

**Dear Confreres,**

We are very happy that the path towards GC28 has been announced by our Rector Major! And after nearly 55 years, the General Chapter will be held at Valdocco, Turin, the cradle of Salesian Society which will surely bring a strong charismatic and symbolic touch to the incoming GC28!



GC28 will be from 16 February 2020 to 04 April 2020. Rev. Fr. Stefano Vanoli, the Secretary General of the Congregation, has been appointed as the Moderator of GC28. There is a clear theme of the GC28 ‘What kind of Salesians (do we need)for the Youth of today?’ with three specific focus - first on the Urgent Mission for the youth of today, second on the Profile of the Salesian Today and the third on the Shared Mission by Salesians and Lay mission collaborators. Probably for the first time in Salesian history a General Chapter theme is expressed as one open question!

The unity of the GC28 theme should inspire each one of us, energized by ongoing formation, to discern new and prophetic ways of serving the young people wherever we are while also sharing the mission with our lay collaborators. As a Province, INM will certainly be revamping the Youth Ministry and Mission in this direction to be more effective and relevant in our own communities. It is good to keep in mind that each General Chapter is not just for the 250 ‘Elected Salesians’ but a good opportunity of renewal for all 14.500 ‘Simple’ Salesians’. Let us begin to pray fervently that GC 28 may bring about a radical transformation in the Salesian world so that we may become the change we want to be and to see!

Come Holy Spirit, inspire us Salesians with a fervent desire to love and work for the youth of today as we prayerfully discern in our GC28,new horizons for spreading your Word in their hearts and lives. Come Holy Spirit of Faith, empower our community to be courageous; unite each one of us as witnesses of your love. Enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth. Walk with us as we continue to grow in appreciation of their many gifts, in the journey of faith we walk with them and as we blaze new trails of Salesianityin listening and accompanying themjust as Don Bosco did in his time.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth, fill the hearts of young people with hope and love; touch their hearts that they may know they are valued and valuable beings. Send your Spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world. Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. Give them the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a fruitful Summer Ministry 2018 as we will come face to face with numerous young people during the variety summer camps and courses offered in our communities. Am sure that our daily, friendly and sincere rapport with the young, will eventually make us comprehend ‘What kind of Salesians (do we need) for the Youth of today?’

Yours truly in Don Bosco,

**Fr. Dominic Matthews SDB**  
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# DON BOSCO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE (DBCAS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION

### ARTSY CLICKZ '18 – Event Report

The department of Visual Communication, Don Bosco College of Arts and Science (DBCAS) conducted an exhibition titled “ARTSY CLICKZ’18 on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at DB SQUARE. The event was co-ordinated by Prof. Mrs.E. Anita Juliana, Co-ordinator, Department of Visual Communication, along with Prof. Elayaraja and with the student Co-ordinator’s Ganesan [II B.Sc Vis. Com.] and Bhatcha [II B.Sc Vis.Com.].

To inaugurate the event we had an esteemed personality in our mist, Mr. Arun a renowned Photographer and the Chief Executive Officer of Arun Titan Studio who accepted to be the chief guest for the event. The event bloomed with the fragrance and prestigious presence of our Principal, Fr. Dr. Siluvai Muthu SDB, our Vice-Principal Bro. Arun SDB , Prof. Henry Maria Victor, Dept. of Visual Communication, Loyola college Chennai. Mrs. Anita Juliana, Co-ordinator Dept. of Visual Communication, DBCAS.

It was a wonderful event which portrays Art and Photography exhibited by I & II Bsc Visual Communication students. The chief guest delivered a motivating speech in the field of photography thereby stimulating their interest and passion in Art and Photography field and taught them the nuances that need to be studied through artistic quality and uniqueness. Our chief guest Mr. Arun by the way of appreciation awarded the students in the categories of best performances in Art and Photographic display. The following students won the cash award

**Best Art : Ganesan .S II B .Sc Vis Com**  
**Best Photography : Amal John II B. Sc Vis com**

The event Kindled the spirit of Art beyond our boundary. Nearly from 13 colleges, students visited our exhibition display and also gave a positive feedback which made the saying true, “In every work of art, the artist himself is present”. Hence the “Artsy Clickz’18 “has not only enlightened the works but also the spirit of the students passion in their field. Bro. Arunraj Selladurai sdb



# Women's Day

at Basin Bridge

08.03.2018



The Don Bosco Social Service Society (DBSSS) celebrated their 22nd Women's Day at Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Basin Bridge on March 10, 2018. While the Chief Guest was Mrs. Kanimozhi, MP, the Guest of Honour was Mr. Kana Bala (Singer and poet).

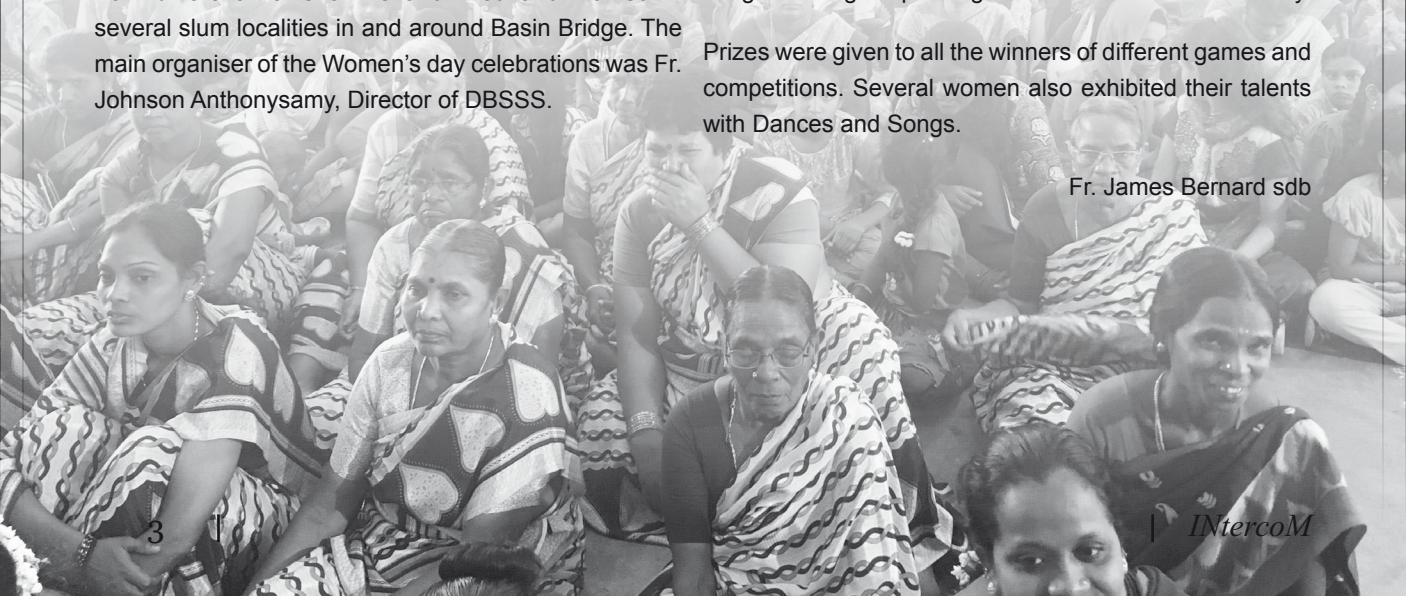
Over 2000 women from different Self Help Groups of DBSSS, participated in the event. These women were from different walks of life and lived and worked in several slum localities in and around Basin Bridge. The main organiser of the Women's day celebrations was Fr. Johnson Anthonysamy, Director of DBSSS.



"Mrs. Kanimozhi gave a beautiful motivational speech emphasising not to expect or take anything free, but to empower oneself with skills to earn a living and to educate the children," informs Fr. James Bernard. Mr. Kana Bala sang two songs explaining the life of women in the family.

Prizes were given to all the winners of different games and competitions. Several women also exhibited their talents with Dances and Songs.

