



Don Bosco Vazhikaatti Annual Report 2024 – 2025

Don Bosco Vazhikaatti was established on 17th September 1997 with a vision to create an inspiring and optimistic learning environment for underprivileged youth. In 2024–2025, the organization deepened its focus on career development, training initiatives, innovative placement strategies, and digital investments. This year was marked by an organic flow of efforts—actions aligned naturally, filled with excitement and purpose. We harmonized ambition, strategic planning, and a sense of contentment to address core challenges such as career awareness, market-ready skills, and unemployment. Our strategy struck the right chord—fostering creativity, aligning with both minds and hearts, and channelling efforts into impactful outcomes for every individual we serve.

Career Guidance
11,449

Trainings
6,772

Job Placement
4,675

Active HR's
277

Reaching through
Digital Leverages
15,364



Dear Friends and Well-Wishers,

As I reflect on 2024–2025, my heart overflows with gratitude and joy. This year has been one of growth, learning, and renewed commitment to our shared mission.

Every young person who entered our centres carried a story—of dreams, doubts, and hope for a better tomorrow. Witnessing their transformation into confident, skilled individuals has been both humbling and inspiring.

We extended our reach into new communities, offering training sessions, career-guidance programmes, and placement opportunities—not merely as services, but as bridges of trust, hope, and possibility. One memorable story is of a young woman from a remote village who became the first in her family to enter the corporate world. Stories like hers remind us why we persevere.

Our partnerships with industries, educational institutions, and generous donors like you have been instrumental. You are not just collaborators—you are part of the DBV family. Your belief in our youth empowers us to dream bigger and reach further.

To our dedicated team of coordinators, trainers, counsellors, and volunteers: your tireless efforts are the heartbeat of this mission. And to all our supporters—thank you for standing with us. Together, we will ensure no young person is left behind. Let us continue transforming lives, one student at a time.

Warm regards,

Fr. Joe Anand SDB

Director, Don Bosco Vazhikaatti

It gives me great joy and deep gratitude to appreciate the journey of Don Bosco Vazhikaatti. Every step they have taken this year has reminded me of the powerful truth that work is not just about livelihood—it is about dignity, self-worth, and the chance to shape one's future.



As I look back, I am moved by how our young people have embraced opportunities with courage and determination. Many come from backgrounds where hope is often scarce, yet through skill training, mentorship, and meaningful job placements, they have discovered what it means to stand tall with dignity. As St. John Bosco beautifully said, "Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today." And truly, every small step they taken together has created lasting change.

This report is not just a summary of activities—it is a celebration of lives touched, dreams ignited, and futures transformed. I deeply appreciate every Fr. Joe Anand SDB the director who is the visionary behind all these efforts with the trainers, coordinators, partners, and especially the youth themselves, whose journeys continue to inspire us all. Together, Don Bosco Vazhikaatti affirm that every young person deserves the dignity of meaningful work—and we remain committed to making that a reality, year after year.

This vision echoes the words of St. John Bosco: "Without confidence and love, there can be no true education." Every young person, regardless of their background, deserves the chance to build a meaningful life through honest work—and Don Bosco Vazhikaatti takes pride in walking alongside them on that journey.

Warm regards,

Fr. Gabriel SDB

Director, Job Placement Network

Impact for the Year 2024–2025

Department of Career Guidance

At Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, we believe early exposure to career possibilities empowers students to make informed, confident decisions about their futures. Since its inception in 1997, our Career Guidance for School Students programme has shaped the dreams and ambitions of thousands of young minds. Designed to spark curiosity, build awareness, and nurture aspirations, our services include:

- Career-path exploration
- One-on-one counselling
- Competitive-exam awareness (NEET, JEE Mains & Advanced, CUET)
- Professional-course guidance (CA, ACCA, CS, CMA, etc.)
- "Career Guidance on Wheels," a mobile digital-vehicle initiative

To date, we have reached **400,398** students through **2,586** programmes since 1997.

2024–2025 Outreach

- Students served: **11,449**
- Programmes delivered: **69**
- Schools covered: **60**
- One-on-one counselling sessions: **36**
- Districts covered: **15**
- Overseas engagements: **3**

Training Programmes

Bosco Employability Skills Training (BEST)

Launched in 2012, BEST is our flagship employability-skills initiative, equipping youth with 21st-century competencies—personal skills, social skills, job orientation, and the transition from campus to corporate life. Through interactive sessions, practical exercises, and personalised coaching, BEST has empowered participants to bridge the gap between education and employment.

