

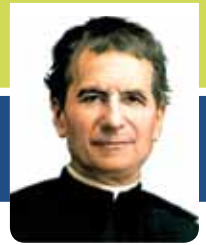


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From Director's Desk



Dear Friends,

Recently, I watched Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari's "Nil Battey Sannata" (a slang for incompetent) a charming little film that shines a light on people we tend to overlook in movies and in our daily lives, especially the domestic, so called "bai". It's a beautiful story of a mother, who is worried about her daughter's complete lack of ambition in life. She decides to challenge her daughter with her studies by joining the school herself. She proves to her daughter that hard work can change one's fate, even though we lack resources. This film has a strong message about how education can change one's life. Watch it, Because Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.

Every year for Summer Camp, shelter boys go to a new place for a break and also to discover their innate talents. This year, the community decided to have the camp at Shelter Don Bosco with the theme, "Aashayein": A Hope towards building a better future. The focus was on "Career Path". The first part of the day was on Zaya's Computer Learning for those who are weak in their basics and the second part of the day was on "Building Career Path". Students from DBCL, Kurla volunteered to help us in this camp. It was great to see them interacting and teaching computers and other appliances which are important for their future growth. Apart from the three major careers like cooking, sports and computer learning, there were professionals from other fields that came forward on a regular basis to teach our shelter boys on how to build their own career paths and sustain them.

For Don Bosco, Holidays or Vacation meant a change of occupation or a new phase of learning something new and different and we are happy that our boys got these opportunities of new learning's that will help them to build their future well. As we conclude the summer camp in Shelter, we like to say "Good Bye and Thanks" to all our boys (past and present), volunteers and staff of Shelter Don Bosco, who were part of this beautiful journey in accompanying them to achieve good education that will help them to build their future well. Our Shelter Boys will move to the new Children's Home at Bosco Boys Home, Borivali on 2nd June, 2016 and at the same time we reopen "The Open Shelter" at Shelter Don Bosco, Wadala on 6th June, 2016. We are also happy to start a new hostel, called Bosco Care Centre at BDC, Antophill for 18+ youngsters, who would pursue their higher education.

On behalf of the staff and management, I wish you all the very best. As we begin a new chapter of reshaping and re-structuring of the YaR sector in serving young and the marginalized, we pray for God's choicest blessing on all those people who helped us in all different possible way of helping young people who really need love, care and protection.

Fr. Gregory Almeida, sdb
Director: Shelter Don Bosco

Learn English with ZAYA Learning Labs

A course on Creative Learning was organized by Zaya Learning Labs for the boys of Shelter Don Bosco. This course was the initiative of Fr. Adolph Furtado and his team from Don Bosco International School. The sole purpose of the course was to teach English and Maths with the help of Technology.



The course is an online course named as Zaya creative learning wherein English is taught using interactive and creative lessons. The course begins from the basics and goes on to higher levels. Since the boys learn a lot and enjoy the creative method, the course is also continued during the summer holiday camp. There are brothers and volunteers who take personal interest in the programme & thereby maintain the standard.



**"Learning gives creativity,
Creativity leads to thinking,
Thinking leads to knowledge,
Knowledge makes you great."**

- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Studio Effects at Tej-Prasarini

On 24th November 2015, the boys of Shelter Don Bosco visited Tej-Prasarini at Don Bosco Youth Services Building, Matunga. Fr. Joaquim Fernandes, the Director of Tej-Prasarini gave a creative orientation about the sound and tech. The boys were shown how songs and videos were made and edited and also how various equipments are used in the studio. The boys were also allowed to touch and use the various equipments of the studio. Few of them had an experience of recording their own voice and enjoying the studio effects.



AIDS Awareness



A United Nations report recently claimed that India has the third-highest number of people living with HIV in the world, with 2.1 million people living with the disease. On 1st December 2015, World AIDS Day was organised by the students and

staff of Shelter Don Bosco. They marked the day with an educational session to raise awareness about the disease.

Dr Sunita Shanbaug, a very close collaborator of Shelter Don Bosco addressed those present about the disease. She spoke about how this virus spreads and what precautions one should take in order to be safe.

Dr Shanbaug also spoke about how the disease affects human health and the social life of a person. The session was very interactive and informative. The boys learnt a lot from this session.

The Art of Living

From 14th to 17th of November 2015, a session on the Art of Living was organized for the boys. The art of living is an organization that focuses on training the body with the help of yoga.



Three members from this organization came to conduct the yoga sessions. The purpose of this session was to bring self-discipline and how to bring inner peace within oneself. The session was organized for both the juniors as well as the seniors.



Awareness Drive on the Road

On 26th January 2016, the staff and boys of Shelter Don Bosco took part in a social awareness program. The Boys stood with placards with different messages on saving and protecting the environment. The idea was to give the message of



protecting the environment especially in the city of Mumbai. As it was the occasion of Republic Day, Shelter Don Bosco gave the message of making Mumbai a clean and a green city. These type of awareness messages are given every month with various issues related to the society.

