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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends of Don Bosco Navajeevan,

We are on the threshold of yet another New Year. Time just passes by! Time just flies! We need to stop for a moment! Take stock of the years being added to our very existence! A question we need to ask: 'Are we becoming more human?'

The term, 'global village' is a fancy term these days as every one of us is interconnected due to technological advancement. Electronic and digital communications have replaced physical and interpersonal communications. The

social consciousness (basically humans are social animals) is just seen in the emojis we use while responding to situations. The hour has come to understand who we are as humans. Verbal affirmations and empathetic feelings need to be converted to action-oriented and impact creating initiatives. Nirander Safaya in his book 'The Beauty of Being Human' explains through 200 poems what it means to be human: 'Attachment to life, desire to love and be loved, thirst for knowing, and consciousness are the hall marks of human nature.'

The world needs us humans, to be more proactive in preserving the ecological balance; to be more peace loving; to be more understanding towards the global concerns; and to be more focused to work in unity with one another. In other words, egoistic tendencies need to be replaced with social consciousness.

One thing that comes to my mind as we are in the last month of the year 2022 is 'Gratitude.' I recall with humility the magnanimous heart many have towards the needy, the abandoned and the poor. The staff and children in Don Bosco Navajeevan Homes have experienced tangibly your loving care and concern.

'A big thank you' for the innumerable sacrifices you made and continue to make to bring smiles on the faces of street involved, orphan, poor, vulnerable and marginalized children being rehabilitated in Don Bosco Navajeevan Care Homes, Hyderabad. May this Christmas bring you peace, prosperity and fulfill all your heart's desires! **Happy New Year 2023!**

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas

Fr. Thomas Remalla sdb
Director

**MAY THE JOY
OF CHRISTMAS RADIATE
THROUGHOUT THE EARTH.**

**WISH YOU A
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR - 2023**

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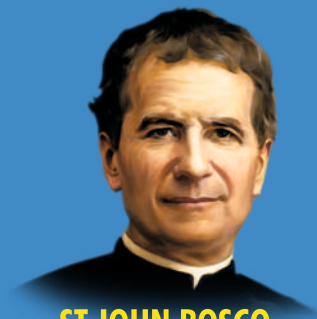
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'It is enough that
you are young to love
and care for you.'

- Don Bosco



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Our Father & Founder

DON BOSCO NAVAJEEVAN CARE HOMES

Inspired by the vision of Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Society, Don Bosco Navajeevan was started in 1998 in the twin cities of Hyderabad for the care, protection and rehabilitation of the Young at Risk (YaR). The four centres of Don Bosco Navajeevan serve as homes for the street, poor, orphan and marginalized boys and girls of the society who are picked up from vulnerable and conflicting situations. With the help of the street educators, field staff and the child welfare committee (CWC) of the Government they are rescued and rehabilitated after much counselling alongside providing for all their basic and essential needs.

Since the beginning, DBNJ contacted **32,782 children** and among them **13,635** were registered at the centres to receive various services.

As many as **7,459 children** got home placed and about **3,607** were rehabilitated in DBNJ Homes.

At present, **60 girls** and **140 boys** are pursuing formal education and vocational training in DBNJ.

Major Activities From September to November - 2022

Haircut Service by VI Foundation: September 02, 2022: A team of hairstylists from VI Foundation offered free hair cut to Don Bosco Navajeevan boys in Ramanthapur. The boys tried different hairstyles to look attractive. The team explained about personal hygiene especially about head baths to keep away dandruff. The children enjoyed head massage after their haircuts. The same foundation provided snacks and other eatables on this occasion.



Centre/Department Heads Meeting: September 03, 2022: Monthly meeting of Department Heads took place on this day to evaluate and plan for the activities being taken up for the welfare of children in DBNJ Homes. Awareness on 'Juvenile Justice Act' was given by Mr. A.M. Rajareddy, Chairperson CWC, Medchal. Executive Director Fr. Thomas Remalla reiterated that 'Children are Our Priority' and that every staff should ensure that children feel happy and secure.



