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Bosconian Fest 2024

Where Dreams Met Talent and Creativity



Bosconian Fest 2024, under the theme, *'Dreamverse,'* was held at Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, from October 7 to 10, 2024. The fest was a vibrant celebration of talent and creativity. Over four days, students participated in various competitions, showcasing their skills, teamwork, and artistic flair.

In his keynote address, Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director of Don Bosco College, emphasised that the four-day festival is "more than just a competition; it is a journey that brings together creativity, teamwork,

passion, and an appreciation of the rich cultural heritage." Fr. Dr. Geo Kalladanthiyil, the Principal, highlighted the festival as a platform for celebrating talent, family spirit, and dreams.

On **Day 1**, competitions like Photography, Bridal Makeover, Nail Art, and Story Writing set the stage for creativity. Photography entries impressed with artistic play of light and shadow, while the Bridal Makeover competition transformed models into ethereal Dreamverse brides. Nail Art displayed intricate designs, and Story Writing transported readers to imaginative worlds.

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From the Director's Desk

Dear Students, Faculty,
and Well-Wishers,
Greetings!



October 2024 was a month that truly resonated with the spirit of teamwork at Don Bosco College, as we hosted *Boscotsav*, our grand cultural fest. The vibrant energy on campus during this time was a beautiful reflection of teamwork.

The entire student body, divided into four houses, came together in an incredible display of unity, creativity, and dedication to make *Boscotsav* a resounding success. The fest was a celebration of arts, music, theatre, dance, and literary brilliance, showcasing the diverse talents of our students. More importantly, it was a celebration of teamwork.

Let us remember the essence of TEAM – *Together Each one Achieves More*. This phrase beautifully encapsulates the power of working as a united force. At the heart of teamwork lies the concept of *synergy* – the idea that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. When individuals bring their unique strengths together, the results are extraordinary. As Stephen R. Covey aptly said, “*Synergy is what happens when one plus one equals ten or a hundred or even a thousand!*” This powerful truth was evident throughout *Boscotsav*, where the combined talents, ideas, and efforts of each house created an experience far richer than what any individual could have achieved alone.

As Andrew Carnegie famously said, “*Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.*” At Don Bosco College, we strive to foster this spirit of teamwork and synergy not only during events like *Boscotsav* but also in every academic and extracurricular endeavour. Let us continue to learn from one another, grow together, and achieve greater heights as a united college community.

Warm regards,
Fr. Wilson K D

Director, Don Bosco College, K. R. Puram

Web Expo



The Department of Computer Applications at Don Bosco College, KR Puram, organized the ‘Design Dreams: Exploring Student Web Projects’ expo on September 26, 2024. The event provided a platform for final-year BCA students to showcase their web-based projects.

Fr. Wilson, Director of Don Bosco College, emphasized the importance of such opportunities in helping students demonstrate their technical skills and readiness for the professional world.

Fr. Dr. Geo, Principal of Don Bosco College, attended the event and gave insightful feedback and encouragement to the participants.

The event featured diverse web projects with unique solutions, sparking active discussions and queries from second-year students and contributing to a collaborative learning atmosphere. It began with a welcome address by Ms. A. Sharley from S3 BCA and concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Feba Reji, also from S3 BCA, expressing appreciation for the support from faculty and students.

Quote Hanger

“Creativity is intelligence having fun.”

Albert Einstein

Magic Bus India Conducts Orientation Programme



aptitude, interview techniques, digital awareness, and placement drives.

Students gained insights into Magic Bus's mission to equip youth with job-ready skills and the importance of skill-building in today's competitive job market. The session also provided details about upcoming training sessions and registration, with students expressing enthusiasm for the program's career growth and skill enhancement opportunities.

