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Fr Provincial visits DB Navajeevan Visakhapatnam



DBNJ Visakhapatnam, 30 March 2016: Fr Thathireddy Vijay Bhaskar, the new Provincial of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad, visited Don Bosco Navajeevan, Visakhapatnam on 30th March, 2016. It was his maiden visit after assuming office as the Provincial. Fr Thomas welcomed Fr Provincial and introduced him as the pioneer whose far-sightedness carried Navajeevan to its present stage of growth and achievements. Addressing the trainees of Don Bosco Tech and Vocational Training Centre of

Visakhapatnam City, Fr Provincial referred to Leonardo Decaprico, the hero of Titanic fame and stressed the importance of making the right decisions in life and adopting appropriate strategies to convert them into reality. He said that only three percent of people succeed completely in doing the great things they want to do and make their life to go the way, they visualize. The remaining 97 percent end up as the employees of the achievers. This equation can be changed if more people keep their dreams alive with





sufficient motivation to fuel them. He thanked the Salesians and the Training Staff for enabling many deserving youngsters to learn livelihood enhancement skills and to earn their bread with self respect as contributing citizens of Mother India.

Master Joseph a trainee of Hospitality domain, Ms. Sujatha and Ms. Padmaja, trainees of tailoring and dress



making, shared their experiences of being at Don Bosco and the benefits they gained from it. They described the training at Don Bosco as aimed at not only livelihood

advancement but also as life enhancing. The training aims at the all round development of the individual without compartmentalization. *- BIS Correspondent*

District Collector, Ms Yogita Rana visits DB Tech Nizamabad

Nizamabad, 13 April 2016: DB Tech Nizamabad is a unique centre that was initiated with the support of the government. The District Collector Ms Yogita Rana, IAS invited Don Bosco, to conduct training courses in order to skill the unemployed youth of the area. A training centre has since been set up in the premises of the government run children's shelter 'Bala Bhavan' in Bodhan, Nizamabad. On 01 April, 2016 the first batch of training was formally started by the DB Tech team. 30 young girls are being

trained as Auxiliary Nurses.



On 13 April, 2016, Ms Rana visited the centre with other department officials. She interacted with the trainees and was happy to note their interest and happiness on getting the opportunity to learn a new skill. The trainees themselves explained the training curriculum and schedule to her. Ms Rana was highly impressed with the confidence they showed in communicating with her. *- BIS Correspondent*



Inauguration of Youth Training Centre at Maridimilli, Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, 01 April 2016: In the process of expanding its mission of skilling youth of India, DB Tech launched a Youth Training Centre (YTC) at Maridimilli, Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. The centre is a collaborative effort of the Govt. of AP with DB Tech as the implementing partner. It will cater to the tribal youth residing in and around Rampachodavaram. The domains proposed to be introduced to these youth are General

Duty Assistant, Automobile, Masonry and Electrical. In a participatory approach, the centre was formally inaugurated on 1st April 2016 with Mr K.V.N Chakradhar Babu (ITDA- PO- IAS), Ms Tejaskala (Sarpanch, YSR Party), Ms Kundla

Seethamaha Lakshmi (MPP, YSR Party), Mr.Satthi Sathyanarayana Reddy (ZPTC, YSR Party), Mr Gorle Anil Prasad (MPTC, YSR Party), Mr Seetam Setti Venkateshwara Rao (Ex-MLA, TDP), Mr Suri Babu Goud (Mandal TDP Leader), Mr Partha Saradhi (JDM) as guests and dignitaries.

Mr Venkata Srinivas Rao, DB Tech Coordinator for Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of the trainers, Mr Praveen (Automobile) and Mr Premanand (Masonry) mobilized the tribal youth for the training in a 3-day drive from 30 March to 01 April, 2016. The team encountered a lot of resistance from the

tribal community that was not open to any form of intervention from new or unknown persons. In this regard Mr Prasad from “Velugu Team” gave his utmost support during the mobilization drive.

On the day of meeting the ITDA Project Officer Mr K.V.N Chakradhar Babu addressed the gathering on behalf of Don Bosco Tech Society. He commended DB Tech saying, “It is training the youth since many

years and stands as the most trust-worthy and top NGO available. It imparts important skills and also provides placement service to the needy youth.” He further explained that it is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to grow better and become the best

citizens of the country. He persuaded the youth to Train Themselves and benefit from it. At the end of the programme, thirty young women and men registered Themselves for training in General Duty Assistant course. Post training they will have employment opportunities with private hospitals.

- BIS Correspondent



Inauguration of

Chandranna Cheyutha Programme With The Help Of DB Tech @ Narsipatnam

Narsipatnam, 07 April 2016: Keeping in mind the need of the youth, Don Bosco Mission, Narsipatnam inaugurated the DB Tech programme on 07th April, 2016 for the youth of the locality. There were about 30 students taking part in the inaugural celebration. Mrs Ramanamma, MPP (Mandal Praja Parishat) of Narsipatnam was the chief guest and Fr Pradeep, the local parish priest and Mr Satish Kumar, the president of the Salesian Cooperators were the guests of honour of the day. Fr Rayappa, the Rector of Don Bosco Narsipatnam welcomed the guests and briefed them about the life and mission of Don Bosco and explained to them the purpose and objective

of the DB Tech Programme and its usefulness to the lives of young people. While appreciating the services rendered by the Don Bosco community for youth, the chief guest did bring to their notice the value of life and encouraged them to make use of all the opportunities to make themselves capable and skilled persons in order to get settled in life and to become honest citizens of the society. Fr Rayappa honoured the chief guests with shawls and thanked them for their presence and availability. The students were very happy and proud to be part of the Salesian family. The programme ended with the National Anthem.

