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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear friend of Don Bosco Navajeevan,

It is with great joy and gratitude that we bring to you the manifold blessings of this season of grace. As we celebrate the unfolding of eternal love of God to His beloved children through His Beloved Son, during the great feast of Christmas, let us welcome Him to the world where hatred, discrimination, and selfishness prevail over love, peace and harmony. Indeed, the birth of baby Jesus in Bethlehem symbolizes God's profound love and the transformative power of humility and sacrifice. May the Lord's commitment continue to inspire every person on the earth to commit to the greater good of the whole universe.

We are profoundly grateful to you, our dear benefactors and well-wishers, for your kind heart and for your great generosity. It is through the collective support and sacrifices of individuals like you that we create a positive impact on the lives of children living in our DBNJ care homes.

May the great feast of Christmas fill your heart with peace and joy! May the New Year 2024 bring you prosperity and fulfillment!

Affectionately,

Fr. Thomas

Fr. Thomas Remalla sdb
Executive Director



**Happy
New Year
2024**

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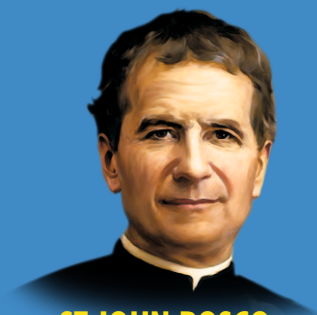
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you are young to love
and care for you.'

- 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 **32,799 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.

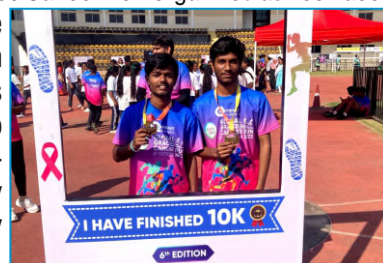
Major Activities From October - December 2023

Participation in Cleanliness Drive: **October 01, 2023:** The Child Welfare Committee (CWC) called all the CCIs to participate in the national campaign called as "swachata hi seva." All DBNJ boys and girls of four centres participated enthusiastically to foster and spread collective consciousness for cleaner and healthier future of India. DBNJ Ramanthapur boys participated in a cleanliness drive organized by the local



police department to keep the nearby lake premises clean and plastic free.

Global Grace Cancer Marathon: **October 08, 2023:** DBNJ Aftercare Home Youth from Bhoiguda joined the Global Grace Cancer Run organized at Necklace Road under the leadership of Teja. He finished the marathon calling the attention of the organizing committee. He was felicitated for his active participation to spread awareness about the life-threatening cancer and for advocating unity and solidarity for the suffering community through his active participation



Inspection by CWC Medchal District: **October 09, 2023:** The Child Welfare Committee of Medchal District conducted an inspection of the CCI home at Ramanthapur. They interacted with the children and examined various documents and records that needed to be maintained in order to achieve positive results for children in need of care and protection. The inspection team appreciated the standards and measures taken for every child's wellbeing.

Annual Provincial Visitation: **October 10-12, 2023:** Rev. Fr. Thomas Santiago, the Salesian Provincial of Hyderabad conducted his official annual visitation to observe in person the standards of care being practiced at DBNJ shelter care homes in the city of Hyderabad. He spent time talking personally to the management, staff and children to understand and evaluate the safeguarding mechanism in place as DBNJ institutions accompany the young at risk in their



search for meaning in life. He visited every centre and spent time talking to children, giving conferences, addressing their concerns and taking feedback to make the institutions more effective and impactful. He was given a rousing welcome in all the centres. Indeed, this annual visitation served as a graceful

moment as DBNJ management worked together with the Provincial to develop future strategies and initiatives for the ongoing work with children in need of care and protection.

International Girl Child Day Celebrations: October 11, 2023: Rallies and awareness programmes were organized in all DBNJ centres including the slums on this occasion. The DBNJ Outreach team under the leadership of Mr. Satish and Mr. Pandu took out rallies in the slums with the help of tuition centre children. The shouting of



slogans and the display of short quotes on placards drew the attention of onlookers as the children were advocating their own rights. All

children and elders pledged to uphold the rights of every girl child and expressed their strong commitment to nurturing them until they grow into their fullness. The essay competition on girl child rights was an eye opener amidst various competitions that were held on this day.

