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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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- Integrity
- Innovation
- Inclusiveness

CHOICE

WE ARE OUR CHOICES – JOHN PAUL SARTRE

Dear Friends,

Life is about making choices. We make them every day and in turn we are formed by them. End of the academic year is a time for making important choices, especially for students who have just completed their qualifying examinations and look at the concatenated options of study and educational institutes. Options and Opportunities galore. The youth should be guided properly in the process of making choices. Parents and teachers have the inevitable responsibility of assisting the youngsters search for reliable and resourceful persons to accompany them in decision making that affects the future.

The path that one chooses to tread on may or may not be as smooth as we expect it to be, but it should be ensured that it leads to a right destination. A rough path can turn out to be a refining path. We should keep moving come what may.

This academic year was a fantastic year since we were able to reach out to a good number of students, youth, teachers and professors through various programmes. All the persons we worked with were cooperative and they strove for success. My sincere appreciation and thanks to each one of you. Don Bosco Vazhikaatti will continue to walk with all the youth, especially the unskilled and the job seekers. It will take all its efforts to offer them training and placement.

In the process of guiding the youth to choose, we should also instruct them to take up responsibility for their choices. “We are not the product of our circumstances. We are the product of our decisions”, says Stephen Covey, the author of 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.



Yours affectionately,

Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB

Director – Don Bosco Vazhikaatti



CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAMME (NOVEMBER 2016 – JANUARY 2017)

Good career guidance inspires students towards further studies and enables them to make correct decisions when choices are open to them. It gives them an idea about the skills that are needed in order to succeed in the world of opportunities. Don Bosco Vazhikaatti supports various schools through career guidance programmes and creating their Career Plans.

SUB-CENTERS	NO. OF SCHOOLS	NO. OF PROGRAMMES	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
CHENNAI	7	7	1154
VELLORE	19	19	2564
CHENGLEPUT	7	7	1278
THIRUVANNAMALAI	18	18	1594
PUDUCHERRY	21	32	2744
HOSUR	10	10	1157
DHARMAPURI	10	10	1954
SATHYAMANGALAM - ERODE	10	10	1007
TOTAL	102	113	13452



BOSCO EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS TRAINING (BEST) PROGRAMME

Employability skills training programmes are smart and futuristic platform which enable companies to access eligible students. They make students to understand the expectations of the companies. Don Bosco Vazhikaatti helps students to decide on their future career direction and employability



INSTITUTION	DON BOSCO SIHARAM – 3E STUDENTS
PROGRAMME DURATION	25th – 26th November 2016/ (9.15 – 4.30pm)
TOPICS COVERED	Motivation, Leadership & Team Building, Creativity, Presentation Skills, Resume Building, Interview Skills and Group Discussion
NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	23
RESOURCE PERSONS	Mr. Prem, Mr. Joseph and Mr. Nirmal Kumar

CIVIL SERVICES AWARENESS CAMP 2017 (30TH APRIL 2017 TO 06TH MAY 2017)

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti is proud to conduct its 6th consecutive IAS/IPS Awareness Camp for the year 2017. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Joseph Fernandez, Rector, Don Bosco Primary School, Perambur and Bro. Mariadass, Administrator on the 1st of May at Don Bosco Hr. Sec School, Perambur, Chennai, Mr. Nanda Kumar, IRS, was invited as a special guest, he shared his life experience and the steps he took to achieve his current position. The aspirants



enjoyed a plethora of activities like Yoga, motivation hour by seasoned speakers, technical training, study hour and games. The Camp came to an end on 5th May 2017, Mr. R. Thirunavukkarasu, IPS presided over the function, he gave an inspiring speech, enumerating the nature of civil services and the challenges the officials had to meet. Fr. Bosco, Vice- Provincial, Chennai Province Fr. Andrew, Director DBV, Fr. Edward, Asst. Director, DBV, Fr. Joseph Fernandez, Rector, Don Bosco Perambur, Bro. Mariadass, Administrator, Mr. Rabbi Chief coordinator of the Camp, Mr. Prem Chief coordinator of the Camp and Bro. Joe Anand were the dignitaries who were present for the function.



