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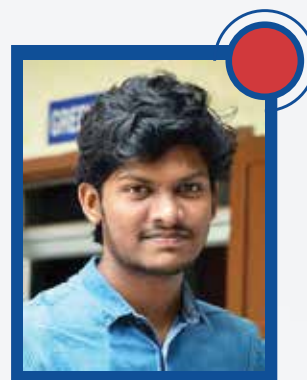
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My dear friends,

It is the month of August, month of twin feasts: Feast of Independence of our beloved country and Feast of assumption of our Blessed Mother.

Tagore, author of Gitanjali, became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913. His poem "Let me country awake" is a "powerful call to action and a declaration of belief in achievable change".

Perhaps most moving, however, is his statement that the final phrase, **"Let my country awake"**, could quite easily be replaced with, **"Let the world awake"**

The poem is "about universal aspirations", and I think, we could all do well to read it with our own aspirations and that of wider society in mind. When considering how we might act in the interests of others, but also improve ourselves, this poem is a great source of inspiration and motivation.

*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high,
Where knowledge is free,
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake*

On this occasion, let us pray for our country. The unexpected result of the recent elections in India. The fruit of the hard work of numerous persons in the field and the relentless power of the prayer of many in order that our country may remain a vibrant democracy, it is important that we continue both to be active in the field and to pray. Praying for the Country is a Sacred Duty, Mary Assumed into Heaven is the patroness of India and India was entrusted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 25 March 2020. Let us pray to her for our country. While praying for our country I invite every one of us to work hard to promote justice peace, harmony, and tolerance.

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake, Jai Hind!!!

Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphael SDB
Rector



The tapestry of our world is being woven by a new generation—Generation Z and Alpha—a cohort often labelled as ‘digital natives’. While their technological prowess is undeniable, there's a growing concern about the erosion of traditional values, the decline of work ethic, and a seeming detachment from the tangible world. As youth leadership coaches, our role transcends mere skill development. It's about igniting a spark within young minds, helping them discover their purpose, and equipping them with the tools to navigate a complex world with integrity and competence.

The Moral Compass

We live in an era where moral relativism is rampant. Right and wrong seem increasingly blurred. Yet, a strong moral compass is the bedrock upon which successful and fulfilling lives are built. It is essential to instil in our youth the understanding that while the world may be changing rapidly, certain core values remain constant: **honesty, integrity, compassion, respect, and responsibility**. One of the most effective ways to cultivate these values is through storytelling. Sharing anecdotes of historical figures who exemplified these traits can inspire young people to emulate them. For instance, the story of Nelson Mandela, a man who endured immense hardship but emerged as a symbol of forgiveness and reconciliation, can be a powerful catalyst for character development.

Moreover, we must create spaces for open dialogue about values. This involves asking thought-provoking questions, encouraging critical thinking, and fostering a culture of respect for diverse perspectives. By engaging young people in these conversations, we empower them to develop their own moral framework.

The Art of Communication

Effective communication is a cornerstone of success. It is the bridge between ideas, people, and opportunities. Yet, the prevalence of digital communication has led to a decline in face-to-face interaction and a corresponding deterioration in communication skills.

To address this, we must prioritise verbal and non-verbal communication training. Role-playing exercises, public speaking opportunities, and active listening workshops can significantly enhance communication abilities. I recall a young woman I mentored who was initially shy and hesitant to speak in public. Through consistent practice and encouragement, she transformed into a confident and articulate leader.

Beyond verbal communication, emotional intelligence is paramount. **It's the ability to understand and manage one's own emotions, as well as to empathise with others.** By teaching young people to recognize and regulate their emotions, we equip them with the tools to build stronger relationships, resolve conflicts peacefully, and make sound decisions.

Work Ethic: A Cornerstone of Success

The adage ‘hard work pays off’ is timeless. Yet, in an era of instant gratification, cultivating a strong work ethic can be challenging. It's essential to instil in young people the value of perseverance, discipline, and delayed gratification. Practical experiences, such as volunteering or part-time jobs, can be invaluable in developing a strong work ethic. These opportunities allow young people to understand the importance of contributing to a team, meeting deadlines, and overcoming obstacles.

Additionally, we must shift the mindset from viewing work as a burden to seeing it as an opportunity for growth and fulfilment. By emphasising the intrinsic rewards of hard work, such as a sense of accomplishment and personal satisfaction, we can inspire a new generation of dedicated and passionate workers.

Balancing Confidence and Humility

Confidence is essential for success, but it must be tempered with humility. Arrogance can be a significant obstacle to personal and professional growth. It's crucial to help young people develop a healthy sense of self-worth without becoming overconfident.

Mentorship and role modelling can play a vital role in fostering this balance. By showcasing the qualities of confident yet humble leaders, we can inspire young people to emulate these traits. Additionally, encouraging self-reflection and providing constructive feedback can help young people develop a realistic view of their strengths and weaknesses.

