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My dear Staff, Parents, and Students,

As we enter September, we're reminded of significant celebrations: Teachers' Day, Mother Teresa Day, and the feast of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni. Let's reflect on Mother Teresa's values and

their relevance for today's youth.

Relevance of Mother Teresa's Legacy

Mother Teresa's selfless devotion to serving the poor, sick, and marginalized inspires us to prioritize the greater good. As she said, *"Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."* Her legacy encourages us to embody timeless values:

- **Compassion and Empathy:** Treat others with kindness and respect.
- **Selflessness and Sacrifice:** Prioritize the needs of others.
- **Love and Acceptance:** Embrace diversity and promote inclusivity.

Applying Mother Teresa's Values in Modern Life

As Mother Teresa demonstrated, even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact. *"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do,"* she said. Let's apply her values in our daily lives:

Ø **Volunteer and Serve:** Engage in community service projects that benefit those in need.

Ø **Practice Empathy and Compassion:** Build stronger relationships by showing kindness and understanding.

Ø **Inspire Positive Change:** Promote social justice and human rights, working towards a more equitable society.

A Challenge to Chennai Youth

To the young people of Chennai, it is a challenge to

get involved in social causes that make a difference. As Mother Teresa said, *"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread."* Let's work together to address the needs of our community by:

- **Joining Community Service Projects:** Participate in initiatives that support the poor, sick, and marginalized.
- **Advocating for Social Justice:** Use your voice to promote human rights and challenge injustices.
- **Cultivating Empathy and Compassion:** Build stronger relationships by showing kindness and understanding.

Inspiration for Young People

Mother Teresa's life and legacy inspire young people to:

Find Purpose and Meaning: Discover your passions and values, and pursue a life of purpose.

Take Action: Engage in activities that benefit others, making a positive impact in your community.

Develop Positive Relationships: Build strong, supportive relationships founded on empathy, kindness, and respect.

Conclusion

Mother Teresa's legacy offers a wealth of inspiration for today's youth. By embracing her values and applying them in our lives, we can make a positive difference in the world and create a brighter future. As Mother Teresa said, *"Do small things with great love."* Let's strive to embody her values and inspire positive change in our community.

Together, we can make a difference and serve humanity with love, kindness, and compassion, starting today, as committed students of Don Bosco College. God bless you all.

Yours affectionately in Don Bosco,

Rev. Dr. Jayapalan Raphael, SDB

Rector and Secretary



Dear friends,

Happy to meet and greet you through this newsletter.

Small is Beautiful

The phrase "*Small is beautiful*" holds a powerful truth. Often, it is in the smallest

things that the greatest values lie. Whether it is responsibility, kindness, or integrity, the beginning is always humble. Just as mighty trees grow from tiny seeds, great character is shaped by how we handle small matters.

Responsibility is not something that appears suddenly in a moment of crisis or opportunity. It is cultivated quietly, in the unnoticed corners of everyday life. A person who is careful with small duties—like being punctual, completing homework on time, or cleaning up after themselves—develops habits that naturally translate into handling larger responsibilities with care. The saying, "He who is faithful in little things will be faithful in much," captures this perfectly. Responsibility begins at home, in the way we treat our family, manage our time, or contribute to small household chores.

Likewise, small acts of kindness have a profound impact. A smile, a word of encouragement, holding the door open for someone—these actions may seem insignificant, but they are often remembered long after grand gestures are forgotten. They have the power to uplift, to build trust, and to strengthen relationships. They show empathy, respect, and humility—all of which define a person's true character.

In our schools, colleges, and workplaces, people form opinions about us not from the big presentations

or occasional achievements, but from the way we behave every day. Are we polite to those around us? Do we listen attentively? Are we consistent, honest, and respectful even when no one is watching? These small, day-to-day actions become our identity in the eyes of others. And once people form an impression, it tends to last—changing it is often difficult.

In a world that often glorifies the big, the bold, and the loud, we must remember that real strength lies in the small, quiet acts of goodness and responsibility. These are the things that shape who we are and how the world sees us.

Indeed, *small is beautiful*—because it is through the small that the great is made possible.

Start with a small step to reach the stars.

All the best.

Rev. Dr. K. A. Maria Arokia Raj, SDB

Principal



Dear Friends,

September is a month that invites us to pause, to think, and to grow. It is not just another page on the calendar. It is a time that carries deep meaning for both life and learning.

