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DON BOSCO MAKKALALAYA



About Us:

Don Bosco Makkalalaya Mysuru is a community-oriented programme of the Mysore Don Bosco Society (Reg.No.121/89-90) for Child Labourers, School Dropouts and Unemployed Youth. It is based on the “Education for all” policy of the UNESCO, the Right to Education Act (RTE) of the Government of India, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN and the Educational system of Don Bosco, offering Education, Skill-Training, Job Placement opportunities and creating awareness on child rights and human rights along with the existing systems of the government and the society.

Our Motto:

Placing the lamp on the lampstand

Our Vision:

Reaching the unreached to make a holistic society by empowering the young.

Our Mission:

Promotion of a Movement for a Right-Based-Society, particularly for School Dropouts, Child-labourers, Unemployed Youth and Victims of Child Marriage through Ensuring Human Rights and Child Rights thereby paving the way for the Emergence of an Inclusive Culture leading to Sustainable Development in the Society.

Strategy:

Application of the P4 Principles of the Management in collaboration with the existing government and non-government systems; – Problem, Project, Process and Progress i.e. :- Transforming the Problem into a Project, the Project into a Process and the Process leading to Progress.

Our Services:

We provide Direct SSLC and Direct PUC coaching for school droupouts within the age group of 15 - 50 years and 17 - 50 years respectively. We also provide a Three-Month Skill Training course where we teach Basic Computer (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Typing, Photoshop, Nudi, Tally ERP9, Spoken English, Life Skills and Interview Skills for the age group 18 - 35 years of age and provide Job Placement Assistance for those who have successfully completed the course.





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Director's Message

Fr. Siju Thomas SDB

Executive Director,
Don Bosco Makkalalaya



The IMPACT CHRONICLE of Don Bosco Makkalalaya (DBM) is a quarterly newsletter, sharing a glimpse of the quarterly activities we accomplish for the young people in the city of Mysuru. This being the first issue, I would like to place on record my gratitude towards my staff who have been instrumental in realizing this newsletter.

“It is enough that you are young for me to love you”, says Don Bosco. It is the same sentiments which act as the root cause and source of inspiration of the services offered by DBM for the young people particularly the Young at Risk on the streets and those living at the fringes of the society. DBM is present on the streets of Mysuru since June 2006, in order to ensure that all young people receive all their rights to live, to be protected, to develop and to participate in every process in life.

DBM achieves this in collaboration with the existing government systems, Non-Government Organizations and with the society at large. Education and employability plays a big role in shaping the lives of the young. DBM strives to provide these to the young particularly those in need from the economic weaker sections of the society. DBM also collaborates with the government system on order to provide Foster Care for those children who need the protection of a Foster Family leading to their holistic development as part of the main stream society. Let us join our hands together to build a better world for the young people by making sure that “All Rights for All People” becomes a reality in the lives of everyone.

Fr.Siju Thomas SDB,
Executive Director, DBM, Mysuru.



DON BOSCO MAKKALALAYA

Skill Training Programme

The 36th batch skill training programme began on 01 Apr 2024 with a total of 55 students. The three month programme focuses on training students with Basic Computer, Tally ERP9, Spoken English and Life Skills for the underprivileged and unemployed youth. Following is a glimpse of the various programmes organised for the students

Inauguration Programme

The inauguration programme of the 36th batch Skill Training was conducted on 19-04-24 with Smt. Lakshmi Seetharam, Police dept. as the Chief Guest and Fr. Devassy, Director of Don Bosco Makkalamane as the Guest of Honour. Fr. Siju Thomas SDB, the Executive Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya graced the gathering with an introductory message. The students performed various cultural programmes like dance, singing and skit. ID cards were distributed to the students followed by snacks and refreshments.



Workshop on Time Management

Time management workshop conducted by Fr. Devassy, Director of Don Bosco Makkalamane aimed to equip participants with practical strategies and tools to optimize productivity and achieve better work-life balance through effective time management techniques. Through activities students gained insights into time wasting activities and learnt the importance of managing time effectively in personal and professional contexts.





