



## **DON BOSCO ANBU ILLAM NEWSLETTER**

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### **Director's Message**

Dear Readers,

**“Life is a journey, not a destination”**

**- Ralph Waldo Emerson.**



We need to learn and unlearn so many aspects within this journey itself. There are some journeys which may not have any purpose in them. But there are some journeys which have a clear focus and destination. One such journey was taken up recently by Nobel Peace Laureate Mr.Kailash Satyarthi titled “The Bharat Yatra” to make India safe for all the children. It began on September 11 from Kanniyakumari in Tamil Nadu and will culminate on October 16 in New Delhi covering 11,000 km and 22 states. This journey has as its purpose – ‘A Safe India for Safe Childhood.’ The sexual abuse and exploitation of children has grown to alarming proportions that it must be totally prevented at any cost. Child Rights Activist, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi speaking at the inaugural function in Chennai expressed that the march is a war against rape and sexual abuse, one of fear to fearlessness, silence to sound and from darkness to light.’ He also said that it cannot be tackled individually requiring the collective effort of every citizen across the nation. DBAI also joined hands with other NGOs and networks in this noble cause for a violence-free India and a country safe for happy childhood. DBAI is happy to announce that it is going to launch safe slums in Coastal Chennai this year with the help of many networks in its own way to empower vulnerable children, youth and women. Let us pledge to make India safe for children.

Fr. Joseph Leo- Director

## National level Seminar on 'Restorative Justice and Children'

**Don Bosco National Forum** for the Young at Risk conducted its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Seminar on the topic 'Restorative Justice and Children – Journeying Ahead (A different way of thinking about crime and response to crime)' on 19-20 September, 2017 at Don Bosco Institute (DBI), Guwahati. Around 150 delegates from the Salesian presences in India working with vulnerable children and adults were the participants of the event.

### YaR National Awards for Excellence



At the close of the **YaR National Seminar** on 20 September 2017, the annual YaR National Awards were given to recognize and honour persons and institutions that excelled in serving the Young at Risk during the year.

**Fr. Gerard Majella SDB** from Province of Chennai was recognized for his honorary PhD degree for securing Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Humanitarian **Award** and Best Social Service Award by press media education vidya.



### Recognition for Service to Migrant Workers in the Koyambedu Market, Chennai



For ensuring Safe migration, Transit facilities, Negotiating for labour rights with contractors and companies, Advocacy with the Government on issues concerning labour, education, occupational health, ICDS, PDS, Providing SSA mini-schools, Recreation, Integration of migrant children, etc. for the migrants,

**Fr Vincent Mariapragasam SDB**, the pioneer of Koyambedu Market Laborers Service received the award on behalf of Rev. Fr. Bosco Francis, SDB in charge of Migrant Youth Services.

*(News Courtesy: DB YaR Forum Website)*



### Sessions on Exam tips

On 9th and 11th of September, 2017 Ms. Josphine Lucy (Shelter Home Counsellor) conducted sessions on **"Preparation for Exams"**. The session was conducted in both boys and girls homes. The session specially focused children from 6th to 12th standard. Time management, planning and prioritization, goals settling & learning made easy were the methods taught to the students to score good marks in their quarterly exam. Around 50 children participated in these sessions.



Ms. Josephine

### Trimonthly Recollection: A time of Renewal

The Salesian Communities of Don Bosco Anbu Illam – MKB Nagar, Chennai, Pope John's Garden – Madavaram, Chennai, DBRITE – Cuddalore and SMA Sisters who collaborate in our mission made their trimonthly recollection together on 10 September, 2017 at Don Bosco Polytechnic College, Thirukazhukundram, on the theme: Salesian Vocation – A call for Social Justice. Sixteen of them spent the day together in prayer and recollection. Fr. Matthews Rajan SDB, (Director – DBRITE) gave a talk on the 'Social teachings of the Church' drawing references from different encyclicals written by Popes down the centuries. Fr. Edwin Vasanthan (Director – Pope John's) celebrated the Eucharist. Post-lunch each community had its meetings and departed after a high tea with renewed spirit for social action.



Br. Jerome Cyril

### CSA Awareness for NSS Students

On 15 September 2017 Mr. Ashok Bosco from Childline team gave awareness program for the NSS students of Sir Thiyagaraya College who had campaigned in Government School at Manali, Chennai. It focused on Childline 1098, child rights, Child sexual abuse. More than 100 students benefitted from the event.



Mr. Ashok Bosco

## Childline Awareness

DBAI Childline team created awareness on 'Child Rights' in St. Christopher College of Education, Vepery, Chennai. Around 220 participants, including students, professors and management staff benefitted from it.

**Mr. Prabhakaran**

## Awareness Programme Thiruvottiyur Boys and Girls Club



Mr. Kural (Social Worker) from EKAM Foundation in collaboration with CHES organized an awareness programme on 28 September, 2017 at Thiruvottiyur Police Boys and Girls Club. Childline-1098 awareness, Health & Hygiene consciousness, appropriate and inappropriate touches, safety measures for emergency situation were explained to them. 60 children benefitted through the event.

