



# DON BOSCO COLLEGE

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## THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

**Rev. Dr. C.M. Varghese, SDB,**

Rector/Secretary/Principal,

Don Bosco College,

Dharmapuri.

Date : January 25, 2018 (Thursday)

Time : 10:00 a.m.

Venue : Open Auditorium

A very pleasant morning to one and all present here!

The most honorable Chief Guest, **Shri K. Vivekanandan**, IAS, District Collector, Dharmapuri; most cherished Guests of Honour, **Dr. G. Natarajan**, Regional Joint Director, Dharmapuri, and **Rev. Dr. Soosai Manickam**, Vicar General, Dharmapuri Diocese, Dharmapuri; esteemed Vice-Rector and Principal of Don Bosco College of Education, **Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis, SDB**; respected Vice-Principal, **Rev. Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu, SDB**; beloved Administrator, **Rev. Fr. S. Bharathi Bernadsha, SDB**; dedicated Additional Vice-Principals, PRO, COE, Deans and Academic Coordinator; committed Heads of the Departments, Faculty and Staff, Alumni, Well-wishers, Friends and my dear Students; representatives of the media, distinguished invitees, ladies and gentlemen!

It is a moment of pride and pleasure for me to welcome all of you on the occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebration.

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

I take immense pleasure in presenting the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the College documenting its developments and achievements for the year 2017-2018.

The Annual Report of the College celebrates the strength of the Don Bosco College community. The report encompasses the entire College experience by sharing the year's accomplishments, celebrating faculty and student achievements. The College experience follows an arc that begins with admission and travels through teaching-learning, student life, examinations, and culminates in alumni engagement. Highlighted within the report are stories about the ways that current and former students are learning, living, exploring and connecting.

Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, a constituent of the International Educational Network of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Chennai Province, Tamil Nadu, is wholly devoted to training and equipping of young minds for a challenging and fulfilling career, under Periyar University, Salem.

Don Bosco College was established in 2007 with **258 students** and at present it has **2,225 students**, with 10 U.G. courses, 8 P.G. courses and 4 M.Phil. courses. MSW (Master of Social Work) course and U.G. course in DPM (Digital Print Media) are two specialised courses run by this College. In the past eleven years, the College has grown in various dimensions and has been tirelessly marching to achieve its lofty ideals.

## COLLEGE STRENGTH

- ❖ The strength of First Year : UG - 632, PG: 170 and M. Phil: 26, totaling to 828 students.
- ❖ The strength of Second Year : UG - 623 and PG: 172, totaling to 795 students.
- ❖ The strength of Third Year : UG - 602 students.

The College comprises of 95 educated, trained, experienced and dedicated teaching faculty and 30 support staff including clerical staff, bus drivers, lab assistants, library staff and office personnel. We duly appreciate the tremendous cooperation on the part of everyone associated with this institution who have strived their best to mould our students to work hard to make their dreams and aspiration come true.

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND PRACTICES

Always new developments help us to realize the expansion of the College. For this year, Rev. Dr. C.M. Varghese, SDB, took charge of the Rector, Secretary and Principal of the College. Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis, Principal of Don Bosco College of Education remains as the Vice-Rector of the College. Rev. Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu, SDB, serves as the Vice-Principal of the College, and the Director of DB Extension Services. Rev. Fr. S. Bharthi Bernadsha, SDB, works as the Administrator of the College. Mr. M. Periyasamy and Mrs. G. Leelavathi serve as Additional Vice-Principals; Dr. R. Venkatesh remains as the Public Relations Officer; Mr. C. George Arockiaraj is appointed as the Controller of Examinations; Mr. A. Muruganandam and Mrs. V. Rajeshwari serve as Deans of Students; and Dr. K. Anand is appointed to be the Academic Coordinator.

