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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends of Don Bosco Navajeevan,

All of us are busy in tuning our television sets, recharging our DTHs, checking internet connections and moreover, modulating our minds and our schedules to the carnival of Cricket World Cup 2023. This mega event is more than just a temporary obsession and it cuts across all differences and barriers. It is a global celebration of unity and excellence. Such occasions are the opportunities to showcase common humanity, brotherhood and the pursuit

of excellence on and off the pitch.

These unpredictable competitions, more than entertaining every one of us, they also serve as platforms for individual participants to sharpen one's own talent and deliver maximum on the ground. There are innumerable examples of 'not so significant persons' turning out to be super heroes overnight with their amazing performances. It takes only a moment to rise to the occasion and grab the opportunity to be successful.

I think, every competition teaches us two things. First 'no one competes to lose.' The mind becomes stronger and reacts quickly guiding the body to cling on to complete the race. And so, failure is not by choice but accidental. Second, 'success is a gradual process.' The warm up matches, league matches, super sixes, semifinals decide the finalists. Similarly, each one of us become successful only after climbing the steps of success gradually, winning every significant and insignificant daily competitions and challenges.

I present to all the readers the theme of Don Bosco National YaR Network Campaign 2023, "Healthy Mind- Healthy Life." Let us commit ourselves to bring fullness of life to every child and youth in our care.

Thank you, dear friends and sponsors, for your kind generosity and partnership.

Affectionately,

Fr. Thomas Remalla sdb

Executive Director

**"Competition gives me energy. It keeps me focused."
– Conor McGregor**

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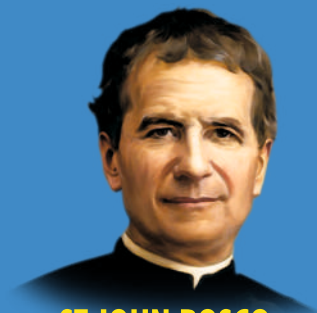
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*'It is enough that
you are young to love
and care for you.'*

- Don Bosco



ST JOHN 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 **32,799 children** and among them **13,652** were registered at the centres to receive various services.

As many as **7,460 children** got home placed and about **3,622** were rehabilitated in DBNJ Homes.

At present, **60 girls** and **120 boys** are pursuing formal education and vocational training in DBNJ.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Don Bosco Navajeevan Family is deeply saddened by the sudden demise of **Mrs. Indira**, a great benefactor of four DBNJ centres. Our heartfelt condolences to Mr. Mukesh and his family members. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.
Om Shanti!



Died on 29.09.2023

Major Activities From July to September 2023

College Admissions for Girls, Hayathnagar: July 6, 2023: Don Bosco



Navajeevan commended P. Poojitha, S.Lavanya, P. Meghana, S. Keerthana, M. Chitti and N. Radha for their overwhelming success in 10th standard examinations. After their results, these girls were made aware through career guidance sessions of the innumerable opportunities of study/courses available as they step in to college life. A personal interaction with

every student contributed to choosing a career path that would settle them well in life. Recognizing their aspirations for further education, the girls were enrolled in Smt. Durgabai Deshmukh Women's Technical Training Institute for their Polytechnic studies. Sr. Shoba and her team made necessary arrangements with the assistance of CWC Rangareddy District as the girls were on the threshold of a new college environment.

"Mother's Month" Inauguration and Competitions - Ramanthapur: July 16, 2023:

The youngsters in Ramanthapur celebrated meaningfully 'Marian Month' with the theme "Mother's Month." This programme was inaugurated by Fr. Christu in the presence of Fr. Thomas Remalla, Fr. Gnanam, Fr. Arogya who encouraged the children to participate in the special events wholeheartedly. A month-long activity was aimed at recalling the ever-protective



role of the mother in each one's lives. A lot of time was spent on sharing the intimate moments of being in the lap of their mothers which further led them to express deepest gratitude for the selfless sacrifices their mothers made to raise them up. Drawing competitions and singing competitions were unique as the children creatively expressed their love for their mothers.

Staff Training Programme (Training of Trainers): July 17, 2023: The DBNJ management organized in Ramanthapur a day-long Google for Nonprofit input sessions with hands on experience for the in-charges, wardens and department heads of all four centres. The purpose of this training was to introduce computing tools to make certain clean operations regarding the preservation of

daily diaries, chronicles, newsletters and accounts. Mr. Ramesh and Fr. Arogya explained in detail various practices that would help in documenting the impact being created in the mission for the young at risk as well as bringing more transparency into the system. Fr. Thomas Remalla, Director stressed on the importance of staying connected with one another as every DBNJ team member moves ahead to bring a positive change in the most marginalized children and youth.



WORLD' for setting up this lab in loving remembrance of their 30 impactful years of 'Love & Service' across the globe.

Children Parliament and Staff Meeting at Hayathnagar: July 23, 2023: Fr. Thomas Remalla, the Executive



Director addressed the children parliament in Hayathnagar and encouraged the girls to support each other and make lasting friendships where

everyone feels welcomed and cared for. He congratulated children parliament leaders and reminded them that they should take responsibility for smooth running of the home. Later, he met all the staff of Girls Home and suggested ways to improve the standards of care.