Workshop on Conflict Management



Sr. Jenifer Pinto UFS, LLB, Govt. appointed free Legal Advisor at Mysuru Taluk Office and Panel Advocate at District Legal Services Authority, Mysuru, led a workshop on Conflict Management for the 36th batch of Skill Training students in which the students were taught about conflicts and the various types of conflicts. The topics were reinforced further through skits in which students acted out various scenarios of conflict and methods to resolve them. This workshop was a useful learning experience for the students who learned the skill of conflict resolution.

World Environment Day



We celebrated World Environment Day at Don Bosco Makkalalaya. Fr. Siju Thomas SDB, the Executive Director of DBM, spoke about the theme of this year's World Environment Day: "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience", emphasizing the importance of growing and protecting plants for a sustainable future.

We then had a "show and tell" activity in which the students explained the nutritional value and medicinal properties of the plants they brought from their homes. The students then exchanged plants and gave some of them to Don Bosco Makkalalaya.

Students learned about the importance of growing native plants and their practical applications, and pledged to start growing more plants in their communities.



Parent-Teacher Conference



We conducted a parent-teacher conference for 36th batch Skill Training students on 23-05-24. The parents met the teachers and the Executive Director individually and were informed about their ward's progress. Specific areas such as academic performance, social development and concerns or strengths regarding the students were addressed in the meeting.

This meeting provided an opportunity for the parents to evaluate the performance of their children and to explore the necessary steps to be taken for their future.

Industrial Visit to Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) Mega Dairy Complex



On 07-06-24, we paid an industrial visit to KMF Mega Dairy Complex, Bannur Road, Mysore, along with the 36th batch skill training students.

The visit was an excellent learning opportunity for the students, who learned about the process of milk procurement, transportation, testing, sterilization, packing, and storage.

This visit provided a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about the employees in various sectors and the work culture.

CULTURAL DAY AT DON BOSCO MAKKALALAYA



We held a Cultural Day on 08-06-24, with the following competitions: Rangoli competition, vegetable carving, quiz competition, solo singing, group singing, solo dance, group dance and cooking without fire. These competitions provide an opportunity to encourage the students to push themselves outside of their comfort zones, which in turn foster resilience, confidence, and personal growth. They also help the students develop their creative skills and collaborative spirit.

Upcycling for a Sustainable Future

“Protecting our earth is not only our responsibility for future generations, but for the future of humanity” – Anthony Douglas Williams, *Inside the Divine Pattern*

Every year on June 5th, World Environment Day serves as a global platform for raising awareness and taking action on urgent environmental issues facing our planet. Established by the United Nations in 1972, this day encourages governments, businesses, communities, and individuals to come together and advocate for a cleaner, greener and more sustainable world.

World Environment Day holds significant importance in the midst of on-going environmental challenges such as climate change, global warming, deforestation, pollution and loss of biodiversity. Each year, the day is marked with a specific theme that focuses on a pressing environmental issue, providing a framework for discussions, initiatives and activities worldwide. This year's theme was: Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience.

In a remarkable display of innovation and environmental consciousness, the students of Don Bosco Makkalalaya participated in a “Wealth out of Waste” craftwork competition organized to promote sustainability and creative recycling solutions. Students were tasked with using everyday waste materials such as paper, plastic, glass and textiles to create imaginative artworks, functional items or decorative pieces of art. Through this activity we played a crucial role in promoting environmental sustainability, responsible consumption and production and improving the overall quality of life, thereby contributing to the achievement of multiple Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) such as:

- SDG 3** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- SDG 4** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 11** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- SDG 12** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- SDG 13** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all





We conducted an educational excursion for the 36th batch skill training students on 22-06-24.

The first stop was the Golden Temple, also referred to as Namdroling Monastery. The students were given guidance by the Executive Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya regarding the temple's history and the significance of its artwork and the inmates.

We then made our way to the Nisargadhama Forest Reserve, where the students spent the afternoon exploring the bamboo forest and having fun in the Kaveri River.

Educational Excursion

We also went to the Tree Park and Elephant Camp at Harangi, where the students enjoyed their time feeding the elephants.

This trip allowed students to develop their sense of social responsibility, curiosity, and open-mindedness toward different perspectives and cultures, as well as transform their personal development, making it a worthwhile learning experience.



Certification & Graduation Day

On 29-06-24, the Don Bosco Makkalalaya Family came together to bid farewell to the 36th batch skill training students.