- BIS Correspondent



Past Pupils Meet

Don Bosco P.T. Parru

P.T. Parru, 08 April 2016: The meeting of the past pupils of Don Bosco P.T. Parru (1983-2016) was held on 8th April 2016, from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

Around 1000 past pupils turned up for the event. A meeting of this scale was held for the first time.

There were three aims of the meeting.

1. To relive the past experience.
2. To give joy to others - by sponsoring. The education of very poor catholic children, staying in the boarding.
3. To get jobs for the jobless past pupils with the help of those who are having good jobs

The meeting started at 9:45 a.m invoking the intercession of Mary Help of Christians and then garlanding the statue of Fr Abraham Panampara SDB, one of the pioneers and builders of Don Bosco Mission, P.T Parru. Fr Gopu Marreddy the Rector welcomed the gathering. Fr Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the provincial, was the chief guest.

All the Priests, Sisters and Teachers who worked here for the past 30 years were also invited. Many came for the same.

It was such a happy event, that many Students, Teachers, Priests and Sisters were meeting one another after very many years. We could see the smiles and happiness on everyone's face. Many past students came



forward to share their experience and they witnessed that they were in this good position because of the training that they received at Don Bosco.

During the meeting, a discussion was held about the proposal of helping financially other poor children to study in the English Medium School staying in the boarding. Many came forward to help. Some said that they would adopt a child and some others promised to pay part of the fees. Some poor past students came forward to give Rs. 200/ each per month to help a poor child. Overall it was a great response from the past pupils.

Before lunch, Fr Provincial, Priests, Sisters and Teachers were felicitated with mementos.

The past pupils strongly proposed opening a bank account in the name of the past pupils association so that transferring of money would be easier.

The meeting concluded with a con celebrated Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr Provincial. During the sermon, Fr Provincial addressed the past pupils and congratulated them for their attachment to Don Bosco and their love for present Pupils in the Don Bosco boarding. It was a great Joy to see some of the past pupils well-settled in society with government/ private jobs. Many past pupils came from far away places like Chennai, Bangalore, Bellary, Cunnoor and Vizag, Hyderabad and other cities of AP.



In the meeting all appreciated one another for this great event and resolved to celebrate again this past pupil meet on 15th January every year without fail.

All the past pupils went back to their homes and places of work with a lot of enthusiasm and feeling of inner satisfaction and joy. Kudos to those who organised this mega event.
- *BIS Correspondent*



“Do good while you still have time.”

- Saint John Bosco



Blessing and Inauguration of St Joseph Church at Singaram DB Mission Mariapuram



Mariapuram, 14 April 2016: The catholic community of Singaram had a great desire: to have a church in their village. Wednesdays when they came for Mass they prayed to God for a church and their prayers were answered by God through the intercession of St Joseph. On 14th April 2016 our Bishop, Most Rev. Udumala Bala, blessed and inaugurated the Church at Singaram. At ten o'clock the catholic community of Singaram received our Bishop at the entrance of the village with garlands, flowers and with the accompaniment of Dappu. When he reached the Church the Bishop blessed it and opened the doors of the Church to the faithful. After that the Altar, crucifix and statues were blessed. When the Holy Mass started, the church was full. Besides the Catholics,



Christians from other denominations and some Hindus too came for the blessing and for the Mass. Bishop gave a beautiful homily on the theme 'My Temple shall be called a House of prayer for the people of all nations'. After the Holy Mass the Catholic community of Singaram and the Salesians expressed their gratitude to the Bishop by felicitating him with garlands and shawls. His Lordship Most Rev. Udumala Bala spent much time with the Catholics of Singaram and all were happy and grateful to him for his Concern and availability.



Bosco **COMPUTER** Academy ...Summer Camp



DB Jr College, Chandur, 23 April 2016:

Summer is a time of fun and frolic, of relaxation and rejuvenation.

Don Bosco Jr College, Chandur organized summer computer classes for the students. There was a good response from the students. There were four batches for the

computer classes.

Our special thanks to Br Yohan for taking care of the organizing part and taking classes for the summer camp. All the students were given merit certificates after the completion of the computer course. Rev. Fr K.K. Joseph, the Rector of the community, presented the merit certificates to all the students.

- BIS Correspondent



CHANDUR COLLEGE FIRST IN MANDAL



N .VENKANNA
BPC II
777/1000

XAVIER
BPC II
770/1000

V. GOWTHAMI
MPC II
938/1000

SUJESH
CEC II
868/1000

JAYAKRISHNA
HEC II
779/1000



CH.MANOJ
BPC I
370/440



CH.VIJAYALAXMI
MPC I
441/470



M.SANDHYA
HEC I
384/500

Chandur, 23 April 2016: The academic year 2015-16 was a historic year for Don Bosco Junior College, Chandur. For the first time in 31 years of its existence students of, our college stood first, in the Intermediate Exam results in the Chandur Mandal. We congratulate Ms V. Gowthami who secured 938 out of 1000, in MPC, Ms Ch. Vijayalaxmi who secured 441 out of 470 MPC – I and all other toppers of the college. The pass percentage of the second year students is 76% and of the first year students 69%. We

are proud of our students who worked hard to secure such good results and helped Don Bosco college stand first in the Mandal. We aim still higher and better.

We thank all the fathers, brother and the staff for the is efforts to help the students give their best with lot of interest and love for studies.

- BIS Correspondent



MR RAVELA KISHORE BABU, HONORABLE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, TRIBAL WELFARE, AP VISITS NARSIPATNAM

Narsipatnam, 08 May 2016: It was a day of rejoicing and gladness on 8th May 2016, as the Honorable Ministre for Social Welfare, Tribal Welfare and Empowerment, Mr Ravela Kishore Babu, took time off from his busy schedule to visit Don Bosco Mission – Narsipatnam. His visit was a big boost to the staff and students, as they felt that their work was acknowledged and appreciated even by the government of Andhra Pradesh.

