

The document highlights various events and initiatives at Don Bosco Youth Centre and associated homes, focusing on youth engagement, cultural celebrations, educational activities, and the promotion of values like teamwork, honesty, and community spirit.

A New Dawn for Youth at Don Bosco Youth Centre

The inauguration of the Don Bosco Youth Centre marks a significant step towards empowering youth through community engagement and leadership.

- The event took place at Sneha Bhavan Annexe, Kammattippadam.
- Inaugurated by Mr. Fulgen K.J., a recipient of the Kerala Chief Minister's Police Medal for Meritorious Service 2025. Included cultural performances and reflections from guests, fostering a spirit of unity and growth. Aimed to build a vibrant youth movement in the community.

Festive Joy Unites Don Bosco Homes

The Onam festival was celebrated with enthusiasm across various Don Bosco centers, promoting cultural traditions and community bonding.

- Celebrations included children, youth, and staff participating in cultural programs and traditional games.
- Sneha Bhavan celebrated Onam on 24 August 2025, with actress Priya Warrier inspiring children.
- Don Bosco Boys Home celebrated with KPMG friends on 20 September 2025, featuring traditional games and a Pookalam.
- Valsalya Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan Annexe also engaged in traditional games and shared Onasadya, fostering unity and cultural pride.

Spelling Bee Competition Enhances Learning

The Spelling Bee Competition at Don Bosco Boys Home promoted English learning and vocabulary development among children.

- Featured four teams competing in six rounds, including "Spell it Right" and "Rapid Round."
- Coordinated by Br. Jibin J. Fernandes, with evaluations by Fr. P.O. Thomas.
- Created an engaging platform for children to develop language skills and confidence.

DB GIFT Fancy Dress Competition Encourages Creativity

The Fancy Dress Competition showcased the creativity and teamwork of children through imaginative costumes.

- Held on 14 September 2025, with enthusiastic participation from all four teams.
- Yellow Team won first place, followed by Red, Green, and Blue teams.
- Led by a panel of leaders, promoting teamwork and confidence among participants.

Creative Cooking Competition at Valsalya Bhavan

A Cooking Competition at Valsalya Bhavan Annexe encouraged children to showcase their culinary skills and teamwork.

- Participants worked in groups to prepare dishes, promoting healthy cooking practices.
- The event fostered values such as cooperation and responsibility, boosting self-confidence among children.

Joyful Outing to Vypin Beach for Children

Children from Valsalya Bhavan Annexe enjoyed a refreshing outing to Vypin Beach, creating joyful memories.

- The trip allowed children to play freely and connect with nature.
- Follow-up activities included sharing experiences and reflecting on their favorite moments, enhancing bonding and communication.

Sneha Bhavan Launches Group System for Children

The Group System at Sneha Bhavan aims to enhance leadership skills and teamwork among children.

- Officially inaugurated on 21 August 2025 by Fr. Jayson.
- Introduced a point system to encourage participation in group activities.
- Cultural programs performed by children added energy to the inauguration.

Sreyas Honored for Exemplary Honesty

Sreyas was recognized for his act of honesty in returning a found gold chain, setting a positive example for peers.

- Honored in a ceremony that praised his integrity and responsibility.
- His actions serve as a reminder of the importance of doing what is right.

World Coconut Day Celebrated at Bosco Nilayam

Bosco Nilayam celebrated World Coconut Day with activities promoting creativity and cultural appreciation.

- Organized by Mr. Alan Davis and Mr. Albin Jose, focusing on the significance of coconuts.
- Children created decorative items from coconut leaves, fostering teamwork and traditional practices.

Cooking Day at Bosco Nilayam Promotes Teamwork

Cooking Day at Bosco Nilayam encouraged children to learn cooking skills while fostering teamwork.

- Children were divided into groups to prepare dishes, creating a lively atmosphere.
- The activity promoted cooperation and sharing responsibilities, boosting confidence and joy.

Career Development Session at Psycho-Social Support Center

A career development class provided children with insights into future opportunities and skills.

- Conducted by the Project Management Institute (PMI) through engaging games and activities.
- Inaugurated by Fr. P.D. Thomas, emphasizing the importance of such sessions for children's growth.

Sex Education Program at Psycho-Social Support Center

A sex education class aimed to provide children with a proper understanding of growing up and relationships.

- Conducted by Fr. C.M. Joseph, focusing on respect and responsible friendships.
- Created a safe space for children to clarify doubts and receive accurate information.

