



"I am grateful to Don Bosco for the education I received. I appreciate their efforts to educate the children of the poor in our country."



Vishwanath Anand
World Chess Champion

In Mumbai, the alumni of Don Bosco Matunga lend a hand to children in need!
In Bangalore a street child becomes a movie-star!!
In Kolkata Don Bosco goes to prison!!!

Editorial ...

Suresh was a happy man. He had a small plot of land and a little house that was not much better than a hut; but, he had a loving wife, three beautiful children who were doing well in the local government school; there was enough food for all. He was grateful to God for all his blessings.

Everyone in the village was in a similar situation. They were all hardworking small-scale farmers. Most families had their little plot. The rains were good and the soil was fertile. The town was not far away. They sold their goods there and did their shopping. All were happy. There was peace, happiness and prosperity in the little village.

A large enterprise came up in the town nearby. Its human resources manager scouted the area and found this village perfectly suitable for the quarters for the company's staff.

He offered a very large sum to the farmers and bought up several acres of land adjacent to each other and abutting the main road.

These farmers still had enough land left over to cultivate. They also had a large sum of money to invest and to consume. Soon they had a large, flat TV, a car in the garage, an air-conditioner in the bedroom and a fridge

in the kitchen. Their children were admitted into the English-medium school in the town.

Suresh was no longer the happy man he used to be. He realised how poor he was and how better his life could be. He had not become any poorer; but, the discontent came from the sight of those doing better than he did.

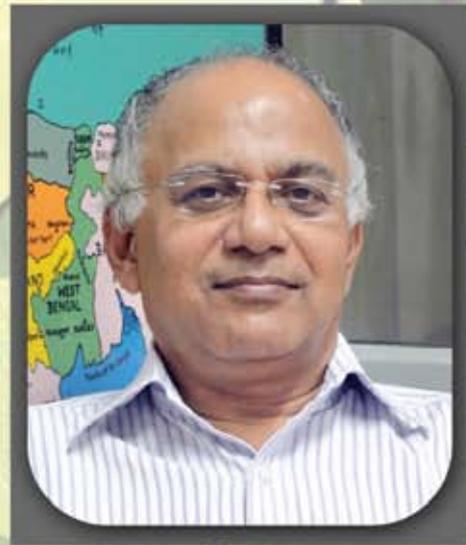
A few years ago, the salaries of the top 10% of the employees in a company in India were about five times those of the lowest 10%. Capitalism and cut-throat competition pushed up the income of large investors and top-level employees. They did not allow the earnings of the poorest to rise. Today, the top 10% earn 12 times the lowest 10%. The difference between the rich and poor grew at a faster pace in India than in any of the other BRIC nations.

No doubt, our economy is growing and flourishing. Unfortunately, its benefits are unevenly distributed among the people.

There is a limit to what the government can do to promote economic equality. The collapse of the Soviet Union is proof of the failure of state control. Improving the lot of the poor is, more than ever, the task of every individual. It has to be voluntary.

BoscoNet is happy to be helping people to meet this responsibility. Don Bosco is your reliable, transparent and accountable partner in helping the weaker sections of the population to stand on their own feet.

We invite you to visit any of the Don Bosco institutions in your neighbourhood. Ask them about their services to the poor. These are not always so evident to the casual onlooker. We could even arrange a tour for you to several of our centres at your convenience.



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person is at its purest
in the young.”

Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk,
King of Bhutan

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