Mr Ravela Kishore Babu, the Honorable Minsiter, interacted with the students of BPO training – Chandranna Cheyuta and also with the youth from YTC centres of Paderu and Chintapalli. He appreciated and encouraged the Salesians and staff present to continue this marvelous work for the empowerment of the Tribals and assured us of his support. We thank the Honorable Minister Mr Kishore Babu, for gracing our house with his presence and visiting the Mission. - *BIS Correspondent*



Free Medical Check up @ Kollapur



PERPETUAL PROFESSION



AT
DON BOSCO
PROVINCIAL
HOUSE
HYDERABAD



DBPH Hyderabad, 24 May 2016: "... they left everything and followed Him" Lk 5,11.

The feast of Mary Help of Christians which is celebrated universally by the Salesians of Don Bosco was ever more jubilant for the Salesian Province of Hyderabad, as four of our young Salesians made their final commitment to the Lord in the Don Bosco way at the Provincial House, Hyderabad.

The celebration began with rosary and procession devoted to Mary Help of Christians. It was an apt preparation for the Solemn Holy Eucharist, during which Cl. G. Naresh, Cl. N. Anup, Cl. K. Lourdu and Br. P. Jeevan pronounced their final 'yes'. It was a visual treat, especially to the dear ones of these four young men, to see them donning the holy cassock for the first time. The cassocks were blessed and handed to them

by Fr Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar, the Provincial.

During the homily Fr Provincial, the main celebrant praised these young Salesians for their daring choice of this radical way of life all though there are a number of other worldly professions.

The added flavour to the Eucharistic celebration on 24 May 2016 was the melodious singing by the young Salesians, who in the near future, might find themselves professing their final vows. The day's festivities came to an end with the felicitation of the finally professed candidates together with their parents for the sacrifice of their sons to the congregation. A sumptuous meal followed.

- BIS Correspondent



FIELD VISIT OF DB TECH, BANDLAGUDA

Hyderabad Bandlaguda, 08 June 2016: The Retail Sales trainees of DB Tech Bandlaguda were taken to SVM Fun Centre at Sujana Forum Mall, Kukatpally on 8th June for an Exposure' visit. They got to learn of the various employment opportunities available to them at the centre through interaction with the HR Manager of the Centre. They also visited SPAR Supermarket and observed the display of merchandise and the service quality of the staff. - *BIS Correspondent*



DBPH Hyderabad, 16 June 2016: Animators of the Childrens' Parliaments in Hyderabad were called for a 'capacity building and review' meeting. On 16 June 2016 the animators who are also teachers of Evening Tuition Centres operated by BSK in collaboration with various field partners gathered at the Conference Hall of Don Bosco Provincial House for the programme. Fr L. Ashok, Youth Coordinator, took intense

Childrens'
Parliament
Review Meeting
at DB Provincial
House Hyderabad

sessions on Child Psychology to help the teachers play a guiding and mentoring role for the children living under difficult situations. The sessions were interactive, with the teachers sharing several cases of children who they found to be difficult to connect with.

Later, Fr P Arul Das reviewed the plan for the new academic year with the teachers.

- *BIS Correspondent*



Do your ordinary duties
extraordinarily well.

- Saint John Bosco



SUMMER CAMP at Bowenpally

Hyderabad, 2016: A summer camp was organized for the students of the evening tuition centres in the Bowenpally cluster of Hyderabad. Nearly 40 children from NTR Nagar Phases I & II, Mutyalamma Temple Area & Banjara Colony tuition centres, and some members with special needs from SKY Special school participated. The camp was organized from 01-31 May 2016 by LIGHT, the field partner organisation of BSK.

Resource persons were professionals from different fields – Mr Johnson (BFA) taught Music and Drawing, Ms Deepika (Dip in Art & Craft), Ms Vanaja (Dance & Yoga Teacher) taught Kuchipudi classical dance, Ms P Syamala Devi – President of LIGHT took special sessions on Meditation and Tai-chi. Keen on learning these skills, the teachers of the tuition centres, Aruna, Swapna and Jyothi also joined in as students.

The camp closed on 31 May at the Haripuri Colony Mahila Mandali Bhavan with the local leaders and authorities gracing the occasion. Parents of the participating children were also invited. The special children who participated presented a cultural performance on stage. All the tuition centre students enrolled themselves as members of the 'Little Buddha Children's Club' established by LIGHT. All the participants received certificates of participation and prizes.

The children also found a new mentor in Ms Bharani – the person in-charge of the summer camp. They all said in unison that it was the 'bestest' camp they have ever attended. There was excitement and a new 'enlightened' feeling among them.

- BIS Correspondent





SUMMER CAMP

inaugurated at **DBNJ Vizag**

Vizag, 2016: The menacing sun of Coastal Andhra with its formidable and new strategies of attack did not succeed in dampening the enthusiasm of Navajeevan children and the staff from plunging headlong into the 2016 - 4G summer camp with the thrust 'Go, Grow, Glow & Glory'. After a day of feverish manipulation the spherical fire beat a quick retreat in utter shame from the determined faces of 130 youngsters, within the age group of seven to seventeen, comprising of children of Navajeevan Allipuram and Navajeevan Devipuram.

The name and activities of the camp may vary from year to year, but the camp site always remains the same - Bosco Illu Devipuram, situated earlier in a garden, second only to the garden of Eden before the choice of the 'apple only diet' of the

misguided first humans! Now after the Hudhud cyclone it looks like a dressed chicken, with two or three feathers tenaciously Sticking out before the imminent fall.