Conclusion

Nurturing a new generation of leaders requires a holistic approach that addresses not only cognitive abilities but also character, emotional intelligence, and work ethic. By focusing on values-based development, communication skills, and a strong work ethic, we can empower young people to become responsible, compassionate, and successful citizens. It's a challenging task, but the rewards are immense. When we invest in the growth of our youth, we invest in the future of our society. Let us commit to being the mentors, coaches, and role models that this generation needs.

Rev. Fr. Raj Kumar SDB
Secretary and Treasure



Dear Don Bosconians,

Happy to Meet you this August!

If you expect to reap paddy when you sow brinjal seeds, you won't get paddy; no matter how much time you spend watering, fertilizing or cultivating your plants. In your life, what seeds are you sowing for yourself, your family, your society? Are you casting good seeds for the growth of others?

It is heard that man reaps the seed he sows. This is the stage in life where you cultivate good habits. If you are a hardworking, punctual, consistent student following the example set by your teachers, then the harvest will yield well. Life is very hard when no hard work is present. King David exemplifies the 'reap what you sow' proverb perfectly well. However, there was also a time he failed when he let his intrusive thoughts take over. In his early stages, being the man he was, "after God's own heart," he killed Goliath, fled Saul and led the people of Israel. Later though, his fall came and a series of events cascaded, one leading to the other. This led to a lot of suffering.

The question I have for each of you reading this article is, how do you study for your tests? If it's a last minute brush up rather than an actual study, then you would fail. If not by marks then quality. You have accomplished the task of taking the test but how much have you actually learnt? Picture a farmer operating in a similar manner; Through the winter, he takes his break and through the spring he invests time in his hobbies. In the summer, he works on his 'farmer tan'. When the season for harvesting arrives, he rushes from the tilling to the fertilizing to no avail. The lesson we learn from this is that we must plan well in advance and execute the plan at the appointed time. Organise yourself and do what you have to do. This will save you hours of time. Spend this 'free time' furnishing yourself with new skills. This, of course, is possible provided the usage of your cellphone or any other gadget is minimal. Eat and sleep on time. Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. Do this and the best is yet to come!

Dr. S. Xavier Raja Rathinam
Principal



Very Soon, we will be celebrating the independence day of our country. One question that challenges the youth of today is the meaning of true freedom. Do you often find yourself anchored in the safety of a familiar plan, hesitant to venture toward your true aspirations? I think true freedom comes from knowing our horizons and responsibilities. In his book, Matt Higgins ignites those reservations with a powerful message. It is a decisive call to abandon our backup plans and fully commit to our boldest dreams. Here's a closer look at how Higgins can transform us from a cautious sailor into a fearless captain, charting the exhilarating path:

- 1. Leaders Don't Look Back -** Historical Lessons: Picture Alexander the Great embarking on his conquests with a life raft in tow. Higgins explores how great leaders, both historically and metaphorically, burned their boats to ensure total dedication to their missions. By discarding Plan B, we remove distractions and focus all our energy on our primary goal.
- 2. Plan B as a Dream-Killer -** While a backup plan may seem reassuring, Higgins argues it can secretly undermine your ambitions. The mere existence of a safety net weakens your resolve and discourages you from reaching your full potential. Just like you can't train for a marathon while keeping an eye on your couch, true success demands full commitment.
- 3. The Phoenix Effect - *Rising from the Ashes*:** Though burning your backup plan may seem daunting, Higgins views it as a catalyst for extraordinary growth. Facing challenges without a safety net forces you to uncover hidden strengths and develop resilience.
- 4. Self-Awareness as Your Compass -** The understanding of your strengths, weaknesses, and passions before taking the plunge is of paramount importance. Navigating your dreams without this self-awareness is like sailing without a map.
- 5. Be a Trailblazer, Not a Follower -** Higgins urges you to break free from the herd and create your path. Burning the boats symbolizes taking full ownership of your dreams and becoming the sculptor of your destiny. Embrace the adventure of forging new routes rather than following a well-trodden path.
- 6. The World Needs Your Unique Spark -** I think each of us have distinct talents and passions waiting to be unleashed. By fully committing to our dreams, we not only achieve our own goals but also inspire others to do the same. Our fearless pursuit can create a ripple effect, sparking enthusiasm around us.
- 7. Action - The Cure for Fear:** Feeling anxious about letting go of your safety net? Higgins acknowledges the fear but emphasises that action is the antidote. Embrace your trepidation, but don't let it hold you back. Take a deep breath, raise the sails, and set course for your boldest ambitions!

Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB
Vice Principal

*“Successful entrepreneurship starts with believing
in
yourself and your vision” - Sara Blakely*

The Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship) organised a seminar titled **“How I Became an Entrepreneur”** in the Bi-Centenary hall at 11.40 am. The chief guest for the seminar was **Mr. J.V.Sreedhar** who shared his inspiring journey as an entrepreneur. He further offered valuable insights and lessons that he learned from his experiences. He spoke about the challenges he faced, the mistakes he made, and the triumphs he achieved. He highlighted the importance of resilience, adaptability, perseverance to overcome obstacles and the need to stay ahead in the competitive business landscape. His inspiring story served as a testament to the power of entrepreneurial spirit and encouraged the students to pursue their passions and ambitions.



“Of all the waste we generate, plastic bags are perhaps the greatest symbol of our throwaway society. They are used, then forgotten, and they leave a terrible legacy.” – Zac Goldsmith

The eco club members joined hands to celebrate International Plastic Bag-Free Day. They created awareness about the problems of plastic pollution. They also emphasised the significant threats plastic poses to the ecosystem, particularly affecting terrestrial and marine species. The eco club students emphasised the importance of reducing plastic waste and finding eco-friendly alternatives. They encouraged individuals to adopt eco-friendly habits to create a plastic free environment.



The first year students from Bachelor of Commerce (General) and Bachelor of Computer Application had an orientation program at 9.00 am in the Bi-Centenary hall. The management warmly welcomed the students. The Principal of the College Dr.Xavier S. Rajarathinam oriented the students on Don Bosco Education system. He specifically highlighted its unique educative method known as the preventive system. It is based on three pillars: Reason, Religion, and Loving-Kindness. The vice Principal of the college Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi, SDB, enlightened the students on the life of St.John Bosco with several anecdotes. Further the IQAC coordinator Mr.Jaswa Jebaraj.A instructed the students on the rules and regulations of the college. Parents also attended a separate orientation about the college and its academic system.



Inauguration of Movie Forum

The Department of Visual Communication inaugurated the movie forum association at 11.30 am in the DBICA hall. The Secretary of the College Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB, and the Principal of the college Dr. Xavier S. Rajarathinam, the Vice-Principal of the college Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi, SDB, appreciated the department's efforts in creating a platform for film enthusiasts to come together and explore their passion for cinema.

The Chief Guests for the inauguration were Martin Donraj (Cinematographer) and Mr. K. Kadhira (Art Director Association South India-Leader). While addressing the students, they shared their insights and expertise in the film industry, inspiring and motivating the young minds to pursue their creative aspirations in the world of cinema. They further hoped that this association would provide students a platform to engage in discussions and screening related to filmmaking.



Importance and trends in Radio and Audio medium

The Department of Visual Communication organized a seminar on Radio production in the DBICA hall at 11.30 am. The resource person was Antoni Cleetus Xavier .L. The speaker shared his valuable insights on audio production. He specifically focused on the importance of audio storytelling and its distinct differences from visual storytelling. The speaker lay emphasis on the unique aspects of audio storytelling, further explaining how it requires more detailed descriptions and diction to help listeners visualize the narrative. He engaged the audience through various activities and he also discussed the various scopes and career opportunities that are available in the field. The students greatly benefitted from the seminar.



On the 5th of July, the Don Bosco College of Arts and Science community gathered for the First Friday Mass, at the Bicentenary hall led by Rector *Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphael, SDB* our Vice principal, *Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi, SDB* and our Campus minister *Rev. Fr. Oswalt Devadass, SDB*. The theme of the mass, "Holding the hands of Christ," resonated deeply with all the Catholic staff and students present, emphasizing the importance of unwavering faith and commitment to the teachings of Christ.

The mass began with a serene ambiance, setting the tone for spiritual reflection. The first reading, taken from **Amos 8:4-6, 9-12**, reminded the congregation of the prophet's warnings against social injustices and the importance of righteousness. The Responsorial Psalm, drawn from **Psalms 119**, echoed sentiments of seeking divine guidance and living according to God's commandments. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphael reflected on the Gospel reading from **Matthew 9:9-13**, where Jesus calls Matthew the tax collector to follow Him. Fr. Jayapalan emphasized on the transformative power of Christ's call and the importance of responding with immediate and wholehearted acceptance, much like Matthew did. He encouraged everyone to embody the spirit of discipleship in their daily lives, making Christ's teachings the cornerstone of their actions and decisions.

The college choir enhanced the liturgical celebration, filling the bicentenary hall with harmonious hymns that lifted the spirits of all present. The melodies and lyrics echoed the essence of the theme, encouraging the faithful to embrace Christ's teachings with fervour and dedication. The Eucharistic celebration was a reminder of the college's commitment to fostering a community rooted in faith and values. As the mass concluded, the sense of unity and spiritual rejuvenation was palpable among the participants. This First Friday Mass was not just a religious observance but a reaffirmation of the college's mission to nurture a faith-driven academic environment.



