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ENHANCING GOODNESS Jiji Kalavanal sdb

Don Bosco Veedu Society, from the moment of its inception in 1991, has been committed to enhancing goodness in society, addressing a wide range of social, economic, and environmental issues by stimulating positive change and fostering a sense of community and compassion.

The aim of this short newsletter is to connect with our friends, stakeholders and collaborators to keep them informed and engaged in our activities.

Let us unite; our combined strengths, ideas and resources can achieve remarkable outcomes and enhance goodness.

We will be happy to hear from you.





Venture for Education and Empowerment of the Deprived and Underprivileged

Veedu: Veedu is a transliteration of the Malayalam word for Home.

Language: The logo incorporates English and Malayalam alphabets. Just as we reach out to people of multiple ethnicities speaking myriad languages.

Font strokes: The splintered font strokes are a recognition that the lives of the people Don Bosco Veedu works with are not smooth flowing but frayed and jagged.

The heart: The heart is a pledge. That anyone in need will find empathy, compassion and love at

Veedu.

Colour: The logo is in black and red. Technically, black is not a colour. It is achromatic. Red symbolises warmth and life. Our wish for ourselves is to be able to splash some colour on the lives of those who otherwise lead a pallid life.



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I'm Visak. I came to Don Bosco Veedu when I was 14 years old. I have completed my Teacher Training Course (TTC) and am looking forward to a teaching career.



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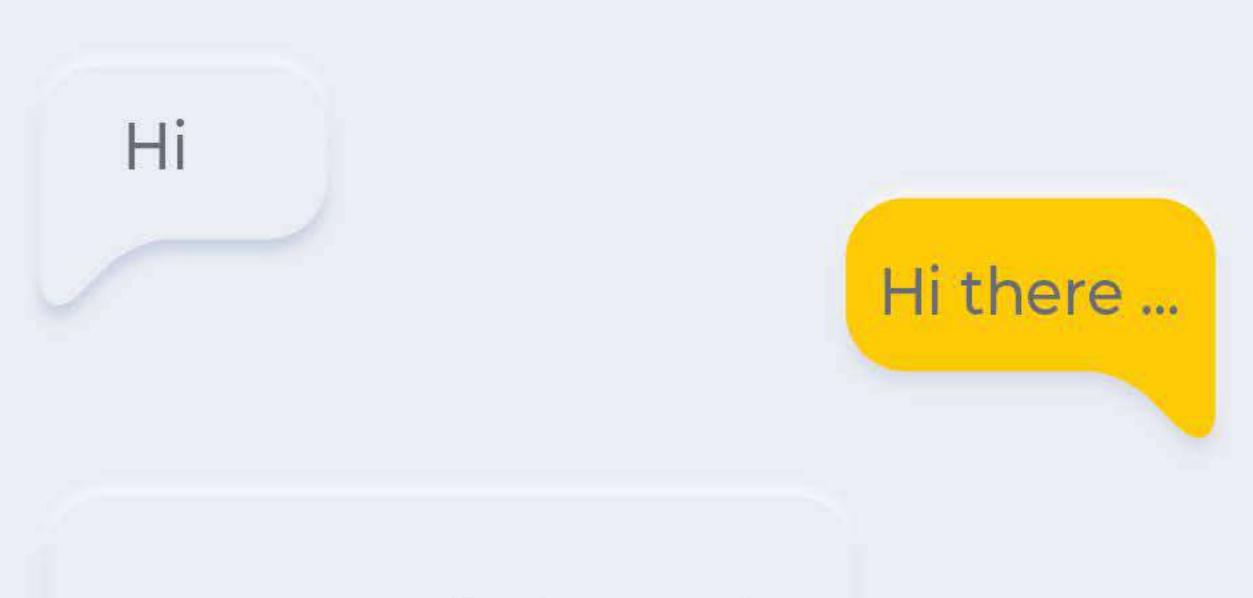
Inspired by the timeless wisdom of Don Bosco, who emphasized the importance of nurturing strong children over mending broken adults, Don Bosco NIVAS is a residential centre that serves as a beacon of hope for children who need care and protection. Don Bosco Veedu's primary mission is to provide a secure and compassionate temporary shelter for children in crisis. These children, often arriving by rail or rescued by Childline and Police, factor unimaginable traumas, including physical and sexual abuse, severe neglect, abandonment, and the horrors of child labour and beggary.

ACTIVITIES

- Shelter, Food, Clothes, Medicine, Recreation
- Counselling
- Basic Literacy
- Short-Term Skill Training
- Long-Term Rehabilitation
- Family Reunification

ASSOCIATES & COLLABORATORS

- Child Welfare Committee (CWC)
- District Child Protection Unit
- Department of Police
- Department of Women And Child Development
- Other Don Bosco Instituions and NGOs



How can I help you?



