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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

- 3i**
- Integrity
 - Innovation
 - Inclusiveness

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Don Bosco – Vazhikaatti. It gives me immense happiness to contact you through this newsletter. The details of various activities mentioned here are to bring to limelight the hardwork and investment of those persons who are participating in the life of the deserving youth.

I thank each one of you for having been a part of Vazhikaatti in all its efforts and initiatives. My sincere appreciation to all the partners, close associates, educational institutes and other stakeholders involved in organizing and executing various programmes. Your interest and involvement help us grow and reach out to the deserving.

At this juncture, I feel indebted to Rev.Fr.Joseph Leo, the former Director of this centre for the marvelous contribution he has made to Vazhikaatti. His vision, foresight, relentless service, collaborative work and dream for vazhikaatti have helped this centre grow and expand. It is still growing.

The present generation is entrAPPed in techno-age. Lot of apps are being created to make things easy and fast moving/working. There seems to be a tendency to rely more on these technological aids rather than believing in one's own intellect, innate skills and unique aptitudes. It is alarming. The world looks for originality in exhibiting their skills as professionals. Hence, their skills have to be identified, furnished and utilized. It is in this scenario, Vazhikaatti offers lot of trainings that are geared towards moulding their skills to make them professionals and employable.

I am happy with the enthusiastic response we receive. It is a good sign that our service is relevant and that we take special care of them. You are welcome to give your valuable suggestions and feedback so that this work is strengthened and made more effective.

Let us join our hands to lift up those youth who need our help; offer our hands to guide and lead them; show the right way to those who want to be helped.

It is (y)our duty to accompany the youth



Yours affectionately,
Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj SDB
Director – Don Bosco Vazhikaatti



CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME (JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2016)

A total of **30,647** students of X and XII were given exposure to various career choices through this programme.

CENTRE	NO. OF SCHOOLS	NO.OF BENEFICIARIES
CHENNAI	40	10204
THIRUVANNAMALAI	31	2951
CHENGLEPUT	26	3216
PUDUCHERRY	26	3497
KOTAGIRI	07	1105
ERODE	16	2134
VELLORE	49	6772
HOSUR	03	768
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	198	30647

CAREER GUIDANCE & SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR DB ANBU ILLAM STUDENTS AT MKB NAGAR, KODUNGAIYUR

INSTITUTION NAME	Don Bosco Anbu Illam, MKB Nagar Saranalaya, Kodungaiyur
PROGRAMME DURATION	26 th to 30 th September 2016/ (9.30am – 4.30pm)
TOPICS COVERED	Self – Esteem, Attitude & Goal Setting, Time Management, Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Career Guidance
NO.OFPARTICIPANTS	Boys: 40 + Girls: 25

BOSCO EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING (BEST) PROGRAMME

BEST offers college students an intensive employability training programme to meet the requirements of Corporates and Industries today. The module is designed to help trainees master Personal Skills, Social Skills, Employability and Aptitude Skills.

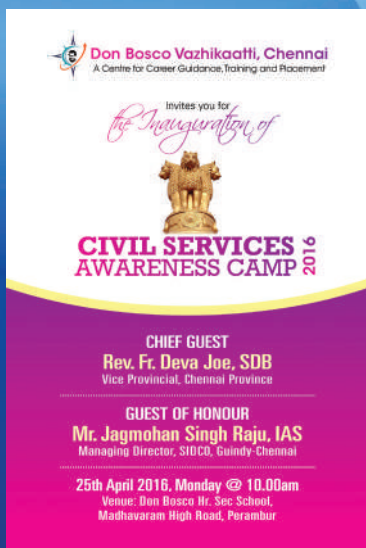
This BEST programme aims at improving a whole range of skills, like assertiveness, personality skills, attitudinal skills and the skill to establish and maintain interpersonal relationships