Gandhi Jayanti Cleaning Drive at Sneha Bhavan

A cleaning drive organized by Sneha Bhavan Annexe celebrated Gandhi Jayanti through community service.

- Volunteers cleaned the roadside and canal stretch, reflecting Gandhian values of cleanliness.
- Local residents participated, strengthening community bonds and shared responsibility.

HOPE and Rotary Support Don Bosco Open School

HOPE and Rotary Club of Kochi pledged support to the Don Bosco Open School for school dropouts.

- The school began functioning in August 2025, enrolling 24 students.
- HOPE will sponsor one teacher's salary, while Rotary will fund two staff positions for a year.

World Mental Health Day Celebration at Valsalya Bhavan

World Mental Health Day was celebrated to raise awareness about mental well-being among children.

- Organized by IIMUN, featuring a session by Clinical Psychologist Dr. Sayana Suzkin.
- Included interactive activities to help children understand and manage their emotions positively.

Lakshmi Shines in Work Experience Competition

Lakshmi from Valsalya Bhavan won first prize in a Work Experience competition for her book binding skills.

- Her achievement highlights her potential and serves as inspiration for her peers.

Robin's Success Story in Hospitality

Robin, an inmate of the project, excelled in Hospitality Management and secured a position at Grand Hyatt Hotel.

- Recognized as the Best Student of the Batch at Smera Saathia Skill Centre.
- His journey serves as motivation for other young people in the program.

Don Bosco Boys Home Children Excel in Boxing Championship

Children from Don Bosco Boys Home qualified for the State Level Boxing Competition after excelling at the District Championship.

- Four young athletes showcased talent and determination, with two qualifying in the junior category and two in the senior category.
- Their success reflects the institution's commitment to nurturing both academics and extracurricular talents.



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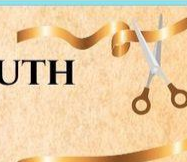
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A NEW DAWN FOR YOUTH: DON BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE INAUGURATED

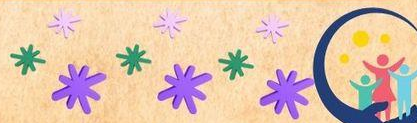


A proud and joyful moment unfolded at Sneha Bhavan Annexe, Kammattippadam, with the grand celebration of the Inauguration & Membership Day of Don Bosco Youth Centre. The event brought together youth members, well-wishers, and supporters to mark the beginning of a new chapter of love, unity, growth, and service. The gathering reflected the strong spirit of the Don Bosco Sneha Bhavan family, inspiring hope for a brighter future.



The program was inaugurated by Mr. Fulgen K.J., Sub Inspector of Police, who is also the recipient of the prestigious Kerala Chief Minister's Police Medal for Meritorious Service 2025. In his keynote address, he inspired the young members to lead lives of discipline, service, and social responsibility, highlighting the importance of active community engagement in today's world. His words of wisdom left a powerful and lasting impression on the youth, motivating them to rise as leaders of tomorrow.

The ceremony was enriched with cultural performances, heartfelt support, meaningful reflections, and words of encouragement from the organizers and guests. It was truly a celebration of togetherness, carrying forward the vision of Don Bosco to empower and uplift the younger generation. The event concluded with renewed energy and commitment to build a vibrant and dynamic youth movement in the community, setting the tone for many memorable milestones ahead.





FESTIVE JOY UNITES DON BOSCO HOMES: GRAND ONAM CELEBRATIONS ACROSS ALL CENTERS



Onam, the festival of unity and joy, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and cultural spirit across the various Don Bosco centers. Each celebration brought together children, youth, and staff to share in the festive cheer, traditions, and togetherness that mark this special occasion. The events across centers were filled with colors, laughter, and cultural performances, making it a truly memorable season of joy and community bonding.



At Sneha Bhavan, Onam was celebrated on 24 August 2025 with the support of Foxtale Fashion Brand, creating a vibrant and memorable event. The highlight of the day was the presence of film actress Priya Warrier, who inaugurated the celebration and inspired the children with her encouraging words. Cultural programs, traditional games, and a grand *Onasadya* made the day special. The event reflected Foxtale's commitment to spreading joy, promoting cultural traditions, and engaging meaningfully with the community.



