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Editorial



“Everyone is a migrant on this Earth”

Every New Year we turn a new leaf in our book of life, with new hopes and dreams. What has this year in store for us personally and for the world at large? There is always a hope that this New Year would be better than the previous year. We look for new opportunities to make our lives happier and healthy. We might take new resolutions to live a meaningful life.

There are many people in this world who are not looking for new opportunities in life, but are in search of new life itself. BoscoNet would like to focus on a vast group of people in this world, who are in search of new life for themselves and their families. Let us rise above our own lives and look at the lives of the migrants in the world of today.

One may ask, who are migrants? “Migrants are persons who have not legally enrolled in census, or have moved from the place of residence where they have been enrolled”. Migrants are of all age groups children, youth, and adults who are forced to leave their home territory, to escape poverty, violence, conflicts, and due to climate change. They search for their livelihood and a secure home. In the recent deluge of migrants into Europe, young people made the largest contingent of migrants. Why is it

that mostly young people migrate? Youth is the age when human beings are most motivated and willing to take up challenges and risks in life.

It is interesting to note that “India is home to one-eighth (28.2 million) of the 232 million international migrants worldwide”. Internal migrants in India constitute a large population: 326 million or 28.5% of the population (NSSO 2007–2008). The National Youth Policy (NYP 2012) of India exposure draft identifies migrant youth as a target group. The policy mentions that “due to migration and the subsequent loosening of family bonds, youth need guidance and support which is not easily available” (NYP 2012, Article 6.1.2b).

Don Bosco India has a large network of interventions engaged in youth work, and would like to highlight and focus on the life of the migrant youth in our country. BoscoNet is concerned with the lives of the children, youth and women, who migrate on account of poverty, seeking livelihoods and others who are alienated forcefully by the denial of human rights. The Don Bosco National Forum of Young at Risk (DBNF-YaR), a network of 90 centers across India plays a pivotal role in extending their services to migrant youth, coordinating among the Don Bosco interventions in India.

BOSCO our social development office in Delhi, partners with the UNHCR (UN Refugee agency) to rehabilitate young refugees who seek asylum from other countries.

BoscoNet has published a calendar for 2017, which features the lives of the young migrants and their challenges. We would like to invite you to journey through this year, focusing on the young migrants who are the future citizens of our country. I thank you for generously contributing to BoscoNet’s programme of interventions for social solidarity in the past years. You are welcome to share your thoughts, innovative concepts, and contributions to offer security and sustainable livelihood to the millions of young migrants, whose present and future is at risk as the citizens of our country.

This year, you can change the life of a migrant youth by collaborating with the interventions of BoscoNet.

I wish you and your family a prosperous New Year, filled with God’s blessings.

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Don Bosco reach out to MIGRANT YOUTH in India



“No one is illegal”

People have always migrated in our planet. Early humans were nomads, traveling in search of food, shelter and safety. Today people migrate for many different reasons: economic, political, cultural, religious and environmental. Sometimes such displacements are forced by natural disasters (floods, droughts, tsunamis etc.) or outcomes of human agency such

as communal riots. There are also countless project affected peoples (PAPs) who are compelled to give up their habitats to give way for mega development projects such as mining, dams etc. All forced migrations invariably destroy homes and livelihoods. People also migrate voluntarily for several reasons (girls upon marriage for instance). Searching for better opportunities in life is often the key factor for migration. Cities pull

the marginalized rural youth with opportunities for making a career. A person in an urban area has a 93 per cent higher chance of acquiring training than someone in a rural area, which (among other reasons) impels the young to migrate from rural areas to the cities.

Youth in India

With 356 million 10-24 year-olds, India has the world's largest youth

population. China, despite its much larger population, despite having a smaller population than India, which comes second with 269 million young people. Hence India enjoys an immense demographic dividend and we will continue to have this youthful buoyancy till the 2045. If national and state policies and programmes invest heavily in young people's education and health, and protect their rights, our economies will soar high. Failure will lead to demographic disaster.

In most cases of migration, the whole families move; sometimes only male adults go to the cities for employment. There are countless children, young men, adolescent girls and women who escape from their homes or are trafficked by criminal syndicates. They are the migrant 'youth at-risk' (YaR). Their risks arise because they are ripped away from their support systems of family and the community. Among the migrants, some are indeed trafficked.



The migrants' problem in India is enormous. Being devoid of critical skills, information, bargaining power; lacking identity and legal protection migrants often end up working in low-end, low-value, hazardous works. The Indian State has largely failed in providing legal or social protection to this vulnerable group. Migrants thus constitute a floating and "invisible" population on the periphery of Indian society.

Migration is high into Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Karnataka. A research by YaR Forum on youth migration indicated that the majority survive by working as labourers in construction sites, or in hotels and eateries. The source States are Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh.

