

# **DON BOSCO COLLEGE**

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# THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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#### INTRODUCTION

The most honorable Chief Guest, the Right Reverend Dr. S. Singaroyan, Bishop, Diocese of Salem; most esteemed Secretary and Rector of our College, Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn; beloved Principal of Don Bosco College of Education, Rev. Dr. K. Jayaprakash; dear Administrator, Rev. Fr. D. Samson Shanmugam; dedicated PRO, COE and Deans; diligent Heads of the Departments, Faculty and Staff, Alumni, Well-wishers, Friends and my dear Students; representatives of the media, distinguished invitees, ladies and gentlemen, a very good and pleasant morning to one and all present here!

We, the Salesians of Don Bosco, take this opportunity to acknowledge the **Almighty God** for His abundant blessings and divine guidance of our Patron, **Saint John Bosco**.

I take immense pleasure in presenting the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Report** of the College documenting its developments and achievements for the year 2019-2020.

Don Bosco College was established in 2007 with **258 students** and at present it has **1,851 students**, with 11 Undergraduate Courses, 8 Postgraduate Courses and 4 Research Courses. The College comprises of **93 teaching faculty** and **36 support staff** including clerical staff, bus drivers, lab assistants, library staff and office personnel.

For this year, **Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn** continues heading the College as Secretary and Rector, and **Rev. Dr. A. Siluvai Muthu** as Principal of the College. **Rev. Dr. K. Jayaprakash** took charge of the Principal of Don Bosco College of Education in the place of Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis. **Rev. Fr. D. Samson Shanmugam** newly joint and serves as the Administrator and Assistant Professor of Social Work in the place of Rev. Fr. P. Gnanapragash Rayappan. Rev. Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu, the Vice Principal and HOD of the Department of Social work has gone for his Ph.D. research studies in the middle of the year. Dr. A. S. Raja and Mrs. V. Rajeshwari continue working as Deans of Students.

On behalf of the Salesian community, I sincerely appreciate Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis, Rev. Fr. P. Gnanapragash Rayappan and Rev. Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu for their help and earnest service to the College.

# **DEVELOPMENTS**

We deliberately focus on developing the infrastructure of the College every year. This year, we neatly painted **all classrooms** and walls of the second and third floors, fixed **ceiling fans** and **lights** in all classrooms, bought three **new buses** for transportation, set up **Solar Power Generator System**, provided **hostel facility** for sports students, created a **staff garden** and merged two shifts of the College into a **single shift**.

We received various scholarships of Governmental and Non-governmental, to a tune of **Rs. 51,00,000**. Indeed, we are delighted by the generosity of **Mr. Kulandai Francis**, Founder and President of IVDP, Krishnagiri, for his financial support to our orphan and semi-orphan students to the tune of **Rs. 5,00,000**. Above all, Don Bosco Foundation, Chennai and DBC Management financially supported our poor students to the tune of **Rs. 5,00,000**.

Towards an inclusive education, all staff members are orientated on **Salesian Educative Pastoral Plan** (SEPP). Above all, our **Regional Concillior, Rev. Dr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga**'s extraordinary visit on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 fortified our assiduous services to the young students.

#### THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

We congratulate all our staff and students for their wonderful performance in academic. The Overall University Examinations Pass **Percentage is 71%**.

The Undergraduate : 65%

The Postgraduate : 78%

#### LIBRARY AND LABORATORY

The College library has a collection of about **15,674 books**. It subscribes to **382 bound periodicals**, **19 Magazines**, **24 Journals** and **9 News Papers**.

The Computer Laboratory with **205 computers** is connected in a local area network with a central server system.

Concurrently, we are equipping Chemistry Lab, Physics Lab and Digital Print Media Lab with more recent apparatus.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS**

# 1. Academic Achievements by Faculty

Our Faculty members make outstanding contributions across academic, professional and research arenas. We are proud to recognize, reward and celebrate their achievements on this day.

- **2 Faculty** have cleared the NET.
- ❖ **3 Faculty** have completed Ph.D. degree.
- **22 Research Papers** have been published by faculty members.

# 2. Academic Excellence by Students

Don Bosco College has always been known for its quest for excellence and with pride we record the outstanding performance of **three students** by witnessing the **University Gold Medals: Sushmita Kerketta** of Master of Social Work, **K. Aiswarya** of Bachelor of Commerce and **V. Satheesh** of B.Sc. Digital Print Media.

