



Yamaha Training School (YTS) inaugurated at Don Bosco Yuva Kendra (New Delhi)

Don Bosco Tech Society and India Yamaha Motor, the Indian arm of Japanese 2-wheeler maker 'Yamaha' inaugurated Yamaha Training School (YTS) at the premises of Don Bosco Yuva Kendra on June 18, 2016. Masaki Asano (Managing Director, India Yamaha Motor), Ravinder Singh (Vice President, Strategy and Planning, India Yamaha Motor), Fr. K. A. Joseph (Director, Don Bosco Yuva Kendra) and Fr. A. M. Joseph (Executive Director, Don Bosco Tech Society) were the dignitaries present at the inauguration program.

Yamaha and Don Bosco Tech in association with Don Bosco Yuva Kendra jointly aim to create a 'Centre of Excellence' where youngsters will receive 2-wheeler

technical training that will enable them to become expert technicians. Thereafter, they could be employed gainfully at Yamaha service centres to offer productive contributions to the society. Technical experts from Yamaha are conducting the YTS program on behalf of the company.

The well-equipped lab was inaugurated with the ribbon cutting and lighting of lamp ceremony followed by brief visit to all the facilities and classrooms of YTS by all the dignitaries. Masaki Asano and Ravinder Singh planted tree saplings symbolizing new beginning and new hope for many underprivileged youngsters.

"The existing skills gap in the industry can be reduced by imparting technical training to young generation, as India is on its way to becoming an economic powerhouse. Yamaha as a brand catering to youngsters has addressed the matter with great responsibility," said Masaki Asano. "Yamaha is the first and only 2-wheeler manufacturer to offer this unique course certified by the Government of India," says Ravinder Singh.

At the inauguration program, students presented various cultural programs. Masaki Asano distributed the uniforms to all the trainees enrolled in YTS. Finally, Bro. Pratul (Principal, Don Bosco Yuva Kendra) expressed vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and India Yamaha Motor for taking this very meaningful initiative for skilling the youth.

Don Bosco Tech hosts National Work Skills competition

Joining the Skills Olympic organized by the industries in Europe as a means of promoting vocational training in industrial skills for youth, Don Bosco Tech hosted the 28th National Work Skills Competition 2016 initiated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on June 28-30, 2016 at Don Bosco Skill Mission, Bengaluru.

The competition was held in two categories i.e. above 22 years and below 22 years of age in nine trades viz. Electrician, Plumber, Fitter, Welder, Sheet Metal Works, COPA, Information Network Cabling, IT Network System Administration, Refrigeration & AC, CNC Milling, and CNC Turning. The objective of the competition is to encourage supervisors in industry by providing recognition for individual merit and excellence in skills through an organized competition; to upgrade the standards and status of industrial supervisors, who are the most important link between management and the workmen; and to encourage excellence.

A total of 116 participants in over 11 skill trades from over 30 companies across India like Tata Steel, TML Drives, Tata Motors Ltd, Netur Technical Training Foundation, GRSE, Rourkela Steel Plant - SAIL, Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd, FAG Bearings India, Mahindra Vehicles Manufacturers Ltd., etc. took part in the competition. The Valedictory function of National Work Skills Competition

was held at Taj Vienta Hotel, Bangalore on June 30, 2016. Chief Guests present at the valedictory function were Mr. Soumitra Bhattacharya (Joint Managing Director - Bosch India, Co-Chair for Skills Committee - CII and Former Chairman CII - Karnataka State Council), Mr. N. Raghuraj (Managing Director, Netur Technical Training Foundation and Former Chairman CII - Karnataka State Council) and Fr. A. M. Joseph (Executive Director, Don Bosco Tech Society).

Mr. Soumitra Bhattacharya while emphasizing on the dire need of skilled worker in industry stated, "Through such skill competition, CII aims to provide a unique platform to the youth to showcase their skills, learn from each other practically and thus promote skill development."

Ms. Neeta Pradhan Das (Director - Skill Development, CII) welcomed all the dignitaries and requested them to distribute the trophies and certificates to the winners of the competition. The program ended with the group photo.

Mobilization workshop to learn new and innovative methods and techniques



Director - Programme, Don Bosco Tech Society said, "UNDP has created this platform wherein all the organizations could share their best practices and challenges they face." Dr. S.K. Shanthi (Director - India Development Foundation) speaking during the workshop shared about India Development Foundation (IDF) and sensitized the audience about Women's freedom and its critical importance as they have better edge in improving the livelihoods of the family. Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Jayachandran (State Project Officer - UNDP, Karnataka) said, "This workshop created the link between organizations and the Government departments to exchange ideas, collaborate and together find solutions and create more avenues for the youth in seeking employment."

