

On the occasion of 200th Anniversary of the First Dream of Don Bosco

Don Bosco Youth Animation South Asia &
Salesian Province of Chennai Organize

DBYA - SOUTH ASIA



SYMfest

2024-25

**Salesian
Youth
Movement**

Youth As Agents of Change



ANCHORED IN HOPE

**SYM FEST
PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES**

INDIA



SRILANKA



BANGLADESH



NEPAL



PROVINCES

Bengaluru | Chennai | Dimapur | Guwahati | Hyderabad | Kolkata
Panjim | Mumbai | New Delhi | Shillong | Tiruchy | Sri Lanka

STATES

Andamans | Andhra Pradesh | Arunachal Pradesh | Assam | Bihar | Goa | Gujarat | Jharkand | Karnataka
Kerala | Maharashtra | Manipur | Meghalaya | Mizoram | Nagaland | New Delhi | Odisha | Pondicherry Tamil
Nadu | Telengana | Tripura | West Bengal | Dhaka | Kathmandu | Colombo | Kilinochchi

29th December 2024 - 1st January 2025
SACRED HEART COLLEGE, TIRUPATTUR



reason religion
loving kindness

aim

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anchored in
hope goal

honest citizens
faith filled persons

young people as
agents of change



An Overview

Don Bosco SYMFEST 2024-25 is a celebration of youth, inspired by the teachings of St. John Bosco, the Father and Founder of the Salesian Congregation.

Born in 1815, Don Bosco dedicated his life to helping young people, especially those at risk.

The Salesian Congregation he established in 1859 now operates in over 137 countries, transforming youth through holistic education rooted in **reason, religion, and loving-kindness**.

The Salesian Youth Movement - SYM aims to form "faith filled persons and honest citizens" and continues to provide education, guidance, and skills for employment across a wide range of institutions worldwide.

SYM provides a platform for young people to become agents of change in society. SYMFEST 2024-25, to be held at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, will bring together 1,500 youth from Salesian provinces across India and South Asia.

With the theme "young people as agents of change: ANCHORED IN HOPE," the event will include sessions on decision-making, media, national aspirations, ecology and cultural exchange.

The gathering highlights the celebration of diversity, encouraging values such as unity, equality, convergence and acceptance.

SYMFEST focusses on equipping the youth with the values of justice, peace and harmony. SYMFEST is the moment of formation of the young as agents of change.

Building and strengthening knowledge of the socio-political and economic development of self, others, and the nation.

Formation in leadership, organizational and communication skills along with values on community centered approach with resilience and perseverance.

By encouraging dialogue and discussion on national issues, the event seeks to nurture youth leaders who will guide society toward solidarity, freedom and dignity.

This gathering calls on the youth to return as change-makers, ready to shape a better future for the nation and the world.

Contact for further info

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young people as agents of change

Salesian Youth Movement - SYM

VISION

Able and Noble youth for an empowered and enriched human society.

MISSION

Holistic development of every young person through the unique means and methods of Don Bosco Way, towards living a purposeful life both individually and collectively as part of human society.

SYM - SPIRITUALITY

1. Doing DAILY DUTIES extraordinarily
2. Celebrating Life in JOY and OPTIMISM
3. Cultivating Personal and FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIPS with God
4. Practicing Communitarian approach with SYNERGY and SYNODALITY
5. Inculcating SOCIAL & POLITICAL COMMITMENT

OBJECTIVES

- To Educate the young to an integral and holistic development
- To Engage in a constant search for the sublime and spiritual
- To Build a meaningful relationship with every living person & organism
- To Proactively Influence the society towards a harmonious living
- To Empower every youth to positively respond to the challenges of daily life
- To Participate in the governance of the civic society
- To Promote an eco-friendly living environment

LEADERS & ANIMATORS FORMATION PROGRAMME (LAF)

Formation of Regions

Southern Region INK, INM & INT
 North-East Region ING, INS & IND
 Western Region INB & INP
 Central Region INH, INN & INC

BUILDING STRUCTURES, SYSTEMS, & VISIBILITY OF SYM-INDIA

- Youth Leaders Formation at Regional & National level
- Youth Animators Formation at Regional level

DON BOSCO'S ORATORY A PERMANENT CRITERION

A criteria of permanent discernment and renewal is all that we do. Every Salesian Institution is...

- A **HOME** That Nurtures - *Vocational Dimension*
- A **PARISH/TEMPLE** That gives God Experience - *Education to Faith*
- A **SCHOOL** That Prepares for Life - *Educational & Cultural*
- A **PLAYGROUND** Where the Young Grow in Friendship, Fraternity and Equality - *Social Experience Dimension*

