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VISION

To guide, lead and empower the poor youth with a positive attitude, skills and knowledge, with a value system for a joyful career and a meaningful life.

MISSION

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti is committed to create and enable an optimistic learning environment for the poor youth. They are given the requisite positive attitude, skills and knowledge to mould their character and make them productive and responsible citizens, thus helping them to pursue a career of their choice in a dynamic, fast paced challenging world and help contribute towards a better society.

CORE VALUES

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• Innovation
• Inclusiveness



EDITOR'S DESK

*If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.*

- African Proverb

The recent flood in Chennai has taught us that we can rebuild the people of city by joining our hands together. As I reflect on the devastating days of the past, I could only see the unimaginable networking and unparalleled partnership among groups of volunteers and people of good will. What brought everyone together was the love for the most suffering and the needy. It was indeed a spontaneous response. Networking with NGOs, Individual Volunteers, Corporate companies and the local Government has made a remarkable difference in the lives of people both in Chennai and Cuddalore. People of all beliefs came as one unit for a common and noble cause.

The words of Mother Teresa should be remembered at this point of reflection.

***“You can do what I can’t do and
I can do what you can’t do
but together we can do more”***

DBV could never make its mission and vision a reality without partnering with young people, parents, teachers, corporate companies, schools, etc. Today DBV has grown because of the contribution of many who have walked with us in effecting the common mission.

“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much” says Helen Keller. What we are achieving through DBV is very little but through partnership and joint ventures with like-minded partners, we could reach the unreachable stars.

We value everyone who joins hands with us.
We value your partnership!

The world stands in need of partnerships!!

DBV's Partnership is geared towards training and placement of youth.

WE THANK AND VALUE ALL OUR PARTNERS:
Donors, Dept. of Education, Tamil Nadu, Corporates, Schools, Colleges and the DBV & DB Tech Directors & Staff for their remarkable contribution towards the empowerment of youth.

Let us partner together and march ahead to reach out to the unreached.

Fr. Joseph Leo SDB
Director



We wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a prosperous
New Year



CAREER GUIDANCE

Everyone wants to be successful but they do not get the right guidance to make right decision at the right time. Don Bosco Vazhikaatti guides students of class X and XII with the latest career assessment tools. Motivational sessions on study methods, memory techniques, examination tips and various career opportunities are being conducted by career guidance professionals. The below break up depicts the total number of beneficiaries during the period of June 2015 to November 2015

CAREER GUIDANCE	JUNE 2015 – NOVEMBER 2015	Centre Name	No. of Schools	No. of Beneficiaries
		Chennai	21	4323
		Thiruvallur	03	724
		Thiruvannamalai	08	805
		Vellore	41	6232
		Puducherry	09	1501
		Chengleput	10	798
		Erode	19	2645
		Kotagiri	16	1623
		Total	127	18651



St Gabriel's School, Broadway



CSI School, Kotagiri



Govt. Hr Sec School, Satyamangalam



Govt. Hr. Sec School, Vaanur Villupuram



St. Joseph's School, Avadi



Govt. ADW School, Perumugai Vellore

CAREER FAIR AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, KOTAGIRI

“Uyar Kalviku Vazhikaatti” - A career guidance programme for the students of class X and XII was held at St. Mary's School, Kotagiri on 6th November 2015. 789 students from five schools of Nilgiris District participated in the Fair. Students were provided with the tools and resources to make the important and valuable career choices. The fair was formally inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Rosario, Parish Priest, Kotagiri. This programme was co-ordinated by Fr. Thamathiruthuvam, SDB, Director of DBV, Kotagiri



BEST- COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH PROGRAMME, TIRUPATTUR

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti conducted a 4 day training programme from 12th November to 15th November 2015 on “Communicative English” for the MBA 1st year students of Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB, Director-DBV and Mr. Sasi, Head of the Department, MBA, Sacred Heart College inaugurated the event. Mr. Mark Antony and Ms. Maria were the resource persons. The sessions included topics such as public speaking, conversation, translation and writing skills.



