Bodhan DB Tech Centre patronised by the District Collector

DB Tech Nizamabad is a unique centre that has been initiated with the support of the government. The District Collector Ms. Yogita Rana, IAS invited Don Bosco, Hyderabad to conduct training courses in order to skill the unemployed youth of the area.

A training centre has since been set up in the premises of the government-run children’s shelter ‘Bala Bhavan’ in Bodhan, Nizamabad. On 01 April, 2016 the first batch of training was formally started by the DB Tech team. 30 young girls are being trained as Nurses.

On 13 April, 2016, Ms. Rana visited the centre with other department officials. She interacted with the trainees and was happy to note their interest and happiness on getting the opportunity to learn a new skill. The trainees themselves explained the training curriculum and schedule to her. Ms. Rana was highly impressed with the confidence they showed in communicating with her.

From the Director’s Desk...

Save Nature... Save Life...

“I exhort everyone to see the world through the eyes of God the Creator: the earth is an environment to be safeguarded, a garden to be cultivated.”

- Pope Francis

We thank you for the beauty of creation, may the work of man not disfigure it, but enhance it for your greater glory.

Fr. P. Arul Das sdb
Executive Director

May - 2016
Korra Ram Babu was brought to Don Bosco Navajeevan Bala Bhavan from Antipotu Village Paderu Mandal, Visakhapatnam District in 2006 as a six year old child. He has faint memory of his father being run down by a lorry and mother's death due to fever. He and his infant brother were left orphaned with an ailing grandmother.

Up to the age of seven he never spoke any language other than making some sounds like chirping of birds and liked spending his time on trees even while sleeping. It took some time for the staff of DBNJ to make him stay more on the ground than on the trees.

With constant caring and loving attention he gradually started to speak a few words in Telugu. His vocabulary and speech has improved considerably ever since. At the age of seven he joined Prathibha English Medium School as an LKG student and now he has reached 7th Standard.

The school staff under the leadership of Principal Ms. Ancy pay special attention to him and try to make him reach the level of other students. Their effort is yet to fetch the desired result as he still fails in many subjects. But Rambabu feels happy with the tremendous progress he has made in life, especially in behaving like a normal child.

B Deenamma is a resident of Narayana Puram Village of Thallada Mandal, Khammam district. She has three children – the eldest of whom has been married off. Unlike the general attitude towards girl children, Deenamma knows the value of education and has ensured all the three daughters complete their education.

It is the cost of educating the second daughter that led Deenamma to take loans at high interest rates. At this time she came to know about BSK’s thrift and credit programme. She found it to be perfect for women like her who needed that little bit of support to reach a self-reliance. She gathered nine other women from her neighbourhood and formed a self-help group, starting with a monthly saving of Rs.100/- each.

Deenamma got her first loan and immediately decided to invest it on generating revenue that would supplement her household income. She bought a sewing machine and started tailoring. This business did moderately well and she felt the financial stress relieving. Based on customer feedback, she planned on extending her business to a trade in garments. She took a second loan and procured some sarees and readymade garments from the wholesale market.

Deenamma is now known as an exemplary mother who has carried out all her responsibilities with utmost care and found success. She talks to all her customers about SHG, MACS and the important role it can play in the lives of women struggling with their finances.

DHISHA begins Summer Camp series

Dhisha plans to take up One day Summer Camp Seminars for children and youth in Churches, Schools and Youth Training Centres in the province.

On 20th April, 2016 Dhisha organised its first camp of the Summer of 2016 at St. Philomena School located at Bhoiguda, Secunderabad.

The session started at 10am with introduction and proceeded into lively, participatory sessions for the students. They had Jam round (Just a Minute), Mock interviews, memory games, instrumental music, singing and different activities.

The fun sessions were interspersed with topics like Goal Setting, Procrastination, Attitude, Studying Skills, Interests on Goals, Discipline.

The day camp closed at 5pm with exhausted yet excited group of 50 children.
DBNJ WARANGAL reaches a Healing Hand to vulnerable children

"My name is Md. Saif Ahmed. I am from Child Haven, children's home, a home for poor and semi-orphan children located at Kismathpur (village), Rajendranagar (mandal) Rangareddy (Dist) Hyderabad. I was of 7 years age when my mother joined me in Child Haven children's home, I started going to school from 2nd standard onwards, at Ravindra Vidya Niketan High School English Medium, at Budvel, R.R.dist.

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"Now I am happy with my job. I am going to support my father who is a daily wage labourer, and I will support my younger sister in her education. My mother works as maid in different houses in our neighborhood. I am thankful to Don Bosco fathers, DB Tech and DBHRDC Gagillapur for giving me a new life. I will be ever grateful to all at DB Tech Gagillapur, for changing my life and my parent's life.

As mercury rises to merciless levels this summer, those working and living on the streets are the worst affected. DBNJ's infirmary has been extending special services to the children engaged on the streets.

