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**THE POWER
TO EMPOWER**

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

At Bosconet, our commitment to transforming lives and communities remains unwavering. This year reaffirmed our mission to place education, empowerment, climate action, and disaster resilience at the heart of our work.

From remote villages to urban areas, our efforts have nurtured dignity, leadership, and hope, with a special focus on vulnerable communities. Through equitable education, sustainable livelihoods, and environmental action, we have reached those most in need.

Behind every effort is a child returning to school, a mother attending a community session, or a youth securing their first job. These are individual stories of progress that inspire us to keep striving relentlessly for equity, dignity, and opportunity for all.

These milestones were made possible by the unwavering support of our partners, donors, and dedicated teams. With your continued belief in our mission, we move ahead with renewed determination to create a just and sustainable future for everyone.

Warm regards,
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1. *12,000 FAMILIES IN KERALA & HIMACHAL FIND RELIEF AFTER FLOODS*



In the wake of the devastating floods that affected thousands across Kerala and Himachal Pradesh, Bosconet, in collaboration with Nestlé, reached out to vulnerable families with essential relief. In Kerala, 7,000 households across Thrissur, Ernakulam, and Kottayam received dry rations through BREADS Bangalore and local communities. Similarly, in Himachal Pradesh, 5,000 kits were distributed in 15 remote villages of Mandi district with the support of local leaders, the District Collector's Office, and the Red Cross.

2. *COMMUNITIES IN ASSAM & ANDHRA PRADESH LEAD FLOOD PREPAREDNESS*

In Assam and Andhra Pradesh, vulnerable communities received support through the Resilience, Education, and Disaster Understanding for Community Empowerment (REDUCE) program, implemented with UPS Express Pvt. Ltd. Six Community Disaster Response Teams with 139 local youth were trained in first aid, evacuation, and early warning systems.

The program conducted 57 awareness campaigns, reaching over 3,800 people with guidance on health, hygiene, and emergency coping. In the meantime, 4,000 households received waterproof preparedness guides, and local authorities were provided with emergency kits and rescue equipment, enabling effective community response during crises.



3.

FROM TURF TO TRIUMPH: YOUTH RISING THROUGH SPORTS



In Nadia, West Bengal, 60 young athletes were empowered through a sports initiative supported by a corporate donor, receiving professional training, nutrition, and healthcare. Seven reached the Bengal State School Competition, with Chiranjeet Bag representing Bengal in the Under-16 category, and the junior hockey team finished as State Runners-Up.

In Dimapur, Nagaland, 83 players enrolled in football and martial arts under the 'Sports for Development' program, gaining daily coaching, discipline, and confidence. Early successes include friendly match wins and national golds at the 9th National Kung Fu Championship, highlighting a strong impact.

4.

FROM TRAINING TO JOBS: YOUTH SHAPE THEIR FUTURES

With support from Bajaj Finserv, 484 youth from tribal and marginalized communities in Maharashtra, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu were trained in trades such as EV assistance, garment making, refrigeration and air-conditioning, plumbing, and automobile mechanics. Industrial exposure visits to leading facilities enriched their learning, resulting in a successful placement rate of 83% and bridging the gap between talent and opportunity.



5.

GREEN ENERGY LIGHTS THE WAY FOR 1,445 CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Children from disadvantaged backgrounds gained new opportunities as solar energy powered their education and community needs. With assistance from HSBC Electronic Data Processing India Pvt. Ltd., 137 kW of solar modules were installed, generating 41,453 kWh of clean energy and reducing 29.02 tons of CO₂ emissions by March 2025. Surplus energy was shared with the grid, while the financial savings supported the schooling of 1,445 children.

The initiative aims to scale up to 371 kW by 2027, targeting a reduction of 285.67 tons of emissions. By linking sustainability with education, this effort demonstrates how solar power can drive both environmental and social impact.



6.

SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN KARNATAKA

In Mysore, 38 underprivileged children aged 6–21 continued their education through scholarships that eased financial burdens. Partnering with Jugend Eine Welt, Bosconet assessed families' needs and allocated support, ensuring no child dropped out. A year-end virtual event connected students with sponsors, giving them the chance to express gratitude and build confidence for the future.

7.

STRENGTHENING PATHWAYS FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



We were pleased to welcome Mr. Shubham Mittal (Deputy General Manager) from Bajaj Finserv to our Delhi office for a meaningful exchange on the ongoing three-year partnership. The collaboration aims to skill youth across multiple locations, empowering them with opportunities for a brighter future.

Together, we look forward to creating a meaningful and lasting impact through focused skill development initiatives.

