



First DDU-GKY centre inaugurated at Don Bosco Tech (Khunti, Jharkhand)



the DDU-GKY program and parents of the newly enrolled students were also present at the function.

This training center was opened with an objective to impart skill training in domains like Basic Electrical, General Duty Assistant and Data Entry Operator to the youth from Below Poverty Line (BPL) category in the age group of 18-35 years. The DDU-GKY centre inauguration took place with the close partnership with the team of Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS). The inauguration started with the ribbon cutting ceremony by the Chief Guest followed by a tour to the whole campus. He inspected and enquired about various aspects of the skill training provided by DB Tech under DDU-GKY project. He was accompanied by Mr. Prasad Krishna Waghmare, Mr. Paritosh Upadhyay, Fr. A. M. Joseph and other guests as well.

As per the standard operating procedure (SOP) of DDU-GKY project, a new skill training center under the aegis of Don Bosco Tech Society was inaugurated in Khunti district (Jharkhand) on June 25, 2015. The center is equipped with all modern state-of-the-art facilities. It is the first training center of DB Tech under the flagship DDU-GKY program of Government of India. The centre was inaugurated by Honorable Chief Guest Shri Neelkanth Singh Munda (Minister of Rural Development, Govt. of Jharkhand). The dignitaries present at the function included Mr. Prasad Krishna Waghmare (District Commissioner, Khunti), Mr. Paritosh Upadhyay (CEO, JSLPS), Mr. Vinay Pandey (SPM, JSLPS), Fr. A. M. Joseph (Executive Director, Don Bosco Tech), Mr. N. N. Sinha (Principal Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Jharkhand), Fr. Mukul, Fr. Eidefonse and Fr. Hira Lal. Besides that officials of other PIAs, students of

After the tour, the guests welcomed with bouquets of flowers, which followed by lamp lighting ceremony. Fr. Joseph delivered the inaugural speech, where he spoke about the journey of Don Bosco Tech since its inception in 2006 till present and its presence all over the world. Shri Neelkanth Singh Munda in his speech urged all students and residents of Khunti to reap the benefits of the project and lead a healthy, wealthy and peaceful life. Many other guests also focused on importance skills and its developments. Towards the end of the program, Fr. Eidefonse presented the vote of thanks and wished that the training center to scale the new heights in imparting quality training. He also further thanked Fr. Gabriel and Fr. Bisu for their impeccable support and guidance. With this, the program ended successfully with great happiness and gratification.

Welcome Salesians to DB Tech Management Team, and Congratulations!

It is a pleasure to welcome three Salesians Fr. George Mathew, Fr. Arul Maran, and Fr. Remesh Cherian, who joined us as members of Management Team. Fr. George Mathew stationed at National Office as Assistant Director with responsibilities of handling Finance, Administration, HR and also the coordinator for formal centres and projects in Tamil Nadu and Western states. Fr. Maran is the Director of Don Bosco Skill Mission (Bangalore). He is also heading Monitoring & Evaluation and coordinator for projects in Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Fr. Remesh joined us as Assistant Director with responsibilities of programmes, DDU-GKY projects, NSQF projects and coordinator for West Bengal and North Eastern states. We are delighted to have these resourceful Salesians as members of the Management Team; and we warmly welcome them on board.



Thanks...

We thank all the Governing Body members, who have contributed much towards the growth of the society, in a special way to Fr. Thomas Anchukandam (President, DB Tech Society) in the past five years and Fr. George Quadros (Assistant Director, DB Tech Society) in the past three years.

Poster competition on the occasion of World Environment Day



Designed by: DB Tech team, Perambur.

