

21 September 2022

Dear Provincials, School Coordinators of provinces, Delegates and Well-wishers,

Warm greetings to you from the General Convenor and the members of the organizing committee of Sixth NECDBS! All India Don Bosco Educational Society (AIDBES), Don Bosco School Association (DBSAI) together with the Sacred Heart Province of Bangalore is organizing the **SIXTH NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DON BOSCO SCHOOLS (NECDBS) INDIA from 16 - 19 November 2022 at Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Vaduthala, Kochi 682 023** on the theme '**Enhancing Child-Centred, Participatory & Experiential Learning Spaces**'. This event has been approved by the SPCSA Council at its meeting held in February 2022. The provincials expressed that the school association be made formal and functional based on the concrete proposal of multi-level external evaluation and on-going training of principals and teachers.

I would like to invite all our provincials, vice provincials, economers, school principals, vice principals, headmasters, assistant headmasters, well wishers, sponsors and all other dignitaries to this mega conference. Most welcome!

Why such a National Educational Conference of Don Bosco Schools (NECDBS) is necessary?

Education has a far reaching impact on generations of society. Salesians of Don Bosco, have been in the ministry of education for more than a century in India and we have this huge responsibility of becoming more effective and efficient educators in our society. Don Bosco Schools in India are looked up to as a brand model for excellence in education. Hence, such a conference once in two years has become a necessity in doing a SWOT analysis of our own institutions, learning from the success stories of various provinces, to learn from the leading educationists and companies on innovative and qualitative educational tools and for evolving strategies to make all our schools, centers of excellence.

Purpose and objective of NECDBS

- To give information and training to our personnel in educational ministry.
- To give visibility to the uniqueness of Don Bosco schools.
- To coordinate our educational ministry at the national level.
- To share our best/innovative educational practices with the other provinces.
- To study the new trends in educational related issues and student services.

Goals of NECDBS

- To reaffirm our identity as a national organization and synergize our initiatives and ventures carried out at various provincial and national levels.
- To study the effectiveness and quality of Don Bosco schools.
- To study the implications of various educational acts and policies of the government (RTE, POCSO, NEP) which impact our institutions.
- To evaluate, to include new technology and quality management in all our academic schools

NECDBS: A BRIEF HISTORY

The First NECDBS was held on 24 -26 September, 2010 hosted by the Province of Delhi at Don Bosco School, Alaknanda, New Delhi, with the theme 'Challenges and New Frontiers in Education'. A total of 163 delegates actively participated in the conference.

The Second NECDBS was held on September 28 - 01 October 2012, hosted by the Province of Kolkata at Don Bosco School, Park Circus, Kolkata with the theme 'Emerging Trends in Modern Education'. A total of 145 delegates actively participated in the conference.

The Third NECDBS was held on 06 - 09 November 2014, hosted by the Province of Mumbai at Don Bosco School, Mutunga, Mumbai, with the Theme: 'Leading Salesian Schools in the 21st Century'. A total of 142 delegates actively participated in the conference.

The Fourth NECDBS was held on 04 - 06 November 2016, hosted by the Province of Guwahati at Don Bosco School, Pan Bazaar, Guwahati with the theme: 'Don Bosco: Transforming India Through Education'. A total of 200 delegates actively participated in the conference.

The Fifth NECDBS was held on September 28 - 01 October 2018, hosted by the province of Chennai at the SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, Chennai with the theme 'Committed to Accompanying the Young'. A total of 180 delegates actively participated in the conference.

THE SIXTH NECDBS

VENUE & DATE

Venue	: Don Bosco Senior Secondary School Vaduthala, Kochi, Kerala 682 023
Date	: 16– 19 November 2022
Province	: Sacred Heart Province of Bangalore INK
Arrival	: 16 November 2022 any time before 04:00 PM
Departure	: 19 November 2022 any time after 02:00PM
Participants	: Don Bosco School Principals/Vice Principals/Headmaster/Assistant Headmasters

THEME

'Enhancing Child Centered, Participatory and Experiential Learning Spaces'

1. Cognitive Behavioral Approach For the Socio – Emotional Growth of Children
2. Don Bosco: A Safe, Friendly and Growth Enhancing Home Away From Home
3. Salesian Schools: A Frame of Reference, the Four Dimensions.
4. Moulding Participatory Educational Environments.
5. Experiential Learning: Vocational Training, Challenges and Opportunities
6. Around The Globe in Two Hours: A peep into the Innovations in the Field of Education around the Globe.

