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From the Director's Desk



Dear Friends,

At Bosconet, we're committed to making a difference by empowering communities, taking action on climate change, skilling youth, and providing education. From empowering local communities with sustainable solutions to combating climate change and equipping youth with skills for the future, every initiative we undertake is aimed at transforming lives for a brighter tomorrow.

We believe in a holistic approach to education that encompasses not just academic learning, but also life skills, vocational training, and community engagement.

By equipping individuals with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed, we are laying the foundation for a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and optimism for what lies on the horizon. Together, we have the power to transform lives, uplift communities, and create a better tomorrow for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership in this noble endeavour.

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1. Spreading Love and Hope: Heartwarming Mother's Day Celebration

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The session began with an energetic warm-up activity, rooted in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) principles.

The children learned about the definition of a child, non-discrimination, and the "best interest of the child." Their active participation and enthusiasm were remarkable, fostering a strong connection with their teachers and volunteers.

To end the day on a high note, interactive games were organised and the children were provided nutritious snacks before they headed home. These sessions not only educated but also empowered our young learners.



2. Empowering Future Media Professionals

Bosconet- Don Bosco Network, and Don Bosco Media Initiatives for Development, Empowerment, and Awareness (DB MIDEA, Manikandam, Trichy, Tamil Nadu) offer diploma courses on multimedia and visual editing, through which media Professionals are created with social consciousness and a sense of values.

The first batch for the year 2023, comprising 16 talented beneficiaries was completed this year. Throughout the course, participants gained practical expertise in design software like Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, and CorelDraw. They also honed their visual editing skills using tools such as Wondershare Filmora and Adobe Premiere Pro, in addition to hands-on training with professional cameras.

To further support the growth of the students, internships and placement support were also facilitated. These initiatives are vital steps toward empowering the next generation of media professionals who will make a meaningful impact on society.

3. Empowering Young Minds: Child Rights Training

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4. Sparking Sustainability: World Environment Day Celebration

Bosconet- Don Bosco Network ignited a green revolution in Kolkata, radiating passion and purpose on World Environment Day. This momentous occasion unfolded in three iconic locations: Mani Square Mall, Lake Mall, and Avani Riverside Mall. With the zeal to embrace seven out of the ten Sustainable Development Goals, Bosconet set out to cast a positive spell on the environment.

From spreading the gospel of responsible waste management to championing the cause of renewable energy, from orchestrating water conservation crusades to leading the charge for biodiversity preservation, Bosconet left no stone unturned.

As a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, the supporters were given small saplings, symbolizing their pledge to nurture a greener, purer world.



5. Scoops of Joy: Ice Cream Distribution at Mitra School

A heartwarming gesture unfolded as more than 1000 delectable ice creams, generously provided by General Mills, found their way into the eager hands of the children at Mitra School. This heartening initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts of BREADS Bangalore, our esteemed implementing partner organisation, which orchestrated the event with care and precision.

This heartwarming event not only brought joy to the children but also symbolised the power of collaboration and community support. General Mills' generous donation and BREADS Bangalore's tireless dedication highlighted the importance of coming together to create moments of happiness and comfort, reminding us all that small gestures of kindness can have a significant impact on the lives of those we serve.



6. Seeds of Greener World

Bosconet- Don Bosco Network celebrated World Nature Conservation Day at Pacific Mall, Kaushambi, to ignite a green revolution, nurturing our planet's future.

The event served as the perfect platform to raise awareness about issues and inspire individuals to take action to preserve our planet in our own part of the city. By distributing a diverse range of plant saplings and seeds, Bosconet aimed to encourage the community's active engagement in promoting sustainable practices.

