

7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 1000 words.

Response:

Don Bosco, an esteemed Italian Saint known for his commitment to education and his advocacy for youth, established the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB) in Rome. Presently, the SDB operates in 132 countries worldwide. This global movement primarily focuses on serving children and young people, offering a distinctive educational system rooted in core values.

In 2013, the college was founded on Madurai Bypass Road, Keela Eral, Thoothukudi, becoming the sole Christian minority institution serving to the educational needs of rural youth in Thoothukudi district. Since then, the college has been dedicated to fostering excellence and empowering students in this region. The institution places significant emphasis on the holistic development of students, aiming to produce individuals who are physically strong, mentally mature, socially responsible, and environmentally conscious. Its vision and mission statements reflect the institute's unique character and its commitment to shaping individuals who can catalyze societal transformation.

In our college, most of our students are the first graduates. Our college has been instrumental in nurturing and empowering students from impoverished and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Through quality education, personalised support, and a nurturing environment, these students have experienced remarkable personal growth. Their achievements not only benefit them individually but also have a profound and positive impact on their families and communities. Our institution takes pride in playing a role in the transformative journey of these students and remains committed to empowering future generations to overcome barriers and achieve their full potential.

In our college, we are ensuring that the **4S**, Spoken English, Scholarship, Sports, and Skill training courses through which we are moulding our students to shine better. Especially for scholarships, our college staff members are helping the students apply for private and government scholarships, and for spoken English, we have an English academy through which we are giving special spoken English classes as well as bridge courses every year, and we are motivating the students to talk in English. For that purpose, there is a coordinator to organise various programmes and follow the students to vanquish their fear and correct their errors. We are giving as much importance to sports as we do to academics. In our college, some of our students got selected for the Asian Games, and some of the students who performed well in boxing won silver and bronze medals at the state level. Our college kabaddi team won gold at the national level and was chosen to compete in the Asian Games. We also have a computer academy at our college. The Computer Academy offers some computer-related skill training courses.

The extension services of Don Bosco College are highly regarded by the Keela Eral neighborhood. A dedicated committee is responsible for analysing and organising these extension activities. Students are encouraged to offer suggestions based on their observations of community needs. The committee evaluates and prioritises these needs, implementing support measures to alleviate them. The extension programme places a strong focus on creating a clean environment and promoting literacy. Numerous activities such as awareness programmes, rallies, field visits, blood donation

camps, tree planting, evening study centres, and supporting neighbouring schools' learning methods are conducted through the extension programme and involve the participation of NSS, YRC, and RRC students, staff members, and other students. A blood donation camp is conducted by the YRC and RRC of our college every year. A significant amount of blood is donated by our college students and staff, contributing to life-saving activities.

To promote literacy in the community, evening study centres were established in a nearby area of our college. Our college students and alumni/ alumnae from nearby areas volunteer as evening study centre teachers. The compensation for their service is provided by our management. The beneficiaries are mostly school students. Their parents were also overjoyed about this tuition centre because they are not financially well off to support their children's education. So our students involvement makes them happy and satisfied. The majority of the students are enthusiastic about their academics. They are seeking financial assistance in order to continue their studies. Our college students assist them in achieving their goals; they assist them much in their studies; as a result, school-age youngsters can clear their doubts, receive good grades, and learn to build a helping tendency, resulting in a change in their behaviors.