To date, we have reached **55,515** learners across **231** programmes.

2024–2025 Reach

- Students trained: **4,587**
- Programmes conducted: **37**
- Colleges partnered: **30**
- Districts covered: **8**



Department of Training

DBV-TMF SMART Broadway Centre

In partnership with Tech Mahindra Foundation since 2013, the DBV-TMF SMART Broadway Centre equips youth with in-demand skills to excel in today's job market. Inaugurated on 17 October 2013, the centre offers training in:

- Tally (Finance & Accounting)
- Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI)
- Business Correspondence and Facilitation

2024-2025 Reach

- Batches run: **11**
- Students enrolled: **570**
- Students trained: **308**
- Students placed: **220**
- Placement rate: **71 %**



DBV-TMF SMART Perambur Centre

The DBV-TMF SMART Perambur Centre was established on 1 April 2015 as the second centre in the partnership between Don Bosco Vazhikaatti and Tech Mahindra Foundation. Strategically located at DBV headquarters, the centre plays a vital role in equipping youth with the skills and mindset needed for today's competitive job market. The Perambur Centre offers specialized training in:

- Tally Prime
- Data Quality Analysis

Beyond technical skills, the centre fosters a self-learning mindset, encouraging students to take ownership of their growth and to continuously upskill themselves. It serves as a vibrant space where participants gain both industry-relevant knowledge and the personal confidence to thrive in their careers.

This Year's Reach

- Batches: **13**
- Enrolled: **335**
- Trained: **301**
- Placed: **219**
- Placement rate: **73 %**



DBV-TMF SMART Ambattur Centre

In 2025, the partnership between Tech Mahindra Foundation and Don Bosco Vazhikaatti reached a pivotal milestone with a focused commitment to women's empowerment. A women-centric SMART Centre was established at Annai Violet College, Ambattur, dedicated to equipping women with the skills, confidence, and opportunities needed to succeed in the modern job market. By offering a safe, inclusive, and empowering learning environment, the Ambattur Centre enables women to:

- Develop market-relevant skills
- Build professional confidence
- Step into career pathways with purpose and clarity

This initiative reflects TMF and DBV's shared mission of creating equal opportunities and driving inclusive growth in our communities.

This Year's Reach

- Batches: **10**
- Enrolled: **249**
- Trained: **234**
- Placed: **165**
- Placement rate: **71 %**



Quest Alliance – Wells Fargo Centre, Perambur

Since 2020, Quest Alliance has partnered with Don Bosco Vazhikaatti (DBV) to deliver youth skill training. This collaboration has introduced a wide range of programs designed to prepare young individuals for a competitive job market. DBV has successfully implemented these initiatives in alignment with the broader skilling ecosystem, ensuring they meet current industry demands. The training focuses on:

- Language skills
- IT skills
- Job-market skills

This Year's Reach

- Batches: **5**
- Enrolled: **152**
- Trained: **137**
- Placed: **107 (78 % placement rate)**



Department of Job Placement

Don Bosco Job Placement Network (JPN)

Since 2019, Don Bosco Vazhikaatti has collaborated with the Job Placement Network (JPN)—a national initiative of the Salesian Provincial Conference of South Asia—to guide, train, and place underprivileged youth in decent jobs. Through JPN, we help jobseekers build confidence, develop market-ready skills, and connect with real opportunities via walk-in interviews, job fairs, campus drives, and referrals. Sectors served include manufacturing, finance, healthcare, education, hospitality, and more. JPN is officially recognised as a Placement Organisation by the Ministry of Labour and Employment (NCS).

To date, DBV-JPN has:

- Reached: **12,388** young people
- Offers given: **9,362**
- Total HR registrations: **477**

This Year's Reach

- Total onboarded: **3,611**
- Job fairs: **2**
- Campus drives: **7**
- Job drives: **6**
- Offers provided: **3,733**
- Walk-ins & referrals: **233**
- Total skilling interventions: **2,557**



SLATE – Students Learn and Teachers Educate

SLATE is a digital initiative designed to transform the education system and improve livelihood opportunities. In partnership with Carisma Solutions Private Limited, we have launched this impactful learning platform to empower the student community. SLATE addresses the evolving demands of the job market by equipping learners with essential skills, raising awareness of higher-education opportunities, and strengthening the skilling ecosystem. The platform provides information on scholarships, technical topics across various subjects, and live interactive sessions.