Fr. James Bernard sdb





## Twin Celebrations to Mark *Annual Day*

**A**lthough it was the fourth year of the functioning of Don Bosco Polytechnic College at Basin Bridge, this year is the first time the Annual Day is being celebrated in a grand manner. “Hence we decided to observe it as the official First Annual Day, on March 4, 2018, in our campus,” says Fr. James Bernard SDB, Principal, Don Bosco Polytechnic College. “It was the day of gratitude to thank several persons involved in various stages of initiating this college. ITI students and their parents joined the celebrations,” informs Fr. Bernard.

It was also the Annual Day of St. Joseph’s Technical Institute, popularly known as Joe Tech ITI. Fr. Ashok Amaladoss, Principal of Joe Tech ITI presented the Annual Report of ITI. Fr. James Bernard, Principal of Don Bosco Polytechnic College presented the Annual Report for the Academic Year 2017-2018, recalling all the major events that lighted up in the holistic formation of the students.

In both the events, all the students, their parents and teachers participated in full strength. “There were 500 students, 600 parents and 45 teachers present during the celebrations,” says Fr. Bernard. The Chief Guest was Fr. K. M. Jose, Provincial and the Guest of Honor was Mr.

Neelakandan (former MLA of TVK Constituency, Chennai). The institutions felicitated Mr. Kaspar Lourdu (person who helped in all the Govt. approval processes), Mr. Janarthanan (a lawyer who helped in all the legal procedures to rectify the land issues) and Mr. Christopher (Construction Engineer and Proprietor of Sarcar Foundation).

Many students involved themselves in various cultural programmes like Dances, Mime, etc. added color to the celebrations. Students received awards and prizes for the excellence in various disciplines (Academic Excellence, 100% Attendance, Subject Excellence, Proficiency in Practicals, Good Discipline, etc.). The parents who attended, also visited the various workshops and labs.



Fr. Johnson Antonysamby sdb  
| *IntercoM*

# WITH THE YOUTH & FOR THE YOUTH, THE DON BOSCO WAY AS A SALESIAN BROTHER

**M**y soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour! With the Blessed Mother, I sing this song of praise for these Fifty Years of Religious life as a Salesian Brother. In 1968 I pronounced for the first time the religious vows and offered myself to the Lord as a Salesian Brother. That day I sought the intercession of the Blessed Mother to help me walk the path that Don Bosco had taken. Of course my parents did not understand the concept of being a Brother. I too did not have a clear notion of this call. However, during my one year stay in the United States I studied and learnt a lot about Don Bosco and about his spirituality. I also made a study on the Salesian Brotherhood. There it occurred to me that to work among the youth one need not be a Priest, but even a Salesian Brother, with the zeal and spirit of Don Bosco, one can be an effective apostle and friend of the youth. This personal conviction gave me the impetus to spur on as a Salesian Brother. With joy I have lived these fifty years of religious life as a Salesian Brother.

I was born in Alantali, a seashore village, in the diocese of Tuticorn, My parents were simple people who were deeply rooted in the Catholic faith. This religious faith and conviction they imparted to me, to my elder brother, to my sister, younger to me, and to my younger brother. For a few years my dad worked in Ceylon. After dad's return from Ceylon, we came to Chennai. My schooling began here in Madras, and I studied from 1st to 8th standard. Then I was put in Don Bosco, Pannur where, after my 11th standard I stayed for a year and learnt about the Salesian way of life. I completed PUC and obtained a bachelor's degree in Commerce, in Vellore.

In this span of 50 years of Salesian Brotherhood, 25 years have been spent in Oratories / Youth Centres located at Basin Bridge, Vyasarpadi, Broadway, Katpadi and in Madurai. 5 years were spent in Salem where we started a Don Bosco Anbu Illam unit. As pioneers, we had much struggles and difficulties; but the mission of Don Bosco stood the test of time. 10 years were spent as a Salesian Vocation Promoter.



My fifty year journey as a Salesian was not without the trying and testing times which have left me still wondering. The 'why' of my sudden transfer from Basin Bridge to Madurai, in Sept 1984, has remained unanswered; but religious obedience took precedence over all human thoughts. The Silver Jubilee of my Religious Profession in 1994 was not celebrated in Madurai K. Pudur, the place of my apostolic assignment then. It remains an unsolved puzzle. As a Vocation Promoter, I could not speak convincingly about vocation to the Salesian Brotherhood, which I regret to this day.

The Salesian work is spread over 133 countries of the world. Around 15,000 Salesians work for the salvation of souls and for the welfare of the youth. Of these nearly 2000 are Salesian Brothers. In India there are 125 Salesian Brothers. In Tamilnadu there are 20 Salesian Brothers in the Provinces of Chennai and Trichy, together.

Blessed Rinaldi, one of the successors of Don Bosco, encouraged Salesian Brotherhood. Hence 5th Dec, his Feast Day is celebrated as the Salesian Brothers Day. However, world over, 4th Oct, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated as the Religious Brothers Day. St. Francis of Assisi, though the founder of the Franciscan Order, remained an exemplary Brother. There are religious orders like the Society of the Brothers of Sacred Heart, Montfort Brothers that are exclusively for Brothers. There are nearly 30 religious societies of Brothers.

In these 50 years of Religious commitment there have been challenging and enriching occasions and events.

- When the South Asia Salesian Brothers Convention was held in Chennai, I was assigned the responsibility of being its Coordinator, which I executed to the joy and satisfaction of all the participants.
- Having very little knowledge and educative backup/ achievement and communicative skills, I was asked to go to the United States to learn about the Spirituality of Don Bosco. Though I did not return with flying colours, I flew back home with the conviction of achieving and succeeding in youth apostolate as a Salesian Brother.
- The pioneering work of starting Don Bosco Anbu Illam in Salem was a testing time.
- 6 years as a member of the Provincial council and being also the delegate of Salesian Brothers at Provincial and National levels were demanding.

In these years of my Salesian life there are people who have left an indelible mark and memories that I cherish:

- Govindaraj Maycherry Meril, the first vagrant boy I encountered in Anbu Illam
- Shanmugam of Basin Bridge – now working as a Government Light House Official, who rose to such heights when his father was just a rickshaw driver.
- Karunakaran of Basin Bridge who coaches Basin Bridge football team
- John Bosco of Broadway, who worked with zeal and commitment as Assistant Director of DBYC

I have not been a lone rider as a Salesian Brother. There are Brothers like, Bro. Shanthi, Bro. Joseph Dass, Bro. Expedit Lobo, Bro. Sigamony and Bro. Lucas, whom I have admired and continue to admire, and whose memories I cherish.

My Salesian journey to this day had not been on a bed of roses. I have walked the rugged hill with my Master and I know that I will win the crown of life when the race is run.

Bro. Rodrigo Meril sdb



# Exemplary Achievement



**V**eeramani, a youngster and a former night school teacher of Don Bosco Rural Integral Technical Education (DBRITE) was part of the Indian team that participated in the Thailand-India Sitting Volleyball League match (handicapped), and won the series which took place in Thailand. Soon, he will be playing in the Asian games and then in Olympics (Paralympics).

Fr. Mathew Rajan sdb

# DB Diamond Jubilee

*Egmore*

**D**on Bosco Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Egmore, Chennai is celebrating their Diamond Jubilee this year. The Salesians of Don Bosco at Don Bosco School, Egmore with the Vision - Don Bosco School stands for the integral development of the student – to help develop the student's spirit, mind and body, in the footsteps of Don Bosco, have carried the same charism to numerous young people studying in their esteemed institute from 1958 to 2018. Rev. Fr. Arul Raja SDB, Principal of the school has been carrying out his mission with great fervour and astuteness and is looked up as a towering personality of resplendent achievements.

On January 19 and 20, cultural and entertainment programmes were held. Students and their parents were invited to the programmes on the first day, while the second day's celebrations were held for Salesians and their family members. The entertainment events comprised of music, dance, fusion dance and other programmes.