The programme began with a prayer song by the students and lighting of the lamp by the chief guest and dignitaries. The students gathered for a procession and placed lamps on the stand.

Fr. Siju Thomas SDB, the Executive Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya gave an introductory speech encouraging students to shine like a lamp in our society and face challenges in their daily lives. He also said that Don Bosco Makkalalaya's doors will always be open to them and that they were always welcome to come back and consult the staff for any further assistance.

Fr. Devassy, the Director of Don Bosco Makkalamane as the chief guest of the event discussed the importance of striving to develop our skills. He also discussed the sense of accomplishment and self-confidence that comes with learning new skills.

Cultural activities including solo singing, solo dancing, group singing and group dances preceded the program. Two student representatives shared about the transformation they went through other than learning Computer and English and how they had achieved a lot in their personal lives with regard to gaining knowledge, building self confidence and becoming effective public speakers and decision makers. The skill training students then participated in a ramp walk.

Certificates were distributed by the chief guest to the students who successfully completed the course. Prizes were distributed to the winning teams. The students also offered a wall mounted fan as a token of their gratitude towards the institution. As the program came to an end, everyone in attendance enjoyed snacks and refreshments.





DON BOSCO SUMMER CAMP

(14 yrs to 17 yrs age group)

Don Bosco Makkalalaya Summer Camp experienced exceptional success this year, marked by a combination of increased participation, enthusiastic feedback from attendees, and notable personal and collective achievements. DBM summer camp offered a wide array of activities, Spoken English classes, Life Skills classes and Basic Computer classes, where they learnt typing, painting, Notepad, Wordpad, MS-Word.



Throughout the summer, our campers engaged in activities such as Yoga class, Conflict Management, Time Management, Health Safety and First Aid and one day educational trip to Golden temple, Harangi Dam, Nisargadhama and wide set of other activities that not only entertained them but also enriched their skills and knowledge.

From learning English tenses, vocabulary and computer to gain self confidence, each activity was designed to challenge and inspire. Beyond skill development, our camp emphasized personal growth and social interaction.

Many campers reported improvements in teamwork, communication, and leadership—essential skills nurtured through collaborative activities like wealth out of waste, pencil sketch, public speaking, essay writings and group projects. Friendships flourished, creating a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone felt valued and encouraged. On the farewell day everyone got the certificates for completing the one month Summer Camp.



In conclusion, the success of our summer camp can be attributed to a combination of engaging activities, dedicated staff, supportive community, and a commitment to fostering holistic (the social, emotional, physical, mental, and intellectual growth) development in every child. We are immensely proud of the positive impact we've made and look forward to continuing this journey of growth and enrichment in the years to come.



Don Bosco Makkalalaya Open School

SSLC & PUC



The challenge of school dropout is a multifaceted issue with significant implications for individuals and society. There is a high dropout rate at the secondary and PUC levels of education due to various factors and this can be checked through distant education. Don Bosco Makkalalaya aims to create a supportive and inclusive educational environment that empowers individuals who have dropped out of school to achieve their full potential. The academic staff in our institution help in providing tailored educational programs, practical skills training and personal development opportunities to help dropouts reintegrate into the mainstream education system or pursue alternative career paths.

On 15-05-24, we held the Graduation day for the 2023-2024 batch SSLC students.

Rev. Fr. Jibi Thomas CMI, as the Chief Guest addressed the gathering on the importance of goal setting and having to reach the goal with hardwork and persistence, by giving examples of Albert Einstein and Thomas Alva Edison.

The Executive Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya gave the introductory message to the gathering and encouraged the students to keep learning.

The students showcased a variety of talents including singing, and dance performances. The students also shared their learning experience in Don Bosco. The Chief Guest distributed Hall Tickets for the SSLC students. The programme concluded with snacks and refreshments.



