

DON BOSCO NAVAJEEVAN BALA BHAVAN VISAKHAPATNAM



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This year Visakhapatnam, like any other part of Andhra Pradesh went through a severe summer, made particularly unbearable by cyclone Hudhud of unhappy memory, which dealt a mortal blow to the life-giving trees. The two thousand or more deaths reported in Andhra and Telangana, from the heat wave, make us feel sorry for those who lost their life and their dependants. When we do not respect the laws of nature and manipulate them for temporary advantage, it is only logical that Nature sheds its motherly role and puts on the costume of goddess of destruction, to make her erring children learn a lesson at least in the last moment. Respect lasts only when it is reciprocal. When we level the hills, cut down the trees, and dig deep into the heart of the earth, to steal the treasures which she happily safeguarded for millions of years, we are rewarding her with a death penalty for all her selfless services to humanity. We may not be able to restore to mother earth her pristine glory, but let us at least stop continuing to disfigure her.

We should realize that earth needs to be taken care of, if she has to house and feed millions of generations, as she has done in the past. We happen to occupy the earth at this point of time, but she belongs to everyone of the past, present and future. The Almighty, who put her into our care, did so with the intention of making us transfigure her and not to disfigure. All the energy we use, come from the bounty of the Earth. Just as we use it we also need to preserve and replenish it. But we keep on misusing it, with the erroneous belief that resources have no limit. Let us be kind to our children and grandchildren, otherwise they will have to return to the Stone Age, as stones may be only object that is left for the future generations.

These are a few suggestions as how we can support and sustain the natural resources to make the earth a happy and healthy place for us and for our children to live.

- Never cut a tree unless it is extremely essential. Before cutting a tree plant two in its place.
- Avoid unbridled use of paper, as paper is mainly produced from trees and plants.
- Get accustomed to e-reading, as a cell phone in your pocket can have access to practically all the books you want to read. It is much cheaper and can prolong the life of a huge number of trees.
- Many consider luxury vehicles as a symbol of wealth and prestige, and some own more than one. Even if you have many of them, it is not possible to travel in more than one at a time. If a person owns more than one vehicle for his personal use, the second vehicle should be highly taxed. Vehicle with low mileage should also be made to pay higher taxes. It is much cheaper to hire a Taxi when needed than maintaining a spare one. Too many vehicles can only contribute to the pollution of the air we breath and additional expenses on fuel.
- Avoid building palatial houses with thousands of square feet plinth area. Many big houses are often built in competition with the neighbors and as a show of wealth. In such cases you end up in spending more on maintaining it and also paying more taxes. Stop making houses look like museums and instead make it a home where family members live in love and create an ambient in which children can grow and develop. Let us spend more on the holistic growth of the children, as they are the best investment that we can ever make. Let us mould them into individuals who respect the whole creation.

Fr. Thomas Thottiyil sdb





BLOOMING OF TALENTS AT BEACH BLOSSOM, VIZAG

Every child is talented in some or many ways and is eager to give expression to them in an ambient in which he/she will be encouraged and supported. Some of the talents have more opportunity to find outlet in the academic set up, but not all of them. If a child is good in mathematics, he has ample opportunity to get recognition for it, but if he has a talent in music or arts, he may not get enough chances to develop or find appreciation in the rat race of marks and grades. It is very important to set up training of children in schools in such a way that they get sufficient chances to develop themselves holistically and not a mere grading of their intellect alone, and feel they are good enough in something or other, without being termed as dull or not good enough, without taking their whole person into consideration.

With this intention in mind Navajeevan organized a very special day in Beach Blossom School, a Bridge School for the school dropouts. All the students together with the trainees from Bosco Tech, the Skill Training Centres and some of the mainstreamed students, gathered in Beach Blossom, on March 14, 2015

In the Exhibition the students proudly presented different objects, they made in scientific and esthetic fields under the direction of Fr. Ratna and the guidance of volunteers and teachers, especially of Mr. Raja Rao, a very gifted teacher in many fields. The glow that prevailed on the faces of the little ones, so far considered not fit enough to study and a burden to the society, as they explained their items to the visitors, cannot be described in words. Every child is a creation of unmatched beauty and they will glitter best if the right proportion of love and attention are given at the most appropriate time. Hope it will only be the beginning of a number of such smiles in their lives.