The program me started with the youngsters being divided into four groups standing in perfect symmetry, waiting for the guests to arrive. Without losing much time Br Ravi, the Camp Chief, invited and introduced the guests to the gathering. Fr Thomas Thottiyil, Fr Ratna, Sr Anthonamma MSI and other invited guests were received with bouquets. Fr Thomas offered floral tribute to Don Bosco, the Father and Friend of the young, who is the motivating force behind every constructive activity on behalf of the young at risk.





The occasion was additionally enriched with four groups in perfect harmony marching to the beat of drums and the blaring sound of trumpets. If defence officials were present on the occasion, they would have airlifted the children for a march past at the Red Fort without any further practice! Fr Thomas speaking on the occasion, requested the participants to gain the maximum from the camp and to make the camp a memorable event by enhancing their stature in every way. Sr Anthonamma, the Principal of St Antony's School Maharanipecta, addressed the children



and said that they were as good if not better than the children of prestigious schools and organizations. If they kept up this momentum they would easily climb the ladder of success and become a blessing to society. She was lavish in her praise of the Salesians, volunteers and staff of Navajeevan, who organized the day with such perfection to the minute details.

The camp torch lit by Fr Thomas made a round of the camping arena, which was to witness a variety of fun and thrill-filled activities for more than two weeks.

After a brief and enchanting cultural program me of instrumental and vocal music and stunning dances, the taking of the oath and singing of the Navajeevan Anthem, the opening ceremony came to a close with Fr Thomas declaring the camp officially open.



Fr Ratna with the help of Brs Ravi and Aditya, Srs Pennamma Joseph, Alice Joseph, Anusha Mekala and Suni Victor and Volunteers David, Jakob and Kevin and Wardens Simhachalam, Bangarayya and Dilip and other Navajeevan Staff made sure that the opening ceremony was something difficult to erase from memory for a long time to come.

The results expected at the winding up of the camp: are thinner but stronger physique, expanded brain, more tanned skin, less words and more wisdom, increased number of flying stumps and balls, cutting in the first line, spinning goals at stunning speed, lesser time in hunting the treasure, more rooted life with frontiers expanding, etc. In short the ultimate aim is the moulding of good citizens and God-centred individuals who are able to see in the neighbor a brother or a sister beyond the barriers of caste, colour, creed and wealth. - *BIS Correspondent*





DBHRDC, Gagillapur - Provincial Visit

DBHRDC, Gagillapur, 2016: The Provincial, Fr Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar as well as Fr Robert Simon (SPCSA Delegate of Groups & Movements) arrived at DBHRDC, Gagillapur to a warm welcome song by the trainees. The Centre Incharge the Coordinator formally welcomed the guests and requested them to address the trainees. Fr Provincial gave his valuable message to the students, speaking about the importance of life and about the opportunities like the ones DBHRDC offers for youth. He said it is important for the youth to utilize them in a proper way. He asked them to be good and make their parents proud of them. He said,

“You should have a dream and strive to achieve it.” Fr Provincial then asked Fr Robert to give his message for the students. Fr Robert asked one among the students to translate his words into Telugu. He spoke about Mamatha Banerjee, the CM of West Bengal and he said, a person without goal is as good as dead. So every person should have goals in life. If you want to achieve goals in your life you need to have a positive attitude. You have to think and do things in the right way. We should have a goal and reach it. The Fathers were then given a guided tour of the DBHRDC campus. *- BIS Correspondent*

Ravulapalem - Marian month



PRISCILLA learns to AIM HIGH

BSK, 2016: Koyyagura Priscilla lives with her husband Ravi and two children in Turakapalem village of Guntur District. Ravi drives an autorickshaw and Priscilla works as a casual labourer in the fields. The household income was just enough as the children were both small. They also managed to send them to school they and are studying in 3rd and 1st grades.

In 2011, Priscilla attended a meeting in her village conducted by the staff of Nirmal MACS. They spoke to the women about thrift and credit and how MACS was changing lives across the state. Priscilla was keen to know more and interacted with the staff later. She had no second thoughts. She formed a group called 'Gandhiji' along with 9 others. They started with a monthly savings of Rs 50/-. In six months they got loans of Rs 5000/- each. Priscilla used the money for her household expenses and repaid it in 10 equal instalments while continuing to deposit the monthly savings. With a second loan of Rs 10,000/- Priscilla set up a petty shop. She

stopped going for labour work. The shop did well and with her dedication and she was able to pay back the loan, making it possible to take a third loan of Rs.15,000/-. With this she developed the shop further with shelves for more merchandise.



Having thus tasted success and the positive impact her hardwork was having on the family, Priscilla decided that there is no looking back now and took a loan to expand her shop into a Fancy store. There is a steady flow of customers to her shop.

All the women in the neighborhood visit her for their daily needs.

"I am extremely grateful to Nirmal MACS and the Bosco Seva Kendra for giving me the confidence to think big and aim high. It is only through their support and guidance that I am the proprietor of a shop today and my family is living a better life. We are confident that we will be able to give our children a good education." says Priscilla.

- *BIS Correspondent*

To save Plants @ Ramanthapur





INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-17 AT KARUNAPURAM

Karunapuram, 06 June 2016: Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College Karunapuram marked the 20th historic year of its existence with the inauguration of the new academic year 2016-17 on 6th June 2016. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of His Lordship, Most Rev. Udumala Bala DD, the Bishop of the diocese of Warangal, the rectors and the superiors of various formation institutions.

The inaugural ceremony of the new academic year began with the celebration of the solemn Mass by His Lordship, Most Rev. Udumala Bala and eleven concelebrants. During the Mass the Bishop emphasized that formation is not just the gathering of information, but rather it should strengthen the convictions of the candidate and then it should lead on to transformation. He praised the institution for taking care of not merely the intellectual formation but also for giving equal importance to the formation of the heart. He exhorted the students that their hearts and minds should be ablaze with the fire of love and compassion.