We intensely concentrate on developing the infrastructure of the College every year. We set up a **students' cooperative stall** for the benefit of students and faculty within the College premises. We purchased a **mini off-set printing machine** and placed it in DPM laboratory. Around the College premises, **fence** was laid with gates. About **42 CCTV cameras** were set at various places to promote smooth functioning of the College. For easy communication, **intercoms** were situated at every department of the College. The **portable lamp** was set beautifully behind the statue of St. John Bosco at the entrance of the College. A new **lavatory** was constructed for the male staff.

In a variety of disciplines, the Certificate and Skill Development Courses were introduced in order that students may develop new skills and build expertise in a specialized area, and update their professional profile, advance their career, or broaden their knowledge base.

A healthy Campus Culture is an important way to implement quality education and enhance the students' awareness of innovation and practical ability. According to the practice

and exploration of Campus Culture activities, the Campus Culture activities should focus on five aspects: *Sense of God, Family Spirit, Self-Confidence, Sustainable Green Environment, and Volunteerism*. These measures have achieved very good results in practice.

This year, quality students were admitted. The Merit Scholarship was introduced to first year students who have secured 900 and above marks in HSC examinations. All possible scholarship tapping is always done. Annually, we receive various scholarships of Governmental and Non-governmental, to a tune of **Rs. 52,34,500**. Indeed, we are delighted by the generosity of Mr. Kulandai Francis, Founder and President of IVDP, Krishnagiri, who has been expending financial aid to our orphan and semi-orphan students. We gratefully remember him and may Don Bosco reward him.

On every Wednesday, our faculty members are animated with motivational talks and clips of videos. The staff are given orientation on *SEPP (Salesian Educative Pastoral Plan)* and guided carefully to implement the same in their teaching and learning and preparation of College Calendar and Departmental Planner.

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

Students are constantly encouraged to higher levels of thinking and learning; offered an individualized, systematic, and structured learning experience; motivated self-paced and self-confident learning; increased understanding of course content materials; developed studying and learning strategies; and assisted in improving their grades.

We congratulate the students for their wonderful performance in the University Examinations. The pass percentages of the University Examinations are as follows:

Undergraduate Results	:	47.67%
Postgraduate Results	:	62.50%
M.Phil. Results	:	83.16%
The Overall Pass Percentage is	:	70.62%

## LIBRARY AND LABORATORY

The College library has a collection of **14,702 books**. It subscribes to **378 bound periodicals, 22 Magazines, 21 Journals** and **9 News Papers**. The total number of books added during the current year was **185**. The Library Committee altered the seating arrangement in the library to create space and to facilitate more light and air. The computer and internet facilities are now available to the faculty and the library staff within the library itself. The work of manual catalogues was updated.

The Computer Laboratory with **205 computers** are connected in a local area network with a central server system. It has a full-time System Administrator and two support-staff. It has four Labs with Broadband and Wi-Fi and LCD projector facility.

Simultaneously we are equipping Chemistry, Physics and DPM Labs with more recent apparatus.

The research cell has been established to implement the research policy of the College and to promote a scientific temper in the campus.

## **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.

#### **a) Faculty with Doctoral Degree awards**

- ❖ Mrs. P. Madhubala, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, was awarded with a Doctoral Degree by Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. K. Anand, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, was awarded with a Doctoral Degree by Periyar University, Salem, in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. M. Raja, Assistant Professor of Commerce, was awarded with a Doctoral Degree by Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, in 2017.

We congratulate all of them on their hard work and achievements.

#### **b) Faculty with NET/TNSET awards**

- ❖ Mr. A. Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Social Work; Mr. A. Elangovan, Assistant Professor of Tamil; and Mr. V. Siva, Assistant Professor of English were qualified from NET Exam, held by University Grants Commission, in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. P. Nagamani, Assistant Professor of Commerce; Mrs. V. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Mr. N. Senthilkumar, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; M. Periyasamy, Assistant Professor of Tamil; Mr. A. Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Social Work; Ms. P. Mahathi Nandhini, Assistant Professor of English; and Mr. V. Siva, Assistant Professor of English, were qualified from TNSET Exam, held by Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, in 2017.
- ❖ Ms. P. Mahathi Nandhini, Assistant Professor of English, was qualified from KSET Exam, held by Mysore University, Karnataka, in 2017.

