



Industry Colloquium 1.0

Leveraging technology for mission 'Skilling India'

Don Bosco Tech Society in association with Siemens organized 'Industry Colloquium 1.0' at Don Bosco Skill Mission (Bangalore) on March 11-12, 2016. This colloquium acted as a platform to bring together the industry experts, technology enablers and faculty members to embark upon the journey of skilling the youth of India using advanced digital learning techniques.

The Colloquium was graced by the presence of Ms. Aprana Upadhyaya (Deputy CEO, Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation) and Mr. Sathesh Kurup (Senior Director, Siemens Industry Software) as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively. Other dignitaries and speakers present at the colloquium included Mr. Vivek Singh (General Manager - Products, Blue Star), Mr. Indraneel Bhattacharya (Sr. General Manager, Laxmi Machine Works), Mr. Eric Dupont (Manager - Director, Schneider Electric), Mr. Manikandan (Director, Hewlett-Packard India), Mr. Sree Kumar (Advisor, Yamaha Motor Private Limited), Mr. Prabir Ray (Manager, ESAB Welding Institute) and Fr. A. M. Joseph, SDB (Executive Director, Don Bosco Tech Society).

The event was inaugurated with a prayer song by the TNT trainees followed by lighting of the lamp by all the dignitaries.

In his opening speech, Fr. A. M. Joseph spoke on how technology can be utilized to give quality training to the rural youth. Ms. Aprana spoke about projects in Andhra Pradesh and its challenges as well as achievements.

In the post-lunch session, presentations on training school, flip classroom, Massively Open Online Course (MOOCs), emergence of LMM and its four divisions, types of air conditioning and its opportunities, welding skill in the modern world were presented by respective representatives of industry partners from Yamaha, HP, Laxmi Machine Work, Schneider Electric, Blues Star and ESAB. There was also a demonstration by Knowledge Podium on internet wellness, cyber bullying and game addiction.

The participants who came from various skill training institutions of the Don Bosco Tech Network had a hands on experience and exposure to the digital curricula prepared by Siemens and Knowledge Podium in the various domains.

The event finally concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr. Arul Maran.



Sharing hands-on experience in hotel industry with fellow aspirants



Jerryson and Goberson Mynsong, who are cousins and alumni of Hospitality domain of Don Bosco Tech, always felt that RRTC (Umrang, Meghalaya) centre was like a second home to them. At present both are working at Poinisuk Hotel in Shillong, after a decent spell of exposure and learning outside their home state. On being invited by Don Bosco Tech (Umrang) to share their knowledge and experience, two brothers decided to visit their alma mater on March 12, 2016.

They were warmly received by the Centre team and trainees. Taking the trainees through the timeline of

their own training and employment, they gave valuable inputs to the group. Jerryson was in Hyderabad with Radisson Green while Goberson was in Bangalore for more than three years. They eagerly shared the trainees about their experiences during their initial days of struggle. Goberson shared about the experiences and hardship while stating that the Hotel Industry was no walk in the park, but required much endurance and hardwork. He explained importance of time management, possible scenarios of a situation that one may face from seniors and supervisors, etc. Jerryson stressed on the utmost importance of dedication and sincerity in any job.

They insisted the trainees to learn the use of sophisticated equipments and machineries along with proper etiquette, attitudes and mannerism towards the colleagues, seniors and especially customers that would add positive skills to their specific task in the hotel industry. The cousins were very appreciative of the opportunity they got to be trained and now to come back and address the group. The interactive session concluded with the vote of thanks by a trainee on behalf of the whole class. The experience was found to be one of learning and motivating the entire batch.

Alma Connect: Don Bosco Tech organized alumni meet in Asha Deep (Muzaffarpur, Bihar)

Don Bosco Tech (Muzaffarpur) organized its first Alumni cum Parents meet at Asha Deep campus on March 21, 2016. Approximately 500 alumni from past 17 batches and trainees of 18th batch with their parents were present at the meet with great ardor and enthusiasm. Mr. Dharmendra Singh (District Magistrate, Muzaffarpur) was invited as the Chief Guest. Other dignitaries present at the meet were Dr. Mamta Rani (Principal, MDDM College), Dr. Sanjay Pankaj (Renowned Writer and Poet), Mr. Kaushik (President, Rotary Club, Muzaffarpur) Mrs. Rajkumari Devi (Agriculture Expert) and Mr. Devi Prasad Mahapatra (Sr. Manager - Communications, Don Bosco Tech Society).

