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Anti-Drug Rally Held at Bosco Nilayam Shelter Home, Kochi.



Bosco Nilayam Shelter Home took a bold step towards promoting a drug-free future by organizing a powerful Anti-Drug Rally under the theme “A Drug-Free Childhood for a Healthy Future.” The event aimed to raise awareness about substance abuse and encourage children to make informed, positive life choices.

The rally was inaugurated by Fr. P. D. Thomas, Executive Director of Don Bosco Sneha Bhavan, Palluruthy, who spoke passionately about the urgency of protecting young minds. His words served as a wake-up call, urging the community to take proactive steps. Delivering a thought-provoking keynote address, Mrs. Lathika Shibu emphasized the importance of early education and awareness in preventing drug abuse. A defining moment of the rally was the Anti-Drug Pledge, led by Mrs. Aleena Jiju, where children vowed to stay away from drugs.

Dignitaries graced the occasion, reinforcing the importance of community engagement. Fr. Abhilash Palakkudiyil, Director of Bosco Nilayam Shelter Home, and Mr. Abhiraj K, the Event Coordinator, stressed the role of guidance and education in preventing substance abuse. Also present were Br. Issac Airattil, Ms. Ann Maria, and Mr. Alan Davis, who highlighted the necessity of continuous awareness and support. The event stood as a testament to Bosco Nilayam Shelter Home’s unwavering commitment to shielding children from drug abuse.

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Celebrating Earth and Literature: A Day of Learning at Bosco Nilayam Open Shelter Home

Bosco Nilayam Open Shelter Home observed two global events in a meaningful way. On April 22, 2025, the home celebrated World Earth Day with a chart work competition organized by BVM College. Students showcased their creativity and environmental awareness through vibrant charts, highlighting innovative ideas for environmental protection. The event fostered a deeper appreciation for nature and sparked conversations about sustainability.



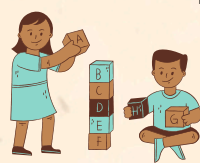
On the following day, Bosco Nilayam hosted World Book Day, transforming the space into a lively hub of literary exploration. The event, coordinated by a social work trainee from BVM College, featured group tasks, a reading competition, individual performances, and a writing contest. Students enthusiastically participated, making the celebration both fun and educational, while fostering a love for reading and learning. The event encouraged creativity and critical thinking, highlighting the power of books in shaping young minds. It was a memorable occasion that inspired the students to continue their journey of discovery through literature.



Fostering Health & Creativity at Bosco Nilayam

Bosco Nilayam Open Shelter Home organized two inspiring events aimed at promoting creativity and well-being among its students. The first event focused on enhancing students' physical and mental health. Social work trainees from BVM College led a relaxing yoga session, helping students center themselves and focus on their well-being. The program also included group activities designed to strengthen teamwork and promote healthy habits among the students.

The second event encouraged creativity and innovation. A social work trainee from BVM College organized a paper work competition, where students had the opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities. In addition, IQ games were held to stimulate problem-solving skills and foster innovative thinking. These activities provided students with a fun and engaging way to develop critical life skills while expressing their creativity.





Navy Welfare and INHS Sanjivani Host Children's Medical Camp at Sneha Bhavan



The Navy Welfare and Wellness Association, in collaboration with INHS Sanjivani, organized a multi-specialty medical camp at Sneha Bhavan, Palluruthy, providing quality healthcare to children. The camp featured an inaugural ceremony, followed by a talk session on the importance of hygiene and good health, covering personal, environmental, and sleep hygiene.



Specialist doctors conducted medical checkups in General Medicine, ENT, Dental, and Pediatrics, ensuring comprehensive care. After examinations, necessary medications were distributed to the children. The initiative was a huge success, promoting health awareness and delivering essential medical support, reinforcing the importance of well-being in early childhood development.



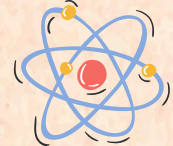
Jai Bharat College Hosts Health Awareness Events for Sneha Bhavan Children



Jai Bharat College students organized an initiative to promote health awareness among the children of Sneha Bhavan, Palluruthy. The event featured a poster-making competition, where students visually expressed important health-related messages through creative designs. Additionally, a health awareness quiz was conducted, allowing students to participate individually and test their knowledge on various health topics.