DATE	NAME OF THE INSTITUTION & PLACE	TOTAL
07.02.2016	St. Alphonsa College, Kanniyakumari Dt	270
17.02.2016	SIGA Polytechnic College, Chennai	106
19 to 21.02.2016	Don Bosco College, Yelagiri Hills(III Years)	164
24 & 25.02.2016	Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Thirukazhukundram	182
07.07.2016	Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Thirukazhukundram (Freshers)	110
19.07.2016	Don Bosco College, Karaikal (III Years)	87
16 to 20.08.2016	Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur (UG Final Years)	450
10.09.2016	Government Arts College for Women(GACW), Krishnagiri – IVDP	85

TEACHERS/ PARENTING ANIMATION PROGRAMME

“A teacher affects eternity she can never tell where her influence stops”. A career in this field provides challenges and opportunities to encourage and support young people in achieving their goals. Teacher animation programme gives time for renewal and rejuvenation. Parenting skills programme is a key component in supporting parents in their parenting efforts. This programme is designed to improve parenting effectiveness in child rearing challenges and problems.

DATE	NAME OF THE INSTITUTION & PLACE	TOTAL
31.05.2016	Don Bosco Primary School & Savio Primary School, Perambur	21
	Don Bosco Higher Sec. School, Vellore	49
04.06.2016	Don Bosco Higher Sec. School, Vyasarpadi	31
18.06.2016	Beschi Nursery & Primary and Higher Sec. School, Ulundurpet	113
16.07.2016	Don Bosco Polytechnic college, Basin Bridge	31
06.08.2016	St. Helen's Primary School, St. Thomas Mount	19
	St. Joseph's School, Pathiyavaram (Thiruvannamalai)	30
22.08.2016	St. Antony's Hr. Sec. School, Cunnoor – for Parents (Kotagiri)	1450



CIVILSERVICES AWARENESS CAMP APRIL 2016

This Awareness Camp serves in conscientizing the youngsters in rural areas about the possibility of becoming value – based administrators in India and it is to make them instruments of change in society. The Chief Guest for the inaugural ceremony was Mr. Jagmohan Singh Raju, IAS (MD, MSME, Guindy-Chennai). Rev Fr. Berk, SDB, Rector – Don Bosco Boys Home, Perambur graced the occasion on the day of valedictory function. A special note of thanks and appreciation to the organizer’s Fr. Joseph Leo, Director – Anbu Illam and Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, Director – DBV for creating such a platform for the promising students to take up a leading role in the society.

ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CAMPUS DRIVES (JAN – MARCH – 2016)

Organizing campus interviews for the final year students is a challenging activity. DBV accelerates the process of providing multiple job opportunities to the outgoing students, exposure to the industry’s expectation and recruitment of new hirers through camps drives. 3,686 students of Don Bosco Arts and Science college – Dharmapuri, Sacred Heart College – Tirupattur, Don Bosco Polytechnic College – Thirukazhukundram were provided with the opportunity of getting placed as per their choice.

The table below illustrates the statistics of our Campus Drives

S. NO	Date	Place	Companies Participating	Prospective candidates	Selected
1	6 FEB 2016	Don Bosco Arts and Science college, Dharmapuri,	15	845	404
2	27 FEB 2016	Sacred Heart College Thirupathur	20	629	294
3	5 MARCH 2016	Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Thirukazhukundram	28	2212	809

CREATING A PLATFORM FOR LEARNING

Counseling Psychology Students from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperambathur, visited DBV (Don Bosco Vazhikaatti) on 1st Oct 2016 to learn about our different services to the youth. The students had an interaction with the DBV team. It helped them for a better understanding and mutual sharing of views.



COMMENDABLE VENTURE – “HR SUMMIT ‘16”

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti together with Don Bosco Tech Society organized a HR Summit on 20th January 2016 at Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, Perambur. The objective was to create a forum to have a productive dialogue on strengthening partnerships, making strategies and exploring new ways to enhance HR Solutions and CSR activities. It was a commendable initiative of DBV in collaboration with DB Tech to bring together HR practitioners from Allsec Technologies, Medplus, Shoppers Stop, Big Bazaar, Techno – Soft, Oriental Cuisines, National Guardian, Mahindra Finance, Vishanz BPO, ION Exchange, etc.