At Don Bosco Boys Home, KPMG friends celebrated Onam with the children on 20 September 2025. The day was filled with fun and excitement as traditional games like *Kaserakali*, *Onapattu*, and Tug of War brought out the children's enthusiasm and team spirit. A vibrant *Pookalam* was created collectively, adding festive charm to the celebration. Winners were awarded gifts by KPMG, and the day concluded with a delicious *OnaSadhya*, strengthening bonds of unity and happiness among all participants.



At Sneha Bhavan Annexe and Valsalya Bhavan, Onam was celebrated with equal enthusiasm and festive spirit. The youth and children participated in traditional games such as *Kaserakali*, *Vadamvali*, *Uriyadi*, and *Theetta malsaram*, showcasing teamwork, and excitement. Beautiful *pookalams* were made, and everyone joined hands to prepare and share the traditional *onasadhya* served on banana leaves. These celebrations fostered unity, happiness, and cultural pride, leaving the participants with cherished memories of togetherness, joy, and the true spirit of Onam across all Don Bosco homes.





SPELLING BEE COMPETITION SPARKS LEARNING AND FUN AT DON BOSCO BOYS HOME



The Don Bosco Boys Home recently organized an exciting Spelling Bee Competition to promote English learning, improve vocabulary, and build confidence among the children. The event featured four enthusiastic teams competing across six rounds, including “Spell it Right,” “Meaning Bee,” “Puzzle Bee,” “Clue Bee,” “Relay Spelling,” and a thrilling “Rapid Round.” Each round tested different language skills, making learning both fun and interactive. The competition was coordinated by Br. Jibin J. Fernandes, with a welcome speech by Br. Chrispin.

The program was a huge success, creating an engaging platform for the children to develop their language abilities while enjoying a healthy competition. Fr. P.D. Thomas provided an evaluation of the event, and the results were announced by Fr. C.M. Joseph. The activity not only enhanced the children’s vocabulary and teamwork but also boosted their confidence in using the English language, turning learning into an enjoyable and memorable experience.



DB GIFT FANCY DRESS COMPETITION SPARKS CREATIVITY AND TEAM SPIRIT



The DB GIFT Fancy Dress Competition on 14 September 2025 brought out the creativity and talent of all four teams. Children participated enthusiastically in imaginative costumes, making the event lively and joyful. In the group category, Yellow Team came first, Red, second, Green, third and Blue, fourth.

The program was led by a panel of leaders and well-wishers. Mr. Aswin Johnson welcomed the participants, Fr. P.D. Thomas presented evaluations, and Fr. C.M. Joseph announced the results. Fr. Joe Prabhu highlighted the importance of teamwork, and the event concluded with prayer and a vote of thanks. The competition fostered creativity, confidence, and unity, leaving the children inspired and motivated.





VALSALYA BHAVAN ANNEXE HOSTS CREATIVE COOKING COMPETITION



A Cooking Competition was organized at Valsalya Bhavan Annexe, filling the day with excitement, creativity, and joy. The program provided the children with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their culinary skills while also promoting healthy and innovative cooking practices. Divided into groups, the participants worked enthusiastically, experimenting with flavors, ingredients, and presentation. Each dish reflected the children's creativity and teamwork, adding energy and fun to the atmosphere.

Beyond cooking, the competition helped nurture important values such as teamwork, cooperation, and responsibility. The children gained new experiences and discovered hidden talents, boosting their self-confidence and sense of achievement. Filled with laughter, encouragement, and delicious aromas, the program created a vibrant spirit of unity and joy, making it a memorable celebration of creativity, learning, and community at Valsalya Bhavan Annexe.



VALSALYA BHAVAN ANNEXE CHILDREN RELIVE JOYFUL MEMORIES FROM VYPIN BEACH OUTING

The children of Valsalya Bhavan Annexe enjoyed a delightful outing to Vypin Beach, a day filled with excitement, laughter, and togetherness. For many, it was a refreshing break from routine, allowing them to enjoy the sea, sand, and fresh air. The trip created a joyful atmosphere where the children could play freely, interact with one another, and experience the happiness of being close to nature, making the day truly memorable.



Following the outing, an activity session was conducted to help the children recall and reflect on their experiences at Vypin Beach. Through sharing, drawing, and group discussions, they revisited their favorite moments, expressed their feelings, and cherished the joy of togetherness. This reflection not only reinforced the happy memories but also encouraged bonding, communication, and appreciation for shared experiences among the children.





