

DON BOSCO NAVJEEVAN SOCIETY

Sector 24 –B, Chandigarh

2023 - 24

INTRODUCTION

Brief History of Don Bosco Society

St. John Bosco (Don Bosco), a widely acclaimed priest cum educationist of the 19th century, founded 3 societies to take care of the poor and abandoned children. All these societies are worldwide organizations working in 139 countries of the world. Don Bosco Society began its work in India in 1906 and has now more than 333 centres taking care of the poor and abandoned.

Our sole objective is to empower children and the Young at Risk with vocational and life skills. Our Center is an embodiment of the Don Bosco International Society.

The Society in India has primary and secondary schools, colleges, formal and informal technical institutes, agriculture schools, social work centers, mass media cum communication centres serving different categories of children and the Young at Risk- Street children, slum children and drug addicts etc.

Don Bosco Navjeevan Society- Chandigarh

Don Bosco Navjeevan Society was set up in the year 2001 with an objective to cater to the poor and needy from the slums in the city of Chandigarh. The organization was registered under Societies Act of XXI in 2008. The focus of Don Bosco Navjeevan Society is to reach out to more and more needy children and youth in the Streets, slums and villages, improve the quality of life of the unfortunate ones, empower the women in the slums and villages through Mahila Mandals and Self Help Groups and life skill programmes. We draw our inspiration from St. John Bosco (Don Bosco), a widely acclaimed priest cum educationist of the 19th Century.

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Our Footprints 2023-24

City	Colony / Village / Slum	Urban
Chandigarh	Dainik Bhaskar, Sector 25	Colony
Chandigarh	Dhanas colony	Colony
Chandigarh	Maloya colony	Colony
Chandigarh	Dadu Majra colony	Colony
Chandigarh	Sector 52 colony	Colony
Chandigarh	Faidan colony	Slum
Chandigarh	Ramdarbar Colony	Colony
Chandigarh	Vikas Nagar	Colony
Chandigarh	New Indra Colony	Colony
Chandigarh	Adarsh Nagar	Colony
Punjab	Chabbal – Amritsar	Urban
Punjab	Moga	Urban

Our Activities

1. Education:
 - 1.1. Remedial Centre
 - 1.2. Non-Formal Education (10th & 12th)
 - 1.3. Care and support of children with disabilities
 - 1.4. Degree Course
2. Vocational Training:
 - 2.1. Computer Program
 - 2.2. Hotel Management
 - 2.3. General Duty Assistant
 - 2.4. Beauty Culture Program
3. Women Empowerment
4. Health & Nutrition Support
5. Counselling
6. Children parliament
7. IDU – Injecting Drug Use

EDUCATION

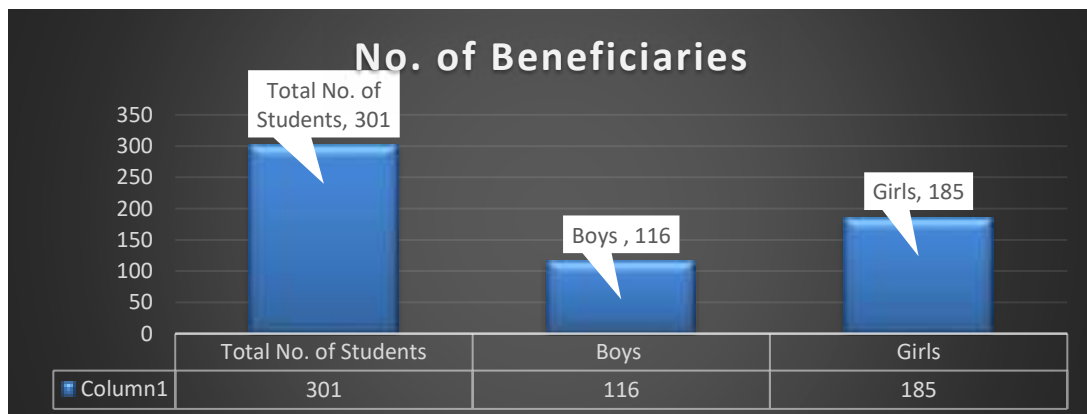
Remedial Classes

Remedial classes are tuition classes conducted for children who are living in slums and colonies of Chandigarh and are going to the government schools. These centres are located in different slums and colonies. There are ten such centres and in each centre we have 30 students. Children from classes 6,7 and 8 attend these classes. In addition to the academic studies it lays an important foundation in developing skills such as turn taking, staying safe, communication, leadership and conflict resolving. All these skills enable children to be more responsible.