The medical assistance team has encountered several cases of severe dehydration and heat stroke. Cases were referred to the nearest Primary Health Centres and Hospitals for necessary care and attention.

In addition there is a spurt of cases of accidental and inflicted injuries among very young children. DBNJ Infirmary has addressed an average of 60-70 cases every month since January 2016.

In the case of Pavan, 4 years old the pain and suffering was multiplied by the external climate. He accompanied his mother Sujata who helps cut vegetables for a catering contractor. While Sujata was busy cutting vegetables, Pavan was busy playing. He accidentally fell into a big cauldron of steaming hot dal. He suffered severe burns on his body. DBNJ Infirmary field workers were ready on hand to rush him to the hospital for immediate care and treatment.

Rajeshwari, 6 yrs old had to bear the brunt of an angry, alcoholic father. In a spate of anger, he threw a big vessel of boiling water on the mother and child. The little girl's tender skin was badly burnt. She is recovering under the care of the infirmary.

Support of Don Bosco and Hard Work bear Fruit

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ALUMNI MEET of SCHNEIDER

On 26.4.2016 Schneider Electric, knowledge partner of DB Tech organized a meeting for the alumni of their Skilling Projects under CSR at their unit in Gagillapur, RR Dist., Telangana. Alumni of Electrical Domain of DB Tech Gagillapur Centre and two other organizations GMR Foundation and Satya Foundation.

Mr.Prashanth Shetty, Asst.Manager for CSR at Schneider Electric organized the event. He spoke to the alumni about the Company’s vision, mission and it’s CSR activities across the world.

The participants were taken around the unit for an exposure where the staff explained about the respective products they manufacture. T-shirts and bags were distributed to the participants. Lunch was hosted for the alumni with informal interaction among staff and guests. The boys expressed their gratitude and happiness.

The company HR Manager shared that they felt privileged to be able to positively affect the lives of the under-privileged youth. The meet showed them the real impact their initiative was having on the youth and they were very happy with the outcome.

SUMMER CAMP inaugurated at DBNJ Vizag

130 young children from Navajeevan Allipuram and Navajeevan Devipuram in the age group of 7-17 gathered at the serene Bosco Illu Devipuram daring the blistering heat with their enthusiasm for a month of fun and learning. The camp was started with the theme of ‘4G - Go, Grow, Glow & Glory’.

The Inaugural program started with the youngsters divided into four groups standing in perfect symmetry. Bro Ravi, the Camp Chief, invited and introduced Guests to the gathering. Fr. Thomas Thottiyil, Fr.Ratna, Sr. Anthonamma, Principal of St. Anthony School and other invited guests were received with bouquets. Fr. Thomas offered Floral Tribute to Don Bosco the Father and Friend of the young, who is the motivating force behind every constructive activity on behalf of the young at risk.

The occasion was additionally enriched with four groups in perfect harmony marching to the beat of drums and sound of trumpets. Fr.Thomas speaking on the occasion requested the participants to gain maximum from the camp and to make the camp a memorable event by enhancing their stature in every way.

The Camp Torch lit by Fr. Thomas made a round of the camping arena, which will witness a variety of fun and thrill filled activities for more than two weeks. The opening ceremony came to a close with Fr.Thomas declaring the camp officially opened.

New DB Tech Centre inaugurated in AP

In the process of expanding its mission of skilling youth of India, DB Tech launched a YouthTraining Center (YTC) at Maredumilli, Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. The centre is an acollaborative effort of the Govt. of AP with DB Tech as the implementing partner. It will cater to the tribal youth residing in and around Rampachodavaram. The domains proposed to be introduced to these youth are General Duty Assistant, Automobile, Masonry and Electrical.

In a participatory approach, the centre was formally inaugurated on 1st April 2016 with Mr.K.V.N Chakradhar Babu, IAS (ITDA-PO), Ms.Tejaskala Sarpanch, Ms. Kunda Seethama Lakshmi MPP, Mr. Satti Sathyanarayana Reddy, ZPTC, Mr. Gorle Anil Prasad, MPTC Mr. Seetam Setti Venkateshwarao Rao, Ex-MLA, Mr. Partha Saradhi (JDM) as guests and dignitaries.

Mr.Venkata Srinivas Rao, DB Tech Coordinator for Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of trainers, Mr. Praveen (Automobile) and Mr. Pramanand (Masonry) mobilized the tribal youth for the training in a 3-day drive from 30 March to 01 April, 2016. The team encountered a lot of resistance from the tribal community that was not open to any form of intervention from new or unknown persons. In this regard Mr. Prasad from “Velugu Team” gave his utmost support during the mobilization drive.

At the end of the program, thirty young women and men registered for training in General Duty Assistant course. Post training they will have employment opportunities with private hospitals.