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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

With deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, I write this editorial for this bi-monthly edition (April-May). This is the 20th edition of E-News. We have come so far due to the hard work, dedication and sincere efforts of our editorial team especially **Fr. Joe Prabu** and **Br. Jerome Cyril** who have been instrumental in bringing quality reports and news items through E-News.



Gratitude

I thank Fr. Joe Prabu, who worked in DBAI for the past three years and has contributed for the welfare of the children and to the growth of the organization. I personally congratulate him as he takes up new role as Rector and Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Kavarapettai. I thank Br. Jerome Cyril, for his generosity and quality time spent in bringing out the newsletter. I appreciate his dedicated service in shelter home and wish him all that is best for his future endeavors.

I thank **Fr. Francis Bosco**, who was part of DBAI management team doing tremendous works for migrants in Chennai and Kancheepuram district. May he continue to contribute in this ministry. I thank **Br. Cruz Robert**, who was the warden at Bosco Illam and wish him great success for his ministry at Jawadhi Hills. I thank sincerely **Sr. Anitha** for her total commitment and dedication towards Saranaiyam.

Congrats

I congratulate all the Xth and XIIth standard students who have passed in all the subjects and secured good marks in the recently concluded public exams. I sincerely appreciate Masters. Sudharson and Vignesh for becoming toppers among all our YaR Centres. I thank the teachers, volunteers and in a special way Mr. Pratheep who tirelessly dedicated his service to these vulnerable children in educating them.

Summer camps 2018

DBAI conducted various summer camps like shelter home camps, ICSC slum camps, HCL sports camps, ICPS camps and scout camps. Thanks to all the coordinators, staff members, volunteers for their outstanding contribution. Special thanks to Bro. Babin, Bro. Muthu, Mr. Jeyaprakash, Ms. Sheela, Mr. Ashok and others for the successful completion of the summer camps.

Welcome

I take this occasion to welcome the new members to the organization. **Fr. Rajanna** (Vice-Rector & Counselor), **Fr. James** (Project Administrator), **Br. Anandaraj** (Warden-Bosco Illam), **Sr. Poongodi** and **Sr. Michael** (In charges- Saranaiyam).

I wish that all the leanings, successes, experiences of the past academic year come to our stride as we step into the new academic year beginning in June with new hope and renewed enthusiasm.

Fr. Joseph Leo – Director

DBAI SHELTER HOME PROGRAMMES

ANNUAL SCOUT CAMP



Don Bosco Anbu Illam Organized Annual Scout Camp for Bosco Illam Shelter Home Children at DBRITE Cuddalore between 17-20 May, 2018, in preparation for appearing for Rajya Purashkar (Governor Award) and participating in Boscoree. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Mathew Rajan SDB, Director of DBRITE, Cuddalore. 20 of our children and 2 Scout masters Mr. Antony and Mr. Elangovan from DB-District participated in the camp. Children were given training in adventurous hike, flag post ceremony, basic knots, tent making and camp fire.

Special event of the camp was the Awareness programme on "Obey Traffic Rules" headed by Mr. Sathish Kumar, Inspector of Police, Pudhu Nagar, Cuddalore. The entire programme was coordinated by Mr. Ashok, scout master of DBAI for Shelter home Children.

- Ms. Margaret Malini



BIG THANKS



Fr. Francis Bosco
Vice-Rector



Fr. Joseph Prabu
Student Dean



Br. Jerome Cyril
E-News Editor



Br. Cruz Robert
Warden



Sr. Anitha - Girls Home In-charge
Sr. Katherine - Warden

Thank You!

I wish you the best with your future endeavors !!

HEARTY WELCOME



We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Rajanna (Vice-Rector/Counselor), Fr. James (Administrator of DBAI), Br. Anand (Warden of Bosco Illam) Sr. Poongodi (Superior & Saranalayam In-Charge) and Sr. Michael (Girls Home Warden) to the organization and wish them a fruitful ministry.