Orientation Program for First years Corporate Secretaryship and Visual Communication

The orientation program for the first-year students of Bachelor of Corporate Secretaryship and Bachelor of Visual Communication was held in the Bi-Centenary hall at 9:00 am. The management extended a warm welcome to the new students. The principal of the college, Dr. Xavier Rajarathinam .S, delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of Don Bosco's preventive system.

The Don Bosco Preventive System is an innovative

approach to education developed by Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest. It focuses on prevention rather than punishment and aims to guide young people towards a virtuous life through a combination of education, faith, and personal attention. Teachers are encouraged to form close relationships with their students, understanding their individual needs and circumstances, and providing guidance and support to help them overcome challenges and make positive choices. By fostering a sense of belonging and trust, the Don Bosco Preventive System seeks to empower students to become responsible, compassionate, and productive members of society.

The principal of the college requested the parents to take an active role in guiding their children and supporting them in their educational journey. Thus, he emphasized on the importance of collaboration between home and college.



Inauguration of the New Academic year for First year students

Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn, SDB, the secretary of the college, welcomed the students with an inspiring inaugural address. He introduced the college administrative council members and department heads. He emphasized on the importance of competing with machines and intelligence in today's world. He also mentioned that the college provides opportunities for students to have a holistic development.

He urged the students to stay focused and not get carried away by storms of distraction. He also reminded them that life is challenging and they should cultivate a sense of selflessness. Above all, he highlighted that true success comes from helping others. The college has a zero-tolerance policy towards bullying and ragging.

The rector of the college Rev. Fr. Jayabalan Raphael SDB, urged the students to have dreams with clear vision. Students should not merely build castles in the air but they should strive to make their dreams realistic with hope. This message resonated with students and set a positive tone for the new academic year, inspiring them to strive for excellence.



The Department of English offered a five-day bridge course to the first-year students. The bridge course aimed to assess students' listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills and identify where they need improvement. Students were provided with feedback about their performance with respect to various skills.

Orientation on Probationary officers and Internship programmes

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The Career Guidance and Placement Cell, in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organized an orientation program for Probationary Officers and Internship at the Bi-Centenary Hall at 10:30 am. The programme provided valuable insights into the world of banking and finance. The chief guest, Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar, Head of Industry-Academia, ICICI Bank, delivered an informative session on the PG Diploma in Banking. He shared his expertise and experience in this field. He urged the students of commerce and corporate secretaryship to pursue their post-graduation diploma in banking and finance. The students had an interactive discussion with the chief guest and they clarified their queries with respect to the banking sector. The students greatly benefited from the session.



Workshop on Social Media Marketing and Graphic Designing

The Department of Visual Communication organized a workshop on Social media and graphic designing in the A.V. hall at 11:30 am. The students were oriented by industry expert Mr. Hammad Aathif, Managing Director of Skill Seeko. The workshop introduced the students on various aspects of social media marketing and graphic design. The chief guest shared his expertise on the vast scope of social media marketing. He further explained the various aspects of graphic design. He provided a brief insight into internship



opportunities available at his company. Students can make use of the internship opportunity to gain a hands-on experience and develop their skills. He also highlighted the part-time job opportunities available for visual communication students in the industry. The workshop equipped the students with the knowledge and skills required to succeed in the industry.

Inauguration of DICE program for 1st year Students

The inauguration program of DICE (Don Bosco Institute of Career Excellence) took place in the Bi-Centenary Hall at 11:30 am. The inauguration ceremony had Rev. Fr. Oswald Devadoss, SDB, Campus Minister, Mr. Matthews Arockiasamy, Director, DICE, Mr. Michael P. Stalin, Coordinator, DICE, Dr. Jebaseeli, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce (General), Ms. Lavanya, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship), and other professors of our college. The course owners from Vanama Trust, TN Skill Enhancement Program, JDAX presented their courses to the students highlighting their relevance and necessity.

Visitation of INM Vice-Provincial Rev. Fr. John Alexander, SDB

Rev. Fr. John Alexander, SDB, the vice provincial, visited Don Bosco Arts and Science College on the 11th of July, 2024 at 8.30 am. He addressed the students during the common assembly and emphasized that the trademark of Don Bosco students is to become an integrated person. He further advised the students to focus on leading a disciplined life. They need to distinguish themselves through competence, excelling in studies, and possessing good character and compassion. His thought-provoking speech touched the hearts and minds of the students, making them realise that **discipline, character, compassion, and competence are essential qualities in life.**