Various interventions done at the remedial classes:

1. Tuition for various school subjects
2. Providing nutrition to these children
3. Providing monthly medical checkups.
4. Sports and co-curricular activities
5. Excursion
6. Personality and leadership quality development through Child Parliament
7. Annual and Cultural day celebration.
8. Providing them with school stationeries and uniform
9. Every centre has a teacher who is graduate pass



Non-Formal Education-Nios

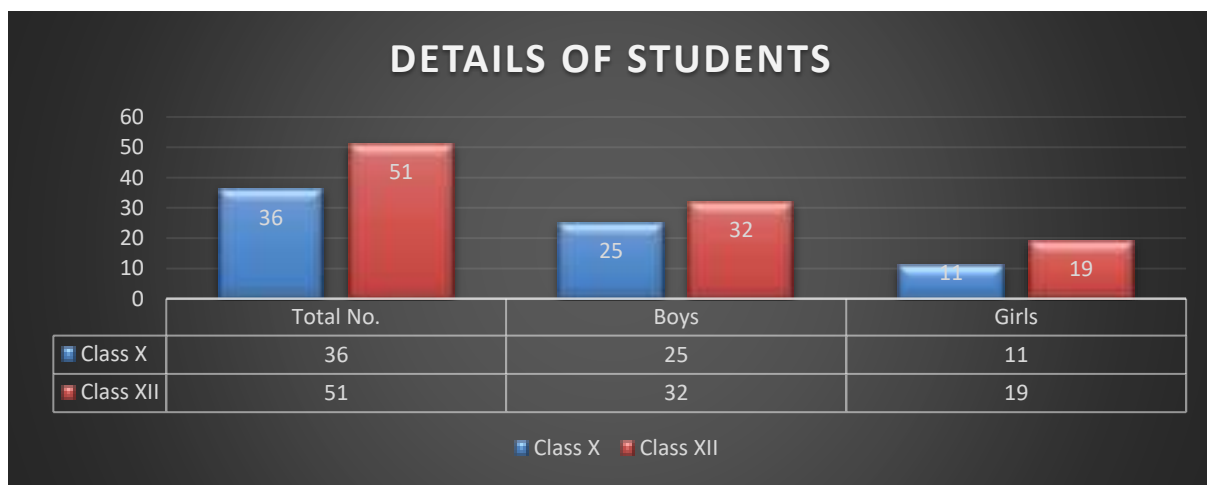
- ❖ NIOS is a platform through which Don Bosco Navjeevan Society provides an opportunity to drop out students to complete their secondary and senior secondary education via open schooling
- ❖ Number of students enrolled in NIOS with the help of Don Bosco are 87 (Combined students of secondary and senior secondary classes)
- ❖ Don Bosco Navjeevan Society provides 5 day classes to students and 1 day extracurricular activities
- ❖ Students are evaluated on the basis of yearly exams conducted by NIOS, so for preparing students for these exams quarterly exams are conducted by Don Bosco.

Various facilities provided to National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) students:

1. Free coaching classes
2. Motivational talks
3. Medical camps
4. Study materials
5. Excursions etc.



Regular Class of 10th & 12th Students



Success Story



From the shadows of adversities, she emerged as a beacon of resilience. Against all the odds, this determined girl from an underprivileged background not only navigated the hardships but also excelled in her studies. She is Indra, a student of class X in Don Bosco. Due to poverty, she has to work as a household help in many houses but she didn't let her hardships come in between of her success. She invests her time properly and make sure that she studies daily. This hardship also didn't break her will to study and change her life. In charge of Secondary and Senior Secondary classes, Mr Vikas Raj also motivated her to study and to balance her life between daily life chores and education. But in last, she succeeded with flying colours and passes her exams with good marks. Now further she is thinking of taking admission in class XI. Her journey is a testament to the power of education as a transforming force.