-Ms. Margaret Malini

SUMMER CAMP-BOSCO ILLAM

Summer camp for the shelter home children was conducted between 06-14 May, 2018. The participants were divided into four teams and points system was followed to ensure better participation. Every day in the morning children were coached in Football and Volleyball. It was followed by an animated assembly by each team and the winners of the previous day usually raised their team flag in the assembly. The morning sessions of the day was dedicated to meditation, yoga, hobbies and life skills sessions animated by invited resource persons. Afternoon time was dedicated to hobbies of their interest. They were asked to choose between dance, art and computer to be trained by masters. After the matches between teams in the evening, they turned up for english reading practice before tea. In the evening special programmes were conducted. Competitions like singing, dance, skit, debate, quiz, public speaking, talent contest, science exhibition and night Olympics were arranged. Some of the highlights of the camp are: Tour to Palaverkadu backwaters and beach, swimming pool, magic show, long walks, movies & inspirational short videos, treasure hunt, mini marathon, Night Olympics, Yoga classes, Art and Craft sessions, skill training programmes, spoken English and Tamil classes, personality development sessions, awareness programmes, and many more. On the final day, winners were awarded with trophies and special prizes.

-Bro. Babin



EXODUS CAMP-2018

Five shelter home boys from 11th std, 2 boys from 12th std attended Exodus camp from 28 April to May 22, 2018 conducted at Loyola College, Chennai. It was a wonderful learning opportunity given for our deserving children who picked up life skills, communication skills, spoken English and excelled in curricular and co-curricular activities conducted in the camp.

Ms. Margaret Malini

SHELTER HOME CHILDREN PICNIC

15th May is marked as International Day of Families. To commemorate the day, children were taken out for one day outing to Pulicat Lake, Pazhaverkaadu. It was joyful experience for our children and shelter home staffs. It was a new experience boating in the backwaters, swimming in the sea and eating out in islands. They also visited famous shrine of Our Lady of Glories Church in pulicat.



Bro. Jerome Cyril

SHELTER HOME CHILDREN BRING LAURELS

DBAI Congratulates its shelter home children, **Master Sudharson** and **Master Vignesh** who made us proud by securing high marks and came out with flying colours in the recently concluded Government Public Examinations. Special note of thanks to all the friends of DBAI and well wishers who appreciated the performance of our children in social media like Facebook and whatsapp.



SUDHARSON— 1052



VIGNESH — 1014



GOVERNMENT EXAMINATION RESULT 2018



Five shelter home boys who appeared for higher secondary exam, ten shelter home boys and girls who appeared for the SSLC exam cleared the exams and came out with flying colors. Special thanks to the school managements, teachers, volunteers and others who were instrumental in helping the children to get through the exam.

Br.Jerome Cyril

MAY ONE MADE A MEMORABLE ONE

May 1, 2018 turned to be a memorable one to our Bosco Illam children who had a well-organized one day city picnic. Educational visit to Birla planetarium at Kotturpuram, Sumptuous grand buffet in Rock restaurant at Anna Nagar, Minus ten degrees chill experience of Snow World, 3D Avengers Infinity War movie, Thriller experience of 9D show, Amusement in virtual world fun games, threatening experience of the horror house were some summer special the grand Abirami Mall had to offer. The day climaxed with an ibaco special recipe ice creams near Perambur. The tightly packaged day was both entertaining and educational. Special thanks to Mr. Pratheep, for having organized and made possible the entire day for the children to beat the heat.

- Br.Jerome Cyril



CHILDLINE INTERVENTION

CHILDLINE AWARENESS IN CORPORATION SCHOOLS



The CHILDLINE unit of DBAI in agreement with Greater Chennai Corporation conducted Childline awareness programme for the month of April and May in corporation schools i.e Erukkanchery, Kodungaiyur, Pulianthope, Seven Wells, Korrkupet, thiruvottiyur, More than 2500 children and their teachers benefited from this reach out programme.

-Mr. Ashok Bosco

STATE LEVEL CONSULTATION MEETING



Don Bosco Anbu Illam in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Child Rights Protection Network (TNCRPN) and Juvenile Justice Alliance (JJA) organized a Workshop on “Towards an Effective Implementation of Juvenile Justice System” at Citadel-Don Bosco Provincial House, Kilpauk, Chennai on 19May, 2018.



