



# DBAI NEWSLETTER



## EDITORIAL

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The global number of child labourers has declined by one-third since 2000, but an estimated 168 Million Children are involved in child labour. Nearly Half (85 million) are doing hazardous work. 263 Million Children are out of school. The United Nations estimates that by the year 2020, half the world's illiterate population will live in India. It is important that we make a much greater contribution to prevent this dubious ranking for our country. Don Bosco Anbu Illam (DBAI) plays a lead role in 'Right to Education' of children, especially to rescue the working children and provide opportunity to children out-of-school due to socio-economic reasons.

Mahatma Gandhi always dreamt of an India where the poor would be given the opportunities they deserve as full citizens. The Bible repeatedly orders us to worship the one true God and Him alone; but simultaneously, it tells us that true religion is to care for the poor and needy. DBAI is a partner in this God-given Mission. This issue of the Newsletter elaborates what we have done to help the poorer children around us and invites us to reflect and discover their identity as human beings created in the image of God and get them dreaming great dreams for their life.

Dr. Ambedkar says, "Rights are real only if they are accompanied by remedies. It is no use giving rights if the aggrieved person has no legal remedy to which he can resort when his rights are invaded." In the modern world we need to be professional in whatever we do. We need to be up-to-date. We need data on which we base our ideas, arguments and activities. For any scientific study of our work, documentation is vitally essential. At DBAI we maintain proper records, registers and reports, through the help of Child MISS (Management Information System & Services). It is an online documentation web portal tool for Child Tracking and Caring System. We use it for effective data management, monitoring and reporting of care, protection and development of children.

Dear friends, 'in the best interest of our child' we do documentation as an on-going activity to achieve long term changes in the situation of young people. Let me congratulate the staff members of DBAI for successfully conducting and reporting on various programmes of June.

**Fr. Joe Prabu SDB**

*Asst. Director*



## DBAI STARTS A FRESH



On 3 June, 2017 with a Solemn Holy Eucharist followed by staff meeting, the office staff resumed their works. Fr. Joseph Leo, the Director, welcomed the staff and invited them to work with renewed spirit. The outgoing staff, management staffs were thanked and new members were welcomed. Evaluation of the summer camps, preparation of the annual calendar and presentation of the upcoming events of the month were the other agendas of the programme.

## SCHOOL RE-OPENS: A FRESH START

After summer camp and summer vacation the children were looking forward to re-opening of schools on 7 June, 2017. Dressed in their new uniforms and with renewed enthusiasm they were happy to enter into new class rooms and meet old friends for another year of learning. DBAI wishes its Shelter home children and Community Children a fruitful learning experience.



## RALLY: "RIGHT TO EDUCATION"



DBAI Children participated in a mass awareness rally conducted by SSA (Sarva Shikshya Abiyan) zone-3, Periamedu, Chennai district on 8-9 June, 2017. The rally was taken out to insist on 'Compulsory Education for Children' below 14 years and the need to enroll Children in government schools. Street theatre, folklore performance, distribution of leaflets were the means used to create awareness. Children from various Government schools, teachers and SSA officials participated in the event in big number.



## ANTI-CHILD DAY COMMEMORATION AT COLLECTORATE

Don Bosco Anbu Illam organized Signature Campaign and Human Chain Formation to commemorate 'World day against Child Labour' on the theme "Stop Child labour, Save Childhood and Start Education" on 15 June, 2017 at District Collector's Office, Chennai.

**Mr. V. Anbuselvan, IAS, the District Collector**, who presided over the event, addressed the gathering of children, inaugurated the signature campaign and flagged off the human chain formation. Mr. Siva Jayakumar, District Child Protection Officer and Mrs. Santhiya, District Social Welfare Officer were the other dignitaries present in the event. More than 350 children together with their staff, volunteers and organizers took pledge in the event to safeguard the rights of Children and raised meaningful slogans to create awareness.





## INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018



Inauguration of the academic year together with inauguration of Clubs (Environment, Spiritual, Cultural, Sports and Education) at shelter home level took place on 18 June, 2017 at Bosco Illam, MKB Nagar. **Rev. Fr. Edwin Vasanthan**, SDB, Director – Anbagam and Provincial Councillor, presided over the event and encouraged the children to make optimum use of these opportunities for integral formation. He also distributed educational materials to the children and presented the club leaders with badges.



## PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH (PAR) MONITORING VISIT

Mr. Sreenadh from National PAR Team (Hyderabad) came as resource person and animated our shelter home staff and counselors for half a day on 21 June, 2017. The role of importance of Participation of Children in our plans and activities and the difficulties encountered in encouraging the participation of children and the problems faced in this process were the highlighted points of discussion. A two days animation has been planned with national PAR team for all the staff of DBAI in July.





## MEDICAL CAMP: “Sound Mind in a Sound Body”

Government Health Officials from Greater Chennai Corporation conducted their periodical medical camp for the shelter home children on 10 June, 2017 at Bosco Illam, MKB Nagar. General checkup was done for the children and vitamin tablets were distributed. 47 Children benefitted through this camp.



## SCOUT CAMP: ‘BE PREPARED’



In preparation for the ‘Rajpurskar’ award camp , a short test camp was conducted on 24-25 June, 2017 at Don Bosco School Grounds, Wisdom Town, Chennai. Around 520 scouts and guides belonging to Don Bosco District were the active participants of this short test camp. This served the children as good preparation to ensure better participation in the tests to be conducted on 21 July, 2017 at Our Lady’s School, Thiruvottiur.

## INAUGURATION AND PROMOTION OF YaR ANNUAL

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk has invited all the YaR centres to celebrate this year theme, CARING FOR THE EARTH: OUR COMMON HOME (Let’s make a World where the Environment doesn’t need Protection). DBAI has distributed the YaR posters to all the YaR centers and all the Don Bosco houses in Chennai province to create events of their interest in line with the theme and raise awareness on the immediate need to care for the environment.



DBAI on its part has inaugurated the program in the shelter home and to celebrate the event planted few tree saplings and conducted drawing, poem and essay writing comeptions on the theme.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF BR. CRUZ, SDB

Br. Cruz Robert celebrated his gift of life on 30 June, 2017. A meaningful Holy Eucharist followed by short cultural celebration was arranged in Bosco illam, MKB Nagar to appreciate him and to thank him. DBAI wishes Br. Cruz all that is best as he assumes his work as Warden in the Children's home.



## PUBLIC RESULTS MARCH, 2017

DBAI congratulates the shelter home children and community children who appeared for their Public Examination and came out with flying colours. Special appreciation to Mas. Gopal, Mas. Dharma and Miss. Angel for their outstanding performance.



Mas. Gopal (XII) (960)



Mas. Dharma (X) (459)



Miss. Angel (X) (407)

## A BIG THANKS

DBAI extends her heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Jayaseeli and Sr. Sabeena, Br. Elanchizhian and Br. Susai and Mr. Dinesh for their yeomen service rendered for the betterment of children and growth of the organization. We wish them all that is best as they assume new ministries in different places.





## HEARTY WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Bernard (Administrtor-MKB Nagar), Sr. Anitha, Sr. Selvi Sagayam, Br. Arul Prasanth and Mrs. Josephine Lucy (Counselor) to the organization and wish them a fruitful ministry as they take up new roles and responsibilities in the organization.



## UPCOMING EVENTS !!!!



32nd ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

INDEPENDENCE DAY



ANIMATION FOR DBAI STAFF



## CORE PRINCIPLE :

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



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**SARANALAYAM**- Girl's Home # N0.64, K.K.Thazhai Madhavaram, Chennai-600051

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