Rev.Fr.Raj, SDB, Editor, Salesian Bulletin, was the chief guest. Mr. Vasanth Ragavan – Allsec Technologies, Mr. Sharath – Quest Alliance, Mrs. Dimple – Shoppers Stop were the guests of honour. The guests were felicitated by Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB, Province Delegate, DB Tech. A short presentation on DBV was done by Mrs. Helen and Mrs. Sindhu.

In his presidential address, Fr. Raj spoke about the value of partnership and shared the impact created by industrialists. He presented the inspirational example of the eminent philanthropist and industrialist Mr. Manoj Bhargava who is appreciated for his humanitarian deeds. He urged the professionals to become the catalysts of change in the society. While talking about partnership he stated, “infinite possibilities could be unlocked when we understand the value of partnership and work together to strive better.”

Mr. Dilip, Placement Coordinator – DB Tech, expressed his sentiments of gratitude and shared his story of transformation from a trainee to a State Coordinator at DB Tech. Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB, Director – DBV led the panel discussion on current job trends and strategies. The group shared its insights and experiences about developing a healthy relationship between employer and employees, industry engagement to develop CSR activities, skills required for career growth and the use of digital technology in the trainings. The Summit was concluded with a special word of appreciation and thanks expressed by Fr. Andrews.



SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES

PLACEMENT DRIVE BY DB TECH TAMIL NADU STATE TEAM

A placement drive was organized at Don Bosco Vazhikaatti on 12th January 2016 in order to observe Swami Vivekananda's birthday which is celebrated as National Youth Day. Mr. Anand, Vishanz BPO, Mr. Venugopal, Café Coffee Day, Mr. Alwin, Accord Path, Anandh Subramaniam, Kone Elevators and Gnana Kumar, Big Bazaar were the employers who took part in the event. The programme was formally inaugurated by Fr. Andrews, Province Delegate, DB Tech Tamilnadu.



Fr Andrews in his inaugural address said, "Swami Vivekananda dreamt of a powerful India and changed the thought process of youth; similarly young people should learn and imbibe the ideals of Swami Vivekananda". He exhorted everyone to be bold and strong to take up responsibility and to move forward in life journey.

80 candidates attended the drive and 34 candidates received spot offers from the employers. The event was organized and facilitated by Mr. Francis Xavier, NSDC Coordinator and Mr. Dilip, Placement Co - coordinator, Tamilnadu.

MOULDING ASPIRANTS

QUEST ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEET – “QUEST TO LEARN”

Quest Alliance organized the Annual Meet – Quest TO LEARN, 2016 with the theme “**The Education – Skill Divide**” at IIM, Bangalore from 10th – 12th February 2016. Quest Alliance together with Don Bosco Institutions reaches out to thousands of youth across India through the “Skills to Succeed and Employability Training” programme. The Three day event was attended by 200 delegates, 14 skill development organizations and 13 educational institutions it was to explore the role of new and emerging technologies that develop lifelong learning skills in youth, adults and educators.

Fr. Andrews, State Head, Don Bosco Tech Society, Fr. Joseph Leo, Former Director, DBV, Fr. Samson, Center Head, Polur DB Tech and Fr. Lawrence, Center Head, Bangalore DB Tech represented TN Don Bosco Institutions.

Mr. Akash Sethi, Executive Director – Quest Alliance said, “Our Quest is to get young people to make more meaning out of their lives, find purpose and start with self. We need to shift the educator’s mindset from ‘Sage’ on the stage to ‘Guide’ on the stage”. DBTech – Manikandam and Polur SPMS (Sakthi Pengal Munnetra Sangam) were awarded during the summit for their passion and commitment in helping young people hone their employability skills.



“LEARN TO LEAD YOUR LIFE SUCCESSFULLY”

Fr. Andrews State Head, echoed these words at the TATA's retail orientation held at DB tech, Perambur. To create awareness about the retail industry and its potential for career prospects, the industry giant TATA partnered with Don Bosco Tech Society to reach out to youth across India.