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Patron	SPCSA Council	Liturgical Music (Choir)	Fr. Jesudoss, Fr.Gandhi, Fr.Henrick, Fr.Peter Balasingam & Youth
President	Fr. Don Bosco Lourdusamy (SPCSA in-charge for DBYA - SA), Provincial, INM	Liturgical Animation	Fr.Clement, Fr.Bharathi, Fr.Leo Charles & Deepagam Team
Vice President	Fr.John Alexander	Competition Masters	Fr. Maria Arokiaraj, Fr. Rozario & Fr. Vincent Robert
Chief Organizer	Fr. Patrick Lepcha (DBYA-SA)	Awareness Rally	Fr. Daniel Ambrose, College Staff, Fr.Joseph Leo - SURABI & Mr. Jesu Vinodh Kumar
Campus Director	Fr. Peter Praveen (Rector SHC)	Hospitality for Salesians & other religious	Fr. Alphonse & Don Bosco Community
Programme Coordinators	Fr. John Christy (YMD -INM) Fr. Vincent Robert (SYM Director) Fr. Thomas William (Secretary)	SYM FEST Kit	Fr.John Christy & Bro. Arun Raj
Programme Financiers	Fr. Edwin Vasanthan, Fr. John Christy, Fr. Charles & Fr. Jesu Manickam	Medical Units/ Ambulance	Sacred Heart College
Accommodation Coordinators	Fr. Praveen Peter & Fr. Sathyanathan	Resource Persons & Chief Guests	Fr. John Christy, Fr. Patrick & Fr. Francis Xavier
Food	Fr. Jesu Manickam & Fr. Sathyanathan	Programme Manager (Stage)	Fr.Stalin Dhanraj
Transport	Fr. Bosco Augustine & Fr. Xavier Selvaraj	Light and sound	Fr. Theophil & Fr. Samson - SHC
Logistics	Fr.Joe Anand & DB Vazhikatti	Meal Distribution	Fr. Jesu Manickam & Fr. Sathyanathan
Media Coordinators	Fr. Ernest Rosario, Fr.Maria Sagayaraj, Fr.Satish Paul, Fr.Selvakumar INT & DBICA	Youth Counselling	Fr.Ravi Aruldoss & Niraivagam Team
Inauguration Ceremony	Fr. Maria Anthony Raj & SHC Team		
Concluding Ceremony	Fr. Deva Joe, DBX TPT Don Rua Community		



Santhome Basilica



Chennai Central



Mahabalipuram



Sacred Heart College
Tirupattur

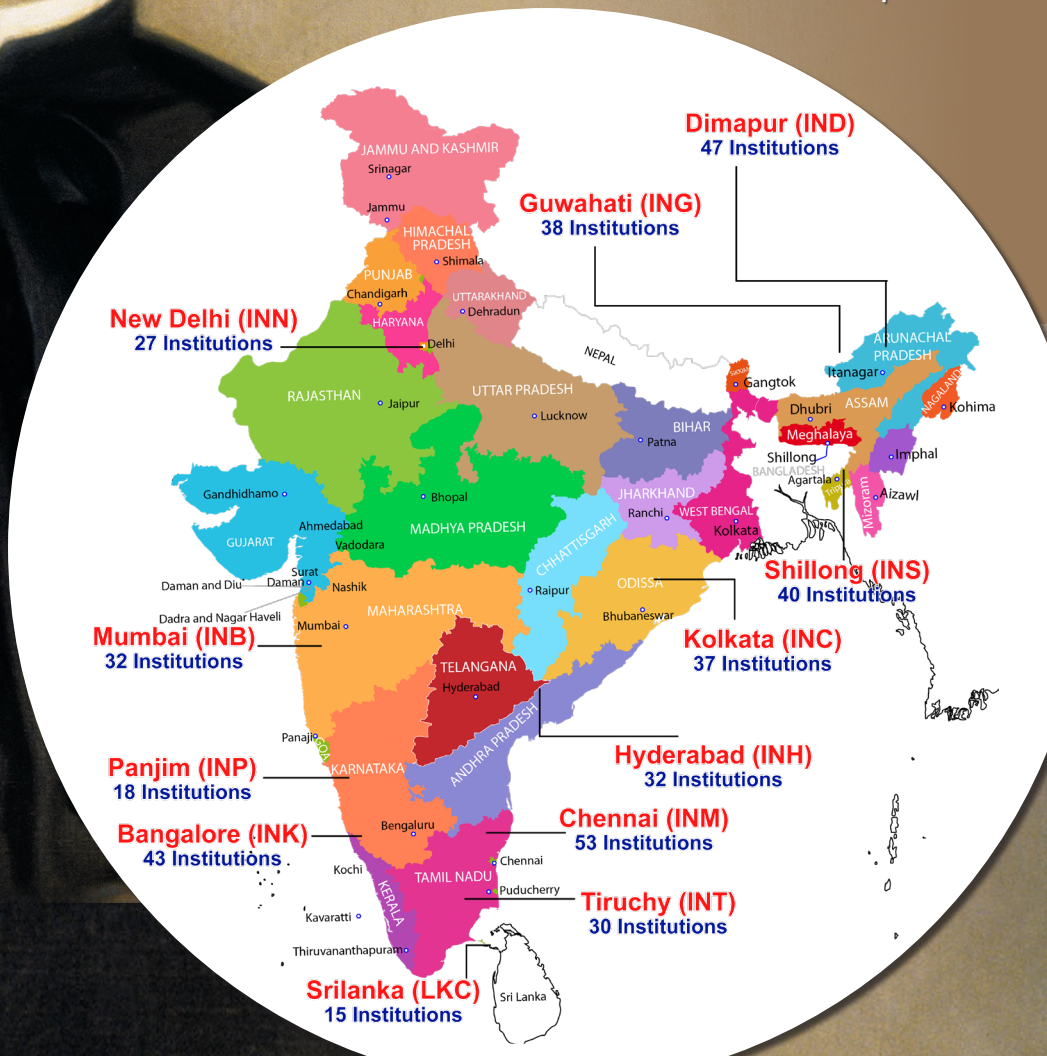
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- Don Bosco

