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Director's Message

If there is a day that stands out more than any other in the month of November, it's the children's Day. Since 1964, the same is being observed every year and rightly too. "Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow".(Jawaharlal Nehru).

In the context of the alarming increase in the number of atrocities being committed against children, the day assumes more significance than ever. The month of November, I believe, has helped to raise awareness of children's education, and rights and to see that proper care is accessible to all. Children & youth were the real passion of Don Bosco too. Don Bosco spent practically the whole of his life helping street children, juvenile delinquents and other disadvantaged groups of the youth.

"If we want to have a good society, we must concentrate all our efforts on educating young people..... caring for young people is the only way to achieve a sustainable civil society" (Don Bosco). It was very much in keeping with this spirit, that the 'Children's Fest' was organized in the month of november, not as a one-time event, but as a series of activities in our effort to mould children of the coastal region. Children's Fest was a day of fun and games for kids from 5th to Xth Standard who are part of Don Bosco Children's Forum. Guided by the motto, "Moulding the future generation", the children's forum has seven different groups across the coastal area of Kollam each with an animator.

It's hoped that the centrality that the children received in the celebrations of November will spill forward to the coming months especially as we celebrate the birth of child Jesus on 25 December. God bless us all!

-Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

Pan India Awareness & Outreach Campaign 2022



Taluk Legal Services Committee in collaboration with FCDP organized a Pan India Awareness & Outreach Campaign at FCDP hall on 3rd

November 2022. Organized under the aegis of NALSA and the District Legal Services Authority, the session focused on legal awareness, welfare laws & schemes. The resource persons for the sessions were Mr. S. Pradeep Kumar (Junior Supt. Social Justice Office, Kollam) and Mrs. Daya (Secretary, Taluk Legal Service Authority). The purpose of the program was to spread awareness about welfare legislation and to strengthen the community's access to the schemes being implemented by the Legal Services Authority and other Departments of the Government.

DBYF and DBCF members bag Prizes in Children's Day Celebration 2022



Don Bosco Youth and Children's Forum members participated and won prizes in the Children's Day 2022 competitions held on 5th November at TKDM Government High School, Kadappakkada. It was organized by the Child Welfare Committee Kollam. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Mukund Thakur (Sub-Collector, Kollam).

Special Congratulations to the DBYF members who won prizes in various events :

Speech Competition	Poetry Writing	Story Writing	Essay Writing
1st—Ms. Meleena	1st—Ms. Jiya	2nd- Ms. Jenifer	3rd—Ms. Roshal
2nd Ms. Jomol	2nd—Ms. Saniya Rosaline	3rd—Ms. Libitha	

Our congrats also to the winners from Don Bosco Children's Forum:

Story Writing	Essay Writing
2nd - Ajeena Mary	2nd - Ajeena
3rd - Alkha Melbin	

"CanHelp" - Lucky Draw Contest for cancer patients

Don Bosco Youth Forum meeting together on 11th November 2022, brainstormed on ways to alleviate the suffering of the sick people of the area and proposed to organize a "Lucky Draw" jointly with other organizations of the FCDP family, to raise funds for cancer patients in the region. The 'Biryani Fest', organized last year, went a long way in coming to the aid of a number of cancer patients who were financially struggling to carry on treatment. The fundraiser has been christened "CanHelp" and the fund raised will go to the support of cancer patients. The date for the lucky draw is fixed on 30th January, 31st being the feast of Don Bosco .



DBYF also decided to hold the Don Bosco Children's Fest on 26th November 2022 for the DBCF members as part of the Children's day celebrations. Christmas & New year celebrations will follow. Obviously DBYF members have the hands full eagerly looking forward to the upcoming events.

Training Session for WE - Auto Drivers

FCDP organized the meeting of WE-Auto beneficiaries on 19th November 2022 at FCDP hall. Mr. Vinod (Sreekala Driving School, Kollam) conducted the awareness session for women auto drivers. He dealt with traffic signs, symbols, and traffic rules. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP) addressed the members with details of new plans and proposals. During the meeting, Ms. Veena Murali, the new coordinator of the WE-Auto project was also welcomed. The We-Auto is a unique opportunity to work for the integral empowerment of women. The director said that qualities and initiatives of the new coordinator will bring the projects to greater heights of success. The meeting ended with feedback from the women auto drivers.



Don Bosco Children's Fest 2022

Don Bosco Children's Forum, the children's wing of FCDP, organized "Don Bosco Children's Fest 2022" in association with Rotary Club Quilon and Don Bosco College Kottiyam.

"Don Bosco Children's Fest 2022" was jointly organized by Don Bosco Children's Forum, Don Bosco Youth Forum, Rotary Club of Quilon and Don Bosco College Kottiyam under the leadership of FCDP. The function was held on 26th November 2022. Shri. Nawaz M. (President, Rotary Club of Quilon) Inaugurated the programme which was chaired by Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP). Dr. Shelly Mathias (Vice Principal, Fatima Mata College, Kollam) addressed the children. Mrs. Veronica Anthony (President, TMS) and Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director) felicitated.

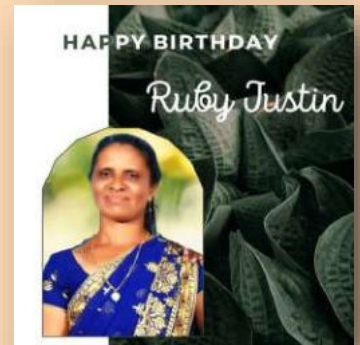
Several chance games were organized for the children following the official programme and attractive prizes were given to all the winners. Among over 22 events, it was DJ grabbed the most attention. The children returned home with tired but happy faces and a bundle of gifts in their hands. A special thanks to the students of Don Bosco College Kotiam, DBCF Animators and DBYF Youth who helped make this year's children's Fest a very exciting program for the children.



Glimpses from Don Bosco Children's Fest



Events!



FCDP–TMS celebrated the birthdays of Mrs. Mini Mary, Mrs. Ruby & Mrs. Nancy in the month of November. We wish them years of happiness and prosperity ahead.



FCDP bade farewell to Ms. Anjali Joseph (Project Coordinator, FCDP) on 11th November 2022. Our sincere thanks to Ms. Anjali for her dedicated service for the past one and a half years, during which she was actively engaged in various activities of FCDP like We-Auto Project, youtube channel, Don Bosco Youth Forum etc. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours!

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