BOSCO EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING (BEST) PROGRAMME

BEST programme offers an intensive employability training programme for the college students to meet the requirements of corporate and industries today. The modules on Personal Skills, Social Skills, Employability Skills and Aptitude Skills are designed by DBV to help the students

BOSCO EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING (BEST) Programme

Date	Name of the College & Place	Total
03 rd to 6 th June 2015	Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur (TOT)	132
18 th June 2015	Auxilium College for Women, Katpadi-Vellore	2019
22 nd to 26 th June 2015	DMI College of Engineering, Palanchur, Chennai	586
02 nd July 2015	Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Thirukazhukundram	65
06 th to 10 th July 2015	Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri	270
15 th and 16 th July 2015	Don Bosco College, Yelagiri Hills	417
23 rd July 2015	Don Bosco College, Karaikal	42
17 th to 21 st August 2015	Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur (III Years)	350
07 th October 2015	Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Basin Bridge (TOT on Personal Skills)	18
12 th to 14 th November 2015	Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur (MBA 1 st years)	57

Total Beneficiaries

3956



TEACHERS ANIMATION/ PARENTING SKILLS

The influence of a good teacher can never be erased. DBV conducts teachers animation and parenting skills programme to enhance the methodology of "REACH –Teach". This focuses on changing the paradigm of "teacher centred classroom" to "student centred classroom".



TEACHERS ANIMATION/ PARENTING SKILLS Programme

Date	Name of the Institution & Place	Total
28.08.2015	Don Bosco College of Education & Research Institute, Dharmapuri	95
28.09.2015	Srilankan Refugees Camp, Atthiyanthal	29
29.09.2015	Srilankan Refugees Camp, Aadaiyur	26

Total Beneficiaries 150

JOB ORIENTATION/ PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

Expert faculties are invited to the technical and educational institutions to offer a one day orientation programme on Work readiness, job market and job interviews for the final year students. This gives awareness for the participants on their career prospects.

TEACHERS ANIMATION/ PARENTING SKILLS Programme

Date	Name of the Institution & Place	Total
03.10.2015	CLHIV, Vellore Region (PJ's Garden, Madhavaram)	97
11.10.2015	Mary Help of Christians Church, Basin Bridge	78
25.10.2015	Job Orientation, Arockia Annai Aalayam, Lakshmipuram	22
08.11.2015	Job Orientation for the Diocese of youth, Chengleput	68

Total Beneficiaries 265



DBV JOB FAIR - ENNORE

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, in association with Tech Mahindra, organized a Job Fair on 9th October, 2015 at Don Bosco Youth Animation Center (DBYAC), Ennore. The job fair attracted more than 850 candidates from different parts of Chennai.

Mr.Thirumurugan, HR,Tech Mahindra – BPO, was the guest of honour for the inaugural ceremony.

Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Joseph SDB, the Director of DBYAC, insisted on 4 important 'C's required for the job seekers - Competency, Compassion, Consistency and Commitment. Later, Mr.Thirumurugan, HR, Tech Mahindra BPO, highlighted the need for soft skills and employability skills in job search. "Young people should learn how to use their skills and abilities to contribute in the workplace. Employers are more concerned about the effective transition of youngsters into working life," he added. 26 companies from different verticals took part in the fair: Kotak Mahindra, Eureka Forbes, Harbhaz Technology, Channel Play, G4S Security, Café Coffee Day, Kochar InfoTech, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Alliance, Oriental Cuisine were some of the major players in the job fair for head hunt. 386 job seekers received spot offer letters. The objective of the job fair was achieved as it helped many job aspirants to obtain the job opportunity and to know the employers' expectation.