Mr. Hemanathan (State Project Officer - UNDP, Karnataka) added, "Such platforms give wonderful opportunity for young professionals in skill training industry to learn various tools and techniques in mobilization". During the two-day workshop, participants shared the methods and techniques of mobilization process that is executed during the program implementation.

At the closing day, Fr. Anil Maran (Director, Don Bosco Skill Mission) thanked UNDP for having conducted the workshop and thanked all participants for attending the workshop. The training came to an end with a group photo and exuberant note.

Inspiring lecture on 'Human Asset' to trainees at Don Bosco Tech (Hijuguri, Assam)



On June 4, 2016, Don Bosco Tech Society (Hijuguri) organized a guest lecture for the trainees of ISMO domain enrolled under Axis Bank Foundation (ABF). Md. Sahzad Hussain was the valuable and resourceful guest invited to deliver a lecture to the trainees.

Trainees welcomed Md. Sahzad Hussain with a welcome song and felicitated with the Assamese traditional towel called Gamusa. In the welcome note, Mr. Anil Dutta (ISMO Trainer) gave a warm welcome to the guest and introduced him to the trainees. Citing the fact that Md. Hussain who had obtained a government job offer chose rather to work for the marginalized sections of the society, Mr. Anil invited the trainees to listen and interact with the resource person and learn from his knowledge and experience.

Starting his lecture, Md. Hussain appreciated and thanked Don Bosco Tech for the invitation and trainees for the warm welcome. Mr. Hussain focused on the term 'Human Asset' during his lecture where he said that out of the total 125 cores of

population of India, nearly about 45 cores are youth. So with the huge manpower, he emphasized on the need to use this asset in manufacturing sector. He said, "If we use this asset fully, the price of commodities will easily come down. But to work in a manufacturing unit, we need to be a skilled person." Trying to encourage the young trainees to take up challenges of life and jobs he used the example of animals that are willing to migrate or move to find food rather than waiting for next season in their own location. He stressed that human beings need to go beyond our home to seek the well-being of our own and family.

An hour long session concluded with words of appreciation by Mr. Anil on behalf of Don Bosco Tech and all the trainees for giving an insightful lecture and inspiring the trainees through his ordinary yet meaningful life.

Instilling knowledge and awareness about HIV/AIDS among the youngsters

To enhance students' knowledge and awareness about HIV/AIDS in order to prevent the spread of AIDS, a guest lecture was organized at Don Bosco Tech Society (Jalandhar) on June 14, 2016. The trainees from Electrical domain attended the program along with the trainer.

The session was arranged to impart knowledge and create awareness about the cause, symptoms and the prevention of the disease. To deliver the lecture, Mr. Anesh Kumar (State Coordinator - New Vision Society, Dehradun) was invited as the resource person. Before starting the session, Mr. Nirmal Singh (Trainer - Electrical, Don Bosco Tech, Jalandhar) introduced the resource person to the students and urged them to make use of the session. While addressing the trainees, he explained the purpose of arranging such session for the youth. The programme commenced with the prayer song invoking the blessings of the Almighty.

Discussing with the students, Mr. Anesh Kumar cleared certain notions about HIV and how it spreads to another person. The students understood that such acts as hugging, touching, wearing clothes of HIV affected person or sharing food does not transmit the

disease but on the other hand case of blood transfusion from infected donor, using unsterilized syringes and scissors, and unprotected sexual relationship with a HIV infected person can lead to getting the infection. Further, he appealed the students not to discriminate HIV patients as untouchable but instead asked them to treat the patients as a normal human being and show them sympathy, extra care and affection. He stated that prevention is better than cure is the best-suited strategy in case of India and other developing countries with huge population.

The interactive session was very useful to clarify the doubts and queries raised by the students. As a whole it was a very enriching day for the trainees. They were very happy with the whole program and gained a lot from it. Mr. Nirmal Singh ended the lecture by thanking Mr. Anesh Kumar for giving his valuable time to the trainees of Don Bosco Tech.

Nizamabad Mayor visits Don Bosco Tech centre



It was a day of great honor for the staff and trainees of Don Bosco Tech (Nizamabad, Telangana) as Ms. Aakula Sujatha (Mayor, Nizamabad Municipal Corporation) visited the centre

on June 9, 2016. Accompanied by Mr. Nageshwar (Municipal Commissioner, Nizamabad Municipal Corporation), Mr. Chandramohan (Project Director, MEPMA) and Mr. Siddhar Reddy (District Coordinator, MEPMA), Ms. Sujatha visited the centre to

motivate the students for their career and future.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Sujatha said that she is glad to visit Don Bosco Tech and meet all the trainees who are undergoing skills training in various domains. She enquired trainees about the training at Don Bosco Tech and got very positive response from the trainees related to the training experience.

Some of the students also shared in public the reason and motivation as well as the experience of joining the skill training programme. They shared their confidence and happiness about the present experience and the hope for a brighter future.