Mr. Samuel, Mr. Abilash and Mr. Karthick from TATA conducted the retail orientation programme at Don Bosco Tech, Perambur on 20th February 2016. The Session began with a prayer song followed by a welcome address by Mr. Leo Levin, Facilitator.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director, DBV, in his address urged the trainees to explore the latest trends in the job market and to plan their career accordingly. He lauded the retail industry that caters to multiple job prospects on a larger scale. Later, Mr. Samuel spoke about the TATA group in particular and their retail outlets – Croma, Landmark and Westside. He said, “a person with minimum skills can enter the retail field”. He cited a few real life examples of famous personalities in the retail industry who started their career from scratch. He shared information on the salary package and other benefits of the TATA group. He pointed out that “Here in TATA, people are respected and their overall development is nurtured”.

The session was continued further by Mr. Karthick and Mr. Abilash. They explained concepts and professional developments in the retail field. They conducted a few role plays to enable the students to assimilate the importance of customer interaction. The session came to a close with a vote of thanks expressed by Ms. Mercy, Facilitator.



WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE

A VISIT TO ANBU ILLAM

On Saturday 4th June 2016, DB Tech Perambur organized a field visit to “Don Bosco Anbu Illam” an orphanage located at MKB Nagar, Chennai. The team comprised thirty five trainees and three trainers.

Rev.Fr.Joseph Leo, Director of Anbu Illam was present in this event and in the interactive session with the children. We conducted some interesting games and organized a Cricket match. The children were excited and overjoyed by our presence. What gave us the maximum satisfaction was that we could bring cheer to those faces. Our happiness, on the occasion, needless to say, was brimming over!!





SOWING THE SEEDS OF OPPORTUNITIES

QUEST TO TRAIN AND QUEST TO LEARN

Today's youth are facing a world of challenges and competitions. It almost becomes the survival of the fittest. This context made DBV to launch into a new initiative joining hands with Quest Alliance to prepare the youth to face the competitive world by training them in soft skills that can make them employable. That is how the idea of providing soft skill training to the final year post graduates grew up. A sincere appreciation and thanks to Quest Alliance and Fr. Joseph Leo, the former Director of Vazhikaatti for making this herculean task possible. This training programme has around 2,500 youth as its target.

SERIES OF INAUGURALS

A series of inaugural functions were held in the colleges where "My Quest Program" was introduced.

22-08-2016

QUEENMARY'S COLLEGE

Chief Guest: Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo SDB,
Director – Anbu Illam

Participants: 550 Students

Principal: Dr. N.RajaSulochana



A KALEIDOSCOPE OF EVENTS CONDUCTED BY DBV AT QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE CHENNAI



Role Play – Exhibiting talents



A new exposure



A Fun – time Activity



Igniting minds



Students' Self – Revelation



Designing new objectives

06-09-2016

DONBOSCOLLEGE, YELAGIRI

Chief Guest: Fr Thadeus SDB,
Principal of Don Bosco College

Participants: 272 Students



14-09-2016

DONBOSCOLLEGE, DHARMAPURI

Chief Guest: Rev. Fr. Mariasusai SDB,
Principal of Don Bosco College

Participants: 272 Students



12-09-2016

CTTECOLLEGE, CHENNAI

Chief Guest: Rev. Fr. Raj Mariasusai SDB,
Editor Salesian

Participants: 580 Students



07--09-2016

AGARSEN COLLEGE MADHAVARAM, CHENNAI

Chief Guest: Dr. Mohana Krishnan,
Principal of Agarsen College

Participants: 510 Students



14-09-2016

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THIRUPATHUR

Chief Guest: Rev. Dr. Anthony Raj SDB,
Rector

Participants: 250 Students



DBV'S – QUEST ALLIANCE – BARCLAYS INC

To reinforce the idea of strengthening India's nascent youth with employability skills, Quest Alliance and Barclays Inc joined hands with DBV to make a pilot project in March 2016. Mr Prem, Mr Sharath, Mr Sinil, Mr Rajesh, Mr Jeevan Kumar, Mr Simon, and Mr Saswathan formed a team to execute this idea. The team reached Don Bosco Arts and Science College – Yelagiri Hills and Don Bosco Polytechnic College – Thirukazhukundram armed with a plethora of ideas for workshop to enhance employability skills to meet the requirements of the contemporary industry world.

