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Love: A Choice, A Commitment, and A Gift

My dear staff and students,

Greetings to all of you. The month of February will bring to our mind immediately the valentine's day on 14th. As we celebrate this special day, let's take a moment to reflect on the meaning of love. Love is often associated with romantic relationships, but it encompasses so much more.

Love: A Choice, A Commitment, and A Gift

Love is a Choice

Love is a conscious decision to care for, support, and prioritize another person. It's a choice to put someone else's needs before our own, to listen, to understand, and to empathize.

Love is a Commitment

Love requires effort, patience, and perseverance. It's a commitment to work through challenges, to forgive, and to grow together. Love is not a feeling that fades with time, but a bond that strengthens with each passing day.

Love is a Gift

Love is a gift that we give to others, but it's also a gift that we receive. When we love and are loved in return, we experience joy, happiness, and a sense of belonging.

In the context of Valentine's Day, let us draw a few reflections from the Bible, Quran, and Bhagavad Gita:

Bible

- 1. God is Love (1 John 4:8):** The Bible teaches that God is the embodiment of love. This divine love is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.
- 2. Love Your Neighbor (Mark 12:31):** Jesus emphasized the importance of loving one's neighbour as oneself. This commandment is rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures and is a fundamental principle of Christian ethics.
- 3. The Greatest Commandment (John 13:34-35):** Jesus gave a new commandment to his disciples: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." This commandment is a call to radical, selfless love.

Quran

- 1. Mercy and Compassion (Quran 21:107):** The Quran describes Allah as the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate. This divine mercy is a manifestation of Allah's love for humanity.
- 2. Love and Forgiveness (Quran 3:134):** The Quran teaches that those who forgive and show mercy to others will be forgiven and shown mercy by Allah. This emphasizes the importance of loving and forgiving others.
- 3. The Prophet's Example (Quran 33:21):** The Quran presents the Prophet Muhammad as an example of love, compassion, and mercy. Muslims are encouraged to follow his example in their relationships with others.

1. Divine Love (Bhagavad Gita 11:55): The Bhagavad Gita describes the divine love of Krishna, which is unconditional and all-encompassing.

2. Selfless Love (Bhagavad Gita 2:47-48): The Gita teaches that one should perform actions without attachment to their fruits, motivated by selfless love and devotion to God.

3. Love and Detachment (Bhagavad Gita 3:30): The Gita emphasizes the importance of cultivating love and detachment simultaneously. This means loving others without attachment to specific outcomes or expectations.

We find certain common themes in the Sacred Scriptures of these three religions:

1. Unconditional Love: All three scriptures emphasize the importance of unconditional love, which is not based on external circumstances or expectations.

2. Selflessness: Love is often associated with selflessness, sacrifice, and putting others' needs before one's own.

3. Divine Love: Each scripture describes a divine love that is the ultimate source of love and inspiration for human relationships.

These reflections offer a glimpse into the rich and diverse perspectives on love found in the Bible, Quran, and Bhagavad Gita.

Celebrating Love in All Its Forms

As college students, you are surrounded by various forms of love:

- *Romantic love:* the love shared between partners
- *Friendship:* the love and support shared among friends
- *Family:* the love and bond shared among relatives
- *Self-love:* the love and care we show ourselves.

Let's celebrate love in all its forms, recognizing that each type of love enriches our lives and helps us grow as individuals.

A Challenge for This Valentine's Day

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, take a moment to reflect on the love in your life:

- Express gratitude to those who love and support you
- Show kindness and compassion to those around you
- Cultivate self-love and self-care

By doing so, you'll not only make this Valentine's Day special but also nurture the love that surrounds you throughout the year.

Happy Valentine's Day and God bless you all

Fr. Jayapalan Rahael Sdb
Rector,

Don Bosco Arts and Science College



A sports-day and cultural celebrations for a purpose

Leadership is not just about holding a title or being in charge; it is about influence, character, and the ability to inspire others to achieve a common goal. In the world of sports, leadership is not only essential for winning games but also for shaping individuals who can lead both on and off the field. I strongly believe that sports and cultural provide a unique training ground for developing leadership qualities. Athletes and cultural participants are not just players—they are potential leaders who can impact their teams, communities, and beyond.

The Intersection of Sports and Leadership

Sports and games are more than just physical activities; they are microcosms of life. They teach discipline, teamwork, resilience, and decision-making under pressure. Athletes are in a prime position to learn leadership because they are constantly faced with challenges that require them to step up and lead. Whether it is a captain rallying their team during a tough match or a player mentoring a younger teammate, sports provide countless opportunities for leadership development.

Have you heard about the “The Starfish Story,” which illustrates the power of small, consistent actions. In the story, a young boy is seen throwing starfish back into the ocean. When told he can’t save them all, he replies, “It made a difference to that one.” It is all about making an impact, no matter how small it may seem.

Key Leadership Qualities Developed Through Sports

Resilience and Grit:

Sports teach athletes how to bounce back from failure. Failure is not the opposite of success; it’s part of success. Athletes learn to embrace setbacks as opportunities for growth, a quality that is essential for effective leadership.

Teamwork and Collaboration

No athlete succeeds alone. Sports emphasize the importance of working together toward a common goal. “The Iceberg” teaches athletes that what people see—the wins, the trophies—is only a small part of the story. The real work happens beneath the surface, in the form of teamwork, sacrifice, and preparation.

Accountability and Responsibility

Athletes are often held accountable for their actions, both on and off the field. “The Rubber Band” illustrates the importance of stretching beyond one’s comfort zone. Leaders must take responsibility for their actions and push themselves to grow.

Vision and Focus

Great athletes have a clear vision of their goals and the focus to achieve them. “The Lighthouse” metaphor reminds athletes that leaders must have a clear sense of direction and guide others through storms and challenges.

Empathy and Influence

Leadership is not just about authority; it's about influence. "The Mirror and the Window" concept teaches athletes to look in the mirror and take responsibility for their actions, while also looking out the window to recognize and appreciate the contributions of others.

How Sports/Culturals Facilities Foster Leadership

Sports facilities—whether it's a gym, a field, or a court—are more than just places to play. They are environments where leadership is cultivated. Coaches, trainers, choreographers, teammates, and even opponents play a role in shaping an athlete's leadership journey. Sports facilities are classrooms for life, they are where young people learn to lead, not just with their words, but with their actions.

I encourage the coaches to use "teachable moments" during practice or games to discuss leadership principles. I urge to create opportunities for athletes to take on leadership roles, such as mentoring younger players or leading team discussions.

The Long-Term Impact of Athlete Leadership

The leadership qualities developed through sports don't just benefit athletes during their playing careers; they prepare them for life beyond the game. On a personal note, sports and culturals taught me how to lead under pressure, how to work with a team, and how to stay focused on my goals.

In short, athletes have the potential to be some of the most influential leaders in society, when athletes learn to lead with integrity, empathy, and vision, they can change the world.



Rev.Fr. Raj Kumar SDB
Secretary and Treasurer



Having Good Friends

Dear Don Bosconians,

Happy to meet you again in a New month and New Year.

Happy New Year to one and All!

Surrounding yourself with good friends can have a positive impact on your life in many ways. Good friends offer support, encouragement, and companionship, making both good times more enjoyable and difficult times more manageable. They can provide a sense of belonging, understanding, and connection.

