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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Past seven to eight months were an ordeal practically for all the schools and institutions owing to COVID-19 and the spread of the same. Since the pandemic has been hovering like a shadow over the globe, it has made it mandatory to work from home and this has proved challenging in a number of ways for academia. Lockdown constraints have forced many of the institutes to adapt innovative ways of carrying on the necessary imparting of education though countless difficulties were faced in the process. The theory part of instruction is taken care partly by online classes but the students have been suffering the pangs of academic learnings. Teaching and learning with the institutional facilities tower above online approaches and make stellar difference especially where practical labs, libraries and other activity-oriented instructions take place. At the same time, we cannot alienate ourselves from the fact that students and teachers both have ameliorated in the digital sphere of learning.

None can rebuff the fact that the pandemic has caused havoc with its cruel assaults in every field. The coming year is very crucial as many of the youngsters are opting to stay away from pursuing any sort of studies due to nosophobia. This is going to be a cause of worry for the educational institutions especially with regard to financial constraints as well as maintaining the training facilities.

These are challenging times indeed for everyone. However, through this issue of the Newsletter, we would like to highlight whatever has taken place during the past few months. I am sure sincere efforts and a positive mindset will bring us the unadulterated joy and channelize our intellectual avenues to a better living environment in the coming days and months.



Br C J Tom
Principal

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A JUBILEE SOUVENIR

Don Bosco Technical Institute Okhla has been at the service of the young in North India in training for a livelihood for the last 50 years. It has served approximately 42,500 students, (12500 in regular and 30000 in short term courses), to obtain a government and industry recognized skill certificate. It has affected their personal life with dignity and pride, as well as the social and economic status of their families and society. Given the profile of the students, it was made possible due to the core philosophy of the Institute to keep the fees low to serve the most needy.

The experience of these 50 golden years, makes this core belief becomes even more strong today. So celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the institute, we necessarily look to translate this core belief into an active programme through a “GOLDEN JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND”, to ensure the maximum scholarship to the needy in the years ahead.

We invite our Patrons, Sponsors, concerned citizens, and all people of good will to make it a reality by contributing a share, according to your capacity, to build a CORPUS FUND, from which to meet the yearly scholarship of a sum proportionate to the student intake.

Be a partner with the DBTI to build a new India of skilled workers.

Director - DBTI

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Virtual platform



Online classes on Google meet, Zoom, etc. have endowed the students with ample possibilities to advance technically and academically from the inception of the pandemic Covid 19. Through Online learning, the students have benefitted enormously. The teachers too have enhanced their teaching methods, procured technical skills and augmented their communication with the students. Online classes have become an inseparable virtual platform for learning and imparting knowledge during this pandemic.

Not only studies but various other extra-curricular activities including exercise, music, motivational speaking, convocation, cultural programs, and all other possible activities are virtualized now. Through this platform everyone is able to interact with each other even though they are far away from each other flexibly and advantageously. A number of people across the states, countries and the globe are able to participate through this online virtual platform either by hosting the talks or being a part of it.

The resources needed are just a proper wi-fi connection, an invitation or an account and a digital device such as a phone or laptop. One can even interact and talk with their family, friends or relatives who are in different parts of the country or the world. However, the online classes face the major issue with connection problem. The breakage of network interrupts the communication. Often during the online talks and classes the physical effect is missed out and the students and teachers both remain unable to reciprocate.

The teachers find it hard to teach and explain the lessons online as the students are physically absent. There are both advantages and disadvantages in online teaching and learning but at this time it is truly vital, easy and beneficial form of virtual communication.



Virtual Teachers' Day Celebration



Teachers' Day, a day filled with lots of fun and frolic, falls on 5th September and is celebrated in memory and honour of the former President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who himself was a staunch believer in education and was a well-known diplomat, scholar and a great teacher. When some of his students and friends approached him and requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday, he said, "instead of celebrating my birthday separately, it would be my proud privilege, if 5th September is observed as Teachers' day". From then onwards, 5th of September every year has been observed as Teachers' Day in India.