Fr. Joseph Leo, DBAI Director welcomed the resource persons, panelists, moderators, TNCRPN members, Chairpersons of CWC & JJB, Childline, District Child Protection Officer/Unit, lawyers, researchers and other directors/coordinators from different organizations. The inaugural address was given by Fr. Koshy, Secretary of DB YaR Forum and key note address was delivered by Mr. Thomas Jayaraj, State Convener-TNCRPN. 55 members participated in the meeting.



Mr. Martin, Advocate gave deep insights on JJ Rules of Tamil Nadu. Then it started with an overview of issues related to care and protection of the children and conflict with law. Post lunch participants were divided into four groups to discuss on topics like 1.Functioning of CWC/Childline 2.Reforms in ICPS/DCPU 3.Child Care Institution/ Non-Governmental Organization 4.Functioning of JJB/Police and bring out issues and suggestions to improve Juvenile Justice System. All the speakers elucidated on the conditions of the marginalized children and it was felt that that it is their (children) voices that has to be heard – to help bring justice to the vulnerable children.

-Ms. Margaret Malini



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

DB-ICSC PROGRAMMES

Programs for Children's Group

In the first week of April a program for community children on the topic 'Law relating to Children' was organized at all communities covering nearly 400 children. The program helped the children to know their rights and kindled them to claim for their rights when denied. Laws relating to livelihood, shelter and education were given special focus in these sessions.

Programs for Women's Group



In the second week of April, DB-ICSC organized programs for women group in twelve communities. They were educated on the topic of Health and Hygiene. Through these programs nearly 300 women were reached within a period of five days. Audio Visual aids, talks from resource persons, debating and PRA Manner were used for effective reach out.

Programs for Youth Groups

Five programs were organized on different topics namely, Educative program on Leadership, Communicative English, Career Guidance and Job Counseling, Job oriented skills and Vocational Trainings and Assessment on IQ/EQ. Through this program we could reach around 120 youth for each event. Our youth group members actively participated in these programs especially in Assessment on IQ/EQ and Aptitude.



-Mr. Jayaprakash



GRAND CONCLUSION OF DB-ICSC SUMMER CAMPS—2018

KODAI KONDATAM – 2018, a week long summer camp conducted in coastal slum communities in Chennai came to its fitting close on 12 May, 2018. The grand finale of the event was held at Our Lady's Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Thiruvottiyur. Mr. Chithambaram Murugan, Inspector of Police, Law and Order, Thiruvottiyur and Fr. Johnson Antonysamy, Rector and Director, DBSSS, Basin Bridge, Sr. Josephine FMA, Principal of Primary School presided over the event, addressed the children and distributed trophies and prizes to the children. Magic Show by Malesia Vasudevan was the highlight of the programme. More than 500 children participated in the summer camps conducted in twelve community centres.



-Br. Jerome Cyril

ICPS Summer Camps



Summer camps in ICPS communities were conducted between 14-21 May, 2018 at Otteri Community hall. Fr Joseph Leo, the director, inaugurated the camp. A total of 185 Children participated in the camps. Different types of activities like action songs, debate, dance, quiz and various competitions were conducted and refreshments were provided every day. At the end of summer camp trophies were given to the best participating child and children with regular attendance.



In Annai Sathya Nagar, old tuition centre was renovated with the help of Mr. Arumugam one of students' parent. It was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. Joseph Leo. Summer camp was conducted in the renovated new place.

-Ms. Sheela Janet

DBAI HCL GURUKUL

Capacity Building for Staff members



The Inspector of police, Kannagi Nagar distributed the awareness in the presence of Mr. Newton Senior Programme Officer, HCL. The nine police boys and girls clubs of DBAI-HCL Gurukul project were invited for a meeting at Joe Beach Resort on the 7 April 2018. During the meeting, best clubs were rewarded with cash prizes and trophies. Arumbakkam club received the inspirational award and the remaining clubs were given achievement awards.