In this month, many important days are celebrated:

- **Teachers' Day (5 September)** – a day to thank those who guide us, inspire us, and believe in us.
- **Literacy Day (8 September)** – a reminder that education is a gift, and not everyone in the world has this blessing.
- **International Day of Peace (21 September)** – a call to live with respect, unity, and harmony.

For us as students and teachers, these days remind us of what is most important in life: learning with gratitude, using knowledge for good, and spreading peace around us.

Spiritually, September is also very rich. The **Birth of Mother Mary (8 September)** shows us the value of humility and purity. The **Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September)** teaches us that real strength comes from sacrifice and love. These feasts tell us that education is not just about the mind, but also about the heart. Don Bosco, our father and guide, always said that *education is a matter of the heart*. Knowledge without goodness can harm, but knowledge with love can build a better world.

Dear young friends, what can we learn from September? Let us:

» **Be grateful** – Thank your teachers, parents, and friends. Gratitude makes the heart happy.

» **Be eager to learn** – Do not study only for exams. Be curious, read more, ask questions, and search for truth.

» **Be kind and compassionate** – A small act of kindness can bring great joy to others.

» **Be courageous** – Do not be afraid of failures. Every difficulty is a chance to become stronger.

Nature itself teaches us in September. Trees shed old leaves to prepare for new ones. In the same way, let us let go of laziness, bad habits, and fear. Let us make space for discipline, good thoughts, and positive actions.

Remember, the purpose of education is not only to get a degree, but to become a better person: wise, kind, and strong. Let this month be a time of renewal for our college community. Let us grow in knowledge and goodness together. Let us dream big, work hard, and care for one another.

May September be for all of us a month of learning, gratitude, peace, and joy.

Thank you.

Yours in Don Bosco,
Rev. Fr. Anbu Francis, SDB
Vice Principal

On 01 August 2025, the First Friday Mass for Catholic students was held at 8:30 am in the Bicentenary Hall. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist was led by **Rev. Fr. Oswalt Devadoss, SDB**, the campus minister of the college. During his homily, Rev. Fr. Oswalt reflected on *John 13:35* and *John 8:31-32*, drawing the students' attention to the importance of love and truth in Christian discipleship. His homily challenged the congregation to reflect on their spiritual lives. The Holy Mass served as a reminder to lead a life filled with faith.



**TRUTH IN
CHRISTIAN
DISCIPLESHIP**







On 04 August 2025, the Principal, Rev. Dr. Maria Arokia Raj, SDB, emphasized the importance of following road safety measures and urged students to strictly adhere to them. He reminded students that wearing a helmet while riding two-wheelers is not merely a rule but a vital safety precaution. He further stressed that even pillion riders must wear helmets without fail. As part of ensuring road safety, the Principal highlighted that possessing a valid driving license is mandatory for all students who ride or drive vehicles.

TRIPLE RIDING TRIPLE DANGER

Be a
**Responsible
Citizen**

Bike is for TWO
not for TOO MANY



**DON'T
FORGET
YOUR
HELMET**



Workshop on "Journey to Self-Esteem: Finding Your Inner Strength"

On 08 August 2025, the Department of English organized an enriching workshop titled **"Journey to Self-Esteem: Finding Your Inner Strength"** at 12:40 pm in the A.V. Hall. The workshop was addressed by **Ms. Christina Venita Deepa**, Counsellor at Loyola Counselling Centre, Loyola College, Chennai. She highlighted that accepting oneself is the first step in building self-esteem. Students were encouraged to focus on their personal goals and understand the significance of mental health in achieving them. Thus, the workshop laid the groundwork for personal growth and improved self-worth.



Industrial Visit & Hands-on Training on "Website Designing"

