

## DON BOSCO ASHALAYAM

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### Don Bosco Regional Councilor's visit

Fr. Biju Michael SDB - Regional Councilor of Don Bosco was in DBA from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The Regional Councilor is the head of all Don Bosco provinces in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar. During his three day visit Fr. Biju Michael visited the outreach projects and interacted with the residential children of DBA. He had meetings with the Salesian Management, his visit concluded with a staff meeting on 06 March in which key staff members presented reports of their respective projects /departments.



*Director, Fr. Mathew welcomes Fr. Biju Michael (seated in blue shirt) in the DBA staff meeting*

### Educational excursion for Class IX & X boys

After a long period of confinement, the boys got some relief as they went on a day long educational excursion to Science City. The boys were split into two groups and excursion planned on separate days for each group. The first group of 22 boys went on 2 March and the next on 9 March . the boys enjoyed the outing and at the same time learnt new things about the earth, environment, science and technology.



## International Women's Day in DBA

Women staff members across projects and departments came together on 08 March to celebrate International Women's Day. The gathering was a mix of serious discussions on women's issues with some fun filled activities thrown in. The three hour program concluded with lunch. **Ms. Lena Dasgupta** of Childline India foundation was the chief guest for the program.



## Retail Training in Asha Tici Centre

DBA in association with Don Bosco Tech is providing retail management training to **40** boys and girls. The training is for 4 months, one month theory and three months practical in Decathlon store. On successful completion of the training the trainees will receive a government recognized NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) certificate. **Decathlon** is our training partner for this program. ***Below: theory class in session.***





## Retail Training in Asha Tici Centre

The trainees learnt plenty of stuff that goes into sports store management like responding to customer and product issues, store front display and more.

### *Learning to string a racquet*



*T-shirt printing. The trainees printed their own uniforms*

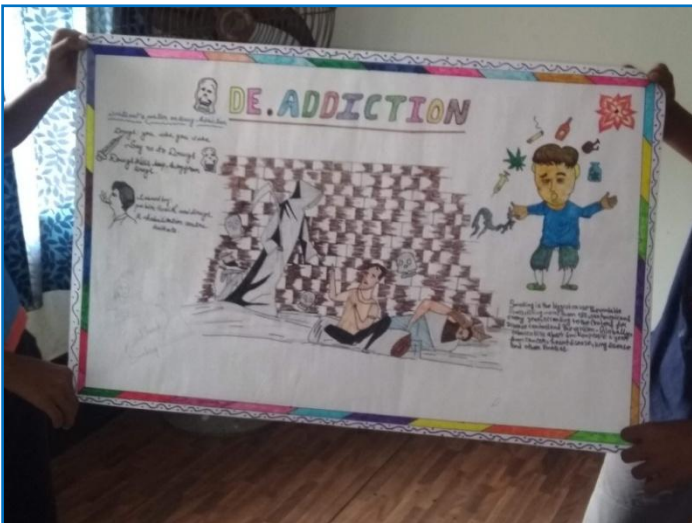
### *Sports cycle repairing*





## De-addiction Workshop

The two day workshop explained the different types of addiction and its harmful effects. Some participants shared their experiences on substance abuse while on the station. They learnt to improve coping skills and the developing the ability to say **NO** to addiction. At the end of the session each group designed an Anti Addiction Poster Campaign to warn and wean the youth away from addictive substances.



## Study Time

The resurgence of Covid-19 infections is once again playing havoc with the school schedule. The students are now attending combination of physical classes and online classes. Ashalayam continues to support the children with special tuition classes.







## Computer Classes and Fishing expedition

Class IX and X boys spent three days in our Asha Tici hostel in Bakrahat. They learnt Word, Excel and PowerPoint from the senior boys. They also learnt fishing during their spare time.

⇐ *Learning the basics of fishing*

*Our young angler waits patiently for the fish to bite.....*



*.....and ooooh what a catch!!*

## Appeal for help for Tumpa's medical treatment

**Tumpa Mondal** was an inmate of Don Bosco Ashalayam from 1998 to 2005. She stayed in Ashalayam because her family couldn't afford to feed or educate her. Ashalayam helped her complete Higher Secondary. Thereafter she got married and since then living with her husband and her daughter who's now five years old. A few months ago Tumpa was diagnosed with failing kidneys and doctors advised her to go in for dialysis. She's presently undergoing dialysis twice a week. Tumpa's husband being a daily wager is unable to bear the cost of his wife's treatment. **We appeal to all our friends and benefactors to please support Tumpa in her struggle.** DBA is setting up a special fund to meet Tumpa's medical expenses. All contributions shall be gratefully acknowledged.



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