BUILDING LEADERS AND TEAM PLAYERS: SNEHA BHAVAN LAUNCHES GROUP SYSTEM



On 21 August 2025, the Group System for Sneha Bhavan children was officially inaugurated by Fr. Joyson, who also shared an encouraging message. During the event, the details of the point system were explained, and the schedule for upcoming Sunday programs was finalized. On the same day, the children performed two cultural programs, adding color and energy to the inauguration and making the occasion lively and memorable.



The initiative encourages children to actively participate in various group activities, fostering team spirit, cooperation, and healthy competition. With the start of the point system and clear instructions given, the program aims to enhance leadership skills, responsibility, and unity among the children. By combining fun with learning, the Group System makes their growth journey more engaging, meaningful, and motivating.



SREYAS HONORED FOR EXEMPLARY HONESTY AND INTEGRITY



The school community proudly recognized Sreyas, a talented and responsible student, for his remarkable act of honesty. While playing on the school ground, Sreyas found a gold chain and immediately handed it over to his teachers, setting an inspiring example of integrity and good values for his peers.

In appreciation of his sincere action, the school honored Sreyas in a brief ceremony, praising his honesty and sense of responsibility. His gesture serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of doing what is right, even in small moments, and stands as a model for all students to follow.





CHILDREN EXPLORE CULTURE AND CREATIVITY ON WORLD COCONUT DAY AT BOSCO NILAYAM



On September 2, 2025, Bosco Nilayam joyfully celebrated World Coconut Day with the active participation of children and staff. The program was organized by Mr. Alan Davis, Centre Coordinator, and Mr. Albin Jose, Social Worker. During the session, the children were given basic information about the importance and significance of the day. This helped them understand the value of coconuts in daily life and their cultural importance.



After the session, the children took part in creative activities, making different decorative and useful items from coconut leaves. These activities encouraged creativity, teamwork, and appreciation for traditional practices. The event became a meaningful and memorable celebration, combining learning with fun, and leaving a positive experience for everyone involved.



COOKING DAY AT BOSCO NILAYAM FOSTERS TEAMWORK AND CONFIDENCE



On September 8, 2025, Bosco Nilayam celebrated Cooking Day with great excitement and joy. The children eagerly looked forward to the program and were divided into small groups to encourage participation and cooperation. Each group carefully planned and prepared their dishes, adding creativity and personal touches to make them special. The activity created a lively atmosphere filled with laughter, learning, and teamwork, as the children actively engaged in every step of the cooking process.



Through this program, the children not only learned basic cooking skills but also discovered the value of teamwork, cooperation, and sharing responsibilities. The activity gave them confidence, joy, and a sense of accomplishment as they prepared food by themselves.





CAREER DEVELOPMENT SESSION AT PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT CENTER



A career development class was organized for the children at the Psycho-Social Support Center by the Project Management Institute (PMI). The session was conducted in an interactive way through engaging games and activities, making the learning process enjoyable and easy to understand. Children actively participated and gained valuable insights about career choices, skills, and future opportunities.



The program was inaugurated with a warm welcome by Fr. P.D. Thomas, who greeted the resource person and highlighted the importance of such sessions for the growth and confidence of children. The initiative proved to be both informative and inspiring, encouraging the participants to think positively about their future paths.



CHILDREN GAIN AWARENESS AND CLARITY THROUGH SEX EDUCATION PROGRAM



A sex education class was conducted for the children at the Psycho-Social Support Center by Fr. C.M. Joseph, Director of the center. The session aimed to help the children gain a proper understanding of the opposite sex and to provide age-appropriate guidance on important aspects of growing up. It also focused on building respect for oneself and others, as well as encouraging responsible friendships. The children were encouraged to approach the topic with openness and maturity, making the session both meaningful and practical.

The class created a safe and open space where the children could clarify their doubts and receive correct information. It further helped in breaking myths and misconceptions, giving them a clear and healthy perspective. The session also promoted self-confidence in addressing sensitive issues and emphasized the importance of personal boundaries. This initiative was valuable in promoting awareness, healthy attitudes, and responsible behavior among the young participants.





SNEHA BHAVAN ANNEXE LEADS GANDHI JAYANTHI CLEANING DRIVE WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT



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In celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi, Sneha Bhavan Annexe organized a dedicated cleaning drive along the roadside and canal stretch from Star Homes Apartment to the new bridge on Annexe Road. The volunteers worked diligently, removing overgrown grass, cleaning the canal, and placing the slabs back in order. Their hard work reflected the true Gandhian value of cleanliness as a form of service to society.