Good friends are those who offer support, understanding, and companionship in both good times and bad. They are individuals who listen without judgment, share moments of joy and sadness, and stand by you through life's ups and downs. These friendships are based on mutual respect, trust, and communication. Good friends come in all shapes and sizes, and they can be found in various settings such as school, work, or social activities. Building and nurturing good friendships require effort, time, and a genuine interest in the well-being of each other. Good friends make life richer, meaningful, and enjoyable.

Having good friends can also improve your mental well-being by reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation. Friendships provide opportunities for sharing experiences, creating memories, and laughing together, which can contribute to overall happiness and fulfillment.

In times of need, good friends can offer a listening ear, practical help, and emotional support. They can be a source of comfort and reassurance during challenging situations, providing perspective and advice when needed.

Furthermore, surrounding yourself with good friends who share your values, interests, and goals can inspire personal growth, encourage you to pursue your passions, and be there to celebrate your achievements.

Choosing good friends is an important aspect of life that can greatly influence our well-being and happiness. Here are some tips to help you pick good friends:

- 1. Shared Values:** Look for friends who share similar values and beliefs. This can create a strong foundation for a lasting friendship.
- 2. Trustworthiness:** A good friend is someone you can trust and rely on. Trust is essential for building a healthy friendship.
- 3. Supportive Nature:** Choose friends who are supportive and encouraging. They should be there for you during both good and challenging times.
- 4. Positive Influence:** Surround yourself with friends who have a positive influence on you. Good friends inspire you to be your best self.
- 5. Communication:** Effective communication is key to any relationship. Make sure your friends are good listeners and are willing to communicate openly.
- 6. Respect:** Respect is vital in any friendship. Your friends should respect your boundaries, opinions, and feelings.
- 7. Fun and Enjoyment:** Friendship should also bring joy and fun into your life. Look for friends with whom you can share laughter and good times.

8. Mutual Understanding: Seek friends who understand you, your goals, and your aspirations. Mutual understanding strengthens the bond between friends.

Remember that it's not just about choosing good friends but also being a good friend yourself. Nurture your friendships, communicate openly, and be there for your friends in return. Quality over quantity is key when it comes to friendships. Surround yourself with people who lift you up and contribute positively to your life.

It's important to be cautious of the company we keep and to choose our friends wisely. Surrounding ourselves with positive, supportive, and trustworthy individuals can have a significant impact on our well-being and happiness. On the other hand, being around negative influences or "bad friends" who may be toxic, manipulative, or dishonest can harm our mental and emotional health. Avoiding bad friends is crucial for maintaining a positive and healthy social circle. During your teenage period if you lay the correct foundation for your life, definitely you will enjoy the fruit later.

Have good and worthy friendships

Source:

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Dr. S. Xavier Raja Rathinam

Principal



A Healthy Mind in a Healthy Body – Inspired by Don Bosco

In our pursuit of well-being, we all strive to maintain good physical health and guard ourselves against illness. Across the globe, wellness and fitness are championed through countless platforms, with fitness centres and health initiatives becoming common sights in every community. However, true physical wellness extends beyond fleeting trends; it requires consistent physical activity and mindful dietary habits.

As we prepare for our college sports events, it's fitting to reflect on the timeless wisdom of Saint John Bosco. He was more than a spiritual guide; he was a fervent advocate for the holistic well-being of young people. He believed that a healthy body is essential to nurturing a healthy soul, emphasizing the beautiful harmony between physical fitness and spiritual growth. His teachings encourage a balanced lifestyle, where caring for the body complements the development of the soul.

1. "Health is a great gift, and we must do our part to preserve it."

Don Bosco viewed good health as a divine blessing, a precious gift entrusted to our care. He emphasized the importance of cultivating proper habits and self-discipline. Regular exercise, a clean lifestyle, and sufficient rest are not just choices but responsibilities for maintaining this gift.

2. "Work, play, and prayer—these are the pillars of a happy and healthy life."

According to Don Bosco, a fulfilling life thrives on a balance of productive work, joyful recreation, and sincere prayer. Physical activities and games are not merely forms of entertainment; they are vital for building strength, fostering discipline, and nurturing a spirit of community and camaraderie.

3. "Cheerfulness is the best sign of a healthy soul and body."

At the heart of Don Bosco's philosophy lies the power of joy. He believed that a cheerful heart is a reflection of inner peace and robust health. Engaging in activities that spark genuine happiness enriches both mental clarity and physical vitality.

4. "Run, jump, shout, but do not sin."

This spirited advice captures Don Bosco's encouragement for youthful energy and exuberance. He championed active living as a natural expression of joy, provided it aligns with moral values. Physical vigour and moral integrity go hand in hand in his teachings.

5. "A sound mind in a sound body."

Drawing from timeless wisdom, Don Bosco underscored the interdependence of intellectual, spiritual, and physical health. He advocated for sports, outdoor activities, and balanced nutrition as essential elements of holistic education and personal growth.

Don Bosco's insights remind us that caring for our physical health transcends personal benefit; it is an expression of gratitude for the gift of life itself. By embracing balance, discipline, and joy, we can cultivate not just strong bodies but also virtuous souls, living fully in the light of God's grace.

As we celebrate our college sports day, may it ignite within us a renewed commitment to physical fitness and spiritual well being. Let this occasion inspire us to champion wellness in all its forms, honoring both body and soul with enthusiasm and gratitude.

**Fr.Sagayaraj Kasi SDB,
Vice Principal**



On 3rd January 2025, the college reopened its doors to students for the new academic year. The campus was excited as students filled the premises with renewed energy and optimism. With determination, students arrived at the college with resolutions and a positive outlook toward the year ahead. The air was filled with the promise of new learnings and the readiness to unlearn and grow. This academic year, students looked forward to embracing challenges and opportunities that would shape their educational journey and personal development. The faculty and staff welcomed students with open arms, prepared to guide and support them through their academic endeavours.



Wishing Happy
NEW YEAR
2025

May you find success, happiness, and everything your heart desires. Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy New year 2025!



First Friday Eucharistic Celebration

**Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.**

(Matthew 6:33)

On 3rd January 2025, the first Friday mass of the year was held at the college for all Catholic staff and students at 12:30 PM in DB Square. The Eucharistic celebration was led by Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB, Secretary and Treasurer of the college, and Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB, Vice Principal. This mass was dedicated to the management and students by placing them in the hands of the Lord and seeking His blessings for the new year 2025. The first reading, from 1 John 2:29, 3:1-6, highlighted the characteristics of believers in Christ. The gospel reading, from John, focused on Jesus as the redeemer through the revelation of John the Baptist. In his sermon, Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB emphasised the importance of surrendering oneself to God by highlighting Jesus' knowledge and discipline. He encouraged students to cultivate discipline in their lives and use cellphones responsibly, noting that their use is not inherently negative but depends on how they utilise the mobile phone, thereby highlighting the importance of consciousness and self-awareness.



On 4th January 2025, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, a webinar on the securities market was held in the second commerce general classroom through the Zoom platform, with 54 first-year and second-year B.Com General students. The event was hosted by Mr. Suhas Rajput (Serial Entrepreneur, HR Training and Recruitment, Belagavi). It provided a comprehensive overview of the current landscape of financial markets, highlighting the importance of investor education, risk management, and strategic financial planning. Key experts from the field also discussed the role of the NSE in facilitating market liquidity and transparency, emphasising its significance in enabling retail and institutional investors to access a wide range of financial instruments. Additionally, the webinar focused on the crucial elements of financial planning, including budgeting, investment diversification, and retirement planning. It underscored how individuals can leverage the securities in the market to achieve long-term financial goals while managing risks effectively. With expert insights into market trends, regulatory updates, and evolving investment products, the session aimed to empower participants to make informed decisions for securing their financial future.