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Vidyarambham

Akhil Devasya

On 23 October 2023, Don Bosco Veedu celebrated 'Vidyarambham 2K23' with a captivating event, '*Vidyadhanam Sarvadhanal Pradhanam*?

The core message of this celebration echoed loudly, "education is the most valuable treasure". Children were instructed that knowledge is the most precious asset they can possess and the key to unlocking their dreams. It was a poignant reminder that education paves the pathway to a bright future, success and self-realization.

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Don Bosco Veedu is committed to ensuring that no one is left behind due to financial constraints, strives to make a positive impact on the lives of children, inspiring them and emphasizing the transformative power of knowledge.









Thank You

DREAM

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DREAM (Drug Rehabilitation Education And Mentoring) is the rights-based initiative of Trivandrum Don Bosco Veedu Society that focuses on reducing the prevalence of drugs, substances and other types of addiction. With the motto **'Let us Dream Beyond Drugs,'** the project is working with the youth and children prone to drug addiction in Trivandrum District. A team consisting of a District Director, Coordinator and Counsellor uses the strategy of preventive education to attain the goal of the project. Besides drugs, as the students are vulnerable also to other forms of behavioural addiction, DREAM addresses these kinds of

issues as well under the project.

Programs covered under DREAM

- Awareness Programs for School Students
- Awareness Programs for College Students
- Awareness program for parents
- Teachers Training program
- Leadership Training program



- Advocacy Campaigns
- Advocacy meetings
- Stakeholders meetings
- Volunteers training
- Counselling services
- De Addiction referrals

Places we reach out

- Government/Aided/Unaided Schools
- Government/Aided/Unaided Colleges
- Anganwadies
- Panchayaths
- ICDS Offices
- MGNREGS Worksites
- Police stations

Associates & Collaborators

- Excise Department
- Police Department
- Education department
- Department of Women And Child Development
- Three tire panchayath
- Other NGOs
- Student Police Cadets
- National Service Scheme



DREAM

Making Leaders

Neha Pauly Joseph

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The two-day leadership training programme organised by DREAM for 60 Student Police Cadets from 30 different schools in Trivandrum drew the attention of the police department, teachers and parents.

Dignitaries from the police department and Narcotics Control Bureau participated in the programme and addressed the young cadets. The training engaged the participants in different interactive sessions and workshops.

The programme significantly impacted the students, equipping them with valuable

leadership skills and knowledge.





IMPACT



Anmy Therese Joseph

The "Intervention and Mentoring for Personality Advancement and Career Training" (IMPACT) has been launched with the noble mission to provide free Entrance Coaching to financially challenged students in Thiruvananthapuram District. It is an effort on the part of Don Bosco Veedu to ensure that no child is deprived of opportunities due to financial constraints. This intervention provides unwavering support, guidance, motivation and counselling to the participating students.

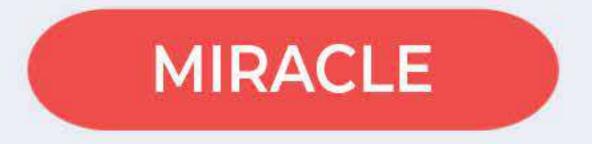
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Project Features

- **Personal Attention**
- **Continuous Evaluation**
- Well-qualified and Committed Instructors Bridging the Digital Divide Career Counselling and Mentoring



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Ann Mary

MIRACLE is a project that aims to educate and empower children deprived of primary caregivers. It is a deinstitutionalized model of care. Through this intervention, 40 children receive financial support for their education, opportunities are provided to enhance their aptitudes and skills and shape their moral compass. MIRACLE promotes community-based foster care by sustaining the initiative of the relatives of the orphan child to take them in as part of the family and supporting them in the process. The staff make regular visits to their homes and schools.

Salient features

- Sponsorship
- Residential and non-residential camps
- Personality development classes
- Co-Curricular & Soft skills training
- Counselling support
- English, GK & Computer training
- Yoga sessions









Ann Mary

The annual Inter-Care Home Cultural Fest, Finspire, is the flagship event of the Finastra Trivandrum.

This year, on 29 October 2023, at the Travancore Convention Centre in Kariyavattom, 'FINSPIRE Season 4' was held. Out of the ten homes that participated, Don Bosco secured the overall 3rd position. Children participated in storytelling, recitation, painting, mime, adaptune, solo dance, synchro dance, group song, painting, greeting card making, story writing, and bagged several prizes.

Despite the time restriction and distance, the children readily gathered for rehearsals and



put in great effort for winning the competitions. The children's energy was astounding. Arts fests give them a space to display their talents. They were charged with joy and excitement.



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