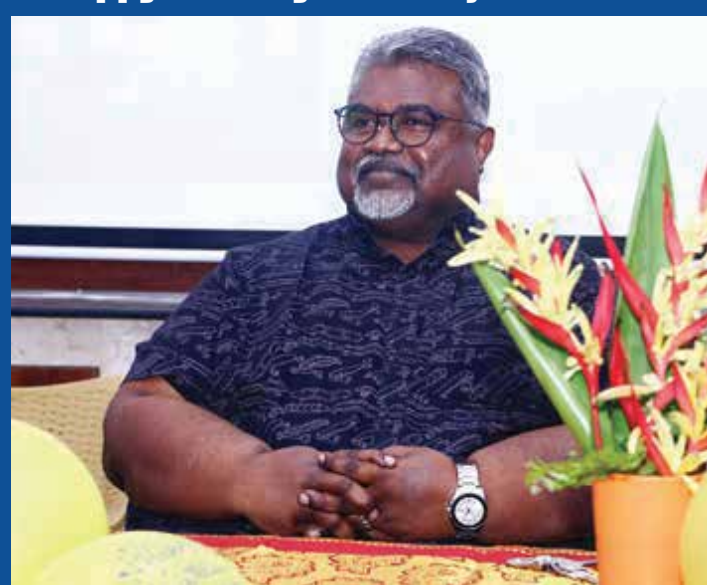
Don Bosco Institute of Communication organized Media Skills for Youth. The Chief guest was **Rev. Fr. Don Bosco, SDB (Provincial of Chennai province)**. The Guests of honour were **Rev. Fr. John Alexander, SDB (Vice-Provincial & Rector)**, and **Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB (Director of Surabi)**. The Chief Guest highlighted the importance for today's youngsters to learn media skills. Learning media skills will not only empower today's youngsters but also create a positive impact on the world. He stressed that the ability to effectively communicate through various media platforms is essential in the current digital age, and the institute's initiative to equip young minds with these skills is a step towards shaping the future of communication.



Birthday Celebration of Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn, SDB

The teaching and the non-teaching staff members of the college came together to celebrate the birthday of the secretary of the college Rev. Fr. Rajkumar, SDB. The event was filled with a variety of programs such as singing, dancing, and poetry recitation, showcasing the talents of the college community. In his address, Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi, SDB, the vice principal of the college, praised Fr. Rajkumar as a legend, a man of dreams and vision, highlighting his exceptional qualities such as his love and versatility. The secretary of the college, Rev. Fr. Rajkumar, SDB, addressed the college community members and highlighted the importance of enjoying every moment of life. This message left an everlasting impression on all who attended the celebration.

Happy Birthday Rev.Fr.Raj Kumar SDB



As a part of the extension activity, the final-year students of the Department of English visited the CMS children's home at Kilpauk on July 13, 2024. The final-year students imparted their knowledge to the children at the home. The students conducted activities that focused on teaching the children essential communication skills, emphasizing the importance of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. With great enthusiasm, the children at the home quickly grasped the concepts and were able to articulate their thoughts effectively, showing a significant improvement in their skills. Thus, the visit to the children's home not only brought students closer to them but also helped them gain insight into the challenges the children face in mastering English. As a result, the students left home with a sense of fulfillment and contentment, enriched by their experience.



The second and third-year students of the college collaborated and hosted a memorable Freshers' Day, which began with a warm welcome for the first-year students. Through ice-breaking sessions and competitions, the seniors created a sense of unity and camaraderie among the students. It was a memorable day for all the students as it laid a strong foundation for their academic and social journey ahead.



The Department of English organized a workshop on Enhancing Professional Skills in the DBICA hall from 12.00 pm to 1.30 pm. The resource person was Dr. S. Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of



English, AMET University Chennai. She emphasized on the importance of acquiring professional skills in today's world. She further highlighted that acquiring such skills can help students to stand out to potential employers and aid in their professional pursuits across various fields. She also categorized professional skills into two types: workplace skills and technical skills. The students benefited from the workshop and they realized that they need to be proficient in both the skills to function efficiently to produce high-quality work. Thus the workshop made the students realize that they need to develop these skills to have a good career.

Signing of MoU with Patrician, Stella Maris and MSW Colleges

Don Bosco Arts and Science College recently undertook a visit to formalize Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Patrician College on July 19th 2024. This marks a pivotal step towards collaboration and academic partnership with these institutions.

Led by a delegation that included **Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi, SDB**, Vice Principal, **Mr. Jaswa Jebaraj**, Coordinator of IQAC and **Mr. Michael P. Stalin**, Coordinator of Career Guidance and Placement Cell, the signing ceremonies were emblematic of mutual commitments to fostering educational excellence and enhancing opportunities for students and staff through joint initiatives in research, student exchange programs, and faculty development.

These collaborations not only strengthen ties between the institutions but also underscore a shared vision for academic advancement and holistic development of the students. Each MoU represents a strategic alliance aimed at leveraging strengths and resources to benefit their student communities and contribute positively to the field of education.





