

One Day Leadership Camp at Don Bosco, Lonavala
Group -A **Date: 24 February 2018**

*** Journey:**

On 24th of February, 2018 the students of FE COMPS and FE EXTC of Don Bosco Institute of Technology, Kurla, for the very first time, visited another branch of our very own institute i.e. Don Bosco, Lonavla. Students assembled in college at 6:15 am where the attendance was taken, after which two groups were divided into two separate buses, with approximately 85 students (54 Comps + 29 Extc+02 Mech). Five teachers Dr. Revathy mam, Kartiki mam, Sameer sir, Vishal sir and Sanjay sir were accompanying with us. They evenly divided among two buses. Thereafter started our journey of fun and laughter, of singing and of games, of knowledge and enlightenment. We started our trip at around 8 am and after a 2 hour 30 minutes journey, which was filled with music, jokes and laughter, we made it to the Don Bosco, Lonavla campus at 10:30 am, just in time for breakfast. We then geared up for the talks that were scheduled for us, by esteemed Fr. Adolph and honorable Fr. Xavier. Students were divided into two groups. One group attended the Intellectual session while another group was engaged in playing games. Later on these groups interchanged sessions.

*** Intellectual Session:**

Talk by Fr. Adolph: it was focused mainly upon how we can keep better ourselves as engineers. He spoke about the importance of designing our future, and also told us that grades don't define us as engineers, our innovation and imagination does. He asked us for a sense of realization within ourselves, that would give us an orientation towards our future and towards what we want to become. He also gave us some examples of Indians who really used their technical knowledge to bring about a change such as Pranav Mistry and Arunachalam Muruganatham. We were deeply motivated by his talk.

Talk by Fr. Xavier: It was focused more on ecology and how we can carry out our daily activities more efficiently through Eco-friendly methods. He discussed with us the procedures to make charcoal from cow dung which can be used in heaters for burning. He encouraged us to recycle articles and goods of daily importance, by himself showing us how he recycled a 'Mirinda' bottle for use as a holder. He also showed us his invention of a liquid in which bacteria is cultured and according to him, this liquid is capable of giving tough competition to 'Phenyl' and 'Harpic'. Fr. Xavier also showed us around his campus where he has actually put forth his theory of Eco-friendly techniques into practice. He showed us around their rooftop terrace gardens, their solar panels that light up the entire campus, their heaters which provide hot water to the campus their vertical gardening techniques to save space and much more. We all learnt a valuable lesson: 'Mother earth is sacred and we all need to have good

relationships with her.

*** Lunch**

We had our lunch at 2 pm where we were served with delicious vegetarian food by Shantabai and her boys. Meantime Fr.Xavier introduced about his staff and co-workers.

*** Play Game Session:**

It was the second phase of our trip . This phase was more exciting as it was filled with group games and fun. We played a total of four games, each different from the other.

Game-1:The first game required a person (preferably thin) to stand on an 'A' shaped rod and the four ropes that were around the person were to be held in such a way that he/she moves forward without falling.

Game 2: It had all of our legs tied up, while we walked up a slope, singing and laughing as per the instructions of the volunteers. I

Game 3:we had two ski board like structures over which a team of 4 students had to walk with co-ordination so as to reach the finishing line.

Game 4:It required us to be quick on our feet with a lot of running around and concentration involved. In short, these games helped us evolve as a team, increased the bonding between team members and also kept us from being lethargic after a well-served lunch.

*** Valediction:**

The games ended with a highly on demand 'masala chai' and cream rolls. After a series of group photographs, with everyone involved in this beautifully organized trip featuring, we bade farewell to the extremely hospitable priests of Don Bosco, Lonavla and returned back to college at around 8 pm, with tired bodies, but faces full of smiles and with a head full of memories that will be cherished for a lifetime.

**- Report written by Miss Sasha Pais
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One Day Leadership Camp at Don Bosco, Lonavala
Group -B **Date: 3 March 2018**

The students of FE IT visited Don Bosco, Lonavla campus on March 3, 2018 for a leadership camp. Around 60 students from FE IT and around 30 students from different other classes including, FE EXTC, FE Mech A and FE Mech B were part of the camp. The students were accompanied by Mr. Royal D'Souza, Dr. Revathy S, Ms. Pallavi M and Mr. Renjit Varghese. The group reached the venue by 9 am and the proceedings commenced with general instructions by Fr. Xavier sdb, fondly known as Baba, who was also the host. Fr. Adolph who is the director of the Lonavla campus and a former director of DBIT addressed the students on the topic, Designing and Determination.

Further the students were divided into two groups. One group performed outdoor activities based on teamwork, leadership and communication skills while the other group was engaged by Baba, who introduced them to his experiments in sustainability and eco friendly farming techniques. This session was a combination of lecturing and live demonstration of the lecture outdoors. The two groups reversed their activities in the post lunch session. The proceedings of the day were concluded with prize distribution and a photo session. Breakfast, lunch and snacks were served through the day.

The group of students along with the faculty started from DBIT, Kurla by 6.45 am and they reached back by 7 pm. The trip gave students a refreshing, enlightening, adventurous, nostalgic and tremendous learning experience. It brought them close to nature and left them with a feeling of responsibility towards it. It left an indelible imprint both on their learning and personal development.

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Group -C

Date:Date: 10th March, 2018

Trip to Don Bosco's Campus, Lonavala, took place on the 10th of March, 2018 wherein a total number of 80 students of first year mechanical engineering along with a few faculty members : Ms.Jeffi , Ms.Georgena , Ms.Anice , Mr.Juned and Mr.Royal attended the trip.

After reaching the campus,the students were addressed by Fr.Xavier who gave the students general instructions. This was followed by the division of students into two groups wherein one group would had an informative session with Fr. Xavier and Fr. Adolf while the other group took part in the activities and were guided by Mr. Royal .

During the informative session with Fr. Xavier, the students were made aware of the growing problem of drug addiction, its causes and effects, especially the devastating effect on the family of the addict and were also advised to help such individuals get the required help and counseling. Apart from this Fr. Xavier also helped the students come up with ideas to start their own business taking into consideration the environment. He showed various articles made by him which help the environment and can be put to daily use, for example – Biochar, vertical gardening, etc. Fr.Xavier introduced the students to the mechanized bakery, the solar panels on the terrace which help provide electricity to the campus, the library and the huge garden which consisted of numerous vegetables and fruits watered by means of a system devised by Fr. Xavier, himself.

Meanwhile the other group was engaged with the activity arranged for them. All the activities had a common teaching – The importance of team work, trust, communication, coordination and patience activity was reversed in the afternoon.

Overall the trip was a great way of learning experiencing and bonding not only with the friends and faculty present but with the nature too. The trip managed to fill the students with a responsibility towards the nature and hence towards the society.

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