8 August 2025

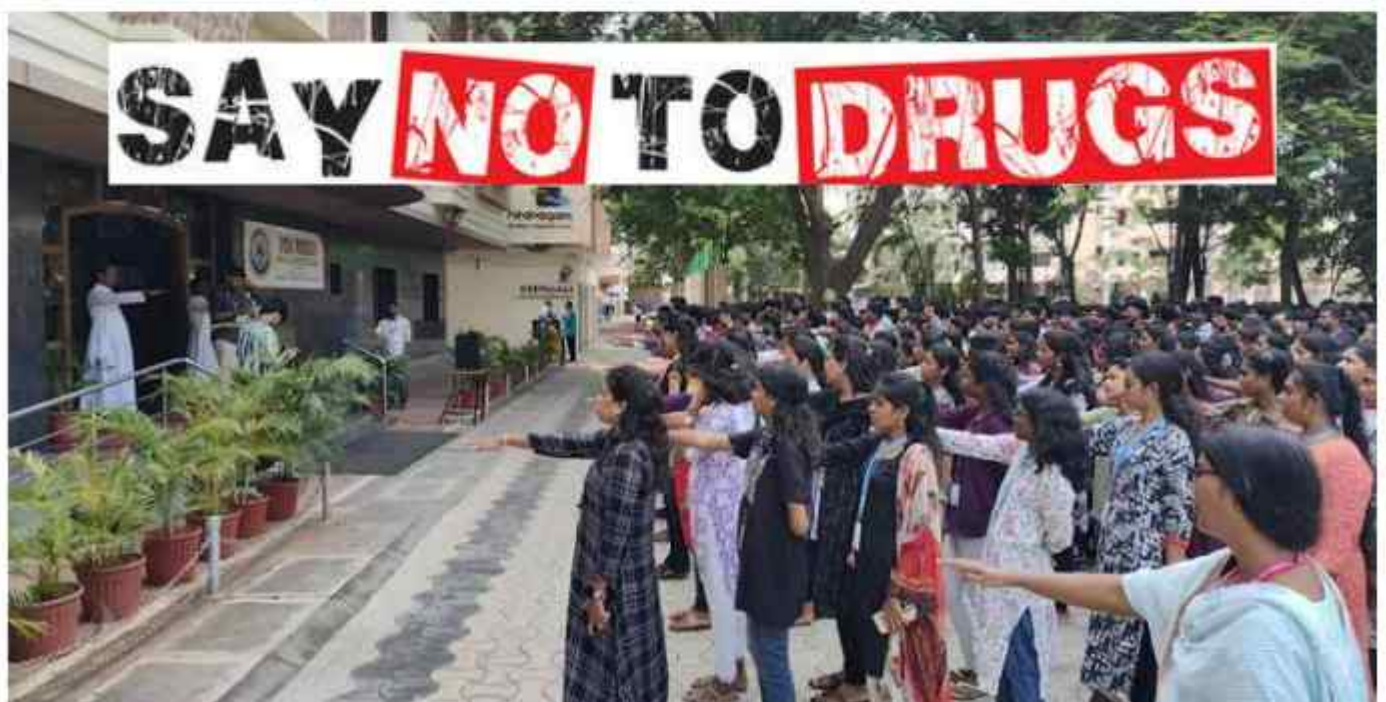
On August 8, 2025, the Department of Commerce (General) organized an industrial visit and hands-on training session on "*Website Designing*" for final-year students. Forty-five third-year students enthusiastically participated in this enriching experience at Image Creative Design Pvt. Ltd., T. Nagar, Chennai. The session was animated by **Mr. Rathnavel**, a Graphic Designer, who provided insightful guidance and practical exposure to the fundamentals and tools of website design. The students learned the importance of design principles in creating user-friendly websites.



The Power of Saying No: An Anti-Drug Initiative

11 August 2025

An anti-drug initiative titled "**The Power of No**" was organized by Annai Velankanni College of Arts and Science. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students of various colleges. Students from Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Chennai, actively participated and won prizes. The following students from the second-year M.Sc. Visual Communication programme received awards: **Rubina and Naveen Raj** served as emcees, while **Abhimanyu and Sangrah Mario** won prizes for photography and videography. **Prasanth and Nandhini** were commended for their warm hospitality.



On 15 August 2025, the 79th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm on the college premises. Students, staff, and guests gathered to honour the spirit of freedom and sacrifice. The chief guest was Mr. Nambi Arooran, a distinguished Chartered Accountant and organic farmer, hoisted the National Flag. In his inspiring address, **Mr. Nambi Arooran** quoted from the Thirukkural: **"Dependence on others is a disease."** True independence, he said, comes from self-reliance and service.



th *Happy Independence Day*





*Dependence
on
others is a disease*



On 25 August 2025, a seminar titled "Climate Change and Its Impact: An Urgent Need for Change" was organized by the Eco Club under the supervision of faculty coordinator **Ms. Antony Sophia A.** and assistant faculty coordinator **Mr. Karthik V.** The aim of the seminar was to orient students about the harmful effects of climate change. The seminar was graced by **Dr. B. Amudha**, Director of the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), India Meteorological Department (IMD), Chennai. She spoke about various aspects of climate change and its impact on the environment, concluding her presentation with the acronym 'RAW MUD CUPS'.

