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Editorial

I am delighted to share with you the e-newsletter for the month of January. The visit of Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal sdb (Provincial, Bangalore) and the inauguration and blessing of the FCDP Library and Kennedy Memorial hall marked two new ventures towards education and employment. The most attractive event of the month was Don Bosco Fest 2024, held in connection with the feast of St. John Bosco, where our youth forum members showcased incredible initiative in hosting various competitions. Over 150 children enthusiastically participated in events such as carroms, super wicket, group dance, and drawing competition, thus recalling to mind the love of Don Bosco for the young. Don Bosco, believed in the holistic development of young minds through education, sports, and cultural activities. His teachings continue to inspire us to provide platforms of this sort, where children can express themselves freely and hone their skills in a supportive environment.

Let us continue to inspire and empower each other, guided by the values instilled by Don Bosco, as we embark on this journey of growth and service.

Best regards

**-Fr. Jithin Mattamundayil
(Assistant Director, FCDP)**

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS HELD

A leadership training was organized for SHG leaders at FCDP Hall on December 19, 2024, as part of the WYEP Project. Ms. Athira Wilson (Coordinator, DREAM) was the resource person for the session



Over 80 SHG leaders participated in the training. The session covered skills such as strengthened Team Dynamics. Team-building activities contribute to improved collaboration, fostering a positive and cohesive work environment. The goal is to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills required to lead teams and organizations successfully.

FIRE AND SAFETY TRAINING CLASS

A Fire and safety training class was held at FCDP Hall on January 19, 2024 in collaboration with Fire and rescue station kollam and Benziger Nursing College Kollam. safety classes are crucial for promoting workplace and public safety. Participants learned essential skills such as fire prevention, emergency response, and proper use of firefighting equipment. These classes play a vital role in minimizing the risk of fire accidents and ensuring a prompt and effective response when needed.



EDP TRAINING CLASS HELD

An EDP (Entrepreneurship Development Program) was held at FCDP Hall on 20 January 2024. Mr. Jayashankar (Industrial officer, Kollam) was the resource person. Over 30 budding women entrepreneurs participated. The program focused on practical skills like financial management, marketing strategies, and effective communication. This training equipped coastal entrepreneurs with the tools needed to navigate challenges unique to their environment, fostering sustainable businesses. By imparting essential skills, the initiative aimed to empower entrepreneurs, driving economic growth in coastal communities. Ultimately, this program contributed to the resilience and success of businesses in these regions.



PROVINCIAL OF SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO VISITS

Rev. Fr. Jose Koyikkal SDB (Provincial, Salesians of Don Bosco, Bangalore) officially visited FCDP on 29 January 2024. He assessed the activities of the organisation. Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Assistant Director FCDP) welcomed the gathering of the board and staff. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) & Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS), Stephen S and Lacticia Martin felicitated. A video based on activities of FCDP taken by different departments, namely the financial and social outreach programmes, activities of FCDS, Don Bosco Youth Forum, Don Bosco Children's Forum and the different projects like We-Autos, We-livE, WYEP etc was screened on the occasion. Mrs. Greta Raju (FCDP co-ordinator) presented the activity report of the FCDP family. Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal SDB released the organization's newsletter and interacted with the board and staff. Sr. Mary K. (Asst. Director, TMS) proposed the vote of thanks. After the meeting, the Provincial blessed the Don Bosco Library and the newly renovated Kennedy Memorial Hall, rented for developmental initiatives. He also visited the FCDS Flour Mill.



DON BOSCO-FEST 2024

DBYF In association with FCDP and TMS, organised a two-day Don Bosco Fest on January 26 and 27, 2024. As part of this, more than 200 children under the age of 15 participated in carroms, super wicket, super goal, group dance, single dance, and drawing competitions. The closing ceremony of the Fest was held on January 27 at 4 p.m. The function was Inaugurated by Chief Guest Sr Selma (Headmistress, St. Joseph's UP School, Port Kollam). Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) presided and Rev. Fr. Jithin Sebastian introduced the meeting. Prizes were distributed. FCDP, TMS, FCDS, and members of the Don Bosco Youth Forum and Children's Forum participated in the function. Sr. Mary. K. (Asst. Director, TMS) delivered the vote of thanks.



CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY OF FR. JITHIN M.S SDB, ASST DIRECTOR, FCDP.

On January 12, 2024, the FCDP-TMS family celebrated the birthday of Rev. Fr. Jithin Mattamundayil (Asst Director, FCDP). Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS), Fr. Joby Sebastian M (Director, FCDP-TMS), Sr. Mary K (Assistant Director, TMS), were present at the gathering in his honour.

The day was exciting and lovely as a result of the various programmes that added colour to the celebrations. We the staff of FCDP-TMS are grateful for his services as he greets each one with immense love and offers ample guidance. We wish him good health and blessings in the years to come.



FAREWELL , DEAR MARY JOHN KENNEDY

FCDP, TMS, FCDS and DBYF bade farewell to Mrs. Mary John Kennedy on January 04, 2024. Mrs. Mary John worked began her career at FCDP as computer teacher in 2019. Since 2020 she had been the Co-ordinator of Don Bosco youth Forum. For the past one year she was also the accountant of Fishermen community Development Society. The FCDP family thanked Mrs. Mary for her hard work, commitment, and contribution to the fishermen community of Kollam during the nearly four and half years of her service. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors!



CELEBRATIONS

We wish Mr. Joe Louis and Mrs Usha Biju good health and prosperity as they celebrated their birthdays in the month of January. We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP.



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