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## EDITORIAL

*Dear Friends,*

*There's a well-known proverb that says "well begun is half done". Keeping this in mind, let us look forward to making the first year of the new decade meaningful, fruitful and hopeful, especially for the girl child.*

*Our nation India which is one of the oldest civilizations in the World, celebrated January 24th as the National Girl Child Day for the promotion of equal rights for girl children in education, health and safety. Our State Tamilnadu, celebrated February 24th as the state girl child protection day and on March 8th, we will join with billions of people around the world in celebrating International Women's Day. What a wonderful way to proclaim and profess to one another the great importance of empowering women for the betterment of the human-kind.*



*The Chinese proverb says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". We as responsible citizens in general and a pioneering NGO working selflessly day and night for the upliftment of the downtrodden and underprivileged children strongly believe that the time has now come for all of us to unite as one to ensure that no girl child ever has to suffer the followings:*

- 1) That no girl child ever suffers the hardships of the world,*
- 2) That no girl child is subjected to trafficking and exploitation,*
- 3) That no girl child may have to undergo physical, mental and emotional torture,*
- 4) That no girl child may be abandoned just because she was born as a girl and*
- 5) That no girl child may ever be a dropout.*

*For this to become a reality, the only sure way forward is to empower the girl child by educating her, by ensuring that her education can find her a means of livelihood and her livelihood may be a sustainable and respectable one. Let us as adults, parents, teachers, counselors, etc., make this ideal of educating every girl child our collective mission for the betterment of the state and of the nation.*

*I am deeply grateful to all our partners, government agencies, staff and children for their untiring commitment and involvement in the lives of the Young at Risk. I thank everyone who has brought the butterflies back in many young lives in the last two months of 2020.*

*Yours,*

*Fr. Joseph Leo SDB*

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A GIRL  
EMPOWER  
THE WORLD**



# CHILDREN'S HOME

## SPORTS MEET

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, Directorate of Social Defence, TN conducted Sports Meet for all the Child Care Institutions of Chennai District. Our boys from Bosco Illam participated in it and won the overall prize. Our Volley ball team was the District champions; along with it our boys won the 4x100mts relay, 100mts, 200mts and high jump. By this victory they won the Overall Championship of Chennai District and also got selected to the State level matches, that were to be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

The State level sports meet for the Child Care Institutions of the state was held at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2020. Our boys participated and secured runners up in Volley Ball. It was an enriching opportunity for the boys to bring forth their talents.



## THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST

Pongal was celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. On this day we had special prayer service followed by the Pongal celebration by preparing Pongal in the pot. The boys and the staff were in the cultural dress (i.e.) Dhoti. It was also a day to thank God for the gift of nature and farmers. The celebration also began in Saranalayam and the girls also had fun.



## 71ST REPUBLIC DAY

The country's Republic Day was celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, with the hoisting of flag, Chief Guest's speech and distribution of certificate for the Scout boys who attended BOSCOREE the previous year.



# CHILDREN'S HOME

## FEAST OF THE FOUNDER

The feast of St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian congregation was celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. The feast day was celebrated in a solemn way with the boys of Bosco illam, girls from Saranalayam and the staff. Fr. Kishore, the former warden at Bosco Illam presided over the Holy Eucharist. He was invited by the band players, followed by it the Holy Eucharist was celebrated solemnly in the Savio Hall. It was a day to honour and pay homage to the founder of the Salesian congregation. During the programme a video clip from the life of St. John Bosco was screened and Fr. Director gave the message for the day. Later the boys and girls gave a programme each and finally the Salesians along with the boys staged a short play and dance. The programme came to an end with the lunch arranged for all who attended the programme.



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

Fr. Rajanna, SDB, the Vice Rector and Counsellor of Bosco Illam celebrated his golden jubilee (50 years) of his first profession as a Salesian. The celebration began with honoring the Jubilarian with shawl, band and escort of Scout boys. After escorting the Jubilarian to the programme hall we had a high mass celebrated by Fr. Rajanna, SDB. The homely was preached by the jubilarian himself where he thanked God for guiding him for 50 years in this religious life and also for all the wonders and miracles. After the Holy Eucharist, we had the cultural programme, in which the boys and girls staged a dance each and the life history of Fr. Rajanna, SDB was screened as a short video presentation. Later Fr. Rector felicitated and honoured the Jubilarian, followed by all the well-wishers and staff.



# CHILDREN'S HOME

## MEDICAL CAMP & SMC MEETING

Medical check up for shelter girls was organised on 4th January 2020 and Dr. Sathyadevi from Chennai Corporation gave an awareness on Dengue. She interacted with children and oriented on career guidance for the girls. After the medical camp, Shelter Management Committee meeting was conducted.



