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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES, EMPOWERING LIVES



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

It brings me immense joy to address you through this newsletter edition. As we navigate the currents of change and strive for a world that resonates with compassion, I am continually inspired by the unwavering dedication and support you gave us.

In a world that sometimes seems fractured, Bosconet stands as a beacon of hope and empowerment. Our collective efforts and tireless commitment to our mission drive us forward.

We are not just an organisation; we are a force that believes in the potential of every individual to rise above challenges and embrace a life of dignity.

It is the partnerships we foster and the connections we build that allow us to bridge gaps and extend a helping hand to those in need. Every gesture of generosity, every act of kindness, contributes to the tapestry of change we are weaving together.

Together, we can empower communities, uplift lives, and leave an indelible mark on the world.

With your support, Bosconet's journey toward creating a brighter future remains steadfast.

**- Fr. Santhanam Ubagaram,
Director**

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1 Empowering Social Media Strategy: 2 Day Training



The Media and Communications team underwent a two-day training on “Social Media Posting and Content Creation” in Bangalore, back in January. The training was conducted by Mr. Jose Jacob, Founder & CEO, Integro Infotech & Consulting.

During the training sessions, the HoD received in-depth insights on the latest social media trends and best practices for creating engaging and effective content across various platforms. The team learned about the importance of crafting compelling headlines, using high-quality visuals, and tailoring content to suit the target audience.

Overall, the two-day training program was a resounding success, and the team left with a newfound understanding of social media posting and content creation. We are grateful to Mr. Jose for his invaluable insights and guidance, and look forward to putting our newfound skills into practice.

2 Initiating strategic partnerships

Father Santhanam, Director, Bosconet had an insightful meeting with Mr. Kenneth Wong, Consul, and Senior Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Bangalore. They engaged in a productive discussion about potential collaborations and joint projects in the areas of skilling and sustainability.

During the meeting, various ideas and opportunities were explored to leverage each other's expertise and resources to drive positive change, revolving the discussion around potential partnerships.



3 Rejoicing in Tradition: Lohri Celebration



A fun-filled Lohri celebration was organised at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi for the children of families living under the Palam bridge. The children sang and danced and were dressed in vibrant and colourful traditional outfits, making the celebrations more vibrant and joyous.

After the dance, the children enjoyed a sumptuous feast. The celebration brought cheer to the children and fostered a sense of community and cultural harmony among them.

4 Nurturing Creativity and Expression



An exciting drawing competition was organised for the street children at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi, which was met with much enthusiasm and excitement. The competition was aimed at promoting creativity and encouraging the children to express themselves through art.

The children were given a range of themes to choose from, producing a variety of stunning and imaginative drawings. The competition was a resounding success, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

5 A Heartwarming Gift of Warmth and Joy

In a heartwarming gesture, a kind-hearted woman gifted warm sweaters and blankets to the street children at Don Bosco Ashalayam in Delhi. The gift was a much-appreciated gesture during the cold winter months and helped the children stay warm and comfortable.

The woman was moved by the plight of the children and wanted to make a difference in their lives. She took the initiative to purchase and donate warm sweaters for the children, which was met with much gratitude and appreciation.

The children were overjoyed with the gift and carried their new blankets with pride. The gesture provided them with much-needed warmth and helped boost their morale, providing them with a sense of comfort and security.



6 'Good Touch Bad Touch' Training Session

A training session was organised for the children at Don Bosco Ashalayam on the important topic of 'Good Touch Bad Touch'. The training was conducted by Mr. Sanjay Kumar, HR, Baal Vikas Foundation, along with the staff of Don Bosco Ashalayam.



The session was aimed at educating the children on the difference between appropriate and inappropriate physical contact, and how to recognize and report any instances of inappropriate behaviour. The children were taught about the importance of speaking up and calling 1098 if they ever found themselves in such situations.

Mr. Kumar led an interactive and engaging session, using age-appropriate language and illustrations to raise awareness about abuse. The children actively participated in the session, asking questions and sharing their own experiences.

The session was informative and engaging, and we appreciated the efforts of Mr. Kumar and the staff of Don Bosco Ashalayam.

7 Exploring New Avenues for Collaboration

In a move to strengthen ties, Father Santhanam Ubagaram, Director, Bosconet had a meeting with the Austrian Ambassador, Ms. Katharina Weiser, and Deputy Chief of Mission, Ms. Gisela Kristoferitsch. The meeting, held in Delhi, focused on exploring possibilities for collaboration and joint projects between the two nations.

The discussions centred on the potential for growth and development in various sectors of the Indian economy through collaborative efforts. The partnership is poised to contribute to the promotion of knowledge sharing, innovation, and development. We look forward to further strengthening our partnership with Austria and exploring new avenues for cooperation.



8 Celebration of Joy, Togetherness and Tradition



The festival of Navratri was celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervour at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi. The children and staff came together to organise a special programme to mark the occasion. The children dressed up in colourful traditional attire and enjoyed scrumptious meals.

The celebration was a reminder of the rich cultural heritage of India and the importance of coming together to celebrate and share joy.

9 Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Commends Bosconet's Efforts for Underprivileged Children

The visit of the Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, Mr P.N. Mishra, was a momentous occasion for the children at Don Bosco Ashalayam. Mr. Mishra and his team spent time interacting with the children, asking them about their experiences and aspirations.

The children were excited to meet him and eagerly shared their stories. They spoke about their journey to Ashalayam and the positive impact that the organisation has had on their lives. They also talked about their dreams for the future and the opportunities that they hoped to pursue.

He was impressed by the enthusiasm and positivity of the children and commended the efforts of Bosconet in providing a safe and nurturing environment for them.



10 Celebration of Colours, Glory and Love



The festival of Holi was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi. The children, staff, and volunteers came together to organise a special program to mark the occasion.

The children also participated in a range of cultural activities, including singing, dancing, and playing holi. The celebration was a reminder of the rich cultural heritage of India and the importance of coming together to celebrate and share joy.

11 Together For a Sustainable Future

Bosconet- Don Bosco Network had the pleasure to be a part of Future ICT Forum for Sustainable Cities. The Event showcased many keynote speakers from around the world and discussed the current challenges and strategic initiatives related to the implementation of the ICT technologies in Indian smart cities and abroad, with the ultimate objective of improving the quality of life of people. The event was a great success and promoted open dialogues among key players in the market. We look forward to future events and opportunities to connect with our peers and the industry.



12 Gaining Insightful Knowledge on Development & Technology for a Sustainable Future



The team at Bosconet- Don Bosco Network had the privilege to meet and interact with Mr. Jan Kuenne, Senior Consultant, EDG at the SPCI House, Dwarka, Delhi on 24th March, 2023. Mr. Kuenne delivered an input lecture on “Development and Technology for a Sustainable Future with the U-I-We-R Framework.”

The team gained valuable insights and we appreciate Mr. Jan for sharing his knowledge and experience on this topic. We look forward to further partnerships, to foster innovation and knowledge sharing.



13 Kind Words of Appreciation

Mrs. Halen Hawen, crossed paths with us during a public engagement campaign. She was impressed by our cause and decided to support us thrice in a month. Through our conversation, we learned that she was staying in a nearby hotel and would be leaving soon. As a token of appreciation, she decided to write her feelings on a piece of paper, and we were touched by her kind words. We are grateful for Mrs. Halen Hawen’s support and generosity towards our campaign.

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