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Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society

REPORT

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Director's Desk

Dear Loving Readers,

It is said, "child is the father of man". Although I have heard this proverb in the past, it was my 6 lifesaving, life building and life uplifting years at this home of love that has made me realize the wisdom of the proverb.Truly I can tell you, children do indeed teach us adults, the joy of childhood, and of love, hope and blessing in life, no matter how challenging our circumstances may be.

It has been a wonderful and thoughtenriching journey in Don Bosco Anbu Illam for me personally with the children, staff, volunteers, Government officials, sponsors and donors for the past 6 years. I have greatly experienced their love and support in protecting and promoting child rights through our selfless and humane organization. I would like to extend my grateful heart everyone who supported to and enhanced our engagement in the society especially for the most marginalized and vulnerable children. Many new and unique developments were possible because of the blessings of the Almighty and the benevolent support of everyone.

It gives me immense satisfaction to mention that this organization is in successful flow with the well reputed and committed staff who guarantee the vision of DBAI in creating child friendly communities and environment in the society. We are honored that our organization is heading towards several leading steps in this regard by initiating innovative projects very for children, youth and women such as Police Children's Clubs, Covid 19: Community Intervention Programs,



Child Rights Clubs, CHILDLINE 1098, SHGs, Coastal Slum Improvement projects, HCLF Excellence Sports Bus, Career Advancement Training Centre, After Care Programs and Vocational training Centers.

thank all the Salesians, 1 staff, volunteers, sponsors, donors and Government bodies for your valuable support and encouragement. I also thank CWCs, CIF, DCPU, Educational Institutes, NGO Partners and all Networks that contributed in our mission. And of course, children were the greatest teachers in my life. They taught me patience, love, hope and integrity.

Even though this is my last editorial to this edition of ENews, I am sure that this practice will continuewith the new incoming Directorwith many colourfulinsights. I am indebted to thank Fr. James who worked with me for the past 4 years and otherSalesians and the Editorial Boardof the past and present for their creativeoutline and publications.

It is my privilege and honour to welcome Fr. Andrews Stephen Raj as the New Directorof DBAI fromnow onwards. I wish him and everyone at DBAI the very best.

YOURS TRULY

Fr. Joseph Leo

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Salesian community of Anbu Illam planned ten days of Summer Camp for the Anbu Illam Boys and Saranalaya Girls. With the foreseen plan of Fr. Leo Joseph, the Rector, the summer camp was well planned and executed for the The Summer boys. Camp was inaugurated on 13.04.2021 by Rev. Fr. Leo Joseph, the Rector. The theme of the Summer Camp was "Grow to Glow". The Summer Camp was coordinated well under the direction of Fr. Arulanand, the Camp Chief, together with Br. Joseph as the Coordinator of the Summer Camp and Br. Clinton as the Assistant Coordinator of the Summer Camp. The Summer Camp for the girls was coordinated by Sr. Salima and Ms. Indhukavi, the Staff of Saranalaya Girls Home.

The boys and girls were facilitated with lots of meaningful sessions like learning handicrafts, good manners, banking skills, scouting skills, life skills, Health and Hygiene, career guidance, and inner motivation. The Children were divided into three teams. The Children also learnt to work together as a group and not as an individual person. The ten days of camp was also filled with lots of competition for the children to enhance their talents. The Children were vibrant and energetic during the ten days of the Summer Camp.

Grow to Glow

The Children were amazed at their growth when they brought their best. The Conclusion of the Summer Camp took place on 24th April 2021 at 06.00 p.m. at Bosco Illam. Mrs. Asha Parek Nandhiny (SUH City level Coordinator GCC), Mrs. Karunya Devi (CWC Member – North Chennai), Ms. Anitha (SUH City level Coordinator GCC) and Mr. Surya (SUH City level Coordinator GCC) graced the occasion. The children exhibited their talents in a fantabulous way. The entire summer camp boosted the positivity of the Children.

summer is messy, summer is fun, summer is spending all day in the sun. summer is campfires, smores, and late nights, smores, and late nights, summer is windy days spent flying kites. summer is tan lines and splashing in lakes, summer is mornings with chocolate pancakes. summer is time spent with family and friends, summer is hoping that it never ends, The counselor has been interacting with all the children who are studying from 9th std till 12th std. Individual and group counseling is done and therapies like CBT (Cognitive Behavior Therapy), REBT (Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy), Talk therapy, SFBT (Solution Focused Brief Therapy) are given. Individual Care Plan is done regularly to know about the children improvement in Physical, Mental and Social level.

