

**“Don Bosco as we know him, has always been helpful for his brothers and his belief in the youth is unparalleled. His vision has always been to help the youth grow which is why he is also referred to as Father of the Youth. “**

Don Bosco Park Circus, March 2018: It was the time of this year's animation day. We were informed that the Alumni unit of DB Krishnanagar needs a backing, an encouragement to uplift their unit. So, keeping in mind the vision of Don Bosco, it was decided that this year's animation day programme be held in Krishnanagar. The date being fixed as 29 April 2018. The names of participants starting flowing in and in total about 28 of us went to Krishnanagar.

With a 3.5 hr bumpy bus ride, we were welcomed in DB Krishnanagar with a tilak, after which we proceeded for the flag hoisting ceremony.

The flag hoisting was followed by a welcome speech from father Joseph & father Bikash.

After the welcome speech and the prayer, we went for a light and healthy breakfast.

Breakfast over, the animation programme starts with Father Joseph presiding over it.

We were introduced to strena and we were carried through the following thoughts:

- ✓ Many thirst, and many are the glasses and lives that are empty and tired that ask to be replenished with meaning. There is much good soil with good seed waiting to be "awakened" from the inexhaustible source of Life that springs from Jesus.
- ✓ Don Bosco is full of the living water of Jesus, a well that provides water to everyone, especially young people, water that gives Life, commitment, and hope.
- ✓ The Samaritan woman: a foreigner, refused, confused, tormented ... She meets with Jesus and everything changes.
- ✓ Jesus, the Source of Living Water. Mary Help of Christians, always careful, who maternally reminds us: "Do what Jesus says."
- ✓ The water of inexhaustible love flows from the ribs and heart of Jesus. The encounter with the Samaritan was in the sixth hour, the same that Jesus died on the Cross when blood and water came out of his broken heart.
- ✓ The task of adults is to collaborate, accompany, cultivate.
- ✓ Water quenches thirst, irrigates, washes, allows seeds to sprout, vivifies, changes the desert into a garden.
- ✓ The Spirit of God works and donates willpower to man.
- ✓ Different ages, different experiences, different races, languages and cultures, but the same humanity, the same thirst, the same intense joy in receiving Jesus as Living Water.
- ✓ art of listening
- ✓ strena as the water as a gift. New year gift
- ✓ art of accompaniment

After this enlightenment, Father Bikash encouraged the Krishnanagar unit to dedicatedly grow the unit by

- each one get one member

- creating whatsapp groups to activate the propagation of ideas to members

One of our unit members Mr Ayush Chaturvedi got emotional and emphasized on the point that those people who have passed through DonBosco's education and are yet not members of the Alumni are the ones who are long lost . He termed them as people "Hariye Gechhe". He said that there is a deep meaning in this , and we should try and bring those people who are lost , back on board .

With the above points being deeply imbibed into us, we ended the programme followed by a sumptuous lunch & mango picking , heading back to Kolkata & retiring to bed happy to be in the aura of Don Bosco for the day , for the life !

Thank You Don Bosco .

**THE BUS RIDE**



**MIDWAY HALT**



**DonBosco Krishnanagar**



**FLAG HOISTING**



**WELCOME SPEECH**



**ANIMATION PROGRAMME**



**LUNCH, MANGO PLUCKING & GROUP PICTURES**