We rejoice over their academic achievements.

#### **c) Faculty with Publication of Research Articles**

- ❖ Mr. A. Muruganandam, Assistant Professor of Computer Science published an article in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Dr. P. Madhubala, Assistant Professor of Computer Science published an article in a National Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. S. Karthick, Assistant Professor of Computer Science published an article in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Dr. R. Venkatesh, Assistant Professor of Commerce published five articles in International Journals in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. I. James, Assistant Professor of Commerce published an article in an International Journal in 2017.

- ❖ Dr. M. Raja, Assistant Professor of Commerce published an article at a National Conference in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. S. Muralidharan, Assistant Professor of Chemistry published an article in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Mrs. V. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor of Mathematics published an article in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Fr. S. Bharathi Bernadsha, Assistant Professor of Physics published an article in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. M. Periyasamy, Assistant Professor of Tamil published an article at an International Conference in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. J. Nelson, Assistant Professor of Tamil published an article in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. P. Kannadasan, Assistant Professor of Tamil published an article at an International Conference in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. R. Murugesan, Assistant Professor of English published two articles in an International Journal in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. J. Jayaraj, Assistant Professor, Department of English published a book in 2017.
- ❖ Mr. A. Prabhu, Assistant Professor of Social Work published an article at an International Conference in 2017.
- ❖ Fr. P. Robert Ramesh Babu, Assistant Professor of Social Work published three articles in an International Journal in 2017.

We congratulate all of them for their hard work and academic achievements.

## **2. Academic Excellence by Students**

Excellence has been the hallmark of many of our students. The number of graduates passing through the portals of the College, records a steady increase. We record the outstanding performance of two students by witnessing the University Gold Medals: *A. Sangeetha* of Master of Social Work and *B. Irfan* 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 day:

### **a) Under Graduate Students**

- ❖ B. Irfan of B.Sc. DPM with 79.80% stood first,
- ❖ N. Sabarai of B.Sc. DPM with 74.26% stood second,
- ❖ R. Rajapandian of B.Sc. DPM with 73.41% stood third,
- ❖ R. Santhosh of B.Sc. DPM with 71.09% stood fourth,
- ❖ R. Thennarasi of B.Sc. DPM with 69.56% stood fifth, and

- ❖ M. Rajasri of B.Sc. DPM with 66.83% stood sixth.

#### **b) Post Graduate Students**

- ❖ A. Sangeetha of MSW with 86.48% stood first,
- ❖ M. Kalavani of MSW with 84.91% stood fourth,
- ❖ A. Vimala of MSW with 84.36% stood fifth,
- ❖ J. Priskilla of MSW with 84.01% stood sixth,
- ❖ N. Ramu of MSW with 83.00% stood eighth, and
- ❖ P. Muniyappan of MSW with 81.18% stood tenth.

#### **3. Proficiency Award for Staff**

Every 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. They are motivated, dedicated, smart and innovative. These awards go to **67 faculty** of our College who have secured 90% and more results.

#### **4. Proficiency Award for Students**

Also, the College recognizes students' excellence with several categories of Student Awards. These awards go to **39 UG students and 17 PG students**.

#### **5. Cash Award to Centum Holders**

This year, **40 students** will be receiving cash award of **Rs 1,000** for achieving centum (100%) marks in each subjects.

#### **6. Mariamma-Matthai Adukanil Memorial Award**

Don Bosco College recognises and awards **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.

#### **NATIONAL SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

Seminars/workshops give us intensive exposure to a topic through presentations and discussions led by numerous experts. Seminars/workshops are an ideal opportunity for people who want to study a topic in depth, but do not enjoy reading or have the time to take classes. By asking questions, taking detailed notes and being prepared for each day's events, you can leave a seminar with a wide range of knowledge in a specific field.

- ❖ *The Department of Business Administration* organized a National Level Workshop on *Empowering Investors through Education*.
- ❖ *The Department of Chemistry* conducted a National Level Seminar on *Spectroscopy and Group Theory*.
- ❖ *The Department of Computer Science* organized a National Level Workshop on *Word Press*.