The second part of the inaugural ceremony was held in the college auditorium. The programme started with the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the traditional lighting of the lamp. It was followed by words of welcome

to the guests, staff and students by Rev. Fr G. Kishore the Rector of the salesian community. Fr Tom, the Principal of the college encouraged the students to develop critical consciousness and have an integral view of God, world and man which will ultimately have its effect on the common good of people. He then made a brief presentation of the academic programme of the year 2016-17. The key note address was delivered by Rev. Fr T.D. John sdb on the theme 'Participatory Approach to Formation'. In the talk he presented Jesus as an ideal formee as well as the formator. He enriched the talk with lucid illustrations of how Jesus performed so many wonders and miracles but not without the participation of the people concerned. He highlighted how Jesus permitted his disciples to think, argue and then seek clarifications from Him. He concluded his speech inviting the staff and students to launch the new academic year in a participatory way. The final message was given by the Bishop in which he insisted on opening up the so many locks and blocks that we have created in our life and be ready to be changed by way of regular updating. The inaugural ceremony ended with the college anthem.

- BIS Correspondent





FRESHERS DAY AT KARUNAPURAM

Karunapuram, 11 June 2016: Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College Karunapuram officially welcomed the first year B.Ph. Brothers by organizing a 'Freshers' Day' on 11th of June 2016. The college welcomed with great joy and affection 32 young, promising and dynamic new members to its bosom.

The 'Freshers' Day' celebration began with the solemn welcoming ceremony by sprinkling of water over the first year B.Ph. students, washing their hands and then putting *tika* on their foreheads. There was so much of fun, laughter and merriment in the air while performing these symbolic

rituals as a sign of welcome and acceptance. The college leader then delivered a welcome speech which was followed by many other surprise items prepared by the second and third year college students. There was variety items, filled with humour and exciting dancing steps, action songs, jokes and party games. Finally, the first year B.Ph. students, grateful for the grand welcome they received, sang a prayerful song invoking the Lord's choicest blessings and graces upon the Vishwa Jyothi Don Bosco College. The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by the assistant college leader.

- *BIS Correspondent*



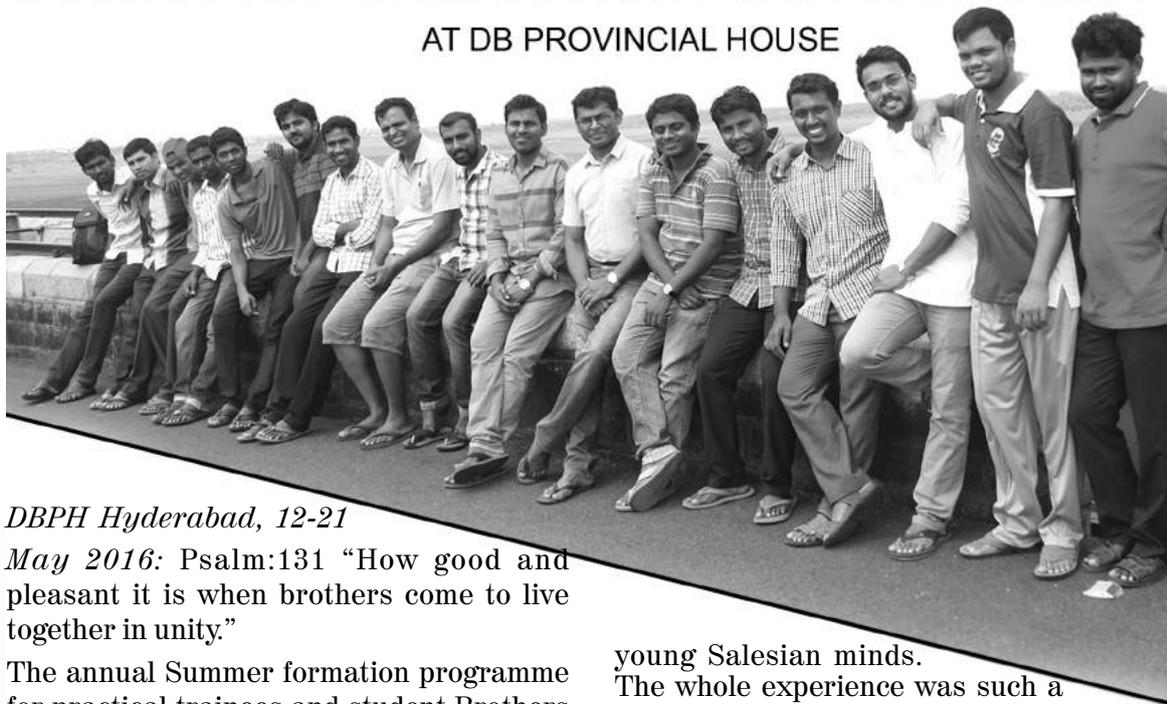
“Remember God does not pay as for results but for effort.”

- Don Bosco



SUMMER FORMATION PROGRAMME

AT DB PROVINCIAL HOUSE



DBPH Hyderabad, 12-21

May 2016: Psalm:131 “How good and pleasant it is when brothers come to live together in unity.”

The annual Summer formation programme for practical trainees and student Brothers was a long awaited event one and meticulous planned by Fr. Y. Joji, the vice provincial. It was a very suitable occasion for the Brothers to rejuvenate themselves and review their intellectual, emotional, spiritual and Salesian life.

Fr Provincial set the tone on the first day when he asked the Brothers to sharpen their Salesian skills like the woodcutter who sharpens the axe, before plunging into work.