HR INTERACTIVE SESSION CTTE COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Mr. Shiva Kumar Head of L&D, GRT Group, Quality Strategy and Customer Experience Programmer, had an interactive HR session for the final year college students of CTTE College, Chennai on 3rd Feb 2017. Mr. Shiva Kumar asked the students few questions about the corporate world and the job opportunities they could provide in the capacity of prospective employers. The session was an interactive and, was an eye opener for the students to know about the corporate world.



MY QUEST

ALMANAC OF EMPLOYMENTS FAIR CONDUCTED BY DON BOSCO INSTITUTIONS

18. 2. 2017

DON BOSCO COLLEGE, DHARMAPURI

No of students selected : 256

No of students shortlisted : 122



18. 2. 2017

AGARSEN COLLEGE, CHENNAI

No of students selected : 133

No of students shortlisted : 152



QMC – SOFT SKILLS

Soft Skills classes commenced for the Final year P.G and for the Final year U.G students of Queen Mary's College, Chennai, from the 18th of Jan 2017, various topics like Who Am I? Brief account of my life, SWOT and much more, were covered by the facilitators, they conducted various activities that are related to the topics The soft skills classes boosted the confidence of the students, with the help of the soft skills training, the students learnt to write resumes, interview preparation, and personality grooming. Overall the sessions were useful for the students.



25. 2. 2017

DON BOSCO COLLEGE, TIRUPATTUR

DON BOSCO COLLEGE YELAGIRI

No of students selected : 115

No of students shortlisted : 65

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, TIRUPATTUR

No of students selected : 152

No of students shortlisted : 86



31. 3. 2017

QUEEN MARY'S COLLEGE, CHENNAI

No of students selected : 448

No of students shortlisted : 439





PREPARING YOUTH FOR PROFESSIONAL LIFE



A team of seven professionals from Barclays visited DB Tech - Perambur on 4th November 2016 to handle a session on workplace readiness for the trainees. Since the trainees of BPO and Retail domain were on the verge of completing the course, the session helped them gain knowledge on work place etiquette and emerging market trends. Barclays team was greeted by the centre's staff. Mr. Antony, Mr. Shyamsundar, Mr. Munish, Mr. Sazid Mohammed, and Mr. Inban. Ms. Priyadharshini and Ms. Abinaya were the resource persons of the day. The following topics such as Resume preparation, interview techniques and overcoming fear were discussed.

Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB, the Province Delegate and State Head, DB Tech – Tamilnadu, welcomed the resource people and inaugurated the session.

Trainees were encouraged to ask questions and clarify doubts. The session came to an end with a vote of thanks expressed by Mr. Leo Levin, Retail Trainer.

GUEST LECTURE ON RETAIL DOMAIN

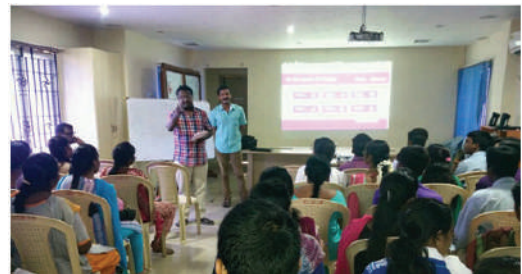
On 4th January 2017, DB Tech Pondicherry organised a guest a lecture on retail domain. Mr. Chinnaparaj, Manager, S.R Super Market was the resource person. The session helped the students to explore the availability of job opportunities and job assurance in the field of retail. Students interacted and clarified their doubts.



MY CODE – MY DESIGN – MY LEARNING

DB Tech- Perambur, DBV and Quest Alliance organized a guest lecture on 'My Code Programme' on 5th January 2017 for trainers and students . Around 43 students benefitted through the session. Mr. Nikil and Mr. Saswathan from QUEST Alliance were the resource persons. Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen raj, SDB, Province Delegate, DB Tech –Tamilnadu and Rev. Fr.Edward, Co-director, Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, addressed the gathering.