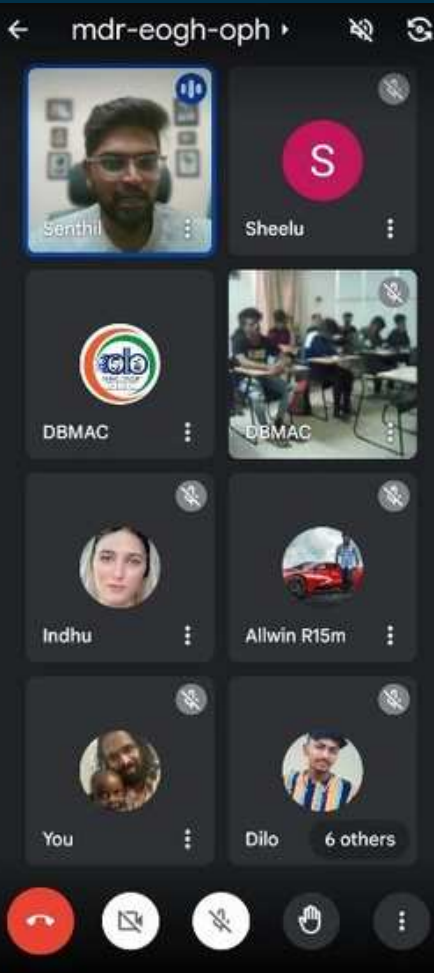


7. Educating Girls for a Healthy Future: **Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session**

A Menstrual Hygiene Awareness session was organised by Implementing Partner, DBDOC, with the primary goal of raising awareness among female students about the paramount importance of maintaining proper hygiene during their menstrual cycle. This session sought to impart valuable knowledge concerning the potential consequences that could arise if these crucial hygiene practices were overlooked.

A total of 166 girls were educated about the nature of menstruation, methods for calculating their menstrual cycle, the physical challenges they might encounter, and effective strategies for managing these challenges. The significance of maintaining personal hygiene was stressed as well.

Furthermore, the session addressed traditional myths and misconceptions that persist in rural areas, dispelling any misinformation that might hinder the girls' understanding of this natural biological process.



8. Unveiling the Power of Visual Media

In the realm of online seminars, a captivating session unfolded for Students of MultiMedia and Design program, (DB MIDEA), Tamil Nadu with the esteemed presence of Mr. Senthil Kumar, a distinguished brand designer currently affiliated with Accenture, who is renowned for his exceptional drawing and painting skills.

During the session, Mr. Kumar delved into the "Importance of Visual Media" elaborating on the ways in which this medium captivates the hearts and minds of people. He explored the history of visual media, starting from drawing and advancing to photography. His insights showed how design contributes to new technologies in different industries.

This enlightening seminar, facilitated by Cauveri, in collaboration with Bosconet, left participants with a profound appreciation for the transformative power of visual media.

9. Commencement of Sports for Development Program

Sports for Development program under the program READ (Remedial Education And Development) was launched in collaboration with PriceWaterhouseCoopers through Implementing Partner, DBDOC in Kolkata. This initiative has a mission: to champion the sport of hockey in the remote rural landscapes of West Bengal.

At the heart of this program lies the objective of providing young, budding players from rural areas with a golden opportunity to nurture their athletic prowess and unfurl their talent on a grand stage.

Beyond honing their skills, this platform also promises to be a beacon of hope for these young athletes, offering them a chance to compete in district and state championships, where their dedication, determination, and hard work can shine brightly.



10. Empowering Children through Child Parliaments

32 children's parliaments were established by BSVS (Bosco Samajik Vikas Sanstha) in the Jawhar and Mokhada talukas to educate children about different rights and help them gain a deeper understanding of their entitlements. The sessions conducted as part of this initiative also focus on imparting knowledge about children's responsibilities and guiding them on how to fulfil these responsibilities.

In July, a dedicated session was organised to enlighten the children about their right to safe drinking water and the importance of preventing diseases such as fever, cold, cough, and diarrhoea.



One notable achievement occurred in Dudhgaon village, where the Children's Parliament took proactive steps to address the issue of clean drinking water. They collaboratively composed an appeal directed at the Gram Panchayat, urging action on the matter. Remarkably, in a relatively short period, the Gram Panchayat responded by installing a new water filter in the school. This achievement left the children elated, as they realised that their collective efforts had directly contributed to the successful installation of the water filter.

11. Emergency Flood Relief Kits Distribution in Assam

Assam bore the brunt of a devastating flood, inundating numerous districts and impacting thousands of families. Homes, livestock, crops, and essential household amenities were lost in the deluge, leaving the affected people grappling with hardships and facing immense challenges in the aftermath.