8.

BUILDING COMPETENCE, ENHANCING IMPACT: CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME



Bosconet organized a two-day hybrid Capacity-Building Workshop on Impact-Oriented Project Management on 5–6 February 2025 at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Goa. Twenty participants from 12 Don Bosco NGOs across India attended insightful sessions by Dr. Anita Rego, CEO of Pearlss 4 Development, on tools like Theory of Change, SROI, Gantt Charts, and Logical Frameworks.

Members of the Don Bosco Network in Europe also joined virtually, sharing expectations and funding strategies. The workshop strengthened skills, donor engagement, and forward planning, empowering NGOs to drive measurable and sustainable impact.

9.

NURTURING POTENTIAL, SHAPING LIVES THROUGH HOLISTIC LEARNING



Across Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra, 2,278 children accessed quality education and opportunities for holistic growth through the Supportive Education and Empowerment Program (SEEP). MSM-Worldwide Factual Media Pvt Ltd. supported this initiative, ensuring children received the guidance and learning environment they needed to thrive.

The program trained local educators, nurtured civic awareness through Children's Parliament, where 107 issues were raised and 34 resolved, and strengthened community bonds through parents' meetings and cultural events, fostering resilience and empowerment in vulnerable communities.

10.

ROOTED IN CARE, GROWING WITH CONFIDENCE



Amid traditional obstacles and limited resources, 400 children from the Santhali community in Joypur, West Bengal, were empowered through initiatives supported by a corporate donor. They received academic tutoring, regular health check-ups, and essential learning materials, along with hygiene awareness sessions, including menstrual health education for girls.

Participation in sports, cultural activities, and life skills training boosted confidence and personal growth, while teachers were trained on child rights and caregiving to strengthen the support system. Regular distribution of supplementary nutrition and collaboration with local government schools reinforced the initiative's long-term impact.

11. *FROM TEACHER TO COUNSELOR: A NEW CHAPTER IN GUIDANCE*



To strengthen grassroots career guidance, the Don Bosco Job Placement Network organized two dedicated training programs for educators in Guwahati and Dimapur. The sessions aimed at equipping 60 teachers, trainers, and counselors with the tools and knowledge required to guide students in making informed career decisions.

Under the theme of the session “How to Become a Career Counselor?”, the key training areas such as Multiple Intelligences, Career Mapping, Higher Education Options, Scholarship Access, and Government Job Opportunities were covered. Participants received certification and joined a growing national network of career counselors.

12. *CREATIVITY TAKES CENTER STAGE WITH THE VOLUNTEERS*

On 24 January 2025, Girl Child Day was celebrated at Don Bosco Center, Kolkata, with enthusiasm and creativity. Volunteers from the donor organization joined the students for interactive activities, encouraging and motivating them. A vibrant drawing competition became the highlight of the day, showcasing the children’s creativity and sparking meaningful discussions.



13.

YOUTH GAIN PATHWAY TO CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS



The DEAL program in Chennai, in partnership with Misiones Salesians, is guiding and mentoring three young aspirants for civil service examinations. Through coaching, school clubs, hostel facilities, and post-selection support, the initiative builds employability and leadership, preparing youth to contribute to people-centred governance and social transformation.

14.

CELEBRATING HERITAGE, STRENGTH, AND PROGRESS

The Republic Day at City Centre and Lake Mall in Kolkata witnessed celebrations through the theme 'Swarnim Bharat – Virasat & Vikas' on 26 January 2025. The event brought into focus the cultural heritage and progress of India through stories of legendary women and initiatives towards educating girls. Programs on vocational education and training emphasized inspiring support from society.

On 8 March 2025, Women's Day programs at the offices of SMFG India Credit involved more than 65 staff members. The subjects tackled were the hardships faced by rural women and how Self-Help Groups empower women towards greater empowerment. Handmade products by women supported through Bosconet were also well received.



15.

EMPOWERING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN TIRUVALLUR



In Tiruvallur District, 3,040 people benefited from improved education, healthcare, and livelihoods across Kattavur, Elaimbedu, and nearby villages. Backed by Give Foundation, schools were renovated with Smart Boards, sanitation, and safe water for 297 children. Over 170 students received tuition, extracurricular support, and career guidance, while a Community Learning Centre with computers and sewing machines empowered youth and women. Safety was strengthened through CCTV and Village Committees, ensuring long-term sustainability.

16.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES: DELHI STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT ASHALAYAM

Ashalayam located in Palam, New Delhi, welcomed students from Shri Ram School, Sri Venkateswara College, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, and Trinity Institute of Professional Studies, whose visits brought joy, learning, and support. From games and treats to sessions on values, their continued involvement reflects the spirit of youth volunteerism, inspiring children through kindness and community connection.