- ❖ *The Department of Digital Print Media* conducted a State Level Seminar on *Cinematography*.
- ❖ *The Department of English* organized a National Level Workshop on *Post-colonialism: Theories and Criticism – DB MUSE 2017*.
- ❖ *The Department of Mathematics* conducted a National Level Seminar on *Advancements in Mathematical Modeling and Probability Theory*.
- ❖ *The Department of Physics* organized a National Level Conference on *Crystallography* and a Workshop on *Physics Practicals*.
- ❖ *The Department of Social Work* conducted a National Level Seminar on *Essential Skills for Professional Social Workers* and a National Level Workshop on *Counseling Skills for Professional Social Workers*.

By providing a conducive and encouraging environment, the students are mentored to carry out the entrusted responsibilities alongside their curricular activities.

- ❖ **Exhibition:** Various exhibitions were organized by the Department of Chemistry, Computer Science and Digital Print Media, on various themes. The students exhibited their outstanding talents through various experiments, models, reuse of materials, organic and comprehensive farming, craft works, etc. The Principal of the College congratulated and appreciated all the efforts and hard work put forth by the students under the guidance of the Department Mentor, HOD and Class Mentors.
- ❖ **Study Tour:** In order to collect relevant source for writing their projects, the students of II M.A. English visited the American-British Library, Chennai; the students of II M.Com made a library visit to Madras University Library, Chennai; and the students of III B.A. English, II M.Sc. Physics, and II M.A. Tamil visited Peiyar University Library, Salem. The students of II MSW went for a study tour to New Delhi in the month of October. During the trip, they visited some of the NGOs in Delhi, and studied systems and functions of institutions.
- ❖ **Industrial Visit:** Industrial visit has its own importance in a career of a student who is pursuing a degree. It is considered as an additional part of College curriculum. The main objective of industrial visit is to provide students an insight into internal working of companies. As we know, theoretical knowledge is not enough for making a good professional career. With an aim to go beyond academics, industrial visit provides student a practical perspective on the world of work. It provides students with an opportunity to learn practically through interaction, working methods and employment practices. It gives them exposure to current work practices as opposed to possibly theoretical knowledge being taught at college. Some of the Industrial Visits are outlined as follows:
  - The students of III B.B.A. visited *Farida Shoes Company Private Limited*, Ambur.
  - The students of III B.Com. and III B.Com. (CA) made a visit to *all banks in Dharmapuri*.

- The students of III B.Sc. Chemistry visited *Water Purification Centre*, Hogenakkal.
- The students of III B.Sc. (CS) and III BCA visited *Seagon Software Private Limited*, Coimbatore.
- The students of I B.Sc. DPM visited *Visvesvaraya Scientific Museum*, Bangalore.
- The students of II B.Sc. DPM visited *Rathna Packaging*, Hosur.
- The students of III B.Sc. DPM visited *Yuno Packaging Private Limited*, Bangalore.
- The students of III B.Sc. Maths visited *Visvesvaraya Scientific Museum*, Bangalore.
- The students of III B.Sc. Physics made a visit to *G.D. Naidu Hall Museum*, Coimbatore.
- The students of II M.Sc. (CS) visited *CADD Solutions*, Salem.
- The students of II M.Sc. Chemistry visited *Indian Institute of Technology*, Chennai.
- The students of II M.Sc. Maths visited *Vishwesvara Scientific Meusium*, Bangalore.

❖ **Charity:** To give back to the society for various noble causes, activities and support for the needy, our students of Department of Social Work mobilized funds to *Sneha Sadhan, Sellampatti* for HIV/AIDS infected children and needy individuals. In harmony, they celebrated the Christmas celebration with them.

## SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

The Department of Physical Education and Sports divided its activities in two broad categories, i.e., intramural and extramural. 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. Coaching, training and fitness classes were also organized by the Department to form all these teams.

The teams participated at various levels like Intercollegiate, State and National throughout the year.

