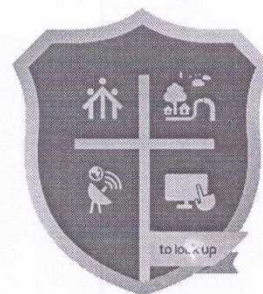


DON BOSCO COLLEGE (Co-Ed)

Guezou Nagar, Yelagiri Hills

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College Day – 23rd March 2019

The Don Bosco College Community is pleased to have Mr. Prabakaran, Advocate – Supreme Court of India and Chairman, Pravda Law Associates as the Chief Guest of the 7th College Day. His outstanding performance in education, being a gold medalist at all times and his multifaceted professional experience is a great inspiration and role-model for our students. Thank you Sir for your enlightening presence with us today.

We remember with gratitude Rev. Fr Francis Guezou whose Tenth Death Anniversary was celebrated on January 29th 2019 in a meaningful manner with festivity and solemnity. The birth and growth of Don Bosco College is the realization of his dream and passion to give quality higher education for the young. It was his desire that higher education should increase employability than mere pursuit of knowledge.

And so, the existing BICS InfoTech, established in 1998, was raised as an arts and science college in 2012, giving a special focus for IT Education. Today, the college six major departments namely computer science, computer applications, mathematics, commerce, management studies and English offering six under-graduate programmes and two PG programs. The department of computer science has Research programmes. Students Strength is 1070 with 95% of them as first-generation learners and around parents of 85% of them are daily wage laborer.

I. The Educative Community

Thanks to the Salesians of Don Bosco, Sisters of Mary Our Help and lay collaborators who served the College in the last year/current year and who are no more on board now.

Fr Augustine Kariamadam was the spiritual director in the campus for six years. He was transferred to Idaya Deepam, Yelagiri Hills.

Fr Satyanathan who served as Vice Principal and Director of Papa Duhayon Hostel for two years moved to Dominic Savio, Tirupattur as Administrator and for higher studies.

At the request of Rev. Sr Josephine, the Superior General of SMA, the religious community who were taking care of the girls in Arockia Annai Hostel since June 2010 ended their contractual service on 24th May 2018. Sr Jayaseeli and Sr Patros were the last group of community members to hand over the care of hostel back to the Salesian Community. We place in record the amiable and tenderly services of SMA Sisters in forming the young girls in the hostels.

Other Staff Members who moved out are:

Mathematics	Mrs. Sarthaj, Mr. Aldring
English	Ms. Durghadevi, Mr. John Vincent, Mr. Amalraj
Computer Science	Dr Isac Gnanapragasam
Computer Applications	Mr. Arul, Mr Sri Ram, Dr Selva Perumal
Commerce	Mr. Arockianathan, Mrs. Uma Maheshwari
Communicative English Academy	Ms. Vimala
Administrative Staff	Mr. Pathrose, Mr Devendiran

Hearty Welcome to the Salesians and lay collaborators who joined the College in the current year.

Rev. Dr John Alexander SDB was appointed as Rector and Secretary as Fr Thaddeus relinquished his office as Rector and Secretary, having served for two years.

Rev. Fr Sagayaraj Kasi SDB assumed responsibility as Vice Principal and Director of Papa Duhayon Hostel.

Rev. Sr Jeyasooai of the Congregation of Nirmala Sisters offered her service for one year to be the Director of Arockia Annai Hostel. With proper approval from their Superior General and the Provincial, she began her ministry in the hostel on June 25th 2018. The Salesian Community is grateful to her for her voluminous service inspire of her illness and age factor.

The young Salesian **Br Lourdu Joseph SDB** began his practical training in youth ministry as Asst Director of Papa Duhayon Hostel and involving in the department of Life.

The Management Board of the College consists of five Salesians in the Community with Fr K.M. Jose SDB, the provincial as the Chairman. We thank **Fr Jesumanickam** for heading the department of Management Studies in the last year.

The new teaching staff members will be referred by the respective head of the department.

Among the non-teaching and administrative staff, **Mrs. G Nasi**, a professional nurse was appointed as Campus Nurse and to work in DB Health Station.

Sr Punitha and Sr Pushpa began their service as part-time counsellors. Mrs. Anuradha R as library assistant and Mr Manavalan as driver were appointed.