JOB ORIENTATION FOR THE YOUTH OF CHENGLEPET DIOCESE

Every employer is looking for a specific set of skills from job seekers that matches the skill necessary to perform a specific job. Don Bosco Vazhikaatti conducted a job orientation programme for the youth of Chenglepet Diocese. 600 youth took part in this event. Most Rev. Dr. Neethinathan, Bishop of Chenglepet was the chief guest. Students were grouped according to their streams and job orientation was given by Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB and Mr. Simon. The event helped the students to update their knowledge about employability skills and the job market.



JOB PLACEMENTS – DON BOSCO VAZHKAATTI

The core mission of Don Bosco Vazhikaatti is job placement. DBV organizes job drives, campus drives and job fairs which leverages placement for the potential candidates. DBV Placement team offers suitable job opportunities to the registered candidates. DBV Chennai maintains a centralized data base which has been constantly updated by the 8 sub centers across Tamilnadu. Registrations can be done online at www.donboscovazhikaatti.com.

No of Beneficiaries from the month of September 2015 to November 2015

Month	Chennai		Chengalpet		Vellore		Puducherry	
	Reg.	Placed	Reg.	Placed	Reg.	Placed	Reg.	Placed
September	47	20	4	2	8	4	3	1
October	49	29	13	5	11	3	2	1
November	21	8	5	1	5	3	0	0

SESSION ON YOGA - HOLISTIC WAY TO A BETTER LIFE

On 28th November, we had a Yoga Session by Ms. Kanmani M.Sc (Counseling Psychologist) PGDNYS, DATM, DCRS, DPP, DWT and achiever of the following awards:

Yoga Kalaimamani | Yoga Nakshatra | Yoga Chandra | Life time Achievement Award

Ms. Kanmani , in her sessions, stressed more on the importance of Yoga. Yoga is the union of the individual consciousness or soul with the Universal Consciousness or Spirit. She said that yoga is not to be considered only as a physical exercise where people twist, turn, stretch and breathe in the most complex ways, these are actually only the most superficial aspect of this profound science of unfolding the infinite potentials of the human mind and soul. She ended the session with the following words, "Yoga is the secret to better health and greater sense of happiness".



MULTI FESTIVITY AT BROADWAY

On 16th December, our centre was filled with joy and happiness because of Certification of 8th batch & Inauguration of 9th batch. Rev. Fr. Jesudoss, Rector & Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rev. Fr. Andrews, Co-Director of DBV and Rev. Fr. Benny presided over the function. Rev. Fr. Jesudoss in his speech, exhorted the students to make use of the centre to the maximum in order to acquire knowledge and improve their skills. He appreciated the service of Tech Mahindra rendered towards the downtrodden. The class toppers were awarded and certificates were distributed to the passed out students.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO PHOENIX MALL

Exposure visits enhance the students to learn beyond the classrooms. DBV SMART Perambur Center Trainees under Tally and ITES domain were taken to Phoenix Mall, Chennai on 17th November 2015. Students were assisted by the facilitators. It was organized to help the trainees to explore the live operational and billing procedures that are followed in the Mall. The visit helped trainees to understand manual billing, computerized billing, daily collection, maintenance of purchase records, sales records and inventory records, mode of payments, direct income, indirect shop expenditures and VAT rates. Trainees were taken to different outlets of the mall and they observed the customer interaction and online purchase methods.

When asked about the visit, Ms. Rathi, Tally Trainee, chirped in a joyous tone, "Today we have realized that there is a lot to learn practically. We had hands on experience regarding the working style."



GUEST LECTURE ON TALLY ERP 9 - 4.93

Guest Lecture on the usage of latest version of Tally ERP 9 was organized for the Tally trainees on 16th September 2015 at DBV Smart Center, Perambur. Mr. Karthick, Technical Support Executive, B.E. Solutions, Chennai was invited to facilitate the session. With a brief overview about Tally, Mr. Karthick started his session. He said “Tally ERP is the best accounting Software which provides solutions not only for the Basic Accounting but also for all types of legal compliances, financial budgeting, payroll, cost management and stock control”. He shed light on the topics such as VAT (Value Added Tax), Service Tax using the Tally Business Version. He also demonstrated how to create tax entries and how to generate reports. He made the students to do live entries in the Tally Business edition. The hands on session was fruitful and self explanatory.



