



# WAVES



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## Editorial

*I am happy to share with you the e-newsletter for the month of March 2024. From celebrating International Women's Day to organizing career guidance classes and voter awareness sessions, a number of programs have been organized with the aim of empowering women and guiding the youth. The inauguration of the Don Bosco Quiz App under Don Bosco Youth Forum also marks a significant step towards engaging youth and children in wholesome activities which can promote knowledge and faith.*

*Every effort is being made to promote not only skill training activities but also encourage entrepreneurship by providing marketing support. It is hope a that our efforts will find sucess and thereby create a more economically and socially secure society.*

*I take this opportunity also to thank all the benefactors and well-wishers of the FCDP family whose support and encouragement have been one of the most significant factors in being able to carry out our activities effectively.*

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

## DON BOSCO BIBLE QUIZ APP LAUNCHED

Rt. Rev. Dr. Stanley Roman DD (Bishop Emeritus of Kollam Diocese) inaugurated "Don Bosco Bible Quiz App and the Don Bosco Bible Quiz website" on Saturday 16 March 2024. The launch of the new app and website was held at FCDP hall by His Lordship unveiling the Logo. The app was developed by Mr. Stephen Antony (Head of Technology - Pearl Data Direct Technology Division of LuLu Financial Holdings Abu Dhabi - UAE) and available in English and Malayalam.



## MRS. ELIZABETH LISSY HONOURED

During the funtion Rt. Rev.Dr. Stanley Roman also honoured Mrs. Elizabeth Lissy (Headmistress, Balika Mariyam School, Kollam) on the occasion of the launching of the website and mobile app. Mrs. Elizabeth Lissy was awarded the Best Teacher Award 2023-24 by Teachers Guild, the State Body under the Education Commission of KCBC.

During the function, Mr. Stephen Antony, the developer of the Don Bosco Bible Quiz app and its website, explained about the app in detail. On the occasion, Dr. Stanley Roman also distributed Scholarships for higher education to two students. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian SDB (Director, FCDP-TMS), Rev. Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst. Director FCDP), Sr. Mary K. (Asst. Director, TMS) members of Don Bosco Children's Forum (DBCF) staff and Don Bosco Youth Forum (DBYF) and staff participated in the event.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024 CELEBRATED

International Women's Day was celebrated at the Rotary Club of Quilon on March 8, 2024. The event was organized by Theeradesa Mahila Society in collaboration with the Fishermen Community Development Programme and Rotary Club of Quilon. Mrs. Agnes John, (Chairperson, FCDP) welcomed the gathering. The public function was presided over by Mrs. Veronica Antony, (President, TMS) and the chief guest Mrs. Sreeja Hareesh, (Vice President, District Panchayat Kollam), inaugurated the event. Mrs. Elizabeth Lissy (Headmistress, Balika Mariyam School in Kollam), delivered the keynote address. Bindu Mary Francis, (President, IMO Desinganad and representative of ESI Dispensary) conducted an awareness session on "Women and Health."

Various dignitaries, including Sr. Annie Joseph FMA, Dr. Manuel Peris, Mr. Sajeev Soman, and Shri. Tommy Napoleon, felicitated. Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian SDB, (Director, FCDP-TMS) and Sr. Mary K. (Assistant Director, TMS) spoke on occasion. The Women's Day celebration included programs highlighting the exploitation of women in society. More than 400 women, including FCDP-TMS board members and staff, attended. The theme was "Empowering Women: Accelerating Progress."



## WOMEN'S DAY PROCLAMATION RALLY HELD

As a prelude to the International Women's Day, a two-wheeler and the wheeler rally by women was jointly organized by the Theeradesa Mahila Society, Fishermen Community Development Program, and Rotary Club of Quilon. The rally began at 5:30 pm on March 7 from Kollam beach and was flagged off by Dr. Sindha Mendez (Councillor, Benzigar College of Nursing & Board Member, Coastal Women's Society). The two-wheeler and three-wheeler rally covered areas like Thangaserry, Moothakkasa & Portkollam before ending at FCDP office where Mrs. Mini Mary (co-ordinator, TMS) proposed the vote of thanks.





## CAREER GUIDANCE CLASS FOR STUDENTS INAUGURATED

A Career guidance programme with a difference was started for the students under the aegis of FCDP &TMS organizations. The first of the classes started on March 9, 2024 at FCDP Hall under the leadership of Mr. Manoj Chandrashekhar a professional with over 25 years of experience in top MNCs worldwide. A batch consists of 10 students in order to ensure personal mentoring and effective monitoring. More batches will be started as the number of students increases. This is an excellent opportunity for students to discover their personal interests, build careers, prepare resume, learn interview strategies, language skills, and get guidance on career goals. The classes are organized on a biweekly basis.



## VOTER-AWARENESS CLASS ORGANIZED

A Voter Awareness program was organized as part of "INTENSIVE VOTER'S AWARENESS CAMPAIGN" on Saturday March 23 at FCDP Hall. In collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra under the leadership of Don Bosco Youth Forum. The purpose of the program was to sensitize the citizens about the importance of voting and election process. Fr. Stephy Francis (Director, Dream and DB Tech, Kollam) inaugurated the event. Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst. Director, FCDP) presided over the function and Sister Mary. K (Asst. Director, TMS) welcomed. Advocate Mrs. Venu J Pillai (Former Public Prosecutor, Member of BAR Association) took the sessions. The class discussed the importance of voting, constitutional values, responsible citizenship and how to exercise fundamental rights. The program was organized with the aim of creating awareness among the citizens about their fundamental rights and exercising their right to vote consciously.



## TRAINING CLASS FOR HOME CARE PRODUCTS HELD

A training class for home care was organized under the leadership of FCDP on March 21. Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) and Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Asst. Director, FCDP) spoke at the inaugural function. The training class was conducted by Mr. Varghese Paul (Director, Center for Alternating Learning and Living). High-quality home care products manufacturing is important for women entrepreneurs as it offers an opportunity to enter entrepreneurship and enables women to balance work with family responsibilities.

In addition, home care products shows a growing market and their growing demand offers a viable path to financial independence and empowerment for women. This training class was organized as part of supporting women entrepreneurs in this sector.



## CELEBRATIONS

*We wish Mrs. Gretta Raju good health and prosperity as they celebrated their birthdays in the month of March. We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP.*



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