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THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Rector and Principal,
Don Bosco College,
Dharmapuri.

WELCOME

The most cherished Chief Guest, Dr. M. Manivannan, Registrar, Periyar University, Salem; beloved Vice-Principal, Rev. Dr. A. Siluvai Muthu; beloved Administrator, Rev. Fr. M. Maria Louis; respected Members of the Management; dedicated Additional Vice-Principals, PRO, COE, Deans and Academic Coordinator; esteemed Heads of the Departments, Faculty and Staff, Alumni, Benefactors, 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 9th Annual Day celebration of Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri.

I take immense pleasure in presenting the 9th Annual Report of the College documenting its development and achievement for the year 2015-2016.

The Annual Report of the College for the Academic Year 2015-2016, celebrates the strength of the Don Bosco College community. The report encompasses the entire College experience by sharing the year's accomplishments, celebrating student and faculty members' achievements. The College experience follows an arc that begins with admission and travels through academics, student life, pre-professional experiences, examinations, and culminates in alumni engagement and giving back. Highlighted within the report are stories about the ways that current and former students are learning, living, exploring and connecting.

INTRODUCTION

Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, a constituent of the Don Bosco Group of International Educational Institutional Network of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Chennai Province, Tamil Nadu, is wholly devoted to the 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 2523 students on its roll, 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 educational institute. In the past nine years, the College has grown in various dimensions and has been tirelessly proceeding to achieve its goal.

COLLEGE STRENGTH

- ❖ The strength of First Year : UG - **649**, PG: **227** and M. Phil: **22**, totaling to **898** students.
- ❖ The strength of Second Year : UG - **739** and PG: **244**, totaling to **983** students.
- ❖ The strength of Third Year : UG - **642** students.

Now, we have a total strength of **2,523** students, **107** teaching faculty and **28** support staff in our College.

DEVELOPMENTS

New developments always help us to realize the expansion of the College. This year, for a change, the Rector and Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. Maria Soosai became the Principal of the College. The former Principal, Rev. Dr. A. Siluvai Muthu serves as the Vice-Principal of the College. Rev. M. Maria Louis, Principal of Don Bosco College of Education became the Administrator of the College. This year, there are two new fathers, namely, Rev. Robert Ramesh Babu in the Dept. of Social Work, and Rev. Samson Raja in the Dept. of English, have joined our team of teaching faculty. This year, the College introduced the following persons as new officials: Mr. M. Periyasamy and Mrs. G. Leelavathi as Additional Vice-Principals; Dr. R. Venkatesh as Public Relations Officer; Mr. S. Vadamalai as Controller of Examinations; Mr. A. Muruganantham and Ms. V. Vinothini as Deans; and Mr. I. James as Academic Coordinator.

We intensely concentrate on developing the infrastructure of the College every year. Physics and Chemistry labs were equipped with new apparatuses. Bosco Bicentenary Hall was constructed above the Canteen for the purpose of conducting seminars, conferences, workshops, animations, etc.

Apart from these, this year M.A. Tamil was newly started. Communicative English course is strengthened and effectively carried out by the trained faculty members. In a variety of disciplines, the certificate courses were introduced to students to develop new skills and build expertise in a specialized area, and to update their professional profile, advance their career, or broaden their knowledge base.

This year, the 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. 50 Lakhs.

On every Wednesday, our faculty members are animated with motivational talks and clips of videos. They were given a two-day workshop on culture skills. The staff were 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 were constantly encouraged of their higher levels of thinking and learning; offered an individualized, systematic, and structured learning experience; motivated self-paced and self-directed learning; increased understanding of course content materials; developed studying and learning strategies; and assisted in improving grades, retention, and graduation rates.

The performance of our students in the University Examinations is consistently good and satisfactory. The pass percentage of the university examinations are as follows:

Undergraduate results	:	70.02 %
Postgraduate results	:	70.71 %
M.Phil. results	:	100 %

The overall pass percentage is **70.76 %**. Considering the previous year's pass percentage, this year's is better.

LIBRARY AND LABORATORY

The College library has a collection of about **13,605** books. It subscribes to **38** Magazines and Journals, and **09** newspapers. The total number of books added during the current year was **634**. The library committee altered the seating arrangement in the library to create space and to allow in 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 purchase associated with the library is updated on the semester basis and the data is available on the College website.