Though there have been some studies on this issue, the national databases have failed to provide any up to date and reliable data specific to youth migration. This in turn hampers the design and delivery of services to this group. Though India has participated in a number of international conventions, and though some laws have been enacted, the issues of migrants have mostly remained on paper.

Migration is not a problem of India alone but is a global one. With or without documents, a large number of people migrate to different countries, especially looking for better economic opportunities. Many youth who run away and become migrants in other countries. Most of them will never meet their parents again, as they are illegal residents in another country, and there is no one to help them to get them any legal status.

The immediate need on hand is to provide them accommodation. They also need social security, access to education, health care services and subsidized food. The Government already plays a vital role by offering services: Child Help





Line and enrolling such young in government schools.

Don Bosco National forum for Young at Risk (YaR) has set up a national migrant desk to help them live a life of quality and dignity. Experts in this field have come together and set up a task force for smooth implementation of the plan and to prevent large-scale migration. The goal is to reach out to as many migrated youth as possible.

Migrants and Don Bosco Network

The Don Bosco National Forum for Young at Risk (DBNF – YaR) organized a seminar at Guwahati in March 2012. The theme was: Migrant Youth/Children in the

Unorganized Sector. Probably, it was the first country-wide effort to bring the focus our attention on this disadvantaged group. In February 2015, another workshop deliberated on: Reaching the Unreached. Discussions in the YaR National Seminar of 2016 were selective to the '18+ Young at Risk'.

The call to all the Salesian Family members to join hands and hearts to reach out and address the concerns of migrants in India emanated from the Don Bosco Bicentennial Salesian Family Congress in September 2015 and taken up by Salesian Provincial Council for South Asia (SPCSA) immediately after that, for follow-up action. As a consequence, in late 2015, the DB YaR Forum was asked

to take the lead in conceptualizing and drawing up a plan of action for the Salesian ministry with migrants in India.

The Migrants Desk:

"First-step" for the Salesian ministry with migrants.

Objectives:

1. Give migrants the confidence that they have competent persons at every

Salesian centre, who care for them and will assist them.

2. Make the local Don Bosco Centers an address/place/home where migrants can come in for any emergency, or for services and support.

3. Build a network of persons and organizations committed to supporting the rights of migrants and empowering the migrants to access them.

4. Motivate, accompany and empower the migrants to overcome the constraints and the deprivation they face:

- The denial of rights and entitlements,
- The lack of access to state-provided services,
- Exclusion from legal rights, banking, protection and social security systems,
- Their vulnerability to discrimination on the grounds of ethnic, religious, caste, class, gender considerations,
- On account of drug abuse,
- As a consequence of trafficking and exploitation at the work place and the resultant emotional and spiritual crises.

5. Promote positive political discourse for the inclusion of



migrants in society and contribute to changing the negative perception and prejudiced portrayal of the migrants.

6. Advocate with the state and others for the rights of migrants, and for the creation of better options at the source areas to reduce "forced" migration.

Initial Activities

1. Reach out to the migrants in the locality, meet the migrants in the neighborhood and inform them about the Migrants Desk and what it can do for them.

2. Facilitate the support/help needed to meet the emergency/urgent needs of Migrants.

3. Offer opportunities and facilities for awareness building, counseling, social interaction, cultural integration, sports and recreation for migrants in the area.

4. Assist in linking migrants to state provided services, especially health, subsidized food and education.

5. Make contact with the persons

who brought the migrants and also with the persons for whom the migrants work.

6. Undertake area specific micro-research in the neighbourhood.

7. Build a database of young persons who migrate or have migrated, to or from the locality, with details of the reasons for migration and the work they are engaged in.



8. Maintain communication and information sharing between other Migrants Desks in the province and in other provinces and respond to inter-district, inter-state calls for data or services to assist migrants in need.

9. Enter into dialogue with individuals, local administration, and civil society organizations, on the situation of migrants in the locality and work together with

them to promote the rights of migrants.

10. Avail forums and platforms in the locality – educational institutions, churches, clubs, student bodies, special occasions, media – to offer information and pre-departure counseling and support services to potential migrants; and in the destination areas, to build awareness of internal migrants' positive contribution to society.

11. Organise and offer faith-based services, support and linkages to migrant students and working young people.

We hope that this interventions initiated will be able alleviate the constraints of young people who are in search of livelihood and a safe shelter.



The Salesian Cooperators from the five Northern Provinces - Guwahati, Dimapur, Kolkata, Shillong and Delhi, pledged to work for Migrant Youth, at the VII Northern Zonal Conference of the Salesian Cooperators, held at Shillong on 29 & 30 October, 2016.