The children who have completed 10th std were given options to chose group for higher education. They have chosen group according to their interest. As part of summer camp the counselor took life skill sessions for the children on 20th & 22nd of April'21.

On 20th the session was about "Team Work". PPT presentation had details about Leadership and group members. The session started with a game about team work. A video was played about bad and good team work which helped the children to understand about team work, Do's and Don'ts were also explained to build the team strong. The session was very interactive as they were made to answer questions about the topic. As a team the Leaders/Captains were able to identify the dynamics of their team.

On 22nd "How to handle failures" was the topic which started with a group discussion of how they handled a failure in their personal life which lead them to success. After discussion the children were informed to share the same with the whole group. The session had a video presentation about Abraham Lincoln's and Derek (Olympic athlete) life history and how he became successful in life. The children also learnt about how a successful person leads his/her life, and their habits.

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – member of District Task Force

Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Executive Director high-level participated in the discussion chaired by the honorable Chief Minister Dr. M. K Stalin at the Tamil Nadu State Secretariat on 19th May 2021. The meeting dealt the ongoing pandemic situation and roles of NGOs in safeguarding welfare of people. Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society pointed to ensure safety and security of children and protect their best interest during the lock down.



Support of ZOHO



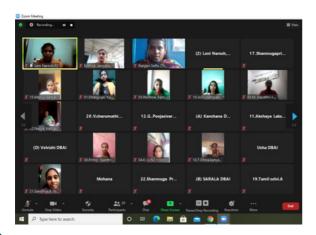
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Helping Hand

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GOAL Program

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Online Medical Consultation



In order to bring about awareness among young mothers and youngsters on 26th June 2021 we organized online consultation on Covid19. Dr. Suriyaraj from KVT Multi Specialty Hospital, Errukkencherry consented to share knowledge. The consultation lasted for two hours by including experience talk, treatment prescription and live question and answer session. 150 people from different intervention areas participated. Mr. Katheer Ahamed, Marketing Manager in KVT Multi Specialty Hospital gave introductory note.

Success story of master rakesh



The child Rakesh mahata age 16 from west bengal was rescued by Railway child line and produced in CWC north zone on 29.04.2021. The boy was sent to Don Bosco anbu illam for shelter. The boy was infected by covid 19 so he was admitted in government hospital after 10 days of treatment the boy recovered with good health. He was admitted back in bosco illam.

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Certificate of Appreciation

Great Pandemic 2020 has taught us many life lessons. It has impacted the lives of rich and poor at a time. Saddest part of all these is, people started not to believe their own hands. As the result of demolishing nature, the human kind has witnessed this devastating disaster. Although new invention started stepping in to medical world, still the unseen enemy is not defeated completely.



This threatening virus has proved that it's very brilliant than human knowledge. Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) had urgently called Social Welfare and Volunteering Originations in order to discuss about the situation. This meeting also included Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society. In the meeting, it was decided that Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society shall partnership with Greater Chennai Corporation in promoting national interest, safeguarding lives of people, breaking the infection chain Covid19 Community Intervention Program (CIP) was aimed to share knowledge on the global pandemic, identify and track patients, provide medical support at their door step, continuous sensitization program, coordinate medical camps, distribute herbal drink, tablets, face masks, gloves, and visibility creation. This program has served around 30,000 women, 25,000 children, 27,000 men, 18,000 youngsters.

This unconditional and daring program has brought laurel to the organization (DBAI) and also served to build a strong network with government bodies. The Greater Chennai Corporation has awarded Certificate of Appreciation for our support in addressing the health emergency.

I'm Hajira Afreen, Kindergarten Teacher in a private school in Mannady. I developed interest in learning stitching and designing. The best decision that I have taken in my life is joining Don Bosco Anbu Illam ICSC Project Skill Development Program. I underwent the course between September 2020 and March 2021 and gained more knowledge and explored new designs through my classes. A grateful thanks to the trainers who helped me in understanding the basics and chudidhar/blouse cutting patterning which made me implement in my work. As a result of my effort my school's correspondent promoted me as Tailoring Teacher. Salary is Rs. 20,000/- per month.