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

The research cell has been established to implement the research policy of the College and to promote the culture of research and innovation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College facilitated **255** SC/ST students to get scholarship from the Government of Tamil Nadu. About **170** minority students also received scholarship from the Minority Commission. About **746** students were benefitted through Uzhavar Scholarship. **100** students were benefitted through IVDP Scholarship. **14** Physically Challenged students were given financial help by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Don Bosco Merit Scholarship was awarded to **100** students. Above all, Don Bosco Foundation issued scholarship to **50** orphan and economically poor students. Sports persons with outstanding records were also completely exempted from paying fees.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Academic Achievements

The hard-working and sincere students have always brought us proud laurels. The number of graduates passing through the portals of the College, records a steady increase. This year, we have two outstanding University Gold Medalists: **M. Muni Lakshmi** of M.S.W. and **M. Chinnasamy** of B.Sc. (DPM).

2. 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 Ball Badminton, Cross-country, 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.

- ❖ M. Antony Lawrence, II MSW won the Periyar University Cross-Country Race Championship Trophy in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Cross-Country Race (Men)* held at Periyar University, Salem. Our college secured the overall championship.
- ❖ P. Veeramani of II B.Com., secured the Gold Medal for 110 meters hurdles and the Silver Medal for 400 meters hurdles; and M. Antony Lawrence, II MSW, won the Gold Medals for 5,000 meters hurdles and 10,000 meters hurdles in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Athletic (Men) Meets* held at MGR College, Hosur.
- ❖ The College secured the Runner-up Trophy in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Volleyball Tournament* held at AVS College of Arts and Science, Salem.
- ❖ The College won the overall championship in *Jaihind Open-to-all Volleyball Tournament* held at Bargur, Krishnagitri District.
- ❖ The College secured the overall championship and the Rolling Trophy in *Thiru's Open-to-all State Level Hockey Tournament* held at Salem.
- ❖ The College won the Runner-up Trophy in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament (Men)* held at Tiruvalluvar Govt. Arts College, Rasipuram.
- ❖ The College won the Runner-up Trophy in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Football Tournament (Men)* held at MGR College, Hosur.
- ❖ The College won the overall championship in *The Chief Minister Open-to-all Football Tournament (Men)* held at Dharmapuri.
- ❖ The College won the Runner-up Trophy in *Periyar University Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament (Men)* held at KSR College of Arts and Science, Trichengodu.

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 the 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.

NATIONAL SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

- ❖ **The Department of Business Administration** organized a National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Human Resource Management* on August 21, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Chemistry** conducted One-day Workshop on *Sparks in Chemistry* on August 28, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Commerce** organized a Two-day Workshop on *Usage of SPSS in Social Science Research* on August 29 and 30, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Computer Science** conducted a Two-day National Workshop on *Multimedia Packages 2015* on September 01 and 02, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of English** organized an *Intercollegiate Literary Fest – DB MUSE 2015* on September 03, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Mathematics** conducted a State Seminar on *Recent Advances in Mathematical Analysis* on September 19, 2014.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of the Associations was held on June 26, 2015.

- ❖ **The Department of Business Administration** conducted *Management Games* on September 04, 2015, and *Business Exhibition* on January 25 to 28, 2016.
- ❖ **The Department of Chemistry** organized *Science Exhibition* on September 04, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Commerce** conducted an *Exhibition* on August 20, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Computer Science** organized a Two-day Workshop on *National Android Developer Challenge, India 2016* on January 06 and 07, 2016.
- ❖ **The Department of Digital Print Media** organized *Incredible Art* on August 27, 2015, and *Print Expo* on September 22, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of English** conducted a seminar on *Thirukkural on Education* on July 21, 2015, *Poetry Declamation* on July 22, 2015, *Quiz on Literary Terms* on August 25, 2015, and *English Literary Exhibition* on January 20, 2016.
- ❖ **The Department of Mathematics** organized *School Visit* on August 05, 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Social Work** organized *Observational Visits* to the department students throughout the year 2015, *Educational Tour* from 11th October to 19th October 2015, *Rural Camp* from 30th August to 04th September 2015, and *Block Placement Programme* from 13th August to 15th September 2015 and from 19th November to 31st December 2015.
- ❖ **The Department of Tamil** conducted a conference on *Communication Skills in Tamil* on July 06, 2015, and a competition on *Word Game* on January 20, 2016.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The inauguration of Clubs and Committees of the College was held on June 26, 2015. It is wonderful to note that our students can do commendable service to the society through various club activities of the College. The students in our College excel not only as professionals but also as human beings with values.

