Alan Samuel Placid (Project Coordinator, KISMAT), E-shram registration was started. Fishermen, women auto drivers and other daily wage labourers also came for E-shram



registration. More than 170 people registered their names for E-shram which is a central government scheme for the welfare of people working in the unorganized sector.



## Biryani Fest – A fundraiser for Cancer patients

Don Bosco Youth Forum conducted "Biryani Fest" - a fundraiser for Cancer patients in the coastal area of Kollam on 5th December 2021. The youths sold more than 4500 biriyani coupons and collected INR 4,50,000 from the same. We thank all the benefactors and well-wishers for your generous contributions. It is going to make a big difference in the lives of struggling cancer patients in the coastal area of Kollam.



International Human Rights Day was observed at FCDP hall on 11th December 2021. The programme was organized by Human rights foundation (Kollam District Committee) in collaboration with Don Bosco

youth forum (the youth wing of FCDP). The function was presided by Adv. G Vijayakumar (President, HRF kollam) and was inaugurated by Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP). Mr. Sethunadhan Pillai (Government Pleader) delivered the keynote address. The human rights day message was delivered by Adv. G. Mohanraj (Special prosecutor). On the occasion Mr. Ignatius Pereira (Journalist, The

## International Human Rights Day Celebration



Hindu), Dr. Shibu Rajagopal (President, IDA), Mr. Rajeev Devalokam (Former Kerala State Badminton Team Manager,



Kerala), Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP), Mr. George F Xavier (P.R.O., Indian red cross society) were honoured for their contributions in their fields of expertise. Master Muhammed Aslam, Kerala state Junior hockey team player was also awarded during the event. Present at the function were Mr. Mohana Kumar (Organizer, HRF Kollam), Mr. R. R. Nair (Organizer, HRF State Committee) and Mr. Rajesh Ayur (State committee member, HRF). Over 80 members of Don Bosco Youth Forum attended the function.



## Christmas & New Year for DBYF—30th December



Don Bosco Youth Forum under the guidance of FCDP, organized last programme of the year and bade good-bye to 2021 on 30th December 2021. The programme was a joint celebration of Christmas and most awaited New year. The celebration started with a message by Fr. Joby Sebastian, Director, FCDP & TMS. Followed by the message, each group under the Don Bosco Youth Forum presented a

performance. Many DBYF members also volunteered to put up their talents on stage. Soon after the performances, the youths enjoyed a treasure hunt game. The favorite part of the day was dancing at the DJ songs in the end.



## Birthdays



*We wish all those who celebrated their birthdays in the last couple of months of 2021, many more years of happiness and prosperity. We are grateful for having with us Anu Moses, Rini J, Sabeena Milton, Sindhi Binu, Bichu Earnest, Tintu Johnson, Mini Placid, Nancy Xavier, Mini Mary, Jency P, and Mary Bindhu and thank them for their hard-work and contribution to the organization.*

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