

7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words

Response:

Don Bosco College, Sulthan Bathery ushers socio economic transformation of the socially and culturally deprived classes of the district. The institution always gives a fling to provide an inclusive environment to the marginalized and downtrodden sections of the society through different social welfare projects. The college has taken measures to address the pressing needs of the people who are unorganized and need urgent attention.

Wayanad is predominantly an agricultural district that borders with two other States. Viz. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Due to its increasing demands for labour and progressive labour policies, Kerala has emerged as a major hub for migrant laborers. This is reflected in Wayanad too. hundreds of people flow daily in to this district in search of job.

The Migrant workers from other parts of India come here looking for all sorts of jobs: Agricultural, constructions and service sector. These young workers are unorganized with very poor living conditions. They are also prone to be exploited and risk their lives in terms of loss of identity and poor support from the Local Government.

KISMAT

Don Bosco College had identified the sad situation of the Migrants in Wayanad. Realizing the need to respond to the needs of the un organized migrant workforce, has taken initiative to cater to them. This is done through the support of Bangalore Rural, Educational and Developmental Society, (BREADS) and NGO situated in Bagalore.

BREADS has launched a flagship project named ‘KISMAT’ which stands for ‘Kerala Inter State Migrants Alliance for Transformation’ from 1 august 2018. Wayanad, is one of the 12 project locations for KISMAT in Kerala. This project in Wayanad district is coordinated by Don Bosco College.

Objectives of the project

- Reach out to the migrants in the locality, and enroll them at the Migrant Help Desk.
- Facilitate the support/help needed to meet emergency/urgent needs of migrants.
- Offer opportunities and facilities for awareness building, counseling, social interaction, cultural integration, sports and recreation for migrants in the area.
- Assist in linking migrants to state-provided services, especially health, subsidized food, and education.
- Undertake area-specific micro-research in the neighborhood.
- Build a database of young persons who migrate or have migrated, to or from the locality with details of the reasons for migration and the work they are engaged in.
- Enter into dialogue with individuals, local administration and civil society organizations on the situation of migrants in the locality and work together with them to promote the rights of migrants.
- Organize and offer faith-based services, support and linkages to migrant students and working young people.

Don Bosco College Sulthan Bathery organizes all the activities of KISMAT. Activities include Awareness classes and Training for the interstate migrants collection of migrants database, resolve wage issues, provide medical support and hospital assistance, job opportunities, safe accommodation etc. The project has developed a Migrant Help Desk to address their problems. additionally the college has taken initiative to meet the economic need of the migrant workers by introducing saving habits. The project has helped migrant workers to stand independent during the pandemic period. The project has helped to create a sense of belongingness among the migrant workers by upholding the concept of universal brotherhood.

2. 'WeLive' PROJECT

Wyanad is an agricultural territory where majority of the households earn their living either cultivating their own land or by working for someone else. The families are largely of middle income group or even lower. They need to be

supported with finance, skills and opportunities which will enable them to earn more.

WeLive Project for Women Empowerment.

DonBosco College has launched a project in June 2020 to foster the needs of women with special emphasis upon the tribal community. The project aims to introduce, train and support the women groups to enter in to entrepreneurial projects which can make them self-sufficient. WeLive project in the Wayanad district was launched by the College despite the covid-19 pandemic.

Objective of the Project

The main objective of this Project is empowerment of women by making them economically contributing to the family income. This is done by women groups who are trained and facilitated to enter into micro-enterprises activities.

Implementation

We live project in Wayanad district work for the progress of backward people with the help of Local Governing Bodies. Currently 258 woman have registered in the project forming 22 SHG's (self Help Group). The first phase of the project was group formation followed by training in entrepreneurial activities. Professional trainers are brought in to train these women on various aspects of micro-enterprise from ideation to income generation. The Project Coordinator who is appointed by the College sees to the monitoring, training and follow up of the project.

Current Status

Nearly one year after the launching of the Project, signs of successes have emerged.

1. Poultry farming
2. Wayside Hotel
3. Retail readymade clothes shop
4. Spice mixing and packing unit

These are few of the already established micro-enterprise units that are initiated by the Women Groups under the WeLive Project.

A case Study

Adjacent to Don Bosco College Sulthan Bathery, there is a tribal community with the name 'Paniyas'. Sixteen poor families are living in this community. WELivE project Wayanad decided to form a group of 20 women from this community. After several meetings for selling the idea and motivating the women, a group of interested women was formed. Brainstorming was done to decide on the most viable sort of enterprise they could undertake. Finally, they decided to go for fish farming. A fish pond was constructed and training and initial financial support was given to the women group who are now engaged in making the fish farming a success.

The Expertise and support given by the college enables the people to use their own resources in order to make a living. The College has appointed two personnel as full time in charge to look after these projects. Thus the college contributes much to the development of the land and people.