Don Bosco Arts and Science College offered free affinity photo and design courses. Students who attended these courses learned various skills such as editing, retouching, and manipulating images using Affinity Photo and creating and designing visual content using Affinity Design. Students were empowered with the confidence to create stunning visual content and enhance their creative potential.



The Rangers and Rovers club organised a one-day camp at **Yellagiri on July 20th 2024**, under the guidance of **Mr. Kevin Dominic**. The program aimed to improve the physical and mental strength of the students, providing them with a unique opportunity to develop their skills and build camaraderie through team-building activities and exercises.



The sports students of the college participated in the **Three-day Buck tournament held at YMCA, College of Physical Education, Nandanam**, showcasing their skills in various events. The girls' team excelled in Kho Kho, Kabaddi, and Judo, earning cash prizes and medals for the college. Meanwhile, the boys' team participated in boxing and Judo, securing a cash prize of Rs. 1200 for their outstanding performance.





The Department of Commerce in collaboration with IIC and IQAC organized an expert talk on "Angel Investment and Venture Capital funding opportunities for early-stage entrepreneurs in the logistics and supply chain industry" for college students. The talk was handled by Mr. Sriram from My Logic Business Management School, who shared valuable insights on the

latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in business management and entrepreneurship. The talk began with a new economic policy which focuses on sustainable growth, reducing inequality, and enhancing environmental sustainability. This policy is built on three pillars: innovation and entrepreneurship, inclusive growth, and sustainable development. Mr. Sriram also explained how to build a successful logistics business, essential skills, and strategies, as well as "Breaking Down Barriers" strategies for overcoming trade obstacles.



Dr. Joseph Constantine Beschi Silveria, Medical Project Coordinator at the World Food Programme, United Nations, handled the second session. He emphasized on the significance of funding the growth of startups, particularly in the logistics and supply chain sector. Dr. Silveria highlighted the crucial role of angel investors and venture capitalists in supporting early-stage ventures and driving industry innovation. He also shared his personal experiences and insights from his career in medicine and supply chain management, providing valuable lessons for the students.



This expert talk was helpful to the budding entrepreneurs in logistics and supply chains, as it provided them with guidance on accessing these resources to support their entrepreneurial journey.

Investiture Ceremony

The official inauguration of the Clubs and associations for the academic year 2024-2025 began with the investiture ceremony. The chief guest for the investiture ceremony was **Mr. T. Mano Thanagraj, honorable minister of milk and dairy, Tamil Nadu**. The honorable minister Mr. T. Mano Thanagraj highlighted the characteristics of a leader. A leader should be goal oriented, responsible and should work for the welfare of the people. The guest of honour was **Dr. J. Prince, Diocesan Educational Officer, CSI Madras Diocese**. The guest of honour in his address highlighted the importance of clubs in shaping individuals in society. The clubs promote unity in diversity, and religious harmony. He further emphasized that students should have a scientific attitude of observation, curiosity and to question. All these are essential qualities for a leader.



The Newly elected office bearers of the college, clubs and associations took their oath and this marked the beginning of their new term. The ceremony was attended by faculty members and students who gathered to witness the installation of the office bearers. The oath was to work diligently and uphold the values of their respective clubs and associations, promising to make a positive impact on the college community during their tenure.



A Guest Lecture on Towards Career Excellence & Innovation

The Department of Corporate Secretaryship at the college organized a guest lecture on "Career Excellence and Innovation" in the Siga Hall at 11:40 am. The chief guest for the event was Dr. K. Balaji Singh - Dean of SRMC and RI (Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research). He emphasized the importance of focusing on career excellence and achieving it through innovative research methods. He encouraged students to pursue research and innovation, highlighting its potential to open up new opportunities for growth and development.



Inauguration of Department Association by the Department of Computer Application

The Department of Computer Application inaugurated the department association at A.V. Hall at 11.30 am. The chief guest for the inauguration was **Mr. Kishore Poonamalle**, COE at eSales Technologies Inc., USA. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the importance of seizing opportunities provided by the college and advised the students to cultivate good attitudes, discipline, and spirituality to succeed in their careers, particularly when working with people from diverse cultures and languages.



An Expert talk on IOT Integration : Building the Future of Digital Factories

The department of computer application organised an expert talk on IOT integration: Building the Future of Digital Factories at AV Hall at 11.00 am. The chief guest was Dr. L.Selvam, Assistant professor, Department of Data science, Madras Christian College, Chennai. Dr. Selvam discussed the emerging trends in IOT technology and its significant role in building digital factories, highlighting its potential to revolutionise industrial operations and create a more efficient and connected production environment.

The poster features several logos at the top: the college's crest, the Institution's Innovation Council (Ministry of Education initiative), the DBCC CA logo, and the IQAC logo. The main text is centered and reads: "Don Bosco Arts & Science College (Co-Ed) Kilpauk, Chennai - 600010 Department of Computer Applications Organises an Expert Talk on IOT Integration Building the Future of Digital Factories". On the right, it identifies the "Resource Person" as "Dr. L. Selvam" with a circular portrait. On the left, it lists the event details: "Date : 29th July 2024", "Time : 11:00 AM", and "Venue : A V Hall".