- ❖ *Periyar University Intercollegiate Chess Tournament* was held at SSM College, Komarapalayam, Namakkal. About 52 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our student V. Priyadharshini of III B.Sc. Physics won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ *Periyar University Intercollegiate Badminton Tournament* was held at SDAT, Dharmapuri. Around 17 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.

- ❖ *Periyar University Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament* was held at Thiruvalluvar Govt. Arts College, Rasipuram. Nearly 17 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ *Periyar University Intercollegiate Ball-Badminton Tournament* was held at Kandasamy Kandar College, Paramathi-Vellor. About 13 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ *Dr. Rajagopal Memorial Open-to-all State Level Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament* was held at Thiruvalluvar Govt. Arts College, Rasipuram. About 26 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ *Thiru's Memorial Open-to-all Hockey Tournament* was held at Little Flower Hr. Sec. School, Salem. Around 13 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ *Price Winning Open-to-all State Level Kabaddi Tournament* was held at Krishnagiri. Nearly 25 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ *Jaihind Open-to-all State Level Volley Ball Tournament* was held at Krishnagiri. About 22 teams of players participated in the tournament. Our College won the Championship Trophy.
- ❖ Our College won the Championship Trophies at *MGR Centenary Youth Intercollegiate Government Tournament in Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Kabaddi and Shuttle-cock.*

## **CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

In conjunction with regular classes and timely completion of syllabus, the formation of students is ensured through:

- ❖ Bridge Course in English and Subject Bridge Course were conducted for all the freshers at the beginning of the academic year in June.
- ❖ The strength of student-teacher relationship is our ability to gauge the strong points and weaknesses of our students. Orientation programmes were conducted for the new faculty and fresh students in July.
- ❖ Extra coaching classes were offered for the advance learners in each class with the aim of achieving University ranks.
- ❖ Remedial classes were conducted for the slow learners.
- ❖ Regular Unit Tests, Cycle Tests and Model Exams were conducted to enable students to write the University Exams in a better way.
- ❖ Counseling is given to students in order that they might handle conflicts, set goals and build a healthy relationship with others.
- ❖ Students are given library and net based assignments, presentations and media education.

## ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of the Associations was held on June 28, 2017. On this occasion, Father Principal, gave an introductory speech on the significance and functions of the Academic Associations, Committees and Clubs.

- ❖ *The SPARK Association* of the Department of Business Administration conducted a seminar on *Human Resource Management*.
- ❖ *The Spectrum Association* of the Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on *Latest Trends in Space Science*.
- ❖ *The Wall-street Association* of the Department of Commerce conducted awareness programmes on *Bank Jobs, Life Insurance and Entrepreneurship*.
- ❖ *The DIVINE Association* of the Department of Computer Science organized a workshop on *Hardware Exhibition and Computer Literacy Programme*.
- ❖ *The New-wave Association* of the Department of Digital Print Media organized *Poster Designing and Movie Presentation*.
- ❖ *The Prospero Literary Association* of the Department of English conducted a seminar on *LSRW: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing*.
- ❖ *The Raamanujam Association* of the Department of Mathematics organized an *Interdepartmental Quiz Competition*.
- ❖ *The Einstein Association* of the Department of Physics conducted a seminar on *Latest Trends in Space Science*.
- ❖ *The Rainbow Association* of the Department of Social Work organized a *Rural Camp at Sesurajapuram* and a workshop on *Skill India and Minority Scholarship*.
- ❖ *The Adhiyan Tamizh Mandram* of the Department of Tamil conducted a Literary Session on *How to face Examinations fearlessly?*

## CO-CURRICULAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of Clubs of the College was held on June 28, 2017. It is wonderful to note that our students can do commendable service to the society through various club activities of the College.