During this difficult time, Bosconet, in collaboration with Nestle and implementing partner Bosco Reach Out, distributed ration kits to 2,000 families across the Chirang, Baksa, Nalbari, Barpeta, and Darrang districts of Assam.



12. Children's Drawing Contest at Nitika Don Bosco- Shelter Home

An inter-house drawing and painting competition centred around the themes of Independence Day and the birth anniversary of our founder, Don Bosco, was masterminded by Nitika Don Bosco.

Enthusiastic participation was witnessed from students ranging from classes II to X, with these budding talents showcasing their creativity through awe-inspiring artwork. This joyful endeavour fostered lively engagement from all students as their talents were shared, adding a vibrant and artistic touch to the occasion.



13. Fostering Unity Through Creativity

On India's 77th Independence Day, Bosconet- Don Bosco Network lit up the heart of Kolkata, spreading joy and unity across Mani Square Mall, Lake Mall, and Avani Riverside Mall. The event was graced by children from various Don Bosco shelter homes, including Ashadeepti, MSMHC Maayer Asha, and Asha Arunaday. The festivities commence with an inspiring flag hoisting ceremony, led by the mall authorities. This was followed by an engaging sit-and-draw competition that brought out the creative spirits of the children, culminating in a prize distribution that brought smiles all around. Tokens of appreciation, such as Indian Flag Badges, wristbands, and thoughtful gifts, were shared with supporters and mall staff, symbolising the joy of spreading happiness.



14. Independence Day and Grama Sabha Celebrations

On the auspicious occasion of Independence Day, a significant and impactful initiative unfolded in Ramanathapuram, implemented through Don Bosco Trichy. Following the uplifting flag hoisting ceremony, children were not only inspired but also actively encouraged to become integral participants in the Grama Sabha meetings organised across all the panchayats within the region.

This commendable endeavour aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world engagement.



15. Inspiring Celebration for Underprivileged Children

On Independence Day, a heartwarming celebration was orchestrated by Nitika Don Bosco to uplift children from underprivileged backgrounds. The event encapsulated a spectrum of festivities, featuring flag hoisting and captivating performances comprising dance, songs, skits, and recitations, all of which revolved around the theme of patriotism. An art and craft corner was set up to provide a platform for creative expression, while the presence of sweets and snacks added to the overall festive ambience. This celebration went beyond mere festivity; it fostered a sense of community, imparted historical context, and bestowed joy upon the children, leaving a profound and enduring impact.



16. Patriotic Dance Competition at Kristu Jyoti College (KJC), Bangalore

A spirited patriotic dance competition was skillfully organised on the 77th Independence Day at Kristu Jyoti College (KJC), Bangalore. The young participants hailed from the ten remedial centres of the Remedial Education and Development program-Bangalore, implemented by BREADS Bangalore.

Following a grand inaugural session, the dance competition commenced with unparalleled enthusiasm, as each team poured their hearts into showcasing their exceptional talent and deep love for the nation. All the children were then graciously gifted with bags, books, and essential stationery items.



17. International Tribal Day and Independence Day Celebration

Nestled in the remote heartlands of Jawhar and Mokhada talukas, where the entire community is of tribal origin, the celebration of International Tribal Day and Independence Day unfolded with great significance in the month of August. This heartfelt celebration, orchestrated in collaboration with our Implementing Partner, DBDS, witnessed the active participation of children who engaged in meaningful Shramdan activities within their school premises.

Students undertook the responsibility of cleaning and beautifying their respective school premises, symbolising their commitment to nurturing a clean and sustainable environment.

To appreciate the students' efforts, sweets and snacks were generously served, further enhancing the festive ambience.



18. Remembering St. John Bosco: A Vibrant Cultural Tribute

In commemoration of the 208th birth anniversary of St. John Bosco, his teachings and guidance toward the betterment of youth and society, a splendid cultural affair was organised by the vibrant children and youths of Nitika Don Bosco to honour his enduring legacy.

The event was adorned with a heartfelt prayer song and dance, eloquent recitations, and a medley of captivating musical and dance performances. It truly encapsulated the essence of celebrating St. John Bosco's life and contributions, making it a fitting tribute to his remarkable legacy.