The event also saw the active participation of a few local residents, who joined hands with the team, turning the initiative into a meaningful community effort. The collaboration between the youth and neighbors not only improved the environment but also strengthened the sense of unity and shared responsibility — a fitting tribute to the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.



HOPE AND ROTARY JOIN HANDS WITH SNEHA BHAVAN ANNEXE TO SUPPORT DON BOSCO OPEN SCHOOL WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT



The Don Bosco Open School, an educational initiative of Sneha Bhavan Annexe, began functioning in August 2025 and has successfully completed two months of classes for school dropouts, currently enrolling 24 students. In a meeting held on 30 September 2025, two prominent organizations - HOPE and Rotary Club of Kochi - came forward to support this noble cause, strengthening the school's mission to provide a second chance at education for marginalized youth.

HOPE, a project of the Social Policing Wing of Kerala Police, pledged to sponsor the salary of one teacher for a year, while the Rotary Club of Kochi committed to funding two staff positions for the same period. Representatives from both organizations - Mr. Sooraj Kumar (Sub-Inspector of Police) from HOPE, and Ms. Michelle (President) along with Mr. Gautham (Secretary) from Rotary - interacted with the students, motivating them to pursue education with dedication. Sneha Bhavan Annexe expressed heartfelt gratitude to HOPE, Rotary, and the Don Bosco community for their valuable collaboration, which will go a long way in transforming young lives through education and opportunity.





WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATION AT VALSALYA BHAVAN



India's International Movement to Unite Nations (IIMUN) organized a World Mental Health Day program at Valsalya Bhavan to raise awareness about the importance of mental well-being. As part of the program, Clinical Psychologist Dr. Sayana Suzkin conducted an informative session for the children, explaining the significance of mental health in daily life and providing guidance on how to manage emotions positively.

The session also included interactive activities and games, which encouraged the children to participate actively while learning about emotional well-being in a fun and engaging way. Through these activities, the children gained a better understanding of their feelings, developed awareness about mental health, and enjoyed a meaningful and joyful learning experience.



LAKSHMI SHINES AT WORK EXPERIENCE COMPETITION WITH FIRST PRIZE IN BOOK BINDING



Lakshmi, a bright and enthusiastic student of 5th standard at Valsalya Bhavan Ammathotttil, recently showcased her talent in the Work Experience competition organized by Christ King Convent High School, Ponnurunni. Demonstrating remarkable skill and creativity, she actively participated in the book binding category, impressing the judges with her meticulous work and dedication.

Her hard work and commitment paid off as she was awarded the First Prize in the competition. This achievement not only highlights Lakshmi's potential and artistic abilities but also serves as an inspiration to her peers at Valsalya Bhavan Ammathotttil, motivating them to explore their talents and participate in similar events.





SUCCESS STORY



ROBIN SHINES BRIGHT: FROM TRAINING TO TRIUMPH AT GRAND HYATT, KOCHI



We are proud to share the inspiring success story of Robin, an inmate of our project, who has excelled in the field of hospitality. Robin recently completed his Hospitality Management (Housekeeping Operations) course at Smera Saathia Skill Centre, Thrissur, where he was recognized as the Best Student of the Batch for his dedication, discipline, and outstanding performance.

Following this achievement, Robin was selected to join the prestigious Grand Hyatt Hotel, Bolghatty, Kochi, as a Housekeeping Trainee. This milestone highlights his hard work and perseverance, and serves as a source of motivation for other young people in our care, showing that with commitment and guidance, dreams can truly become reality.



DON BOSCO BOYS HOME CHILDREN SHINE IN DISTRICT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP, QUALIFY FOR STATE LEVEL

The children of Don Bosco Boys Home have made their institution proud by excelling at the District Boxing Championship. Four young athletes—Rajesh R, Mohan Das, Emmanuel K. Biju, and Siva T—showed remarkable talent and determination, earning recognition at the district level and qualifying for the State Level Boxing Competition. Mohan Das and Emmanuel impressed in the junior category, while Rajesh and Siva stood out in the senior level with their grit and perseverance.

Their achievement is the result of continuous practice and dedicated coaching support provided at Don Bosco Boys Home. The institution, known for nurturing both academics and extracurricular talents, celebrates this milestone as proof that with discipline, hard work, and guidance, children can overcome challenges and shine on bigger platforms.



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