Medical Camp in Balanagar Slum: September 04, 2022: Don Bosco Navajeevan Outreach Services (DB4M) conducted a medical camp at Prashant Nagar, Balanagar in collaboration with Prathima Hospitals, Kukatpally. Basic health check up was conducted along with screening for diabetes, ECG and doctor's consultation. Special thanks to Cattellyst Foundation for their support. About 150 sick and needy persons made use of the opportunity and availed free services during the medical camp.

Ganapathi Puja at Hayathnagar Home: September 04, 2022: DBNJ girls participated in Ganapati Puja held at Information Colony, Hayathnagar under the leadership of Information Colony Welfare Association. Mrs. Sabita Indrareddy who was invited for this occasion interacted with DBNJ girls. The Welfare Association members distributed note books and provided a delicious meal.



International Literacy Day: September 08, 2022: On the occasion of International Literacy Day. Br. Atchuth organized an awareness programme on the importance of being literate to excel in life. He encouraged the boys to read newspapers, magazines and other materials in order to gain knowledge for a bright future. The children appreciated the facilities provided to them by DBNJ with regard to their education. They watched inspirational videos on literacy.

Awareness on Personal Hygiene: September 16, 2022:



A drive of personal cleanliness was carried out at Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur. The boys were gathered together for a morning session of

orientation on keeping themselves and the area clean and tidy. Focus on personal cleanliness resulting in good health and better learning was explained through charts and images. The boys spent time in trimming their nails, cleaning of wardrobes, sanitizing their living areas etc and finally taking a good bath.

MSW Students from Kerala Visit DBNJ: September 19, 2022: 58 MSW students and 2 faculty members from Don Bosco College, Kerala visited Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur as part of their field visit. Fr. P.Arul Das took them on a tour of the whole campus and gave a general orientation about the impact being achieved through the rehabilitation of street, orphan and marginalized children. They interacted with children, encouraged them to dream big and appreciated the efforts of DBNJ Management and Staff.

Football Coaching at Ramanthapur: September 22, 2022:



Don Bosco often reminded the students, "Jump, run and play but don't sin." Following the footsteps of our founder, Navajeevan homes ensured sufficient time for play in the daily timetable. A

full-fledged foot ball coaching was started on this day. Fr. Thomas Remalla, the Executive Director inaugurated the training session and wished the Coach, Mr. Vivin and the boys all success. The excitement is boundless and the boys wait eagerly for the arrival of the coach everyday.

Medical Camp in Ramanthapur Slum: September 25, 2022: Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad conducted a medical camp on this day in collaboration with Cattellyst Foundation under the banner "Cattellyst-Don Bosco Navajeevan Migrant Project, Hyderabad" for the most



deserving group of people of a slum on the bunds of Ramanthapur Lake. They are workers involved in garbage collection and segregation, septic tanker

drivers and cleaners, watchmen and watchwomen of apartments, domestic helps, auto drivers and other lower income workers. Thanks to Prathima Group of Super Specialty Hospitals, Kacheguda for collaborating with DBNJ to make this medical camp a success and useful to 150 beneficiaries. Diabetic screening, BP, ECG, 2D Echo tests were carried out besides Cardiologist and General Physician consultations. Necessary medicines were also distributed on this occasion. Kudos to slum leaders and DBNJ migrant team for their concerted efforts in making this event a blessing for the needy!

Extra Curricular Activities at Nampally Home: October 01-09, 2022:

During Dusserha holidays the kids at Nampally had a week long extracurricular activities. The children learnt paper cutting skills, flower making, knitting friendship bands, and chart preparations on various themes like water, earth, environment etc. Sr. Anupama taught the children with great patience.



Gandhi Jayanthi: October 02, 2022:



The 'aftercare home' youngsters paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi by garlanding his statue erected in Don Bosco Navajeevan, New Bhoiguda premises. Fr. Koshy addressed

the boys on this occasion and encouraged them to control their temper, anger and walk in his footsteps. He recalled also the great determination that Mahatma Gandhi had in achieving freedom from foreign rule.

