From the Director’s Desk...

**What makes a good leader?**

Here is a list of nine ‘Es’ which a good leader demonstrates...

- Enjoy
- Endear
- Empathise
- Encourage
- Enliven
- Empower
- Energise
- Educate
- Edify

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

- John C. Maxwell

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**Students trained to be Soldiers in the Gender Equity Movement**

**Gender Equity:** Gender equity is one of most burning issues emerging in the world today. Women are seeking justice against centuries of oppression and discrimination. It is imperative that the new generation are seeded with the thought of gender equality and equitable distribution of resources among genders starting from the micro level – the individual, nuclear family. Therefore, Bosco Seva Kendra has initiated a Gender Sensitisation Campaign targeting school students – adolescent boys and girls. The campaign includes workshops for school going children in active field partnership with People’s Action for Rural Awakening (PARA), Raulapalem, East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh. It is high time that young boys change their perspective towards girls and women.

The campaign, follows the training of trainers module, whereby young school students are trained, encouraged to carry the message to their peers at their respective institutions – at home, play and school. They thus become change agents for a most gender-equitable society.

Students from across the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh attended a workshop on Human Rights Clubs between 01-03 June 2017. Day 2 of this workshop was dedicated to Gender Equity. The methodology used in workshop is participatory approach. BSK also invited social activists to deliver lectures focused on gender-based discrimination and resultant violence. An open discussion was held on laws to tackle violence against women.

For students in Telangana region a workshop on Gender Equity for the HRC Leaders was held on 23 June, 2017. The workshop comprised of play based activities with children to help them understand that boys, girls or transgenders are equally capable of achieving their goals in the society and must be given equal respect. At the beginning of the workshop it was evident that at this tender age itself, children already held beliefs and biases about what girls can do and cannot do in similar way what boys must do and must not do. By the end of the workshops, several false notions and misconceptions related to gender were cleared. The participants are told to respect each domain irrespective of gender status in the family or in the community.
Teaching prepared for a Successful Academic Year

DHISHA: A one-day seminar was organised for Teachers of St.Joseph's School, Timmapur on 17 June, 2017. 45 teachers participated in the seminar conducted by Dhisha team comprising Mr. Solomon and Mr. JAR Paul.

The seminar dealt with class management, burn-out of teachers due to immense pressure of handling multiple issues like students going through transition - from childhood to adolescence, coming from unstable families, financial deprivation, etc. The resource persons used several group activities and games to lighten the atmosphere for the teachers. Emphasis was laid on how to establish healthy parent-teacher relationship so as to handle the students with care and consideration.

Sr.Sujatha who organised the seminar gave a positive feedback that the program was very well planned and executed, to the utmost satisfaction of the teachers and the school management.

Education - the key to transformation

My name is Shirisha Roy. My father works as an agricultural labourer and mother is a housewife. My younger sister is a student of Class 10. My parents were very particular that both of us should have educational qualifications. I therefore completed my graduation from Kakatiya University, Warangal. I was at a crossroads wondering what job is can get when I met with Sr.Roseline. She counseled me about various career options that were available for youngsters like me. However, I did not feel very confident about myself, having gone through Telugu medium education all through. She then suggested Don Bosco Human Resource Development Centre in Gagillapuram that trains unemployed youth in job-oriented skills in a holistic manner.

I joined DBHRDC with much apprehension as I was going to live away from my home. I chose to join the Hospitality Course here and successfully completed it – having learnt the basics of computers and English communication too.

During the placements, I attended an interview with Burger King – the US-based fast food chain and was selected. I am now earning Rs.9,000/- a month, including employee benefits. I am placed at the outlet in Forum Mall, Kukatpally in Hyderabad. DBHRDC has built it my self-confidence and a zeal to accomplish great heights. I feel very proud and happy that I am able to support my father in educating my younger sister.

DB Tech: Andhra Pradesh Government through Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) had allocated 25 Schools for Don Bosco Tech to conduct Vocational training in Media and Entertainment across five districts. On June 8-10 the trainers were given orientation regarding the programme and other aspects related to it. This is a the pilot project to initiate skill training programmes at school level. APSSDC officials visited the training programme campus and appreciated the innovative methods of teaching. This was held in Don Bosco Chiguru, Vijayawada.

TOT for Don Bosco Tech Staff
**MACS:** Kondeti Vani lives with her husband Satyanarayana, a son and a daughter in Vilasavilli village, East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh. Her husband is a trader of steel utensils. She braids coir ropes from coconut fibre and sells them in bundles. The children are studying in 11th and 10th grades.

In 2014, Vani joined Sri Sai Group of Bosco Swashakti MACS and started saving Rs.100/- every month. After 6 months, all the 10 members of the group got loans of Rs.5,000/- each. Earlier she used to borrow at the rate of 3-4 percent interest. From MACS Vani got loan for just 1% interest. This gave her confidence to develop the business further.

With this loan she bought a used Coir Rope Making Machine, increasing the daily yield. “Our household income has come to a comfortable level. I am grateful to Bosco Swashakti MACS for guiding us.”

**MSW Students for Internship from RGNIYD**

**MSW Students:** Master Social Work Students from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, come to Bosco Seva Kendra for a month’s internship (1 June to 30 Jun, 2017). After the induction programme at BSK Office, three students were sent to Young at Risk Centres, Women Self Help Groups and Skill training Programmes in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. They gathered firsthand experience by visiting all the interventions, observing, interacting and spending time with the inmates/beneficiaries. They were very happy to report an enriching experience, with exposure to multiple areas of development in the social sector where they can contribute while also growing to be better professionals.

**International Child Labour Day**

On 12th June staff from DBNJ, other NGO’s, ICPS and Chairperson of CWC jointly organised an awareness rally themed “World Against Child Labour” covering over 6 km in the city the participants distributed pamphlets with the message against child labour to all the shops and establishments along the stretch.

At DBNJ all the children raised slogans and contributed towards building awareness on the subject of Child Labour.
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