The 10 days of animation, which followed covered a range of topics varying from contemporary youth issues to Salesian Spirit, from Group Dynamics to pedagogical insights. All the resource persons who animated the Brothers on these topics were Salesians with hands-on experience on the topic they dealt with. Their numerous experiences and practical suggestions broadened the mindset and stretched the thinking pattern of the

young Salesian minds.

The whole experience was such a pleasurable one, that the Brothers didn't realize the passing of time. The group sharing and discussions were also very enriching.

The icing on the cake was the picnic to Ocean Park to beat the heat of summer. The presence of Fr Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar, the provincial, though only during the forenoon was an added joy for the whole day.

The day of recollection which followed the picnic was the cherry on the icing. The silence, reflection and recollection helped the Brothers to prepare well for the renewal of vows on the 23rd May, 2016. During the Holy Eucharist in which the Brothers renewed their vows, Fr Provincial reminded them to be rooted in Christ. Without deep roots in HIM, we would be uprooted like the trees during a heavy wind and storm. These days of formation, renewal and recollection were much appreciated by the brothers.

- BIS Correspondent





PERPETUALLY PROFESSED CONFRERES AND LEADERS MEET AT DB PROVINCIAL HOUSE



DBPH, Hyderabad, 01 June 2016: The Province of St Joseph, Hyderabad in its Provincial Chapter IX had asked for the revival of the perpetually professed Confreres meet. This was a welcome change as all the confreres who are perpetually professed came together to discuss and plan for the year on 1 June 2016 the at The Don Bosco Provincial House Hyderabad. The Leaders of the different communities, sectors and centres also met with the same scope on 3 and 4 June 2016 at the same venue.

This was an exercise in vision-building and planning. It was indeed a grace filled time. Primarily, it was a beautiful expression of our fraternity and of our Salesian family spirit. The warm and serene atmosphere which the confreres created was a sure sign

of acceptance of each other. The grace filled discussions and meaningful interactions, was an expression of the confreres desire to move together towards a brighter future. There was great openness in discussing issues that challenge the province. The confreres came up with a five point plan to celebrate the Jubilee year of the Province meaningfully. There were also various deliberations to improve the quality of religious life, to stabilize communities through strategic evaluation, to strive towards greater accountability and transparency and to create effective leadership. These days of fraternal communion and vision building was surely a Giant Step forward as it helped to cultivate collective responsibility in taking necessary steps towards transformation.

- BIS Correspondent



Life is fragile, Handle with Prayer



There was a sea captain who in his retirement skippered a boat taking day trippers to Shetland Islands. On one trip, the boat was full of bubbling young people. They laughed at the old captain when they saw him say a prayer before sailing out, because the day was fine and the sea was calm. However, they weren't long at sea when a storm suddenly blew up and the boat began to pitch violently. The terrified passengers came to the captain and asked him to join them in prayer.

But he replied, "I say my prayers when it is calm. When it is rough I attend to my ship." Here is a lesson for us. If we cannot seek God in quiet moments of our lives, we are not likely to find him when trouble strikes. We are more likely to panic. But if we have learnt to seek him then most certainly we will find him when the going gets rough. Prayer is not a stratagem for occasional use, a refuge to resort to now and then. It is rather like an established residence for the innermost self.

Prayer is not a spare wheel that we pull down when we are in trouble; we have to use it as a steering wheel that keeps us on the right path throughout life. We ought to pray constantly. We may be busy. Ceaseless activity is one of the most ruthless idols of

the modern era. At least we can pray the prayer that Sir Jacob Astley prayed before the battle of Edge hill: "O Lord, you know that how busy I must be this day, if I forget thee, do not thou forget me."

Many successful people have acknowledged in their memoirs that whenever they came to an impasse in their work and were completely baffled, they sought wisdom from the Lord. Let me cite an example. Abraham Lincoln felt a great need for wisdom during America's Civil War. A personal friend of his wrote, 'I had been spending three weeks at the White House as the guest of the President. One night, I was restless and could not sleep. From Lincoln's bedroom I heard the low tones of his voice. Looking through the door, which was slightly ajar, I saw the sight which I have never forgotten. The tall Chief Executive was kneeling before an open Bible. He did not know I could overhear his agonizing supplication as he pleaded, "O Great God, who heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me. I cannot guide the affairs of this country without your help. O Lord, hear me and save the nation." The answer he received is now history, for the Union was preserved.'

Instead of leaning on our own understanding, let us admit our lack of vision and strength



for the task that lies before us. God Almighty shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against the evil. The man who prays not only discovers himself and God, but in the same meeting he discovers who his neighbour is. Prayer is the pulse of the world we live in. If we are really praying, we cannot help but have critical questions about the great problems the world is grappling with. We will not take an ostrich like attitude. We will not be callous and insensitive to the suffering of others. As Napoleon said, "The world is bad not because of the violence of the bad people, but because of the silence of the good people."

The astonishing advances in technology, the breakthrough into the atomic era, the prospect of inter-planetary travel have opened up unimagined vistas to the human spirit and have induced such a feeling of self-confidence in the boundless abilities of man that the God hypothesis seems unreal. Let us do a bit of fantasizing. In the 22nd century, a group of scientists decided to go and meet

God. They went there and said, "Hey, old man, you have done pretty well with the creation. Thanks for that, but now we can do almost everything. We can do everything you can do. We think it's time for you to retire." God said, "Is that so? What all can you do?" "Well, we can create life." Answered the scientists. "Let me see" said God. So they picked up a little bit of soil and made a baby out of it; it became alive. God said, "All right, that is very impressive, but first get some soil of your own. Don't use my creation." So God will have the last laugh.