GUEST LECTURE ON POSITIVE ATTITUDE

A guest lecture on positive attitude was organized for Tally and ITES trainees at SMART centre, Perambur, to help them develop and deepen positive attitude

“Optimism is an important quality that today’s youth should possess to stem all the obstacles. You can do wonders with positive attitude in your personal as well as your social life. A positive mind anticipates happiness, joy, health and successful outcome of every situation and action” said Mr. Thomas, the TN State Co-ordinator, at the guest lecture session conducted at DBV TMF SMART Center, Perambur on 27th November 2015.

He interacted with the trainees and constructed the students’ understanding about the topic. Further he spoke to them on ‘how to nurture interpersonal skills?’, Interview skills and Communication skills. Students found the session quite informative and resourceful.



SUCCESS STORIES

PARTHIBAN - WHERE THERE IS WILL...



Parthiban who joined SMART Broadway, is from an economically disadvantaged background from Puliyanthope. His father is a fisherman and his mother a homemaker. Parthiban has two younger brothers who are pursuing their school education.

Parthiban was able to study B.A (Economics) from Thiyagaraya College. After that, he had to find a job to support his family. His father was the only bread winner and life was not easy for this family of five. He was introduced to Broadway SMART centre and the 90-day vocation training. Parthiban decided to pursue the Tally course at SMART – a life-changing decision, in his own words!

Parthiban recalls that SMART taught him the basic values of life and points out that the following three topics he learnt have immensely helped him:

- Punctuality and its importance.
- Value of money and the benefits of saving money. Parthiban recalls that they were also told how to invest (introductory).
- Effective Communication: Parthiban, like some other students tell us, never knew to speak in English when he joined SMART. But he was taught how to make sentences and how to communicate in English with confidence.

After completing the course at Smart, Parthiban was selected at FYNSEA EXCLINER LOGISTICS, Egmore, Chennai, as Collection Executive with salary of Rs.9, 500/- per month.

Broadway Smart Team is very happy about the consistent high quality performance of Parthiban, and wishes him more success in his profession and in his personal life.

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JOHN PETER FINDS HIS WAY TO SUCCESS.....

John Peter, 25 years, hails from Sanjay Nagar, Chennai. As his father deserted the family in his very early age, his mother Ms. Christina Mary shouldered the responsibility of the family. With many hardships, John Peter completed his Bachelor's Degree in English. He is the first graduate in his family. He couldn't join any job as he had no clarity about his career. During this time, he heard about DBV's TMF SMART training at Perambur.

In his pre-counseling, trainers made him understand the importance of employability skills and choosing right career based on his aptitude. He joined ITES domain with a dream of getting a decent job to help his mother. He participated actively in all the classroom activities. Post training, he attended the interview at Hotel Ambassador Pallava, Chennai. He was recruited as "Desk Control Executive" with a monthly salary of Rs.9500. "I had completely a different sort of training and learning from DBV TMF. The training has helped me to shape myself. I will never forget Don Bosco Vazhikaatti and TMF in my life", says John Peter.

A STORY OF GRATITUDE – JOSEPH ZEBASTIN



Mr. Joseph Zebastin, 23 years old, is from Manali. The family found very hard to meet its needs with a meagre income that Joseph's father earning daily as a Chef. His father wouldn't get regular jobs too. With many hindrances, Joseph completed his Diploma in Automobile Engineering with the hope that the professional course would fetch him fortune. He came to know about the training provided by DBV-TMF Perambur center. Impressed by the curriculum and approach of the center, he decided to join Tally course. His aim was to enhance his communication skills and to learn Tally which could become an added advantage for him. 3 months of intensive training enhanced his skills. He exhibited his leadership qualities and zeal to learn new things. He was one of the brightest and most enthusiastic students in the batch. At the end of the training, he

was given an opportunity by the Director of DBV to attend the interview at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Basin Bridge. He was selected as the "Automobile Trainer – YAMAHA". During the valedictory ceremony, Joseph expressed that "DBV & TMF provided a wonderful opportunity to grow in his career. He said, I am so confident and happy because of the training and encouragement I received during my training phase. Thanks to Fr. Joseph Leo, Fr. Andrews and the staff"

DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED TO THE STUDENTS OF SMART-T, BROADWAY.

SMART - T, Broadway has successfully trained 20 candidates under Automobile Mechanic cum Driving domain. During this event, driving licenses were issued along with their training certificates. Rev. Fr. Edward, SDB, Parish Priest was the Chief Guest distributed the licenses and wished the students success in their lives.



DB TECH INM PROVINCE



VERSATALIA'15

BI - CENTENARY BIRTHYEAR CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN BOSCO BY DB Tech, TAMILNADU

Versatalia'15, was a cultural fest organized in view of birth Bicentenary of our Father and Founder St. John Bosco for all the DB Tech centers in Tamil Nadu. DB Tech team along with their Province Delegate Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj and the Director of DBV, Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo meticulously planned and executed the event. It was held at the premises of Don Bosco Vazhikaatti on 19th September 2015. It was attended by more than 200 participants from 12 DB Tech centers across Tamil Nadu. The finalists were shortlisted from the Preliminary rounds that was held prior to the grand finale in the respective centers.

The event was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Joe Andrew SDB, Parish Priest, Lourdes Shrine and Mr. Rajarathinam, Managing Director, RC Constructions and Rev. Bro. Sayagayaraj SDB, Trichy Province graced the occasion with their presence. In his welcome note, Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, welcomed the gathering and appreciated student's positive spirit to take part in the event.

Veteran connoisseurs in their respective fields, Rev. Fr. Edward SDB, Mr. Rabbi Raymond, Mr. Illayaraja, Mr. Anish, Mr. Vinoth, Mr. Dilip, Mrs. Rani and Mrs. Suji facilitated the events with their suggestions and marks as external Judges. Prizes and certificates were distributed by Rev. Fr. Jayapalan SDB, Provincial of Chennai. He appreciated the laudable efforts of the team members in organizing this mega event. DB Tech, Manikandam bagged the overall championship. Rev. Fr. Andrews thanked everyone for their selfless dedication and formidable spirit with which they made this day unforgettable and ever cherishing one.



SUCCESS STORY

A DREAM OF BEING SELF DEPENDENT

THE SUCCESS STORY OF GAYATHRI – DB Tech, PERAMBUR

Ms. Gayathri, aged 21, hails from Thickenkalam located in Chennai. Her father, an auto driver, who completely depends upon his daily wages, could barely sustain his family of four but made his daughter complete her studies amidst many difficulties. She wanted to do something to support her family. She came to know about DB Tech Skill Training through one of her friends.



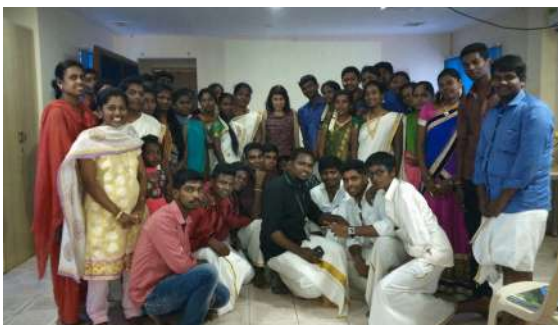
After being evaluated through the interest inventory test, it was decided that she will be enrolled in the Quest S2S Retail domain. She was happy to join the training in retail domain as she was good at interacting and communicating with people. On asking what expectations she has from the programme, she replied with joy “I have joined the programme with the hope of getting a good job that can make me independent and with which I could support my family”.