Afreen's Voices





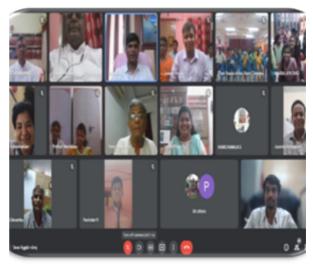


The most expected and exciting moment for the staff was finally at hand on 17th August 2021. The members of the staff were taken on a two-day trip to Pondicherry. The twoday tour commenced from Chennai Central to Nature Breeze at Pondi. On the way we halt at Mahabalipuram to witness the scenic beauty of rocks and caves from there we travelled and reached the destination by noon where we received a warm welcome and delicious meal by the Holy Spirit Church, Tagore Nagar. Soon after the meal, we ahead to Sacred Heart Church for a short time of prayer lead by Fr. Rajanna and Fr. Arulanand. From here we went to Aurobindo Ashram to witness the absolute silence and then to Church of Our Lady of Angels. After a timid experience we pitch in at Nature Breeze resort for rest of show. Exquisite moon light dinner and sea of flames welcomed us at the resort. Fun activities were conducted at verge of first day.

A beautiful morning at Pondicherry on 18th August 2021, after a brimming breakfast we travelled to one of the most stunning white sand Paradise Beach for backwater boating. We all enjoyed the safari to an island in the middle of the sea where we had time to recall, recrate and rejuvenate team spirit. Quality time along with beauty of waters added meaning to the mission. In the noon, we all returned to the resort for lunch and bid adieu to Pondicherry.

YaR Children's Festival 2021: "Protect Children from Trafficking"

YaR Festival 2021 was celebrated on 28th August 2021 via online. Rev. Fr. K.M Jose, Provincial - INM consented to be the Guest of Honor and announce the winners of various competitions held in view the event. Thriumadhi. of Rajeswari, I.P.S Greater Chennai Police extended her gracious presence and delivered the key note address. She said, 'Child trafficking has become a huge anti-vital in the society and at this point children can call to 100 or 1098 in case of any trouble'. Children from various YaR Centers actively participated in this program. A total of 40 winners from different talent shows were felicitated during the meet.





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Best Club Award 2020-2021



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Appreciation from Institute of Child Health and Hospital

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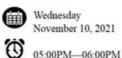


World Science Day

TOPIC

"Science for & with society in dealing with the Global Pandemic"

Virtual session





Mr. Sheikd Dawood Co-founder, APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation

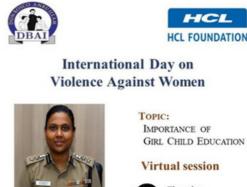
Science the World is for

On 10th November -2021 on behalf of World Science Day, Don Bosco Illam-Anbu HCL Foundation organised virtual program which headed by Mr. Sheikd was Dawood, Co-founder, Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam International Foundation. He delivered special address highlighting 'Science for and with society in dealing with the Global pandemic'. He specified the significance of science in society and everyday life; encourages wider public engagement and debates on emerging scientific issues.

As communities across the world experience the fearful burden of health fatalities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme of the observance this year is set as Science for and with Society in dealing with the global pandemic, arguing that response to COVID-19 demands better use of science and technology, and he encouraged public engagement wider and debates emerging scientific on issues. Finally, he clarifies many doubts and getting the feedback from the children, around 85 children was participated in this session.

Violence is not an answer

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West Zone, Greater Chennai Polic

Thursday November 25, 2021

05:00PM-06:00PM

State Level Rajya Puraskar Test Camp

On 11th December -2021 Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation organised Don Bosco district state level Rajya puraskar test camp at Tiruvottriyur. Around 40 Scouts & Guides participated in this testing camp.



Timely help

Darkest November 2021 made the month dramatic. Entire area of Bojaraja nagar and otteri were highly flooded. Children and their family were affected, they were unable to get their basic need they were suffering in hunger at this time Don Bosco Anbu Illam distributed 200 packets of food to the flood affected family which helped them feel safe and comfort.



Childline – Se – Dosti a week long occasion to celebrate the importance of Childhood

Week long Children's day celebration commenced on 14th November 2021. Team visited district officials and tied Band to all the Officers those are working among the children. This Year team met Tmt. Vijaya Rani IAS Chennai District Collector, Thiru. Sylendra Babu D.G.P, Tmt. Sarasvathy Chairperson TNCPCR, Tmt. Valarmathi IAS Director of Social Defense, and DCPO, CWC, Corporation Commissioners. The Ban expressed that the "Childline is your Friend". And the Childline team conducted competition for community children, on 16th of Nov 2021 team conducted awareness programs regarding Child Marriages and Child Sexual Abuse at Vyasarpadi Chennai. It created good impact from the children and adults. A special Rally was organized on 20th of Nov 21 at Mullai Nagar, with help of Bosco Illam regarding Child Abuse and Child Rights.