Outreach Programme by B.Com General

On 4th January 2025, In a heartwarming initiative, students from the Third B.Com General class undertook a remarkable extension activity across Chennai. The students were divided into various groups, and visited orphanages, old age homes, streets, beggars, schools, and boys' street clubs, bringing joy and happiness to everyone they met. Each group performed various activities which demonstrated their commitment to community service.

These activities were a testament to the student's hard work and love, as they spent their valuable time making a difference in the lives of others. Their efforts were met with overwhelming appreciation and smiles from all the people and children they encountered. The students unanimously expressed that it was one of the best days of their lives.



On 6th January 2025, the sports club organised an assembly with prayer songs, Thirukural recitation, and sports news. The students were asked to stand according to their houses. The flags of the houses were placed before them. Secretary Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB addressed the importance of physical activity such as sports which helps individuals to develop from boyhood to adulthood. He emphasised that students become more disciplined in character. It also avoids bullying, which is one of the major social evils that harms the bully and bullied, thereby causing mental trauma.



On 6th January 2025, during the highly anticipated common assembly, the students were enthusiastically divided into four vibrant houses. Each house, representing a distinct colour, aims to foster teamwork and a healthy competitive spirit. The houses, their corresponding colours, and the staff members are as follows:

HOUSE	COLOUR	STAFF IN CHARGE
Ruah	Red	1. Ms Kavithaa 2. Mr. Devaprasath
Bosco	Blue	1. Mr. Manivalan 2. Ms. Kenisha
Savio	Green	1. Ms. Antony Sophia A 2. Mr. Shane Cristen
Rinaldi	Yellow	1. Ms. Varsha 2. Mr. John Benjamin Kirubakaran

In addition to the division of students, the assembly also introduced captains and vice captains for each house ensuring strong leadership and guidance for the upcoming activities. This exciting initiative marks new friendships and strengthens individuals as students and staff work together to achieve greatness in their respective houses.

Birthday Rev. Fr. Oswald Devadoss SDB (Dean & Campus Minister)



On 6th January 2025, The birthday celebration of our campus minister, Rev Fr Oswald Davadass SDB was a heartfelt and joyous occasion. It happened in the AV hall at 1:30 PM. Staff members from Bcom CS, Bcom General, and BCA departments sang a Tamil song full of loving wishes and blessings. The event was spearheaded by Ms Immaculate Catherine Anitha, Assistant Professor, department of English who served as the emcee for the event engaging the audience on this occasion. Ms Jacqueline, office staff delivered heartfelt birthday greetings to Father tracing his life in Tamil and English. She highlighted his significant contributions and dedication to the field of education.

Rev Fr Rajkumar Mervyn SDB, the Secretary of our college, referred to Fr Oswald as the pillar. He commented on his admirable role as a facilitator who helps people grow and evolve into their best version. On behalf of all the faculties and management, he expressed his gratitude to Fr Oswald by mentioning his notable achievements, including his role in assisting and guiding students to secure second prize in the Tirupattur conference.

Fr. Oswald, in his speech, expressed gratitude to each member of the management, by acknowledging everyone. The event concluded with the principal and secretary presenting gifts to Fr Oswald, adding a personal touch to the celebrations. Overall, the celebration served as a heartfelt tribute to Fr Oswald Davadass SDB's dedication and contributions to the college community.



On 6th January 2025, an intramural volleyball match for boys was held at 1:30 PM between four houses under the guidance of physical director Mr. Jai Infant Rahul. Bosco House emerged victorious, clinching the first prize, while Savio House secured second.



Performance of the Play “Mirulu”



On 6th January 2025, Manalkudi Nadaga Nilam and Arul Anandar College organised a compelling street play titled “Mirulu” at 6:30 PM on the college premises. The play focused on the often-overlooked impacts of war on natural surroundings and the deep pain of separation from family, home, and land due to forced migration. Through vivid performances, “Mirulu” effectively captured and conveyed these intense emotions, highlighting the profound and lasting effects of such experiences. This performance was open to everyone including parents and community members aiming to spread awareness about the impacts of war.



Intramural Basketball Match : A Day of Sportsmanship and Victory

On 7th January 2025, from 12:30 PM onwards, the college hosted an exciting intramural basketball match for both boys and girls. The players showcased remarkable sportsmanship and competitive spirit, representing their houses with vigour. In the boys' match, Savio House emerged victorious, while Ruah House took the runner-up position. In the girls' match, Rinaldi House clinched the win, with Bosco House coming in as runners-up. The event was a testament to the talent and dedication of our students, making it a memorable day for all.





On 8th January 2025, a workshop was organised by convener Dr. S. Jebaseeli Novaleena, Assistant Professor and Head, and organising secretary Ms. A. Kenisha, Assistant Professor, for the students of Commerce General in collaboration with Institutional and Innovation Council (IIC) and BB Consultancy from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Bicentenary Hall. Mrs. Umadevi, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies, Alpha Engineering College, Chennai, introduced the concept of design thinking, which aims to

provide innovative solutions according to users' needs. The speaker gave training to the students using games and interesting case studies. She also emphasised the importance of design thinking in business, which focuses on catering to customers' needs. These customers become our priority in maintaining the organisation and excelling in our respective fields.



January 8, 2025

Throwball Intramural Match for Girls

On 8th January 2025, a thrilling intramural throwball match for girls was organised at 12:30 PM. The girls performed fiercely, with massive throws and bold captures against their opposing teams. Savio House emerged victorious, while Bosco House secured the second prize.



January 8, 2025

Outreach Programme (B.Com-CS)

On 8th January 2025, the Association of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship) organised an extension activity spearheaded by Ms. Lavanya, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship) at NSK. The event focused on the vital role of family members in promoting mental wellness among students and their families. This initiative highlighted the importance of a supportive family environment in mental well-being. The program also stressed that family members play a significant role in the overall mental wellness of students and others in their households.



Hands-on Training About Graphic Design and Multimedia



On 9th January 2025, hands-on training from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM was organised by convenor Dr. S. Jebaseeli Novaleena, Assistant Professor and Head, and organising secretary Dr. S. Sivaraman, Assistant Professor, for the Department of Commerce General students about Multimedia and Graphic Design at BCA Lab. This training session was led by Ms. D. Priyanka, Web Designer & Developer from Image Creative Education, Chennai. She shared facts about the role of visual

appeal in business and provided hands-on training for creating posters. This training also provided information about graphic design and multimedia, which can lead to various job opportunities such as social media marketing, graphic design, etc. The students felt satisfied and blissful about their learning experience.



Intramural Football Match: A Display of Passion and Skill

On 9th January 2025, the college hosted an intramural football match for boys, starting bright and early at 7:00 AM. The ground buzzed with energy as students skillfully navigated their opponents and kicked the ball with precision and enthusiasm. The event was a vibrant showcase of the student's passion and dedication to the sport. The atmosphere was electric, with the players displaying remarkable talent and teamwork. Their efforts did not go unnoticed, as the match drew an excited crowd of supporters who cheered their houses on with fervour. Rinaldi House emerged as the winner, while Ruah House secured the runner-up position. This match is a testament to the sportsmanship and camaraderie of the students.