## SURVEY IN THE NIGHT

Night Survey was conducted by GCC at Marina Beach on 11th Jan and 21st Feb at Central railway station to identify homeless people on the streets and to provide them with necessity care and protection. DBAI night shelter staff members also joined the mission and issued pamphlets for the public and gave awareness on the shelter for homeless. The team has rescued around 23 homeless men and women.



## SOCIAL AUDIT

Mr. babu conducted Social Audit at Saranalayam to verify and strengthen the documents and registers at Girls Home. He verified the documentation level at Saranalayam girls home and strengthened to make sure that the documents and registers are updated according to the procedures followed in JJ Act.



## MUFT CYCLE YOJANA

11th Std Girls from DBAI Saranalayam studying at St. Anne's Madhavaram received Bicycles from Government of TN under the Free Bicycle scheme 2019-2020 for students. The girls were very happy to receive it.



# CHILDLINE

## STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

A Capacity Building Training was organized on the topic “Child Rights and Laws” on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The resource person for the program was Mr. Edwin Yovanraj, High Court Advocate. He is also the Founder and President of Sound Justice. He spoke about various acts like POCSO, Juvenile Justice Act and Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act.

Another Capacity Building Training was organized for the Childline staff on the topic Communication Skills and Methodology in Giving Awareness as Outreach in schools and communities are one of the targets for Childline. Ms. Mary Pouline, M. Sc., M. Ed., M. Phil., M.B.A, DSM, DECE, Author and Publisher of Sapience Publications was the resource Person for the training. She spoke about the different ways of giving awareness to children and women to gain their attention.



## NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Childline 1098 celebrated National Girl Child Day at Lourdes Girls Higher Secondary School, Perambur on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 by collaborating with other NGOs. The Chief Guests for the event were Mrs. Tamilselvi, Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. Gajalakshmi from SJPU. There was Inauguration of “Childline Awareness on Wheels” by the chief guests where Komal Movie which shows about the Child Sexual Abuse and seeking the help from Child helpline was played.





### NETWORK WITH ALLIED SYSTEMS

A discussion with the allied system was organized on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at DBAI Office. The Special Invitees for the discussion were Mrs. Tamil Selvi, CWC Chair Person, Mrs. Sridevi, S. I SJPU, Mrs. Gajalakshmi, S. I SJPU, Mrs. Bathma, SJPU and Fr. Joseph Leo, Director of DBAI. The discussion was on the topic “Issues and Challenges in rescuing and producing the core Protection children- Child begging, Child Physical abuse and Child Sexual abuse”. The invitees spoke about the ways to reduce beggary, Childline team also shared about their challenges they face with them during rescue.



### OPEN HOUSE AT KORUKKUPET & CHINDADRIPET

Don Bosco Anbu Illam Childline 1098 conducted a special open house at Bharathi Nagar Park, Korukkupet on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The chief guests for the special open house were Mrs. Tamilselvi, Chairperson of CWC and Mrs. Gajalakshmi from SJPU. The main issues that came out were School Dropouts, Educational Help and Substance abuse. A visibility painting about Childline was also inaugurated by the Chief Guest during the program.



Open House for the month of February was planned and conducted at Cindhatripet Police Boys’ and Girls’ Club on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020. The Chief Guests for the event were Mr. Shanmugam, Sub Inspector of Police-F1 Police Station, Cindhatripet, Mr. Ambrose, Health Inspector of Zone 5, Greater Chennai Corporation and Mr. Vijayan, Coordinator of Advaita Bhakta Sabha. The Chief Guests were invited based on the issues that was said by the community people which are High rate of School Dropouts, Usage of Substances and Health & Hygiene Problems due to lack of Public Toilet. The importance of women in controlling the usage of substances in the community, importance of education were also covered.



### STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

A meeting with Teachers was conducted at Periyamed SSA Office. It took place on 3 different days from 11<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> February. The objective was to create a protective environment for children in schools. In the meeting several things like different kinds of abuses, causes of child abuse, parenting and getting help from Childline.



## SENSITIZATION PROGRAM/ OUTREACH

A sensitization Program along with District Child Protection Unit was conducted at Don Bosco Beautitudes on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. It was organized to sensitize children about the negative impacts of Substance usage.

Another sensitization program was conducted along with Ms. Gajalakshmi and Ms. Sridevi on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Chennai High School, Kotturpuram. It was also regarding substance abuse as substances were being sold around the school campus.