II. Significant Events at the College Level

Inauguration of Academic Year on 18th June 2018 with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist of the Holy Spirit by the new Rector, followed by the official function, presided by Rev.Fr K.M. Jose SDB, the Provincial, the chairman of the College. Theme taken was Learn to Lead Like Don Bosco

Inauguration of the Associations and Clubs on 28th June 2018 with the declaration of the action plan of every association and club. Dr Senthilraj, the Principal of Marudhar Kesari Jain College, Vaniyambadi was the Chief Guest.

Independence Day 72nd Independence Day of the country was celebrated with Mr Kathirvel, Break Inspector, Tirupattur as the Chief Guest.

Annual Provincial Visitation on 21st August 2018

A. Spiritual Annual Retreat for the Students and Staff

Annual Retreat for the Catholic Students was conducted on 22nd, 23rd September 2018. And for the staff, the retreat was held on 16th February 2019 at Sundampatti animated by Fr Sanjay.

B. Extravaganza 2019

An Intra-Collegiate Cultural Fest, was held on October 13th 2018 organized by Bosco Fine Arts Club.

Outcome-based Education Workshop (25th, 26th October 2018) for the Faculty Members was organized to change the pedagogy of education as per NAAC guidelines. There

was an overwhelming response from the teaching community. Dr Marmar Mukhopadhyay, (Director, ETMA, New Delhi), Dr Sethuraman (Director, IQAC, Gandhigram University) and Dr Ponmudiraj (Advisor, NAAC) were the key resource persons.

C. Christmas Celebration

The College Community had a Christmas Get-together on 23.12.2018. The Rector delivered his Christmas Message on Love, Peace and Faith and wished the staff and students a Joyous and Meaningful Christmas celebration. Members of staff presented cultural items to bring home the spirit of sharing and brotherhood. Following the exchange of Christmas gifts among the staff, the Management presented gifts to all the members of staff. A delicious dinner was hosted by the Management.

D. Pongal Festival

Pongal festival was celebrated on 10.01.19 with the traditional festive spirit. Elocution, Poetry and Pongal preparation competitions by the students portrayed the significant Tamil Culture and heritage. Prizes were awarded to the best performers in various competitions

Indian Republic Day on 26th January, 2019 was officiated by the Manager State Bank of India, Yelagiri Hills Branch.

E. X Death Anniversary of Fr Francis Guezou SDB

The Tenth death anniversary of Fr Francis Guezou was celebrated on 29th January, 2019. Rev. Fr. K.M. Jose presided the celebration with many Salesians and Friends of Fr. Guezou. His family members from France headed by Ms. Gisele Guezou, his niece, visited the Centre during these days.

F. Third Graduation Day

The third graduation day of the College was held on 24th February 2019 with Dr Gopinath Ganapathy, the Registrar of Bharathidasan University as the Chief Guezou. About 300 graduates received their degree on this day.

G. Mega Job Fair

It was the first campus placement drive that happened in the college on 9th March organized by the placement cell. 23 companies participated and 750 candidates who took part. Nearly 250 were shortlisted by the companies for further processing.

H. Valediction of Associations and Clubs

The valedictory function of Associations and Youth Clubs was held on 21st March 2019 with Rev. Dr Praveen Peter as the Chief Guest. In his valedictory address, he highlighted the significance of co-curricular activities in achieving the purpose of education.

X. Infrastructure and Learning Resources

A. Physical Facilities

The following physical facilities were developed in the current academic year

- 8th Bus for Commutation on the Hills
- Two Computing Labs with an addition of 55 Workstation
- DB Health Station for the nursing care of students and staff
- Gym and Fitness Centre with the procurement of equipment for Rs 4 Lakhs
- Don Bosco Extension Hostel at Nilvaur to accommodate non-catholic students

B. Knowledge Resource Centre (Arivagam)

Knowledge Resource Centre functions as Library, Digital Library, Learning Centre, Media Gallery and Knowledge Bank.

Resource Statistics	Number
Library Books and Titles	6,350
Journals	22
Magazines	18
CDS and DVDs	480
eBooks (approx.)	25,000
Students' Project Reports	660
Bound Volumes	180

C. Guezou Computing Centre

- All computing requirements of the campus with regard to networking, data management, and archiving, regular practical sessions are managed by the Centre.
- Dedicated 40 MBPS Internet Connectivity
- Separate Internet Browsing Centre for student access.

XI. Student Support and Progression

A. Scholarship Schemes

The total scholarship received in the last year was Rs 54 Lakhs with Rs 35 Lakhs from the Central and State Government. The total scholarship received is only Rs 24L. The Government Scholarships have not been released for the current academic year.