Prayer is a way to find strength and ability to do things along with God that we could never have done by ourselves. Modern man's curious investigation can never succeed to know the future. The only way to face the unknown day is to pray without ceasing. This unceasing contact and bonding with the Lord will fill us with strength, guidance and wisdom. It will help us to handle any life situation with magnanimity and poise.

- *BIS Correspondent*

MARY THE MOTHER OF MERCY

INAUGURATION OF THE MARIAN MONTH

Chandur, 16 July 2016: We The Community and aspirants of Don Bosco Jr. College started our Marian month on a good note and the theme: **Mary the Mother of Mercy**, with a solemn Holy Eucharist at 6.15 in the morning, of July 16 2016.

The same evening we had the solemn inauguration of the Marian Tournaments which consisted of Marian Thematic song, Hoisting of the Marian Flag, Oath ceremony and the theme presentation by the four groups paying homage to Blessed Mary. As a sign of



a grand celebration of the Marin Tournaments, the torch was lit by Rev. Fr Rector and it was carried by the four group leaders.

Rev. Fr K.K. Joseph gave a message encouraging all the teams to enjoy the game with sportsman-spirit bringing glory to the team and success to one self. At the end of the inauguration pigeons were let free in the air as a sign of peace and Fr. Rector declared the Marin tournament

open.

- *BIS Correspondent*



Seminar on Gender Equity Education DBNJ Visakhapatnam



DBNJ Visakhapatnam, 5-6 July 2016: The training of the trainers on 'Gender Equity Education' was organized on 5th & 6th July for the Salesian family members, Co-operators and like-minded people at Don Bosco Navajeevan Visakhapatnam, in collaboration with SPCSA, Delhi.

Various topics based on Gender Equity were dealt by Sr Nirmala SAL, who is a lawyer by profession. The concept of gender sensitivity was developed as a way to reduce barriers to personal and economic development created by sexism. Gender sensitivity helps to generate respect for the individual regardless of sex.

Sr Nirmala shed light on the topic explaining that, gender sensitivity is not about pitting women against men. On the contrary, education that is gender sensitive benefits the members of both sexes. It helps them determine which assumptions in matters of gender are valid and which are stereotyped generalizations. Gender awareness requires not only intellectual effort but also sensitivity and open-mindedness. This brought great awareness and widened the knowledge of 36 participants from various branches of the Salesian family.

In the post lunch session, Sr Philo Joseph enlightened the participants on the topic of child psychology and the various types of violence women face from womb to tomb. The participants were trained in the module for Gender Equity Education (GEE) in schools with wit and wisdom, and some creative methods.

The creative presentations by various groups on different topics showed their seriousness and enthusiasm about their participation. Many expressed that their joy was doubled to come together as Salesian family members under one umbrella. It was also a beautiful experience to come to know the different branches of the Salesian family, working with one single purpose: educating the young.

The two day seminar came to a conclusion with a wonderful session on drawing out an action





plan by each Salesian family for the current academic year 2016-17. It was a meticulous work done with great care and vision.

We are specially grateful to Fr Noel SDB the Salesian family delegate who made this opportunity available for us. The participants expressed their gratitude to Frs George, Ratna, Ms Sarah and all those who were involved in making this program me a success. Fr Noel thanked the provincials and Superiors of FMA, SMI, Disciples, MMM, SJAS, Holy Spirit and DSA who sent their sisters to take part in this seminar. - *BIS Correspondent*



Chandur, 30 July 2016: A sense of pride, joy and responsibility filled the hearts of the students as the college celebrated the **Oath ceremony of the college pupil Leader and Assistant college pupil leader**. The reception of the guests had a grand look when accompanied by the college band and flags. The chief guest Mr Ramesh Kumar (Circle Inspector of Police), the guests of honour Mr Manipal (Sub inspector) and Mr. Bhaskar Reddy (Sub Inspector) were honoured by the Principal of the college Rev. Fr. Bhaskar with shawl and bouquet. As part of the investiture the chief guest honoured the leaders with the

crowns and badge. Rev. Fr Bhaskar, the Principal of Don Bosco Jr. College received the oath of the leaders. This was the highlight of the programme. On this occasion the chief guest Mr Ramesh Kumar (Circular inspector) in his speech emphasized the important responsibilities of the Leader. Mr Manipal (Sub Inspector) and Mr Bhaskar (Sub Inspector) also highlighted the important qualities of a good leader. The words of **Nelson Mandela** were remembered **“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

- *BIS Correspondent*



COLLEGILLO KANTHI KIRANALU

...the Ray of Light

Chandur, 16 July 2016: The campus of Don Bosco Jr. College was filled with the spirit of new life as it celebrated **COLLEGILLO KANTHI KIRANALU**. On the arrival of the new as well as the old students, the college campus was filled with new life, new smiles and new vigour. **COLLEGILLO KANTHI KIRANALU** was organized to create confidence, new hope and new enthusiasm in all the students and to make them feel that they 'Can', become Rays of light to the world by learning and studying at Don Bosco Jr. College.

Rev. Fr K.K. Joesph, the Rector and Correspondent of Don Bosco Jr. college and Rev. Fr Thomas the Administrator were the special invitees for the programme. The

programme began with the words of welcome and message by Rev. Fr K.K. Joesph. With a colourful cultural programme the fresher's, Br Sunny and the first year students, were welcomed to the college of learning.

The Principal introduced all the lecturers to the new students and appreciated the services they render in the college forming honest citizens and God fearing pupils.

Later in the day the whole college took part in 'Haritha Haram' planting new saplings in the college campus to make the place eco-friendly.