## STATE GIRL CHILD PROTECTION DAY

The birth Anniversary of late TN Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> will be observed as “Girl Children Protection day”. To commemorate the observance, Directorate of Social Defence, TN organised an awareness campaign at Elliot’s beach. Children from Chennai NGOs participated in the event along with the DCPU. DBAI Open shelter children also joined the cause and were sensitized.



## SPECIAL MEDICAL AID

Don Bosco Anbu Illam with the support of Jain Trust, Nungabakkam helped a resident of Palavan Nagar in receiving artificial limb. This person was identified in the month of December 2019 and was advised for continuous treatment for a month and in January 2020 he was given artificial limb.



# ICSC

## SPECIAL MEDICAL CAMP

On the 7th day of January 2020, **EYE camp** at Iyodhikuppam was conducted in support of MCDS and Pammal Aravind Sai Eye Hospital in which around 80 people took part and got free consultation. This camp also served as a platform for 5 people identified with pacifica-tion and was immediately underwent cataract removal the same day and were given spectacles at free of cost.



## MEDICAL CAMP

DB - ICSC project conducted general medical camps in three places namely Vinayagapuram, Pallavan Salai and Boja Rajan Nagar with the support of K.V.T Multi Specialty Hospital, through this, we served around 700 local residence. This camp included general health screening, free consultation and medication.



## ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF PONGAL

ICSC women's group celebrated harvest festival on the 11th of January 2020 at Royapuram, around 80 women from various intervention areas took part in this event. Mr. Jeyaraj and Mr. Joel from World Vision India Foundation gave orientation on women's self help groups and its order of formation and function through activities and games. Dumilkuppam community witnessed a colorful and meaningful Pongal celebration after a long time. Weeklong celebrations were planned between 14th and 19th January 2020. Revived youth group and women's group in support with Don Bosco Anbu Illam worked hard for the success of this program. Sports for children and youngsters were conducted first two days and on the third day special events for women's group were conducted.





## WORKSHOP ON CREATIVE LEARNING CENTRE

An extensive workshop on creative learning centre was organized for teachers on 28th and 29th of January at Royapuram. Mr. Eronimus, Director – Utrukan Children Research and Resource Centre from Trichy handled workshop. Workshop phase one included modules that kindle creative thinking ability of a child, easy way of reading and understanding grammar and linguistics. He also explained the easiest way of in making mathematics easy. Participants were distributed with training kit and they have started exercising it.



## TEACHING THROUGH CREATIVITY

### KRAFTOONS CLASS

This event was organized in coordination with Karftoons, eco friendly paper toys training group from Coimbatore. Around 30 children from Pallavan Nagar took part and exhibited their creative and imaginative art works through face masks and dolls. This event emphasized the important of reducing plastics and joy in jelling of colors.



# HCLF

## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CRC CLUB LEADERS

DBAI HCLF organized capacity building for child Rights Club members at TP Chathiram police quarters on 5th January 2020. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, director- DBAI was the resource person for the program. He gave orientation about the child rights club and its procedures and impact. Mr. Mosses took a detailed session regarding evolution of child rights and the specificity of it. Mr. Thanaji and Rev. Fr. Joseph gave badges to the child rights leaders. Mr. Lawrence – first aid trainer took session about first aid and gave a detailed explanation about its importance. And police officials also spoke about the child rights club and its formation.



## CAPACITY BUILDING FOR STAFF

DBAI HCLF organized two days Staff capacity Building at Okura Island Resort on 10th & 11th January 2020. Mr. Alandur Selvam, Life skill trainer took session about engagement & encouragement and also spoke about the importance of Inter Personal Communication. In the night, Mr. Ashok, Scout Master conducted camp fire where the staff, Scout Masters shared about their challenges in the field and the strategies they used to overcome it. Then cultural event took place where the staff exhibited their talents. The second day session was handled by Mr. Newton, HCLF Deputy Manager. He asked feedback of each and every staff members, needs of each and every club. He also spoke the importance of support from every single staff member. And Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, sdb, Director of Don Bosco Anbu Illam took session on child rights, child safety, Childline 1098 and explained Child Protection Policy. And all the staff members signed the child policy. The event ended with the handing over of mementos and Life Insurance card to every staff by Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, sdb, Director Anbu Illam and Mr. Newton, HCLF Deputy Manager.



## GREEN ROUTE FOR BHOGI

Pollution free Bhogi On 13th January 2020, children from Arumbakkam police Boys & Girls club organized awareness program on pollution free Bhogi festival. This event was arranged in order to sensitize the local residents on celebrating green Pongal. Our student went rally between Arumbakkam club to Arumbakkam community covered a wide range of public, school children, they also distributed pamphlets and Awareness Materials. This Event was also attended and supported by police department form Arumbakkam area.