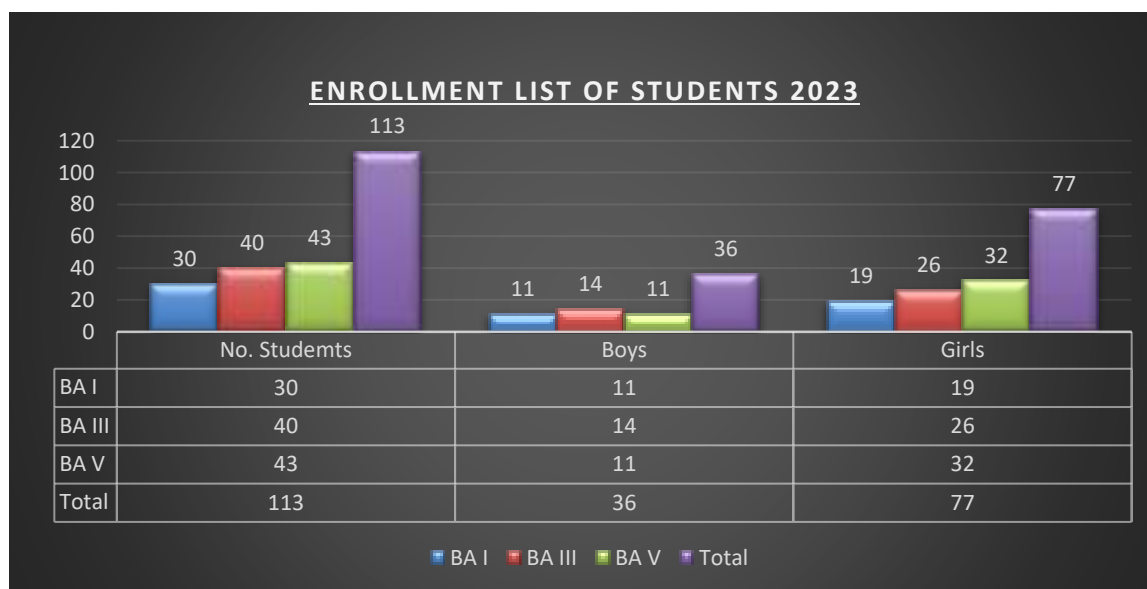
Graduation Programme for Girls

- ❖ The Don Bosco Navjeevan Society's B.A. program stands as a beacon of empowerment, offering a diverse curriculum with subjects like English, Hindi, History, HCP/Punjabi, Sociology, Public Administration, and Political Science. This undergraduate degree allows students to tailor their education, fostering a personalized and impactful learning experience.
- ❖ A notable feature is the program's steadfast commitment to empowering underprivileged communities, particularly focusing on the education of girls to combat gender inequality. Despite challenges presented by the pandemic, enrolment surged to 75 students in 2022, showcasing resilience and dedication.
- ❖ The program tackles a crucial issue in slum areas where parents traditionally resist educating their girls, emphasizing household activities over formal education. Overcoming this mindset has been a formidable task, demanding community mobilization efforts to underscore the importance of education for their children's future.

- ❖ Looking forward to 2023, the program achieved a remarkable enrolment of 113 students, a testament to two years of unwavering commitment. The Don Bosco Navjeevan Society's dedication continues to profoundly impact the underprivileged, equipping students, particularly girls, to shape their futures and contribute positively to society—a transformative journey towards a brighter and more equitable future.

Various facilities provided to Graduation students:

1. Free coaching classes
2. Computer classes
3. Spoken English classes
4. Motivational talks
5. Medical camps
6. Study materials
7. Excursions etc.