The prevailing circumstances due to COVID-19 pandemic, were such that educational institutions were closed all over India. Our hands were tied to such an extent wherein we could neither invite nor visit the teachers in person and wish them as per the traditions. The ongoing pandemic could not stop us from expressing our gratitude and wishing our dear teachers in an innovative way.

We, the students at Don Bosco Okhla, made every effort to organize a meaningful virtual teachers' day celebration through the medium of Zoom App, and we must admit that this would have been impossible without Ms. Deepika, the coordinator of the event, who too put her efforts to make the event a grand success. The students were online together with Fr. C A Joseph, the Director of the Institute, Dr. Vikas Rao, the Director of the GGSIPU courses and Br. C. J. Tom, the Principal of the ITI. All three of them in their short speeches, appreciated the effort made by the students for the innovative program and exhorted them to envision their future to build themselves into sound personalities and honest citizens in their pursuit of forming a rich and meaningful society.

It was amazing to see the students presenting online speeches and dances through which they expressed their respect and gratitude to the teachers. The program lasted about an hour and everyone was appreciably delighted indeed for the successful organization and participation of the virtual event.

Creating E-contents and Google Classroom

Faculty Development Program (FDP) By Ms. Ruchi Sawhney



In the present pandemic scenario, teaching has become quite challenging. No one ever thought that the conditions were going to become so unpredictable and different that all the teaching framework would be changed. The pandemic could not tie us down. As educators, we became innovative and adapted to the prevailing situations caused by the pandemic. We want our Faculty members to be trained as per the requirements and as a result successfully conducted two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for the staff members of DBTI Okhla on 26th Aug and 1st Sept 2020. This Programme received enormous response from faculty members because the topic covered in this FDP was fitting to the prevailing situation and demand. On 26th Aug 2020, Ms. Ruchi Sawhney, an Assistant Professor from Bosco Technical Training Society, conducted the session on creating video lectures by different methods such as: TableTop, ScreenCast and SlideCast. She introduced video creation and video editing tools. So, the Faculty members were able to create their recorded

sessions. The participants enthusiastically tried various methods of e-content creation. In the Second session, the speaker emphasized on Google Classroom. It had been aimed to enhance the technical skills of faculty members and to make the teaching-learning process smoother. She explained and demonstrated the steps involved to create Google Classroom and the implementation of the same. Being it a friendly App, we can upload study materials, share the announcements, give assignments to students, assign grades on the basis of assignments submitted and also conduct test through Google Classroom.

The participants acquired knowledge of the different aspects of planning, designing and delivering quality e-content for online teaching-learning and also about the appropriate developmental tools required how to develop e-content in their respective disciplines using text, images, audios and videos. Managing and arranging the e-classroom while using Google Classroom has become an integral part of the teaching system of the faculty members.

A Review on Micro Teaching Method

(FDP By Mr. Absolam Sebastian and Mr. Amit Kumar Gautam)



The Goal of one day training program for the faculty was to impart some basic inputs on mentoring techniques and self-analysis of Trainers. It is evident that learning by doing is the most important technique for improvement. It helps us to be more effective and efficient as instructors.

In the first session, we learnt about mentoring, stages of mentoring relationship, mentoring techniques and ESCA (Empathy, Searching, Confronting and Advice). It helped us to know the aspects of trust building, better understanding of trainees and teamwork.

In the second session, we had a chance to revise and learn SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats) analysis. It helped us to understand our abilities (input and output) on the basis of our skills moreover it helped us to ameliorate our skills and individual goals.



FDP on Personal Growth and Interpersonal Relationship



On 1st September 2020 Fr. P. D John had taken a session on Personal Growth and Interpersonal Relationship. Our resource person, Fr. PD John is a Mental Health Counsellor, NLP Trainer's Trainer. He is a trained practitioner in psychodynamic therapy, Timeline therapy, EMDR, Core Transformation, Value Systems and Hypnosis.