Guitar Classes at Shelter Don Bosco

Music brings life in each one of us. A new hobby, Learning Guitar was started this year under the guidance of Br. Akhil Abraham. At present, there are 4 boys who are passionate about learning the guitar.



They have picked up quite a bit within few days. Seeing their interest the volunteers from Germany sponsored a bass guitar along with a processor. Boys are learning to tune their life with the help of music.



Developing Soft Skills



As part of the skill training, the boys took active part in various skill training programme. They enjoy making greeting cards, pot painting and making of paper hand bags.



The idea of having this programme was to teach the boys some soft skills by which they could develop their hidden talents. This was an occasion wherein the boys got to practice their creative skills and also learn new skills.

Inter NGO Athletic Meet

Concern India Foundation organized an Inter NGO Athletic Meet at Bandra. Boys from Shelter Don Bosco took part in this event. There were track & field events. Three boys won gold medal in the track events. Shelter Don Bosco was awarded the Team Championship Trophy in the age category of Under-16. Boys were happy to receive the trophy.



Inter NGO Football Tournament

Akansha Foundation narrowly edged out Leher Foundation, 1-0 to clinch the Friendship Cup, an inter-NGO football tournament that took place at the Don Bosco Astro Turf pitch in Matunga on January 24.

Twelve city-based NGOs took part in the tournament which was organised by Shelter Don Bosco. The teams were divided into four pools and the matches were played according to a league format. Shelter Don Bosco boys were among the 12 teams that took part.

The tournament began with a prayer service in honour of Saint John Bosco. After the service, the players took a sportsman's oath. Nishant Sinha, the CSR manager of MGL,



was the Chief Guest for the inauguration. He officially declared the tournament open. The semifinals took place at 3pm between Shelter Don Bosco and Akansha Foundation. The match was settled via a sudden death in favor of the latter. Akansha Foundation met Leher Foundation in the finals. The former emerged victorious in the end.



Fr. Bernard Fernandes, Principal of Don Bosco High School in Matunga, was the Chief Guest for the closing ceremony. Fr. Savio Silveira, Vice Provincial of the Mumbai Province and Fr. Byron also watched the finals and attended the closing ceremony.

Leher Foundation's goal-keeper was given the best goal-keeper award. A player from Akansha foundation was awarded the best player trophy. A boy from Shelter Don Bosco was awarded the highest goal-scorer trophy. Father Gregory Almeida, rector of Don Bosco Shelter proposed the vote of thanks.

YAR Day at Shelter Don Bosco

On 26th November 2015, Shelter Don Bosco celebrated the Young at Risk day. The theme for the day was, 'The Right to Family'. To make this day more meaningful the parents of the boys were invited who also took part in the celebration. There was a prayer service and after which a short presentation was done on the theme of the day. Later the parents had a meeting separately with the staff & management.



Nishant Sinha meets Shelter Boys

On 10th May 2016, Mr. Nishant Sinha, the CSR manager of MGL came to Shelter Bosco to meet the boys along with his secretary Miss Namitha. He was very happy to interact with them. Thanks to Mr. Nishant for showing special interest.



Birthday Party with Boman Irani



On 2nd December 2015 the boys of Shelter Don Bosco visited Mr. Boman Irani's house to celebrate his birthday. Mr. Boman was indeed very happy to see the boys and vice versa. Mr. Boman addressed the boys and as part of his birthday message, he encouraged them to work hard in the studies and achieve whatever goal they have in their mind.



Make a wish by Batra Group

On the 15th of January 2016 the Batra Group members came to give gifts



to the boys of Shelter Don Bosco. The members came in the month of December to note down what the child wished as their New Year gift in their campaign called Make Your Wish. Thanks to all the staff members who have brought smiles on the faces of the boys.

Celebrating Children's Day

The nation celebrated the 126th birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 14th November. To mark the day, Shelter Don Bosco at Wadala celebrated Children's day, along with the youth from the neighboring slums.



120 boys and girls joined hands for the celebration, which began at 10am and ended with lunch. The day began with a prayer service, wherein the children were made aware of the importance of the day through a video program. They then dispersed to play at the various fete stalls.



At around 11am, the youth assembled in the hall for a talent show display. Many children came up on stage to exhibit their talents. Each child was given a gift at the end of the celebration.

Christmas Party for the underprivileged

On the 2nd of January 2016 the management and the staff of Shelter Don Bosco organised a Christmas cum New Year Party for the neighboring children of the slums. There were 96 kids who took part in the party. There were games and spot prizes given by Santa. The children did have a wonderful time. Before they took leave, each kid was given a take away gift by Santa.