The sessions of the workshop were designed to provide better communication, motivation, career exploration, leadership, team building, resume writing, interview skills and Barclays online modules to improve core values, knowledge and life skills of the final year graduates/ technical students. The event was organized by former director Fr Joseph Leo, DBV and Mr Sharath, Programme officer, Quest

INSTITUTIONNAME	Don Bosco Arts and Science, Yelagiri Hills	Don Bosco Polytechnic College Thirukazhukundram
PROGRAMMEDATE	19 th – 21 st Feb. 2016	24 th -25 th Feb. 2016
DEPARTMENTS	B.Sc (C.S). B.A English, BBA ,B.CA , B.com	Diploma in mechanical, Civil, ECE ,EEE and CSE
NO OF PARTICIPANTS	164	182
TRAINERS	Mr Sharath, , Mr Rajesh, Mr Jeevan Kumar, Mr Sinil, Mr Prem	

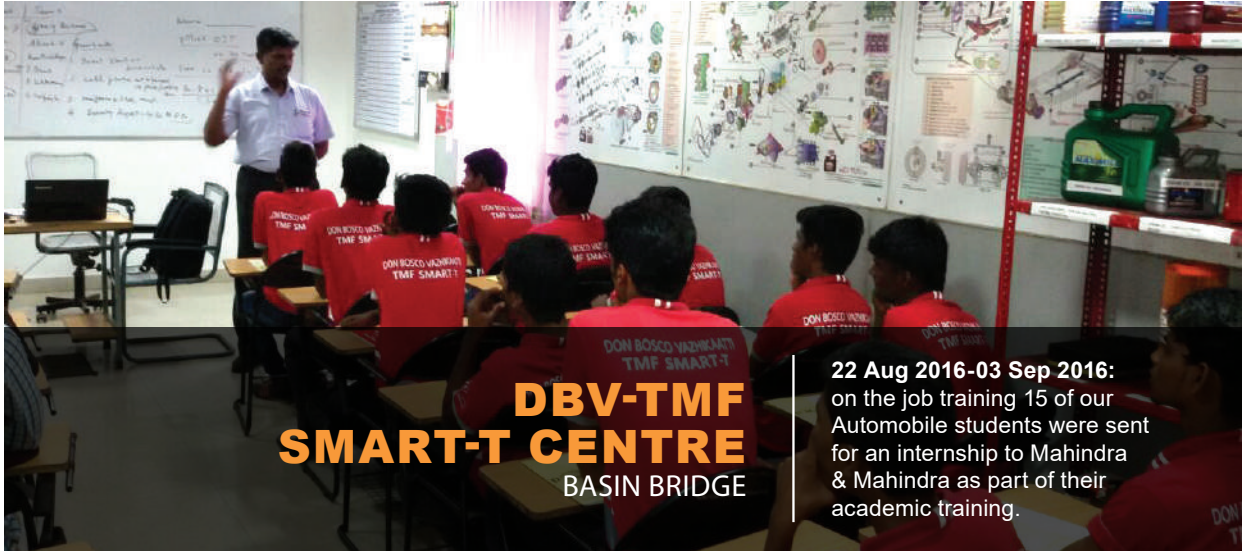


An initial step to reach their goals

ON THE WAY TO REALITY

BARCLAYS VISIT

CRS and ITES students were taken for an industry visit to Barclays on July 4th for a session on interview skills and preparation of resumes.



DBV-TMF SMART-T CENTRE

BASIN BRIDGE

22 Aug 2016-03 Sep 2016: on the job training 15 of our Automobile students were sent for an internship to Mahindra & Mahindra as part of their academic training.