On 9th January 2025, the Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with A. Govind from VALLABH PRIME, a leading financial services firm. This strategic partnership aims to enhance students' educational experience through practical industry exposure and expert insights. The primary objective of this collaboration is to provide students with valuable opportunities for internships and expert talks led by industry professionals. Internships will enable students to gain hands-on experience in the financial services sector, applying theoretical knowledge to real-world scenarios. In addition to internships, the partnership will facilitate a series of expert talks by experienced professionals from the organisation. These talks will cover information about financial management, corporate governance, regulatory compliance, and industry trends.



Pongal Festival Competition

தொன் போஸ்கோ கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரியின் தமிழர் திருநாள் பெருவிழா முன்னிட்டு 09.01.2025 அன்று பல்வேறு போட்டிகள் தமிழ்த்துறையால் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கு நடத்தப்பட்டன. குறிப்பாக கவிதைப் போட்டி, கட்டுரைப் போட்டி, ஓவியப் போட்டி மற்றும் பேச்சுப் போட்டி போன்ற நிகழ்வுகள் நடத்தப்பட்டது.



The Department of B.com (General) Signed MOU with OM Murugan Charitable Trust

On 10th January 2025, the Department of Commerce General signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Om Murugan Charitable Trust, Chennai. This partnership is a joint initiative dedicated to social outreach and community engagement. The MOU aims to foster academic excellence and social growth among our students. Through this collaboration, Don Bosco Arts and Science College and Om Murugan Charitable Trust will work to create meaningful opportunities for our students to contribute to society while enhancing their educational experience. The partnership will focus on various social outreach programs, community service projects, and academic initiatives that align with our shared vision of holistic development, thereby cultivating responsible, compassionate, and socially conscious individuals.



Intramural Badminton Tournament: Displaying Individuality and Dedication

On 10th January 2025, the college held an intramural badminton event with singles and doubles rounds at DB Square. The scorekeeper was Mr. Dinesh Balaji, Assistant Professor in the Department of Visual Communication. Bosco House won first place in the boys' singles, followed by Ruah House. In contrast, Savio House placed second in the girls' singles competition, while Ruah House won first. Bosco House finished as the runners-up in the boys' doubles, while Ruah House won. Rinaldi House won first place in the girls' doubles, while Savio House finished second. This student competition demonstrated their extraordinary skill, commitment, and adaptability in the game.



Pongal Celebration : A Day of Tradition and Unity



தமிழர் திருநாள் பெருவிழா 11.01.2025 ஆம் நாளன்று தொன் போஸ்கோ கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறை ஒருங்கிணைக்கப்பட்டது

வரவேற்புரை

நிகழ்வின் தொடக்கமாகத் தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்தும், இறைவணக்கப் பாடலும் ஒலிக்கப்பட்டது. அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து விழாவிற்கு வந்திருந்தவர்களை வரவேற்கும் விதமாக தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் அ. சண்முகம் அவர்கள் உரை வழங்கி விழா இனிதே துவக்கம் பெற்றது.

தைத்திருநாளை வரவேற்று வைக்கப்பட்ட பொங்கல் வைக்கும் நிகழ்வை சிறப்பு விருந்தினர் மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு

சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர் க. வெற்றிமுகன் அவர்கள் தொடங்கி வைத்தார்கள்.

தலைமையுரை

பொங்கல் திருநாள் விழாவினை தலைமையேற்று நடத்திட்ட கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் முனைவர் சேவியர் ராஜரத்தினம் அவர்கள் தமிழர்திருநாள் சிறப்பு குறித்து மாணவர்களுக்கு விளக்கி தமது உரையை நிகழ்த்தினார்கள்.

வாழ்த்துரைகள்

விழாவிற்கு முதன்மையராக கலந்துகொண்ட கல்லூரியின் செயலாளர் அருட்தந்தை ராஜ்குமார் அவர்கள் தமிழர் திருநாள் விழா முன்னெடுக்கப்படும் முனைப்புகள் குறித்தும், விழாக்களில் நடத்தப்படும் விளையாட்டுகள் குறித்தும், வேறு எந்தெந்த விளையாட்டுகள் நடத்தப்படவேண்டும். விளையாட்டுகளின் மகத்துவம் என்ன என்பது போன்ற தகவல்களை பகிர்ந்துகொண்டு வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்கள்.

கல்லூரியின் துணைமுதல்வர் அருட்தந்தை கசி சகாயராஜ் அவர்கள் தமிழர் திருநாள் கொண்டாடப்பட வேண்டிய அவசியத்தையும், தமிழர்களின் பாரம்பரியத்தையும் நினைவுகூர்ந்து தமது வாழ்த்துரையை பதிவு செய்தார்கள்.

சிறப்புரை

தமிழர் திருநாள் நிகழ்வில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கலந்து கொண்ட தமிழ்நாட்டு சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர் மாண்புமிகு க. வெற்றிமுகன் அவர்கள் மாணவர்கள் விவசாயத்தையும், விவசாயிகளையும் போற்ற வேண்டும். விவசாயம் சார்ந்து வருகின்ற செய்திகளை மற்றவர்களோடு பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளவேண்டும், எதிர்காலத்தை தீர்மானிக்கும் சக்தியாக உள்ள மாணவர்கள் உழவைப் போற்ற வேண்டும் என்று மாணவர்களிடையே உழவையும் உழவரையும் உயர்த்திப் பேசினார்கள்.

கலைநிகழ்ச்சிகள்

துறைசார் மாணவ மாணவிகளின் நடநிகழ்ச்சிகளும், சிலம்பாட்டம், பறை இசை போன்றவை விழாவை மேலும் சிறக்கச் செய்தது.

விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகள்

மாணவர்களுக்கு கயிரு இழுத்தல், உறியடித்தல், கோலம் இடுதல், மருதாணி வைத்தல் மற்றும் பொங்கல் வைத்தல் எனப் பல்வேறு போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பட்டன. மேலும் கயிறு இழுத்தலிலும், உறியடித்தல் போட்டியிலும் பேராசிரியர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டு உற்சாகமாக பொங்கல் திருநாளை கொண்டாடி மகிழ்ந்தனர்.

பரிசு வழங்குதல்

பல்வேறு போட்டிகளில் வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்கும், ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும் பரிசு பொருட்களை கல்லூரியின் செயலாளர் அருட்தந்தை ராஜ்குமார், முதல்வர் முனைவர் சேவியர் ராஜரத்தினம், துணைமுதல்வர் அருட்தந்தை கசி சகாயராஜ், கல்லூரி வளாக இயக்குநர் அருட்தந்தை ஆஸ்வெல்ட் ஆகியோர் பரிசுகளை வழங்கி மாணவர்களை ஊக்கப்படுத்தினர்.

சிறப்பாக நடந்தேறிய பொங்கல் விழாவிற்கு வந்திருந்த அனைவருக்கும் நன்றியை தெரிவித்தும், பல்வேறு வகைகளிலும் உதவி செய்திட்ட அனைவரது முயற்சியையும் நினைவு கூர்ந்தும் நன்றி உரையை முனைவர் க.சக்திவேல் அவர்கள் வழங்கினார். இறுதியாக நாட்டுப்பண் ஒலிக்க விழா இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.