Care And Support of Children with Disabilities

A School for special children with special needs

Sawera, a school for children with special needs run by Don Bosco Navjeevan Society. It is an initiative for bring children with special needs and their parents to mainstreaming. It helps them to come out of darkness and witness the real world. Sawera provides tailored program with specialized support and crucial resources. Centre works for 5 days a week from 10:00AM to 03:30PM.

Various facilities provided to students:

8. Free coaching classes
9. Physiotherapy
10. Counselling
11. Medical camps
12. Study materials
13. Excursions etc.



Basic Writing



Counting

Physiotherapy

Sawera provides physiotherapy sessions by healthcare professionals. Physiotherapist intervenes to assist and develop gross motor skills and mobility of children with special needs. The treatment encompasses various treatment modalities such as exercises using gym equipment.



Physiotherapy Sessions inside and outside the Centre

Success Story



She is Mahi, resident of Faidan Nizampur, a slum in Chandigarh. She came to Don Bosco's Centre Sawera in 2022. After proper diagnosis by special educator, it was found that she was on borderline. So, personal sessions were tailored keeping her situation in mind and after all the efforts by special educator for bringing her to mainstream, she was enrolled in inclusive Government School, Sector 47, Chandigarh.

SKILL EDUCATION

Don Bosco Navjeevan Society is proud to offer a comprehensive 6-month Diploma Program designed to empower and equip students immediately following their completion of class 10th. This program, carefully curated by our esteemed institution, focuses on four key areas: Computer Skills, General Duty Assistance, Hotel Management, and Beauty Skills. Each course is meticulously structured to address the specific needs of industries, ensuring that students emerge with in-demand professional skills.

Our commitment to fostering the professional growth and financial independence of the youth is evident in the strategic selection of courses. The aim is to facilitate a seamless transition for students from the academic realm to the professional sphere. By concentrating on sectors with high demand, such as information technology, healthcare assistance, hospitality management, and beauty services, our diploma programs prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce.

The courses offered by Don Bosco Navjeevan Society are:

• Computer	• General Duty Assistant
• Assistant Beauty Therapist	• Hotel Management

Various facilities provided to Skill training students:

1. Free skill training
2. Imparting knowledge of Computer and Spoken English
3. Confidence building programme.
4. Medical checkups
5. Study materials
6. Excursions etc.
7. Assistance in placement