"My heart overflows with thanksgiving; I will recount God's greatness forever" - These typical expressions of the psalmists have become a reality on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee celebrations. It is our deep pride and immense joy to come together to tell the humanity and the world of young people, God's long standing intervention spanning over sixty years and His faithful accompaniment in the growth of our prestigious institute. On this beautiful moment, we remember with grateful hearts all the eminent personalities who with the extraordinary academic brilliance have brought glories to our institute.

The magnificent dreams and giant visions of Don Bosco were always aimed towards education of young minds and saving their souls. The historical pages of the life of St. John Bosco clearly mentions how he was very keen in forming and developing the total well being so that they may ultimately become God's children and good citizens for the society.







A deep sense of gratitude and thanksgiving overflows from our hearts as we look back the wonders God had manifested in our school. Our school has made marvelous achievements, reached incredible heights with the passionate and dedicated staff members working from the start of our school. The principals and teachers indeed have taken pride in reaching out to the students both in teaching and in forming them, thus together taken extraordinary efforts to make our institute grow with remarkable progress.



The quote of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" and the quote of Mahatma Gandhi, "By education, I mean an all-round drawing of the best in child and man in body, mind and spirit" rightly exemplifies the true scope and motivation of a school. In fact, our school offers the same purpose focusing on efficiency, loyalty and integrity in all its undertakings. May this celebration of Diamond Jubilee of our school assure us God's blessings for the coming years and remind us for more dedication in our service keeping in mind the charism given by our father and founder - the development of young people in our institute and upcoming as God's children.

Bro. Lio Charles sdb



# *Involving Youngsters in Society*



**S**everal youngsters from rural parishes, in and around Kavrapetta, thronged the Don Bosco Theological Centre to 'Reflect and Renew' in order to involve themselves in an active manner in society. On January 22, 2018, the DBTC campus was vibrant and bubbling with energy as 211 youngsters from 14 parishes sought the grace of God through the Eucharistic celebration, which was followed by an enlightening talk by Mr. Alur Shah Nawaz the active politician of Viduthalai Chiruthai party.

His inspirational talk was like a spark among the youngsters to be a responsible and respectable public, interested in the welfare of the society. He stressed that the youth should be aware of the present political and social situation of the state and country as a whole. Following this, the floor was open for questions and discussion on the topic. The day ended on a lighter note with a cultural programme.

It must be mentioned that the day's events would not have been possible without the effort of the first year students, who had committed themselves to make this programme a success.

Bro. Ferk Simolin sdb



*INM  
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# REPORT OF INM RECTORS/LEADERS MEETING

The meeting of all the INM Rectors & Leaders was held in Citadel on 17th March 2018. The theme was “**Authority in the Salesian Congregation is SERVICE**”. In the first part of his introductory session, with the help of a powerful PowerPoint presentation, Fr. K.M. Jose, the Provincial stressed on Animation and Governance. He said Rectors/Leaders need to have a 3-D attitude - **Dialogue** but also to Listen, to **Discern** but also to Learn and to **Decide** but also to Live. We must embrace all members in our community without writing off anyone. In the second part, he listed out the Province policy of **DECENTRALIZATION** where responsibilities of the Provincial are shared with the Vice Provincial and the Economist which comes into immediate effect. He announced the visit of the Rector Major to INM from **October 16th to 19th 2018** and said we will work out the logistics in due time. He then went on to enumerate 25 tips for Rectors/Leaders and gave them each a copy of the same. After the coffee break, the Rectors/Leaders assembled at 11 a.m. **for an interactive session** moderated by the Vice Provincial Fr. Don Bosco. All the Council Members were also present.

The afternoon session witnessed an evaluation of 2017-18 which was followed by a session by Mr. S. Jyothi Kumar who gave a brief presentation of Provident Fund (PF), Pension and Insurance Policies of the Government. This was followed by a **detailed presentation of the Financial State of the Province** by the Economist Fr. Xavier Packia. The Economist enumerated a 40-point printed handout on how it is the duty of the Rector/Leader to ensure good administration of the community.

In his concluding talk, Fr. Provincial said **leaders who can be ‘collaborative’ in their leadership will be successful in guiding the community mission**. To bring about discipline, each one of us must be self-disciplined. We need to radiate positive energy towards negative confreres. Our Salesian Constitutions give us a profound way of living community life as a family. Every community must plan and prepare well the Annual Plan of the entire community mission inclusive of all sectors. He thanked all the Rectors/Leaders present for the leadership they provide in the communities and once again reminded them that **to lead means to serve**. The meeting then concluded at 4.30 p.m. with a hymn to Don Bosco.

Fr. Dominic Matthews sdb

# Fr. Stanislaus Fernandez SDB

## Passes Away

With deep sorrow, the Salesian Province of Chennai announces the passing away of our dear confrere Fr. Stanislaus Fernandez, 85 years, early morning on 19 January 2018 at Don Bosco, Aluva, Kerala. He was a Salesian for 64 years and a priest for 55 years.

His funeral services will be held at Don Bosco, Tirupattur, on Saturday, 20th January 2018 at 3 p.m.

Born on 6th April 1933, at Kumbalam (Quilon), Kerala, in the diocese of Quilon, the seventh child of Michael Fernandez and Elizabeth Fernandez. He completed his schooling at Carmel School, Nagercoil, and joined the Salesian aspirantate in Tirupattur in 1949. He entered the Salesian Novitiate at Yercaud on 24 May 1953 and made his first profession on 24 May 1954 at The Retreat, Yercaud, and completed his philosophical studies at Mount Don Bosco, Kotagiri, in 1954-56. He did his practical training at Don Bosco, Katpadi (1956-1957) and Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur (1957-1958). He made his Perpetual Profession on 24 May 1959. His theological studies were done at Sacred Heart College, Mawlai, Shillong (1959-61) and at Mount Don Bosco Kotagiri (1961-63). He was ordained a priest on 1st May 1963 at St. Mary's Co-Cathedral, Chennai by Archbishop Louis Mathias SDB. His elder brother, Fr. Charles M. Fernandez, was Vicar General of the diocese of Quilon.

The major part of his life as a priest was spent in educational ministry. He earned his Ph. D. in Education from Meston College, Chennai, in 1990, with an excellent study on the Psychological Aspects of Human Relations in Educational Administration by Heads of Schools. His distinguished services in the field of education was recognized both by the State Government and the Central Government. He was a member of the Planning Board for Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. He served as Principal/ Headmaster in our schools in Pannur (1964-66), Panjim (1966-68), Katpadi (1968-70), Varadarajanpet (1970-73), Don Bosco, Egmore (1973-80), St. Bede's, Chennai (1980-85), St. Gabriel's, Chennai, (1985-86), Carmel, Nagercoil (1986-90). He

was Rector and Principal at Don Bosco Egmore (1973-76), at St. Bede's (1980-83), The Citadel, Chennai (1993-94) and Don Bosco, Varadarajanpet (1994-97).

He was well known for this tender devotion to Our Blessed Mother and Don Bosco. He had a keen interest in helping poor young people to come up in life through education. The past few years, he had been living a serene and restful life at the Senior Salesians' Home at Aluva, Kerala. May his soul rest in peace.

*Fr. K.J. Louis sdb*



## Highlighting the Political Responsibility of Youth

Political awareness is a necessary aspect for the youth of today, as it helps them to become responsible citizens. This was the focus of the animation by Mr. Arul Doss, National Coordinator, NAPM, Mr. Gopal, Principal of Blind School, Poonamallee, Mr. Anest Raj, a student of MSW, Loyola College, Fr. Arul Valan and Mr. Stephen Raj, held at Don Bosco Polytechnic College on January 24, 2018.

In his introduction, Fr. Arul Valan made them realize their awareness level regarding the political responsibility. Mr. Stephen Raj also introduced the topic to the students by asking a few questions related to it. Mr Arul Doss took the first session based on his life's experiences of the political involvement of the youth. Mr. Gopal continued the session on the role of education in bringing a political responsibility and awareness. Mr. Anest Raj concluded the first session, sharing his experience in protesting against NEET.