At the end of the day the students were delighted and their happiness knew no bounds. *- BIS Correspondent*

FAREWELL and GRATITUDE DAY

DON BOSCO I.T.C., GUNTUR

Guntur, 07 July 2016: Don Bosco I.T.C., Guntur is known for its outstanding training and discipline. The campus was filled with a healthy blend of happiness, sadness and nostalgia on 07 July 2016 as It Celebrated Its Farewell And Gratitude Day. It brought back a forgotten atmosphere of a Salesian institution. The event boosted up everyone with joy and new enthusiasm. The junior students gave a farewell to the seniors who are about to complete their two year course and ready to step into society. "Great is a teacher's influence on his/her pupils," Don Bosco says, "if they love him." It was true with the senior students. They, with their grateful hearts, expressed their sentiments of gratitude towards the institution, Fathers, Brothers and teachers. They expressed their love through words and gifts. The cultural

programme made the crowd to stick to their chairs. The Fathers, Brothers and teachers were felicitated for their tireless service in forming the young and giving society the skilled workers and the good citizens. The Principal, Br Ch. Gregory was the master artist behind the success of the event. He planned and organized the programme meticulously. The collaboration of the teachers was appreciated and it showed the family spirit of the Salesian institution. The message of the Rector Rev. Fr Ch. Louis touched the hearts of the students and inspired them to shine out in the advanced technical field. He explained the style of Don Bosco's training. He motivated them to be effective multi-skilled technicians in society and invited them to regularly update their knowledge. *- BIS Correspondent*





Guntur, 02 July 2016: "Play, jump, shout," Don Bosco says, "but do not sin." We recalled the oratory of Valdoceo on 02 July 2016 as Don Bosco I.T.C., Guntur organized sports day in view of the Farewell to the senior students. The ground was filled with lots of joy and fervour. We could see the real vigour of the boys on the playground. We organized cricket and volleyball matches between junior and senior students. The senior students won both the games. The instructors were active in the playground as the umpires and referees. There was one week of practice for the students. Everyone appreciated the principal, Br Ch. Gregory, for his initiative and meticulous planning, in reinvigoration the Salesian spirit. - BIS Correspondent

Green Cover for DBHRDC Gagillapuram

DBHRDC Gagillapur organized a planting program as part of the state-wide Haritha Haram campaign on 12-07-2016. It was beautifully organized by the DBHRDC team.

Sir Venkateshwarulu, CI of Dundigal was invited as a chief guest for the occasion. He gave an inspiring speech on saving Mother Nature and the urgent need to protect the environment. He said "We are

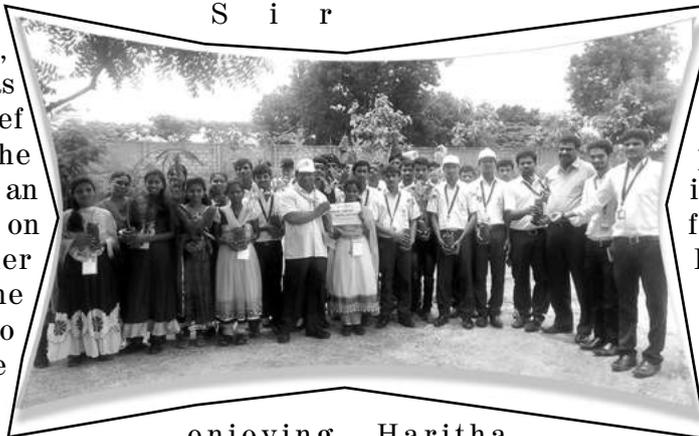
enjoying the fruit of the hard work of our forefathers who planted trees in those days. It is our duty now to do the same for future generations without expecting immediate benefit." Fr P Arul Das Director of DBHRDC insisted that

we the youth need to be committed to bring about a major change through people movement to increase the green cover in the state. "Save nature, plant

trees, and save life." The chief guest inaugurated the program by planting a sapling in the campus, followed by the Director, staff and all the trainees. Each one on the campus planted a sapling. The

Haritha Haram program concluded with a slogan - "Each one Plant one" Let us join hands and be a part of the green revolution.

- BIS Correspondent



August

- 01 P Sony Cyriac
- 01 P Donthireddy Raja Reddy
- 01 S Marpu Solomon Raju
- 01 S Vallamalla David
- 02 S Gollapalle David Sundar Raj
- 05 S Jangala Upendar
- 05 S Raminedi Infant Adithya
- 06 P Tharakan John
- 07 P Yandava Kalyan Kumar
- 07 S Maliseti Bala Raju
- 09 P Parry Rayulu (Sarath)
- 10 P Guntaka Marianna
- 11 P Nali Anthaiah
- 12 P Thathireddy Michael
- 13 S Kakarla Chandra Mohan
- 15 P Yerramaneni Balaswamy
- 15 P Emprayil Mathew
- 16 S Jonnada Prakash
- 16 P Kalakoti Ramesh
- 20 S Beesupaka Suman
- 21 P Angel Fernandez Artime
- 21 L Chinnabathuni Gregory
- 23 P Santiagu Thomas
- 23 D Mallavarapu Anil
- 24 S Gangarapu Jagadeesh Kumar
- 30 S Salibindla Marreddy



September

- 02 P Therampil Jose
- 03 P Androth Jose
- 03 S Anthony Sangma (ING)
- 03 L Kakumanu Praveen Kumar
- 07 S Kodudhula Sunil Kumar
- 10 S Dasari Shiva Johannes
- 14 S Dibbagala Raja Shekhar
- 15 P Koshy Thomas
- 19 P Maddhichetty Michael
- 21 P Thennattil Johny
- 21 S Vemagiri Praveen Rajeev
- 21 P Thalla Wilson
- 22 P Chinnabathuni Louis
- 24 S Jubaraj Nayak
- 25 P Kottekarotte Joseph
- 26 P Parokaran Jose
- 27 P Michael Alex Jeyaraj

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