



**DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM**

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### Director's Message



**"Every child is meant to learn not to earn"**

Children are the key to nation's growth and they are integral part of the society. Every child has the capacity to learn and to grow in their life. We at Don Bosco Anbu Illam help and support the disadvantaged and the most deserving children in the process of learning and growing. If we neglect this process especially for these types of children then they will neglect the society and they will not participate in the transformation of the society. Thus we take care of these children to grow as a holistic human being.

As we have started 30th Year of the establishment of DBAI, we are happy to bring our monthly Newsletter from June 2016 onwards. Kindly revert your feedback on [dbainewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:dbainewsletter@gmail.com)

Fr. Joseph Leo

Director

### Congratulations

In the recently concluded government exams, our shelter home children scored good marks and came out with flying colors. Mast. Vignesh and Mast. Sudherson of Xth Standard scored 430 and 403 out of 500 marks respectively. In the 12<sup>th</sup> standard Mast. Ravi. D scored 830 marks and bagged a seat in Loyola college in sports quota. We appreciate and wish our children all the best as they begin another academic

Ravi. D - XII Std

Sudherson & Vignesh - X Std



year.

**"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".**

-Nelson Mandela

### Gratitude

Our sincere thanks to the Salesian community, staff and children who built up and carried forward the organization in the past 30 years. We extend our heart filled gratitude to the Salesian province of Chennai, pioneers, staff and specially our former Director Fr. Johnson Bashyam who had served the organization for the past 6 years. We wish him all the best for his future endeavors.



### ***Inauguration of the Academic Year & Educational Materials distribution***

*The inauguration of the academic year was held in Bosco Illam on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Mrs. Glory (DCPO) the chief Guest of the event, encouraged the children to make the maximum use of the educative environment and grow to be happy children. She also distributed educational materials for the children.*



### ***Recognition for Social Work***

*On behalf of DBAI, Fr. Joseph Leo, Director received "St. Thomas Award for Social Service for the children" in Santhome, Chermai on 27<sup>th</sup> of June. The Award was given in recognition of the work done towards the underprivileged children at the community level. We appreciate and thank Fr. Johnson Bashyam the former director, the Salesian management and the team of staff for their dedicative service offered to the deserving children.*



### ***Rally @ Otteri***

*Around 50 children from our ICPS centers of Pallavan salai and Otteri who are being benefitted effective literacy through DBAI participated in a Child Labor Eradication Awareness Rally taken out in*



*Otteri on 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2016.*

*Fr. Joseph Leo, the director flagged off the rally. The event was coordinated by Ms. Sheela, Mr. David and Ms. Priya. The children carried placards which had slogans explaining the ill effects of child labor, the importance of sending children to schools and steps for elimination of child labor. Prior to the rally, Fr. Leo animated a session on child labour and the importance of education.*



### ***Rally in Madras High Court***

*The Madras High Court in collaboration with NGO's associated with Child-line organized a rally on "Protection Against Child Labour" on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. Some children from our shelter homes were active participants of the rally in which Honorable Judges, lawyers, Students and Social Activists created awareness on the theme 'Every Child in meant to learn and not to earn'.*





## Rally Against Child Labor @ Marina Beach

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, DBAI & CHILDLINE (1098) in association with Don Bosco Beatitudes, Mariyalaya, Anbagam & ICPS/NCLP Centre children organized a mass awareness rally voicing Against Child Labor from Labor statue in Marina Beach to Light house. More than 300 children participated actively in the rally which was flagged off by Mr. Siva Jai Kumar (District Child Protection Officer, Chennai). In a short cultural programme that followed the rally in St. Bede's Campus, Actor and Director Mr. Samuthirakani, the chief guest of the event motivated the boys to stand for their rights come what may. In the end all the participants pledged their oath against Child Labour.



## Healing of the Inner Child

On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the shelter home girls in Sarnalaya, Kodungayur had two intensive days of Individual and group therapy on the theme **"Healing of the Inner Child."**

Mr. J. A Nathan the resource person who has experience in counseling people in private sectors facilitated this experience for our children. Journal writing, drawing, color personality test, self evaluation test, motivational videos and healing prayers were used as means to help them understand, accept and heal themselves of their past hurts. Healed of their inner hurts in the two days workshop the children were high in spirits to begin a new again.



## Vocational Guidance - Government Home Children at Royapuram.

Fr. Leo offered Vocational Training Guidance to Reception centre and railway children at Royapuram on 29<sup>th</sup> of June. 30 children participated along with their parents. Tips were given to the children mainly on six different technical and job oriented training programmes. Following him Dr. Manorama, CHES Director, also spoke about importance of Vocational skill training.





## Success Story

*In a joint operation, the Childline team in collaboration with Child Labor Department and National Child Labor Project rescued 5 minors from Bihar who were found to be working in a Bag Production unit in Broadway, Chennai. The rescued children were examined in the Government Dental Hospital College and were confirmed to be between 13-16 years of age. They were produced before the CWC (Child Welfare Committee) and are given shelter and care in DBAI. Measures are being taken to rehabilitate them with their families in Bihar.*

## Vocational Training - Certificate distribution



*Young people today aspire for a more stable socio – economic life; 75 young people from 4 different centers successfully completed their course in tailoring*



*at different Vocational Training centers in Chennai were provided with course completion certificates on 28th and 29th of June. They also learnt subject skills to communicate and to work in teams. They were placed in reputed institution. This programme was supported by Plan India and financially supported by BCG.*

### CHILD INTAKE –June 2016

Male	Female	Total
37	12	49

### Children at Shelter Homes

Centres	Total
Bosco Illam	81
Saranalaya	49

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