YOGA FOR YOUTH

DBV-TMF SMART CENTRE

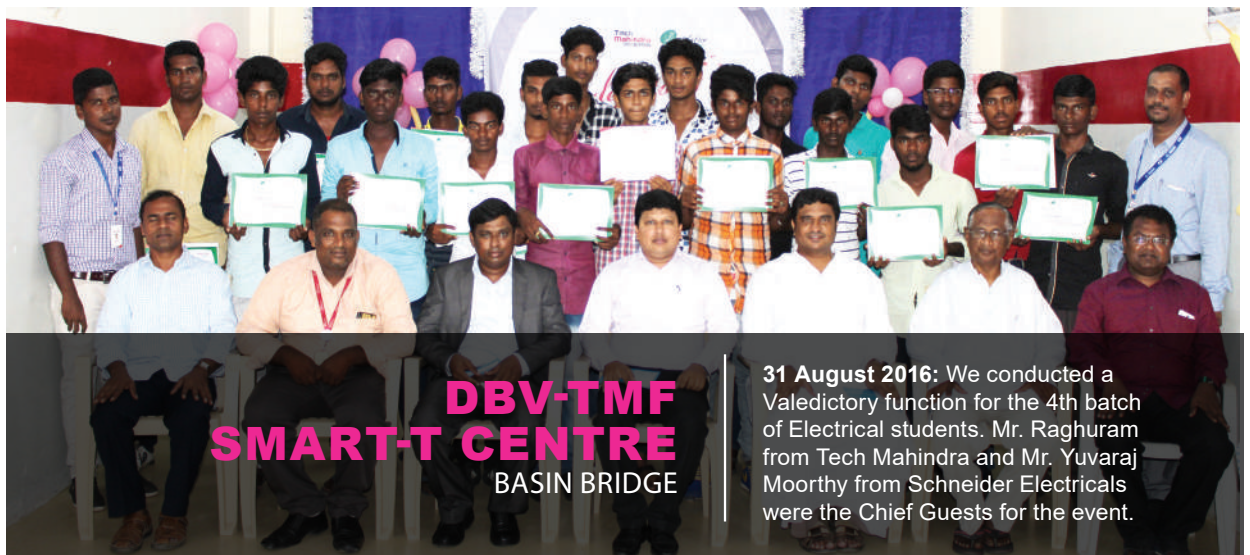
Mrs.Anitha & Mr. Kamalakannan of Tech Mahindra and resource people from Isha Yoga Centre conducted a session on Yoga for SMART - DBV and DB Tech students on 18th June 2016 at DBV Perambur.



BUILDING SELF ESTEEM

DBV-TMF SMART-T CENTRE
BASIN BRIDGE

31 March 2016: Alumni meet was conducted by Schneider at Poonamalee Schneider Electric. Some of the alumni shared their experience and spoke about the impact of this programme on their lives.



DBV-TMF SMART-T CENTRE

BASIN BRIDGE

31 August 2016: We conducted a Valedictory function for the 4th batch of Electrical students. Mr. Raghuram from Tech Mahindra and Mr. Yuvaraj Moorthy from Schneider Electric were the Chief Guests for the event.



SPROUTING TO ACHIEVE

DBV- JOB FAIR 2016

DBV -TMF organized a job fair at Lourdes Girls Higher Sec. School on 23rd April. Of the 30 students who actively participated, 10 were selected from the interview and received offer letters.

Gratitude and appreciation



Don Bosco -Vazhikaatti owes a lot to Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, the former director, for all his strenuous efforts and initiatives to take Vazhikaatti to greater heights. Having received the baton from Rev.Fr. Don Bosco, he put in his heart and soul to expand its activities. It is fitting to say that he toiled with tireless zeal with lot of foresight and vision to build on his predecessor's remarkable contributions. Some of his initiatives such as IAS , Civil services awareness camp, Partnering with reputed companies like Yamaha, Tech Mahindra and Quest Alliance to offer skill development, BEST Programme (Bosco

Employability Skill Training) in colleges are to be added to his credit. He expressed lot of dedication and scientific temper in all that he had undertaken. His team work is brilliant. DBV sincerely acknowledges with lot of appreciation the marvelous contribution he has made to the growth and expansion of this centre. We immensely thank him for the face lift he has given to the centre making it serve larger number of youth in need. At this juncture we wish him all the best for the new responsibility he has taken up from 24th May 2016, as Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, working for street children. May God bless him abundantly with all the necessary graces to carry out his mission successfully.



A Note to Congratulate

DBV is happy to congratulate and wish Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj who has been appointed the new Director of Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, and also Fr. Edward, the new Co-Director. We wish both of them all the success in their new initiatives and ventures.



WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR 2017

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