The students of Tailoring Centre presented a number of creative styles, under the leadership of Ms. Hemalatha, a quality trainer who believes in making her students perform as good as she or even better! Young and unemployed ladies who used to spend much of their time watching serials and models on TV screen and feeling bad about themselves, now feel that they are creative and discover their models within themselves!



In the singing competition students from Bosco Tech and Skill Training Centers stepped forward without any inhibition or fear, as they sang their favorite melodies, knowing that they are in the midst of friends, who would support them even if they did not reach the levels of Madonna or Michael Jackson, and not to exclude Indian legends Yesudas or Latha Mangeshkar! All those who participated were applauded as that is the best gift they would carry home, the sound of which will reverberate in their hearts for a long time to come.

Fr. Thomas Thottiyil, speaking on the occasion appreciated the creativity and hard work of the Staff, volunteers and children and encouraged them to become the best that they are capable of without comparing themselves with others and wished them lot of happiness even when they do not have lot of money! The day concluded on a very happy note, with common singing and dancing even when the notes did not perfectly match and the right leg did not know what the left was doing!



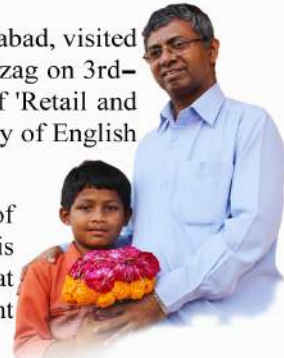
FR PROVINCIAL VISITS DON BOSCO NAVAJEEVAN AT VIZAG

Fr Ramedini Balaraju, the Provincial of the Salesian Province of Hyderabad, visited Skill training, Bosco Tech, Bosco Illu, and Beach Blossom School at Vizag on 3rd-4th March, 2015. During his interactive session with the second batch of 'Retail and Sales' students he stressed on the need to grow in self-confidence, mastery of English and a certain proficiency in computers.

Recalling the life of Don Bosco, he encouraged the students to make the best of opportunities that come their way, just as Don Bosco did. He stated that in this bicentenary year of the birth of Don Bosco, the Don Bosco Navajeevan aims at helping young people realize their dream and become worthy and competent citizens.

Interacting with the students in the skill training centers, he elaborated that attributes that every trainee must learn. He explained about the significance of self-introduction and invited few of the trainees to introduce themselves. He was very much pleased when many of the trainees introduced themselves without stage fear. He expressed his views about marketing and gave suggestions to the trainees about how to face market. He described the qualities of a good sales person and how the trainees must inculcate those qualities in order to survive in the market. There was also a role play conducted by him which exhibited the different attributes of both sales persons and customers. The trainees were very much pleased by his visit as he discussed all the possible ways in which a person can grow better in his life.

Fr Provincial appreciated Fr Thomas, the Director of Navajeevan and the staff for reaching out to many young people in need, successfully.



NAVAJEEVAN THIS YEAR

Contact centers in the City	- 06
Children registered in the Shelter	- 35
Children counseled	- 35
Home placement	- 17
Children trained in Bridge School	- 56
Youth Trained in short term Skills	- 110
DB –Tech (Vizag)	-69
DB –Tech (Devipuram)	-123



Terms used in



CHILD PROTECTION

It is defined as the responsibilities, measures and activities that are undertaken to safeguard children from both intentional and unintentional harm. UNICEF uses the term 'child protection' to refer to preventing and responding to violence, exploitation and abuse against children – including commercial sexual exploitation, trafficking, child labour and harmful traditional practices, such as child marriage. UNICEF's child protection programmes also target children who are uniquely vulnerable to these abuses; especially those living without parental care, those in conflict with the law and those in armed conflict.

CHILD ABUSE

According to world Health Organization, "child abuse or maltreatment constitutes all forms of physical and/ or emotional ill-treatment, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, neglect or negligent treatment commercial or other exploitation of a child and any action resulting in actual or potential harm to child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power."

Child abuse may be a deliberate act or it may be failing to act to prevent harm. Child abuse consists of anything which individuals, institutions or processes do or fail to do, intentionally or unintentionally, which harms a child or damages their prospect of safe and healthy development into adulthood.

