

DON BOSCO COLLEGE, SULTHAN BATHERY
AFFILIATED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
(NAAC Reaccredited with 'B+' Grade & An ISO 9001-2015 Certified Institution)

Annual Report by the Principal on College Day, 23rd February 2023

Namaskar! Warm greetings to all present here! I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you to this 18th College Day celebration. Our esteemed Chief Guest Rev Fr Severious Thomas, Dr Antony Thekkedeth, Rector & Manager, Mr Antony PP, Vice Principal, Union representatives, and other dignitaries on the dais present here, teaching faculty, non-teaching and support staff, alumni, benefactors, parents, well-wishers, friends, and my dear students, in this report, I would like to present a brief summary of our achievements on the academic year 2022-2023 focusing on academic, co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

I would like to remember the long journey that has brought this College to the present moment. Don Bosco College, Sulthan Bathery, is 18 years old. We have a history and a heritage that we endeavor to preserve. The current academic year, 2022-2023, has been transformative for the College. We entered the third cycle of NAAC assessment after the successful reaccreditation in March 2022 with an enhanced Grade of B+. Currently, we provide 9 UG programmes and 4 PG programmes. The College has an elected Student Union with due protocol. The intention is to enhance leadership skills in the College. We adopted the theme **“Dare to Dream, Learn to Excel”** this academic year.

The college had redefined its vision and mission with an increased emphasis on physical well-being and societal coexistence. The vision of the college seeks to help the students to be intellectually competent, spiritually mature, socially accountable, psychologically integrated and physically fit individuals. And the mission aims for the college to be a proactive element of our society. We aim to contribute to its well-being by addressing its immediate needs, including environmental, tolerance, peace, harmony and solidarity. With the motivation provided by the vision and mission, we have envisaged the academic, co-curricular and extracurricular activities of the academic year 2022-2023.

The academic year commenced on 1st June 2022 for the II-year UG, III-year UG and II-year PG students. The first-year UG classes began on 12th September 2022. The College has 554 students and 52 teaching faculty in the current academic year. All the students are provided with a handbook which guides them in academic, disciplinary, co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

BRIDGE COURSE - SKILL UP 2022

There was a Bridge Course titled Skill Up 2022 for the first year UG and PG students under the leadership of the Department of English in association with other departments. The eight-day program began on 22 August 2022 and concluded on 31 August 2022. The focus was on the communication skills and personality development of the students.

ASSEMBLY AND MORNING MESSAGE

The College has been continuing its Best Practice of Morning Assembly as a part of the Don Bosco family spirit. The daily assembly is fostered every morning after the attendance at 9.30 am.

SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING

The institution provides a forum for Spiritual Animation through Value education and the Holy Eucharist on the first Friday of every month. Value Education Classes aim to train students to face the outer world with the right attitude and values. Jesus Youth group facilitates spiritual events to create a sense of solidarity through faith. Regular opportunities for confessions are organized for the spiritual well-being of the students and the staff. The annual retreat organized by Jesus youth was titled **AWAKE 2K22**. It was a two-day spiritual program for Catholic students conducted in October 2022. Mentoring is provided to students through the Campus Minister, Rev Fr. Joseph TT and the faculty mentors. This ensures psychosocial support to the learners.

SODASHI 2K22

Don Bosco College hosted the ambitious three-day National inter-collegiate fest, **SODASHI 2K22** scheduled on the 13, 14 and 15 of October 2022. **SODASHI 2K22** saw the participation of 453 participants from 25 colleges. This was a leap towards collaborative associations. Each department conducted its association-specific events during **SODASHI**. A Job Fair in association with CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) and a Book Fair in association with Good Books, Calicut, was also organized.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The Parent-Teacher Association has been a significant contributor to the well-being of the College. PTA meetings have been conducted for all batches in August 2022 and January 2023. As an important stakeholder of the institution, the PTA has been a motivator for continued excellence.

THE INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC) TEAM

The IQAC team of the College has been working tirelessly on preparing for NAAC reaccreditation. We entered the third cycle of NAAC assessment after the successful reaccreditation in March 2022 with an enhanced Grade of B+. A unique initiative taken by the College under the aegis of IQAC, a one-day FDP Training Program in collaboration with management and commerce department was organized for the teaching staff. An animation programme for non-teaching staff titled "Mental Health for Supporting Staff" was conducted in partnership with the Computer Science Department.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE & RESULTS

The College has adopted more qualitative measures in terms of the academic, co-curricular and extracurricular progress of its learners. There has been significant improvement in the academic output of students, as reflected by their university results. The university scores of the various batches reflect a consolidated 85% for the Fourth semester and 83% for the first semester. We hope to rectify gaps and enhance the results of our learners. The college has improved its ICT facilities by providing each department with a digital device and screen. The college has forged nine department and institution-level MoUs with NAAC-accredited reputed institutions to facilitate

student exchange, research activities and knowledge exchange. Student-centric clubs like ED Club facilitate events that assure student learning through experience.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

The NSS Unit, no 207 of the College, has 50 NSS volunteers. Under the guidance of the NSS Program Officer, the student volunteers engage in Swachh Bharath initiatives, Ecological initiatives, the Celebration of International Yoga Day, Freedom Wall creation and Independence Day celebrations, Forest Cleaning and awareness programs, Mental and Social Well-being initiatives, NSS day celebrations and the annual residential NSS Camp in December 2022.

ALUMNI

Don Bosco College has a very active body of Past pupils with their names registered. Each year meetings are conducted to create a forum for the past students to interact and bond with each other.

ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN & SOCIAL EXTENSION

We are committed to the creation of a drug-free society. Several programmes have been organized as a part of the Intensive Drug Awareness Campaign. Some of them are "Lahari Vimochana Sandesha Yatra", "Lahari Virudha Campaign", and "Stay Away From Drugs". Don Bosco College led these programs in association with DREAMS Wayanad, and other similar programmes were conducted with various other institutions like the Police, Excise and Education Department. As a part of district social involvement, we participated in the **Buffer zone** issue in a bid to bring contemporary matters to public knowledge. We also extended our support to the **Indian Association for Blind** through a financial contribution. We extended financial aid to a student from CM College, Nadavayal, for medical treatment. Our immediate neighborhood, the Kidangu Colony, has been supported by evening tuitions for the school-going children. This is in association with Government School, Kuppady. **Children's parliament** was conducted with the participation of school children. This was conducted in the context of Children's Day, 14-11-2022, to create awareness among school going children about education, society and human rights. NSS volunteers conducted a Cancer awareness drive on 04 February 2023 to spread public awareness regarding cancer.

CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 75th year of Independence Day was celebrated on 14th August 2022 with college students. On 15th August, with flag hoisting and the dedication of the Freedom Wall and other intercollegiate competitions, the day commemorated and paid respect to all the leaders who fought bravely for our nation's freedom in the past.

ONAM - KAAHALAM 2022

The College celebrated *Onam* with traditional festivities on 1st September 2022. It was conducted under the initiatives and collaboration with the student representatives of all classes. The function was titled *KAAHALAM 2022*. The celebrations included all the cultural idioms of Onam- THIRUVATHIRA, ONAPPATU, THE ENTRY OF MAVELI, VADAMVALI AND POOKALAM. There was ONASADYA for all the students and faculty members of the College.

KERALA PIRAVI – THEYTHAKA

Kerala Piravi was celebrated on 1st November 2022. The program titled ‘**THEYTHAKA 2K22**’ intended to commemorate the illustrious journey of the state of Kerala since its formation in 1956. The student representatives organized it with support from faculty coordinators.

ARTS DAY - AANTAREYA 2022

The College has a student-centric Arts Club. The annual Arts Fest titled *Aantareya 2022* was held on 13th December 2022. *Aantareya* was conducted in association with the student council. The fest was the culmination of Kerala art forms, contemporary art forms and blended art forms.

CHRISTMAS - SANTAZEN 2K22

Don Bosco College celebrated Christmas as a family on 23rd December 2022 before the College closed for Christmas vacations. The day-long celebrations, *SANTAZEN 2K22*, were heralded with a common get-together in the main auditorium at 9:30 am. All the management, council members, faculty members, staff members and students were present for the same.

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF DON BOSCO

Don Bosco College, Sulthan Bathery, celebrated the feast of our Patron, Don Bosco, on 30th January 2023. This celebration aimed to inculcate the values of St. John Bosco among the students. The special event for the student has conducted in the Open Auditorium from 10:40 am to 11: 40 am. The celebrations for the residents association and the community members were held on the evening of 31st January 2023.

CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY

Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January 2023 with flag hoisting and NSS-led activities with festivities and patriotic fervor in the College.

PROVINCIAL VISITATION

Our institution was visited by Rev. Dr Jose Koyickal, the Provincial of Don Bosco, Bangalore Province, on 6th February 2023. As a part of the special visitation, the Provincial addressed the students in the morning assembly and interacted with the faculty members during the day.

SPORTS- ARJAVA 2023

The annual sports meet titled *Arjava 2023* was conducted on 10th February 2023 with various sports competitions. The students from the Department of Computer Science and Mathematics emerged as champions. The excitement of FIFA world cup 2022 was celebrated in the College to encourage physical well-being and a sense of sportsman spirit.

FACULTY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

Faculty Enrichment Programs, Faculty Development Programs, Orientation Programs and Staff Development Programs have been conducted to elevate teacher quality in August, September and December 2022.

DEPARTMENTAL EVENTS

All the departments of the College conducted student-centric activities to enhance Teaching Learning experience. Some of the major events conducted are Youth Day and Skill Development and World Environment Day by the Department of Commerce, World Digital Literacy Day, Game Development and Industrial Visit by the Department of Computer Science and Mathematics, Career Development, Motivation and Personality Development Program and Manager's Day by Department of Management Studies, Add-On Course, Young Adult Literature Seminar, Dalit Literature Seminar, Literary Week and Bridge Course by Department of English, Rural Camps titled Lakshya, Disha and Charud by Department of Social Work, National Tour and Tourism Awareness program by Department of Travel and Tourism Management and World Mental Health Day, Workshop on Research Methodology and Work Readiness Add-On Course by Department of Psychology.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

As a part of the qualitative process in Higher Education, we submitted NIRF details on 19th January 2023 and AISHE details on 20th January 2023.

These documents prevent us from mentioning the numerous other achievements of the College.

They, however, find a place in the detailed College Report. On this note, I would like to conclude by once again extending my gratitude to Rev Fr Severian Thomas, Chief Guest, Dr Antony Thekkedath, Rector & Manager, Fr Cinto Kannan, Administrator Fr Joseph TT, campus minister, Fr Anson Varyyath, Warden, Bro Philip Vakkathuparambil, Fr Lijo Kalambadan, teaching faculty, non-teaching and support staff, and my very dear students, and other dignitaries present here, and all those associated with Don Bosco College, Sulthan Bathery who have believed in our vision of progress and perfection.

Thank You!

Dr Fr Johnson Pothampally sdb

Principal 23rd February 2023

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