January 11, 2025



On 11th January 2025, the college hosted an intramural Kabaddi match to honour Tamil culture and tradition, commencing at 10:30 AM. The students demonstrated their strength and resilience in the competition. The competition was fierce, with each house determined to claim victory. After thrilling rounds, Bosco House emerged as the

champions, securing the first prize with their exceptional teamwork and tactical execution. Their victory was met with jubilant celebrations from their supporters, who took pride in their house's achievement. Meanwhile, Rinaldi House put forth a commendable effort, ultimately earning the second prize, a testament to their hard work and dedication throughout the match.

Common Assembly

On 20th January 2025, students from B.Com General organised a common assembly featuring a prayer song, news, and Thirukural recitations. Rector Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphael SDB shared New Year greetings and Pongal wishes. He spoke about Don Bosco's thought for the day, which says to put God first into everything. He also appreciated everyone for their punctuality. He informed us about the introduction of religious education for students every Thursday. Principal Dr. Xavier Rajarathinam discussed the Tamil Pudhalvan Scholarship Scheme, and Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Kasi Sagayaraj SDB reminded students about punctuality by speaking about timings for break time and college starting time. He also emphasised coming to college with proper dress code and college ID. The assembly reinforced key values, setting a positive tone for the academic year.



Webinar on the securities Market



On 20th January 2025, the Department of Commerce General organised a Webinar on "Securities Market" by NSE at 9:30 AM in Classroom No. 15, with 71 students from III General, organised by Ms. A. Kenisha (Organizing Secretary) and Dr. S. Jebaseeli Novaleena (Convenor). The event was hosted by Mr. Suhas Rajput (Serial Entrepreneur,

HR Training and Recruitment, Belagavi). The webinar on the securities market organised by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) provided a comprehensive overview of the current landscape of financial markets, highlighting the importance of investor education, risk management, and strategic financial planning. Key experts discussed the role of the NSE in facilitating market liquidity and transparency, emphasising its significance in enabling retail and institutional investors to access various financial instruments.



On 22nd January 2025, the Department of Commerce (General) organised an Industrial Visit cum Educational Tour to “Vagamon and Cochin” from 22nd January 2025 to 25th January 2025. The tour aimed to provide students with an enriching and immersive learning experience. On 23rd January 2025, forty-two students of III B.Com General, accompanied by three staff members, Dr. S. Jebaseeli

Novaleena, Dr. S. Sivaraman, and Mr. Allen visited the Masco Tea Factory in Vagamon from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This visit provided students with a firsthand look at the production processes of Masco Tea, an organic tea brand produced in the picturesque town of Vagamon. The Masco Tea Factory, operated by the Malanad Service Co-operative Bank Ltd., was established to ensure local farmers receive fair prices for their green tea leaves. The factory’s production process includes plucking, withering, rolling, oxidising, drying, and sorting tea leaves to achieve the desired flavour, aroma, and appearance. The factory produces nine grades of tea. On 25th January 2025, students of III B.Com General, accompanied by three staff members, visited Cochin Port from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM via boat. Cochin Port, one of India’s largest ports, is a major hub on the Arabian Sea-Laccadive Sea-Indian Ocean sea route. During the visit, students observed the loading of containers onto international ships. The Cochin Port also exports marine products, tea, coffee, and cotton goods, with top destinations being the UAE, USA, and China.

Students observed how classroom knowledge is applied to real-world production processes, machinery, and operations. Students also embarked on a tour of Vagamon and Cochin where they visited beautiful green meadows, the serene pine forest, and the picturesque Elaveezha Poonchira, creating joyful and pleasant memories with their classmates.



Field visit to Sri Sairam Engineering College by BCA students



On 21st January 2025, first and second-year BCA students visited the Sri Sairam Techno Incubator Foundation at Sri Sairam Engineering College. The visit provided a firsthand look into the world of innovation and entrepreneurship. The students were warmly welcomed by Mr. Muthuvel, Chief Operating Officer, who delivered an insightful orientation on the significance of incubation centres in

nurturing early-stage startups. This was followed by an engaging session from Dr. C. Rene Robin, CEO of Innovation, who explained how innovative ideas evolve into groundbreaking solutions, encouraging students to think creatively. They also had an informative session with Dr. Swagata Sarkar, Head of the AI Department. He highlighted the challenges faced by aspiring entrepreneurs while establishing a startup.

The visit concluded with a guided tour of the incubation centre, led by fellow students of the college. The visitors had the opportunity to explore various innovative projects and research work, making the experience both educational and motivating. The visit also inspired the students to delve deeper into innovation and entrepreneurship.



January 21, 2025 Intramural Chess and Carrom Tournament: Showcasing Talent and Individuality

On 21st January 2025, the college organised an intramural chess and carrom tournament for students in the Physical Director's room. The students showcased their individuality and talent in these intellectual and strategic games, demonstrating their skills and competitive spirit. The event was a great opportunity for students to shine and bring pride to their respective teams.



One-day webinar on Financial Planning and Stock Markets



On 21st January 2025, the Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship) organised a one-day webinar on financial planning and stock markets, conducted by Mr. Suhas Rajput, a serial entrepreneur specialising in HR training and recruitment, based in Belagavi. The webinar was delivered via the Zoom platform and was live telecasted to students in the Bicentenary Hall from 11:40 AM to 1:30 PM. The event was convened by Ms. Lavanya, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship), and organised by Mr. Adithya Pandian, Assistant Professor from Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship). The webinar trained students about financial planning and stock markets for better understanding. The informative session provided students with valuable insights into financial planning strategies and the workings of stock markets, enhancing their knowledge and preparing them for future financial endeavours.



Inauguration of Kho-Kho and Cricket Court: Celebrating Sportsmanship and Team Spirit

On 22nd January 2025, the college marked a significant event with the inauguration of the new Kho-Kho and cricket court. The ceremony was graced by Rev. Fr. Oswald Davadass SDB, Campus Minister, Mr. Jaswa Jebaraj, IQAC Coordinator, and the heads of the departments, including Ms. Lavanya (Head of Commerce Corporate Secretaryship) and Mr. Irshad Ahmad (Head of Visual Communication).



Khokho match for both boys and girls



On 22nd January 2025, following the inauguration, a thrilling Kho-Kho match for both boys and girls took place. The students showcased a remarkable sense of cooperation and teamwork, supporting their group members throughout the game. The match was a true display of sportsmanship and dedication. Ruah House

emerged as the victor, while Bosco House secured the second prize. For girls, Bosco House got first prize and Savio House got second prize. The event highlighted the athletic abilities of the students and their immense strength in unity.

Novena for Don Bosco

On January 22, 2025, the novena for Don Bosco commenced, led by Mrs. Jacqueline Martin, Salesiancorporator and office admin. Mrs. Martin gathered students to recite the novena, leading them in prayer. This daily practice is a meaningful reminder to the Salesian community for staff and students, of Don Bosco and his dedicated ministry. The novena also reinforces the values and teachings of Don Bosco, fostering a sense of unity and devotion within the community.



We lead: a workshop at the national level

On 22nd January 2025, the National Workshop on the We Lead Project commenced at 10:00 AM at the Bi-Centenary Hall. This event aimed to promote women's empowerment and leadership for effective administration. The chief guest, Rev. Fr. Edwin Vasanth, SDB, Economer, Don Bosco Chennai Province highlighted the critical importance of empowering rural women to become effective leaders and decision-makers. The event featured captivating performances, including a parai performance by students from the Department of Visual Communication of Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Chennai. Students from the women's cell, through acting and dance, depicted a poignant portrayal of various forms of violence against women, effectively conveying the importance of addressing these issues to achieve true empowerment and leadership.