Child abuse also refers to "any act, deed or word which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity of a child as a human being."

Child abuse can be categorized into four different types. They are: Neglect, Emotional abuse, Physical abuse and Sexual abuse.

CHILD NEGLECT

Child neglect is abandonment of a child of a child by a parent, institution or guardian. It is depriving the child of care by not providing appropriate and necessary food, shelter, clothing, medical care and supervision. Neglect includes not providing care or control in respect to physical or emotional or psychological health; the refusal or inability to discharge parental or custodial obligations; and expressions of intention by parent, guardian or institution to discontinue care.

Child neglect is an act of omission or commission leading to the denial of a child's basic needs. Educational neglect includes failure to provide appropriate schooling or special educational needs. Psychological neglect includes lack of emotional support and love.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE OF CHILD

It is the persistent emotional maltreatment that would adversely affect the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to children that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. This may be expressed verbally or non-verbally or via electronic or written communication or any other form.

Emotional abuse includes verbal abuse, mental abuse, and psychological maltreatment. It also includes parents' or caretakers' acts or the failure to act that cause or could cause, serious behavioral, cognitive, emotional, or mental trauma. This can include parents/caretakers using extreme and/ or bizarre forms of punishment, tied to a chair for long periods of time or threatening or terrorizing a child. Less severe acts, but no less damaging, are belittling or rejecting treatment, using derogatory terms to describe the child, habitual tendency to blame the child or make him/her a scapegoat.



PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILD

The ministry of Women and Child Welfare in its study on Child Abuse define Physical abuse as “inflicting of physical injury upon a child. This may include burning, hitting, punching, shaking, kicking, beating or otherwise harming a child even when the parent or caretaker may not have intended to hurt child. It may, even be the result of over disciplining or physical punishment that is inappropriate to the child’s age”.

SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILD

Sexual abuse of child, according to American Psychological Association, “is the dominant position of an adult that allows him or her to force or coerce a child into sexual activity. Child sexual abuse is not solely restricted to physical contact; such abuse could include noncontact abuse, such as exposure, voyeurism, and child pornography”.

According to “Child Abuse: India 2007”, Sexual abuse is inappropriate sexual behaviour with a child. It includes fondling a child’s genitals, making the child fondle the adult’s genitals, intercourse, incest, rape, sodomy, exhibitionism and sexual exploitation. To be considered ‘child abuse’, these acts have to be committed by a person responsible for the care of a child (for example a baby-sitter, a parent, or a day care provider), or related to the child. When these acts are committed by a stranger it is considered as sexual assault.

The protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 enumerates various sexual offences against children such as penetrative sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, sexual harassment and use of child for pornographic purposes. This Act specifies that if such penetrative sexual assault or sexual assault are committed by persons responsible for the children (as indicated in nos. 5 & 9), then they would be considered “aggravated” crimes. The Act further prescribes punishments for various crimes as indicated above.

CHILD EXPLOITATION

Child exploitation is using a child unfairly for one’s advantage. Child sexual exploitation is when someone grooms and controls a child for a sexual purpose.

Grooming children for a sexual purpose: This involves befriending the children, gaining their trust, giving them drugs, alcohol or gifts, asking them to perform sexual acts as a favour or in exchange for something.

Grooming children online for the purpose of sexually abusing them: This involves an adult who pretends to be a child by befriending the child through online chat rooms, social networking websites, email, mobile telephone messaging, gaining their trust, and stalking their online activities.





DB Tech, Vizag enjoys a day out!

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The trainees of Vizag City visited the DB Tech Sabbavaram venture on 5th May, 2015. The day long animation programme was animated by **Fr Puthussery Sojan**, the Economist of the Province, **Fr Thomas Thottiyil**, the director, and **Fr Neelam Ratna**. The DB Tech staff of both Vizag City and Sabbavaram were present. The members felt greatly enriched by the interactive animation and the cordial fellowship.