General Duty Assistant



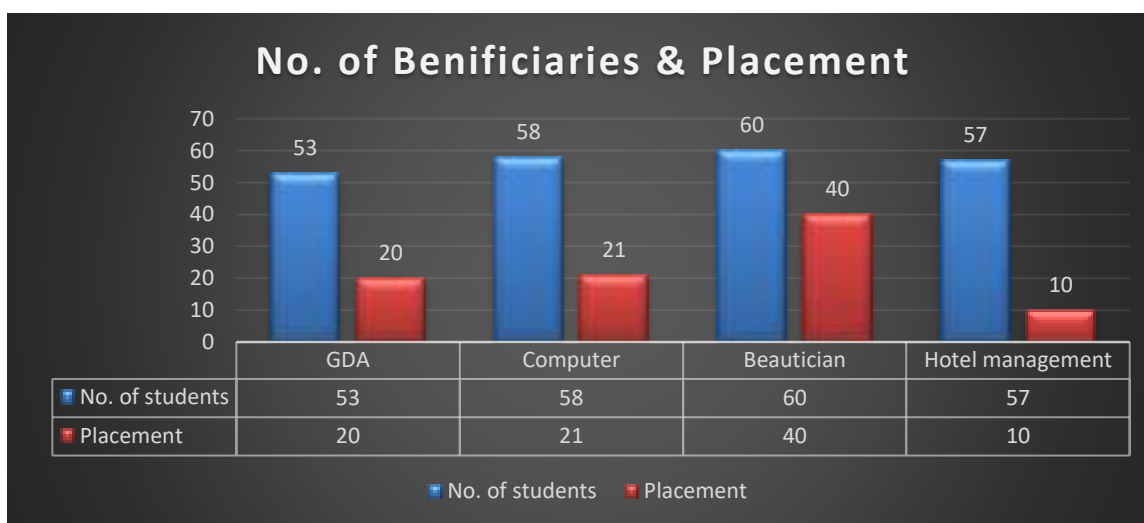
Beautician



Hotel Management



Computer



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOOD

- Self-Help Groups (SHGs) are self-governed informal associations of individuals who voluntarily come together with the shared goal of enhancing their living conditions.
- SHGs operate based on the principle of "Self-help," emphasizing self-employment and poverty alleviation.
- DBNS initiated the formation of SHGs in January 2020, meticulously selecting underprivileged colonies in Chandigarh. The organization identified individuals, particularly women, to bring together for the purpose of SHG formation.
- As of the conclusion of 2023, DBNS has successfully established 54 SHGs in 10 chosen colonies within Chandigarh.

Monthly meeting with SHG members.



Capacity building training for SHG Leaders




Skill Training

- DBNS put emphasis on skill development of the SHG women through well-designed training courses.
- The interested members were short listed for giving different skill trainings.
- The design, duration and the curriculum were modified to meet the needs of the selected members

- Special trainers were hired for training. DBNS is trying hard to provide marketingsupport to the SHGs.
- Objective of trainings is to provide skill development support to the unemployed women in the slums and colonies for sustainable livelihood.
- Practical skill trainings were being held for the SHG ladies in different areas on **Dona making, paper** conversion Trainings etc. where material and trainer were provided to the ladies by Don Bosco.



SUCCESS STORIES	
<p>Neha Kumari,</p> 	<p>Neha Kumari, a tenacious and resourceful 35-year-old woman, courageously challenged societal norms that confined her within the walls of her home, preventing her from pursuing work outside. Undeterred by these constraints, Neha made a resolute choice to seek independence and empowerment. Joining the Self-Help Group (SHG) named SWABHIMAAN Proved to be a pivotal turning point in her life. Under the auspices of The Don Bosco Navjeevan Society, Neha underwent comprehensive training in the art of candle making, a skill that would ultimately become her means of financial independence.</p> <p>Despite facing initial challenges, Neha exhibited unwavering commitment and determination within the supportive environment of the SHG. Upon mastering the intricacies of candle making, she ventured into crafting exquisite handmade candles, which she successfully introduced to the market. In the previous year alone, her entrepreneurial spirit bore fruit, yielding an impressive income of 10,000 INR from the sale of her unique creations.</p> <p>Neha's journey did not end with her personal success; she extended her newfound expertise by offering candle-making training to school students. Over a 15-day period, she not only imparted valuable skills but also earned recognition and compensation, receiving 300 INR per hour for her contributions. Her ability to transform adversity into triumph has made Neha Kumari a beacon of inspiration within the SWABHIMAAN SHG and beyond.</p> <p>The Don Bosco Society played a pivotal role in empowering Neha, enabling her to break free from societal constraints and become a self-reliant individual. Her narrative serves as a testament to the transformative impact of SHGs and vocational training programs, illustrating how they can empower women to overcome challenges, pursue entrepreneurship, and serve as catalysts for positive change within their communities. Neha Kumari's story is not just one of personal triumph but also a shining example of the potential for empowerment within the SWABHIMAAN SHG and similar initiatives.</p>

Health & Nutrition

Medical check-up camps

Don Bosco Navjeevan Society has successfully extended vital health services to children, women, and others in the colonies of Chandigarh. Conducting impactful medical camps, the initiative boasts a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, lab technicians, drivers, and a fully-equipped mobile ambulance. These camps focus on providing essential medical aid, empowering residents in specific areas to access healthcare independently. Beyond immediate care, the initiative aims to heighten awareness about the community's entitlement to government-provided medical facilities. In 2023, we continued these efforts, fostering collaborations with government hospitals through networking, and actively engaged in campaigns to identify and prevent potential cases of anemia, ensuring a lasting positive impact.