Inauguration and Blessing of New Compound Wall:

October 11, 2023: During his annual visitation days, Fr. Thomas Santiago, Provincial of Hyderabad inaugurated and blessed the newly built compound wall at Hayathnagar. Thanks to Don Bosco Jugendhilfe Welweit, Switzerland for their generosity in creating a new infrastructural facility that aimed to provide safe and

protective environment for most vulnerable girls in rehabilitation programme at Don Bosco Prem Seva Sadan, Hayathnagar. He walked along the compound wall accompanied by the director of DBNJ, Fr. Thomas Remalla, sisters and children. He appreciated



everyone for the quality of work and encouraged children to focus on their studies in the newly inaugurated protective environment. The children thanked every benefactor, JEW Austria and BSK for being instrumental in creating this facility.

Bathukamma Celebrations: October 12, 2023: One of the greatest festivals of Telangana known as Bathukamma was celebrated in high spirits at Don Bosco



Prem Seva Sadan, Hayathnagar. The girls along with their staff members collected nice and fresh flowers and made a colourful Bathukamma. They danced in cohesion

wearing colourful half sarees while singing traditional songs that are very particular to the area. This was indeed a great moment of unity and companionship.

Staff Training Programme: October 13, 2023: All the centre heads and in-charges of various departments gathered in DBNJ, Ramanthapur for a day long training programme that focused on being technically systematic while carrying out

services for children at risk. Fr. Yeruva Arogya, Administrator concisely explained the principles and practices of accounting. Mr.



Ramesh Dondapati, Project Consultant elaborately discussed about maintaining various registers, chronicles and documentary evidence of the activities organized on a regular basis. Thanks to Mr. Sebin and Mr. Tibin, MSW students from Mar Sleeva College, Kerala for assisting DBNJ staff to organize their office computers. This meeting proved to be productive as participants shared valuable insights and strategies aimed at enhancing the overall operation and organization of the centers.

Training Programme by WD & CW Department:

October 19, 2023: All the CCIs heads were gathered in Begumpet for a day long interactive session on the policies and standards of care to be adopted and practiced in all the CCIs of Telangana. The UNICEF team

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- ★ Street Presence
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- ★ Vocational Training
- ★ Coaching in Sports / Games
- ★ Kitchen Gardening
- ★ After Care
- ★ Health Camps
- ★ Drug De-addiction Orientation
- ★ Open Shelter
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- ★ DB4M (Don Bosco for Migrants)

DBNJ ACTION PLAN

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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

highlighted the effective implementation of the UN SDGs that are aimed at improving the quality of life for the child beneficiaries in CCI. Eight staff members from DBNJ attended this programme. The staff felt happy that they got this opportunity to learn from other CCI heads about the common challenges and the strategies.

Volunteering Programme by Providence Health Care Company: October 31, 2023:

The clients, senior management, sisters and volunteers from Providence Health Care Company situated in Gachibowli visited DBNJ Ramanthapur to engage the children of all DBNJ centres with fun games, value education classes and moreover, with a cultural programme. The day turned out to be an opportunity for learning and sharing of ideas. The plight of underprivileged children and the enormous talents hidden among them



were the key takeaways of this exchange programme. The Providence Company distributed school bags and snacks for all children on this occasion. Thanks to Sr. Lucy, Sr. Rani and the senior management for their continuous patronage and support.

The Start of Organic Kitchen Garden: November 01, 2023:

The girls of DBNJ, Hayathnagar were excited to start a fresh vegetable garden in their backyard in a small area. All girls and sisters under the leadership of Mr. Mohan Rao, driver of the girls home and earlier a farmer, dug the ground and levelled it to make it fertile for planning of the saplings. The girls were divided into 3 groups and were given a small piece of land each to show case fruit of their labour. Indeed, the new vegetable garden would not only provide



healthy produce, but also would serve as a valuable learning experience for everyone involved.

Vaccination Programme: November 03, 2023:

Ms. R. Sri Durga and her team visited DBNJ Nampally to conduct a thorough health check-up for the children. They further TD vaccinated all the children to prevent themselves from whooping cough and other seasonal illnesses. The children and management are thankful to the periodic support given by Sri Durga madam.



Feedback Visit by RISE Against Hunger:

November 09, 2023: A team from Rise Against Hunger visited DBNJ Ramanthapur for an interaction with all DBNJ beneficiaries. The children were individually interviewed and were asked to give feedback about the nutritional kichidi packets provided by them. They enquired the taste and the quality of the meal that the children had been enjoying from a very long time. Thanks to RISE



Against Hunger NGO for their continuous support.