19. Empowering Change Makers: Child Rights Training Program in Kolkata

In line with the commitment to Empowering Change Makers, a program dedicated to advocating for child rights, the second phase of a comprehensive two-day training program was successfully completed through our implementing Partner DBDOC, Kolkata. This program, expertly led by Miss Ipshita Mukherjee, who possesses profound expertise in expressive arts and child rights, was tailored to address individuals deeply involved with underprivileged children.

The program commenced with a foundational session meticulously dissecting the Juvenile Justice Act, equipping educators with indispensable tools for nurturing relationships with their students.



Teachers actively engaged, contributing to discussions and inquiries, resulting in a dynamic conclusion to the module.

Educators were equipped with crucial skills to safeguard children's rights and ensure their holistic development.

20. Colorful Creativity: Rangoli Competition Inspires Talented Students

A vibrant and creative Rangoli Competition for the talented students of the tailoring and beautician was organised at Don Bosco ITI, KGF through BREADS Bangalore. 46 students enthusiastically participated in this artistic extravaganza, where their creative skills were on full display.

The primary objective of this colourful competition extended beyond artistic expression; it aimed to nurture the creative dimension of the students while fostering strong teamwork abilities among them.



21. Exploring Creativity: Drawing and Painting Workshop



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A Workshop on Drawing and Painting was organised for the Students of the Multi-Media and Design program, (DB MIDEA), Tamil Nadu presenting students with an enriching opportunity to unlock their creativity within the captivating realm of media and photography. The workshop, thoughtfully brought to fruition in partnership with our esteemed Implementing Partner, Cauveri, aimed to empower students to channel their artistic expressions.

Mr. K. Eswaran, MFA, Regional Art, and Culture expert skillfully nurtured the students' artistic talents, encouraging them to embrace the vibrant world of colours. Through hands-on experience, students painted white charts using acrylic colours and brushes, unleashing their creativity on transparent sheets (OHP). Black charts also bore the marks of their artistic exploration.

22. One-Day Workshop on Screen Play Writing & Film Making

A one-day workshop on screenplay writing and filmmaking was organised for students of the Multimedia and Design program, DB MIDEA, Tamil Nadu. Implemented by Cauveri, the workshop was led by renowned filmmaker Mr. Alfred Prakash, author of the Tamil feature film 'Porthozil,'

Mr. Prakash engaged in a discussion about 'Porthozil,' offering valuable insights into the film's intricacies and focused on screenwriting techniques and filmmaking tips.



23. Assessing Progress: PwC CSR Team Visits Bosconet's READ Project in Bangalore



A dedicated CSR team from PwC embarked on a visit to Bangalore, Karnataka to diligently oversee and assess the progress and impact of the "Remedial Education and Development (READ)" project, a collaborative initiative with Bosconet and BREADS Bangalore.

During their visit, the PwC CSR team had the privilege of engaging with the students and teachers of the Priyanka Nagar and Swatantra Nagar evening remedial centres, allowing them to witness firsthand the remarkable growth and development of the children under the project's umbrella.

The team departed with a profound sense of satisfaction and joy, having had the privilege to witness the positive transformation taking place in the lives of these young learners.

24. CSR Compliances and Strategies Workshop For Sustainable Development For Don Bosco Network

A 2-Day Workshop on 25-26 August 2023 was organised by Bosconet and SURABI (Don Bosco Chennai) at The Citadel, Chennai. 100+ participants from Don Bosco and its collaborative partners across Tamil Nadu attended the workshop. It was facilitated by Nikhil Pant and the Team from Lakshyaa. Ideas such as credibility, accountability, and an impact-centred approach towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within the context of the workshop were discussed.

CSR compliances and strategies in accessing, managing, reporting and spending/budget preparations, in relation to CSR were also discussed. Finally, the session concluded with a presentation of frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding CSR.

A special panel discussion was held featuring notable industry representatives from HCL Foundation, Standard Chartered Bank, Xpo HR, United Way, and QUEST Alliance. The discussion centred around the topics of CSR legal compliance and strategic approaches, representing a significant milestone towards fostering responsible corporate practices and building sustainable partnerships.



25. Teacher's Day Celebration at Nitika Don Bosco



Teacher's Day was celebrated at Nitika Don Bosco with a heartwarming event organised by the students. Songs and dances were presented to surprise the teachers, expressing deep gratitude for the unwavering support received year after year.