TOTAL NO OF CAMPS CONDUCTED : 102

TOTAL NO OF ANAEMIA CAMPS CONDUCTED: 54



Comprehensive Healthcare Initiatives: Reaching Diverse Communities through Specialized Medical Camps

- Medical camps for remedial children
- Medical camps for self-help group (shg) women
- Medical camps for skill training students
- Medical camps for students in class 10 & 12 (nios students)
- Medical camps for b.a. program students
- Medical camps for special children with special needs



HEALTH AWARENESS TALKS

In the 2023 session, Don Bosco Navjeevan Society continued its impactful collaboration with the Director of Health Services at Government Multi-specialty Hospital (GMSH-16). With unwavering support from both the Paediatric Department and the District Family Welfare Office, our collective focus was on addressing the critical health issue of anaemia, specifically iron deficiency among children in Government Schools. This initiative aims to combat anaemia caused by malnutrition, contributing to overall improvements in child health within the community.

The collaboration not only benefits the affected children but also extends its reach to communities in slums and colonies, ensuring accessibility for those who need it the most. This strategic partnership represents a pivotal step towards a healthier future for children in Government Schools and the broader community, aligning with our mission to make a positive impact on the well-being of vulnerable populations.

Awareness camps being held



Nutrition support

The nutrition program, integral to the project, ensures well-rounded growth in children by providing specially chosen and healthy foods. Operating across 10 centers, the initiative's main goal is to enhance the overall health of targeted groups, complementing existing medical facilities. Through the weekly distribution of free nutritious meals, participating children have shown improved health, increased resilience to sickness, and overall well-being. This positive impact is evident in their daily lives, as they become stronger, more active, and engaged in various activities, including regular class attendance, sports

participation, and other enjoyable pursuits. The program underscores the foundational role of health in enabling children to excel across different aspects of their lives.

PICTURES OF DISTRIBUTION OF NUTRITION DURING



FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE

Our counseling initiatives are meticulously crafted to cater to the diverse needs of students through individual and group sessions. With a special focus on children with special needs, tailored sessions for remedial students encompass academic and personal growth. Comprehensive counseling extends to students from NIOS, skill-based programs, and B.A. courses, covering career guidance and mental health support. This pivotal role inspires, motivates, and addresses specific concerns, fostering empowerment.

The core objective is to help students navigate educational challenges by discussing academic hurdles, strengths, weaknesses, and mental health. Beyond academics, counseling addresses career planning and personal development, creating a supportive environment for self-awareness and decision-making skills.

Adapting to evolving student needs, our initiatives ensure sustained positive outcomes, contributing to overall well-being and success. Individual counseling, addressing academic, personal, and emotional challenges, is complemented by group counseling, fostering a supportive community within classes. The tailored approach recognizes diverse contexts, providing targeted support and contributing to each class's overall well-being and success. In 2023, identified cases ranged from career counseling to family maladjustments, showcasing the program's adaptability and impact.

Facilities provided by the Counseling Centre:

- Individual and Group Counseling.
- Psycho-Educational, Premarital counseling, Career counseling workshops.
- Counseling services at Aganwadi's at community level.
- Links up with other service providers



Group Counselling Session

CHILD FRIENDLY CITY INITIATIVE

A child-friendly city aims to guarantee children's rights to essential services, such as health, education, shelter, safe water and decent sanitation, and protection from violence, abuse and exploitation. It also seeks to empower young citizens to influence decisions making in their city, express their opinion on the city they want, and participate in family community and social life. It promotes children's rights to walk safely in the streets by themselves, meet friends and play, live in an unpolluted environment with green spaces, participate in cultural and social events and be an equal citizen of their city with access to every service, without discrimination of any kind.

Child Friendly City Initiative, Chandigarh was inaugurated in April 2018 by H.E. Sh. V. P. Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh. Last three years this Child Friendly City Initiative has been running. A strong network of stakeholders has been built up. It is a collaborative work of children, NGOs, civil society and various departments of administration. More than 45 active child parliaments have been formed and Federation of Child Parliament, Chandigarh has been formed. Child Friendly City Initiative has helped in the promotion of child rights in the city. It is an initiative which is really helping children and the society.