While there will be time to share our best/innovative educational practices in our provinces, a lot of attention is also given to the Salesian perspective of our schools. For this purpose, Fr. Stefano Martoglio SDB, Vicar General, Rome, Fr. Garcia Miguel Angel SDB, General Councillor for Youth Apostolate, Rome, Rev. Fr. Biju Michael SDB, General Councillor, South Asia, Bishops, Provincials and Delegates of Dimensions will address the participants on various aspects of this perspective.

After the conference, a synthesis of each theme would be given in general with special focus on the Best Practices/Cultural Heritage across all our schools in India. These would be also available on the NECDBS website and YouTube Channel.

REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL

Registration Fee	: Rs. 6000/- per person
Mode of Registration	: www.necdb2022.com
Registration Opens/Ends	: 24 September 2022/24 October 2022
Payment Mode	: Online
Helpdesk Phone Number	: +91 8304879643
Email Address	: necdbindia2022@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- All the participants will be accommodated in 3 star hotels with single AC occupancy within the vicinity of Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Vaduthala. All rooms are booked for stay only. (special services are chargeable)
- Breakfast, Coffee, Lunch, Tea and Dinner will be served at the conference site only.
- Continental and ethnic food has been arranged. Your preference of vegetarian/non-vegetarian, Special food has to be specified at the time of Registration.
- Early arrivals and late departures are to be notified earlier and will invite extra charges for food & stay.
- Delegates who arrive at the airport and railway stations will not be picked up by the organizers. Kindly avail the multi-type private and public conveyances that are available at the various stations of arrivals.

- If participants arrive in big groups and if informed earlier, arrangements will be made by the organizers to pick up such teams from the arrival station to the conference venue.
- Hotel rooms are to be vacated on 19 November morning itself. Cloakroom facility will be arranged at the conference site to keep the luggage of the delegates as a province.
- The participants will be picked up daily from the places of your stay and dropped back after dinner on all days of conference. Please carry with you the required items for use at the venue of the conference.
- Delegates must carry COVID 19 vaccination certificate and any one valid ID card along with you.

PUBLICITY AND MEDIA

- Helpdesk Phone Number, Website, Channel, Digital Frame, Email Address will be available in order to interact and communicate. Brochures and Invitations will be sent to the province coordinator and all principals/headmasters.
- Press Meet, Reporting, Live Streaming, Photos and Videos will be arranged.
- Each province school coordinators are requested to prepare a video presentation (6 minute's duration) of your **Best Practices** across the schools in the province and another video (five minute's duration) on your specific **cultural diversity/heritage** across the province in any form of art (dance, mime, skit, tableau etc). The dead line for sending these videos is 20 October 2022. Please send your entries at necdbindia2022@gmail.com. In case of queries, please contact via the same email or the coordinator for Publicity and Media Fr. Shino Kalapurackal SDB, Mobile: 9961931956.
- After the conference, a synthesis of each theme would be given in general with special citation of the Best Practices/Cultural Heritage across all our schools in India. These would be also available on the NECDBS website and YouTube Channel.

CULTURAL & ENTERTAINMENT

- 16 November 2022 at 06:00 pm Inaugural Ceremony (Auditorium)
- 17 November 2022 at 06:00 pm Cultural Extravaganza (Auditorium)
- 18 November 2022 at 04:30 pm Kochi Darshan and Salesian Family Circle
- 19 November 2022 at 11:00 am Business Session & Valedictory Function

LITURGY

- Daily morning prayer and holy mass will be at 07:00 am (Main Chapel)
- All the participants will be provided a printed booklet with the required prayers for use at lauds and holy mass. All priests are requested to carry their personal cassock/alb for holy mass (change rooms will be available for dress up). Celebrating holy mass in civil dress may not be encouraged.

FINANCE AND EXHIBITION

- Province School Coordinators are encouraged individually or collectively to collaborate with the host province in enhancing the fund mobilization process. Past Pupils, Publishers, Vendors and Donors could be identified and introduced to the host province for exhibiting their product in the space at the exhibition corner. Fr. Joy Nedumpambil SDB, the economist of INK and the finance coordinator will contact each Province Economers, PDO's, School coordinators personally in order to facilitate this venture.
- Interested individuals/firms are requested to tick mark, fill up the required fields with signature, scan and send the sponsorship agreement form to Email: necdbindia2022@gmail.com on or before 20 October 2022 to book your slot/space in advance for sponsorship at the SIXTH NECDBS 2022.

Once again a hearty welcome and thank you so much for your support. God Bless!

Affectionately in Don Bosco,

Fr. Babu Manisseray SDB

General Convenor, SIXTH NECDBS 2022