We have a list of students who excelled in the final examinations of Periyar University this year. They are selected for the award of Academic Excellence on this auspicious day.

- ❖ The list of **University Rank Holders** is as follows: **Ten students** from the Department of Social Work and **Two students** from the Department of Digital Print Media.
- **Three students** have published papers in UGC reputed Journals.

❖ The **Catharsis** held in Bishop's Heber College, Trichy. Our I MSW student, J.S. Abishek won **Mr. Catharsis**. Our College won the Runner-up.

Even though it is not a surprise to see you succeed, we are impressed and proud of you, my dear students. My heartiest congratulations to you!

# 3. Proficiency Award for Faculty

Each year, Don Bosco College recognizes staff excellence with several categories of Staff Awards. The recipients support the outstanding teaching, research and service across the College. These awards go to **78 Faculty** members of our College who have secured 80% and more results.

# 4. Proficiency Award for Students

Also, the College recognizes students' excellence with several categories of Student Awards. These awards go to **116 UG students** and **40 PG students**.

#### 5. Cash Award to Centum Holders

This year, **03 Students** will be receiving cash award of **Rs 1,000** each for achieving centum (100%) marks in each subjects.

# 6. Mariyamma-Matthai Adukanil Memorial Award

We recognise and award **two best students** from the Department of English, who held first rank in the University Exams. We whole heartedly thank Rev. Fr. Matthew Adukanil, SDB, for his generous contribution.

# 7. Rev. Dr. C. M. Varghese Silver Jubilee Award

We recognise and award **two best students** from the Department of Chemistry, who held first rank in the University Exams. We cordially thank Rev. Dr. C.M. Varghese, SDB, for his bountiful contribution.

# 8. Cash Award to Centum Holders in Don Bosco Quiz

The Don Bosco Quiz was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The questions were all based on the Life, History and Quotes of Don Bosco. On this auspicious day, we recognise and award **Five Centum Holders** ONE SEMESTER FEE for achieving 100 marks out of a 100 marks test.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- ❖ Seminar/Workshop: All the Departments have conducted National Seminars/Workshops in order to acquire a wide range of knowledge in a specific field. By providing a conducive and encouraging environment, the students are mentored to carry out the entrusted responsibilities alongside their curricular activities.
- **Exhibition:** The Department of Physics organized Science Exhibition.
- **Library Visit:** In order to collect relevant source for writing their projects, the students of all departments visited various libraries.

- ❖ **Study Tour:** The Study Tour was organized for the students of II MSW to Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Missouri and Amritsar.
- ❖ **Industrial Visit:** Our students are motivated and taken for Industrial Visits to various companies or industries in order to provide them an insight into internal working of companies.
- ❖ Charity: Our III B.A. English students mobilized funds and supplied noon-meals to the underprivileged people at Sneha Sadan, Dharmapuri.

#### SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

The Sports-persons of Don Bosco College have been consistently performing well since the inception of the College in the events like Chess, Basket Ball, Volley Ball, Ball Badminton, Cross-country Race, Athletics and Yoga.

Under the ample coaching and training of Mr. M. Xavier Denise, Physical Director, our teams have participated at various levels like Intercollegiate, State and National throughout the year.

- ❖ Periyar University Intercollegiate Badminton (Shuttle) Tournament Runner-up.
- ❖ Periyar University Intercollegiate Basket Ball Tournament First time Overall Championship.
- **Periyar University Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament** Runner-up.
- **State Level Open Hockey Tournament** Overall Championship.
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- ❖ Periyar University Intercollegiate Football Tournament Runner-up.
- ❖ Periyar University Intercollegiate Chess Tournament Overall Championship and Runner-up.
- ❖ Jaihind Open-to-all Volley Ball Tournament Overall Championship.
- ❖ Periyar University Intercollegiate Volley Ball Tournament Runner-up.
- ❖ Open-to-all State Level Foot Ball Tournament Overall Championship.
- ❖ Bandy National Tournament held at Shimla Mr. N. Mohammed Afridh won the First Prize.
- ❖ National Institute of Sports awarded G. Krishnan of III B.A. English a Certificate Course in Badminton Coaching.