During the training, she showed great effort in learning domain specific knowledge. The training programme helped her learn skills to handle different customers confidently. At the end of the training, she was selected in Itzy Bitzy Pvt Ltd, Chennai with the monthly remuneration of Rs. 9500. One of her colleagues says “Gayathri is really dedicated and aspired to go forward; she always makes herself busy in many ways”. At her success she claims that “DB Tech Perambur has provided me a great platform to make my career bright. I thank my Center Head Fr. Andrews, Fr. Leo and the trainers for motivating me in all the aspects of my life”.

VISITOR FROM BARCLAYS BANK

To map and to oversee the impact of imparting the workplace skills to the unemployed youth, Mrs. Renu Vasanth kumar, Vice President - Community Investment, Barclays Bank visited DB Tech, Perambur on 28th August 2015. With a concise note about Barclays Bank and their social activities, Mrs. Renu initiated her conversation with the trainees. All the trainees introduced themselves and shared their aspirations. She further interacted with the trainees about their barriers and challenges they would face in the course of choosing their career. Later Mrs. Renu testified how she struggled to choose her career and eulogized the joint effort of Quest Alliance and DB Tech for linking the learning with livelihood.

The visit concluded with the interaction with the state team and trainers regarding the process and outcomes, trainer’s educational background and the factors that motivates to work competently.



INTERVIEW WITH MR. PRADESH, HR EXECUTIVE, RELIANCE MARKET, MADHAVARAM

1. How do you know Don Bosco Institutions?

How will you describe the relationship with DBV?

I got acquainted with DBV through a job fair that was held at SIGA in March 2015. I recruited sales executives for Reliance Market, Madhavaram. I was so happy to recruit DBV & DB Tech trained youth. Their knowledge about retail domain was good. We are interested in taking more candidates from DBV centers in future.

2. Can you share about the performance of our candidate?

Vignesh is the best example. I always feel that Don Bosco Institution is well known for its discipline. I could witness it in Vignesh. He is hard working and has a potential to move forward in his career if he continues studies. That's what I used to tell when I meet him on the floor.

3. What is the career growth in Retail Sector?

There is an excellent growth in Retail sector. I want to mention the example of one of our cluster managers. He started his career as a sales executive in Reliance Market. Now he is handling 5 reliance stores as a Cluster Manager. If you have an attitude to learn and grow, there are numerous opportunities available in retail sector.



WORDS FROM THE HEART – TRAINER'S FEEDBACK

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ARUN VENZIER SAI

DBV – TMF SMART, PERAMBUR
BPO TRAINER, DB Tech,
SHASTRI NAGAR

"The training I got from Perambur SMART center shaped me to face the world confidently. It was an eye opener for me to know more about facilitation. It also helped to recognize my passion. Thanks to DBV and DB Tech who helped me to find my career path"



JOSEPH

DBV – TMF SMART, PERAMBUR
AUTOMOBILE TRAINER,
JOETECH, BASIN BRIDGE

"I didn't expect that I would get placed in my domain as there is few deutes available in the companies for automobile diploma fresher. I am also very happy that I could help youngsters like me"

DBV – TMF SMART, PERAMBUR



ANU SHARMILA

DBV – TMF SMART, PERAMBUR
BPO TRAINER, DB Tech,
M.K.B NAGAR

“I still remember the day Fr. Leo had referred me to join SMART center. It was definitely a turning point in my life. Through this wonderful training, I could overcome my shortcoming which hinders my progress. Now I am a trainer. I enjoy working with these deserving youth as I see my resemblance in them.”

DB Tech, PERAMBUR



ANUMOL

DB Tech, PERAMBUR
ISMO TRAINER, DB Tech,
THIRUVOTTIYUR

“DB Tech and DBV have changed the standard of my life. Thanks to the Fathers and the staff for supporting me.”