“Rs. 30 was a lot to me”



“I, Jyothi, (23 years) am the only child of my family. My father passed away even before I was born. My mother Sushelamma, raised me alone, in Maharashtra. When my mother's health deteriorated,

we went to Karnataka to live with my grandmother. I discontinued my studies and started to work as a farm-hand to support my mother. Every day I earned 30 rupees. It was a difficult time for us. Meanwhile, my mother went back to Maharashtra to work again, leaving me with my grandmother. One day in 2003, Mr. Harish, a staff from Don Bosco, Davangere came to my village. He took me to Don Bosco to continue my studies. I was then 14 years old.

At Don Bosco I did well. Coping with a new language (Kannada) was somewhat difficult. But gradually I overcame that problem and I enjoyed my stay. During this time, I lost my mother. I came to know of

my mother's death only after one year, and it shook me badly.

With the help of the Don Bosco fathers, I completed my X Class in Harihara, did my PUC in Shimoga, did my BSW in Mysore, and completed MSW in Kerala. All these years, I was encouraged and supported by Fr. Kuriakose, Fr. Joy, Fr. Sony, Fr. Roubin and the brothers, staff and friends at Don Bosco.

Right now I am working in BOSCO Bangalore as a staff member of the foster care department, as Asst. Coordinator cum Counsellor. I am deeply grateful for everything that Don Bosco has done for me.”

“I hated my life”



I am Eeresh, I was happy till I was seven years old when my father died of drinking. After three more years, my mother died of a heart attack. I was an orphan at my age of ten; I was so scared; I roamed

around the city; somehow I got involved in selling newspapers on the street, with other boys like me. After some time I started working in a silk processing factory. I lost my two fingers while working with a sewing machine. Quitting the job, I returned to roam around the city again. I hated my life, I did not know who I was becoming. One day I was caught by the police and they took me to Bosco Mane in Bangalore. After that I was taken to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli for further studies with overall sustenance.

I spent two years doing a bridge course. Last year I completed my X class. Today I am 16 years old and doing my ITI in Don Bosco Prakashpalaya. Besides that, I love playing football and cricket.”

Eeresh avers, “You have no idea how much I thank the Don Bosco fathers and brothers for the life they have given me. I cannot imagine where I would have ended without them. God bless Don Bosco.”

“Don bosco changed my life”



I am Deepthy Prasad, from an economically backward family. My father is a painter and my mother is a homemaker. I have an older brother. The four of us lived in a single room, with no electricity. It

was hard for my father to meet our needs. We struggled for our daily meals. Despite all the difficulties, he still sent me to school. Realising my situation, my school headmistress told me about the sponsorship programme of BREADS (Bangalore Rural Educational and Development Society – Don Bosco Unit of Bangalore). By God’s grace I was selected. It was a great relief for my family as the scholarship given by my sponsors met all my educational expenses for 14 years. They also encouraged me through affectionate letters and gifts.

I was able to complete X class with full A+ grade, and XII with 92%. After that I applied for the B.Tech degree for which sponsorship alone was not sufficient to meet all the expenses of my course. BREADS came to my rescue by providing a scholarship. With such total support, In 2014, I completed with distinction my B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Govt. College of Engineering, Cherthala, Kerala.

Presently, I work as a programme Analyst Trainee at Cognizant Technology Solutions, Chennai.

The biggest gift to a child is giving him/her a good education and BREADS is working for that. I am very lucky to receive that gift. It changed my whole life, not only academically but also by developing my character through many inspirational training programmes. Such an experience has evoked in me a desire to serve others.

The sponsorship from BREADS is a treasure in my life. I take this opportunity to thank all the coordinators of BREADS for all the help that I received from them. I wish all the best for BREADS.

I wish every child struggling for good education would find this treasure from BREADS. May there be many more BREADS across the country.”

Messiah in the guise of an auto driver



Community Empowered Street Presence' is the approach adopted by BOSCO (Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota) in the rescue

from Goripalaya, found a 10 year old boy in shabby clothes, sitting alone on the roadside. Without hesitating

of street and vulnerable children. The public on the streets are encouraged to talk to children in distress and provide assistance if they require it. This morning, an auto driver Mr. John

for a second he approached the boy. He spoke with him and realised that he is from Ananthapur district of Andhra Pradesh, and had run away from his hometown. Realizing the importance of protecting the childhood of this boy, Mr. John took him in his auto to BOSCO Yuvodaya and handed him over to the coordinator in charge of counselling and rehabilitation. True to his actions he proved to be a responsible citizen.

This is one of the many rescues accomplished by civil society members. You too can be a Good Samaritan and a child rights champion on the street, if you care for children and their childhood.