# **CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In conjunction with regular classes and timely completion of syllabus, the formation of students was ensured through Bridge Course in English and Subject Bridge Course, orientation programmes for the new faculty and fresh students, extra coaching classes for the advance learners, remedial classes for the slow learners, regular Unit Tests, Cycle Tests and Model Exams to measure the internal academic

performances of students and counseling and guidance for building a healthy relationship with others.

# ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of the Associations was held on July 08, 2019 and they organized various programmes during the year.

- ❖ The SPARK Association organized an orientation programme on Basic Accounts, a Seminar on Tycoon Talks, a Seminar on Management Games, and a tow-day State Seminar on Empowering Students in Management Specialization.
- **The Spectrum Association** conducted a *Science Exhibition*, and a State Seminar on *Theory of Coordination Chemistry*.
- ❖ The Wall-street Association organized an awareness programme on TNPSC Exams, and BEST: Bosco Employability Skill Training.
- **The DIVINE Association** conducted a Workshop on *Python*, a Workshop on *Photoshop*, and a programme on *Computer Literacy*.
- ❖ The New-wave Association conducted a State Workshop on Designing Ideas, an orientation on Initiation to Corporate Culture, a Workshop on Printing Technology Next Level, and a Workshop on Flash.
- ❖ The Prospero Literary Association organized a Departmental Quiz Competition on Literary Terms, DB MUSE: a National Workshop on English Language and Literature, an Interdepartmental Competition on Essay Writing, a two-day Seminar on Communication Skills: LSRW, and an Orientation on Interview Skills and Techniques.
- **♦ The Raamanujam Association** conducted a State Seminar on *Advanced Trends in Applied Mathematics*, and a Workshop on *LATEX*.
- ❖ The Einstein Association organized a Workshop on Light Assembling and Manufacturing Technology, A National Conference on Nano Science and Technology, an Interdepartmental Quiz, and a Science Exhibition.
- \* The Rainbow Association conducted a Workshop on Computer Application for Social Workers, an Orientation on Family Gathering and Group Living, a Workshop on Capacity Building, a National Seminar on Issues and Challenges of Modern Feminism, and a Workshop on Social Entrepreneurship.
- ❖ The Adhiyan Tamizh Mandram of the Department of Tamil conducted Muththamizh Vizha, a Seminar on Tamizhum Thannambikkaiyum, a Seminar on Kaviyarangam, and a Debate on Indraiya Oodagangal Uravugalai Balapaduthukiratha, Balaveenapaduthukiratha.

#### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

The inauguration of Clubs of the College was held on July 08, 2019. It is wonderful to note that our students can do commendable service to the society through various club activities.

\* National Service Scheme organized a Camp on Youth for Cleanliness.

- ❖ Youth Red Cross conducted an Awareness Programme on First Aid, and a Camp on Blood Donation.
- ❖ **Red Ribbon Club** organized an Awareness Programme on *HIV*, and an Orientation on *RRC Club*.
- ❖ Citizen Consumer Club conducted a Seminar on Consumer Rights and Duties, an Awareness Programme on Food Safety, and a Seminar on Consumer Protection and Acts.
- **❖ Feminine Federation** organized an Awareness Programme on *Health and Hygiene*, and an Orientation on *Discipline and Healthy Relationship*.
- ❖ Green Campus Club conducted an Orientation on Waste Material Management, and a Forest Drive.
- **Entrepreneurial Development Cell** organized a Programme on Entrepreneurs.
- ❖ **Placement Cell** motivated and trained the final year students along with Don Bosco Vazhikatti, Chennai throughout the year to identify and develop their personal skills.
- ❖ With the generous support of the Management, we supplied Mid-day meals to 104 poor students at a concessional rate.

The College conducted regular blood donation camps, medical camp, awareness programmes and many such activities for the well-being of the society.

# **CELEBRATIONS**

#### Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day was conducted by all the departments for the new UG and PG students in the month of June, July and August in order to welcome the new comers.

# **Independence Day**

The  $73^{\rm rd}$  Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2019. The National Flag was hoisted by the Principal, Rev. Dr. A. Siluvai Muthu, and delivered a speech on *The Truth Shall Set You Free*.

# Teachers' Day

The Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and paid a tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishan. The function witnessed cultural show comprising a classical song, group song and dances performed by students. The celebration came to an end with a humorous play by the staff members.