This was a competition, where students showcased their talent while highlighting themes related to well-being and hygiene. The winners of each competition were awarded prizes in recognition of their efforts and creativity. Through these activities, the initiative successfully engaged young minds in understanding the importance of good health.





Empowering Don Bosco Boys Home Students Through Science: KPMG's Initiative

On April 1st, a science exhibition was successfully organized, funded by KPMG in collaboration with Snehabhavan Palluruthy and Captains NGO, to promote scientific learning and innovation. Ten schools participated, with students showcasing a range of working and still models on topics like physics, biology, and environmental science. The event provided a valuable platform for young minds to explore and share scientific ideas



Among the standout presentations were two innovative models by residents of Don Bosco Boys Home—a bio-gas electricity still model and a working water purification model. These projects showcased creativity and practical learning. KPMG's support was key in enabling the event and fostering scientific curiosity. All participants received certificates and appreciation awards for their effort

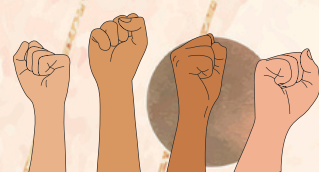


Sports for Change' Initiative Inspires Young Minds



On April 15, 2025, the 'Sports for Change' programme took place with the goal of fostering sportsmanship and encouraging students to excel in all aspects of life. The event was marked by the presence of Mr. Axel Bernhard, Mr. Florian Werner, and Mr. Reinhard Heiserer, who collaborated with Don Bosco Directors to promote the importance of sports in education and personal development.

During their visit, the delegates also took time to visit the Don Bosco Boys' Home, where they interacted with the children, sharing insights on how sports can build discipline, teamwork, and resilience. The orientation session provided lessons on how sports can positively shape young minds, helping them grow with confidence.





Building Confidence Through Self-Defense



Valsalya Bhavan Ammathottil organized a special event on March 8, 2025, in collaboration with the Krav Maga Federation of India to promote self-defense awareness and empower women. Held in honor of International Women's Day, the session aimed to equip participants with practical skills for real-life safety. A skilled female trainer and her students led the training with energy and enthusiasm, making it both engaging and informative.

Participants learned simple yet effective self-defense techniques through interactive demonstrations and hands-on practice. The program emphasized self-protection, awareness, and confidence-building, reminding every woman of her right and ability to defend herself. It concluded with a strong message of empowerment, encouraging continued growth in strength and awareness.



Growing Together: Sustainability Efforts at Valsalya Bhavan Ammathottil



On April 22, 2025, Valsalya Bhavan Ammathottil celebrated World Earth Day with a special program in collaboration with India's International Movement to Unite Nations (IIMUN). The event aimed to raise environmental awareness and promote sustainable practices among children and the community. As part of the initiative, IIMUN volunteers joined hands with the children to plant trees within the premises, symbolizing a shared commitment to a greener, healthier planet.

The tree-planting activity emphasized the importance of afforestation and encouraged participants to take small yet impactful steps toward environmental protection. It reinforced the message that everyone has a role in safeguarding the Earth. Events like these not only promote sustainability but also inspire communities to prioritize environmental responsibility for future generations.



A Celebration of Courage: Recognizing Women's Strength and Resilience



On March 8, 2025, Valsalya Bhavan Annexe hosted a special celebration to honor the achievements and resilience of women. The event featured engaging programs focused on inspiring and empowering young girls while promoting gender equality. A key highlight was the Debate Program, where participants shared views on topics like women in leadership and equal opportunities, helping them build confidence and improve public speaking.

The celebration also included a Speech competition, where participants delivered moving speeches about women who have broken barriers and inspired change. These narratives showcased the strength of women who paved the way for future generations. Valsalya Bhavan Annexe reaffirmed its commitment to empowering girls and nurturing their potential for a more equal and inclusive future.



Valsalya Bhavan Annexe Brings Art to Life on Art Day



On April 21, 2025, Valsalya Bhavan Annexe celebrated Art Day—a joyful occasion dedicated to creativity and self-expression. The event provided children with an opportunity to explore their artistic talents through a range of engaging activities, including CD painting, glass bottle painting, and embroidery. Each child proudly showcased their imagination, transforming simple objects into beautiful works of art.

The atmosphere was vibrant with colors, laughter, and enthusiasm as children immersed themselves in the creative process. Through this initiative, Valsalya Bhavan Annexe reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing creativity and personal growth. The event encouraged every child to express themselves artistically and take pride in their creations—making it a truly memorable day filled with joy and meaningful learning.