A pivotal role is played by our teachers in guiding and nurturing our students, empowering them to excel in their academic pursuits. Through their dedication and mentorship, the way is paved for our students to chase their dreams, achieving not only social stability but also securing financial well-being.

26. Celebrating Teachers' Day with Joy

In a delightful celebration of Teachers' Day, the children at Don Bosco Ashalayam were treated to a special surprise. The staff organised a heartwarming event to express their appreciation for the young learners and to make this occasion truly memorable.

As part of the celebration, the staff distributed delicious ice cream to the children, bringing smiles and happiness to their faces. The children were overjoyed by this sweet gesture and relished the ice cream with great enthusiasm.



27. Fostering Holistic Development

An engaging throw-ball competition was organised for the talented students of the tailoring and beautician domains, drawing the participation of a total of 46 enthusiastic students, through BREADS Bangalore.

As the students energetically engaged in spirited matches, they not only honed their throw-ball skills but also imbibed the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and camaraderie.

This competition, marked by fervour and sportsmanship, fosters holistic development among our students.



28. Distribution of Supplementary Nutritional Food Items by PwC Volunteers

A heartwarming distribution of supplementary nutritional food items by PwC Volunteers took place, benefiting a total of 450 children. This meaningful endeavour, made possible through the partnership of Bosconet and DBDOC, aimed to enhance the overall health and physical growth of these young beneficiaries.

This vital distribution effort was seamlessly facilitated by the dedicated volunteers from PwC, exemplifying the spirit of community engagement and support. Through their selfless actions, these volunteers played an integral role in ensuring that these essential nutritional resources reached the children who needed them most.



29. Don Bosco High School U-15 Hockey Team Competes in State-Level Tournament

The U-15 hockey team of Don Bosco High School, Krishnagar, Nadia embarked on a remarkable journey to Kolkata for the prestigious State Level Jawaharlal Nehru Hockey Tournament 2023. This enthralling tournament unfolded at the esteemed SAI Complex, Salt Lake, Kolkata. In this competition, orchestrated through DBDOC, the students exhibited their exceptional talent and sportsmanship.

The match was a grueling battle, with both teams showcasing their exceptional skills and determination. In the end, our students, though valiant in their efforts, were narrowly defeated by a single goal, with a final score of 2 - 1. This tournament stood as a testament to the transformative power of sports and the indomitable spirit of our students, who continue to shine as beacons of excellence both on and off the field.

30. Artistic Showdown: Drawing Competition at Nitika Don Bosco

A drawing competition was organised for the children of Classes II to X at Nitika Don Bosco, through the gracious participation and dedicated support of PWC volunteers and DBDOC. The event was designed to resonate with each child's age and grade.

The children embraced this creative challenge with unwavering enthusiasm, infusing vibrant colours and boundless creativity into their canvases, transforming them into expressions of youthful brilliance. The PWC volunteers actively engaged with the children, and extended their support even further by distributing essential rations, reinforcing their commitment to the well-being and future of these remarkable children.



31. Special Visit by Mission Procurator and Photojournalist at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi

In September, Fr. Daniel Antúnez, SDB, the Mission Procurator, and Ms. Ester Negro, a photojournalist from the Salesian Mission in Turin, embarked on a special visit to Don Bosco Education Centre in Delhi.

The children were overjoyed to meet them, and their presence added an extra layer of happiness to the occasion.



32. Nutritious Masada Flavour Drink Distribution

In a heartwarming gesture aimed at promoting health and well-being among the children of Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi, Fr. Edward, the Director of Don Bosco Ashalayam, and Fr. Akshay Kumar Nayak, orchestrated the distribution of Masala Flavour drinks. The children were not only delighted to receive these refreshing and healthy drinks but also greatly appreciated the thoughtful gesture.



33. Joyful Learning

In a lively and engaging educational endeavour, the children of Don Bosco Education Centre embraced the joy of learning through an interactive Mini Puzzle Foam Mat that brought the alphabet to life in colourful and playful ways.

This unique initiative was made possible through the thoughtful efforts of the shelter's dedicated staff and volunteers, who understand the importance of providing creative and interactive learning opportunities for the young minds under their care.



