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FCDP Honors Fr. Joby Sebastian on his Silver Jubilee of Ordination

The silver jubilee celebration of the ordination of Fr. Joby Sebastian the previous Director of FCDP-TMS was held on January 11th 2025. The celebration commenced with the holy mass with Fr joby Sebastian as the main celebrant in Don Bosco Boys Home Chapel at 10:30 am. Followed by a felicitation program held at the FCDP hall Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS)extended a warm welcome to all staff, board members and well-wishers. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) Mrs. Lacticia Martin (President, TMS) honored Fr. Joby Sebastian for appreciating him for the a magnificent service rendered to the organization . Dr. Sindha Mendez (Board Member, FCDP) Sr. Annie (Superior, Snehakiran Convent) Mrs. Gretta Raju (Executive Manager, FCDP) Mrs Mini Mary (Coordinator,TMS) Mrs. Bindhu Harison (Co-ordinator, FCDP) Mrs. Mary Bindu (Staff, FCDS) and Miss. Anna saju (Project Staff) offered warm wishes to Fr. Joby Sebastian the celebration featured captivating dance performances by the Don Bosco Dance Club members and FCDP staff members. In his reply speech Fr. Joby Sebastian expressed his gratitude to the gathering for organising and participating in the function making the event indelible. Sr. Mary K (Asst. Director, TMS) thanked everyone for participating in the program the event concluded with a grand feast, symbolizing the spirit of love and camaraderie among members of FCDP family.



Editorial

I am incredibly honored to share with you the E-Newsletter for the month of January. In economics and development, women empowerment has become a major concern. When women are economically empowered, they can manage and benefit from assets, income, and resources. It also aids in risk management and women's well-being. It could result in tactics that support undervalued genders in a particular political or social context. Empowering women is crucial for both social and economic outcomes. Women-empowering projects are more beneficial than ones that solely concentrate on mainstream gender.

Through a variety of training courses, credit linkage, financial, and leadership seminars, the Fishermen Community Development Programme is still working to empower women in the Kollam coastal region. As we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Joby Sebastian's Ordination, it brought immense joy and thankfulness to the hearts of FCDP family members. Once again, the FCDP Family expresses gratitude to him for his outstanding contributions to the Society. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the board, Staff, Benefactors, and well-wishers for their unwavering support and assistance as we continue to advance our services.

-Fr. Jithin Sebastian SDB
(Director, FCDP-TMS)

Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: Training Class at FCDP

An Entrepreneurship Development training as part of WYEP Project was conducted at the FCDP hall on January 18th, 2025, at 2 pm. The training class is an initiative of FCDP to promote entrepreneurship among women, enabling them to become economically independent and contribute to the growth and development of the community. The session was led by Mrs. Samitha, Industrial Officer, Kollam, who shared her expertise and guided the participants. 70 women attended in the training class aimed to equip themselves entrepreneurs with the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to start and manage their own business.

During the session, Mrs. Samitha covered essential topics such as business planning, market analysis, financial management, and entrepreneurship skills. The participants involved actively, asking questions and sharing their own experiences.



WE-LIVE

Empowering Women Through Skill Development

FCDP conducted a two-day umbrella-making training program on 28th January 2025 which aimed to empowering women with new skills. This initiative not only enhances women's creativity but also provides them with opportunities for financial independence and self-reliance. By equipping the members with practical skills, such programs contribute to their personal growth and social empowerment, paving the way for a more inclusive and self-sufficient community. The training, led by Mrs. Latha Rajan (Faculty, Rural Self-Employment Training Institute, Kottayam) concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony for the participants.



Enhancing Team Dynamics: Group Management Session

On January 28th, 2025, Mr. Jayakrishnan led a Group Management session, for womens focusing on effective teamwork, communication, and leadership skills. The interactive session included discussions, group exercises, and real-life case studies, providing participants with practical tips and valuable insights. They all enjoyed the session and were full of praise for Mr Jayakrishnan because of his expertise in his field . The participants gained a better understanding of how to build and maintain high-performing teams, resolve conflicts, and improve group dynamics.



Effective Finance Management Strategies

The session on Effective Finance Management Strategies, held on January 28, 2025, was led by Mr. Mr. Balaji (Trainee)) informative session for womens on finance management, equipping participants with essential skills and knowledge to optimize financial resources. The session covered key aspects of financial planning, budgeting, and forecasting, as well as strategies for managing risks and maximizing returns. Participants gained practical insights and tools to understand financial statements, create effective budgets, manage cash flow, and mitigate financial risks, enabling them to optimize financial performance and returns.



Enhancing Credit Linkage and Finance Access for MSMEs

The session on Credit Linkage and Finance Access, held on January 28, 2025, was led by Mrs. Samitha T, District Industrial Officer, Kollam. The session aimed to educate participants on the various credit options available for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and how to access them. Mrs. Samitha T. provided valuable insights on preparing loan proposals, meeting lender requirements, and navigating the challenges and opportunities in accessing finance for MSMEs. The session also included an interactive Q&A session, real-life case studies, and guidance on documentation and application processes.



Went on a Annual Picnic to Thekkady and Kumily

On January 25, 2025, the staff members of FCDP, TMS, and FCDS enjoyed a refreshing picnic to Thekkady and Kumily. The day was filled with a number of adventure and sightseeing activities like jeep safari, trekking, and exploring the scenic beauty of the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The staff members had a wonderful time bonding with each other, sharing laughter, and creating memories. The picnic was indeed a memorable experience and an occasion to unwind, rejuvenate, and return to work with renewed energy and enthusiasm.



CELEBRATIONS

**We wish Mr. Joe Louis, Mrs . Usha and Fr. Jithin Sebastian a 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.**



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