While praising and expressing his gratitude to Asha Deep, in his inaugural speech Mr. Dharmendra Singh said that training the youth and enabling them to be self dependant is a very important and a noble task. He assured his support and urged to avail the schemes of the Government to enhance and ensure better future for the unemployed youth. Dr. Mamta Rani in her address said that failure is not the end but is the beginning to new opportunities and avenues. Mr. Devi Prasad Mahapatra explained the vision and mission of St. John Bosco and the role played by Don Bosco Tech in empowering the deserving youth.

Mrs. Rajkumari Devi, who is well-known as Kisan Chachi, urged the youth to have right attitude towards work and implement it with great dedication. Mr. Kaushik wholeheartedly acknowledged the kind of service rendered to the unemployed youth by Don Bosco Tech. All the speakers encouraged and inspired the alumni and the present trainees to make use of the golden opportunity provided by Don Bosco Tech and Asha Deep Community College.



Manjay, alumnus from the Hospitality domain of first batch narrated his successful journey after the training and placement starting his career with Rs. 3000/- and now earning Rs. 17,000/- per month as remuneration. Fr. Jesuraj, SJ (Centre Head, Don Bosco Tech, Muzaffarpur) while addressing the audience pointed out that the alumni association is the most important aspect of any institute as it speaks volumes about the quality of education and formation received from that institute. He encouraged the alumni to make this an annual event to keep in touch, share joys and sorrows and to support each other. The well organized event did serve the purpose of connecting with the alumni and also encouraging the youth of the area to strive for success through skill training and employment.

Providing an exposure to patient care and various facilities at Sardar Hospital (Simdega, Jharkhand)

To provide an exposure to patient care in a nursing home and its various facilities, Don Bosco Tech (Simdega, Jharkhand) had organized a field cum exposure visit for 25 trainees of General Duty Assistant (GDA) domain to Sardar Hospital (Simdega) on March 3, 2016. Trainees were accompanied by Ms. Sita Bhardwaj (Trainer, GDA, Don Bosco Tech) and Mr. Anil Kumar Singh (Centre Coordinator, Don Bosco Tech, Arouse). The purpose of this visit was to understand and create awareness about the hospital set-up and different departments of the hospital and facilities such as Operation Theater, OPD, IPD, counseling, etc. The team on reaching the hospital was warmly received by Mr. Jagrath (Deputy Superintendent, Sardar Hospital). He briefed the trainees on the establishment of hospital and its mission, vision and achievements. During the tour to the hospital, trainees got the opportunity to visit various departments where they observed and gained knowledge about ICTC (Integrated Counseling and Treatment Centre), HIV/AIDS, different signs and symptoms of teeth problems and its prevention, etc. They also interacted with medical and nursing personnel such as Ms. Sabita Turkey (Counselor), Dr. Rajat



Sexena (Ophthalmologist), Dr. Rahul Sukla (Dentist), Sis. Monika (Labor Room In-Charge) and Sis. Shulekha (OT In-Charge) in Sardar Hospital.

The exposure visit was a wonderful, fruitful and useful experience for GDA trainees which would help them for their career in the future. The group of trainees thanked the establishment for this opportunity and the very useful learning through this experience.

Annual review meeting of ITC Project organised at Don Bosco Tech (National Office)

Don Bosco Tech Society organized a 2-day Annual Review Meeting of ITC project at the National Office in New Delhi on March 28-29, 2016. Altogether 21 participants that included trainers, cluster, centre and project coordinators under ITC projects from Bihar, Odisha, Assam and West Bengal attended the review meeting.

The event was organized to evaluate the project experience as well as to plan and strategize for the future phase of the project in these states. The meeting began with an introductory speech by Fr. A. M. Joseph, SDB (Executive Director, Don Bosco Tech) and Fr. George Mathew, SDB (Asst. Director - Finance, Don Bosco Tech) followed by welcome address by Mr. Abhishek Verma (Sr. Manager - Linkages, Partnership and Programs). During the course of the day, the group took up for discussion and planning issues related to mobilization, quality training, placement, tracking and compliances related to documentation. The interaction helped to generate new ideas and ways to enhance the quality of the training.