#### **Christmas Celebration**

Christmas celebration was organized on 21st December 2019 by the Department of English. The Lord Jesus Christ is the reason for this season as we commemorate the day as His birthday. Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn, Rector and Secretary of the College, was the Chief Guest who conveyed the message of love and mercy. The function was followed by an entertaining singing, skit and dance put up by students.

# **Pongal Festival**

This festival is also known as Tamizhar Thirunal. The College celebrated the Pongal festival in a grand manner on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The Chief Guest of the day was Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn, Rector and Secretary of the College. Judges were appointed to judge the performance of the students.

# Republic Day

The 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated on January 26, 2020. The National Flag was hoisted by the Principal of the College, Rev. Dr. A. Siluvai Muthu and delivered a speech on the event.

# Alumni Day

The Alumni Association of the College was held on January 26, 2020, in order to ensure that the passed out students of Don Bosco College are still attached to their respective Departments and College.

#### Don Bosco's Feast

St. John Bosco, Patron, Father and Friend of Youth, dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. The feast was delightfully celebrated on 31st January 2020. With all respect and honour, we bow ourselves before you, our most respectable and venerable Patron Don Bosco on this occasion.

# **Fancy Fete**

The Fancy Fete was organized on 31st January 2020. Students stretched forth their supporting hands for this noble cause. They generously contributed about a **Lakh Rupees** to the Fancy Fete festivity in aid of Mid-day Meals to less privileged students of Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri.

# College Day

The 13<sup>th</sup> College Day is being celebrated today with the Right Reverend Dr. S. Singaroyan, Bishop of Salem Diocese, as the Chief Guest.

#### Graduation Day

The 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day will be organized on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020. About **445 students** will be receiving their diplomas.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Extra-curricular activities and work experience allow students to get hands-on experience in the field they will be working in, make connections with different people and improve their social skills. The College offers excellent opportunities to the students to show case their talents.

#### **Sports Day**

Much to the joy of each student, the 13th Sports Day was celebrated on July 20, 2019, under the headship of Mr. M. Xavier Denise, Physical Director. The Chief Guest of the day was, Mr. K. Rajkumar, IFS, District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri. A variety of sports events were conducted. The Overall Championship Trophy was won by the Departments of Chemistry and Tamil. The Runners-up Trophy was won by the Department of Computer Science.

#### **Cultural Fest**

The BEST 2019 – Cultural Day was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The Chief Guests of the day was Mr. R. B. Sathish Kumar, Starlet, Chennai. On-stage events such as persona, dance, music, mime, variety, skit, etc., and off-stage events such as drawing, face-painting, collage, vegetable carving, etc. marked the gala event. The Departments of Business Administration, Digital Print Media and Social Work won the Overall Championship Trophy. The Runners-up Trophy was won by the Department of Computer Science.

#### STAFF ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES

- ❖ The newly joined faculty were oriented for four days by our Salesian Fathers here on "Preventive System" of Don Bosco's educational method.
- ❖ A two-day Workshop on *Staff Counseling and Training* was organized for all staff members on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- ❖ For this time, we conducted a three-day *Staff Refreshment Programme* from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Goa.
- ❖ All staff members are animated on every Wednesday by the Secretary and Principal of the College.
- ❖ The Birthday celebration for staff is celebrated every month.

#### MORAL LIFE FORMATION

- Value Education Classes, the Holy Mass on First Fridays, Spiritual Retreats, Counselling and Guidance and Assembly were conducted regularly.
- **❖ Salesian Educative Pastoral Council (SEPC)** was held on 22.10.2019.
- **♦ Parent-Teacher Meet** was organized for all the first year students on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

#### **EXTENSION SERVICES**

Don Bosco College is committed to carry out its Extension Services by conducting **Night School Classes** in our neighbouring villages. About **300 School Children** are benefiting by this service.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Melody Beattie says, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."

I wish to express my gratitude to our most honourable Chief Guest, the **Right Reverend Dr. S. Singaroyan**, Bishop of Salem Diocese, for being with us on this joyous event. Thank you so much, my lord.

I owe my gratitude to all the Members of the Management, Officials, HODs, all Staff Members both teaching and non-teaching, Alumni and Students.

I am sure that our collective endeavour shall take our College to greater heights in serving the society in a meaningful and positive manner.

May God bless you!

Thank you!