17.

50 GIRLS IN BANGALORE PURSUE EDUCATION AND BRIGHTER FUTURES



Bosconet is helping rewrite the futures of 50 underprivileged girls in Bangalore by breaking barriers to education. With tuition support, remedial coaching, and family engagement, the girls now attend schools regularly, show improved learning, and gain confidence. Many aspire to become teachers, doctors, and scientists, turning hope into opportunity and paving the way for a brighter tomorrow.

18.

CHILDREN EXPLORE CULTURE AND JOY IN DELHI



Bosconet organized an enriching educational trip, taking the children to Shankar's International Dolls Museum and Children's Park in Delhi. At the museum, the children were fascinated by thousands of dolls from over 85 countries, each reflecting unique cultural identities through traditional attire, broadening their understanding of global heritage.

The day concluded with playtime at Children's Park, where games and refreshments brought joy while fostering a sense of bonding and creating lasting memories.

19. *SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS: ILLUMINATING LIVES WITH SOLAR POWER*



In Barapahari and Joypur, West Bengal, a solar energy initiative supported by the corporate donor transformed the lives of 621 tribal children, 35 tuition teachers, administrative staff, and 18 boarding masters.

The project introduced a 20kW solar power system and 40 solar-powered streetlamps, reduced costs, improved safety, and cut 53.136 tons of carbon emissions. Savings are being reinvested in education, ensuring lasting impact. Together, we illuminate the way towards a brighter and more sustainable future.

20. *LEGACY TO LIVELIHOOD: REFLECTIONS FROM CHENNAI SUMMIT*

The Leadership Summit 2025, held in Chennai on 17–18 February, marked 174 years since Don Bosco's first apprenticeship contract. Leaders and changemakers gathered to advance dignified youth employment and launched the “3-i” Model, linking Individuals, Institutions, and Industries.

Participants visited JD Academy and Don Bosco Vazhikaatti to witness impactful success stories, reaffirming the mission to ensure meaningful work and dignified lives for every youth.



21.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LEARNING



With the support of a corporate donor, 36 trained educators strengthened the learning of 1,050 children, achieving 80% academic growth and zero dropouts. In Maharashtra, 700 home visits and regular assessments improved retention, with 75% of students meeting government standards. Children also engaged in leadership sessions, Bal Panchayats, cultural events, and life-skills programs.

In Kolkata, students received monthly nutrition and hygiene kits, while teachers were trained in digital skills. Volunteers added mentorship and leadership activities, creating a safe and engaging environment. Together, these efforts are ensuring meaningful educational progress and community empowerment despite limited resources.

22.

INNOVATION AND LEARNING UNITE AT AFE SUMMIT

The Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) Summit 2025 at Taj Palace, New Delhi, united educators, technologists, policymakers, and students under the theme Computer Science for All. Highlights included panel discussions, a student tech exhibition, and inspiring stories from AFE scholars, emphasizing digital equity and AI/ML education.

The event concluded with Chai pe Charcha, encouraging connections and reinforcing AFE's commitment to inclusive, future-ready learning.

23. *STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIONS WITH MSM-WORLDWIDE FACTUAL MEDIA PVT. LTD.*



In March, Fr. Santhanam (Director) and Ms. Pratiksha (CSR Lead & HR Manager) from Bosconet visited MSM-Worldwide Factual Media Pvt. Ltd. to meet Mr. Rajkumar Bidawatka (Company Secretary & CSR Head) and Ms. Rashmi Menon (CSR Manager).

24. *NURTURING GROWTH: STORIES OF CARE*

In a sustained effort, the Don Bosco Education Centre located in Palam, New Delhi, continues to serve daily nutritious lunches to 40 children living under the bridge. This effort ensures both nourishment and well-being for the children.

Festivities brought joy as Lohri, Republic Day, Valentine's Week, Holi, and Yoga Day were celebrated with donors, college students, and volunteers. Children also explored creativity through Bollywood-style dance sessions led by trainer Mr. Saurabh.

Beyond celebrations, families were supported through awareness sessions. On 20 February 2025, NALSAR guided children on personal safety and rights under the POCSO Act, while Fr. Akshay Kumar Nayak encouraged mothers from Palam to prioritize education over begging.

These moments of care and empowerment reflected Ashalayam's continuing mission to nurture children and strengthen communities.



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We appreciate every individual and organization whose contribution has made a difference in the lives of marginalized communities.

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