Pray for Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB



On 4 March 2016, a group of armed men attacked the house of the Missionaries of Charity in Aden, the capital of Yemen, killing 16 people, including 4 Sisters, and abducted our confrere, Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil. Even today, after many months have passed, we still have no definite news of on the fate of the Indian missionary. He is a nephew of another Salesian, Fr. Matthew Uzhunnalil, who started the Salesian mission in Yemen. Rumours of all kinds circulated on the internet around the Holy Week. Fortunately they were later proved to be unfounded.

Today, after the tragic events and the kidnapping of Fr Uzhunnalil, the Salesian Congregation, starting from the Rector Major, Fr. Angel Fernandez Arttime, once again urges all of you to remain focused on the condition of this missionary.

BoscoNet invites you all to remember him in your prayers.

Lighting up the joy together



Mr. Atul Yadav and his daughter Tapasy celebrated Diwali with Don Bosco Ashalayam children, Lucknow on 30 October 2016.



A member of Jan Svabhiman Seva Samiti came over to Don Bosco Ashalayam, Lucknow to share the joy of Diwali with the children at Ashalayam.



Mrs. Shalini and family, a neighbour of Don Bosco Ashalayam Lucknow, visited the Ashalayam children on 30 October 2016.



Friends and well-wishers such as these bring smiles on the faces of children. Your presence certainly added joy and brought the mood of celebration to the children. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for receiving such love and care.

Thank you for supporting us always.

Parents get a glimpse into their children's future



Don Bosco Tech, Chintapalli, Andhra Pradesh (AP) in collaboration with Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) and Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA) has successfully conducted

job-oriented technical courses in Automobile repair, Electrical fitting, BPO, Computer Assistant and Masonry. Since inception, the team carried out mobilization drives on a war footing to bring the centre into focus of the entire region.

On 5 October 2016, parents of the trainees were invited to DB Tech Chintapalli Centre for an interface with the trainers and the Director of the Centre. The parents felt assured that their children were in the right place and were on the certain path of progress.

In this part of AP, the youth are vulnerable to the lure of Naxalite

Movement. Hence the hesitation of some parents to permit their children moving away to other cities for jobs. DB Tech team explained the advantages of obtaining the skill-training on offer. The training process will enable the students to imbibe work-discipline; improve their habits, and handle changes in their life style positively. By the end of the day the parents agreed. However, they preferred girls to work within the vicinity.

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Youth gathered for a leadership workshop

The Don Bosco Development Society (DBDS) of the Mumbai Province, following its motto "Steering Towards Empowerment" organised a Youth Leadership Workshop on 5

November 2016, at the Don Bosco campus in Matunga, Mumbai. It was attended by 347 young boys and girls from the different slum pockets of Mumbai. All these youth were the children of the women from the

Self-Help Groups (SHG) for whom DBDS works.

The event started off with icebreakers (songs/yells/claps) conducted by the DBDS staff; it



helped to create an environment of energy and enthusiasm. Only after this initial warm-up session the formal prayer service and welcome of the gathering took place. Fr. Anthony Goyal enlightened the youth by narrating the life of Don Bosco and his works spread across the globe.

Mrs. Jyoti Tanna, (founder trustee and chairperson of 'Each One Teach One' charitable foundation), who was the chief guest for the day really motivated the gathering by asking them to dream big. She also

gave them practical guidelines on how to be good leaders in the daily situations of life. "We have already started dreaming - in fact even dreaming during the day about our future," said master Rahul Jadhav.

The entire group was then divided into smaller sub-groups, mixed well on the basis of gender and locations. 10 experts from the organisation "Magic Bus" animated each group on communication skills. They used fun activities and games to bring out the desired output.

It was a unique experience for the youth, as they got the opportunity to rejuvenate their bodies and minds. On interviewing three participants, (Vilas Karmalkar, Shabana Shaikh & Aarti Khandare), all of them said "it was a unique experience, thrilling and yet a moment of learning; Don Bosco Development Society must conduct more of these workshops." Youth went back refreshed with the sumptuous snacks that were served.

Financial Report 2015-16

BOSCONET

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2016

Particulars	Sch. No.	For the year ended 31-03-2016 (Rs.)
INCOME		
Contributions & Donations		8,619,821.26
Interest on SB A/c		98,689.66
Interest on FDR		67,730.00
Total		8,786,240.92
EXPENDITURE		
Education & Training Expenses	3	6,963,099.00
Administrative Expenses	4	335,868.01
		7,298,967.01
Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Income & Expenditure		1,487,273.91
Total		8,786,240.92

For & on behalf of management

As per our report of even date



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AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of BOSCONET as at 31 March 2016 and also the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date, annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We report that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- In our opinion, proper books of account, as required by law, have been kept by the Association so far as appears from our examination of those books.
- The Balance Sheet and the Income & Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account
- In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts, read together with notes thereon, give the information in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

(a) in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31 March 2016.

(b) in the case of the Income & Expenditure Account, of the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.



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