The second session was a group discussion. An animator was given to each group, where the students could ask their questions and doubts and get clarified by him. The third session was conducted by Fr. Arul Valan and Mr. Stephen Raj, emphasizing their role in the present political situations. A total of 122 youth took part in this animation.



## Highlighting the importance of Social Awareness

Social awareness is an important topic which needs to be taught to the students, for it would help them to analyse the society critically and understand the truth. The animation by Mr. Stephen Raj at DBBH Gedilam, Laura Girl's Home in Matanoodai was held on January 7, 2018 in which 196 students participated.

In the first session for the boys, they were divided into two groups to ensure they had a better understanding of the concepts. Political, educational, cultural and medical awareness were given and after the animation a small evaluation was conducted for the students to check their understanding about social awareness.

In the second session, the animation was given to the students of Laura girl's home. They were also divided into two groups, for better understand of the concepts. Compared to the students of higher secondary, the high school students were found to be very active in the class. They were very keen to ask many questions and get their doubts cleared.

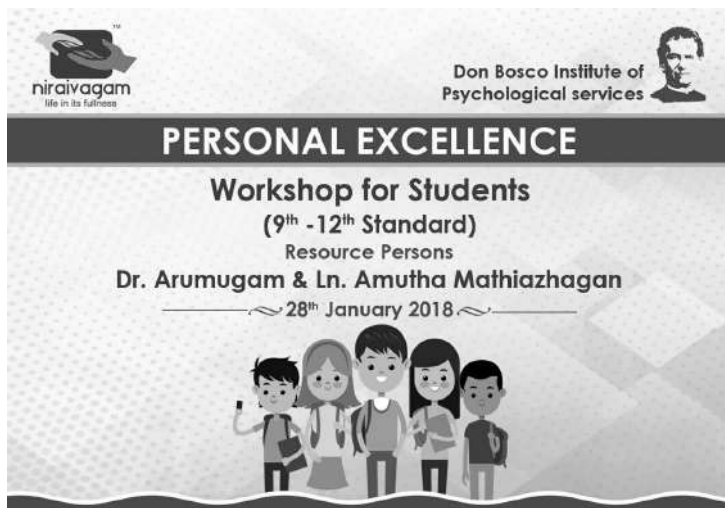
**Fr. Valan sdb**



## Workshop on Personal Excellence

Niraivagam-Don Bosco Institute of Psychological Service (DBIPS) organized a one day workshop on "Personal Excellence" on 28th January 2018. 40 students who had various behavioural and motivational difficulties were handpicked from various schools, by the counselors and teachers, to attend this workshop, together with their parents. The purpose of the workshop was to initiate a behavioural change and set simple goals for the students to meet the upcoming examinations.

The program started with the Inaugural address given by Fr. Paul Raj SDB, the Director of Niraivagam. Dr. Arumugam and Ln. Amutha Mathiazhagan handled



the sessions for the students. In his interactive session, Ln. Amutha Mathiazhagan initiated an emotional self reflection into the current behavior and attitude of the students and stressed on the needed attitude for the winning edge.

Dr. Arumugam in the second and third session taught the basic techniques and skills for academic excellence and helped the students to devise a personal plan for themselves to meet the upcoming examinations.

The sessions ended at 5 pm with a feedback from the participants. The students in their spontaneous sharing expressed regret for having wasted many opportunities. Few students, were highly appreciative of the skills and attitude that were shared in the session and the details self planning, which would help them to face the exams. All the participants, including parents expressed the need for a workshop this kind for a longer duration in the new academic year.



# Transactional Analysis workshop



On 27th & 28th of January 2018, Niraivagam – Don Bosco Institute of Psychological Services (DBIPS) conducted two day workshop entitled “GESTALT THERAPY & TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS” in the Deepagam hall at The Citadel. The workshop was part of the CPD (Continuing Professional Development) course level II.

The sessions were handled by Dr. Sankar, the assistant professor from VIT College. In his session, Dr. Sankar covered the basics of theory and techniques of TA. In the second session the resource person focused on the practice of TA in clinical and non-clinical settings. 25 professional mental health workers participated in the workshop. The participants are practitioners providing mental health interventions in various settings with a minimum of one year and a maximum of 17 years of working experience.

The second day of the workshop was on ‘Gestalt Therapy’ handled by Dr. Ubhara Sahayaraj from NIMHANS, in which the theory and therapy techniques in Gestalt were taught by the resource person.



# Psychological Assessment Workshop

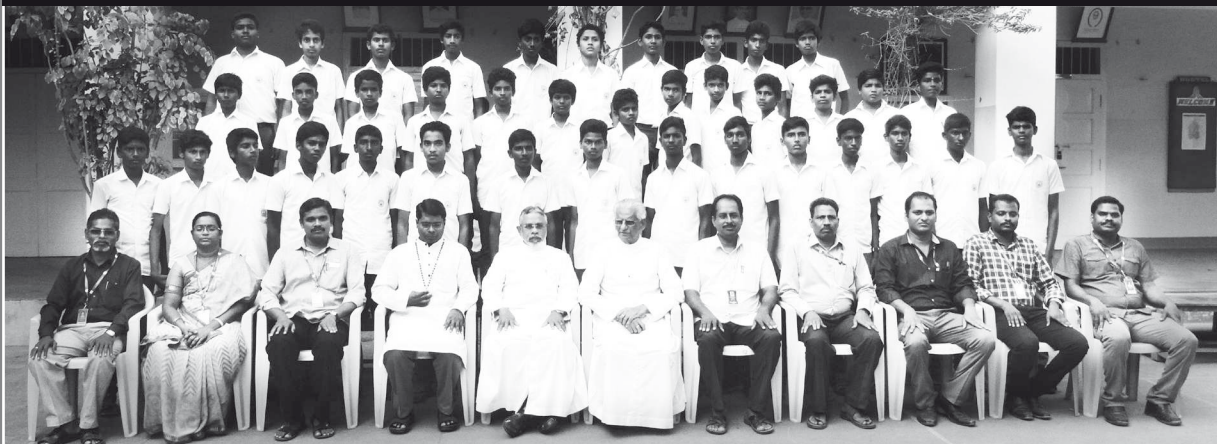
As a part of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course, Level II, Niraivagam – Don Bosco Institute of Psychological Services (DBIPS) hosted a two-day workshop entitled 'Personality Assessments and General Health & IQ and Special Learning Disabilities (SLD)'. The workshops were held at the Deepagam Hall in the Citadel, Kilpauk, Chennai on March 10 and 11, 2018.

The first day's session was on 'Assessment of Personality and Psychological Wellbeing' which was handled by Mr. Thaddeus Alfonso, assistant director of Niraivagam. The sessions were attended by 22 school counsellors, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists and research scholars.

On the second day, Ms. Poornima, handled the sessions on IQ testing and assessment for Special Learning Disabilities (SLD). The Binet Kamet Intelligent tool was used for the Intelligence testing. The workshop was attended by 35 participants including school counsellors, research scholars, clinical psychologist and remedial teachers.



## *Bidding farewell to their Alma Mater - Pannur*



Gratitude is the best attitude to express one's thankfulness. Outgoing students of Class 10 and 12 of Don Bosco Hr. Sec School, Don Bosco Matriculation Hr. Sec School and Don Bosco School, Pannur held their valedictory functions on February 24, 27 and March 3 respectively, to bid farewell to their institutions. Expressing their sentiments and gratitude to the management, staff and fellow school and classmates, the outgoing students highlighted the benefits that accrued to them in their intellectual, spiritual and human development. Students of class 9 and 11 organised the valedictory functions, with several programmes and the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Paulraj Maniam, Rector.

Bro. Arockia Berdouil Raj sdb



# Teaching them from their *Life's Experiences*



The students of Class 9 of St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Pavunjur were given a training session, animated by Mr. Stephen Raj, on Personality Development and Research. Many practical tips were given to the students, to maintain or to develop a better personality. Instead discussing many theories, teaching them from their life's experiences was something very good for the students. Since it was smaller group it was easy convey the needed messages and for better participation.