Distribution of Relief Measure



DBAI - CIP project and Youth team raised funds from friends and colleagues. Also there are sponsors to Sponsor the materials for relief work. Relief materials were packed well for the distribution. DBAI-CIP Team, Samarpanam, Aram Seivom Family, and Youths team were greatly involved in distribution of relief measure.

1. Don Bosco Anbu Illam Organization sponsored 50 Tarpaulin sheets.

- 2. DBAI-HCLF Sponsored 30 Tarpaulin sheets.
- 3. Samarpanam Trust Sponsored 80 Bed sheets.

4. Aram Seivom Family Trust Sponsored 80 Mosquito nets

Don Bosco Feast Quiz Battle

On 28th January 2022, Quiz Competition was conducted about St. John Bosco's life and mission Children prepared well for the quiz and everyone of them participated. Fr. Arulanand was the Chief guest of the day, he conducted the quiz and pronounced the result.





Thinking Day

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Scout Troop Organized THINKING DAY Celebration and Certificate Distribution Program. The Chief Guest was Mr. Kalviyarasan, Sub. Inspector of Police, P5 MKB Nagar Police Station. Rev. Fr. James, Rev. Fr. Arulanand and Mr. Ashok, the Scout Master preside over the Program.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

The Management decided to celebrate the Feast of St. John Bosco, the father. Friends of youth came to together with all the staffs, Saranalayam girls and Royapuram boys we had the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Vincent, a Capuchin priest, con-celebrated by all the priests. After that, they had the opening ceremony of newly built Bus shed. Then, they had refreshments followed by cultural fest. Our Children and girls performed various activities and they also gave a song performance. At 2.00 pm, they had mega quiz competition for the staff members on the following topics; Don Bosco, Anbu Illam, Sports, Current News, Child laws and on few general topics. All the staff, irrespective age



HARVEST FESTIVAL

FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

It is the great custom and tradition of Don Bosco Anbu Illam community to invited some of major donors; the Bosco Illam, Saranalayam and Royapuram to honor them and to thank them for their contribution and celebrated. This year they had their family day on 29th January. Rector presented them a speech about the mission and the service that they render to the poor and neediest young children. Then the children performed some cultural programs to felicitate the visitors. The celebration came to an end with fellowship meal.



Pongal was celebrated by the children in the Bosco Illam. After breakfast, they were divided into two teams and were asked to make sweet Pongal. We also had special games and activities. The wrapped the celebration with tuck of war and breaking the pot. The children enjoyed the games and activities.





Saying goodbye to Polio

Polio Awareness Campaign and Polio Dropping Camp at Vyasarpadi UPHC. Awareness Campaign was Headed by Dr. Joseph, the Medical Officer, UPHC, Vyasarpadi, Bro. Kulandhai Yesu SDB, the Administrator, Fr. Arulanand, Br. Ronald participated the event. Mr. Ashok, the Scout Master arranged the event.



Experience speaks

School Management Committee is developed to bring change in all Government schools with the help of committed volunteers who will be guided by the State Project Director and the team. Its purpose is to give free education to every child according to Right to Education Act 2009 and to concentrate on the development of Government schools all over the Tamil Nadu state.

The volunteers are Head Masters/Mistress, Teachers, CSO – Civil Society Officers, elected local body members and ect., This team is formed and training was given in state level for four days in Trichy and Chennai to train teachers and volunteers in District level. Don Bosco Anbullam is a part of this Planning Committee, Fr. James is appointed to be the mentor for 3 districts namely Vellore, Tirupattur and Ranipet. 150 resource persons were trained in Vellore on 15th& 16th Feb'22. They were allotted different block selection of 15 schools each per RP (Resource Person) to train them for the committee. Each school should have 5 volunteered members including a HM and a teacher. The primary group is formed in State level were 110 members were allotted to various districts to conduct training and follow them up in coming months along with educational department.