**Ms. Margaret Malini**

## Scout Camp



During the quarterly vacation, Mr.Ashok and Br.Arul Prasanth led, 18 new recruits of Bosco illam Scout troop had a short scouting experience in Jeevodaya Hospice, Madavaram between 30 September to 02 October, 2017. The camp was inaugurated by Mr. Shanmuga Sundaram, Inspector of Police, Madavaram Milk Colony (MMC), in the presence of Fr. Joseph Leo, DBAI Director. During the day camp the budding scouts learnt the basics of scouting, spent time interacting with the sick and the aged and performed programmes for them in addition to regular scouting activities.

**Mr. Ashok Bosco**



### Let Us March - BHARAT YATRA



On 13 September 2017 Bharat Yatra, Chennai a nationwide campaign for 'Safe Childhood – Safe India' was launched in the presence of **Shri.Kailash Satyarthi** (Nobel Peace laureate 2014). **Ms. Indira Banerjee**, Chief Justice of Madras High court flagged off the rally at Stella Maris College and wished its success.

On Same day **Fr.Joseph Leo & Fr.Joe Prabu** attended stakeholders meetings chaired by Shri. Kailash along with other NGO, academic institution, associations to actualize the social cause. From DBAI eight core members participated in the March from 13th to 16th September, 2017. Our volunteers travelled to Sathyabama, JPR College, VIT and Kolar along with Shri.Kailash Satyarthi team.

**Ms. Margaret Malini**

### Off to Marina on a vacation

Shelter home children who could not go home for their quarterly holidays, were taken to Marina beach for half a day of picnic. The children accompanied by brothers, wardens and volunteers played beach volley ball, kabadi and enjoyed wetting themselves in the shores of the beach.



**Br. Robert Cruz**

### Birthday of Director



On 28 September, 2017 the Birthday of Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Rector and Director of DBAI was celebrated in a grand scale with the shelter home children. There was a concelebrated thanksgiving Eucharist followed by a colorful cultural programme to thank and appreciate him for his numerous services.

**Br.Jerome Cyril**

### Bosco Illam Children Salute their Teachers

Bosco Illam children celebrated Teacher's Day on 3 September, 2017 to show their gratitude to teachers, Accenture volunteers and others who help them during the weekdays and weekends with tuitions and special classes. Children sang for the occasion a meaningful song, a well prepared address and Fr. Joseph Leo, acknowledged their service and their efforts to improve the performance of our deserving children in education.



**Br. Robert Cruz**

### DBAI meets BEATITUDES- Vyasapadi for a friendly Football Match



On 3 September, 2017 Bosco Illam Children played a friendly football match against Don Bosco Beatitudes - Vyasarpadi. The match was a tie with both scoring a goal each (1-1). We thank the Salesians at Beatitudes for coming over to Bosco Illam for a walk cum friendly match. The evening helped each other in deepening relationships.

**Br. Jerome Cyril**

### First Aid Awareness Program

**"Safety brings first aid to the uninjured"-F.S.Hughes.**

An awareness program on **first aid** was organized by Aide-et-Action in collaboration with Apollo Hospital (Emergency Ward) on 9 September, 2017 at Ambattur Corporation School. The resource person from Apollo hospital taught the staff with **Basic Life Support** i.e demonstration on how to handle fractures, arrest bleeding, injuries sustained in accident, fire accident, electric shocks etc. The session was very informative for our staff in getting to know about saving a person from crucial situation. Apollo Hospital issued Certificate to *Mr.Moorthy* (Scout Master) & *Ms.Leena Mary* (Care Taker), our DBAI staff.



**Ms. Margaret Malini**



## Children's fest at Otteri

Children's fest was organized at Otteri on 29 September, 2017 by Mr. David, the in charge. Sr. Anita from DBAI and Ms. Annal from Grace Freedom foundation were the guests for the day. The fest brought together the community people for a session on the topic "**Save Childhood**" and "**Save Water**". Sr. Anitha in her presentation highlighted the abuses, violence and problems that children undergo and raised awareness on the same. 47 children and 15 youth from the community participated in the event. They were given Educational materials at the end of the event.



Ms. Sheela Janet

## October Month Programme

Capacity Building for DBAI staff & DBAI-  
HCL Gurukul Animators  
Ananda Diwali for shelter Children  
Science Exhibition at Thiruvottiur Club

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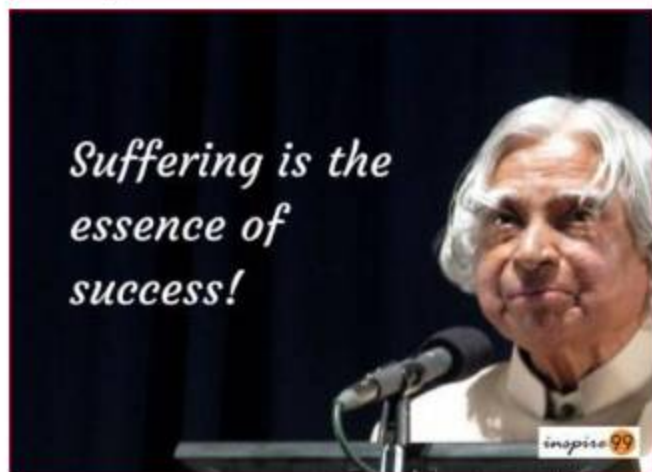
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**"It is not enough to love the young.  
They must know that they are loved."  
— St. John Bosco**



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