Personal development is a major time saver. Every person grows when he/she grows academically and mentally. This was a self-enlightening session in which he touched on all the Ego States (Parent, Adult and Child). He elucidated different mental stages, how we get into situations and reacts, our transactional analysis and different activities which are based on the topic. He said "No one is perfect but life is a journey to grow everyday". In this session we also discussed

on Interpersonal relationships, classroom dealing with students and talked about Adult Language that is DEER (Describe facts, Emotions, Expectation and Results).

The day-long sessions were an amalgamation of activities which helped us to imbibe maximum for our own personal life. Every participant was enlightened with his/her areas of strength and to improve on the same to become better persons. One can become happier within and with others as well in the given circumstances.



DBTI Okhla has entered in to a new era with the completion of one tower with Ground + 7 floors where all the ITI courses are accommodated as well as computer section and short-term courses. The developmental works are continuing. The construction of the next tower began in the month of August 2020 as the supporting agency had released part of the fund. There were some disruptions in between as Delhi witnessed frequent rains in August and due to that the normal construction could not go on smoothly for some time. DBTI Okhla has witnessed 50 Golden years since its inception during which thousands of students were trained and many are well placed in India as well as abroad. The institute has a farsighted plan of action to begin diploma courses in a couple of years and gradually to move on to become a full-fledged engineering college where thousands of students will be taking advantage of the advanced training facilities. If God willing and everything moves in the right direction, DBTI Okhla will eventually become a skill university with in few years.

The management and staff are deeply indebted to Br. Cyriac Kurias who initiated the developmental works in the institute. It is an undisputed fact that his vision and meticulous planning will take the institute into one of the leading higher education centers in India. God has different ways of intervening in the growth of people and development of society through great people and there are ample examples when we take a look at the past history. One such example is Br Cyriac through whose instrumentality the Almighty is intervening and taking the institute forward. I wish and pray that the efforts of everyone involved in one way or other may bear much fruit in the days and years to come.