Rewards for Morning Duties: November 09, 2023: A special recognition ceremony took place during the Good Night Talk time to honor the outstanding performers who dedicatedly and diligently carried out their morning duties. The appraisal was conducted by Bro. Velangini Raju and Bro. Nishanth Issac with the support of Fr. Christu, Dean. Fr. Thomas Remalla, Director acknowledged and appreciated the dedication and hard work demonstrated by the students. He gave away special prizes to them and exhorted other children to gain inspiration from them.



Children's day Celebrations at Vaidhehi Ashram for Nampally Boys: November 10, 2023: The CWC (Child Welfare Committee), DCPU (District Child Protection Unit), and DWO (District Welfare Officer) teams organized a series of enjoyable activities for the children at Vaidhehi



Ashram on the occasion of Children's Day. From November 01-06, the children enthusiastically participated in competitive games including essay

writing. The Government line departments proudly acknowledged that DBNJ Nampally actively participated in all the programmes without fail and with much dedication. Sincere appreciation to Mr. Madhu Sudhan and Mr. Abhiram for securing prizes with their impressive skills. They received their prizes on November 10, 2023 during the concluding ceremony held at Ravindra Bharathi, Nampally.

Visit of Chemveda Life Sciences: November 13, 2023: The children's day celebrations continued to be meaningful and full of fun as the management and staff from Chemveda Life Sciences India Pvt. Ltd. Visited Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur. The team conducted competitions and fun games for all DBNJ children

gathered in the campus. They entertained and engaged children with their mesmerizing messages and thought-provoking speeches. Later, they distributed snacks and bags for all the children.



Bakery Skill Training Programme and Christmas Cakes: December 01, 2023: A short duration skill training programme titled "Bosco Breads" was inaugurated on this day with eight college dropout boys

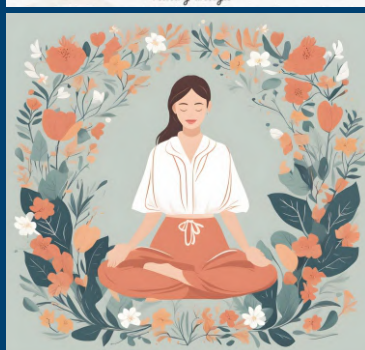
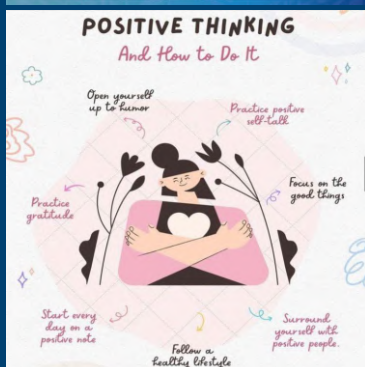
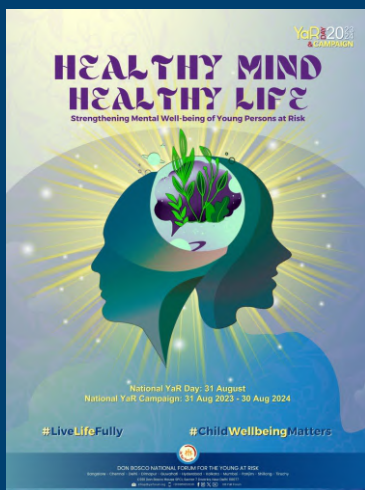


desiring to finish the course by December 27, 2023. Fr. Arogya Yerruva, Administrator and Mr. Kishore, Baker & Instructor launched the programme with

a theory class explaining about the ingredients, processes, calculations and the know-how of the machinery. Fr. Arogya emphasized about the hygienic bakery environment that needed to be maintained every day.