## PONGAL CELEBRATION IN ALL CLUBS



Pongal celebration took place at various police boys & girls club on 14th January, 2020. Dr. A. K. Vishwanathan, Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai, and Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director of DBAI was the

chief guests for the program. In the celebration children performed Silambam, dance, Tamil poem and traditional songs. Dr. A. K. Vishwanathan distributed prizes for the winners of the competitions. And he gave speech to community people on importance of education and sports, obeying the traffic rules and regulations and also about the importance of harmonious living. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, Director of DBAI felicitated the Chennai commissioner and program was concluded with national anthem. Also Pongal was distributed to the community people.



## EXPOSURE VISIT

DBAI HCLF children's club organized one day educational exposure visit to 43rd book fare at YMCA Nandhanam on 19th January 2020. This exposure was to motivate children to read books regularly. In this book exhibition there were totally seven book stall under various topics which includes a special stall for our Tamil tradition KIZHADI regarding ancient people's instruments, money and culture. At last we, DBAI HCLF gave book for each and every child to motivate them to read books and concluded the visit.



## THE ART OF TEACHING

DBAI HCLF organized one day Arts and Crafts work shop at Ambattur HCL campus on 24th January, 2020. The trainer Mr. Fleming-HCL taught the students about drawing skills and techniques. The objective of the workshop was to train the students, bring out their drawing talents and guide them in right way to achieve them in big manner. The trainer demonstrated about drawing and painting a picture after which he gave a theme and asked the students to draw. And finally 4 best pictures were selected and prizes were given to those children.



## 71ST REPUBLIC DAY

DBAI HCLF organized 71st Republic day celebration on 26th January 2020 at all police boys & girls club. Club patrons were the chief guest for the program, and they hoisted the National Flag. They gave motivational talk to club children and community people. They also gave clear explanation about the difference between Independence Day & Republic day. The celebration ended with National Anthem followed by the distribution of refreshments.



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND WOMEN SAFETY

DBAI HCLF Organized awareness program on women empowerment and women safety at police boys & girls club on 4th & 10th February 2020. Mr.Saravanan – Inspector of police, New Washermenpet resource person for the program. They spoke about girl child safety, being secured from outside world and also about Childline and POCSO act. They gave awareness about KAVALAN Application regarding the usage and benefits of the application.



## MEDICAL CAMPS

DBAI HCLF children's club in collaboration with Medall care center plus conducted Medical camp at Government Madrasa-I-Azam Higher Secondary School, Egmore. It was conducted on 8th January 2020 between 12.30 pm- 3.00pm. In this medical camp, hemoglobin and blood group of sports students were checked. Around 35 sport students were benefited from this medical camp.



## INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Inauguration ceremony of new floor of R6 Kurnaran Nagar Police Boys & Girls Club was held at the club on 13th February, 2020 at 6.00 pm. This ceremony started with welcome address by Ms. Akila followed by lightning the lamp by chief guests. Mr. Newton – Deputy Manager HCL Foundation Introduced the chief guest and honored them. After that, previous six month club reports were presented by tuition teacher. Mr. Anandharaman gave motivational speech to children regarding education. Ms. Sara spoke about her community work, people's culture, activities and their food habits. Children performed traditional dance and silamban during the inauguration ceremony.



## CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP

DBAI HCLF organized Career Guidance workshop at HCL Technologies, Sholinganalur on 16th February, 2020. This event was organized for 10th, 11th & 12th students to make the children to think about their future in clear way. Several resource persons (almost 18 resource persons) from different fields participated in the program. They shared about their struggles to attain that good position which they are in now. They spoke about different fields like police, entrepreneurship, Medicine etc. which showed different fields for the children to choose in their next stage of life. The students also raised many queries regarding different fields. At the end of the program, guests were honored and the children were asked to write their feedback on a banner and put their signature.



## GROUND HANDLING OVER CEREMONY

DBAI HCLF organized Handing over ceremony of Playground at Government Girls Hr. Sec. School, Avadi on 20th February 2020. We had given practice for various sports like Kabbadi, volleyball, Football, Cricket, Rugby, Throw Ball for girls from that School, Avadi. We developed the ground for above mentioned sports and games, upgraded the ground to a certain standard and handed over it to the school.