Mr. Nikil briefed about QUEST and its fruitful services around the nation. The curriculum is designed by Quest to introduce the concept of computer programming through SCRATCH - an open source for designing games and videos. An overview on coding was given to students. Mr. Nikhil gave some basic instructions to operate scratch platform. Since it is a user friendly and has inbuilt commands, students showed great interest towards the session. They started to explore various techniques and presented their projects. The session came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Leo Levin, Retail Trainer.



MASTER COACH

Master Coach is a facilitation of 7 months online training organized by Quest Alliance, Bangalore. Master Coach is an in-service trainer & educator certification program to equip with 21st Century facilitation skills, social capital and a road map for their professional growth of a trainer. Totally 14 trainers were the participants in cohort 4. Mr. Leo Levin, Don Bosco Tech Perambur, Mr. Mohana Prasanna, Don Bosco Tech Polur and Mr. Velan, Don Bosco Tech Manikandam had completed their training in Master Coach Cohort 4 from August 2016 - February 2017. The Graduation Ceremony held in Quest 2 Learn Summit at National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore from 2nd - 3rd June 2017.



DBV TMF SMART CENTER – BROADWAY CELEBRATED THEIR Q4 (FY 2016-17) VALEDICTORY

Employers were welcomed by the SMART Students. Fr.Edward, SDB, Co-Director, DBV, felicitated the special invitees, and stressed the significance of learning. Q-4 batch report of FY 2016-17 was presented by Mrs. Helen Anitha, Centre Manager. Mr. Shankar HR Manager, Eureka Forbes Ltd., assured the students of placement. Mr. Edwin Samuel HR Manager, Click my Tech, in his speech requested the students to make use of the given opportunities. Mr.Danush & Vinoth from Sutherland briefed about their company and conducted a selection test. It was an exposure to the candidates to listen to the recruiters from one of the leading sectors



GUEST LECTURE- SELF CONFIDENCE & PERSEVERANCE

“PHYSICAL DISABILITY IS NOT A DISABILITY”

22nd March 2017, Mr. Mohammed Zafrullah, community Development officer in Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, addressed the SMART students at Broadway.

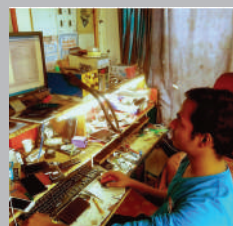
He shared his experience and motivated the students by his speech. He said that at the age of 3, night blindness was identified in him. He had this problem until he was 17 years old. Having lost his vision at the age of 17, he underwent a special Braille course in English. He did his BA (English Lit) in Madras Christian College and then completed his Masters in Social Work. He said that he was able to achieve everything with confidence, perseverance, hard work and determination. The students were taken up by his talk.



SUCCESSSTORIES



Ms. AYSHA AWISIA, J
through DBV-TMF SMART,
was appointed as a sales
executive in Big Bazar,
S2 Spectrum Mall on a
monthly salary of Rs. 12,000



Mr. NIJAM
through DBV-TMF SMART
was appointed as a
Technical support in KGN
Mobiles on a monthly salary
of Rs.12000

JOB DRIVE

DBV-TMF SMART CENTRE, BROADWAY

DBV SMART Centre conducted a placement drive on 21st December 2016. Recruiters from HDB Finance, RUPEE ZONE & Vertex were invited. Around 60 students participated in the Drive. Mr. Joseph, Mr. Vishwanath Rao (Area Sales Manager) and Deepak from HDB Financial Services spoke to the students about the job description, selection process and salary packages. Mr. Arunkumar, Rupee Zone gave a gist about the organization after which followed a face to face interview. Around 10 students got placed. Mr. Guna from Vertex interviewed the students and 4 received the provisional offer letters.



ALUMNI MEET 2017

DBV TMF SMART, BROADWAY, CHENNAI

DBV TMF SMART – Broadway, Chennai organized an alumni meet on 29th March 2017. Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB, DBV, Director addressed the gathering. 62 passed out trainees took part in the meet. Mr. Kulandai Samy, CRS Trainer presented SMART Centre's reports. The former trainees shared how the training had helped them to achieve their goals, and briefed their experiences and challenges at work places. It helped the present batch trainees to get an idea and learn more about career. Mrs. Helen, Centre Manager posed few questions to the alumni in order to facilitate the sharing.