Self-awareness programme on Menstruation Health and hygiene

The Women's Cell organized a self-awareness program on Menstruation health and hygiene. The resource person was Dr. Cynthia Alexander, a renowned gynaecologist from Padma Clinic And Nursing home. This self-awareness program provided a valuable opportunity for female students to gain knowledge about menstrual health and hygiene. Dr. Cynthia Alexander, expertly addressed the students' concerns and queries about menstruation, emphasizing the importance of maintaining healthy habits and practising good hygiene during this time. The session not only educated the students but also helped to alleviate any misconceptions or anxieties they may have had about their menstrual cycles.



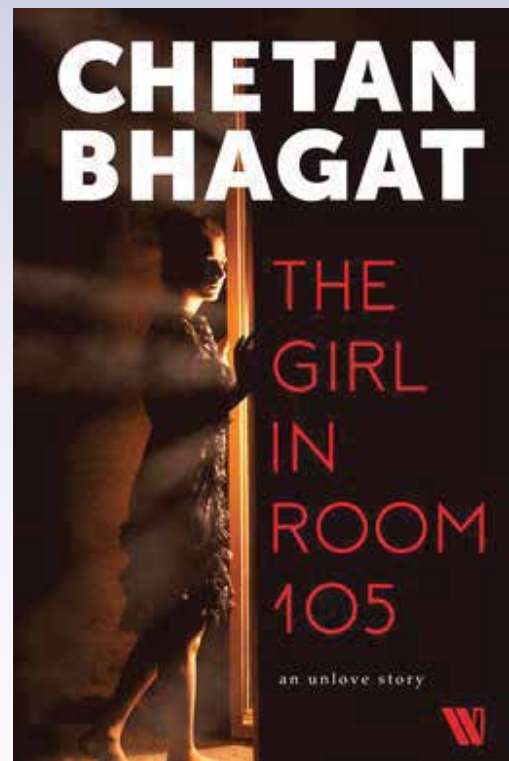
Chetan Bhagat's "The Girl in Room 105"

Chetan Bhagat's "The Girl in Room 105" is a captivating thriller that delves into the complexities of love, religion, and terrorism. The story revolves around Keshav, a young Hindu boy who falls deeply in love with Zara, a Muslim girl. As their relationship blossoms, Keshav becomes entangled in a mysterious web of secrets surrounding Zara's past.

Bhagat's writing is engaging, and the book is a page-turner, with unexpected twists and turns that keep readers on the edge of their seats. The author tackles sensitive topics like religion, terrorism, and love with finesse, making it a thought-provoking read.

The book raises important questions about the nature of love, identity, and the consequences of one's actions. Bhagat's exploration of the complexities of human relationships and the blurred lines between good and evil makes for a compelling read.

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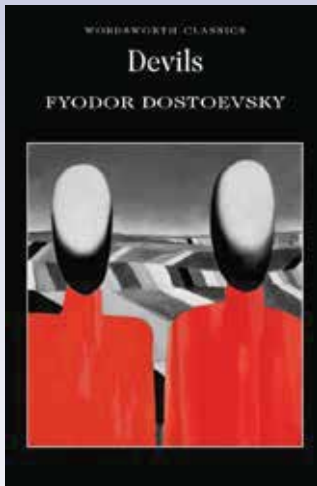
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Fyodor Dostoevsky's "Devils"



Hello, my name is Sasidhar, and I'm reviewing Fyodor Dostoevsky's "Devils" (also translated as "Demons"). This novel explores nihilism and its extreme consequences in 1860s Russia, where

it was either nihilism or nothing.

As an atheist, I find the concept of God to be a leap of faith that contradicts scientific progress. However, I appreciate how Dostoevsky portrays a godless society, echoing Nietzsche's quote, "Not all men are born equal." Interestingly, Nietzsche's views on women's equality are left unaddressed, leaving it to modern "woke" socialists to interpret.

I'm a fan of Periyar's socialism, but I recognize its limitations. This book highlights how people can cross into extremism, and how both religion and socialism can cloud our judgement. The story revolves around Stepan Verkhovensky, an idealist moulded by Varvara Petrovna, a wealthy woman in high society. Her son, Nikolai Stavrogin, is an enigmatic aristocrat with multiple love interests, making it difficult to discern his true intentions.



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The character of Pyotr Verkhovensky is particularly intriguing, initially appearing rude but ultimately revealing himself as an extremist. The novel shows how Russian society was influenced by extreme socialism, leading to nihilism, moral decay, and the erosion of individuality.