- ❖ **NSS** conducted Yoga classes to students from 23.06.2015 to 26.06.2016; and organized Child Labour Awareness Rally on 22.07.2015. One of our NSS students, namely M. Karthick of III B.Sc. (Maths) was selected for Adventure Camp of Periyar University and was awarded.
- ❖ **RRC and NSS** conducted *AIDS Awareness Rally* on 21.08.2015.
- ❖ **Citizen Consumer Club** organized an awareness programme on *Consumer's Roles and Responsibility* on 17.07.2015.

- ❖ **Feminine Federation** conducted *LIFE Skill* on 04.08.2015.
- ❖ **Health Care Cell** organized a camp on *Eye Checkup* on 23.09.2015.
- ❖ **Eco-Friendly Club** arranged an awareness programme on *Eco-social Life* on 07.09.2015.
- ❖ **Media Club** conducted a debate on *Elamthendral* at Dharmapuri Radio Station on 27th August 2015.
- ❖ **EDC** organized an awareness programme on *Entrepreneurship* on July 24, 2015.
- ❖ **Mid-day Meal Cell** supplied mid-day meals to 175 poor students.
- ❖ **Placement Cell** motivated and trained the final year students throughout the year to identify and develop their personal traits.

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 Sports Day was celebrated on July 25, 2015. There were varieties of sports and events were conducted. Funny events like potato race, lemon race, three legged race and sack were a lot of fun. The Department of Commerce won the overall championship trophy.

Cultural Fest

The Cultural Day – BEST 2015 was celebrated on 8th August 2015. 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 Business Administration and Social Work won the overall championship trophy. This was the crowd-pulling event of the fest.

CELEBRATIONS

Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day was conducted by all the departments in the month of June and July in order to welcome the new comers.

Teachers Day

The Teachers Day was celebrated on 5th September and paid tribute to Dr. Sarvpalli Radhakrishnan. The function witnessed cultural show comprising a classical song, group song and dances performed by students. The fest ended with a humorous play by the staff members.

Graduation Day

The Graduation Day was celebrated on December 12, 2015. Mr. G. Prabakaran, Syndicate Member of Periyar University, Salem, addressed the graduates and conferred the degrees on the 699 graduating students.

Christmas Celebration

The College conducted the Christmas celebrations on 21st and 22nd December 2015. The Chief Guest of the day was Rev. Arulraj, Diocesan Procreator of Dharmapuri Diocese. The function was followed by a rather 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 13th January 2016. Really this festival brought lots of happiness and joy in the College community.

Alumni Day

The Alumni Association of the College was organized on January 26, 2016. The association was credited to have given their support in all the activities of the students. They provided the College with feedback enriching the ethos of the institution.

College Day

The Annual College Day is being celebrated today with Dr. M. Manivannan, Registrar, Periyar University, Salem, as Chief Guest.

Don Bosco's Feast

St. John Bosco, Patron, Father and Teacher of youth, dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. His Feast Day is celebrated on 31st January joyfully and divinely.

VIRTUOUS 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. Various programmes are held to cater to the above needs.

Parent-Teacher Association

The College organized a Parent-Teacher meeting on 24th September 2015 and the parents had a free interactive session to discuss over the progress of their wards.

Retreat

The management organised one-day retreat for all students of our College on 26th September 2015 at College premises. In the forenoon session, spiritual orientation was given by the distinguished Resource Persons and in the afternoon session, counselling and guidance was given to students. Students positively responded to the call. All were widely benefitted by the programme.

INSTITUTIONAL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (ISR)

Chennai and Cuddalor Flood Relief

The century's worst flooding has hit Chennai and the government machinery is unable to help everyone. Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri along with the Salesians of Don Bosco, Chennai Province, worked for immediate relief efforts complementing the government. Under the amble guidance of Rev. Robert Ramesh Babu, Professor of Social Work, the DBC volunteers had distributed a bus full of essential relief materials, conducted free medical camps, psycho-social support to the affected children, and networking with the local leaders for sustainable development for relief in Chennai and Cuddalor since the tragedy has struck.

The students, staff and management generously contributed a day salary and more for the relief work. At this moment, I would appreciate the students and staff members of the College for their total involvement towards the disaster management.

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 overcame, the hardships endured, and lift up our souls in gratitude to God, the Almighty 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 Guest, **Dr. M. Manivannan**, Registrar, Periyar University, Salem, and all of you for your kind patience and cooperation.

May God bless you!