To instill and to assimilate the value of environment, which is the most important need of time, Quest Alliance had announced its first poster competition on May 2015 with the theme of "Seven Billion Dreams, One Planet, Consume with Care!". Quest Alliance had also launched a facebook page "Quest Alliance Youth Connect" for connecting all the students and alumni of vocational training centers under the Quest program. All the centers were informed to upload their entries in facebook before May 31, 2015. Quest Alliance works with different institutions and organizations in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat and Bihar to empower youth to learn various skills through a mix of digital self learning

and facilitator-led tools. The awards were listed in many categories like first upload, maximum likes received on facebook and best jury award. DB Tech (Perambur) won the award for viewer's choice and maximum likes in facebook while DB Tech (Aluva) was awarded for the first upload respectively. The result was announced on the occasion of World Environment Day (June 5, 2015). Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj, SDB (Province Delegate, Tamil Nadu) and Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB (Director, DBVT) and the state team congratulated the students and staffs for participating and showing their creativity.



A review meeting towards the road to success

With an objective to improve the quality of deliverance and to spearhead towards more success on the task to empower youth by imparting quality skill training and placement, DB Tech state team of Karnataka organized a batch review at Don Bosco Skill Mission (DBSM), Bennarghatta Road, Bangalore on July 1-2, 2015.

Trainers from 10 DB Tech centers of Karnataka participated in the 2-day review meeting. Fr. Jeerson N. (Regional Coordinator, DB Tech, South), Fr. Arul Maran (Director, DBSM, Bangalore), Fr. Remesh

Cherian (Assistant Director, DB Tech, Bangalore), Mrs. Priyanka Korde (Manager, M&E, DB Tech), Mr. Vincent Fernandes (State Coordinator, DB Tech), Mr. Sreedhar (State MIS and M&E, DB Tech), Mr. Suresh (Finance, DB Tech) were the members of the reviewing panel. Trainers from all the centres beautifully presented audio visual presentations on their centres. The presentations threw the light on the processes and operations involved during the training of the last batch. Every centre had been exhorted to improve the processes after carefully analyzing the developments at the centres. Newly appointed staffs of DBSM and the trainers undergoing advanced training were also present throughout the meeting to observe and learn. The 2-day meeting was of enriching experience and learning for all the participants.

DB Tech (Dumka) also joined rest of the world in celebrating International Day of Yoga. Trainers and trainees of both DB Tech and Don Bosco Vocational Training Institute (DBVTI) celebrated the event that was marked by the UN to organise on June 21, 2015. Mr. Remis Minz (District Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra) and Ashok Kumar (Yoga Trainer) were the guests at the event.

While addressing the participants, Mr. Minz states, "Yoga is solution for many diseases. Youngsters are being motivated to take part in Yoga because they are the future generations of the society, who will motivate their families as well. Yoga will help everyone to be mentally and physically fit and also increase energy level to perform our day-to-day activities."

Mr. Ashok Kumar who is an assistant to a famous Yoga Guru Rakesh Parashar showed various Asanas with rules while explaining its benefits. DBVTI



International Yoga Day observed at DB Tech (Dumka, Jharkhand)

campus was filled with all the enthusiastic participants, who were in a lively mood and were eager to take the first step towards the art of healthy living. With the instruction of Mr. Ashok Kumar, the participants learned some Asanas and Pranayam in one and half hour long program. At end of the program, all Don Bosco family thanked Mr. Minz and Mr. Ashok for contributing their precious time to enlighten on Yoga, its benefits and also for motivating the trainees towards healthy and stress free life.

An humble anecdote of chasing own dream

Like every responsible young man, willing to shoulder the liabilities of his family, Toufeeq Ahmad Kumar too had a goal to achieve. His father, Gulam Qadir Kumar is a baker by profession. He was adamant on his son turning away from their ancestral occupation and pursue after well paying and respectable job in life.

Toufeeq on passing his class 12th examination chose to specialize in a job oriented course instead of a conventional bachelor degree. But his financial conditions kept on posing a challenge to secure an admission in an institute, where he could train himself in a job oriented course. One fine day, he got to know about DB Tech's Himayat program. He was lucky enough to be a part of first batch of Hospitality trainees at DB Tech (Ganderbal). He was an efficient trainee, who impressed his trainers from the very beginning with his sense of inquiry. He left no opportunity to miss the chance to learn and acquire all the necessary skills taught in the centre. Everyone in the centre vouches for his brilliance. "I have never seen a trainee as studious and diligent as Toufeeq. His passion to learn and execute what he learned was remarkable," says Rukaya Fayaz (Centre Coordinator). One of his trainers, Murtaza Shah remembers that he becomes a role model for others at the centre. "He actually showed us how to transform our life from better to much better," says Murtaza.