34. Fostering Engagement: Parents Meeting at Don Bosco Education Center

In a proactive effort to foster a strong and supportive community, a parents' meeting was organised at Don Bosco Education Centre, Delhi. The event was designed to promote meaningful engagement, provide valuable counselling, and raise awareness among the parents of the children.

This initiative was made possible through the collaborative efforts of dedicated individuals, including Ms. Sonia and Fr. Akshay from Don Bosco Education Centre, Mr. Niranjana, the manager of Ashalayam, and Miss Lila, a nurse from Ashalayam.

The parents' meeting served as a platform for open and constructive dialogue, allowing parents to address their concerns, seek guidance, and gain insights into various aspects of their children's well-being and education.



35. Acts of Kindness: Food and Stationery Items Distribution



In a heartwarming display of generosity and compassion, Ms. Munmum extended her support to the children at Don Bosco Ashalayam by providing essential items that have brought immense joy to their lives. Her thoughtful contribution included a supply of nutritious food and much-needed stationery items, creating a significant impact on the well-being and educational journey of these young souls.

The children were overjoyed to receive this generous gift, and their happiness was palpable. We extend heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Munmum for her unwavering support and commitment to the well-being and education of the children.

36. Joyful Moments at Don Bosco Ashalayam: Kimchi Maggi Distribution

In a heartwarming gesture that brought smiles and happiness to the children at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Fr. Edward Sacrawat, Director, Don Bosco Ashalayam, organised a special treat.

The children were treated to a delightful serving of Kimchi Maggi, creating a moment of joy and togetherness. Such moments of joy and celebration play a crucial role in creating a positive and nurturing environment.



37. “Write for the Good” A Capacity Development Training for BREADS and DBDOC

Bosconet, the network of Don Bosco Program Development Offices (PDOs) in India, plays a crucial role in consistently enhancing the capacity of its partner organisations in various skill domains. One of its core responsibilities is to empower its constituent partners with continuous skill development. In pursuit of this objective, a comprehensive three-day proposal writing training workshop – ‘Write for the Good 2023’ was organised for the Salesians and collaborators of Don Bosco Bangalore and Kolkata Provinces, from 10.9.23 to 13.9.23 and 25.09.2023 to 28.09.2023, respectively with the support of Don Bosco Mission Bonn and Misiones Salesianas, Madrid.

This program was a practical, hands-on workshop focused on the art of writing effective proposals for community development projects. Its primary aim was to equip the Salesians and collaborators with the essential skills necessary for creating impactful community development project proposals, thereby enabling positive transformations in the communities.

A total of fourteen Salesians and staff of the Don Bosco Province Bangalore and seventeen Salesians and staff of the Don Bosco Province Kolkata actively participated in this session. The workshop covered a diverse range of topics, including the key components of a community development proposal, techniques for problem identification, cause-and-effect analysis, various tools for problem analysis, objective analysis, strategy analysis, the significance of well-defined SMART objectives, distinctions between goals and objectives, monitoring & evaluation, risk analysis, activity schedule, budget, sustainability, etc. Additionally, the training delved into the intricacies of baseline surveys, survey tools, question formulation, and question types



38. Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility: Compliances, Strategies, and Fundraising

Bosconet and DBDS (Don Bosco Development Society), in collaboration with Lakshyaa collaborated to organise a one-day workshop on September 14 at the Provincial House in Matunga, Mumbai. The workshop, entitled "Corporate Social Responsibility: Compliances, Strategies, and Fundraising," was attended by more than 25 participants, including representatives from Don Bosco and its partner organisations across Maharashtra.

The workshop commenced with four informative sessions, covering The legal and regulatory aspects of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)- CSR laws, and reporting requirements, and providing case studies illustrating the consequences of non-compliance. Formulation of robust CSR strategies- CSR initiatives with business objectives, engaging stakeholders effectively, leveraging the current market and funding opportunities, staying up-to-date with CSR fund accessibility trends, and adopting best practices in project selection and execution.

The workshop emerged as a resounding success. It underscored the importance of a change in mindset and investing in human resources for those looking to tap into the CSR market in India. Participants departed with a deeper understanding of CSR compliances and effective strategies.



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