



# SHELTER SAMACHAR

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

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Every new start is a fresh opportunity to begin again. I am grateful for the opportunity to make a new start as Director of Shelter Don Bosco.

When I was first appointed here in the year 2004, Lokesh, Miraj and Ashok were three young boys in their early teens. Today the three boys are all grown up gainfully employed and have families of their own. Like the three former boys Shelter Don Bosco, too, has grown tremendously since and has helped many more boys attain the kind of life God intended for them. I am grateful to Fr. Roy Noronha, the previous rectors and their teams who have been instrumental in achieving this.

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Being back here after 14 years is pleasing in many ways, but I am well aware of the challenges ahead of me in this familiar environment. The problems for us all with the current pandemic and the impact it is having on our children is a major challenge for all of us at this time.

However, I am fortunate to have an energetic team of young Salesians and dedicated staff to assist me. I am also grateful to you - our family, friends and benefactors whose encouragement and support help us take on this challenge to not just do as well as we did in the past but to do even better.

Every child deserves a decent start in life. Together, we can make that a reality.

## **A SCHOOL WITHIN A HOME**

The year 2020 has been a tragic year with the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic leaving millions of people vulnerable and bringing the world to a complete standstill with the lockdown being imposed all over the country. This time again, with the Second Wave of the Covid 19 Pandemic, many people, especially whom we knew personally, were affected by the virus, and once again, life came to a standstill. With Schools and Colleges shut, education took on a whole new face by launching into the digital platform and reaching out to its students far and wide.

Despite these abrupt, shocking changes, Shelter Don Bosco once again, launched into the new academic year with schools and colleges shut, running on the online digital platform. Last month, schools and colleges returned to classes online. All the boys, right from the 5th to the 12th Grade, began their formal education on various online platforms such as Google Meet, Zoom and Microsoft Teams.



In the year 2020, our boys were placed in 13 different schools which made the follow up of our students little difficult. This year, we have managed to consolidate all our boys in 5 schools based on the medium of instruction. In spite of the pandemic, Shelter Don Bosco has never compromised on the education of its boys. Even with our limited devices such as laptops and computers, education here goes on just like a normal school. Hence in keeping with our name - Shelter Don Bosco, is truly a school within a home, with the safe education of our boys being the topmost priority during the pandemic. All this, thanks to our staff who toil tirelessly.

## **PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES**

### Music In Shelter Don Bosco

Music is a very important component at Shelter Don Bosco. Our boys eagerly learn to play the guitar, drums and keyboard. Some of our boys are already good musicians; a few others are getting there. To make music even more alive in Shelter Don Bosco, a rock band titled Street Rock was established. The band performs for various programs and events that are held in Shelter Don Bosco. The band consists of vocalists, guitars, keyboard, drums djembe and various other instruments which the boys are learning.



### Skill Training in Computers

Educating the boys in the use of Computers is another intervention taken up this year keeping in mind that education now is on the digital platform. During the summer camp in the month of May 2021, sessions were conducted in computer basics, typing and on how to use the Internet. The senior boys were introduced to learning Adobe Photoshop for which the classes still continues on a daily basis.



### Student Leaders of Shelter Don Bosco

"With great power comes great responsibility" was the theme that set the tone for the installation of our student leaders who form the part of the Student Cabinet representing the Children's Parliament at Shelter Don Bosco held on 3rd July 2021. These leaders were chosen through a fair process of elections that were held by the students in the presence of the management.

### International Yoga Day at Shelter Don Bosco

21st June 2021 was observed as International Yoga Day. Keeping in mind the physical fitness and wellbeing, Shelter Don Bosco organized an hour long yoga session on this day. The boys and staff performed various yoga asanas complemented by a brief commentary for each asana. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and performed various asanas, since the benefits of this practice were reiterated.

Yoga is an important part of the Shelter Don Bosco program, organized with varying frequency for the boys and the staff, since yoga practice improves mind, body and soul consciousness, relieving tiredness and laziness.



# OUR YOUNG ACHIEVERS

We are thrilled to announce that our 10th Grade students passed with flying colors in the Secondary School Certificate Exam (SSC). With the second wave of the Covid 19 pandemic, the exams were cancelled but the school in which our boys studied conducted several small scale exams by way of assignments and other means of grading. It is here that our students put their heart and soul in whatever they did and have borne the fruit of their labour. The highest percentage procured by one of our boys is 78%. We thank our staff members at Shelter Don Bosco and their teachers in their respective schools who have moulded and shaped these young minds into the persons they are today.



## Our Projects

### Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP)

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 (JJ Model Rules, 2016) was notified on 21st September, 2016, repealing the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2007. The JJ Model Rules, 2016, are based on the philosophy that children need to be reformed and reintegrated into society. The best interest of the child along with child-friendly procedures is incorporated in the schedule of Shelter Don Bosco which functions as a Child Care Institute.



### After-Care Project (Bosco Care Centre - BCC)

An After-Care programme is necessary for children in need of care and protection that requires further assistance for completion of their process of rehabilitation or the attainment of self-sufficiency on their departure from the care and protection of a Children's home. In After-Care, it is important to ensure that the youth is freed of any stigma attached to their association with the Juvenile Justice system. This is the idea of Bosco Care Centre (BCC) or the After-Care program of Shelter Don Bosco near Antop Hill in Wadala East.



The BCC is open for Ex- shelter boys who have completed 18 years of age and are interested in completing their college studies or Vocational Training. Ex- shelter boys who have closed their CWC case are entitled for admission into after-care after approval of the Management. While at BCC, the boys study and also work part-time. They are encouraged to pay the rent in part so as to develop a sense of responsibility and maturity. They cook their own food, manage their finances and learn necessary life skills.

## DAY-NULM Project (MCGM)

The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) aims at providing shelters equipped with essential services to the urban homeless in a phased manner. The objective of the mission is to implement a time-bound program in order to alleviate urban poverty. This requires that the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai tie up with Shelter homes already functioning under similar objectives. Shelter Don Bosco has signed an agreement with MCGM for the implementation of this project. Shelter Don Bosco accepts children who fall under this category through the admission orders of CWC.

# **DAY-NULM**

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National  
Urban Livelihoods Mission

## You can Make a Difference



**Without the commitment of large hearted donors like you, we cannot fulfill the goals and aspirations of the children as well as meet the standards required of us by various local and government bodies. Any surplus funds support our projects and programs for after-care and ex-boys. Your contribution also supports our staff and their families who share in the same mission. Thank you again for sharing our vision of a just and healthy society for children, and for helping us achieve them via your generous contributions.**

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