- ❖ *The National Service Scheme* conducted *Yoga Classes* to students; attended a conference on *Clean India*; organized an awareness rally on *Donating of Human Organs*; and conducted a camp on *Rural Development*.
- ❖ *The Youth Red Cross* organized a camp on *Blood Donation* and a seminar on *Leadership Training Programme*.
- ❖ *The Citizen Consumer Club* organized an awareness programme on *Consumer's Rights and Duties*.
- ❖ *The Feminine Federation* conducted a seminar on *LIFE Skills* for both married girls and unmarried girls.

- ❖ *The Eco-Friendly Club* made a visit to the *Forest* and watered *Saplings* around the College campus.
- ❖ *The Media Club* conducted an awareness programme on *The Need of Media*.
- ❖ *The Entrepreneurial Development Cell* organized an awareness programme on *Entrepreneurship* and a seminar on *Essential Skills for Entrepreneur*.
- ❖ With a kindhearted support of the Management, this year the *Mid-day Meal Cell* supplied mid-day meals to 110 poor students at a concessional rate.
- ❖ *The Placement Cell* motivated and trained the final year students along with Quest Alliance, Chennai and DB Vazhikatti, Chennai throughout the year to identify and develop their personal skills.

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

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> Sports Day was celebrated on July 29, 2017, under the headship of Mr. M. Xavier Denise, Director of Physical Education. The Chief Guest of the day was, Rev. Fr. Michael Rao, Head Master, Sacred Heart Hr. Sec. School, Sellampatti. A variety of sports events were conducted. The Overall Championship Trophy was won by the Department of Chemistry. The Runner-up Trophy was won by the Department of Business Administration, Physics and Social Work.

### **Cultural Fest**

The Cultural Day - BEST 2017 was celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The theme for the day was *Youth for Social Change*. The Chief Guests of the day were Rev. Fr. Arul Jothi, Rector, St. Joseph's Minor Seminar, Kadagathur, Dharmapuri; Mr. G. Annadurai, Head Master, Arignar Anna Govt. Boys Hr. Sec. School, Adhiyamankottai; Mr. Ponmudi, Head Master, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Lakkiampatty; and Mr. P. Ravikumar, Head Master, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Nallampalli. 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 Department of Computer Science won the Overall Championship Trophy. The Runner-up Trophy was won by the Department of English.

## **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 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2016. The National Flag was hoisted by the Principal, Rev. Dr. C.M. Varghese, and delivered a speech on *The Real Freedom*. The programme was well organized by the NSS coordinator and students.

## **Teachers' Day**

The Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> September and paid a tribute to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. 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. The Department of Physics was applauded for organizing the entire programme.

## **Fancy Fete**

The Fancy Fete was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Students stretched forth their supporting hands for this noble cause. They generously contributed to the Fancy Fete festivity in aid of less privileged children, especially the students of Night School, run by DB Extension Service. We plan to construct toilets for the School at Adagapadi run by the Government.

## **Christmas Celebration**

Christmas celebration was organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> December by the Department of Chemistry. Christmas is the spirit of giving rather than getting and spreading the value of love. Jesus Christ is the reason for this season as we commemorate the day as His birthday. Prayers and offerings were carried out conveying the message of caring and sharing. Rev. Sr. Jayamary, Mother Superior, Amala Convent, Dharmapuri, and Mrs. T. Tamilselvi, Head Mistress, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Bantharahalli, were the guests of honour who conveyed the message of love and mercy. The function was followed by an entertaining singing, skit and dance put up by the students.

## **Pongal Festival**

This festival is also known as Tamizhar Thirunal. The College celebrated the Pongal festival in a grand manner on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. K. Pachiyappan, Head Master, Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Adagapadi. Judges were appointed to judge the performance of the students. Really this festival brought lots of happiness and joy in the College community.

## **Republic Day**

The 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day will be celebrated on January 26, 2017. The National Flag will be hoisted by the Principal.

## **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 will be delightfully celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

With all respect and honour, we bow ourselves before you, our most respectable and venerable Father Don Bosco. Because of you, we are here today.

### **Alumni Day**

The Alumni Association of the College will be organizing the Alumni Day on February 04, 2018, in order to ensure that the passed out students of Don Bosco College are still attached to their respective Departments and College.