Services at DON BOSCO NAVAJEEVAN

- ★ Shelter
- ★ Counseling
- ★ Home Placement
- ★ Street Presence
- ★ Formal Education
- ★ Career Guidance
- ★ Vocational Training
- ★ Coaching in Sports / Games
- ★ Kitchen Gardening
- ★ After Care
- ★ Health Camps
- ★ Drug De-addiction Orientation
- ★ Open Shelter
- ★ 1098-Childline
- ★ Covid affected families reachout
- ★ DB4M (Don Bosco for Migrants)

DBNJ ACTION PLAN

Street to **School**

Street to **Skill**

Street to **Society**

'For you I study,
For you I work,
For you I live,
For you I am ready,
even to give my life.'

- Don Bosco

Ayudha Puja: October 03, 2022: The day before the great festival of Dussehra, Don Bosco Non-Formal Technical School boys gathered together to bless the tools and equipments they use every day. They kept the workshop tidy and clean. Fr. Christu thanked all the boys for their hard work and encouraged them to learn the trades well in order to be successful in life. All the students thanked the instructors of various departments. Sweets and snacks were distributed to all the students and helpers.



International Day of the Girl Child: October 11, 2022:

Don Bosco Navajeevan Migrant Desk conducted an awareness rally in 3 migrant locations - Ramanthapur, Malkajgiri and Balanagar. The placards were displayed depicting the beauty and importance of girl child. The children shouted the slogans - 'SAVE GIRL CHILD, LET GIRL CHILD LIVE, EDUCATE GIRL CHILD, EDUCATING A GIRL IS EQUAL TO EDUCATING A FAMILY, and RESPECT GIRLS.' The team gathered the elders in each locality and spoke to them about letting the girl children enjoy their rights to freedom, education and equal opportunities.



Visit of Todd Huber: October 17-18, 2022: Mr. Todd Huber from the Cattellyst Foundation visited four slums in which Don Bosco Navajeevan is engaged with the migrants and their children. With their support, evening tuition centres are conducted in each location and health care is brought to their door steps. He spent time in interacting with parents, children, youth and the elders of the slum communities to learn about the strengths and challenges of the communities and suggest to the team the way forward.



Awareness Program by Hyderabad Police: October 19, 2022:

A team from Central Detective Training Institute of Hyderabad spread awareness about cyber crimes, online loan apps and internet frauds. The team advised children and the staff about being careful while opening the deceiving ads while playing online games and exposing personal data online. They demonstrated through audio visuals about the negative impact of social media.



Diwali Celebrations in DBNJ Care Homes: October 24, 2022:

The festival of

lights was celebrated with full vigour on this day in all the centres. The children had a prayer service on 'light' which dispels the darkness. The children were encouraged to look at their dark past, remove it from their minds and welcome the light into their hearts



and minds in order to walk in the path of light. The children had sumptuous meals and sweets. Crackers were burnt amidst cheer and laughter. The smaller children who were frightened to burn the crackers were assisted by elderly boys and girls.

Visit of Friends from Overseas: Friends from Manos Unidas (**October 23, 2022**) and Don Bosco Jugendhilfe-Weltweit, Switzerland (**November 01, 2022**) visited Don Bosco Prem Seva Sadan Girls Home, Hayath nagar and spent their valuable time with children and the staff. They appreciated the dance performances by the girls and enthusiastically danced with children to Indian movie songs.



Children's Day Celebrations: November 14, 2022: DBNJ centres celebrated 'Child Rights Week' that began with 'Children's Day.' The children were given awareness



about their rights that would ensure happy childhood. Various competitions were conducted under the leadership of Fr.



Christu, the Dean and In-charge sisters. The children participated in quiz, singing, drawing and dance competitions. Indoor and outdoor

games were conducted with the aim to foster unity and companionship. A short film titled 'Daari' was screened to motivate the children to choose their path to success.

Awards on Children's Day Celebration: November 14, 2022: S. Madhusudhan from 6th class and Jay

Chaithanya from 5th class received trophies / shields for being best students in the school. They are recognized as best students for standing out with good ranks, for maintaining discipline and for their good character. Congratulations.



"SAFE TOUCH" Awareness Programme by Childline - 1098: November 14, 2022: The Childline team visited all the CCI Homes in Medchal Malkajgiri District and conducted awareness programme on 'Good Touch / Bad Touch' and on the various methods to be safe from exploitation and allurements. The Child Welfare Committee Panel Members personally monitored this awareness programme.