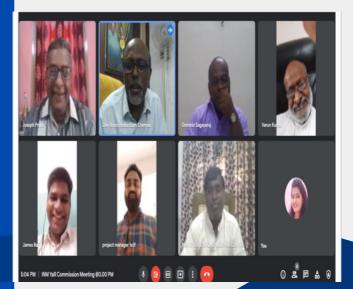
National Girl Child Day-2022

Don Bosco Anbu Illam-HCL Foundation virtually organized the National Girl Child Day Awareness session on 24th January 2022 with the theme 'Empowering Girls for brighter tomorrow'. A total number of 180 participants joined in the session. The Guests for the day were Ms. John Kasper, Advocate, Angel Mumbai High Court and Ms. Kadhija Mohamed, Program Officer, HCL Foundation-Chennai. She addressed focal point on raising awareness about the rights of the girl child and helping people understand the importance of giving adequate education, nutrition and support to girl children. Following that an interactive open panel discussion was made in which children raised many questions, regarding the topic. And summed up the session by quoting women should be bold in whatever situation they handle.



INM YaR Commission Meeting

On 7th Feb 2022, INM YaR Commission virtual meeting was held and discussed about the current situation of all YaR Centers and their activities .As per the Agenda, topics were discussed.







ALL INDIA SPORTS WINTER CAMP

Don Bosco Anbu Illam- HCL Foundation organized Sports Winter Camp 2021-2022 from 26th December 2021 to 2nd January 2022. Various sports like Volleyball, Football, Cricket, Kabaddi & Athletics held in different cities namely Madurai, Chennai, Lucknow & Bangalore for both Boys and Girls. Altogether, 120 players were benefitted from the Sports Winter Camp.

Closure ceremony for the Cricket & Football matches held on 2nd January 2022 at Guru Nanak College Cricket Ground and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium Ground respectively.

Title Winners

The Individual Rewards in Cricket for Best All-Rounder (Wicket Keeper Batter) scored by Harini Devi (Chennai); Best Bowler (Off-Spin) – Jeni Plautila(Chennai); Promising Batter -Neha Fathima(Noida); Promising Bowler – Gunjan Kumari(Noida); -Ashirwa Promising Batter Kashyap(Lucknow); Promising Bowler -Tanishka Singh(Lucknow); Emerging All-Rounder -Rithika(Chennai); Emerging Bowler-Jenifer(Chennai); Emerging Player- Bharathy(Chennai); Upcoming Player –Mehak Riyaz (Jammu & Kashmir).

Individual trophies in Football for Best player of the tournament- Leonardo Christy, Chennai; Emerging player- Sahil, Noida; Best Goalkeeper of the tournament-Balaji, STEDS & Best Performer of the Camp- Anand Raj, Bangalore.

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IGP VISITS

Mr. Brad and Mrs. Jill McElay from Invisible Girl Child project visited Saranalayam on March 29th. They interacted with the girls. The children expressed their gratitude through their talents like dance, speech and enacted.

HEALTH IS WEALTH

On 7th April World Health Day was celebrated. The chief guest Ms. Priscilla spoke about the importance of health, signs and symptoms which should be reported immediately which will help them for a better tomorrow. The children show cased their gratitude through a dance performance.





CELEBRATING WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENT

International Women's Day was celebrated on March 8th, 2022. Mrs. Devika, the chief guest of the day from Chennai High School, Kodungaiyur. Children learnt about different women who succeeded after a long struggle. They performed a skit on women's contribution towards the society.

Getting Trained in Advance

30th of March the team participated in a training program which was organized by Childline India foundation in Periyamed Chennai. The topic of the program was " How to Deal with the children who need care and protection". The team was trained to give a short term counselling and identify the children's emotional and physical needs. The Resource person was Mr. Kumara Babu (Founder & Director of Banian foundation). It was a useful training for all team members and Coordinators.



Witness of a Successful Teamwork

DBAI & Invisible Girl Project concluded a month long campaign on GIRL CHILD PROTECTION with a valedictory celebration today at Bosco Illam. Fr. Tony Pellissery (Executive Director, Don Bosco YaR Forum) & Mrs. Priya Juliet (IGP, National Director) Presided over the event. Winners and runners of the art contest were honoured with motivating books and certificates. NGO representatives from 15 childrights organizations along with children took part in the event.



I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. - Psalm 9:1



It is quite obvious for every traveller to finish his journey at one point of time, it is mandatory for every leader to step down at one point of time. Duties and Designations do not come till the end, but memories and experiences speak for pages. With this note, I wish to pen my emotion-filled gratitude for one last time in Don Bosco Anbu Illam.