Digital Reach (across platforms): **15,364**

- YouTube subscribers: **3,636**
- WhatsApp channels:
 - DBV Edu+: **1,548**
 - DBV Job Alerts: **4,232**
- Facebook followers: **3,001**
- Instagram followers: **1,289**
- LinkedIn followers: **1,658**



Our Collaborators

Institutions

Don Bosco Hostel, Kadambur | Don Bosco Tribal Boys Home, Jawadhi Hills | Don Bosco Mission, Veeralur
St. Joseph's Church, Ferrargunj, Andaman | Don Bosco RITE, Cuddalore

Colleges

Queen Mary's College, Mylapore | Bharathi Women's College, Mint | Bhaktavatsalam Memorial College for Women, Korattur
Government College of Arts and Science, R K Nagar | St. Mary's College, Tuticorin | Don Bosco College, Kilpauk
Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur | Don Bosco College, Karaikal | Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri | Don Bosco College, Yelagiri Hills
Don Bosco ITC, Polur | Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Thirukazhukundram | St. Joseph's ITI, Basin Bridge | Auxilium ITI, Tirupattur
Don Bosco ITI, Kavarapettai | Don Bosco Tech Campus, Basin Bridge | Government ADW Hostel, Villivakkam, Royapuram, Vepery
Sacred Heart Parish, Polur | Don Bosco SIHARAM, Thiruvanamalai | Kilinochchi Don Bosco Infotech, Sri Lanka
Don Bosco College of Agriculture, Sagayathotam

Schools

Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Red Hills | Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Adamangalam | Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Polur
Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Puducherry | Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Vyasarpadi | St. Bede's Academy, Santhome
St. Mary's Anglo-Indian School, Armenian Street, Parrys | Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Ayanavaram
St. Joseph's Hr. Sec. School, Pavunjur | Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Egmore | Don Bosco School of Excellence, Tirupattur
Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Katpadi-Vellore | Dominic Savio Matriculation School, Broadway | Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Jolarpet
Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Perambur | Dominic Savio Hr. Sec. School, Tirupattur Dt. | Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Gedilam
Don Bosco Senior Sec. School, Lalpahar, South Andaman | Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Sagayathotam
Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Nedungadu | Don Bosco Hr. Sec. School, Pannur | St. Gabriel's Hr. Sec. School, Broadway
St. Bede's Anglo-Indian School, Santhome | St. Dominic Savio Hr. Sec. School, Santhome | Don Bosco Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Thalavadi
Christ King Middle School, East Tambaram | Lourdes Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Perambur | Auxilium Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Polur
St. Joseph's Anglo-Indian School, Perambur | St. Joseph's Orphanage, Jawadhi Hills | Good Shepherd Matric Hr. Sec. School, Nungambakkam
St. Antony's Matric. Hr. Sec. School, Kosavapatty | Govt. Hr Sec School, Erode | Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Kadambur
Govt. ADW Hr. Sec. School, Nagelkeni | ADW Schools, Tirupattur, Dindigul

Highlights

Ms. Jayasri

A Journey Toward Healing and Hope



Ms. Jayasri is a determined and ambitious student currently pursuing her MBBS at Annai Medical College in Sriperumbudur. After securing an impressive 90 % in her CBSE board exams and 77 % in NEET, Jayasri found herself at a crossroads, unsure how to proceed with her medical aspirations. Like many students, she was confused by the complex counselling and admissions process. That's when she was guided to Don Bosco Vazhikaatti (DBV), where she received timely, personalized counselling. Through focused guidance, she completed her choice-filling—a crucial step in medical admissions. With her passion for medicine and a clear roadmap ahead, Jayasri secured admission to Annai Medical College, fulfilling her dream. Today, she is excelling in her studies with unwavering commitment. Her journey stands as a beacon of hope for students from similar backgrounds. Her family is immensely proud—not just because she is studying medicine, but because she is preparing to serve in rural areas where healthcare is most needed.

Graduation Ceremony for SMART Centres and Quest Teams – A Celebration of Achievement



On 4 September 2025, DBV organised a graduation ceremony for SMART Centres (Broadway and Perambur) and Quest Teams. Graduation marks a significant milestone—a celebration of hard work, resilience, and growth. It is not just the end of a chapter but the beginning of a new journey filled with hope, ambition, and endless possibilities. Dressed in caps and gowns, the graduates beamed with pride, knowing that their dedication had brought them to this moment. Certificates and mementos were awarded in recognition not only of academic accomplishments but also of the personal growth and transformation each student underwent during their time at the centre.