Visit of Genpact Personnel to DBNJ, Ramanthapur: December 09, 2023: Genpact has been a long-standing friend of Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad. A beautiful memory of care and concern down the lane! The team from Genpact along with their clients visited DBNJ for an interaction with the children. The went around the campus to look at the facilities provided and the support system in place for the care and protection of children in need. Earlier, as the team arrived, the children tied friendship bands as a sign of welcome and friendship. After an inspirational talk, the Genpact team distributed provisions and other essential items for children. Genpact has been a long-standing friend of Don Bosco Navajeevan, Hyderabad. A beautiful memory of





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Emotional Wellness Session for College Girls: December 18, 2023: A half-day session on mental wellbeing was organized for college going girls who came on a two-day vacation to Don Bosco Prem Seva Sadan, Hayathnagar. Fr. Thomas Remalla, Director exhorted the girls to be careful in relationships with young boys. He asked them to be diligent while using the phone as they could get trapped easily and asked them to focus on studies that would fetch them recognition and make them stand on their own legs.



CHILDREN'S DAY – 2023

Annual Celebration of the Right to a Safe and Happy Childhood

The annual children's day was organized on November 12, 2023 at Don Bosco Navajeevan Rehabilitation Centre, Ramanthapur. Around 220 children from DBNJ four centres and the tuition children from nearby slums gathered together for a day-long activities that included games, cultural programmes, messages and special festive lunch and snacks. The steering committee lead by Fr. Christu conducted fun games and competitions and later distributed prizes for the winners. The day was more joyful with the gracious presence and inspiring words of Rev. Fr. Rafael Bejarano Rivera SDB, who works in the Salesian Sector of Youth Ministry, Rome, Fr. Joe Prabhu SDB, Executive Director of DB National YaR Forum, Delhi and Fr. Bosco Francis SDB, National DB4M Director, Delhi.



KUTUMBOTSAVAM – 2023

Don Bosco Navajeevan's Annual Family Day



Don Bosco speaks of a Salesian community that needs to be bubbling with the family spirit. Similarly, Navajeevan is a real family for those who have no family or those who remain away from their families due to various reasons and vulnerabilities. All the children, staff, sisters and fathers gathered together on November 19, 2023 at DBNJ Ramanthapur to celebrate the joy of being together. The day was filled with an array of exciting games and activities that fostered a sense of unity among all family members. The morning time was dedicated exclusively to learn together and the afternoon time was set for enjoying together. Fr. Kiran Sagar SCJ, a research scholar on migration, enlightened the staff and students about being safe online. He inspired everyone to understand the possible cyber threats with concrete examples of cyber vulnerability and suggested ways to prevent oneself from falling a prey to the cyber lures. A solemn thanksgiving prayer session was conducted by the head of the family, Fr. Thomas Remalla, Executive Director. He wished that DBNJ family stays united always in order to be more impactful.

A grand festive lunch was served to all the children. Thanks to the financial contributions of staff members and DBNJ well-wishers, with whose kind generosity the day's expenses were met. All the children and staff were divided into groups for various competitions that were oriented towards generating fun, collaboration and friendly relationships. It was a memorable occasion that brought joy and warmth of togetherness to all the participants.



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SEMI CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – 2023

'Joy to the World, the Savior is Born'

Christmas was celebrated with great pomp and fervour in Don Bosco Navajeevan, Ramanthapur on December 17, 2023. About 350 children including resident children, slum tuition centre children and staff participated in the joyful celebrations. The presence of Santa Claus added cheer to the spirit of Christmas. The day's celebrations started off with the distribution of welcome drink and snack packet as the children joyfully entered Ramanthapur premises. The whole cultural programme was centred on the theme of Christmas and the enactment of the story relating to birth of Jesus was the show stealer. Well-choreographed dance moves by children to the folklore tunes of Jesus' birth left everyone spell bound. On this great occasion, DBNJ community honoured individual donors who consistently and considerably contributed to the immense joy and overall wellbeing of children. Mr. Bengi Mukesh Goud (Sponsorship of Rice), Mr. Kumar Stanely, Mrs. Roseline and family (Sponsorship of Christmas Dresses), Fr. Noel Maddhichetty SDB, Ms. Anitha, Fr. Sarath Parri SDB, Fr. B. Aroickia Nathan SDB, Mr. A. M. Rajareddy, Mr. Ramesh Dondapati and Mr. K. Shivateja (Sponsorship of Essential goods) were felicitated by Fr. Thomas Remalla and Fr. V. Gnanapragasam for their immense commitment to the cause of bringing smiles on the faces of underprivileged children in DBNJ centres. The guests acknowledged with humility the love showered by children and the DBNJ management. The guests prayed that every child grows to be a responsible adult striving to better his/her future.



**"To BE GOOD and to DO GOOD
is the purpose of one's LIFE."**
– Mr. Bengi Mukesh Goud

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