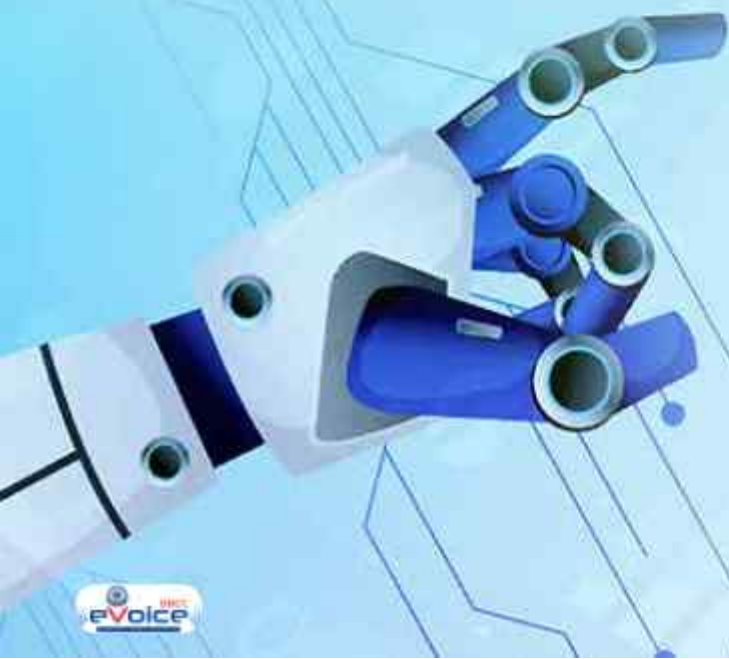


Orientation Session by Dr. Abhilash Surendren - Tesla Technologies

26 August 2025

On 26 August 2025, Dr. Abhilash Surendren from Tesla Technologies conducted an enlightening orientation session for Commerce (General) students from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at the Bicentenary Hall. The students

gained valuable insights into the practical skills and knowledge essential for shaping their future careers. The session encouraged them to adopt a proactive approach to practical learning and professional development. Overall, the students found the session highly interactive and impactful.



28 August 2025

Intramural Boys Volleyball Tournament

On 28 August 2025, the Department of Physical Education organized an intramural tournament featuring boys' volleyball competition. The event saw enthusiastic participation and spirited performances from all departments. The Department of B.C.A. emerged as the champions, while the Department of B.Com. (Corporate Secretaryship) secured the runner-up position.



The Rameshwaram International Film Festival was held on 28 August 2025, this was organized by the Department of Visual Communication. The event aimed to showcase films from around the world and promote diverse perspectives by talented directors. Three films *The Answer Forever*, *Tantva*, and *Inside* were screened for college students. This film screening provided them a unique cinematic experience and broader insight into global filmmaking trends.



Intramural Girls Volleyball Tournament

29 August 2025

On 29 August 2025, the Department of Physical Education organized an intramural tournament featuring girls' volleyball competition. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and spirited performances from various departments. The Department of B.C.A. emerged as the champions, while the Department of B.Com. (General) secured the runner-up position.



True Friendship



True friendship blooms where trust is sown
When life feels heavy, skies turn gray,
Your smile can chase the gloom away.
No rulebook needed, just our cheer
Through laughter and tears we share,
A loyal friend is always there.
The bond we hold will never end.

- **Rahmath Ali U.**

II B.Com. (General)





My Little Hero

(A poem dedicated to my little brother)



You are my little hero who stays calm inside my heart
and always played the bravest part.

You were my protector who's always brave,
even when I didn't know what I gave.

You know the storm I hold within,
But still lift me up, so I begin.
You catch me when I fall,
and make me stand tall.

Though people made me feel distant,
You are always my constant.
Nothing can compare to your love,
for nothing else can rise above.

You stood beside and held my hand,
Even when you didn't understand.
Our bond is unbroken and never apart,
as you hold it strong from the start.

You see me at my low,
and never let your love go.
Because of you, I walk without fear,
knowing somehow you're always near.

- **Tanya Leonard**

II B.Com. (General)





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**"Knowledge is the
foundation of all success."**

- A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



**"Literacy is
a bridge from
misery
to
HOPE"**



- Kofi Annan



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