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Sharing a Meal, Spreading Joy: World Food Day Celebrations

As part of the World Food Day celebrations, Don Bosco Children's Forum organized a heartwarming food distribution program in collaboration with FCDP on 18/10/25. The program was inaugurated by Fr. Varghese Payanadath, Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Thope, who emphasized the importance of sharing and caring for those in need. The initiative aimed to raise awareness among children about the significance of food and the value of sharing with those less fortunate.

The children enthusiastically participated in the program, and their parents accompanied them, happily sharing food with deserving individuals. This noble act fostered a sense of empathy and social responsibility among the children, teaching them valuable life lessons about gratitude and generosity. The event not only brought joy to the recipients but also instilled a sense of compassion and kindness in the young minds. The program concluded with a renewed commitment to making a positive impact in their community.



Editorial

October marks a new chapter for FCDP-TMS as we continue to empower marginalized communities, focusing on women and children. This month, we're excited to roll out exciting activities under the WeLive project and our Wings children's program. Our WeLive project activities include financial literacy classes, leadership development sessions, and entrepreneurship training, all aimed at empowering women and fostering economic independence. Our Wings children's program features fun art sessions, interactive learning, sports activities, and cooking classes, promoting overall development and creative expression.

We're grateful for your support and remain committed to creating a brighter future for women and children. Let's work together to unlock potential and drive positive change.

-Fr. Saji Elambasseril SDB
Director FCDP-TMS

Celebrating Freedom and Heritage: Azadi Ki Yatra Program

In connection with Gandhi Jayanti, the Don Bosco Children's Forum organized the Azadi Ki Yatra program, a vibrant celebration of India's freedom struggle, on October 1st. The event was held at Ilambassher, with around 90 children from 8 groups participating in various competitions, including quiz, speech, and drawing contests. The program was inaugurated by FCDP-TMS Director, Father Saji, who emphasized the importance of understanding and appreciating the sacrifices made by India's freedom fighters. The event aimed to instill a sense of patriotism and awareness about the country's history among the young participants. The competitions were designed to test the children's knowledge of India's freedom struggle, with questions and topics ranging from the lives of prominent freedom fighters to the country's journey towards independence. The drawing competition was particularly impressive, with children showcasing their artistic skills and creativity in depicting scenes from India's freedom struggle. The program was filled with excitement and enthusiasm, with the children actively participating in the various activities and games. The event concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners, with the participants taking back valuable lessons in patriotism, teamwork, and the importance of preserving India's rich cultural heritage.



WeLive

Empowering Women through Organic Farming: WE-LIVE Project

The WE-LIVE project organized a class on organic vegetable cultivation on 11/10/2025, led by Mrs. Aida, a former beneficiary. 26 women attended, learning about compost production, fertilizer production, and growbag manufacturing. The session aimed to promote sustainable agriculture and economic independence.

The participants gained valuable insights and skills, resolving doubts and queries with Mrs. Aida's expertise. The event empowered women to adopt organic farming practices, improving health and income. The WE-LIVE project continues to support marginalized women, fostering positive change in the community.



WE-LivE Project: Organic Vegetable Cultivation

Empowering women through organic farming, the WE-LivE project organized another successful class on 10/10/2025 at Maruthadi, focusing on sustainable agriculture and government initiatives. WE-LivE project organized a class on organic vegetable cultivation at Maruthadi. Smt. Rekha and Sri Raja Singh from Shaktikulangara Krishibhavan led the session, highlighting the importance of vegetable farming and government initiatives. 27 women attended, gaining insights on vegetable cultivation and resolving agricultural doubts. The class promoted sustainable farming practices and government-supported projects.



Vegetable Seedlings Distributed under WE-LivE Project

As part of the WE-LivE project, FCDP distributed vegetable seedlings and organic fertilizer in Maruththadi on 18/10/2025. Mrs. Aida, a former beneficiary, led the program, sharing expertise on successful vegetable farming practices. She encouraged participants to expand organic farming beyond kitchen gardens and collaborate with Krishi Bhavans for income generation. About 25 women participated, receiving seedlings and fertilizer. The event promoted sustainable agriculture, empowering women to improve their livelihoods and contribute to community development. The program aimed to enhance food security and nutrition, while fostering a sense of community and environmental stewardship. The participants expressed gratitude for the initiative, eager to implement their newfound knowledge.



Organic Vegetable Farming in Pallithottam

The WE-LivE project, under FCDP, organized a class on organic vegetable farming in Pallithottam on 17/10/2025. Mrs. Sheela Rani R, Agricultural Field Officer, Kollam Krishi Bhavan, led the session, covering vegetable seedling maintenance and organic fertilizers. Fr. Saji Ilampasseril, Director, FCDP, spoke about the project. 25 women participated, receiving seedlings and fertilizers. The class promoted sustainable agriculture, empowering women in the community.



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