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VERY EARLY WHEN ONE GIVES UP**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Editorial



THANK YOU! YOU'VE BEEN GREAT!

2015 has been a very eventful year, a very busy one too. A lot of our attention went into dealing with a tragedy. Since BOSCONET is the social service agency of Don Bosco closest to Nepal, it was perfectly normal that the headquarters of Don Bosco in Rome asked us to co-ordinate the Salesians efforts world-wide, to offer immediate relief to the victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

We got a fantastic response from people in India and from abroad, to support the Don Bosco institution in Thecho near Kathmandu, as the fathers there went about bravely, distributing food and other essentials from the very next day of the disaster. The real heroes of this effort are the Salesians in Nepal, their students, teachers, other staff, volunteers and village leaders. The Salesians of Bengal (our Kolkata Province) provided additional staff, and sent up materials from

India to overcome the shortages in Nepal. All this was made possible because our donors in India and abroad responded very generously to help their brethren in need.

As the New Year dawns on us I wish to say, "THANK YOU!" to all of you for your generosity, especially towards Nepal, in the course of the last year. And I humbly request you to continue this generosity towards everyone in need, no matter in which part of the world. We do concentrate on the neediest in our own country, as there are still so many poor among us. But it is good to remember that, all of us together form just one human family and the suffering of one is the suffering of all. Life is so much happier when we go to one another's help.

In this issue on the occasion of Christmas and New Year, we did not want to burden you with long articles or tales of the

sufferings of people. Instead we bring you mostly photos, some of which you will have already seen in earlier issues – photos of people who are happier because of you.

We have not solved all the problems of everyone. But you did bring smiles to several thousands of people, especially children and the young. Rejoice at their happiness, feel their gratitude. I have seen with my own eyes the difference you made in the lives of people, as I made three visits to Nepal since the earthquake, and visited a lot of our institutions around India itself.

You have every reason to rejoice at the contribution you made. I know you will continue to help us do what we need to do. Thank you! Happy New Year!

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The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has conferred the prestigious 2014 National Award for Child Welfare on Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO), for its decades-long outstanding service in the field of marginalised children welfare. The award was presented by Shree Pranab Mukherjee, the honourable President of India, to Fr. Panamkattu Mathew Thomas, the executive director of BOSCO, in a solemn function held on 14 November 2015, at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi.

SHELTER DON BOSCO - Wadala, Mumbai



I feel at home whenever I visit this place. The kids love me and I feel nice to bring smiles to their faces. This place gives all the basic things, which are required. "Thank you" to all the fathers, brothers and the staff, for all their hard work and perseverance." – Boman Irani (Bollywood Actor)

It is like a home to me. Big father is like a daddy to me. He corrects me and encourages me to learn. When Brother comes down and plays with us I feel very happy." – Naval Komakul (10, V Std.)



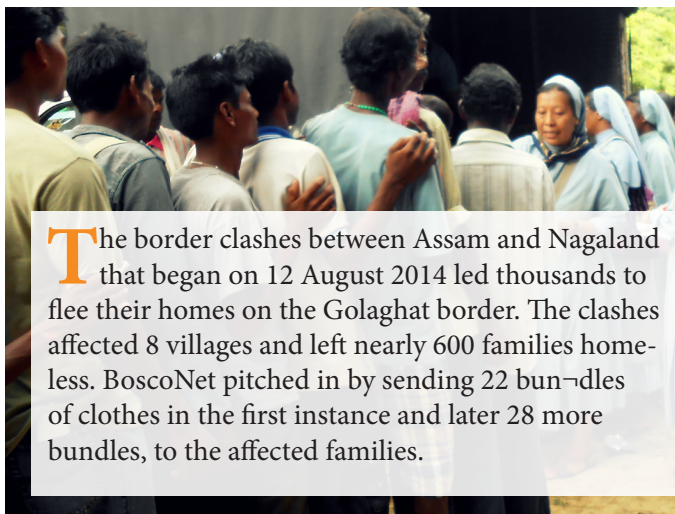
**On 3 October 2014 DB Tech,
Bangalore, joined hands
with the Karnataka
Government in skills training**





**The First
Catholic College
of Agriculture,
a Don Bosco institution,
in India was
inaugurated
on 24 October 2014
at Chennai**

SFRST 2014 – SALESIAN FAMILY RELIEF SERVICE TEAM RELIEF CAMP, ASSAM



The border clashes between Assam and Nagaland that began on 12 August 2014 led thousands to flee their homes on the Golaghat border. The clashes affected 8 villages and left nearly 600 families homeless. BoscoNet pitched in by sending 22 bundles of clothes in the first instance and later 28 more bundles, to the affected families.



Children learn to lead Human Rights Clubs



Drinking water project set up by Bosco Seva Kendra in Nalgonda district in Telengana



**A brighter
future for
the Wancho
tribals of Tirap
district in
Arunachal
Pradesh through
Hostels
and Schools**



**“Thank you to Don Bosco for the
encouragement and support in
my tender years.”**

Robert Naorem
(Fashion Designer, Stylist and Makeup Artist)



**Bosco–Delhi intervention
in health care for street children**

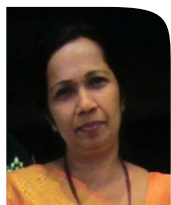
“OPERATION SMILE” 216 CHILD LABOURERS RESCUED



On 25 January 2015, the Hyderabad city police rescued 216 children. All of them, except for 3 girls, were brought to Don Bosco, Navajeevan for shelter.



Don Bosco Tech won the ICICI Foundation & CNBC TV18's award in the Non-Profit Rural Livelihood category. DBTech Director, Fr. A.M. Jose received the award in the II edition of the Inclusive India awards.