On the second day, team building activities through an out-bound programme was conducted for all the participants at Best Western



Country Club in Gurgaon (New Delhi). Mr. Anshuman Gupta (Trainer, Logvika, Delhi) upskilled the participants with innovative ways to keep the career growth of the students while focusing on 'Teamwork' through various engaging activities. The two-day event was an out of the box experience for the participants that not only enhanced their knowledge and skills but also rejuvenated them with additional energy and motivation to work with commitment.

Rising Star

Abirak Khurshed Potto

Where there is a will, there is a way!



A young, energetic and hardworking girl, Abirak Khurshed Potto hails from Peerbagh area of Srinagar. She belongs to a financially stable family, and her father runs a handicrafts business, which would have sufficed for her to continue the conventional studies and look for a job afterwards, but Abirak had different aspirations. She dreamt of being empowered and skilled enough to work on her own rather than being dependent on her family. She aspired to touch new horizons of success and live her life independently by realizing the strength of a woman and her ability to work and achieve as much as a man can. The only barrier to her success was her lack of exposure, skills and good communication skills. Once Abirak came to know about the Himayat program, she got herself enrolled in Retail domain in Srinagar centre, which focuses on improving the communication skills of the trainees besides providing them the domain specific and computer skills.

Abirak was very committed and hardworking during her training. Although she faced several problems while improving her communication skills, her unconditional effort resulted in her getting selected as the best candidate for Job in HR Gulf Solution as a Receptionist. She worked there for six months with Rs. 4500 per month as remuneration. Afterwards, she got an opportunity to work at Indigo Airlines - one of the largest and most reputed Airline in India - as a Security Officer with Rs. 16,245 as her monthly remuneration.

Abirak Khurshed Potto loves her work and is always being appreciated for her hardwork and dedication. With every passing day, she has become more confident and understands customer security issues and overall customer satisfaction very well. She gives the credit of her success to Don Bosco Tech, which always remained very supportive of her dreams and helped her at every step of the way.

Today, Abirak not only acts as an inspiration for many other girls undergoing training at Don Bosco Tech under Himayat project, but for hundreds and thousands of girls who want to realize their dreams and be skilled enough to do what they wish to.

Don Bosco Tech Warrior : Ipsha Pathak Bouncing back from difficult times and coming out stronger

Ipsha is one of the sincere, hardworking and dedicated trainers valued by Don Bosco Tech. Today she is not only respected and recognized by her trainees and team members but also has carved a niche in the eyes of the society with her years of social work and achievements through her perseverance and diligence towards her life and career. On Women's day, Ipsha was conferred with an award 'Hope for Change' for her extraordinary contribution in the field of social work by Protest Against Gang Rapes and Crimes (PAGC) and Nacion Developers and Consultants (NDC) in Patna on March 8, 2016. Like every human being, she too had days of struggle in her life and in career to overcome and reach where she is today.

Ipsha lives in Muzaffarpur with her family and a little angel (her daughter). Her father is a retired Bank Clerk; her mother is a housewife; and younger brother is an engineer in Gurgaon. She is one of the highly qualified trainers with two bachelor degrees in Information Technology and Vocal-Classical Music. Her passion for music and dance drove her to acquire a masters degree in Classical Music. Like every girl, Ipsha dreamt for a happy married and family life. But the situation after marriage was very challenging and eventually leading to separation. She faced it with courage and determination and took up the challenge to raise her little child and support her parents. She started working as Store and Back Office

Executive. It was then that her friend referred her to Don Bosco Tech (Asha Deep, Muzaffarpur, Bihar) where she was appointed IT Trainer in 2014. In those initial days of mobilization and interaction with trainees, she realized a level of comfort and satisfaction in what she was able to do. During the free times and on weekends, she is being associated with RotracYouth - the wing of Rotary club for creating public awareness on various social issues. Prior to Don Bosco Tech, she was associated with Nirdesh for financial inclusion among women of East Champaran village and helped more than 200 youth for recovering money from fraud chit fund with the help of media and local administration, which was also appreciated in various platforms.

The life journey was not smooth for Ipsha but the lesson she learned was enough to make her stay humble. With the support and encouragement from her seniors and centre team at Don Bosco Tech, Ipsha determined to work more passionately with commitment. Conveying her message to her colleagues and trainees, she says, "Do not let your past, society and negative forces overshadow you and your life. Sometimes the pains, tears and negativity make you stronger. Be thankful to the hard times for preparing me for a better future."