Child Rights Awareness Programmes by Childline - 1098: November 18, 2022: The Childline team along with



local administration officials visited various slums in Medchal Malkajgiri District and organized awareness programme on child's education and their rights to enjoy happy childhood. They made the participants to take a vow to send children to school rather than for work.



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DBNJ Team participates in National YaR Meeting: November 30, 2022: The

DBNJ team - Fr. Thomas Remalla, Fr. Koshy Thomas, selected staff and children, represented at the National Seminar and AGM held at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad on Nov 30 & Dec 01, 2022. The DBNJ boys and girls performed cultural items during the inaugural programme. Fr. Koshy



presented the 'after care' model being followed in DBNJ Homes as the national delegates discussed on the topic of 'after care.' Padma Shri Shanta Sinha and Mrs. Aruna Bahuguna IPS spoke during the day appreciating and encouraging Don Bosco Institutions

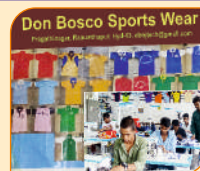
across India for the steps taken for the welfare of children. On this day, DBNJ girls from Hayathnagar presented a well coordinated welcome dance with colourful dresses and mesmerizing dance movements. A well scripted skit on 'After Care,' written and directed by Mr. Suvarna (Bhoiguda) was enacted perfectly on stage by the brothers and boys of Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur. The audience was spell bound and applauded the cultural items presented by DBNJ children.



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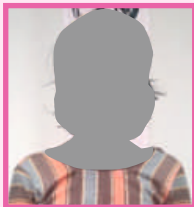
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Case Study

Kamakshi: The most unfortunate Girl



Kamakshi (name changed) does not know how her dad looks as he died when this girl was very small. Later her mother married another man who was a drunkard. The family was living on the pavements along the highway in a makeshift shelter.

The step father too died in 2020 allegedly strangled to death by his friends when they were all drinking alcohol together. Just two days after his death, the mother took her to wash clothes in a lake nearby. A few

moments later, her mother went deep into the lake, drowned herself and died. Horrified, the girl ran with tremors and shivering to her grandfather to inform about the incident. The police were informed and the grandfather disowned her saying he could not look after her. The girl was brought to CWC and further to DBPSS. Right now she is studying in 6th class. The trauma still haunts her. She gets easily upset with other children and gets into a quarrel with them. DBPSS is making every effort to counsel her and accept the loss she had. She says she has an elder brother, younger brother and a younger sister. Right now she does not know where they are. She is happy to study for a secured future.

Success Story

Michael Sandeep-An Example of Hard Work and Dedication

Michael Sandeep who lost his parents at a very young age joined Don Bosco Navajeevan in the year 2012, accompanied by his elder sister and JMJ Sisters from Manoharabad. His two elder sisters were also looked after by the JMJ Convent Sisters as they have no one to look after them. Michael realized that hard work alone would bring him name and satisfaction. He won over the hearts of the management by his disciplined behaviour and keen interest in studies. DBNJ carefully counseled him so as to bring out his full potential. He considered DBNJ to be his home and family and faced every challenge with self determination and intent focus.

Michael has successfully completed his Class X in the Govt. High School, Ramanthapur. He then reached New Bhoiguda Center for his further studies where he completed his 2 years of Intermediate in RLD Govt. Junior College. And then, he started his graduation in Aurora Degree College at RTC Cross Roads and successfully came out with flying colours as a merit student.

As he was pursuing his studies, he also searched for ways and means of earning for his expenses and so he worked part time in many places - Call Centers, Gift Shops, Subway, Pizza and Burger Restaurants etc. Having the desire to learn new things, he chose a short term electrical course organized in DBHRDC, Gagillapur and worked as an apprentice in Schneider Electronics, Hyderabad during Corona time, for a year. He completed a three month course in digital marketing and after attending many interviews, he was selected to be a trainee at US IT Recruiter in SPARITY IT Company with a good package.



All his difficulties were overshadowed with the generous support of the donors and well wishers of Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad. He is ever thankful to every donor who contributed for his growth and well being.

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