"Government of Telangana is ready to give more projects to Don Bosco Tech in future as it is one of the best skill training partners in Telangana," asserted Mr. Chandramohan. As the day came to an end, the Mayor, Ms. Sujatha appreciated the grooming, discipline, dedication of the trainees and suggested to provide the handbooks to the trainees for successful training.

Organising job fair for entrusting bright future to Don Bosco Tech trainees



Don Bosco Tech in coordination with District Employment Exchange (Munger, Bihar) organized a job fair at Don Bosco Tech (Munger, Bihar) on June 13, 2016. Twenty two companies from Production,

Insurance, Hospitality, Electrical, Retail and Security sectors participated in the job fair. During the day-long job fair, approximately 2000 aspirants participated and were interviewed according to their specialization. Altogether 800 aspirants were shortlisted in different companies for second round of interview in their respective offices.

Mr. Uday Kumar Singh (District Magistrate, Munger) and Vijay Kumar (MLA, Munger) were the honorable Guests present at the job fair. Other dignitaries present at the fair were Saurav Nidhi (Congress Head, Munger Zone), Mr. Rajkumar Sarvangi (Social Worker), Mr. Y.P. Singh (Manager - ITC Corporate affairs, Munger

zone), Mr. Aashish Anand (Zila Niyojan Officer, Munger) and Mr. Rajesh Ranjan Jha (Cluster Coordinator, Don Bosco Tech Society).

Addressing the youth, Mr. Uday Kumar Singh shared his delight on being invited to the job fair. He said, "This job fair is a great opportunity to present when the window for Government job is very few and vague." He extended his support to the aspirants if they face any hardship or have queried regarding any company in the future."

Speaking at the fair, Vijay Kumar said, "The youngsters of Bihar are able to do any type of work, but due to lack of skills, they are exploited by the employer and engaged with unorganized sector." He also highlighted on the importance of vocational training and insisted that Government of Bihar is also focused about the success of 'Kausal Vikash Yojna' and that all the youth must take this opportunity for their benefit.

Mr. Y. P. Singh appreciated the effort for organising the job fair and the interventions of Don Bosco Tech in the area of skilling. He informed that through the vocational training program, Don Bosco Tech was able to successfully train and place in various industries approximately 1400 youth till date. He also added that Don Bosco Tech's work is very impressive in the skill development sector that provides a big leap to the youth for their career. At the end, Rajesh Ranjan Jha proposed the vote of thanks to all the guests and dignitaries for their precious time and support.

Rising Star The Story of Success Suman Behera



Suman Behera, aged 21, comes from a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family, who belongs to the backward village of Sakadi, Khajuripada block of Kandhamal (Odisha). He had to discontinue his education due to financial problem after passing his matriculation examination in third division. Suman wanted to support his family and was searching for a source of income but it was impossible as no one came forward to engage him for any wage based employment.

During his struggle, he came to know about Don Bosco Tech (Phulbani) centre through his friends who are working outside Odisha with this short term course. Curious and with a glimmer of hope, he visited Don Bosco Tech centre where he learned about the training programme and placement opportunity that is provided to all the trainees on completion of the training program. Suman was counselled by team of trainers and advised him to enrol in Helper Electrical domain under the project of Roshni. Roshni is a special project by Ministry of Rural Development (Govt. of India) to empower the youth from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts and Don Bosco Tech is one of the training partners who is successfully implementing the project in the LWE districts of Odisha.

After enquiring the entitlements of the project, Suman enrolled in Helper Electrical domain. Being of shy nature, he initially had a tough time in grasping effectively the subject and the experience. But with the support of the trainers and the input through the training in soft skills he overcame this challenge. Everyone is very fond of him because he

reassures everyone whether his batch mates or trainers. At the end of the training Suman passed out in flying colours with a good record. A few days after completing his Helper Electrical course, he attended a job interview and received a job offer as a Technical Helper in Maarathen Enterprises (Chennai) with a monthly income of Rs. 12000/- per month. "I am really grateful to my trainers for believing in me and enlightening me with belief in oneself," says Suman Behera.

Suman's achievements have inspired many unemployed rural youth from his village who now wants to undergo training in Don Bosco Tech (Phulbani). In regard to his smooth working at Maarathen Enterprises, Mr. Chouhan (General Manager, Maarathen Enterprises) shared, "He is really hard working and one quality that I would like to appreciate in him is his confidence."

Suman acknowledges, "Don Bosco Tech changed my life by giving the best training and encouraging me to overcome my weakness. They taught me many new things and motivated me by developing my personality. Today I am confident and independent person." Suman hopes to become Senior Electrician and to support his own family and others who may be in dire need. And on a final note he reiterates "Education does not necessarily give employment but quality training does."