After completing his training at DB Tech, Toufeeq got his placement in the Hospitality section of Taj Vivanta, India's topmost chain of hotels. During his three months at Taj Vivanta, his efficiency and hard work had left an indelible impression upon his bosses. From there he set out on another journey—a journey to work in the world's most lucrative and extravagant hotel. Toufeeq very skillfully secured a job in the Housekeeping section of the Middle East's most well known Hotel AL Haram in Saudi Arabia. From last one and half year, he has been offering his services at AL Haram.

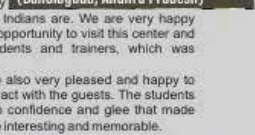
Today his life stands transformed; and he says that he owes it to DB Tech's Himayat centre. Toufeeq himself acknowledges the role that Himayat played in his journey of success. "I had never imagined that I would be rubbing my shoulders with such a talented pool of people. All it was made possible by Himayat. I shall treasure the skills that I learnt at Himayat. Thank you Himayat!" says jubilant Toufeeq.

Toufeeq who at a point of time was unable to pay the fee of his school is now earning a handsome salary of Rs. 25000/- per month. DB Tech not only changed his life but also stood as saviour and protector of his family. Toufeeq's success story is just another glaring example of the change, which Himayat is bringing to the lives of people through its much needed skill development programs.

It was a day of great opportunity and pride for DB Tech (Bandlaguda), its staffs and the students to meet the esteemed Guests and Dignitaries from Germany, who visited the centre on June 22, 2015. Fr. Joji Reddy, SDB (Vice Provincial, Hyderabad Province, Don Bosco) introduced Ms. Claudia Mayer, Mr. Rainer Mossinger, Ms. Brigitte Mossinger, Fr. Pater Stefan Siocht, SDB (Economist, Salesians Province of Germany), Ms. Anneliese Mossinger, and Ms. Heidi Kneib. The guests were welcomed with bouquets of flowers and presented a welcome song. While explaining the dignitaries, Mr. N. Rajashekar Reddy (CE Faculty, DB Tech) said, "DB Tech offers a platform for learning and skill training in various courses. As a result it empowers the youth with an wage based employment which brings positive changes in the lives of the youth. The best part about the program is an entry level job assurance after completion of the training." The guests also asked questions about the classes, families, ambitions in life, courses, etc., which were answered with smile and confidence by all the

trainees. Answering to the query by the students about their experience in India, the guests replied, "Every person you smile at, smiles back! It was a great surprise to find how nice, polite, and incredibly warm-hearted Indians are. We are very happy for getting an opportunity to visit this center and meet the students and trainers, which was inspirational." Students were also very pleased and happy to meet and interact with the guests. The students interacted with confidence and gleam that made the event more interesting and memorable.

German delegates visit DB Tech (Bandlaguda, Andhra Pradesh)



Quiz competition for Retail and Hospitality trainees was held at DB Tech (Siliguri) on June 5, 2015. Mr. Saurabh Kumar Prasad hosted the entire competition for the students that gave them lots of awareness and ideas related to the burning issues. All the questions in the quiz competition were from wide range of subjects like computers, Hospitality, English, Retail and general knowledge. Students were divided into six groups with two participants in each group. The competition had three rounds for the each group, where the winner of the first round moves forward for the final round. After great team spirit and sportsmanship, Suman Kumar Rizal and Subal Rai from Hospitality domain came out as the winner in the quiz competition. The winners were presented with prize. The entire quiz competition programme was very knowledgeable and enlightening for all the students and was full of fun. Participating in the quiz competition was helpful not only for knowledge but also boost the confidence level of the students.



Quiz competition organized at DB Tech (Siliguri, West Bengal)

Rising Star TOUFEEQ AHMAD