Intramural Cricket Match: A Showcase of Talent and Dedication



On 23rd January 2025, the college organised an intramural cricket match for the students, starting at 1:30 PM. The event was officiated by Mr. Dinesh Balaji, Assistant Professor in the Department of Visual Communication, who served as the umpire. The students showcased their excellent performance and played with full potential, reflecting their dedication and passion for the sport. In this competitive and thrilling match, Ruah House emerged as the winner, while Bosco House secured the second prize. The event highlighted the students' talent and commitment, making it a memorable day for all involved.



January 24, 2025

Seminar on North East Literature

On 24th January 2025, the English Association held an enlightening seminar titled "Introduction to North East Literature." The main purpose of the event was to introduce North East Literature. This initiative aimed at providing students with a deeper understanding of the rich literary and cultural heritage of North East India. At the same time, it also served as a platform to build their confidence and leadership skills. The seminar had forty students as participants with Ching Nei Hoi Samte, a dedicated student from II B.A. (English) from Don Bosco Arts and Science College, who led the session.



Her expertise and passion for the subject captivated the audience, making the seminar informative and engaging. The organising secretary Ms. Abisha X. (Assistant Professor and Head of the Department) expressed that providing students a platform in such seminars will help to build their confidence and communication skills, which are essential for their academic and professional futures. The students learned about the importance of approaching literature from a cultural perspective.



On 26th January 2025, the Republic Day celebration was a grand event at Don Bosco Arts and Science College, commencing at 8:30 AM. The event was honoured by the presence of notable dignitaries, including Rector Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphael SDB, Secretary Rev. Fr. Rajkumar Mervyn SDB, Principal Dr. Xavier Rajarathinam, Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB, and Campus Minister Rev. Fr. Oswald Davadass SDB. The chief guest for the day was Indian Air Force pilot, Rajarathinam Prakash. In his address, Rajarathinam Prakash emphasised that the essence of India lies in its people, stating, “Real India is you and me. We gave power to the government.” He highlighted that service to the nation is not confined to the police or army but extends to parents and teachers. He encouraged the youth to remain inquisitive and ask questions. Following this, Rector Rev. Fr. Jayapalan Raphael inspired the students to focus on three key values: unity, dignity, and prosperity. The celebration also featured vibrant dance and sillabattam performances, showcasing the unique skills and rich traditions of India. This celebration was a testament to the college’s commitment to fostering patriotism, unity, and cultural pride among its students.



SPEECH BY GROUP CAPTAIN RAJARATHNAM PRAKASH



1. This Don Bosco SIGA campus is like a homecoming for me, as I used to frequent this place to meet Rev Fr Robert Simon and Fr Rajkumar, who were Salesian brothers then, studying in Loyola College with me. It is in the most important period of my life, as a youth, when you are learning the ways of the world. I was blessed to have these two Salesian brothers guiding my steps in the most friendly way of love and laughter, in the language which young people best understand.

2. Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950. A salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic on that

day. Thereafter 26th of January was recognised as the Republic Day of India. The Constitution gave the citizens of India the power to choose their own government and paved the way for democracy. Dr. Rajendra Prasad took oath as the first President of India at the Durbar Hall in Government House and this was followed by the Presidential drive along a five-mile route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled the National Flag. Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was the Law Minister at the time, and he presented the final text of the Constitution to the Constituent Assembly. While we celebrate Republic Day, We should realise the vision of the enormous number of freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives, families and fought non-violently against the mighty British for this valuable freedom which we are enjoying today.

3. You may think that if I have to serve the Nation, I have to join the Defence Forces or Police Forces etc. It is not just them who serve the nation, it is every Indian who does his duty as a citizen is serving the Nation. For example, A professor, who put his or her best efforts to teach, guide and ignite the minds of the students is serving the country, the students who are self disciplined and makes the best use of the education and all-round development available in this campus and goes back home safely following the traffic rules, is serving the nation. A non-teaching staff who are taking good care of this campus’ cleanliness to provide a conducive learning environment is serving the Nation. The greatest leaders are found within the four walls of our homes, ‘our parents’. While our fathers provide the necessities, our mothers who are homemakers and are bringing up good citizens for this country are directly serving the nation. Imagine the working women professionals who consider their work as a family and also take care of their homes, they are direct Nation Builders.

4. Dreams and foundations of life are laid in this important period of your life, youth. The dreams of every young Indian present here, and the strong foundation given to you by this institution is the foundation of your life and this great nation, India. I wish to quote Dr APJ Abdul Kalam who lists out the unique qualities of the Young People. I quote,

‘Courage to think different, Courage to invent,

Courage to discover the impossible,

Courage to travel into an unexplored path,

Courage to share the knowledge

Courage to remove the pain

Courage to reach the unreached

Courage to combat the problems

And Succeed’, Unquote.

Everyone here, including me sitting on this stage, always revisit our days of youth, whenever we are faced with impossibilities, difficulties and the struggle to achieve, we get back to the strong foundation of our youth which we laid for ourselves with sheer hard work. This strong backing helps us to succeed. It is said, “ You cannot be Old and wise, unless you have never been young and crazy.”



5. Talking from personal experience, Winston Churchill advises the youth , I quote,

“ You have not an hour to lose. You must take your place in life’s fighting line. Twenty to twenty five ! These are the years ! Don’t be content with things as they are! The World is yours. Don’t accept a ‘No’ for an answer. Never submit to failure. You will make all kind of mistakes :but as long as you are generous, true, and fierce, you cannot hurt the world or seriously distress it. The world was made to be wooed and won by the youth.”

6. I was Commanding Officer of a frontline transport Squadron. Out of the 56 officers, 31 of them around the age of 25-26 years. Ever energetic young men and women officers and pilots. All my heads of Flying Operations, Aircraft Engineering and Administration had difficulty in managing them. I used to tell them to go to their level of thinking and train them for war. Every month, I used to sit with them in an informal gathering and encouraged them to ask questions, however silly they were. I asked my heads to know about every rule and policy to explain to them. I used to tell them that this generation is not a “yes sir” generation, this is a generation which needs answers and explanations. In few months time, I found these young officers out performing in the duties assigned to them, much more than the expectations of the Air Force. Another important lesson I learnt in the AirForce is the power of women professionals. The women in the Air Force have broken all barriers and are fully operational fighter pilots. The National Defence Academy at Pune has inducted women trainees and the first batch is about to pass out. The Academy was skeptical of the women cadet’s performance in tough physical training, so the Academy kept the physical training standards lesser compared to the men cadets. When the Chief of Defence Staff visited them, these young girls represented to him that they needed to compete with the men in their same physical training and nothing less. The Academy made the training as tough as the men and believe me, the girls are out performing the boys. In few decades from now, I have no doubts that the world will see the first Women Chief of the Army, Navy or the Indian Air Force.

7. As a young boy, who Fr Rajkumar would recollect me as, I read a small self-help book named, ‘The Power of Positive thinking’ by Norman Vincent Peale. This book guided me in realizing my dreams. This book gave me a very powerful Bible Verse from the letter of St. Paul to Philippians Chapter 4:13, which says, “I can do all things through Christ, who Strengthens me.” Or “ I can do all things through God, who strengthens me”. Spirituality gives us the strength and moral courage to defeat failures and keep moving forward towards our dream. And

believe you, failures teach us more than successes. The other important point I wish to make is to read books, any books of any language, any topic, short stories or whatever. Reading makes you think, your thinking makes you dream, your dream with focused handwork and smart work will lead you to discover your dream. You will face failures, but they teach you many many valuable lessons to achieve success. This entire process is the vision you have to form and keep revisiting it . The beautiful Motto of this esteemed institution, “Ad Astra per Aspera” “Through hardship to the stars”, there is no substitute to handwork and hand work always pays. When you succeed, your institution or organisation and your family succeeds, your Country succeeds... And that will make India a Superpower.