Drug-Free Awareness Rally by SYP & SCC Students – 28 February 2025



On 28 February 2025, members of the DBV TMF Broadway SMART Youth Parliament (SYP) and students from the SMART Coaching Centre (SCC) came together for a Drug-Free Awareness Rally. The rally aimed to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encourage the community to adopt a healthy, substance-free lifestyle. With posters, slogans, and spirited enthusiasm, the students marched through key areas, engaging with the public and reinforcing the message of prevention and responsibility. The event served as a powerful platform for the youth to voice their commitment to building a drug-free society and showcased their role as change-makers in the community.

Quest Alliance

Joshua's Journey: From Humble Beginnings to Professional Success



Joshua, a 22-year-old with roots in a modest middle-class family, is a shining example of how determination, intellect, and perseverance can transform challenges into triumphs. Despite financial constraints, Joshua's thirst for knowledge and academic discipline set him on a path of excellence early in life.

Throughout his schooling, he consistently proved himself by achieving commendable results in both his 10th and 12th-grade examinations. This academic dedication earned him the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) degree, where he continued to flourish—both in academics and in extracurricular activities.

What truly sets Joshua apart is his passion for sports. A professionally accomplished basketball player, he has been widely recognized for his exceptional skill and sportsmanship on the court. His involvement extended beyond basketball, reflecting a deep commitment to holistic development and teamwork.

In August, Joshua took a significant step toward professional readiness by joining Quest Alliance, a program focused on equipping youth with the skills needed for today's workforce. Through unwavering dedication, he successfully completed the program by October 25th, earning praise for his performance and growth.

His journey reached a new milestone when he was offered a role at Tata—one of India’s most respected organizations—as a Retail Executive Officer. He is currently undergoing training and is preparing to contribute meaningfully to the company, continuing his upward trajectory.

Joshua’s story is more than a personal success—it is an inspiring reminder that with resilience, hard work, and the right opportunities, dreams can indeed become reality.

Quest Alliance

Velankanni’s Journey: A Testament to Resilience and Determination



Velankanni, a determined 22-year-old from a middle-class background, stands as a shining example of how perseverance and dedication can overcome even the most daunting challenges. Despite financial constraints, her unwavering commitment to education and personal growth never wavered.

Her academic excellence was evident early on, consistently achieving high marks, particularly in her 10th and 12th-grade board exams. With a clear vision and a thirst for knowledge, Velankanni chose to pursue a Bachelor of Nursing degree—an ambitious path that aligned with her passion to serve and heal.

Recognizing the importance of continuous learning and employability skills, she joined the Quest Alliance program in December. Through sheer determination and focused effort, she successfully completed the program by March 15th. This strategic step proved transformative.

Soon after, Velankanni secured a nursing position at Apollo Hospital, one of India’s premier healthcare institutions. She now earns a monthly salary of ₹20,000, a significant milestone that not only marks her entry into a promising career but also brings pride to her family.

Velankanni’s story is a powerful reminder that self-belief, resilience, and the right guidance can break through limitations and pave the way to success. Her journey continues to inspire countless young individuals to dream big and pursue their goals with unwavering resolve.

Job Placement Network (JPN)



Ms. Jenita Berth, an MBA graduate, visited Don Bosco Vazhikaatti seeking job opportunities. After reviewing her qualifications and interests, DBV referred her to Sacred Heart School (Church Park) for a position as Administrative Staff. She earns Rs. 25,000/- per month this helps her family to uplift themselves



On August 28, 2024, **Mr. Peter** visited Don Bosco Vazhikaatti seeking job assistance with Batchlor of Commerce. After assessing his qualifications and experience, he was referred to SURABI for the position of Project Executive with a salary offer of Rs. 25,000. We extend our best wishes to Peter for success in his new role.



Mr. Surya, who has completed Class 10, visited Don Bosco Vazhikaatti on 7th February 2025 seeking employment support. Based on the interview conducted, he was referred to PVR Cinemas Mall for the position of Service Associate, with a monthly salary of Rs. 20,000. We wish him the best as he begins his career in the service industry.

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