Foster Care



Foster Care can be understood as temporary family based care for children who are orphaned and/or deprived of family care. The Foster Care Programme is an alternative care made available by the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection Act) 2015 for the children who do not have a biological family. The Foster Care Project by Don Bosco Makkalalaya provides training and awareness programmes on the same to all government officials and staff, Gram Panchayat elected representatives, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), District Child Protection Officers (DCPO), School teachers, Women Self Help Group members, College students, Anganwadi teachers, Mothers, Helpers, ASHA workers, Child Care Heads and the public at large through Stakeholder meetings and campaigns in Mysore and Chamarajanagara districts. The prospective parents are assisted to apply for foster children to the DCPO/CWC and continuous follow-ups are made. After placement of the child, family and school visits are carried out by the DBM foster care staff to accompany the process of family integration.

List of programs covered by DBM Foster Care (April 2024 - June 2024)

Programs (April 2024 - June 2024)	Programs	Participants	Programs	Participants
	Mysuru		Chamarajanagara	
Public Awareness	15	2900	22	2475
Awareness for PRI Leaders	02	22	01	10
Awareness for Anganwadi mothers	04	63	04	80
Awareness for College Students	00	00	01	60
Awareness for SHG groups	04	80	05	102
Training for Anganwadi Teachers/helpers	02	42	01	16
Training for Asha Workers	04	52	01	16
Training for Primary Teachers	00	00	01	40
Advocacy meetings for Government Departments	02	08	03	23
Placed Children	01		01	
Application submitted to the DCPO	02		01	

Street Presence (Young at Risk)



Child labour and Child Beggary remains a significant barrier to education in many parts of the world. Children engaged in labour and beggary are deprived of educational opportunities, which affects their long-term prospects and perpetuates cycles of poverty. Street Presence Project in Don Bosco Makkalalaya was initiated on June 23, 2006 to combat this issue by facilitating the return of the young at risk to the mainstream society by ensuring that they receive the childhood they deserve.

Our street educator works full time on the street and is involved in interacting with government systems, non - government organizations, community members, especially children and youth in public spaces such as streets, parks, and railway stations.

In the past three months our street educator has **found 63** children in surveys and **rescued 15** children and submitted them to Child Welfare Committee.

Street Play on the Campaign Against Child Labour and Child Beggary as part of the month-long Child Rights Campaign in honour of World Day Against Child Labour



Don Bosco Makkalalaya organized in different parts of Mysuru city, a thought-provoking street play and rally to raise awareness about critical social issues such as child labor, beggary, child marriage, and child exploitation, highlighting the harsh realities that children continue to face in our society.

The street play was held at the Mysore Palace North Gate and Mission Hospital entrance. It was performed by the MSW students from The University of Mysore, St. Philomena's College, JSS College, Mahajana's College and Government College, K. R. Nagar under the leadership of DBM Street Educator Mr. Emmanuel. The guests for the programme were Police Sub Inspector, CWC member, SJPU, Heads Of Department of Social Work from different colleges and the staff and students of DBM.

After the play, the MSW students together with the Skill Training and Open School students of Don Bosco Makkalalaya, then participated in a rally. Snacks and refreshments were served to all participants.

World Day Against Child Labour Rally



Don Bosco Makkalalaya organized two rallies to commemorate World Day Against Child Labour on 15-06-24 as part of the month long campaign on Child Rights.

The rallies began at Govt. High School, Kailashpuram, and Govt. High School, Gumchi, with students holding placards and banners creating awareness on child labour and child rights.

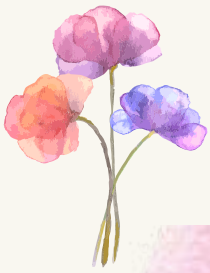
The rallies led by Executive Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya, Mr. Prasanna Kumar, SJPO, and Mr. Chennappa (BRP Nodal Officer) along with the staff of both the schools and Don Bosco Makkalalaya, proceeded to St. Philomema's Church Circle before returning to Govt. High School, Gumchi, where a programme awaited them.

The programme at Gumchi School began with the National Anthem, followed by welcome speech by Ms. Mamatha.

The Executive Director of Don Bosco Makkalalaya, gave an introductory speech. Mr. Suresh K and Mr. Mahesh, the members of the schools faculty delivered messages followed by speeches from Chief Guests, Mr. Prasanna Kumar and Mr. Chennappa.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and snacks and refreshments for the students.

The event successfully raised awareness about the pressing issue of child labour while also advocating for children's rights and well-being.