The programme commenced at 11:00 AM with the lighting of the lamp. Fr Thomas, in his welcome speech, reiterated the dream of Don Bosco to empower youth, and through DB Tech provide employment opportunities to 20 million youth before 2020. Fr Sojan, stressed on the importance of learning good English and making the most of the opportunities offered during the 3-month training programme. He also spoke of the need for planning stating that 'failing to plan is planning to fail'.

Frs Thomas and Ratna, in an innovative manner, described the role of youth in family and society. Using video clips he enumerated the impact media creates in the lives of individuals and families. He exhorted the trainees to learn to understand the real 'language of the movies' and learn appropriate and healthy values from the same. Besides, he also spoke of relationships, family values, love, sacrifice, dignity and change. **Fr Madanu Rayappa**, from Narsipatnam too wished all the very best for the future.



The post-lunch session was filled with games and activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. At the end of the day, the members felt greatly enriched not merely by the inspiring messages they heard but also by the lovely fellowship and rapport that exists between all at DB Tech. The whole day with all its variety of activities and the location itself (Sabbavaram) was another icing on the cake! Looking forward for more of such interactive and enriching programmes, the participants returned home.





BOSCO TECH...MOVING AHEAD....TECHNICALLY....HOLISTICALLY....

On 5th June, 2015, we received information from Don Bosco Tech National Office Delhi, that Central Minister for Skill Development, **Sri. Rajiv Pratap Rudy** is in Visakhapatnam and would like to visit the Skill Training Centre of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan (Bosco Tech) at Devipuram, in Sabbavaram Mandal. So the necessary arrangements were made in a hurry and all the Skill Trainees of Visakhapatnam Centre and Devipuram Centre gathered together to receive the Minister, to listen to him and to be listened by him. But unfortunately due to some reason, the Minister was unable to make it. But the trainees instead of nursing their disappointment, converted the gathering into an occasion for community building and thus to strengthen their communion. Though some competitions were conducted, they were in a spirit of brotherhood. The students shared their experiences and the changes they were able to make in their personal and professional life, with the training they received from Don Bosco. Though the content of domains like Hospitality, BPO, Retail Marketing, etc., are practically the same all over the country, when it goes through Don Bosco Tech Training, it becomes not only information, but a process of transformation of the entire person, making him/her a good person, and a dedicated citizen, working for his/her enhancement and advancement of the entire Nation.



Bosco Tech has already trained many batches in different domains and placed them in appealing and respectable jobs which improve their self-respect as they move from being a mere dependant to contributing their mite to the Nation's growth and development .

The gathering conducted under the direction Fr. Ratna sdb, wound up with a result better than expected. This is perhaps a great tribute Bosco Tech could pay to Don Bosco, the great educator and friend of youth, who worked till his last breath for the welfare on needy youth, in this bicentenary year of his birth





Success story **MUTYALAMMA**

Nineteen year old Mutyalamma comes from a financially very insecure family. She is from a five member family including parents, a sister and a brother. Her father, Adavi Raju is a Fisherman and her mother a housewife. Mutyalamma finished her intermediate against many odds. Being the eldest child of the family, Mutyalamma worked a lot even as a minor to support her family. The money her father fetched was insufficient to meet even the food needs of the family.

Initially, Mutyalamma worked as a VOA for DWACRA (Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas) for a salary of Rs. 2000. With this tiny amount she failed to provide a better life to her siblings and went around in search of a better paying, job but failed in the attempt. One day when the DB Tech, trainers were on Mobilization, they came across Mutyalamma and her family. She was given a brief explanation about the DB Tech and the BASE program, offered at the training centre for the betterment of the youth of India. She was very inspired and was enthusiastic to join the program. Initially her parents refused to send their daughter to DB Tech. But the Staff convinced them that this would enable her to find a good job.

Mutyalamma proved herself to be a good student in attendance and learning. She was active in curricular and co-curricular activities. On completion of her training, she was taken for an interview with Khazana Jewelers Visakhapatnam, and did well. Now she is their employee with a starting salary of Rs.10'000/- exclusive of sales commission. She with a broad smile, tells everyone Don Bosco Tech intervened in my life at the most appropriate moment in the most effective way. They taught me not only 'how to make a living but also how to live.' I will be ever grateful to Don Bosco Tech because it makes my smile to last longer!

DB Tech - Vizag
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