On October 7, 2024, Magic Bus India Foundation, an international NGO, conducted an orientation session for final-year students at Don Bosco College, aimed at preparing them for future career opportunities and challenges. Led by Joshua Daniel, Senior Trainer at Magic Bus India, the session introduced a comprehensive training program covering soft skills,

The orientation was organized in collaboration with Don Bosco College's Placement and Guidance division, managed by Eric R, Placement Director, and Christiana Moin, Placement Officer. The Magic Bus team, including Shazia, Project Manager, Joshua Daniel, and Nikhil, Coordinator, facilitated the session. Over 80 students actively participated in the event.

Plastic Waste Management Workshop Held at Don Bosco College

Don Bosco College held a Training and Capacity-Building Workshop on Plastic Waste Management on October 7, 2024. The Young India Organization organized the event as part of KIA India's CSR initiative, implemented by the Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA). The workshop aimed at promoting a 'responsible outlook for plastic' (DROP) while encouraging a pollution-free environment.



Key facilitators, Mr. Veerababu and Ms. Vanitha, led the workshop, demonstrating the '*Journey of Plastic Waste from Bin to Bin*'. Ms. Vanitha illustrated the process of plastic segregation, collection, and recycling while emphasizing the importance of reducing plastic's harmful effects on nature.

To support this initiative, a plastic, paper, and glass collection bin was installed on campus with the support of the college's Administrator, Fr. Sanjay. The NSS Club, led by Ms. Archana Sukumaran, the Faculty Coordinator, and students and support staff, participated in the event. In a symbolic gesture, the Young India Organization distributed eco-friendly cloth bags to all attendees, promoting alternatives to plastic.

Rev. Fr. Sanjay thanked the organizers and pledged to further promote plastic waste management within the college community. This initiative marks the college's commitment to a sustainable future.

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Day 2 featured artistic and quick-thinking competitions. Mehendi designs wowed spectators with their complexity, while Poetry Writing gave participants a platform to craft verses inspired by the Dreamverse theme. Vegetable Carving showcased extraordinary sculptures, and Poster Making captured the theme. Rangoli added colour and elegance to the venue, while Face Painting turned participants into works of art. The Pick & Speak competition tested participants' impromptu speaking skills, and E-Games brought strategic excitement with Ludo, Carrom, and Chess.

On **Day 3**, the focus shifted to expression and creativity through Debate, Mime, Short Film, and Solo Dance competitions. The Debate explored the theme of achieving peace through diplomacy versus military action, sparking thoughtful discussions. Mime performers conveyed powerful stories through gestures, while Short Film creators impressed the audience with their storytelling and cinematic techniques. Solo Dance performances celebrated individual talent with dynamic interpretations.

The **final day** brought the festival to a grand conclusion with competitions like MC Hunt, Stand-up Comedy, Group Singing, Open Mic, Solo Singing, Group Dance, and a Fashion Show. The MC Hunt showcased participants' stage presence, while Stand-up Comedy brought humour to the event. Group Singing harmonised voices in soulful performances, and Open Mic provided a platform for personal expression. Solo Singing highlighted individual vocal talent, and Group Dance energised the crowd with intricate choreography. The Fashion Show concluded the fest with a display of creativity and glamour. Bosconian Fest 2024 combined artistic

Message From the Principal

Dear Readers,

It brings me great joy to present the October edition of The Bosconian Chronicle, our vibrant e-newsletter that continues to chronicle the life and times of Don Bosco College, KR Puram. The response to our maiden issue has been overwhelming, and I thank each of you for your enthusiasm and encouragement.



This past month has been a whirlwind of activity, marked by academic achievements, cultural celebrations, and a deep sense of community spirit. As you browse through these pages, I hope you will sense the dynamism and dedication that define us as a college.

I take this opportunity to encourage all of you to actively participate in the life of this newsletter. Share your stories, ideas, and perspectives, for this platform is a reflection of our collective journey. Let us use The Bosconian Chronicle not just as a tool for documentation but as a source of inspiration and connection for all Bosconians.

Once again, my sincere gratitude goes to Fr. Prasad Xavier and the Research and Documentation team for their dedication in bringing this issue to fruition. Together, let us continue to celebrate and showcase the spirit of Don Bosco.