” அச்சமில்லை அச்சமில்லை அச்சமென்ப தல்லையே...

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JAI HIND !!!



Don Bosco Arts and Science College Alumni Meet: A Celebration of Connection and Growth



On 26th January 2025, Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Kilpauk, held its much-anticipated alumni meet, bringing together former students for a day of reflection, networking, and inspiration. The gathering began with an address by Dr. Asaikannu, setting the tone for the day. Dr. Xavier Rajarathinam spoke about the vision of the alumni association as a global federation. He emphasised the crucial role alumni play in the intellectual development of the college, guiding current students about emerging trends in their respective fields. Dr. Rajarathinam also underscored the importance of education, highlighting the Don Bosco Institution's commitment to growth and

contributing to the well-being of poor and downtrodden students. He praised the preventive system of education that Don Bosco champions, which aims to uplift the underprivileged and develop every individual. Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB, Vice Principal, addressed the assembly, describing the alumni meet as a moment of connection between friends and staff. He welcomed alumni back to their alma mater, acknowledging their role as inspirations to others

through their interactions, work, and contributions to internships, placements, and resources. He insisted on the importance of networking in today's world and its impact on personal and professional development.



The heads also addressed the students, focusing on the fond memories they hold. First, Ms. Abisha, Head of the Department

of English, spoke about the memories she remembered while seeing the students. She mentioned that their talents as dancers, photographers, etc. at college played a major role in shaping their identity in the college. She concluded with a powerful reminder about the importance of listening. Ms. Lavanya, Head, Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship), followed with her address where she spoke about the continuous connection with alumni students. Lastly, Mr. Irshad Ahmad Y, Head of the Department of Visual Communication, in his address reminisced about his first teaching experience and expressed the joy of seeing students succeed in their careers. He highlighted that students should never forget that learning is a lifelong journey. The stage was open for students to speak about their experiences in the college. Among these, Lawrence, a 2023 graduate pursuing his Ph.D. at Anna University, shared his experiences at the college. Thomas Vijay, an alumnus from B.Com Corporate Secretaryship, reflected on his transformation from an introverted student to an extroverted professional. John, from B.Com General, spoke about the immense opportunities and ease of communication with staff members at the college. A Visual Communication department student provided suggestions on the curriculum, while a 2024 B.Com General graduate shared fond memories of staff and friends. Mukesh, another student, described his college experience as fun.

Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Kasi Sagayaraj SDB concluded the event by encouraging alumni to share their experiences with friends and maintain contact with staff and colleagues. The event ended with an alumnus highlighting the importance of asking questions, which leads to valuable answers. The alumni meet was a testament to the strong bonds and lifelong connections formed at Don Bosco Arts and Science College.

On 27th January 2025, students gathered at significant spots within the college—DB Square, the canteen area, and the college entrance. This assembly aimed to set a positive tone for the days ahead. The event was meticulously organised to foster motivation and patriotism among the students. The assembly began with a heartfelt prayer, inviting everyone to start their day on a reflective and solemn note. This was followed by an engaging motivational story, designed to inspire and ignite a spark of determination within the students. Next came the thought for the day, consisting of a brief yet impactful message that encouraged students to ponder life’s deeper meanings. A Bible verse was also shared, offering spiritual guidance and support to those seeking it. One of the assembly’s highlights was the rendition of the national anthem. As the familiar strains filled the air, students stood united, experiencing a profound sense of patriotism and solidarity. This moment reaffirmed their commitment to their nation and its values. The assembly concluded with an address by the head of the department. The head provided a comprehensive overview of the upcoming departmental events, ensuring every student was informed and excited about the planned activities. This address gave an overview of the various events at the department level.



Internship Presentation by the Department of English: Fostering Growth and Learning

On 27th January 2025, the Department of English held an internship presentation in the AV Hall, starting at 12:30 PM. This internship was a part of the paper “Writing Skills for New Media” in the fifth semester. The event was honoured by the presence of Rev. Fr. Oswald Davadass SDB, the Campus Minister of our college. Each student presented their internship experiences, followed by a question-and-answer session with Reverend Father, Ms. Abisha X, the Head of the Department, and other staff members. The presentations provided valuable insights and feedback, helping students refine their skills and understanding. Students from the second year B.A. English attended as the audience, learning from the experiences of their seniors. The various questions and feedback during the session significantly contributed to their development, setting a benchmark for their future endeavours.



Intramural Shotput and Discus Throw Match: Celebrating Individuality and Talent

On 28th January 2025, the college organised an intramural shotput and discus match at the college level, under the expert guidance of Physical Director Mr. Jai Infant Rahul. This event provided a platform for students to showcase their unique talents and athletic prowess, bringing laurels to their respective houses. The participants demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, highlighting the spirit of sportsmanship and competition.

January 28, 2025

Internship Presentation by IIIrd B.Sc. Viscom Students: Inspiring the Next Generation

On 28th January 2025, IIIrd B.Sc. Visual Communication students presented their internship experiences and showcased their talents at the Viscom Lab. The event was graced by students from the first year, staff, and the head of the department. The presentations provided a platform for students to share their real-world experiences, insights, and achievements, thus inspiring the incoming batch to strive for excellence in their academic and professional pursuits.



January 29, 2024

Sports Competitions at RajaRathinam Police Stadium: Showcasing Talent and Dedication



On 29th January 2025, college sports students and house in-charge staff headed to RajaRathinam Police Stadium to participate in various competitions, including the long jump and other individual events. The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their athletic talents. The students expressed their commitment by being steadfast in their performance. They also portrayed a sense of individuality

and style in their events thereby bringing honour to themselves and their houses.

On 30th January 2025, the Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship) had an internship presentation. The event was attended by the heads and staff of the department, where students showcased their learning experiences and contributions to their respective internship companies. This presentation highlighted the practical skills and knowledge gained by students during their internship period.



On 30th January 2025, to commemorate the feast of Don Bosco, a joyous eucharistic celebration was organised for the Catholic students and staff. The mass, celebrated at 9:15 AM, was led by Rev. Fr. Jesudoss SDB, Dean of Deepagam, along with Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj Kasi SDB, Vice Principal, Campus Minister Rev. Fr. Oswald Davadass SDB, and Rev. Fr. Joy Pannakal SDB.



The celebration included readings from the book of Ezekiel, highlighting God's promise to give the shepherd role to David, and from the book of Philippians, emphasising the nearness of God and the importance of thanksgiving. Fr. Jesudoss SDB, in his sermon, spoke about the significance of the day and Don Bosco's teachings on finding happiness in doing small things perfectly and living a life of careful action, speech, and friendship. He encouraged everyone to be with God and announce His gospel, calling for all to live like saints.

Simultaneously, non-Catholic students attended screenings about the life of Don Bosco in the AV Hall and Siga Hall. The day concluded with the management distributing sweets to the students, creating a sense of joy and unity within the community.