### **Graduation Day**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day will be organized in the month of February 2017. Around 620 students are on the roll to receive their diplomas on that day.

### **College Day**

The 11<sup>th</sup> College Day is being celebrated today with Shri K. Vivekanandan, IAS, District Collector, Dharmapuri; Dr. G. Natarajan, Regional Joint Director, Dharmapuri; and Rev. Dr. Soosai Manickam, Vicar General, Dharmapuri Diocese, as Chief Guests.

## **ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMMES**

Staying updated is the key to success in any field, especially in the field of education. Our faculty members constantly strive to stay updated, by attending workshops and various training programmes. Few of them are as listed:

- ❖ 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 was organized on ICTACT for all faculty members on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. The Resource Person of the day was Mr. Jino Jose, Deputy Manager – Soft Skills, Chennai.
- ❖ A two-day workshop was conducted on NAAC Orientation for all faculty members on 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Resource Persons of the day were Dr. S. Sagayaraj, IQAC Coordinator; Dr. L. Ravi, and Dr. A. George Louis Raja, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur.

## **MORAL LIFE FORMATION**

### **Value Education**

Value Education, as it is generally used, refers to a wide gamut of learning and activities ranging from training in physical health, mental hygiene, etiquette and manners, appropriate social behaviour, civic rights and duties to aesthetic and even religious training. Value education classes and Morning Prayer assembly are conducted regularly.

### **Parent-Teacher Meet**

A Parent-Teacher Meet was organized for all the first year students on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Through its numerous activities and support make a positive contribution in sustaining the quality of educational transactions that takes place within the College among teachers,

parents and students. Their constructive criticism and valuable feedback has always been helpful and appreciated.

### **Salesian Educative Pastoral Council (SEPC)**

The Salesian Educative Pastoral Council (SEPC) was held on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2017 at 04:30 p.m. The Chair Person of the Council, was Rev. Dr. C.M. Varghese, Rector and Secretary of the College, welcomed and addressed the gathering. The invitees were the citizens of the town, Diocesan representatives, Sisters, HODs, officials, senior staff, parents, past pupils and Reps of final year students. This body provided the core of academic planning and activities and an evaluation to march ahead. The shared views were noted and peer reviewed to execute alongside teaching-learning aspect of the College.

### **EXTENSION SERVICES**

Don Bosco College is committed to carry out its Extension Services in the name of **AKKAM**. There five major schemes as extension activities are implemented to provide ample exposure to both the staff and students as changing agents, and they are: *(a) Bodhi Maram* – educating the school children; *(b) Vizhudhugal* – adopting and developing villages; *(c) Go Green* – promoting eco-friendly environment; *(d) Entrepreneurship* – creating job awareness; and *(e) DB Vazhikatti* – providing career guidance and job training.

### **CONCLUSION**

C.S. Lewis says, "We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

As another long eventful academic year comes to a close, we look back on the challenges encountered, the obstacles overcome, the hardships endured, and lift up our souls in gratitude to the Almighty God, for standing by us through all our trials and triumphs.

*Rocked in the cradle of His Divine Love,  
Nurtured and protected by Don Bosco,  
We lash against the shores of time,  
And strive towards excellence and empowerment.*

Let me take this opportunity to thank our most honoured Chief Guests, Shri K. Vivekanandan, IAS, District Collector, Dharmapuri; Dr. G. Natarajan, Regional Joint Director, Dharmapuri; and Rev. Dr. Soosai Manickam, Vicar General, Dharmapuri Diocese, for being with us on this joyous occasion.

I express my indebtedness to all who in their own way have helped in raising the institution where it stands today. I owe my gratitude to all the members of the management, HODs, officials and all staff members.

My whole hearted thanks to all alumni and parents who have been in touch with us during the year and their valuable suggestions helped us to improve the College at various aspects. I look forward to your continued support in all our endeavours.

Dear students, my deep heartfelt thanks to all of you. I am sure that our collective endeavor shall take our College to greater heights in serving the society in a meaningful and positive manner. May God bless you!