DBV TMF JOB FAIR 2017

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti & Tech Mahindra Foundation conducted a job fair on 25th March 2017 at St. Gabriel's School, Broadway. Around 826 candidates took part in it. And nearly 23 employers were invited to recruit the candidates. Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj SDB, Director- DBV invited and felicitated the guests. Ms. Shahida Sultana trainee of SMART hosted the event. Fr. Rajan, Rector & Correspondent of Our lady of Refuge, Broadway, Mr. Jesuraj, Associate Manager- Employability & volunteering, Tech Mahindra Foundation, Mr. Paul Dhas, HR Director – Le Royal Meridian, were the special guests. Mr. Parthiban, National Secretary of SAFI, (differently abled) gave an inspirational speech to students which gave a new insight on life. Guest of Honour Ms. Hannah, from Germany and Fr. Alphonse transformed the day more interesting by grabbing everyone's attention through their address which infused/triggered the minds and potential of the students. Around 356 candidates received their offer letters from the respective organisations. 172 students were shortlisted for the final round of interview. Rev. Fr. Edward SDB, Co- Director, extended his sincere gratitude through the vote of thanks.



GROUP MOBILIZATION

AN ATTEMPT TO REACH YOUNG MINDS

The staff and the students of SMART, Perambur were divided into groups for the purpose of mobilization in different locations. As a result, 46 candidates expressed their interests to join the course. This methodology served its purpose in reaching out many youngsters.



DBV – TMF SMART CENTRE PERAMBUR VALEDICTORY CELEBRATION

DBV - TMF SMART Centre Perambur celebrated their valedictory function on 12th January 2017. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB, Director, DBV, Fr. Edward, SDB, Co-Director, DBV, Mr. Anto Rejoy, HR, Sutherland Global Services had graced the occasion with their presence. Mr. Vimal (ITES Trainer) gave a brief note about SMART and its activities. During his address, Mr. Anto insisted on developing the skill to be successful in the career. He further shared the job opportunities and selection process in Sutherland. The graduated students of Tally and ITES domains received their course certificates.



EXPOSURE VISIT

TO EXPERIENCE NEW TRENDS

Exposure visit helps the students to learn and experience various opportunities and prospects available in different sectors. Tally and ITES trainees Perambur Center were taken to Rupees zone (a new venture of TSM Automobile Financial Assistance and Services), Chennai on 9th December 2016. Mr. Arun, HR Regional Manager, TSM & Sons greeted SMART Students and presented an orientation on work process, Salary packages and pay roll methods. He informed the students about the career progress in TSM and made his point clear with some success stories of TSM employees.



GUEST LECTURE

TO WIDEN KNOWLEDGE

Ms. Silambarasi. B.A, B.L conducted a Guest at SMART Center Perambur. She emphasized the importance of one possessing Address and ID proof such as Adahar card, Voter ID, Ration Card of an individual. The session was an eye opener for the students to know about the needs of such documents.



BARCLAYS VISIT

11th Nov 2016 Barclays team visited DBV SMART Center and handled a session on **Interview techniques** and **activities**. They had an interactive session with the students and collected feedbacks about the session.



LIFE SKILL TRAINING

Session on Life skills, telling the students about its demands and importance in this competitive world. He touched on topics like Creative thinking, Critical thinking, Stress Management, Self-awareness and Time management. Students enjoyed the sessions and took part in the activities enthusiastically.



COMPETING WITH ONESELF

A session on Self- introduction and Public speaking was offered to SMART students, Perambur on 3rd Feb 2017. The objective of the session was to eliminate their stage fear and enhance their assertiveness. The students found it a better opportunity to express themselves and to come out of their shells.