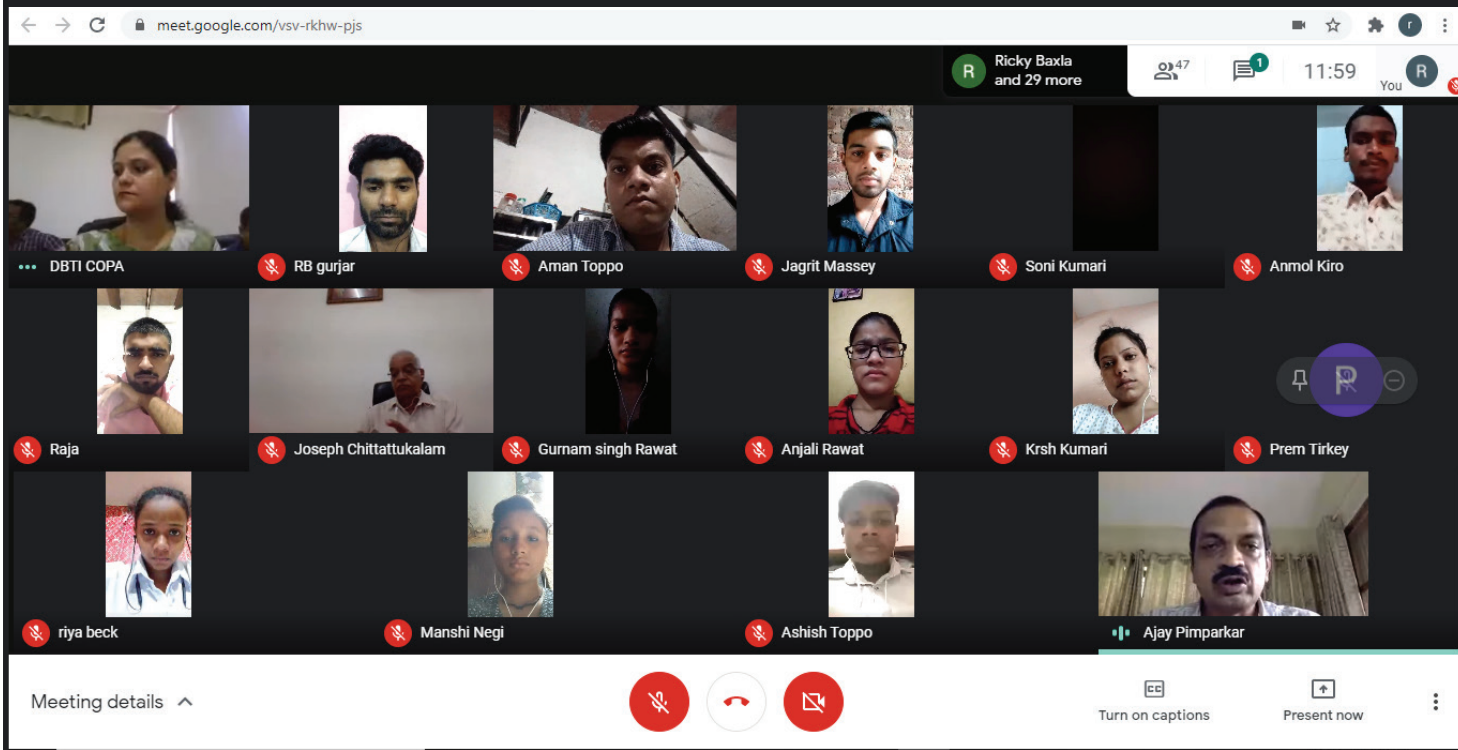


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Don Bosco Technical Institute Okhla and Godrej Infotech Limited have put their resources together to train 40 students in Computer Operator and Programming Assistant (COPA). This is a one-year course recognized by National Council for Vocational Education and Training, Govt. of India and through this training program these aspiring enthusiastic candidates are prepared for the job market.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is one of the ways to actively contribute in transforming India through job-ready workforce for industry. Godrej Infotech Limited is committed to nation building through its CSR initiatives and the corporate has a crucial role to play in accomplishing the national agenda for skilling India. Education and skill are part and parcel of development of any nation today and the corporates play a very important role in this area which is very relevant today. They have integrated their business goals with CSR and they contribute to capacity building and community development through partnering with training institutes and other potential organizations who can deliver substantially.

40 new trainees of COPA were online on 16th

September at 11.30 am together with the officials of Godrej Infotech for the inauguration of the training program. The programme set in motion with a prayer song followed by an introduction and words of welcome by the principal. Fr C. A Joseph, the director of the institute gave an overview of Don Bosco and his educational work worldwide. Mr. Ajay Pimparkar, CEO Godrej, in his speech appreciated the effort Don Bosco institutions are making to empower the youth. Ms. Vaishali Raj the Head, HR too spoke and wished all the trainees a wonderful time ahead during the course of this skill training. After a short introduction of the classes the program ended with a short video clipping which gave the message that education brings a nation together.

Offline classes for the trainees begun on 5th October. The smart interactive board together with online teaching software is sponsored by Godrej Infotech and the trainees are immensely benefitting from the same. Everyone will acknowledge the fact that the trainees are being taught with one of the latest teaching technologies. DBTI Okhla is deeply indebted to Godrej Infotech for the support and encouragement.

New beginning With a Difference and New staff

The last training session ended in-person learning abruptly, and it is not clear how learning or social progress has been impacted. It is likely that some trainees (and families) were more negatively impacted than others. Every trainee's experience of the pandemic has been different – based upon what has happened to their own family and community.

There are many challenges at present: Is it safe to attend institute in person? Is it safe for family members to have trainees attend institute? Will trainees keep their masks on? Are there enough facilities for the trainees to attend online classes? Is the internet connection stable enough? Can trainees actually learn at home?