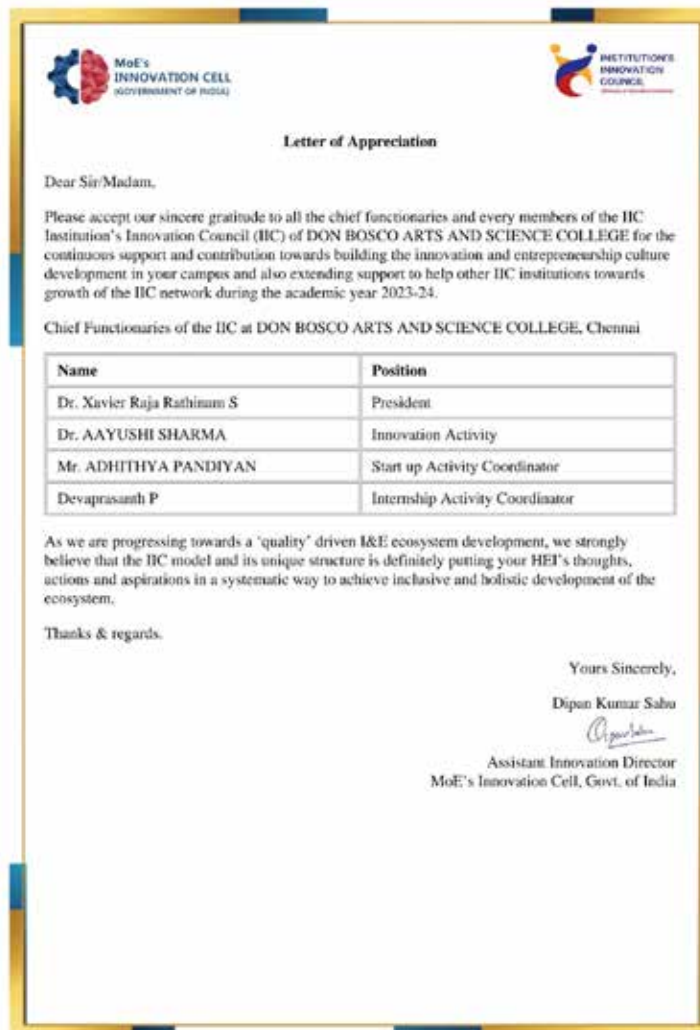


College Achievements

Congratulations to Institution and Innovation Council (IIC) at Don Bosco Arts and Science College

Mr Dipan Kumar Sahu, Assistant Innovation Director of the MoE's Innovation Cell, Government of India, expressed his gratitude to the Institution and Innovation Cell (IIC) of Don Bosco Arts and Science College for 2023-2024. In his message, he specifically mentioned the chief functionaries of IIC at our college, acknowledging their efforts and contributions to fostering innovation and excellence.

Name	Position
Dr. Xavier Rajarathinam	President
Dr Aayushi Sharma	Innovation Activity
Mr. Adithya Pandian	Startup Activity Coordinator
Mr. Devaprasanth	Internship activity coordinator





JBEST Professor Excellence Award 2025 from the International Academic & Research Foundation.

On 10th January 2025, Dr S. Jebaseeli Novaleena, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce (General), was honoured with the “Best Professor Excellence Award 2025” from the International Academic & Research Foundation. This prestigious award recognises her outstanding contributions to academia and research, reflecting her dedication and excellence in the field of commerce education.

Chief Guest at the Commerce Department Association of St. George

Arts and Science College, Shenoy Nagar

On 28th January 2025, Dr S. Jebaseeli Novaleena, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Commerce General at Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Kilpauk, Chennai, served as the Chief Guest at the Commerce Department Association of St. George Arts and Science College, Shenoy Nagar. Dr Novaleena delivered an insightful lecture on “Communication & People Skills for Entrepreneurs,” emphasising the importance of effective communication and interpersonal skills in the entrepreneurial journey.





Jeba Daniel, a student from Third Bcom general, was honoured with the prestigious “Young Achiever of the Year 2024” award . It was presented by The People Welfare Trust Organization and Kaalai Kathirgal newspaper.

This award ceremony was graced by esteemed personalities including Perarasu, Director, Dilli Babu, DSP and Premila, leader of a social welfare committee. Jeba Daniel received this accolade for his remarkable achievement in creating a world record in dual direction keyboard sequence, securing the 1st rank globally. At the young age of 20, Jeba also made history by becoming the first Indian to break into the top 10 list in this category.

Jeba’s extraordinary talent and dedication have set a shining example for his peers and brought immense pride to our institution.

January 24 to 26th 2025

Awareness Workshop on Youth Against Addiction



The AICUF organized an Addiction Awareness Workshop, “Youth Against Addiction,” on January 24th to 26th 2025 at AICUF House, Nungambakkam, attended by six students.

The workshop took place from the 24th evening aimed to educate and empower youth, particularly women, about the dangers of various addictions. The workshop covered topics such as substance abuse, behavioural addictions, and lifestyle addictions, including women’s lifestyle addiction (obsession with beauty products, fashion, etc.). The objective was to create awareness and promote a healthy lifestyle among young people.

The workshop was a huge success, with participants engaging actively in discussions and sharing their personal experiences. It includes recognizing addiction as a treatable condition, making informed choices about lifestyle and habits, and adopting a healthy lifestyle to prevent addiction. The workshop inspired youth to take a proactive stance against addiction and promoted a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle.

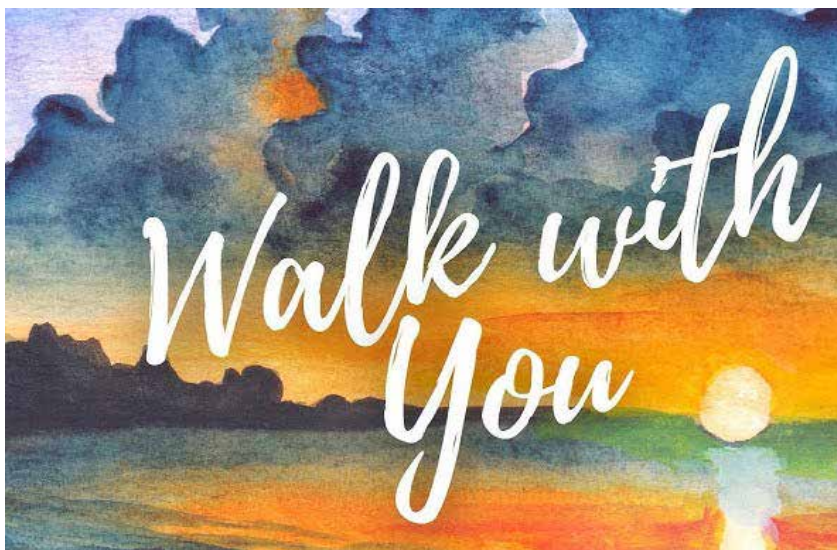


WE WILL WALK WITH YOU

When you're afraid to tread a lonely road,
With doubts and fears of what your future may behold;
Remember that Angels do exist
Don't be afraid! Just call on God for help,
Then we will rise and walk with you.

When your path turns spooky and cold,
And darkness seems to blind your way;
Just remember you're not alone
Heaven's light will guide you through,
While we protect and walk with you.

When you feel that the sun is setting on you,
And no one seems to care for you;
When life turns hopeless and you want to give up,
Don't let your burdens weigh you down
Cause we will hold your hand and walk you through.



- Samantha Eve Rebello
1st BCA



- Deepak Vishal S
Ist BCA



"Service to Mankind is Service to God"

Mother Teresa



"MOTHER TERESA" Memorial Award winner for "SOCIAL JUSTICE"