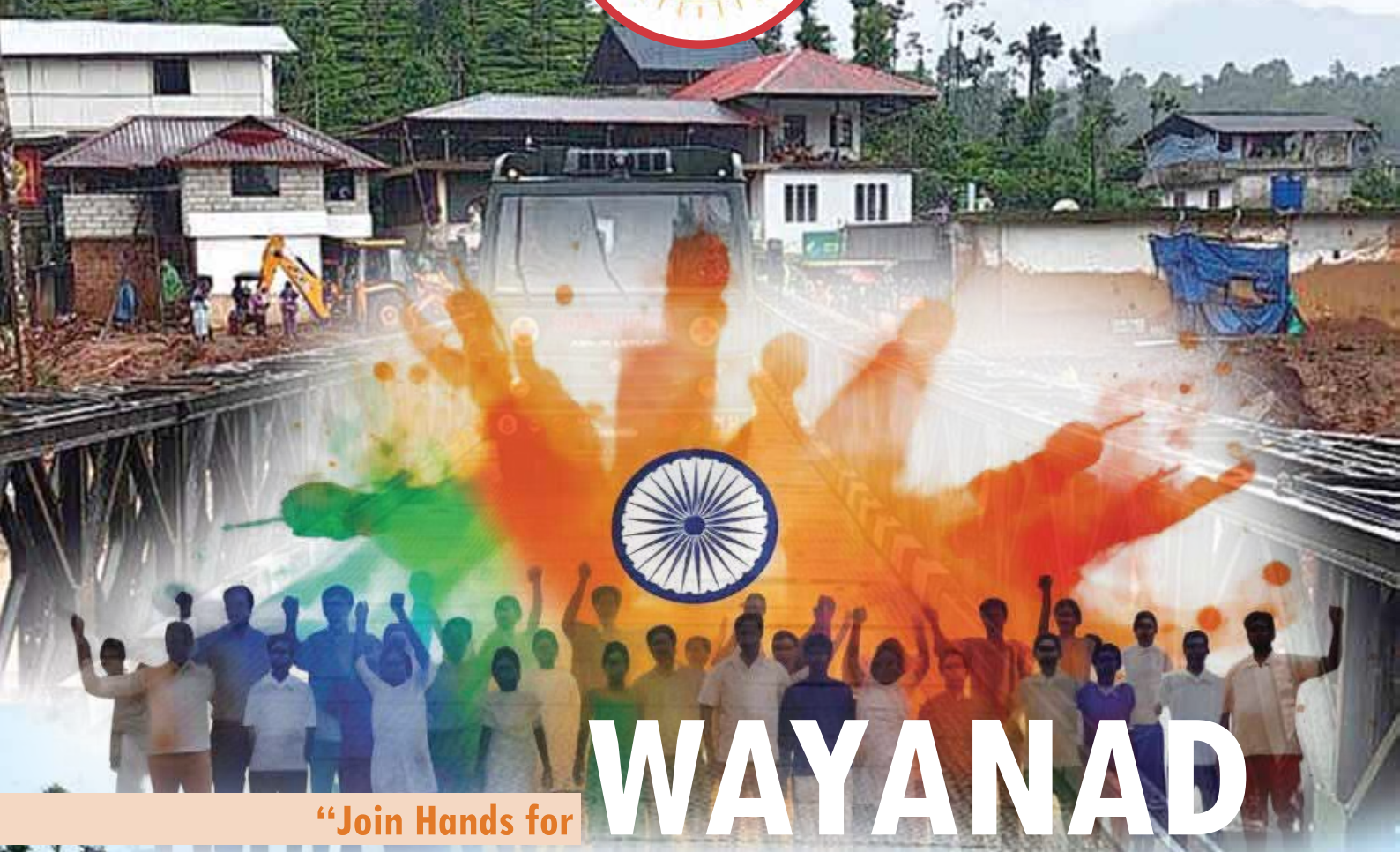
Shatov, a former God-fearing man, is caught in the whirlwind of ideologies and becomes a threat when he rebels against Pyotr's plans. Dostoevsky suggests that an average person needs God to maintain sanity, which I find contradictory. Socialism has its benefits, especially in uplifting third-world countries, but it can be detrimental to well-established societies, repressing human emotions and striving for an unattainable perfection.

The novel's portrayal of posh characters and their intricate relationships was initially challenging to follow, but as the story progressed, I grasped the author's intention. The tragic events that unfold demonstrate that too much of anything is harmful, especially when forced upon people in a short span.

The thrilling scene of Shatov's murder is well-crafted, making the reader feel like a part of the murderers. The characters' battles before the assassination reflect how far they were deluded by socialism.

While I found some aspects of the story odd, such as the characters' behaviour and the focus on marriage and political compromise, I recommend this book to anyone willing to confront the haunting idea of nihilism.

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