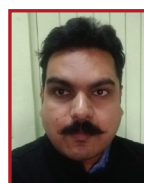
There has never been a start to an academic year filled with so many questions and so much uncertainty, and there are many institutes/schools and communities where things will continue to change. Uncertainty tends to cause stress, as does the number of decisions needing to be made. What is more, parents and teachers are needing to pay attention to not only trainees' safety, learning, and access to friends, but also their wellbeing. The pandemic and isolation have led to many students having new worries or moodiness; some students are acting out their stress and disappointments rather than keeping their feelings in.

The New Training Year – Whether It Begins in-Person or Online – Will Require Parents to:

1. Accept uncertainty and disappointments with the start of the academic year.
2. Set realistic expectations for what their family can do.
3. Focus on what they can control.
4. Discuss safety measures – wearing masks, washing hands, keeping distance, etc.
5. Stay informed about spread of the virus in their communities.
6. Be ready for changes and stay positive.
7. Talk openly with children about disappointments.
8. Praise children for overcoming challenges.
9. Communicate with teachers often.
10. Watch for signs of problems – trouble focusing or sleeping, or changes in behavior.

But, above all, these challenges will require parents to model kindness, patience, and understanding. Most parents will look back on the start of this training year as one of the most difficult one they will have ever experienced, but also with pride and satisfaction that they did the best they could with what they had. Despite the unknowns, this year will bring new opportunities for parents and students to learn adaptability, flexibility, patience, and problem-solving together.

Teachers have a big role to play in these trying times of the pandemic. The second year trainees resumed their training on 22nd October and the new trainees on 9th November following all the protocols issued by the authorities concerned. Any new member as staff in the institute brings joy to everyone. DBTI Okhla is fortunate to have four new staff members: Dr. Varun Tiwari and Mr. Sanjay Kumar in the computer section and Mr. Manoj Verma and Ms. Rinki Pushpakar in the printing section. They have begun well with commitment and dedication and I am sure their experience, knowledge and passion for imparting skills will lead the trainees to achieve their goals with ease.



**Dr. Varun
Tiwari**



**Mr. Sanjay
Kumar**



**Ms. Rinki
Pushpakar**



**Mr. Manoj
Verma**

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Time, health and relationships are the three things that do not come with price tags. But when we lose them, we realize their cost. This is the nostalgic feeling which I have at the moment about DBTI Okhla where I had every opportunity to spend my time usefully, along with taking care of my health and enough friends to love and care.

This is with immense joy that I pen down few lines on my experience at DBTI. I am ever grateful to the Almighty for having given this opportunity to undergo training in Offset printing in the year 2018-19. I am deeply indebted to the principal and the staff for the wonderful environment which helped me to be what I am today. I came to know about the institute and its training programs through one of the past pupils. Without a second thought, I opted for DBTI and I approached my parish priest Fr. Akhelesh Antony for further assistance and guidance which he offered willingly through some scholarship program. The training expenses are very minimum but the quality of training is the best I would say with all the necessary and advance equipment and machines.

Life at DBTI hostel, was a unique experience, where the day begun with lot of prayers, wishes from friends and instructions from the fathers and brothers. After having spent considerable time, I would say that DBTI Okhla is the best option for a youngster who is looking to shape his career in life. Though it is a Christian institute run by the Don Bosco society, it is open to every youngster irrespective of caste or religion. All the staff members are very friendly and caring. I feel I am missing a lot of my past life at DBTI where I used to have lots of fun, games and competitions which helped me to have a holistic life.

In the hostel I had ample opportunities to develop further my talent in music, games and other skills. A well-disciplined life in the hostel helped me to grow and I learnt what it is to be a responsible person. I cannot really forget the love, care and guidance that I had experienced when I was sick and when I was most in need. I still remember the days spent with my friends, fathers and brothers like a family. The spiritual programs in the hostel made me strong both spiritually and mentally.

"We don't always need an advice. Sometimes, all we need is a hand to hold, an ear to listen and a heart to understand". Precisely this is what I had experienced at DBTI and I am eternally grateful to the Almighty and all those who contributed to my growth one way or other during the course of my training in DBTI.

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