We are grateful to Mr. Kulandai Francis, Founder, IVDP for extending his support to our students through Koselay Memorial Scholarship and mid-day meal scheme

B. Career Guidance and Placement

Collaborating with Vazhikaatti, regular career guidance programs are organized for the final year students.

a. **Student Counselling** is offered by Mr Leo Maria Francis, senior counselor, Sr Punitha and Sr Pushpa, Sisters of St Charles de Borromeo as part-time counselors along with three internship students who visit the campus once in a week.

b. **Parents Meeting** was held after the publication of the results of University Examination in both the semesters to involve the parents in the education of their wards.

C. **Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp** in collaboration with NIMAT, Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India was conducted for 200 students on 23rd, 24th August 2018

D. **Communicative English Academy** provides language skills for all students through bridge course for the first year students, streamwise language course, LSRW assessment in every term, reading practice, vocabulary note-book and language defaulter counselling.

E. **Mid-day Meal** is provided for XXX day-scholar students as they find it difficult to bring their lunch by morning.

F. Leadership and Excellence Development Workshop.

Don Bosco College, Yelagiri Hills, had gone one step ahead in developing and inculcating the hidden talents of our students through LEAD-2018 from 23 to 28 May, 2018. 58 Participants took part from Don Bosco College-Yelagiri Hills, Don Bosco College-Dharmapuri, Sacred Heart College-Tirupattur and Don Bosco Polytechnic- Basin Bridge. Miss. Geetha Gunasekar, Training Consultant, IB School, Indore, took charge for the entire workshop along with two Facilitators-Mr. Nirmal and Mr. Ronaldo from Sacred Heart College.

G. Sports and Games

With a dedicated Physical Education Director, sports and games are given much importance in the campus. About 102 students participated in University Tournaments of the academic year, ___ were winners at the University level and ___ got form-3 certificate for their future career.

- The Annual sports day was conducted on 11.08.2018 having “Clean and Healthy Planet” was the theme. Mr. Jesuraj.DSP, was the chief guest with Dr. Mary Reetammal as the Guest of Honor. The overall championship was won by Commerce department.
- Fr Guezou Memorial Football Tournament was conducted on 18th and 19th August 2018. 16 colleges took part in the Tournament. Mr Livier Friend of Fr Guezou was the chief Guest. Don Bosco Madurai won the tournament and Don Bosco Basin Bridge, Chennai was the runner-up.
- 11th Senior National Touch Rugby Championship was organized in our college for two days. Totally 23 teams from different States in the India participated in the event. Honorable Minister K.C. Veeramani was the chief guest for the tournament.
- Inter Division Cross Country Race, Chess and Kabbadi of Thiruvalluvar University were organized in the College this year.
- Our students won in Cross Country Race Table Tennis, Chess, Kabbadi and Athletics of Thiruvalluvar University Inter Division and Inter College Tournament for Men & Women. The teams participated in VolleyBall, BasketBall and FootBall.
- Thiruvalluvar University has selected our college students for various Sports and Games for All India University and South India University.

XII. CONCLUSION

As I conclude this report, I thank every member of this community: The Salesians, teaching and non-teaching staff and students for their collaboration and involving making DBC what it is. My appreciation to the Rector for his close follow-up of administration and development of the faculty. Thanks to Fr Alexander Thomas for ensuring proper financial management and taking full responsibility for the transport, infrastructure and campus maintenance. Happy to have a committed and fully involved Vice Principal. He spearheads every project and event of the college looking into all details and closely working with faculty members and students. Thanks to Fr Jesumanickam for taking care of the students in Don Bosco (Nilavur), Ennagam and Joachim Villa. Thanks to the Salesian Brothers and Sr Jeyasoosai for their continuous presence with the students in the hostels.

A great administrative support is given by Dr Rajendiran, the Deputy Principal. Thanks to all Heads of the Departments who work closely with me to conduct academic programmes in an

effective manner. Every Faculty member and the non-teacher particularly the administrative staff strives to do the best for the well-being of the students. Finally, thanks to you, parents and students for your cooperation with the mission of Don Bosco. I place my sincere appreciation and thanks once again, to our honorable chief guest Mr Prabhakaran. May all of us be impelled by the spirit of Don Bosco and strive together to create a better world for us and the future generations.

I remain

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Note: Thanks to Justin Amalraj, Govindaraj and all Administrative Staff