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FROM DIRECTOR'S DESK

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY !!
SPECIAL POINTS :

1st Indian women . . .



Gov / Freedom fighter -Sarojini

President : Pratibha Patel

Wrestler: Geeta Phogat

Astronaut : Kalpana

Chief Minister-Sucheta

Female Film—Fatma Begam

IPS Officer : Kiran Bedi

Actress: Durgabai Kamat

Singer: Lata Mangeskar

Prime Minister: Indira Gandhi

Police Officer : Kiran Bedi

Aircraft- Sarla Thakral

Social Activities—Mother Teresa

Political Activist: Arundhati

Social Reformer: Medha Patkar

Animal Welfare Activist: Ama-
la Akkineni

Dear Readers ,

For Society to thrive, Women must thrive.



The Month of March reminds us of women. "Women and children first" is a code of conduct used in a life threatening situation, when survival resources such as lifeboats were limited. Now, women and children are not first anymore. The code went down with the Titanic 100 years ago. The code women and children first has always been a saying but not as a practice. When it comes to education and empowerment, women still are not being treated as equally. The situation is more or less the same everywhere. Despite the fact that they numerically constitute about half the population in the world today, they have been regulated secondary roles.

If you educate a woman, you educate a family, if you educate a girl, you educate the future. The bond between a mother and a child is unique and enduring. For the mother, the women, it unlocks an amazing power to love unconditionally and nurture wholeheartedly. We owe so much to our mother as they cultivate the soul in us. So, we need to give greater importance to educate and empower women in our family and be grateful to what they are and what they do to us.

In this moment, We, DBAI family thank all our women donors, supporters, volunteers and collaborators for contributing their part towards a change. On this March 10, we were fortunate to have the Joint secretary from Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt of India to initiate the 'Clean India Campaign' together with the women's day celebration in our home. As this year's theme being "Be bold for a Change" we joined with them for Swatch Bharat abhiyan campaign where our girls were encouraged to participate in the campaign and to be bold for bringing a clean India. We thank Childline India Foundation for hosting the event. We thank DBAI childline team and DBAI - Saranalayam for encouraging the girls to being part of the change and contribute to the growth of the nation

We also congratulate our children who have completed their 10th and 12th board exams. We thank our care givers and tutors who have contributed in preparing our children well and giving them proper career guidance for their future. We also thank the School teachers who supported our children in their education, in addition to their work. We wish our children all the very best for all their future endeavors.

Fr. Joseph Leo

Fr. Joseph Leo, SDB
DIRECTOR



Don't let anyone tell you, you're weak because you're Women –Mary Kom

SWACHH BHARAT PROMOTIONAL COMPETITIONS IN SARANALAYAM



Shelter home for girls (Saranalayam) unit was chosen for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean Indian Campaign) promotional events in the city. In view of it, on 9 March, 2017 Poem, Essay and Drawing Competitions were conducted. The competitions were conducted in the presence of Mr. Prabhakaran, Mr. Babu, Ms. Sheela and Mrs. Kavitha and were judged by Fr. Joe Prabu, Sr. Jansi and Br. Susai. Competitions were conducted in three age group categories and prizes towards the same were distributed in the grand event held the next day.

- Sr. Jayaseeli

SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN CELEBRATION IN DBAI

In line with the direction of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) through Childline India Foundation (CIF), Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) promotional events were conducted in DBAI – Saranalayam on 10 March, 2017. Smt. Sarita Mittal, IAS., JS., FA., MWCD., Shri. Ananth Prakash IAS, Dy., Sec., MWCD., Dr. Anjaiah Pandiri, Executive Director, CIF, Mr. Pandiyarajan, PDMEO, DSD, Mrs. Anuradha, Head, SRRC, CIF and Mr. Arunmozhi, City in-charge, CIF were the guests of honour. SBA pledge, Song, Short movies, hand washing demonstration, snake and ladder game and address of the dignitaries constituted the events of the day. The Eco-club of the Saranalayam girls was inaugurated and prizes were distributed to the winners of different competitions.

- Br. Elanchezhian



SESSION ON "LEARNING MADE EASY"

Volunteers from Madras School of Social Work (MSSW) animated our shelter home boys at Bosco Illam on 12 March, 2017. They employed creative methods to help children understand that learning can be a real fun if shown interest. Through play way method and party games, showed practically how learning can be made easy. 'Personal Hygiene' was another area they concentrated in the post-break session of the morning. The children enjoyed the fun in learning and realized how learning can become a fun too.



- Br. Elanchezhian

A Woman is a companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacity-Gandhi

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION : "BE BOLD FOR CHANGE "

Women's day was commemorated in the Otteri Contact centre on 18 March, 2017. The event was coordinated by Mr. David, the centre in charge. Around 30 Children and 20 young people of the locality were the active participants of the event. The theme of the celebration was "Be Bold for Change". The theme was well disseminated in the consecutive sessions on topics like 'Respect for Women', 'Violence against Women' and 'Sexual Abuse of the minors'. The highlight of the evening was the puppet show on the theme by Skymoon youth group, Kodambakkam, Chennai.