At the request of the Youth Director of Pavunjur parish and the Parish priest, a survey was conducted among the youth. The objective of this study was to find out the status of the available resources in the villages of the parish and to make use of those resources for good of the youth. With help of the local volunteers, the data collection was done successfully among the 47 youth of the parish.

Fr. Valan sdb

## Pongal celebrated with Fun and Fervour

The night school students and teachers of DB Agro Tech, Polur brought in the fun and gaiety of Pongal to the campus on January 13, 2018 as they celebrated the harvest festival with great enthusiasm. Forty-four students of the night school along with three teachers were divided into four teams for a cooking competition.



"The teams were asked to prepare as many dishes as possible and the one with the maximum number were declared winners. This was followed by speeches, dance and music to make the Pongal festival a truly colorful and vibrant celebration," says Fr. Sebastian Francis, Rector. The event was also attended by Vice Rector Fr. John Shankar.

Fr. Sebastian Francis sdb

# Identifying the problems of **UNORGANISED LABOURERS**

At the one-day seminar on Unorganised Labourers, organised by Sakthi Pengal Munnetra Sangam (VIA - Polur) for SHG Women Leaders on January 21, 2018, Rev. Fr. Bosco Francis SDB – Director, Migrant Youth animated the session.

The main objective of organizing this seminar is to identify the problems of unorganized labour and to study the existing legislative and regulatory framework for the segment of workers. While explaining about the process of registration, Fr. Bosco talked about the methods of approaching the government for getting various funds related to unorganized sector registered labourers and their family members. “This seminar will definitely help to identify the problems of unorganized labourers. It will help to know about laws and regulations specially framed for them. It will help to understand the living and working conditions of the labourers. It will highlight the number of welfare measures still needed to be taken by employees/contractors and government,” he pointed out..

Rev. Fr. Pappuraj SDB, Rector, St.Mary's Co-Cathedral, Chennai and Rev. Fr. Samson SDB (Director – SPMS (VIA)) presided over the program and gave valuable inputs on the topic. The session was attended by more than 350 Self Help Group Members and 60 Youth members.

Fr. Shanmugam Samson sdb



# ADOPTING A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS OUR CULTURE

The Salesian Province of Chennai organised its Youth Fest 2018, titled as Illayor Thamizhar Thiruvizha, with a unique thought from Marcus Garvey, as their guideline: "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots".

Youngsters from various Salesian houses of Chennai region gathered in large numbers to remind themselves of the richness of their culture and to celebrate it with joy and optimism. The Province Youth Council had planned this event long back with Fr. Mani Lazar SDB, the Province Youth Director and executed it with precision at DBYC – Rinaldi grounds. There were more than 450 youngsters with 24 Salesians who participated in this fest. Fr. John Bosco SDB, the Youth Pastoral Delegate inaugurated the Fest and spoke of the need and reasons to celebrate it with fervour. To crown this celebration, Fr. Cedric Bout SDB, the centenarian priest from Citadel, came over and graced this event. There were 19 youth groups who participated in the Fest and among them were two non-Salesian Youth groups.

The Fest highlighted three major nuances of Tamizh Culture: namely, traditional sports, food and folk arts of the soil. Folk artists from Thanjavur, Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur exhibited the rich folk arts of our soil. The youngsters expressed their bravery by participating in

the traditional games throughout the day. The entire venue was decorated in a traditional manner by the youngsters of Rinaldi Oratory thanks to all the members and its Director Fr. Kasi Sagayaraj SDB and to the Rector Fr. John Christy SDB.

"Learning about their own culture makes people understand each other better. And if they understand each other better, it will be easier to overcome the economic and political barriers. Though the festival is a harvest and thanksgiving one, we spent qualitative time to reflect on the plight of the fisherfolk of Kumari and Kerala during the recent Ockhi Cyclone. We took a resolution that we will protect our farmers and fisherfolk who feed us every day, with great sacrifice. The day ended very meaningfully and the youngsters went back home with a greater sense of responsibility to safeguard their culture and their people by knowing its rich cultural nuances. At the same time we reminded ourselves, that we live in a multicultural society and we will not reject the culture of the other, but we will prepare to listen, to see, to carry on a dialogue and, in the final analysis, to possibly accept the other's culture without compromising our own culture. We have taken this as the watchword for all of us: "Be rooted in your culture and be open to the culture of the others too." says Fr. Mani Lazar.

Mr. Nikhil Raghavan



# A meeting to Improve the Educational System within Don Bosco Institutions

The Principals and Headmasters of Don Bosco schools, Technical institutes and colleges met at Deepak Centenary Hall in The Citadel, Kilpauk, Chennai on March 10, 2018 to discuss and deliberate on important matters pertaining to the functioning of the various centres. Fr. Provincial addressed the gathering and highlighted the following important suggestions: "We have to create a climate that is conducive to the students to be nurtured gradually, teachers to work comfortably, parents to feel great and satisfied that they put their children in Don Bosco School. We need to create a Model School, a community for the education of the young and teachers who are called to be signs of God's Love. The conviction of God's Love helps the young people to become upright and honest children, worthy of God and worthy of the nation. We need to create an environment that offers unconditional acceptance to the young. Our schools should be the place where young people are respected no matter what their social backgrounds are - an institution that is fully involved in the lives of the young.

"It is an educational place that offers a vision of life founded on perennial values. Educate the young people toward solidarity, peace, commitment, stewardship, respect for different cultures and democratic living. We are not the owners of the place but we are the people who can create life giving environment, one of holistic formation for young people with focus," said Fr. Provincial in his opening address.

Education is not limited to mere instruction or the acquisition of technical skills. There is a need to cultivate the four pillars of education. Also, there is a need to give faith education in the Indian context.

1. Learning to know.
2. Learning to be.
3. Learning to do.
4. Learning to live together.

The identity of a true school can be summed up in the following manner:

1. A welcome home.
2. A school that prepares for life.
3. A place that gives God experience.
4. A playground for meeting friends and living joyfully.

The suggestions that emerged at the meeting were:

1. The best practices that are specific and unique to our schools to be made known within our schools. For eg.: Regular first Friday mass, first Wednesday Confession for the children, etc.
2. Good animation of the liturgy.
3. Mentoring the children regularly.
4. Visiting the 10th, 11th and 12th students by the Headmaster/principal at regular basis.
5. Welcoming the students at the entrance and meeting the parents as well and having a good rapport with the parents.
6. Setting up a meaningful Salesian climate.
7. Animation of the staff members by the Rector every month.
8. Animating the students will enable them to eradicate their rude behaviours.
9. Animation given to the parents.
10. Developing the culture of silence.
11. Empowering student welfare council.

Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB, presented a psychological observation at the meeting of the INM principals at The Citadel. He asked the participants: Why today's young

parents are more confident, assertive, entitled - and more miserable than ever before?

And, Why their children belonging to the 'me generation' or the 'iGen', though, tolerant, confident, open-minded, and ambitious, but also disengaged, narcissistic, distrustful, and anxious?

He presented a barrage of statistics in support of this assessment, along with anecdotal testimonials and pop-cultural examples that neatly confirmed the trends he identifies.



Fr. Rajkumar, acknowledged that the generation has come of age inside an "economic squeeze created by underemployment and rising costs," but he mostly explains millennial traits in terms of culture and choice.

"Parents overemphasized self-esteem and happiness, while kids took their cues from an era of diversity initiatives, decentralized authority, online avatars, and reality TV. As a result, millennials and more so, their kids have become irresponsible and fundamentally maladjusted, addicted to screens, contacts and social network but lacking the social skills, and becoming beings of compulsion," said Fr. Rajkumar.

He suggested the need for a systematic formation for the parents to empower them to be professional therapists to take care of their young.

Fr. P.T. Joseph sdb



# Encouraging the Youth to be More Committed...

The need of the hour is to strengthen the Youth Ministry and make it more vibrant. "The very DNA of our Charism is serving the poor and abandoned young," said Fr. Bosco, Vice Provincial, addressing the INM Province Youth delegates at The Citadel on January 23, 2018.