With blessings and best wishes,
Fr. Geo Kalladanthiyil
Principal



expression, competition, and camaraderie, leaving students and attendees with cherished memories of the Dreamverse experience.

Bosco College Embraces Sustainable Development



On October 4, 2024, Don Bosco College, K R Puram, took a significant step toward aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The college hosted an interactive session with Mr. Aditya Vardhan Joshi, Chief Functionary, and Ms. Rita Joshi, CSR team member from the Swarn Lata Motherson Trust (SLMTT). The officials engaged with the college's NSS Club members and the SORT (Segregation of Waste for Recycling and Treatment) project, promoting environmental stewardship among students and staff.

Mr. Joshi emphasized the vital role of youth in championing clean, green practices and urged them to carry forward sustainability efforts both on and off campus. Don Bosco's Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Geo, addressed the gathering and encouraged adopting broader sustainability practices. He praised the CSR team's commit-

ment and the college's growing involvement in eco-friendly initiatives.

Rev. Fr. Sanjay, the College Administrator, announced upcoming projects, such as a vegetable garden, to further contribute to the SORT initiative. Following the session, participants toured the compost bins installed on campus, a key element of the SORT project. Mr. Joshi offered insights into enhancing their efficiency, acknowledging the progress made over the last two months.

NSS Faculty Coordinator Ms. Archana Sukumaran reaffirmed her dedication to promoting eco-friendly initiatives at the college. The session concluded with Mr. Joshi meeting Rev. Fr. Wilson, the College Rector, who encouraged students to stay engaged with sustainability efforts. Don Bosco College's efforts set a notable example for educational institutions contributing to the UN's global sustainability goals.

Congratulations!

Don Bosco College, KR Puram, is thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievement of Dr. Maria Nirmal Preethi, Head of the Department of Management, with the completion of her research, *"Impulsive Buying Factors Influencing Customer Behaviour in the Apparel Industry: An Examination of Offline and Online Modes in Bengaluru City."* We are proud to have Dr. Preethi as a guiding force in the Department of Management. Congratulations on this well-deserved success!



Nurturing Minds: Fostering Mental Health

October has been a month of growth, creativity, and social responsibility. This month has showcased vibrant student talent, social responsibility, and collaborative learning.

The Bosconian Fest 2024 celebrated the vibrant talents of students, fostering unity and pride through various performances and competitions. The Web Expo allowed students to showcase technological skills, meanwhile the Plastic Waste Management Workshop underscored the college's commitment to sustainability.

The World Mental Health Day celebrated on October 10, provided a timely backdrop for the COLOS event. In a world where students face constant academic pressures, social media influences, and information overload, mental well-being often takes a backseat. The event provided a crucial platform for open discussions on mental health, focusing on stress management, resilience, and breaking the stigma that surrounds mental health challenges. As the mental health crisis grows globally, it's crucial that students understand the importance of prioritizing their well-being amidst their academic and personal lives.

The Industrial Visit and Orientation by Magic Bus further enriched students' experiences. The launching of the second season of skill-based training reflects the dedication to preparing students for the evolving job market, ensuring they are equipped with industry-relevant skills.

The month reminded us of the need to balance academic pursuits with mental well-being, environmental consciousness, and social responsibility. As we move forward, may we endeavour to lead with purpose, innovate with passion, and always prioritize our mental health, ensuring that we thrive in this fast-paced, interconnected world.

Fr. Prasad Xavier



COLOS: Celebrate Diversity



On October 25, 2024, the Department of Humanities at Don Bosco College organized 'COLOS - Celebrate Diversity' to mark Mental Health Day. The event aimed to provide students a platform to explore mental health awareness, diversity, and interdisciplinary learning.

The event featured the Colos Quiz Competition as its primary attraction, where 13 teams competed in preliminaries, leading to a showdown between four teams. Team A from S1 BCA secured first place, and Team D from S5 B. Com obtained second place.