Success Story of Babita

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” — Mahatma Gandhi. In the heart of Faidan Nizampur, the largest slum in Chandigarh, lives Babita, whose determination and resilience shine like a beacon of hope in the midst of challenging circumstances. Babita's family story is one of migration and tenacity. Originally hailing from a remote village in Uttar Pradesh, her father embarked on a journey to Chandigarh two decades ago in search of employment. Over time, he settled as a slum dweller in Faidan Nizampur, where he, along with his wife, his daughter Babita and his son, resides in a modest rented semi-mud house. The family's living conditions are humble, with all members sharing a single room. Babita's father works as a plumber and uses the other room to store his tools.

She joined remedial centre in 2016 when she was in 4th class. Since then, she is associated with Don Bosco. After looking at her journey she was given best student award in 2019. Despite the

challenges posed by their living conditions, Babita is a student who wholeheartedly embraces education. At the age of 16, Babita is a remarkable student studying in class 11 in Arts stream at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Sector 32, Chandigarh.

She is part of Don Bosco Child Parliament since its inception in 2018. Her journey from being a member of child parliament to becoming national Prime Minister is incredible. In 2018, she became a member of the children's parliament under the Child Friendly City Initiative Chandigarh. Babita's commitment led to her election as the Chief Minister of Mother Teresa Children's Parliament in Faidan Nizampur. Since then, she has been actively engaging parents in her locality, raising awareness about child rights, ensuring birth registration, and facilitating the issuance of Aadhaar cards for children to secure their right to education. Her advocacy for children's rights continues as she was elected Deputy Prime Minister of the Federation of Child Parliaments Chandigarh in June 2022.

National Inclusive Children Parliament was conducted from January 24th to 31st 2024. Children from across 75 parliamentary constituencies attended this event at National Capital. Babita Devi, went to the event to represent Chandigarh parliament constituency.

In this immersive week-long program, children were engaged in various activities, ranging from comprehensive Child Rights training and in-depth sessions on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, climate change and steps for advocacy.

Apart from learning sessions, elections were held for National Children's Parliament. During the process, the child parliamentarians elected their National Prime Minister and other key leaders. Babita Devi from Don Bosco Navjeevan Society was elected as Prime Minister. All other child members were assigned as Union, State and other ministers on each of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals and the campaign's additional 18th goal called "All Rights for All Children. She, along with other parliamentarians, went to Shri Francisco Sardinha, MP Lok Sabha (Former Chief Minister of Goa), seeking the adoption of their Children's Manifesto into their Party Manifesto.

Her story is a testament to the power of determination, education, and the drive to make a positive impact in the lives of those less fortunate. Babita is not only a promising student but also a beacon of hope, a leader in her community and an inspiration for all of us.



INJECTING DRUG USERS PROJECT

In collaboration with Punjab State Aids Control Society, Don Bosco Navjeevan Society is running two IDU projects in Tran Taran and Moga. About 1100 addicts are being treated and helped out through these two centres. It is supported by Punjab government. However, Don Bosco wants to start a de addiction centre and create awareness among the youth of Punjab about the evil effects of Drug abuse.



SPORTS AND MUSIC ACADEMIES:

In order to keep the children healthy and to keep away from evil habits and to develop the latents Don Bosco has initiated a sports academy in sector 47 D and a music academy in sector 24. More than 40 children are benefitting from these academies.



Sports Academy

Don Bosco Navjeevan Society runs all these activities through projects and Donations. As a result without the support of corporate and people we will not be able to carry out these activities. We will be really grateful to all those who extend their support to us.

The main five areas of our works are education, skill training, women empowerment, health and Child Friendly City Initiative. Each of these requires about Rs. 25, 00,000 every year. Corporate can support one of these five areas for one year or for three years. Partial support is also welcome to support some of the activities. General support is also possible which can be spent for any of the activities.