Further elaborating, the Vice Provincial said, "Every youth centre needs to prepare A YOUTH CHART based on the following data, to have a clear picture of the youth mission in our Salesian presences. It consists of three phases: Phase 1 - Situation analysis; Phase 2 - Existing situation, and Phase 3 - Detailed profile of registered members. There is a need to visit families of our young people in order to have personal contact. This will help to prepare a youth chart which will give a clear picture of the young who come to us. This youth profile will furnish details like orphans, semi-orphans, college going, working class and jobless, etc."

An important requirement is to prepare an annual plan and budget together with the community, at the beginning of the academic year. The planner should find ways and means to incorporate the best practices of the past and continue to introduce newer methods creatively.

The following are salient points noted from the sharing of Youth Directors:

- Youth Ministry structure has to be changed; it should be unanimous, clear and common.
- Orientation needed at the beginning of the academic year about youth pastoral ministry to the directors and to our target group to have a clear understanding.
- When problems arise in creating structure according to the province and the universal Salesian praxis and practice, Vice Provincial and Province Youth Director need to appear to solve the problems.
- Annual youth program calendar need to be fixed incorporating province level and local level programs.
- Need to form young minds to take up leadership and to manage by themselves, to be more effective and sustainable.
- It is observed that there is a lack of youth leader formation. It needs to follow and form young people who will take the lead (duty of Youth Director and Salesian Community).
- Assistant Youth Director post should be appointed after due consultation and avoid election. The favorable candidate should have worked for a long time with a good moral reputation.
- Clerics need to be formed and motivated to commit themselves to get involved in youth centre work (active presence among the young). The Rector has to make clear understanding to clerics about their roles and responsibilities in youth centres.
- To make youth ministry more vibrant in the province, there is a need to appoint additional province level youth director and could be divided into another region to operate the mission more effectively. It is crucial because, among the six priorities of the province, five are directly dealing with youth ministry.
- FMA's can collaborate with SDB's as we are also dealing with girls in the parish setting to make our youth ministry more fruitful, and we share a common mission.
- In many of our presences the youth director doesn't get the support of the community which is the root cause of ineffective youth work in some of our presences.
- We need to study the possibility to provide football coaches to our youth centres to prevent our young people going out.
- It is important to draw a budget and allocate funds for youth ministry in province level and community level to bring life to youth ministry.
- There is a great need to prepare manpower to improve quality service to the young, both lay and Salesian.
- The good works started by the present province Youth Director should be continued as it is appreciated and accepted by the young in province level:



1. Youth Pasch Movement
2. Savio Altar Servers Movement
3. Bosco Blood Donors Movement
4. Bosco Karuthu Kalam
5. Bosco Brass Band
6. DB Voice
7. Bosco Folk Arts
8. Bosco Volunteers
9. Training of Clerics YM
10. Training of Lay YM
11. Youth Counseling Cell

- We need to consolidate youth groups according to Eligibility, Leadership, Membership, etc.

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While enhancing the skills of students/aspirants through internship and vocational training, it will be playing an effective role in the ongoing Govt. initiative on "Skill Development Mission" with a view to contribute to the overall target of skilling / up skilling 500 million people in India through p-p-p (public-private-partnership) programmes in skill development. It will also be making efforts towards setting up a "Centre of Excellence" in order to enhance the competency level of aspirants and the faculty for Technical & Engineering education.

Vice Provincial's Desk



# National Symposium on The Art of Educating India

Organised by Don Bosco Youth Animation - South Asia, New Delhi and partnered by India Didactics Association, in collaboration with Don Bosco College of Arts and Science, Kilpauk, Chennai and supported by Don Bosco Mission Bonn, the National Symposium on The Heart of Educating India: Don Bosco system of education in dialogue with 21st century educators, is an attempt to initiate a quality dialogue among educators on the important theme of the 'heart' and the 'art' of educating India.

As the title suggests, on the one hand it is to focus on the 'heart' and 'art' of the educational process, and on the other, consider 'India' as the subject and referent of the educational endeavour. The subtitle of the symposium highlights the four-fold objectives:

To analyse the present system of education in India;

To explore the alternative systems of education in India;

To revitalise Don Bosco's system of education and in this way;

To possibly evolve orientations and strategies for improving the present system of education in India.

The two-day symposium is currently going on at Don Bosco College of Arts and Science, Kilpauk, Chennai. Panel Session I on February 16 is on Education Fast Forward: Taking Stock and on February 17, in Panel Session II, it will be on Fast Forwarding Education: Making it Happen.

"Organising a symposium is a unique experience indeed! We wanted to create an occasion at which people who have profound knowledge in education, meet and discuss in depth, various issues connected with it," says Dr. Maria Charles SDB, Convenor and Director, DBYA-SA, New Delhi.

Bro. Arunraj Selladurai sdb

## PREPARING FOR A SPIRITUAL LIFE

There are four important aspects in the life of a person entering priesthood - Spiritual Life, Sense of Belonging, Intellectual and Evangelical Life. Fr. Vice Provincial, who animated a meeting of candidates due for perpetual brothers who gathered at The Citadel on January 27, 2018, enquired about their mark sheets and if anyone has arrears.

### **Spiritual Life**

Explaining about Spiritual Life, Fr. Provincial stressed on interiority and deep spiritual experience, consistency with regard to personal prayer and to Encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the thirst.

Then he also quoted the spirituality of Don Bosco, saying that "if one does not know about the spirituality of Don Bosco he is a fool. Don Bosco gave priority to his prayer life". He also mentioned about our Holy Father Pope Francis who, despite his busy schedule, spends an hour of personal prayer.

Stressing on being punctual for prayer, Fr. Vice-Provincial said, "If your spiritual life is very strong then everything will come automatically and perpetual profession is not a license for freedom." He also advised brothers not to sleep during mass, meditation and personal prayer. "Be attentive; go through the six priorities of the province," he said and gave some suggestions to improve our spiritual life.

"Towards achieving Spiritual Direction, you can improve your spiritual life by choosing your spiritual director. Meet the spiritual director at least once in three months. Spiritual direction helps one come closer to God," he advised.

Fr. Vice Provincial said that Manifestation is a very important and very beautiful moment. “Share your difficulties in the community and the manifestation should be at least for an hour. When you go home, your parents, family members and others should admire about your spiritual life,” he said and then spoke about the external symbols for spiritual life like wearing something on the neck and having or always carrying the rosary and so on. He concluded by reminding “us to improve our prayer life by reading the Church history, cultivate the habit of reading the word of God, too”.

### **Sense of Belonging**

Fr. Vice-Provincial said that availability for the community mission and communion among confreres is a very important aspect of religious life. In the community there should not be any reservations. “Talk to everyone and do not keep quiet. Act prudently and speak well of all. Take care of the sick and talk with elderly confreres. Always have a positive outlook about others,” he said.

### **Intellectual**

Talking about intellectual, Fr. Vice Provincial said, “Our congregation is an International Congregation. Hence, we need to improve upon our intellectual formation too. Intellectual is not only about getting marks but we need to improve in our creativity. We should have broad mind, good knowledge about the world, good communicative and written form of English. This will help us to deal with the youth. Hence, intellectual preparation is needed”.

### **Evangelical life**

Fr. Vice Provincial said that the vow of obedience takes more priorities than the other two. When there is obedience, the other two will follow in place. So obedience is the most important Vow of all.

Bro. Lio Charles sdb



# Every Exposure is a Time of Learning!

Students of SIGA Polytechnic College, Kilpauk, Chennai 600010 too part in several competitions organised by other institutions and came out winners in various categories, bringing laurels to the institution that they were studying in. These wins and awards amply proved that, besides technical education imparted by SIGA, the students were also encouraged to involve in extra and co-curricular activities for a holistic development of their mind, body and soul. Media Carnival 2018, MIT, Manipal

The Department of Printing & Media Engineering, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal organised Media Carnival 2018, on February 12 and 13, 2018. Over 100 students from the Diploma and Engineering colleges all over India participated in this grand technical festival. Eleven competitions were conducted separately for Diploma and Engineering students. PVG's College of Engineering & Technology, Pune bagged the "Dr. TMA Pai Memorial Shield for overall Champion" in the Engineering category.