Diwali MELA 2016

On the 7th of November 2015, Shelter Don Bosco organized a Diwali Mela for the NGO's around the city. Around 350 children from various city-based NGO's celebrated Diwali - the festival of lights - by singing, dancing, reciting poetry, colouring, face painting and tattooing. The Mela was aimed at helping the young children to explore future career options through career guidance.

The Mela began with the children going through the process of registration. A prayer service followed. Nishant Sinha, the CSR Manager of the Mahanagar Gas



Limited, was the chief guest for the event. At the inauguration, children were shown a short video on the importance of Diwali. A short play, focused on the importance of making the right decisions in life, was then enacted. During the post-lunch session, children were entertained with magic show and a talent competition. The youngsters displayed their talents through dance, music and poems.

An inter-NGO dance competition followed, wherein all the NGO's prepared their children to participate in the competition. Dances on various cultures and styles were displayed. After the dance competition, a jam session was organised. The cultural programme continued with the boys of Shelter Don Bosco putting up two breathtaking dances. The winners of the dance and talent competition also displayed their talents, once again, on public demand.

The children also interacted with the Bollywood personality Boman Irani, who made a special appearance at the end of the programme. He addressed the gathering and also sang the famous song, 'Give me some sunshine' from the famous movie, 3 Idiots. Before all the children left for the evening, they were treated with good snacks.



Gulf Oil Foster A Child Car Rally



On the 10th of January 2016, 15 boys from Shelter Don Bosco participated in the Gulf Oil Foster A Child Car Rally. The rally was organised from Mumbai to Khandala. The boys were given to each family who took



part in the car rally. After the rally all were gathered at the Duke Resort for the lunch and prize distribution ceremony. Thanks to the members of Gulf Oil for this opportunity given to the boys and for making their day a special one.

Walking with the stars

On the 25th of November 2016, 10 boys had the opportunity to take part in a peace walk where in the boys did a ramp walk with famous celebrities. This event was organized by Wellingkar Institute of Management Development &



Research, Matunga. The boys were really happy and excited to walk with the famous Stars for a peace walk.

Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon

On the 17th of January 2016 boys and the staff of Shelter Don Bosco took part in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon. The marathon began at 9am. This year the Shelter boys were given a jersey which had the wordings of fight against HIV/Aids. There was huge number of participants who took part in the Marathon. The main idea of the marathon was to give various social messages for the people of Mumbai.



Shelter Boys Flying High

It's everyone's dream to fly high like a bird.

Boys from Shelter Don Bosco got a wonderful opportunity to fly by Aeroplane to Delhi.

Master Shivraj Kazi went to meet the great Artist/ Painter/Curator - Mrs. Alka Raghuvanshi.



Master Ram Shah went to meet the famous cardiologist Dr. Naresh Trehan, Chairman and Managing Director of Medanta – The Medicity. Master Deepak Singh met his star hero, Sachin Tendulkar, the God of Cricket. Also, Master Mahesh Bhagat and Master Arun Gaikwad took part in an UN Summit at New Delhi. The boys were thrilled to have a first time experience to fly by plane.

ACHIEVEMENTS



MAHESH BHAGAT
(Gold Medal in 100 m & Kho-Kho Champion)



DEEPAK SINGH
(First prize in Discuss throw)



ARUN GAIKWAD
(First prize in Photography Competition)



Mahesh Bhagat and Arun Gaikwad at UN Summit (New Delhi)

ACHIVEMENTS

Yuvraj Pandey	1 st prize in Essay Competition & Hand writing
Irfan Khan	Won Runner-up trophy in Football and Hockey (Under-17) 1 st in 1000 m Relay
Rajesh Singh	Won Runner up in Volleyball
Akram Shaikh	Won Runner-up trophy in Football and Hockey (Under 17)
Javed Khan	Won Runner-up trophy in Football and Hockey (Under 17)
Chintu Chotelal	100 Mtrs in Athletic event Won Silver medal in 100 m race
Lucky Raghu	Runner-up in Volleyball
Siyam Siman	Runner-up in Volleyball
Vikas Jogwani	Won trophy in Kho-Kho at School level
Rohit Jogwani	Won first prize in Gulf Car Race
Mofidul Shaikh	Won Best Highest Goals Award and First prize in athletic event 100 & 400 Mtrs
Nitesh Uttekar	First class in Marathi Scholarship Exam
Ranjit Pal	Stood 2 nd in class
Arjun Panjge	Won prizes for first in Discuss throw
Narayan Giri	Won First prize in Shot-Put
Parshuram Poojari	Won 3 rd prize in Athletic
Rahul Gowda	First Ranker, won first prize in Yoga and won Kho-Kho trophy
Mofidul Sheikh	Best goals scorer
Deepak Singh	Won medal and certificate at Concern India tournaments

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