Counselling / Career Guidance / Goal Setting Sessions: July 28, 2023: The

care leavers in Aftercare Home were personally guided by Fr. Koshy Thomas, Director and Mr. Ramesh Dondapati, Project Coordinator. Each



individual's stories and aspirations were recorded in prescribed formats. At the end of the counselling session, the youth were helped to frame their goal in life and develop an action plan to reach that goal. Additionally, all fundamental documentation of youth were updated. The boys expressed happiness as they felt encouraged and accompanied in their search for meaning in life.

Staff Meeting at Ramanthapur: August 04, 2023:



Fr. Thomas Remalla, Executive Director called for a general meeting of all the staff of Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur on this day to inform about the standards

of care that need to be practiced while working with children. The programme was also an opportunity for the

Genpact visit at Ramanthapur: July 18, 2023: A group



of clients, senior management and team members from GENPACT visited Don Bosco Navajeevan Ramanthapur to spend time with the beneficiary

children. They visited the residence of children, skill training centre and study halls while interacting with the children about their goals and dreams. Later, they distributed provisions and educational stationery to all the children.

Computer Lab Inauguration at Bhoiguda: July 20, 2023:

A newly set up computer Lab in Don Bosco Navajeevan Aftercare Home, New Bhoiguda, Secunderabad was inaugurated by Fr. Thomas Remalla,



Rector & Executive Director and Fr. Thomas Koshy, Director of Aftercare Home in the presence of marginalized and vulnerable youth receiving care, protection and aftercare services in the home. Through this new facility, the resident youth are trained to be computer literate as they are on the verge of entering the society after leaving institutional care. Thanks to 'ONE

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

staff to express their suggestions and opinions. Fr. Thomas Remalla provided valuable insights and successfully addressed all the staff's concerns and issues. Prior to the meeting, the Catholic staff members had a solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Congratulations to the Winners: August 20, 2023: Don Bosco Navajeevan,



Hyderabad is extremely happy about the great achievement of Mr. Aditya and Mr. Krishna, studying in Boys Town, who performed well in their ITI Examinations by securing outstanding results. DBNJ is proud of these youngsters and thank Fr. Ashok Lingampalli for his personal follow up of these youngsters and finding sponsorships for such bright students. We

wish them all the best for the next academic year. May they continue to inspire all other inmates with their good behaviour and success in examinations.

Lunch and a Half Day Outing for Nampally Children: August 13, 2023: Ms.

Shilpa and her team belonging to the 'Robinhood Army' took the children for a lunch at a popular restaurant named 'Rayalaseema Ruchulu.' The children were excited to savour the mouthwatering dishes served during the meal. Later, the children spent time in the public gardens enjoying the beauty of nature especially the lush green trees and the lawns. The



children and the staff thanked Ms. Shilpa and her friends for arranging this memorable trip and being so close to them throughout the day.

Independence Day Celebrations: August 15, 2023: India's 77th Independence



Day was celebrated in DBNJ Ramanthapur with the participation of children and staff from four centres. The celebration was graced by the presence of Mr. A.M. Raja Reddy, the Medchal District CWC Chairperson. He hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Fr. Thomas Remalla, Executive Director and the management.

He exhorted the children to participate actively in the nation building activities by studying hard now and remaining honest and responsible citizens in the future. Members from 'TVS Riders Club' took out a rally on this occasion with their elegant bikes making the DBNJ children sit as pillion riders holding National Flags and shouting patriotic slogans in the grounds of DBNJ Ramanthapur. The club members chipped in their share to donate provisions and stationery articles for the benefit of DBNJ children and youth.

Slum Children celebrate Independence Day: August 15, 2023: Balanagar Tuition centre children celebrated with great enthusiasm India's Independence



Day. Children raised slogans and recalled the great many sacrifices of India's freedom fighters. A quiz competition was conducted on this day by Mr. Pandu and Mr. Satish and small gifts were distributed to the winners.

Medical Camp in Nampally: August 20, 2023: Dr. Uzma Fathima and her team took an initiative to organize a medical camp for the resident children staying in Nampally Home. Personal physical examination of every child was undertaken to understand the healthy growth of each child. Necessary medicine was distributed for those children who needed some basic medication.

Chandrayaan 3 Success Celebrations: August 23, 2023: The children in DBNJ centres glued on to TV sets on



this day to witness the historical event of Chandrayaan 3 safe landing on the moon's surface. The children prayed in silence for the success of ISRO's mission and burst

into joy and laughter as they came to know the news of Chandrayaan 3 success. They felt so proud to be part of this memorable moment. The children learnt practically that 'failures are the stepping stones of success.'

Birthday of Fr. Provincial at Ramanthapur: August 23, 2023:

DBNJ community joyfully celebrated the birthday of dear provincial, Fr. Thomas Santiago. The boys expressed their heartfelt wishes by singing an exclusive birthday tune for him and these precious moments were captured on video and sent to Fr. Provincial as a token of their love and appreciation. Fr. Christuraju and his group created a stunning backdrop to showcase the immense affection they have for their dear Provincial.