I feel confident that my donations are being utilised in the best ways possible. I feel this to be my responsibility, and not a charity that I do. Every child in any society has the right to education, to be happy, to be healthy, to be safe and to be protected. As a human being each of us has the responsibility to support and care for the children in our society."

Dr. Eliza Joseph (Donor)



In 2012 when the floods took place in Uttarakhand, the school children of Bengal collected money to help the children of Uttarakhand. When the severe cyclone Hudhud hit Vishakapatnam on 12 October 2013 the children in Uttarakhand who received help when they needed it, collected money to help the children of Vishakapatnam. We see here the circle of giving paradigm. Help goes round in a circle. People give because they have received; people receive because they have given. After the earthquake in Nepal, children and other people all over India contributed to BOSCONET's efforts towards relief and reconstruction.



Fr. Ralin D'Souza was elected the president of the Goa Basketball Association, under the aegis of the Basketball Federation of India, and its CEO Mr. Roopam Sharma

Prayers answered - Shirley blessed with twins



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."



Vishwanathan Anand
Five time World chess champion



FACTS

- Don Bosco's middle name, Melchiorre, was given after his grandfather Melchiorre Occhiena (Mamma Margherita's Father)
- It is believed that the founders of Juventus F. C. were boys from Don Bosco's oratory.
- It is thanks to Don Bosco that Brasilia is the current capital of Brazil. In 1883 he had a dream in which he saw a beautiful and fertile land, located between the 15 and 20 latitudes. He knew this place would be perfect for creating a new city. In 1955, when the Brazilian Government decided to move the capital from Rio de Janeiro to help populate the interior parts of the country, the President Juscelino Kubitschek, remembering Don Bosco's dream, ordered the construction of Brasilia, the new capital, in the location from the saint's vision. Many mineral resources were found there. Today Don Bosco is the patron saint of Brazil.

While visiting Brazil in 2011, Barack Obama said, "Brasilia is a young city – it will turn 51 next month. But it began as a dream more than a century ago. In 1883, Don Bosco, Brasilia's patron saint, had a vision that one day a capital city of a great nation would be built between the 15th and 20th parallels. It would be a model for the future and ensure that opportunity was the birthright of every Brazilian."



SONU'S STORY

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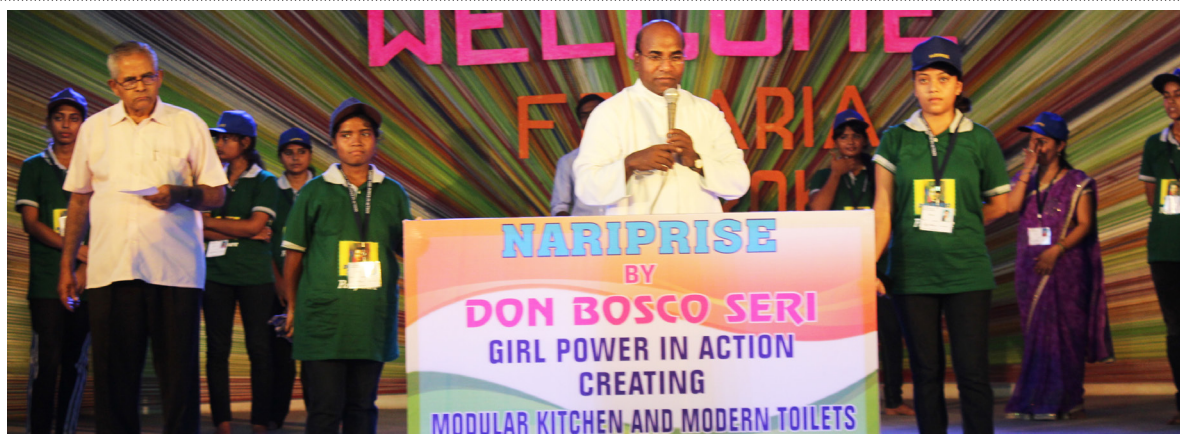












“NARIPRISE” – A Women Enterprise

“NARIPRISE” could also be called “nariPRIZE” because every girl that comes here is a ‘prize’ for me. They are all precious gifts from above. And I am more than grateful for the opportunity to help them shine.” Bro T.V. Matthew, Director of Don Bosco Self Employment and Research Institute.

DON BOSCO’S HERO

On 15 March 2015, Akash Bashir, a past pupil of the Salesian technical school, prevented a suicide bomber of the Jamaat ul Ahrar group, from entering the crowded St. John’s Catholic Church at Youhanabad, in Lahore, Pakistan. He died, but saved the lives of hundreds.

FREEDOM FROM A KILLER DISEASE

“I was diagnosed with hepatitis B; I thank God who saved me through the work of Don Bosco Development Society, Kolkata.” – Sunita Kisku, age 22, beneficiary of the medical programme.



In April 2015, the Tiruchy Salesian province, conducted a deaddiction camp for substance abusing adolescents at DB Jananam.



The students and management team of Don Bosco Tech, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society and the city’s Blood Bank, organized a blood donation camp on 28 July 2015 as a tribute to the late A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.



Lifetime award for Bro. Alex Gonsalves SDB



LAUNCHING CHILD FRIENDLY CITIES

The “Child-Friendly Cities an Initiative” by Don Bosco Forum for the Young at Risk, was flagged off by Rev Fr. Angel Fernandez Arttime SDB, the Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco, on 29 September 2015, along with the blessing and inauguration of the Don Bosco House, the national secretariat of the Salesians.



180 tribal girls of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Manipur start receiving sponsorship for their hostel fees for five years, beginning from January 2015.

*"Only happy
children in this
magazine and in
Don Bosco's homes,
THANKS TO YOU!"*

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