- Ms. Sheela Janet

AWARENESS ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT



On 15 March, 2017 DBAI raised awareness on disaster management in the community centre at Thiruvottiur, Chennai. The purpose was to create resilient communities capable of managing sudden disasters. Types of disasters, reasons for disaster, do's and don'ts during the disaster, search and rescue operation, basic first aid and necessary precaution methods need to be taken were the areas covered.

- Ms. Margaret Malini

THIRUVOTTIYUR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB :



To make the women feel proud of their identity and celebrate womanhood in a more meaningful way, on 8 March, 2017 DBAI made the women group leaders, local leaders and representatives plant a sapling each to mark the celebration. 30 saplings were planted this way. In a short felicitation that followed, a thought provoking message from Mr. Moorthy and a spectacular dance performance by the community children made the 50 women gathered feel special.

- Ms. Margaret Malini

AWARENESS ON TUBERCULOSIS (TB)



World Tuberculosis (TB) day which is celebrated on 24 March, 2017 was commemorated in the shelter home for girls (Saranalayam) on 29 March, 2017. A team of doctors and hospital staff from TB Centre, Kodungaiyur, Chennai used this platform to raise awareness about the burden of TB and the status of its prevention and care efforts. After the input session they questioned the children on the inputs of the day and the best answers were awarded.

- Sr. Jayaseeli

Empowering women isn't just the right thing to do –it's the smart thing to do—Obama

WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVED IN ASKE CENTRE, BROADWAY



On 18 March, 2017 Women's day was celebrated in ASKE centre. The event helped to build better rapport between the members of the community. Rangoli Competition was conducted for the women group and drawing competition for their children. Fr. Joseph Leo, the director, Ms. Rameshwari and Mr. Moorthy graced the occasion and awarded the winners of the competitions.

- **Ms. Margaret**

AWARENESS ON "CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION"

The Childline unit of DBAI has been granted permission on Wednesday and Thursday of the week to conduct awareness programme in the corporation middle schools (CMS) in the city. Screening of short movies, awareness on Childline (1098), awareness songs, party games, group sessions, seminars, sharing of experiences and classes have been the methodology employed to raise awareness on the theme. The awareness program has received a good response from the student community and teachers fraternity. More than 1500 Children in 10 schools have benefitted through this awareness campaign.



- **Mr. Prabhakaran**

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON "INNOVATIVE SKILL DEVELOPMENT"



Mr. Dinesh and Mrs. Leena from Thiruvottiyur police boys and girls club attended a training program titled "Innovative Skill Development" on 25-26 March, 2017 at hotel Sea Breeze, Mahabalipuram. The resource persons Mrs. Sherin, Nachithara organization dealt with Child Abuse and Protection of Minors. Mr. Anand, Secretary YMCA, highlighted the importance of fitness and sports. Dr. Kaleshwaran, expert in Alternative Media Skills animated on body language, art of storytelling, personality development, creative methods that can be employed into teaching. The methodology and presentation proved the expertise of the resource persons. The training program on the whole was innovative, creative and informative.

- **Mr. Prabhakaran**

No struggle can ever succeed without women participating side by side with men

SESSION ON EMOTIONAL MATURITY

"Emotional Maturity is not just a goal; it's a Practice of life."

On 5 March, 2017 Mrs. Immaculate, facilitated a session for the Saranalayam girls on **"Emotional Maturity."** In her discourse she highlighted, quoting examples and life incidents how Emotional maturity has become a necessary quality worth working towards and how Emotional maturity helps to lead a life, filled with happiness and fulfillment. Signs of Emotional maturity, identifying and managing ones emotions effectively and emotional maturity in relationships were the other areas touched upon in the session.

- Sr. Jayaseeli

SPECIAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON "CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE"

On 15 March, 2017 The Childline unit of DBAI organized a special awareness program on Child Sexual Abuse at Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Basin Bridge, Chennai. The event was the last of its kind in the month long awareness programme on the theme conducted in various educational institutions. In the valedictory programme, Fr. Joseph Leo, the director, Fr. Joe prabu, the assistant director and Fr. Ashok, the principal of the college were guests of honor. In the event Fr. Joe prabu gave a talk on 'Child Sexual Abuse' and in the consecutive sessions short moves were screened and discussions on the same were held. The **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)** act was presented to the students. Around 250 boys and 50 faculty members benefitted from the awareness programme.

- Mr. Prabhakaran



TRAINING IN HANDICRAFTS



DBAI conducted a training programme in handicrafts for the self help groups on 4 March, 2017. The training was intended to enable the self help group employ their free time resourcefully in handicrafts and through it generate income to raise the standard of living. The resource person of the day Mrs. Lakshmi and Mr. Ragul trained them in jewel making, variety of wall hangings and preparation of attractive pen stands using ice cream sticks. The women showed greater interest in picking up the skills and finally the handicrafts made were marketed in the locality.

- Ms. Margaret Malini

"A woman is a full circle, within her is the power to create, nurture and transform" - Diane Mari-

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CORE PRINCIPLE :

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



Celebrate Women's History Month



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UPCOMING EVENTS!!

APRIL MONTH EVENTS!



MAY MONTH EVENTS!

