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## Anti-Drug Awareness Class for Parents

The Fishermen Community Development Program, in collaboration with the Coastal Women's Society, organized an anti-drug awareness class for parents on Saturday, May 4, 2025, at 3 pm at the FCDP Hall. The program commenced with an introductory speech by Fr. Jithin Sebastian, Director of FCDP-TMS. The session was expertly moderated by Mr. G. Sreekumar, Assistant Excise Inspector at the Excise Range Office in Kollam, and Mr. Binulal S., Assistant Excise Inspector and Vimukthi Coordinator. The primary objective of the class was to empower parents with the knowledge to identify the threats and symptoms of drug abuse, thereby safeguarding the health and future of their children. The class aimed to enhance parental vigilance and awareness, equipping them with the tools to instill positive values and habits in their children.

The session provided a clear understanding of the detrimental effects of drug use on children's future emphasizing the importance of parental involvement in preventing substance abuse. By educating parents on the risks and consequences of drug abuse, the class sought to foster a supportive environment that promotes the well-being and development of children.



## Editorial

I am greatly privileged to share the E - Newsletter of the month of the April with you. Month of April has been a remarkable for our community, marked by significant growth and engagement driven by our diverse initiatives. We successfully launched a summer camp for children, focusing on their overall development through engaging activities such as English and math classes, craft, dance, and drawing sessions. Additionally, in collaboration with the Theeradesa Mahila Society, we organized an anti-drug awareness class for parents, empowering them to recognize the threats and symptoms of drug abuse. Furthermore, our Spoken English classes for children commenced, aiming to enhance their language skills and confidence. We also conducted a WYEP food processing training class, equipping participants with valuable skills and knowledge. These initiatives reflect our commitment to fostering holistic development and supporting the well-being of our community members.

I take this opportunity to thank all the board members, staff, wellwishers and benefactors and all who collaborate with FCDP and its activities for your unwavering support for the last one year. Please continue your support with the new Director and all his creative endeavours.

-Fr. Jithin Sebastian SDB





## Empowering Young Minds: Motivational Class for Children

A motivational class was conducted for children as part of the summer camp, aiming to boost their confidence and inspire them to pursue their dreams. The program commenced with an introductory speech by Fr. Jithin Sebastian, followed by a session led by Mr. Rajesh Maheshwar, a memory trainer. On April 12, 2024, at Don Bosco Boy's Home, the class was designed to equip children with the mental strength and courage to navigate life's challenges, fostering a positive approach to learning and instilling a strong work ethic. By empowering young minds with knowledge, values, and motivation, the session encouraged children to strive for their goals and reach their full potential.



## WYEP

### Empowering Women through Skill Development

FCDP recently concluded a one-week food processing training class, as part of WYEP Project held from March 31 to April 5 at Thangassery Cathedral Church Parish Hall. Expert trainer Ajay Shankar led the workshop, which attracted around 20 enthusiastic women participants. They gained hands-on experience in ingredient selection, preparation techniques, and preservation methods. Rev. Fr. Austin Pullimottill graced both the inaugural and valedictory functions, while Fr. Jithin Sebastian distributed certificates to the participants during the concluding ceremony. The participants appreciated the valuable learning experience provided by Ajay Shankar, FCDP, and the organizers. This training program is part of FCDP's efforts to promote women's empowerment and economic independence through skill development and entrepreneurship, enhancing employability and supporting economic advancement.





## FCDP Summer Camp: Where Fun Meets Learning

The FCDP summer camp for children of classes 8 to 10 has successfully concluded its first phase. The camp was a resounding success, featuring a range of engaging activities including Spoken English classes, dance, craft, drawing, and math sessions. With over 70 children participating, the camp provided a unique opportunity for growth, development, and fun. The event was made memorable with various arts and sports events, fun games, and group activities that taught teamwork, cooperation, and respect for others' opinions. Prizes were awarded to winners of events and games, adding to the excitement. The closing ceremony was graced by Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS), Sr. Mary K (Assistant Director, TMS), Deacon Jerry Jose, Fr. Stephen Mukkattil (Rector, Don Bosco Institutions), Mrs. Lacticia Martin (President, TMS) and FCDP-TMS staff members, marking a fitting end to a wonderful experience.



## FCDP Initiates Spoken English Class for Children

The Fishermen Community Development Program (FCDP) has launched a 2-month Spoken English class for children at the FCDP Hall. The initiative aims to enhance the English language skills of the children focusing on reading, writing, and communication. Fr. Jithin Sebastian, (Director FCDP-TMS), congratulated the participating children and the teacher, Mrs. Susan Lal, who brings over 40 years of experience in teaching English in India and abroad. The classes are scheduled from Monday to Friday, 10 am to 12 pm. Under Mrs. Lal's expert guidance, the children are expected to make significant progress in their English language proficiency, empowering them to communicate more effectively and confidently.

## Summer Fun and Learning: Summer Camp

The Fishermen Community Development Program (FCDP) has launched a summer camp for children, focusing on their overall development and making the summer season more enjoyable. The event was presided over by Mrs. Agnes John, Chairperson of FCDP, and featured a welcome address by Sr. Mary K, Assistant Director of TMS. The camp was inaugurated by Mr. Benny A, Headmaster of Infant Jesus L.P. School, Thop, through a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony. The ceremony was attended by notable guests, including Fr. Jithin Sebastian, Director of FCDP-TMS, Deacon Jerin Jose, and Mrs. Greta Raju, Executive Manager of FCDP. Designed for children in grades 7-10, the camp offers a range of activities, including English and math classes to enhance academic skills, as well as craft, dance, and drawing classes to foster creativity and self-expression. By providing a fun and engaging environment, the camp aims to support the holistic development of children, helping them learn, grow, and develop their skills.





# CELEBRATIONS

**We wish Mrs. rinisha Nithin , Mrs.Sindhu George, and Ms. Mereetta Roy joyous birthday and a year filled with good health , happiness and prosperity! We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP family.**



## GALLERY



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