Salesian Institute of Graphic Arts (SIGA) and Arasan Ganesan Polytechnic College, Sivakasi (AGPC) shared "Prof. P.S Shivaram Memorial Shield" for overall the Champion position.

List of participants / winners from SIGA Polytechnic College:

PAPER PRESENTATION CONTEST:  
Benny Rosario (1st Place)

PAPER FOLDING: Johnson and Vincent (1st Place)

BEAT MIX: Anto Franklin (2nd Place)

VIDEO EDITING:  
Anto Franklin and Samson (2nd Place)

MOVIE QUIZ:  
Anto Franklin and Johnson (2nd Place)

Impression 2018 - Arasan Ganesan Polytechnic College





The Printing Technology Department of Arasan Ganesan Polytechnic college, Sivakasi organized a State Level Technical Symposium “Impression 2018” on February 6, 2018 at their college campus. SIGA students won overall Champion under Diploma category.

List of participants / winners from SIGA Polytechnic College:

**PAPER PRESENTATION CONTEST (1st Place)**

1. 3D PRINTING – William Joseph / Vishnu Priyan
2. Printed Electronics – Benny Rosario / David
3. Digital Printing - Domic / Nirmal Rishof

**TECHNICAL QUIZ COMPETITION (1st Place)**

1. Antony Rozario
2. Anto Franklin

**DESIGN COMPETITION (2nd Place)**

1. Sathan
2. Karan

**ARASAN DARBAR STATE LEVEL TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM CONDUCTED BY ARASAN GANESAN POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE**

1. QUIZ CONTEST – FIRST PLACE  
ANTO FRANKLIN GDC II YR  
ANTONY ROZARIO GDC II YR
2. PAPER PRESENTATION – FIRST PLACE  
DOMIC GDC III YR  
NIRMAL RISHOF GDC II YR
3. DESIGN CONTEST – SECOND PLACE  
SATHAN GDC III YR  
KARAN GDC II YR
4. PAPER PRESENTATION – PARTICIPATED  
DAVID GDC III YR  
BENI ROZARIO GDC III YR  
ROHIT GDC I YR  
VISHNUPRIYAN GDC I YR

National Youth Day conducted by Ramakrishna Mission  
KHO KHO – Participation  
Volleyball – Participation

OVER ALL CHAMPIONSHIP - CLUBS AND MOMENTS  
FIRST PLACE - ECO Club  
SECOND PLACE - MEDIA Club

Fr. Gaspar Charles sdb



# *Future-ready trade-oriented education being introduced at SIGA*

In pursuit of providing skills and trade-oriented education to the youth, SIGA - Salesian Institute of Graphic Arts, 49, Taylors Road, Kilpauk, Chennai 600010, has always endeavoured to incorporate the latest technology and knowledge in their courses.

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Fr. John Christy sdb



# SIGA Polytechnic College celebrates College and Parents Day

The 66th College and Parents Day of SIGA Polytechnic College was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the students, their parents and the faculty of the institution, at the college campus on Taylors Road, Kilpauk on March 4, 2018.

In the presence of Rev. Fr. K. M. Jose, Provincial, Fr. John Christy, Rector and Fr. P. T. Joseph, Principal, felicitations and Prizes/Awards were given to many students who excelled in competitions and academic excellence. The Chief Guest was Mr. K. Govinda Prasad, Operations Director, Sun Branding Solutions India.

The occasion was also graced with the presence of Fr. Patrick Antonyraj SDB, Member of Youth Ministry Department, Salesian Generalate, Rome.

The Annual Report of SIGA Polytechnic College for the Academic Year 2017-18 was read out to more than 300 parents and students overflowing the Don Bosco Hall, They cheered, appreciated and witnessed SIGA for the 65 years of the dedicated service and splendid achievements in skilling the youth in the field of Printing Technology for the poor and needy youth of India.

Among the special guests at the 66th College and Parents day celebrations, were Mr. Govind Prasad, Operations Director, Sun Branding Solutions, India, who was the Chief Guest. He remarked, "It was the best turnout for me! Least expected the turnout and quality of team. Congrats to Fr. P. T. Joseph and other Salesians."

Mr. Prabhakaran, Supreme Court Attorney, who was another special guest, said, "It is really a well organized and superb event, with excitement. The students are very good with discipline and good communication. Thanks to Fr. Christy and Fr. P. T. Joseph for organizing it." Also present were two past students of SIGA - Mr. Daniel Nirmal Raj

currently Head of Operations, Shawk India Ltd. and Mr. Croyden Jude D'Moore, currently Operations Manager, Sonoco-Trident, Chennai.

The VIP invitees at the function included Mr. Rajesh, Managing Director, Perfect Digitals and Mr. Samson Prakash, Managing Director, Samsel Publication.

In pursuit of the Institute – Industry Interactions, SIGA continues to explore avenues where collaborations are possible for the benefit of the students who study in the Polytechnic College.

## Remembrance

All at SIGA remembered with deep sorrow the passing away of Rev. Bro. Julian Santi SDB, former Principal and Manager of SIGA, on Sunday 30 April 2017, at the age of 85, after a long battle against cancer, was recorded. In his death the Salesians have lost a great Son of Don Bosco, India a tireless promoter of printing technology, and the poor youngsters in Chennai a great friend and benefactor, the like of whom is not easy to find. He dedicated his entire life for the service of the young and the poor at SIGA and transformed the lives of thousands of young people. A moment's silence was observed to pray for the soul of Rev. Bro. Julian Santi SDB.

## Admissions, results and placements

The Number of Students enrolled in various Courses for the Academic year 2017-18 at SIGA Polytechnic college was 386. Out of the 67 final year students of the 2014-2017 batch which appeared for the Board Examinations conducted by Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of TN in April 2017, 46 passed (69%) and were awarded Diploma in Printing Technology and among them, 34 (74%) were awarded First Class with



Distinction. Along with the 46 students of Govt. Formal Diploma, 30 students also completed their Non-Formal SIGA Private Diploma Course. SIGA is proud to say that the entire pass-out students of the last academic year got 100% of job placements, like the previous years.

### Infrastructure improvements

99.50 Studio is an incubator for creativity and ideas, sketching, drawing, painting, logo, wax modelling and other creative work.

SIGA-NexGen 3 D Printing Center of Excellence is a 3D Printing Studio which offers technical knowledge, education and training to empower students for career path.

The Museum, recently set up comprises of used printing machinery from within SIGA, facility to do live printing for take away as souvenirs, charts and photos to show evolution of printing technology.

A new Genset was installed for powering the new 8 color offset printing machine and as a standby for SIGA.

Institute – Industry Interactions: New Training Initiatives

SIGA –NexGen 3 D Printing Center of Excellence

SIGA, represented by Rev. Fr. John Christy, Rector and Rev. P.T. Joseph, Principal signed an MoU with NexGen 3D Printers represented by Mr. Rosu Reddy, Business Development. to educate its students for the future, by designing a tailor-made course in Printing Technology by Advanced Training Institute (ATI) Govt. of India, Chennai.

Advanced Training Institute (ATI) Guindy, approved SIGA students to get trained in their campus in the field of Printing Technology. SIGA has created a history in ATI that for the first time, ATI has approved the third party's (SIGA's) request to add the Printing trade, and 2nd year SIGA diploma course is the first batch to get trained in ATI. A Govt. "Certificate of Proficiency" will be given to the students at the end of the course.