Volunteering at Don Bosco Makkalalaya

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Don Bosco Makkalalaya hosts volunteers from the Departments of Social Work (BSW and MSW) of different colleges. They are allotted 25 visits to experience in detail all the projects and programmes held at DBM such as Street Presence, Mobilization, Foster Care Awareness Programmes, group activities for the students of the Open School (SSLC and PUC) and Skill Training. They are later rewarded with certificates for completion of volunteering visits. Volunteers gain valuable skills like communication, public speaking, leadership skills, fosters empathy, cultural awareness and provides a strong sense of fulfillment and purpose. Volunteering can be a rewarding experience that not only benefits the volunteers themselves but also makes a meaningful impact on the lives of the children and youth in our society.

Volunteers in DBM (April - June)

• University of Mysore (BSW)	06
• St. Philomena's College (BSW)	06
• JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science (MSW)	03
• Govt. First Grade College, K.R. Nagar (MSW)	02
• Govt. First Grade College, K.R. Pete (MSW)	01
• St. Philomena's College (MSW)	04
• Mahajana's College (MSW)	04
• University of Mysore (MSW)	04
• PES College, Bangalore	01

Total 31



Don Bosco Makkalamane

Educational Facility for Needy Children:



Don Bosco Makkalamane, a Childrens' Education Facilitating Centre for young people focuses on providing assistance to the children to overcome educational, emotional and developmental challenges. About 22 boys between the age group of 10 to 16 are admitted to the Don Bosco Centre and are enrolled in the nearby government school for their regular education. They are provided with residential care, nutritious food, educational facilities, counselling assistance, medical care, sports, life skill training and other activities for their overall development.

Personality Development and Leadership Skills

The children have regular group activities organized by the caretakers and remedial education teachers to instill in them self-confidence and socializing skills.

Four groups are formed by the children with the guidance of the staff and varied activities are conducted by the staff to develop leadership skills in them.

Counselling

Regular counselling is done for the children by the staff to help them to identify the areas in life in which they need assistance in coping with life situations. The children are given a chance to meet and talk with the counsellor whenever they feel like approaching, to share how they feel about their daily life activities. Through this process, the children are assisted to identify their fields of interest in personal growth.

Sports Activities

Playing games helps children in their physical development and mental strength. The children are given the opportunities to learn football, cricket etc. During these times they are also encouraged to play the local games like kabbadi, khokho etc. inculcating among them love for the traditional sports activities.

At Don Bosco Makkalamane, children happily grow up holistically with the apt ambience resulting in the comprehensive growth of every child.



The Insight Lounge

Mother's Voice:



Ms. Mary Fathima,
DBM Academic Staff

The purpose of life is to grow into our true self and in union with God.

- **The most powerful positive emotions are Faith and Love. Let us implement it in our life.**
- **Be calm and silent in all our wakeful moments. Let us practice this in our life.**
- **Compassion leads to healing of self and others. Let us develop this in our everyday life.**
- **Positive thinking is a mental attitude that focuses on the brighter side of life. Let us create positive thoughts.**
- **Punctuality is an essential key to be successful. Let us be punctual.**
- **All humans are born free and equal with dignity and rights. Let us respect everyone.**

Feedback from our Past Students of DB Skill Training:



Mariya Preethi, 36th Batch Skill Training

The past three months I have learnt many new things. Don Bosco has changed my life. Before the Skill Training course I was weak in English and Computer skills. I was nervous and scared and had stage fear. But now I am able to communicate confidently and can read newspaper on stage without any fear. I really enjoyed my time of learning in DBM. Thank you Don Bosco, you will be the reason for my future success.



Monika C, 36th Batch Skill Training

I joined Don Bosco as a 2nd PU student in 2023. After that with all the teachers help I passed PUC with First Class. Don Bosco is a magical place for me. Every teacher here are like my parents and have supported me in everything. Fr. Siju Thomas encouraged me to showcase my talents and skills, I thank him and the entire faculty of Don Bosco Makkalalaya wholeheartedly.

Photo Gallery



Workshop on Yoga conducted at Don Bosco Makkalalaya to celebrate The International Day of Yoga



World Day Against Child Labour programme conducted by the Labour department at Builders Association, Vishveshwaranagar, Mysore



Spoken English Activity



Life Skills Activity for Summer Camp



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