Welcome to



Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur



SYMFEST 2024-25 SCHEDULE

Theme	Young People as Agents of Change: Anchored in Hope - Heb: 6:19
Date	29 December 2024 - 01 January 2025
Venue	Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, Chennai Province
Participants	100 young people from each province (age 18-30) along with 10 animators (sdb and Lay animators). 35 young people from each of the 7 FMA provinces
Organizers	DBYA-SA, INM Province and Youth ministry Delegates of the Provinces
Master of Ceremonies	Youth Leaders from DBI and Province Youth Coordinators (SYM LEADS)

29-12-2024 (SUNDAY)

09:00 AM	Arrival, Breakfast and Registration
12:00 PM	Lunch, Preparation for the Inaugural Ceremony
02:00 PM	DBSYMFEST Inauguration (SYM Chennai and Trichy Provinces) Chief Guest:
03:30 PM	Break and Preparation for the Inaugural HOLY MASS
04:00 PM	Solemn Eucharist: Fr. Don Bosco Loudusamy , Provincial INM (the DBYA-SA Provincial In Charge) Fr. Agilan Sarprasadam , Provincial INT Prayer moments for members of other religions
05:30 PM	Tea
06:00 PM	Province-wise Competition (Original Theme Song and Dance, Rangoli / Creative Art, Drawing, Painting and Tableau on Youth Power). Judges: Religious and Lay People
08:30 PM	Dinner
09:30 PM	Bosco Beats and Steps
10:00 PM	Night Prayer Good night Talk

30-12-2024 (MONDAY)

05:30 AM	Rising (in-charges to be appointed)
07:00 AM	Social Media: The Magic, The Logic, and The Tragic - Fr. Ernest Rosario
08:30 AM	Breakfast
09:15 AM	Animation: SYM Leaders
09:30 AM	Fr. Patrick Antonyraj sdb RMG, Secretary - Vicar of the Rector Major, Rome. SYM The Past, The Present and the Future SYM Profile - My Choice and My Responsibility: SYMSYNOD
11:00 AM	Break
11:30 AM	Youth and Integral Ecology: Dr. Sultan A. Ismail , Scientist, Member - Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission

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12:30 PM	Lunch (Recreation/Competitions)
02:00 PM	My Dream for My Country: Fr. John Parankimalil
03:30 PM	Break
04:30 PM	Praise and Worship: SYM Mumbai - City of Joy - Confessions
06:00 PM	Holy Mass Rt.Rev.Dr. Ambrose Pitchaimuthu DD , Bishop of Vellore Prayer moments for the members of other religions
07:30 PM	Dinner
08:15 PM	Christmas Cantata - Sound and Light Programme on Christmas
10:30 PM	Retire to Rest
31-12-2024 - TUESDAY	
05:30 AM	Rising
07:00 AM	Inner Journey - Youth and Solitude - Sr. Lolia FMA
08:00 AM	Breakfast
09:00 AM	Holy Mass - Rt.Rev.Dr.Sagayaraj Thamburaj DD Bishop of Thanjavur
10:30 AM	Break
11:00 AM	Constitutional Way of Living:
12:30 PM	Lunch, Preparation Rally and Cultural Exchange
02:30 PM	SYM Cultural Display - Cross-Culture Communion (Under One Roof - Exchange of Cultural Gifts)
04:00 PM	Peace & Unity Rally in Cultural Dress (2 km Walk)
06:00 PM	Tea Break
07:00 PM	Journal Writing and Drawing up Resolutions Province Wise
08:00 PM	Lift high His name - SYM Rosary Procession: Fr. Bharathi Campus Minister
09:00 PM	Dinner
10:00 PM	Carol Singing Competition: SYM Leads
11:00 PM	Cultural Fiesta
00:00 AM	NEW YEAR BLESSINGS and Celebrations
01:00 AM	Retire to rest
01-01-2025 - WEDNESDAY, NEW YEAR DAY	
08:00 AM	Breakfast
09:00 AM	Province Wise Evaluation
10:00 AM	Prize Distribution and Closing Ceremony - SYM INM and SYM Coordinators
11:30 AM	Solemn New Year Mass: Rt.Rev.Dr.Lawrence Pius DD , Bishop of Dharmapuri Choirs by ING, INP and INH, INK. Prayer Moments for the Members of Other Religions
12:30 PM	Lunch and Departure for all

Fr. Patrick Lepcha and the Core Team