Inauguration of Rose Marie Laundry Hall, Hayathnagar: August 24, 2023:



The Rose Marie Laundry Hall for the girl children at Hayathnagar was inaugurated by the chief guest Fr. Sarath, BSK Director and Provincial Councilor in the

august presence of DBNJ Management, children, staff and most importantly, the families of Bossart-Heer and their friends who joined the live telecast of the programme. Fr. Thomas Remalla, Executive Director recalled the self-sacrificing and generous contribution made by Mrs. Irma and her family to create a neat, airy and tidy laundry area for the daily benefit of girls and staff. Earlier, the children decorated the laundry hall with flowers, balloons and mango leaves celebrating the auspicious moment of dedicating this new hall for their needs. Late Mrs. Rose Marie is the dear mother of Mrs. Irma Bossart. Great many thanks to Mrs. Irma and her family for such a beautiful and needy gift.

Care leavers Get Together, Bhoiguda: August 26, 2023:

"Care Leavers Get Together Program" was held at Bhoiguda with an aim to relive the moments of togetherness which they cherished earlier while staying



in Don Bosco Navajeevan Homes. The care leavers shared their personal experiences and pledged to support each other especially in moments of difficulty. Fr. Koshy, Director encouraged the care leavers to gracefully move into the society from institutional care capacitated to face life and situations as they come. This get together created a strong sense of mutual trust and friendship among care leavers.

Rakhi Festival at Ramanthapur, Nampally: August 31, 2023:

On the greatest occasion of Raksha Bandhan, staff and students





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from St. Francis college visited DBNJ boys and expressed their sisterly love towards them. They tied Rakhi on the wrists of the boys and sponsored snacks and chocolates for all the children. In return, the boys thanked them for this great emotional bonding. Women volunteers Ms. Julia and Ms. Victoria celebrated rakh

festival with Nampally boys by tying rakhis and exchange of sweets.

YaR Campaign 2023-2024: August 31, 2023: A year-long national YaR campaign 'Choose Life-Not Drugs' for the year 2022-2023 was concluded on this day. All the Don Bosco YaR Network centres came online to participate in the programme. A review of activities taken up during the past year was presented through AV presentations. To mark the conclusion of the campaign, all the participants pledged again to choose life and not drugs. In the same programme, the theme for YaR Campaign 2023-2024



'Healthy Mind – Healthy Life' was revealed by YaR sector SPCI Provincial In-charge Rev. Fr. Thomas Santiago SDB. The National YaR Forum Director Fr. Joe Prabhu exhorted all the staff and children to develop habits that promotes mental wellbeing.

Start of a New Tuition Centre at NTR Nagar, Kukatpally: September 01, 2023:

A new tuition centre In NTR Nagar, Kukatpally was started on this day to extend educational support to migrant settlers from Latur district, Maharashtra who mainly work as daily labourers, street vendors and auto drivers. Noticing the school drop outs ratio, DBNJ Outreach team started this centre to streamline and support children to continue their education at least upto 10th standard.



National YaR Seminar & AGM: September 20-22, 2023: A yearly seminar for all the staff and associates of Don Bosco YaR Network Centres in India took place in Don Bosco Youth Animation Centre, Ennore, Chennai. The seminar dwelt on the YaR campaign theme 'Healthy Mind - Healthy Life.' All the input sessions and discussions centered on this topic. The way forward session elicited a great number of suggestions to make the children in YaR settings healthier mentally. A total of 94 delegates participated in this event. Fr. Thomas Remalla, Fr. Koshy Thomas, Mr. Ramesh Dondapati along with INH YaR Commission members were present for this seminar and the annual general body meeting. Thanks to INM province for their hospitality and arrangements.



SUCCESS STORY: ANCHORED ON TO DON BOSCO

We, at Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad were taken aback to see two handsome and energetic young men walk into Ramanthapur campus on September 12, 2023. As they were looking around the whole campus, a gentle smile and a glow on their face was noticed. Soon we realized that they were reliving the moments of their stay in the lap of DBNJ that had a profound impact on their character and personal growth. For a moment, they were listening to their own good old-time voices of fun and frolic, dance beats and gentle corrections by the then caregivers. What a flash of memory down the lane!

This is the story of Mr. Farooq and Mr. Michael D'Souza who made use of every opportunity to nurture their

dreams to be successful. Overcoming their difficult family backgrounds, vulnerabilities and emotional deprivations, they adopted DBNJ to be their new family and began to search for meaning, happiness and even more, a career path to success. The initial handholding by DBNJ made these two young men to live with dignity and earn with respect. Mr. Farooq lives in Austria working as DOP in western film industry and Mr. Michael lives in Belgium working as a manager in a German company. Their interaction with children in Ramanthapur and Bhoiguda homes turned out to be very inspiring. They urged the children to develop their skill set. We wish both success and good health. The tattoo on Mr. Michael's hand speaks the rest...



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through EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT
to be HONEST, RESPONSIBLE &
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Let us together empower a child to realize his / her dreams ...