DEEPAK

DB Tech, PERAMBUR
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH & ITES
TRAINER, DB Tech, THIRUVOTTIYUR

“My dream of becoming a trainer comes true now. I am indebted to Fr. Andrews and Fr. Leo for referring me to join the TNT training at DBSM. My heartfelt thanks to Perambur SMART Center trainers who helped me to improve my communication skills.”



JENNIFER PRIYA

DB Tech, PERAMBUR
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH & ITES
TRAINER, DB Tech, M.K.B NAGAR

“I really enjoyed the training period. But I never expected I would become a trainer in DB Tech itself. Thanks to Fr. Andrews and Fr. Leo for offering me such a wonderful opportunity.”



MEIYAZHAGAN

DB Tech, PERAMBUR
RETAIL TRAINER, DB Tech,
M.K.B NAGAR

“I have witnessed real transformation of my personality. DB Tech training has inculcated a fruitful learning for life.”



KAVITHA

DB Tech, PERAMBUR
RETAIL TRAINER, DB Tech,
SHASTRI NAGAR

“Real time life examples inspire and motivate the trainees a lot. I am happy to share my own experiences with my trainees. I share how DB Tech training has improved my skills. I was a trainee of DB Tech and now I am a Trainer. I am privileged.

CHENNAI FLOOD RELIEF SERVICES BY DON BOSCO VAZHKAATTI

As the massive flash floods hit a major portion of Chennai in November – December 2015, unprecedented devastation followed causing severe damage to the life and properties in Chennai & Cuddalore. Don Bosco Vazhikaatti plunged into action to alleviate the sufferings of the affected.

DBV staff made calls to the students and enquired in order to get the firsthand information about their situation. Then the Relief work of Don Bosco Vazhikaatti was started through DBV SMART centres at Broadway, Ennore, Basin Bridge and Perambur & DB Tech centres at MKB Nagar, Thiruvottiyur, Madhavaram and Sastri Nagar. We distributed relief materials (Bread packets, buns, rice, sugar, coffee powder, milk, water bottles, blankets, towels, candles, match boxes, plastic buckets, plastic pots and medicines).

Relief materials were donated by DBV management & staff, TMF and the well wishers. On the whole, DBV reached out to 500 families with relief materials and 150 families with Provisions in Chennai and Cuddalore respectively.

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti also provided food and shelter for 12 migrant youth from Mathur.



Future course of Action:

DBV is planning for psychological sessions and counseling to the students in Govt. schools to motivate them and to help them to come out of the trauma caused by the flood.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT & NATION BUILDING



HIGHLIGHTS OF TECH MAHINDRA FOUNDATION PARTNERS MEET

“TMF has to reach the deprived youths of urban and sub-urban areas nationwide,” said Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB, Director, DBV at the TMF Partners Meet.

To appraise the efforts of building a better India, Tech Mahindra Foundation organized All India SMART Partners’ Meet for the first time, on 26th November 2015. More than 120 non - government organizations from Chennai, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Delhi – NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Pune, Visakhapatnam attended the workshop. TMF had its humble beginning with 3 SMART centres in 2012 and is currently running 65 centres of excellence in 10 regions across India. These include SMART centres, SMART+ centres (Training for physically challenged people) and SMART – T centres (Training in Technical trades) and the SMART Academy. Dr. Loveleen Kacker, CEO TMF, Ms. Mamatha, Manager, TMF Karnataka & Chennai, expressed their wishes and recalled the beautiful journey which has enlightened the 35000 young women and men to lead better livelihood across India so far.

Two days workshop focused on evaluation, Best practices and effective MIS(Management Information System) to monitor SMART center activities. A detailed presentation was submitted by Edu Lever Ream. The positive finding of the study was the hike in candidate’s retention rate which is approximately 65% in the SMART programmes. “The meet helped us to share our ideas and perspectives for the smooth running of the programme” said Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB, Deputy Director, DBV.



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 AND BE GLAD IN IT.

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