I just revisited the day when I entered the portals of DBAI for the first time as the Administrator in 2018. That was the day when I was warmly welcomed in the presence of Province Economer, Rector and staff members. Since that moment onwards I started to learn many things. That was the moment when I understood that social wellbeing is the primary concern for Anbu Illam. This way my journey commenced, continued and concluded. I had a wonderful and challenging period in DBAI. All my days were accompanied by a team of loving and passionate professionals taking my dreams and visions forward and implementing it in a good and sporting spirit. I cherished being a part of this family. My appointment as the Assistant Director in 2021 taught me unique lessons where I abled myself to become a part and parcel of staff team. 'To work for them and To work with them' was my second principal quote these days. As I walk out of the campus, I wish to record my gratitude and acknowledgment for all those travelled with me. Four years of leadership in a station isn't a simple condition instead it is a journey of good and bad, joy and sorrow, ups and downs, love and hard feeling etc. still I walked because of the care and cooperation by you all.

I thank Almighty God for bestowing me this wonderful opportunity to serve the needy and underprivileged. I feel proud that I kept my faith in ensuring safety and security to all children who came in search of care and protection. I feel great satisfaction in working towards the upliftment and empowerment of the voiceless.

Secondly, I wish to thank Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo who instrumental in shaping was my overall experience in DBAI. His approach towards kids, passion towards the mission drew my attention to reconstruct my leadership career. I thank Rev. Br. Kulandai Yesu for backing me to render my spiritual duties even more appropriately and committedly. His devotion towards Blessed Mother Mary is highly inspiring to me personally. At this moment I also thank Rev. Fr. Rajanna, person with more experience. His experience is not even my age, still he led me in the path of moral values. Word of gratitude to Rev.Fr. Arulanand for his friendly support and affectionate guidance. I wish to record my sincere gratitude to my fellow Salesians, especially Rev. Sr. Poongodi and Sisters of SMA and Aspirants for being my prayer and service partners. I also thank our friends and benefactors globe for across the their unconditional support to us. They were also our primary source of cooperation at times of hardships. A reliable employee is the best gift a leader can ask for. Yes, I asked God to give me a team of reliable employee not just to finish assignments instead to work towards building a self-sustaining and self- reliant society. And God greatly heard my prayer and gave me the best team to promote social welfare. I enjoyed being with each and every one of you. God has blessed you with different talents and opportunities to do wonders. And I feel happy that I travelled with you to experience the mystery of Social Work. Thank you for being someone I can rely on.

Last but not the least to all my Super Heroes in Bosco Illam and Saranalayam. It was a tremendous journey for me that too a year after my Priestly ordination. I felt the heart of St. John Bosco while I was with you. You all gave me your best; you all gave me your love and compassion. Sometimes, you all were my siblings. You brought meaning to my leadership and laurel for my responsibility. I take back memories that I enjoyed with you all.

As I conclude I wish to record my hearty congratulations and best wishes to Rev. Fr. Andrews Stephenraj, sdb for being appointed as the Director – designate of DBAI who has successfully completed his 25 years of Religious Profession and a honest turner as the Director of Don Bosco Vazhikaatti. I'm pretty sure that DBAI will witness the glorious growth like DBV during your Pastoral and Social Ministry. I also welcome Rev. Fr. Anbu Francis to join the team of spirited professionals. Welcome Br. Johnson to make M.K.B Nagar Community as Johnson Square.

Robert Brault said "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." Yes, I enjoyed every small thing in DBAI, be it from children, staff, religious, well-wishers as I move out, all those tiny enjoyments are big memories that I carry with me. I believe that my experience here will help me to work even more studies in promoting National Interest by empowering youngsters in whom, by whom and for whom India awaits. I'm happy that God has called me to work in the mission that Dr. Kalam had left in 2015 'The ignited minds of the youth is the most powerful resource on the Earth'. Yes, I'm going to work for the ignited minds from marginalized society to make them as the most powerful resource of our planet (India).

Once again my sincere thanks to all for making me to accomplish my duties perfectly.

Prayer and wishes,

Fr. James Raj, sdb Assistant Director



ROAR OF A WOMEN

The First program is Women's day and was celebrated in Ondikuppam on 8th April 2022. Chief Gust is Br Kulandi Yesu (admin for Don Bosco Anbu Illam); Mrs. Sheela Merry (inspector of Thiruvottiyur); Mr.Prabhagaran (Director, Genius Academy); Benik Pandian (Librarian). On second day 21st April 2022 of the celebration the Chief Gust is Fr. Joseph (Director DBAI); Leo of Fr.James (Assistant Director, DBAI-Chennai); A. Revathi 125- counselor; Mrs. Antony Visithraa (Inspector, El Police Station). For both days Chief Guests delivered a short speech related on Women Empowerment and conducted some games, then the gifts were distributed for the people.

THANK YOU

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