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From the Director's Desk

Dear Students, Faculty, and Well-Wishers,
Warm greetings to all!

September 2024 has been a remarkable month for Don Bosco College, K. R. Puram, as we continued to embody and bring to life our college motto, "*Learn and Lead.*" This guiding principle is not just a phrase but a way of life for our vibrant college community, inspiring us to strive for excellence in all our endeavours.

The month witnessed the training and preparation of our Student Council members to take up significant leadership roles within the college. Through mentorship, guidance, and practical exposure, these young leaders were equipped with the skills to serve as pillars of responsibility, creativity, and inspiration for their peers. Their grand investiture ceremony was a testament to their commitment, and I am proud to see them actively implementing their leadership skills in various activities, ensuring the welfare and growth of the student community.

Our Teachers' Day celebration was another highlight of this month. It was a moment to pause and honour the dedicated service of our esteemed faculty members, who play an instrumental role in shaping the future of our students. Their sincere efforts, unwavering commitment, and distinguished contributions are

the foundation of the learning environment we foster at Don Bosco College.

The essence of "*Learn and Lead*" is woven into the fabric of our academic and extracurricular activities. We firmly believe that learning is not limited to acquiring knowledge but extends to developing character, responsibility, and the ability to inspire and guide others. Leadership, in turn, is not just about holding a position but about empowering oneself and others to achieve collective goals with vision and dedication.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our faculty, students, and the larger college community for their consistent efforts in making our motto a living reality. Let us continue to "*Learn and Lead*" together, growing as individuals and as a united community, committed to excellence and service.

Wishing you all continued success and fulfilment in the months ahead.



Warm regards,
Fr. Wilson K D

Director, Don Bosco College, K. R. Puram

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Message From the Principal



Dear Bosconian Family,
It is with immense joy and pride that I present to you the maiden issue of The Bosconian Chronicle, our e-newsletter designed to reflect the vibrant life and activities of Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru. This initiative, spearheaded by the Research and Documentation Department under the able leadership of Fr. Prasad Xavier, marks a new chapter in how we celebrate our achievements and communicate our shared journey.

This newsletter is not just a record of events; it is a testament to the energy, creativity, and passion of every member of our community.

From academic milestones to cultural vibrancy, from sporting excellence to moments of reflection, The Bosconian Chronicle will capture it all. As we unveil this first issue, I invite every one of you—students, faculty, staff, and friends of the college—to contribute to this collective narrative. Let this platform become a beacon of inspiration, showcasing the spirit of excellence, innovation, and holistic development that defines us as Bosconians.

A heartfelt thanks to Fr. Prasad Xavier and his team for their vision and effort in bringing this dream to life. Together, let us write the story of our college, one edition at a time.

With warm regards,
Fr. Geo Kalladanthiyil
Principal

Editorial Note

Stepping Forward: A September to Remember

As we close another vibrant month at Don Bosco College, Bengaluru, September 2024 will be remembered as a period of fresh beginnings and renewed commitments. Through our events and milestones, we have strengthened our identity as a college rooted in values and driven by innovation.

The inauguration of our new state-of-the-art auditorium on September 25 marked a defining moment. This open-air space, designed with modern trussless roofing, reflects our dedication to providing world-class facilities to our students and staff. We wholeheartedly welcomed the newest members of our Don Bosco family on the Freshers' Day. The event showcased the vibrant diversity and youthful energy of our campus, creating a space rich in growth and learning. It was a reminder of our commitment to nurturing talent and fostering a sense of belonging among all.

The **Investiture Ceremony** was another significant moment, as our student leaders took their oath of office. They pledged to uphold the values of stewardship, service, and empathy, embodying the essence of leadership envisioned

by Don Bosco. Their commitment inspires confidence in our future as a community guided by ethical and innovative leaders.

As the month transitioned into October, we were blessed with the visit of **Fr. Fabio At-**

tard SDB, representing the Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation. His interactions with the student council and faculty served as a source of inspiration, urging us to remain authentic and compassionate in our educational mission. His words, "Goodness communicated is never lost," resonate deeply as we strive to shape empathetic and visionary leaders.

As we look ahead, let us draw strength from these moments, continuing to embody Don Bosco's vision of education with heart and purpose. Together, we strive to build a community that nurtures leaders of compassion and innovation.

With warm regards,
Fr. Prasad Xavier
Editor



Don Bosco College Welcomes Freshers



distinguished academic standing.

The festivities also featured a variety of food and accessories stalls led by Ms. Pooja Eashwar of the Department of Commerce. The stalls offered a delectable spread, including Lemon Delight, Brownie Bites, Pasta, and fresh juice, providing a treat for students. In addition to food, stalls selling fashion accessories like pendants, bracelets, and

Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, celebrated Freshers' Day on August 28, 2024, with a vibrant fashion parade, inspiring speeches, and recognition of academic excellence and faculty achievements. Mr. Muhammed Shahil (I BCA) and Ms. Rakshitha B (I BBA) were crowned 'Mr. and Ms. Fresher,' respectively, following the innovative 'Old Money'- themed fashion parade.

In his keynote address, Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director, Don Bosco College, encouraged students to "Dream big, work hard, and become the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow." He also praised senior students for their outstanding performance in university exams, urging all students to strive for similar excellence. Fr. Dr. Geo Kalladanthiyil, Principal, emphasized the unity of the student body, highlighting that despite diverse cultural and religious backgrounds, "Here, at Don Bosco College, we are one."