Empowering Youth: Say No to Drugs



On April 4, 2025, an Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign was held at Sneha Bhavan Annexe for migrant youth, aimed at educating them about substance abuse. Organized by MANUSKI Pune and Rajagiri Outreach Suraksha Migrant Project, the initiative focused on raising awareness about the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of staying drug-free. The campaign provided participants with the knowledge and tools to make informed, healthier choices.



Led by Mr. Ravindra Prasad, the session taught techniques like self-control, mindfulness, and meditation to resist drug dependence. Through discussions and role-playing, participants learned healthier coping strategies and the value of community support. By the end, they felt empowered to face challenges without turning to drugs.



Bright Colours Big Smiles



On March 13th, Holi was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Sneha Bhavan Annexe and Bosco Nilayalm Shelter Home. Residents and staff came together, their faces lit with smiles, as vibrant colors filled the air. The festival created a joyful atmosphere, transforming the space into a canvas of togetherness, laughter, and shared happiness. It was a vivid reminder of how simple moments can strengthen bonds and lift spirits.



The celebration became a vibrant expression of love, hope, and renewal, as colors flew across the courtyards, symbolizing unity. Residents, staff, and the Fathers, including Fr. Binu and Fr. Abhilash, actively joined in the festivities, spreading warmth and spiritual energy. With each passing moment, the festival deepened the sense of belonging and togetherness, creating memories that would be cherished long after. The day ended with more than just stained clothes—it left hearts touched by joy, community, and a lasting sense of unity, making it a truly inclusive and unforgettable celebration.



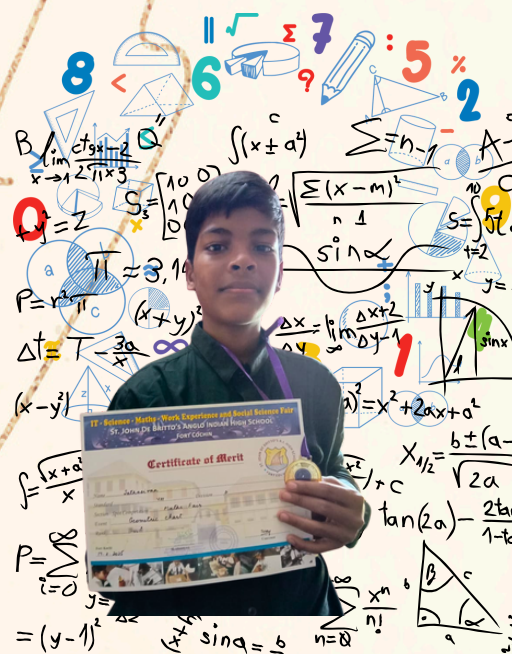


SUCCESS STORY

Success Story Spotlight – Rising Star in Mathematics

We are proud to celebrate the achievement of Sathasivan from Class VIII, of St. John De Britto's Anglo Indian High School, Fort Cochin. He secured Second Prize in the Geometric Chart event during the Maths Fair – Spot Competition, held as part of the school's IT, Science, Maths, Work Experience, and Social Science Fair. His creative approach, clear presentation, and strong grasp of geometric concepts stood out.

Sathasivan's achievement is a reflection of his dedication and the strong academic support provided by the school. His performance serves as a motivation for fellow students to explore learning beyond the classroom and apply their knowledge in innovative ways. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sathasivan and look forward to seeing many more such accomplishments from him in the future.



Sundar L's Inspiring Journey: A Childhood Dream- A Director's Reality



Resting between takes, I recalled a childhood memory- being mocked for dreaming of passing my 10th grade exams - until the director at my orphanage believed in me and took me to Trivandrum to write them. That moment still fuels me. Orphaned and living with relatives, I ran away to Kochi in 1997, knowing no one. A kind porter led me to Sneha Bhavan, which changed my life. I studied, learned welding, completed a B.Com., trained in chartered accountancy, and worked as an accountant in shops, NGOs, and Childline, always driven by gratitude.

Still, something was missing-until I pursued cinema. From assisting legends like Priyadarshan and B. Unnikrishnan to working on Naam, Kurup, Christopher, Thirumali, and Perilloor Premier League, I've grown as a scriptwriter and aspiring director. From the streets to the sets, my journey is one of struggle, gratitude, and relentless passion and I'm just getting started.

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