Awareness Programme on Mental Health

Mental Health problems are more common among adolescents. In order to help them manage it effectively awareness programme on mental health was organized for children in Arumbakkam police boys and girls club on the 14, April, 2018. Mr. Karthick, psychiatrist from Revamp hospital, Chennai addressed the children on behavioural issues among adolescents. The session was interactive and educative.



Client Visits DBAI-HCL Clubs



There were regular client visits from HCL to DBAI-HCL Gurukul Clubs to Thuraipakkam and Semmenchery clubs on 13, 19-20, April 2018. The visitors admired and appreciated the ambience existing in the clubs and interacted with the children. During the visit, selected and deserving children from all the clubs were distributed free cycles as a token of encouragement. During the programme, children performed dance and martial arts to the admiration of the visitors.

HCL Director's visit Don Bosco Anbu Illam

Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director of HCL Foundation made a visit to DBAI on 25 April, 2018. Rev. Fr. Joe Prabhu, assistant director briefed the visitors about the activities of the organization in general and DBAI-HCL Gurukul Clubs activities in particular. It was followed by presentation of reports by coordinators of the project. The sitting ended with discussion on ways to improve the existing clubs and improving focus on water, sanitation, energy conservation and sports.



DBAI-HCL Gurukul Summer Camp-2018



The summer camp was initiated in 9 clubs typically for a period of 10 days between 26th April to May 6th 2018. The objective of the camp was to encourage children and uplift them in sports activities. Nearly 500 children took part in 5 clubs. Coaching was given in Cricket, football, Kho-Kho, throw ball, Kabadi and volleyball. Infrastructure and other facilities were provided to facilitate the camps and children were given nutritious diet during the camp days and safety precautions were also taken care of. On 6 May, 2018 the camp concluded with a valedictory function

presided by Mr. Srinivasalu, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Adyar. He motivated the children to groom themselves by working hard with determination and perseverance and gave away prizes to all the winners. Around 350 boys and 450 girls from different clubs took part in the valedictory ceremony. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director Don Bosco Anbu Illam honored the winners of sports activities and encouraged them to focus on sports and physical activity which in turn will enhance the stamina and endurance among children.

-Mrs. Preethi



STAFF SUPPORTIVE PROGRAMME

DB-ICSC STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME

On 18 April, 2018, staff training program on Holistic Approach in Development of Slum Communities was organized in order to facilitate our staff working in communities. 30 staff members from DBAI participated in the programme. Fr. Andrews Raja SDB, Professor, Department of Social Work – Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur, for taking time to train our staff in planning sustainable goals for the development of slum communities. Our staff actively participated and made it fruitful.

-Mr. Jayaprakash



DBAI STAFF TOUR

Don Bosco Anbu Illam staff went on a three days annual tour to God's own Country (Kerala) between 29 April -2 May 2018. The majestic Thumborumuzhil dam, thrilling hanging bridge, full flowing Athirapally falls were some exciting places visited on the first day.

Prayerful visit to St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Forance Church, Chalakudy and relaxed boating at Allepy sleepy waters and site seeing was very soothing. The birthday of Fr. Joe Prabu the assistant director was celebrated in a grand scale with cutting of the cake and spontaneous wishes at the boat. A holy mass was celebrated later in the day at the national shrine Basilica of our lady of Ransom, Vallarpadam.



Sing-Songs, party games, dance, shopping, long journey and surprising events added life to the trip. On 2nd May, 2018 the team returned to Chennai by Spicejet airlines and this happened to be the maiden trip to most of the staff. On the whole the lush greens of the plains, flowing waters, beautiful landscapes, attractive sceneries, and interesting places of tourism had much to offer and the staff returned with wonderful memories and experiences.

Ms. Margaret Malini



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CORE PRINCIPLE :

"Let children be at the heart of everything we do"



UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

ACADEMIC INAUGURATION

ANTI-CHILD LABOUR DAY

MEDICAL CAMP - DBIC SC

NIGHT VIGIL CAMP - DBAI HCL

DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE & TRAFFICKING



MOTIVATION?

IT'S RIGHT INSIDE YOU!!