Students also engaged in hands-on learning through various interactive stalls. The Psychology stall included activities such as *Mirror Mastery* for adaptability, *Shape Shifters* for problem-solving skills, and an 'Emotion Tree' for open discussions on mental well-being. The Journalism department set up a 'green room' to simulate a newsroom and hosted photography and reel-making contests. Meanwhile, the Literature Hub showcased a variety of books, along with interactive activities like riddles and idiom identification.



The event concluded with a theme show focused on breaking stereotypes and a prize distribution ceremony conducted by the college's Director, Principal, and Vice Principal. COLOS highlighted Don Bosco College's motto, *Learn and Lead*, emphasising learning, inclusion, and community engagement.

BBA Students Visit Bharath Toy Factory



On October 4, 2024, the Department of Management organized an industrial visit for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th-semester students of the BBA program to Bharath Toy Factory and Bharath Art & Crafts in Channapatna. The purpose of the visit was to expose students to the real-world operations of toy and handicraft production processes, enhancing their understanding of industrial practices.

During the visit, students observed the entire toy-making process, from wood shaping to colouring, guided by unit manager Mr. Srinivas and in-charge Ms. Rakshita. The students were provided detailed explanations about different types of wood used in production, such as

neem wood for spoons and teething toys, and learned about modern techniques like laser cutting.

The visit allowed students to interact with professionals, ask questions, and witness the integration of machines and traditional methods in toy production. This hands-on experience highlighted the importance of quality management and production techniques, enriching their academic knowledge and sparking enthusiasm for their future careers. All students from the 1st, 3rd, and 5th semesters attended the visit, accompanied by their respective class teachers, making it a successful and enlightening educational experience.

Flash Mob Announces Bosconian Fest 2024



A vibrant flash mob featuring thirty students was performed on October 4, 2024, near the iconic Don Bosco statue at Don Bosco College, KR Puram, as a curtain raiser to the

highly anticipated Bosconian Fest 2024. The festival, taking place from October 7 to 10, promises four days of artistic expression, competition, and cultural celebration.

The event will showcase a variety of competitions, including singing, dance, fashion shows, mehendi design, literary battles, and various stage performances. Students will vie for recognition and have the opportunity to join Don Bosco College's cultural clubs through a unique talent hunt. The flash mob successfully set the tone for the upcoming fest, offering a glimpse into the creativity and excitement that will unfold during this kaleidoscope of arts.

Workshop on Solid Waste Management



On October 29, 2024, Don Bosco College organized a 'Training and Capacity Building Workshop on Solid Waste Management led by the Segregation of Waste for Recycling and Treatment (SORT) team. The workshop was held for the college's National Service Scheme (NSS) members, supporting staff, and gardeners, focusing on waste segregation and sustainable waste practices.

Project coordinator Ms. Spurthi and community mobilizer Mr. Munna Saha conducted sessions on effective waste segregation techniques and proper disposal methods. NSS members were encouraged to expand their environmental initiatives through classroom programs and outreach in nearby schools and colleges.

Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director of Don Bosco College, acknowledged the NSS members' efforts and, along with Ms. Spurthi and Mr. Munna Saha, felicitated the two support staff members for managing the college's bio-waste composter. The workshop concluded with announcing the college's first harvest of organic manure, a 60-70 kg batch produced from bio-waste composted over 50-60 days, marking Don Bosco College's initial step in organized waste management.

Skill-Based Training

The Center for Employability Skills and Corporate Guidance (CECG) at Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, launched its second season of value-added courses on October 16, 2024. The initiative aims to enhance students' employability through specialised training in Tally ERP, Microsoft Excel, Public Speaking and Leadership and Digital Marketing in collaboration with Toastmasters International.

In his address, Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director of Don Bosco College, stressed the importance of skill training for enhancing employability. Fr. Dr. Geo Kalladanthiyil, the Principal, reinforced the college's mission of holistic student development. Following introductions by Mr. Vinod Kumar, Vice Principal and CECG Chair, the courses commenced immediately in designated venues. Ms. Arha Premam, Faculty Coordinator, representatives from the partnering companies, and student trainees attended the event. The center, known for offering technical, communication, and soft skills training, launched this new season after the success of its first training round.