Fr. P.T. Joseph sdb



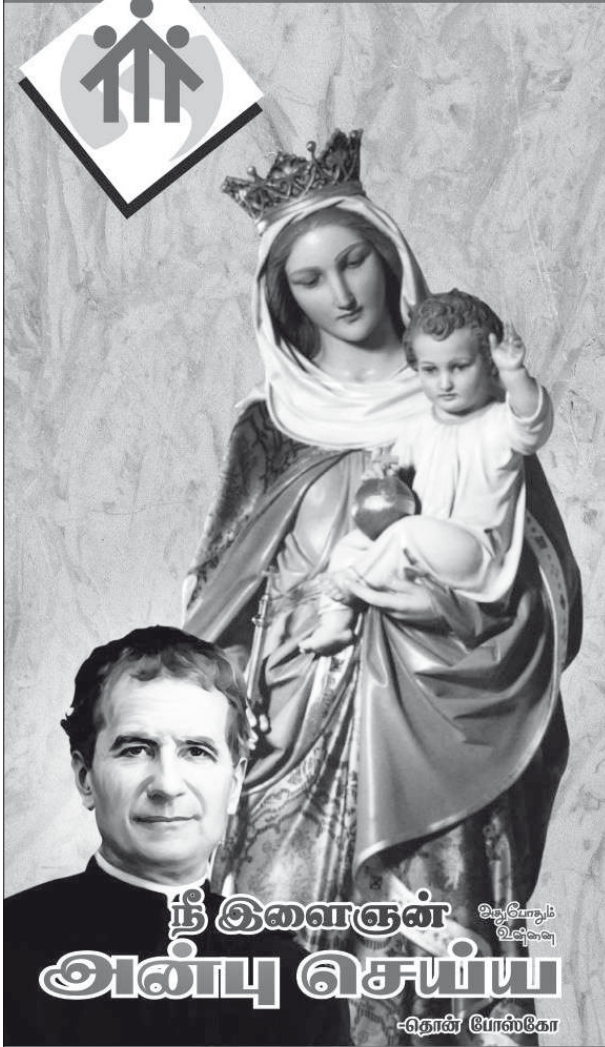
# VOCATION PROMOTION

## SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

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-தொன் போஸ்கோ

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The province of Chennai comprises of 6 Dioceses of Tamilnadu namely Arch dioceses of Chennai Mylapore and Pondy Cuddalore, Vellore, Chegelpet, Dharmapuri and Ooty. We get candidates from these dioceses and also from Andamans which forms part of our province. We have around 178 high schools and 96 higher secondary schools for boys in all above dioceses run by the diocese and various religious congregations.

Details about the number of boys and schools contacted 2017 - 2018

S.No.	Name of The Diocese	No. of Institutions	No. of Boys wanting to join
1.	Ootacamund	17	120
2.	Dharmapuri	20	070
3.	Vellore	27	319
4.	Chennai	06	183
5.	Chengalpattu	05	088
6.	Puducherry	33	362
<b>TOTAL number of Schools and students contacted</b>		<b>109</b>	<b>1,142</b>

The candidates were asked to discuss and discern with their parents about their desire and to make known their choice in writing. Then, those students who make a positive decision to join the Salesians express their willingness through post. They are further invited for the one day vocation camps organized in 6 dioceses during the Christmas vacation. This one day Camp is organized in view of the final selection for the summer Vocation Camp.

Salesian in the every Community should endeavor to promote vocations. Once again my heartfelt thanks to Fr. Provincial, Vice Provincial, Economer and all the Council members and Formation commission members for their support and encouragement. I am ever grateful to all for the trust and confidence placed in me and for all the gestures of kindness.

Here are the details about the candidates who attended the one day camp December - 2017

S.No.	Place	No. of Boys attended
1.	Kotagiri	09
2.	Tirupattur	26
3.	Chennai	30
4.	Pondicherry	34
5.	Polur	16
<b>TOTAL No. of Candidates</b>		<b>115</b>

47 students are from our own salesian schools.

Evaluation : There could be a number of reasons for the lack of response from candidates. One reason could be the emergence of new Congregations that offer lots of attractive offers to lure boys. Secondly some might have given their name just for the sake of giving. Thirdly, some may not have received my letters or probably have no possibility to post the letters back to me. Fourthly parents may not have given permission. Fifthly due to special classes in many schools they were not allowed to attend the camp.

From the month of February I will be visiting the families of those boys who attended the December camp and to all the schools again to confirm with the students their desire to join us. Then by evaluating the family and the quality of the student I will finalise the list for the vocation camp in the month of May.

I am always convinced that families of our schools and parish communities must play a vital role in fostering a culture of vocation. Thus, I believe that in irrespective of the place and assignment, each

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INM Vocation Promoter

# Don Bosco – Fr. McFerran Trophy

## All India Football Tournament 2018



**Fr. Sean McFerran**, an Irish missionary was one of the early pioneering missionaries who brought the lively charisma of Don Bosco to Indian soil and particularly to the city of Chennai. He spent thirty six years, rendering committed service, in India (1936 to 1972) and ten more years of constant visits to Chennai. Known in sports circles as 'Sporting Padre' he was truly a champion of the under privileged and marginalised. Since this year is the birth centenary of Fr. McFerran (January 13, 1918 - November 11, 1988), the Don Bosco – Fr. McFerran Trophy All India Football Tournament 2018 was conducted in commemoration and to perpetuate the memory of Don Bosco and Fr. McFerran.

The Tournament commenced on January 13, 2018 with Ms. Vita Dani, Co-Owner of Chennaiyin F.C inaugurating and Mr. Abhishek Bachchan, Co-Owner of Chennaiyin F.C as the Star Guest. Rev. Fr. John Peter, Rector presided over the function in which Mr. P. N. Ravikumar, President, Tiruvallur District Football Association and Dr. Md. Ubaidur Rahman, CEO, M/s.Cosco (India) Ltd were Guests of Honour.

The Inaugural match was between Chennaiyin F.C and I.C.F.S.A - CFC won 2-1. Sixteen teams from various States viz Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Goa and Puducherry participated in the Tournament, which was played on knockout basis with 90 minutes duration for each match.

The Tournament was held under the auspices of the Tiruvallur District Football Association as sanctioned by Tamilnadu Football Association (TFA) and Registered with the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

### The participating teams were :

#### Tamilnadu:

1. Chennai City F.C (CFA : Senior Division : Winners)
2. Viva Chennai FC (CFA : Senior Division : Runner – up)
3. Chennai F.C
4. Chennai Customs
5. I.C.F.S.A (Runner up of the Tournament – 2013)
6. Chennaiyin F.C (B Team)
7. Tiruvallur DFA
8. DBYC Basin Bridge (CFA : II Division League : Interzone : III Place)



### Kerala:

1. Brothers Club, Kannur
2. Cannanore Spirited Youths Club
3. DBYC, Kochi

### Karnataka:

1. Bangalore DFA (Winner of the Tournament: 2011, 2013 & 2015; Runner-up of the Tournament: 2005 & 2009).
2. ASC Bangalore (Runner up of the Tournament: 2015)  
Telangana: Hyderabad (TFA)  
Goa: Goa FA XI  
Puducherry: Puducherry Police

The notable feature is that it is the only All India Football Tournament in the State conducted without gate collection (Entry tickets). Cash incentive of Rs.30000/- to the Winners and Rs.20000/- to the Runners-up, besides special Awards to the Best Players, Best upcoming players and Top scorer of the Tournament were given.

### FINALS:

In the final match played on Sunday, ASC Bangalore edged out Goa FA by a solitary goal. The all important goal was scored by C. Jotin Singh (J. No.15) in the 35th minute.

Prize distribution was held after the final match. Rev. Fr. K.M. Jose, Salesian Provincial presided. Mr. Denis McFerran, nephew of Fr. McFerran from Ireland was the Chief Guest.

### Best Players:

1. Best Goalkeeper: Mr. Samik Mithra – Chennaiyin FC
  2. Best Defender: Mr. Robinson – ASC Bangalore
  3. Best Midfielder: Mr. Sanjay Sharma – Chennai FC
  4. Best Attacker: Mr. Shivkumar – Bangalore DFA
  5. Best Upcoming Player: Mr. Saravanan – DBYC, Basin Bridge
  6. Best Upcoming Player: Mr. Maruthu – Thiruvallur DFA
- Top Scorer: Marvoti Horizon – Chennai FC (Six Goals)

## In the memory of the *Sporting Padre*

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