Faculty recognition was a notable part of the program. Dr. Krishnoji Rao, Associate Professor Department of Kannada, Don Bosco College, was felicitated for his contributions to Kannada studies. Recently elevated to Professor, Dr. Rao serves on both the Board of Studies and the Board of Examination at Bengaluru North University (BNU), further solidifying his

bangles were popular among students. The freshers, full of excitement, shared mixed opinions about the event. S.K. Vishal (I BCom) appreciated the overall coordination. Srujan A (I BBA) praised the energy and performances, particularly the fashion parade, while Celista Elizabeth (I BCA) cherished the chance to bond with teachers and seniors, describing the day as "fun and exciting."



Bro. Xavier and Catherine Carmel Mary compered the program. Mr. Felix welcomed the gathering while Ms. Komal delivered the vote of thanks. The event concluded with active participation from students and faculty members, making it a day to remember for everyone involved.

Investiture Ceremony at Don Bosco College

The investiture ceremony of the newly elected student leaders was held at Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, on September 25, 2024. In the keynote address, Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Economer, Salesian Province of Bangalore, said, "All of you are leaders. More than outward appearances and positions, what lies within a person, attitudes, and aspirations determines one's altitude in life." True leadership should be rooted in character and integrity, he added.

In the Presidential address, Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director, Don Bosco College, said that everything one does, whether inside or outside the classroom, is a part of the learning process. From that learning, leadership naturally emerges. He exhorted everyone to embrace this process with open hearts, humility, and a willingness to learn.

In the felicitation address, Fr. Dr. Geo Kalladanthiyil, Principal, Don Bosco College, said, "Remember, leadership is not about the title, but about the difference you make in the lives of those around you. May you all lead with courage, learn with passion, and uphold the values of Don Bosco College." He congratulat-



ed everyone and wished them success.

At the oath-taking ceremony, the student leaders pledged to lead with integrity, compassion, and responsibility in leadership. Badges were given to the respective leaders. Fr. John Sanjay, Administrator, Fr. Prasad, Director of BISS, Mr. Vinod, Vice Principal, Ms. Sharmila, Governor, SWO, and Mr. Amith John Thomas, Deputy Governor, SWO, were present. Mr. Tarun and Ms. Varshitha compered the programme. Mr. Amith John Thomas welcomed the gathering, and Mr. Richard Melford Ven proposed the vote of thanks. Over four hundred college students and faculty members participated in the programme.

Blessing and Dedication College Auditorium



the trussless roofing for the open-air auditorium.

Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director, Don Bosco College, blessed the auditorium following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday. Later, at the Investiture Ceremony, the Provincial Economer, Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, inaugurated and dedicated the auditorium to the college students.

The auditorium at Don Bosco College, K. R. Puram, was blessed and officially dedicated to the college on September 25, 2024. Vinfra Projects executed the innovative construction of This newly dedicated space is a dynamic platform for the students to nurture their talents, grow in confidence, and engage in various academic and extracurricular activities.

Fr. Fabio Attard SDB Visits Don Bosco College



On September 30 and October 1, 2024, Fr. Fabio Attard SDB visited Don Bosco College, KR Puram, Bengaluru, representing the Rector Major, the global head of the Salesian Congregation. His visit emphasized the significance of education, values, and personal integrity in today's world.

Fr. Wilson Konthempilly, Director of Don Bosco College, said, "Fr. Fabio is here not only to observe but also to listen, to encourage us in our shared mission, and to offer guidance as we move forward. He brings the Rector Major's love, prayers, and blessings." Fr. Dr. Geokaldanthayil, Principal of Don Bosco College, highlighted Fr. Fabio's notable contributions to the Salesian Congregation during his introduction. Fr. Fabio said in his address, "Be authentic since you don't know who you're touching. Goodness communicated is never lost." He encouraged everyone to live with a moral compass within themselves and as themselves in a global context.

Interactions with Student Council and Staff

Interacting with the student council, Fr. Fabio said, "Education plays a key role in bringing a change to this world, and the vision of Don Bosco has become a guiding light to the less

privileged and those on the fringes of society." He urged them to move beyond titles and embrace qualities like stewardship, love, and empathy. He dismissed stereotypes and stressed the importance of personal interaction in understanding different cultures and individuals.

Addressing the Don Bosco College staff, he highlighted the continued relevance of Don Bosco's values, stressing the importance of staying connected to the roots that have shaped Salesian pedagogy.

Congratulations, Dr. Maria Nirmal Preethi

During the visit, Dr. Maria Nirmal Preethi, Head of the Department of Management, was felicitated by Fr. Fabio and other dignitaries for successfully defending her PhD thesis on "*Impulsive Buying Factors Influencing Customer Behaviour in the Apparel Industry: An Examination of Offline and Online Modes in Bengaluru City.*" The recognition celebrated her dedication and academic excellence.

Mr. Muhammed Shahil (I BCA) and Ms. Feba Reji (II BCA) compered the programme. Fr. Wilson welcomed the gathering, and Mr. Richard Melford Ven proposed the vote of thanks. The event saw active participation from the college staff and students.