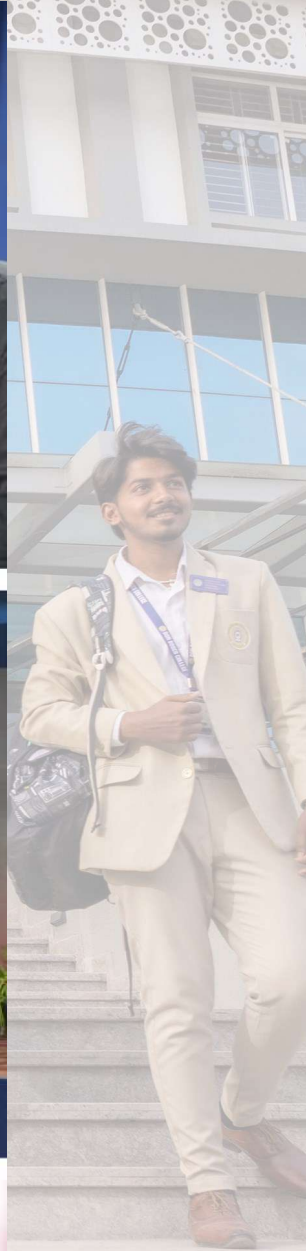
Kottiyam MSW Students' Visit



On October 4, 2024, MSW students from Don Bosco College, Kottiyam, Kollam, visited Don Bosco College in Bengaluru as part of their educational field visit. The Principal, Fr. Dr. Geo Kalladanthiyil warmly welcomed the group and Vice-Principal, Mr. Vinod Kumar, who engaged with the visiting students. During their two-hour stay on campus, the students and their Head of the Department, Fr. Joby Chethimattathil, exchanged thoughts and experiences with their Bengaluru counterparts. The experience left them with a deeper appreciation for the shared educational mission that connects their institutions.

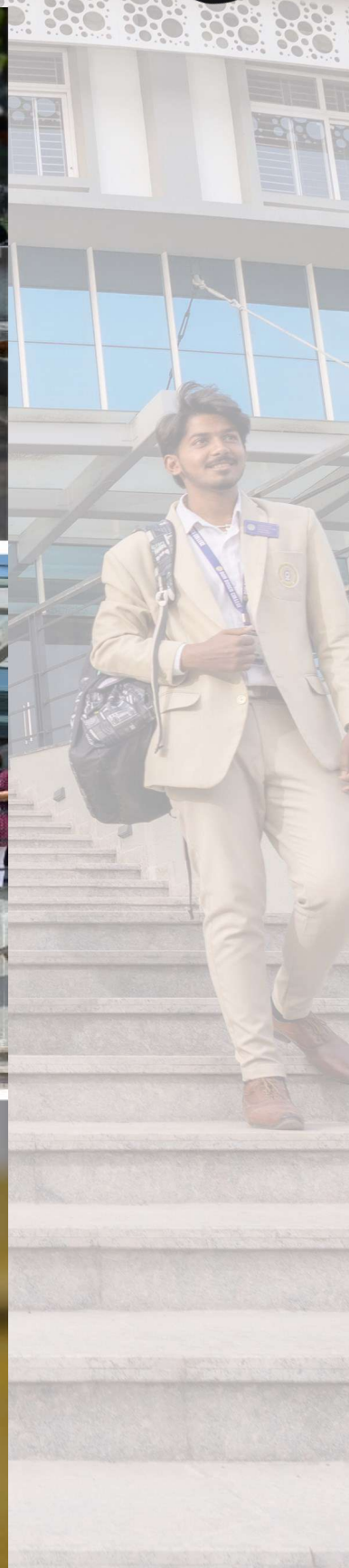
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