“BE BOLD FOR A CHANGE”

HONORING WOMANHOOD

DBV, SMART, Perambur, had organized a special programme to commemorate the International Women's Day on 8th March 2017 to acknowledge and appreciate their achievements. Trainees shared their experience on playing different roles and the challenges they faced. Ms. Reeta, a trainee emphasized the need to uphold women's rights and the need to fight against gender discrimination and inequality. Mr. Gunasekaran, Facilitator, Quest Alliance, in his message said that woman is the life giver to the whole human race and it is the responsibility of everyone to give her a respectable status in the society. He advised women to empower themselves without waiting for any external agency. He appreciated the women of present time for being on par with men in all the fields.

JOB ORIENTATION BY LABOURNET

DBV, TMF SMART Center, Perambur, organized a job orientation on 16th November 2016 for the Tally and ITES students. The objective of the event was to give an exposure on interview techniques and job opportunities available in DISH TV. Employers of Labournet Mr. Muthu and Mr. Nandha Kumar HR Executives presented an orientation and conducted initial rounds of interview. Students were given constructive feedback about their performances.



BASIN BRIDGE SMART-T



DOUBLE FEST

VALEDICTORY AND PONGAL CELEBRATION

On 13th January 2017, DBV-TMF Smart-T centre, Basin Bridge organized the double fest – Pongal and Valedictory of 2nd batch. The event was presided over by Rev. Fr. Johnson, Rector, Joe Tech Campus.



HORNING THE SKILLS

OJT AT MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA SERVICE CENTER

DBV-TMF SMART –T Basin Bridge center organized 15 days On Job Training for automobile trainees at Mahindra & Mahindra service center. Through this training, the trainees were not only up skilled but also enhanced the morale. It also helped them to understand how to render services in the most effect manner rather than learning how to perform the job.

SUCCESSSTORIES



MR. AJITH KUMAR AND MR. AKASH

have been placed in Lanson Toyota with a monthly pay of Rs. 9800.



MR. JOHN PETER

Has been employed through DBV-TMF Smart-T centre at Hindustan Automobiles with a salary package of Rs. 8500 per month.



Team Tech Mahindra Foundation commemorated their 10th Anniversary along with CSR partners, staffs and students on 19th April 2017 at Tech Mahindra Campus, Sholinganallur.

DBV-TMF SMART-T Basin Bridge center took part in the cricket tournament and won the title. DBV-TMF SMART Centers presented some astounding mimes and cultural events. During his speech, Mr. Jegan, Project Head-South Region, TMF, thanked all TMF CSR partners and mentioned TMF was able to reach many youth who deserve a decent career through their partners.

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti was awarded for more number of placements post TMF Skill Training.



GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti is indebted to extend a heartfelt gratitude to Rev. fr. Edward, SDB, for his yeomen service rendered for the growth and empowerment of the organization. We place on record our sincere appreciation to him for the hard work, meticulous planning, methodical way of animating and executing various programmes of Vazhikaatti as a Co-Director. We thank and wish him all the very best as he takes up the new responsibility as an Administrator at Dominic Savio Boy's Home, Tirupattur.

WARM WELCOME

The Executive Director and staff members of DBV wholeheartedly welcome to our Vazhikaatti Family Fr. Arul, DBV-Hosur, Fr. Felix, DBV-Pondy, Fr. Amalan, DBV-Kothagiri and Fr. Robert Pathi, DBV-TVM. We wish them a fruitful ministry and service for deserving people.



FREE TRAINING WITH EMPLOYMENT

- 1** **DBV-TMF SMART Centre - Broadway**
BCBF (Banking Correspondence and Business Facilitator),
Tally & ITES | Course Duration - 4 months
- 2** **DBV-TMF SMART Centre - Perambur**
Tally & ITES | Course Duration - 4 months
- 3** **DBV-TMF SMART T Centre - Basin Bridge**
Automobile 4 Wheeler (Mechanic and AC wiring cum Driving)
Course Duration - 6 months &
Electrical (Home Appliances & AC Mechanism)
Course Duration - 6 months

ELIGIBILITY 10th,12th, UG, PG (pass/fail)
Age Limit 18-30 YEARS

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