## MARGAZHI BIRDS UTSAV

HCL Foundation and Care Earth Trust- a city-based biodiversity organization, along with the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, has organized 'Margazhi Bird Utsav', Program at Hcl Campus on 10th January 2020. All DBAI HCLF SDC staff and Students attended the program at HCL campus @sholinganallur



## CANCER AWARENESS

DBAI HCLF SDC conducted Cancer awareness program conducted along with DBAI HCLF Police Boys & Girls club on 4th Feb 2020. Traffic Inspector Mr.Subramaniam, Law and Order Inspector Mr. Pazhani and all other police officials of R2 Kodambakkam Police Station joined the cause on World cancer Day . This cause was to mainly raise awareness about cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.



## HCLF MYC

### PERSONAL HYGIENE

DBAI HCLF MYC collaborated with MAMTHA INSTITUTE organized Nutrition and Personal Hygiene Programme on 09<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Ms. Jacqueline gave a wonderful orientation about the Nutrition, considered in relation to the body's dietary needs. She explained that poor nutrition can lead to reduced immunity, increased susceptibility to disease, impaired physical and mental development, and reduced productivity. She focused on seven tips to personal hygiene.



### COMMUNITY AWARENESS

DBAI HCLF MYC in collaboration with Wash Institute Organized Video Awareness Program on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020. The motive of the program was to make the community people and children to grasp things in easy mode. First, introduction was given to the gathering about the video that were about to be played which were 1) Avoiding Plastic Usage, 2) Toilet usage, 3) Solid Waste Management, 4) Good Touch and Bad Touch. Later the community people shared their understanding about the videos. At the end of the session cloth bags were given to the participants.





## COMMUNITY PONGAL CELEBRATION

DBAI HCLF MYC organized Cancer awareness session and sharing of direct life experiences with cancer disease by **Mr. Surfudhin – Cancer Survivor** on 27th January 2020. In the whole section he shared his life struggles he faced during his entire life. He explained about the causes and consequences of the cancer disease. The session was very sensitizing for the children and the community.



## WORLD CANCER DAY

DBAI HCLF MYC and Cancer Institute jointly Organized World Cancer Day Signal Awareness Campaign on 04<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at Adyar Signal. Don Bosco Anbu Illam children participated in the signal campaign and distributed the pamphlets to the people who were near to that particular signal. Children also held the placards containing cancer awareness slogans, to make the people aware about the cancer and its causes.



## SCOUTS & GUIDES

### SCOUT THINKING DAY

DBAI HCLF Scouts and Guides Troop observed the Scout Thinking Day on 22nd February 2020. An Orientation program for the New recruits at Bosco Illam was conducted, the same day. The program started with the Scout Prayer. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo, the Director of DBAI welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest of the Program was Mr. Charles, H .R. Manager of HCL Technologies. Mr. Newton, The Deputy Manager of HCL Foundation gave the Speech on Thinking Day. The scouts were given certificates and then the orientation for the new recruits were done. The Scout staff oriented on Pravesh and Mr. Gunaseelan, the district trainer of Don Bosco trained the new recruits. It was a wonderful and useful day.



## CANCER AWARENESS RALLY

DBAI HCLF Scouts and Guides organised the **Cancer Awareness Rally** and the Human Chain at Spencer Plaza Signal, near **Mount Road**, Chennai on 4th January 2020 . in Collaboration with **Adyar Cancer Institute**. The Police Officials oriented to the Scouters regarding the rally. Then the **Senior Sub. Inspector** of Police of D2 Anna Salai Police Station flagged off the Awareness rally.



## ENVIRONMENT EXPOSURE VISIT

DBAI HCLF Scouts and Guides organised an Environment Program at Nanmangalam Reserved Forest, Pallikaranai on 31st January 2020. The Scouts and Guides from various Police Boys and Girls Clubs participated in the program. At The Scouts and Guides reached the Pallikaranai marsh land and did the reporting to the Scout Master. Mr. Marshal welcomed the gathering. Mr. Karthick from CARE HEALTH who gave an introduction about Pallikaranai marsh land. Dr. Basu from HCL Foundation gave a speech on the “Role of the Children in urban Ecology”. Then we started a trail towards Pallikaranai Marsh Land and had a Bird Watching Session where the children were enlightened with a knowledge on different types of birds.



**“Good luck for your exam and do the best”**



**WORLD HEALTH DAY**

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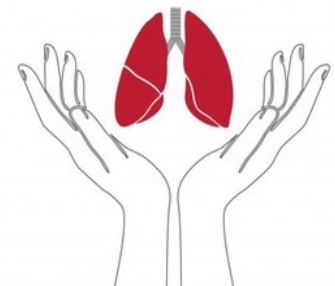
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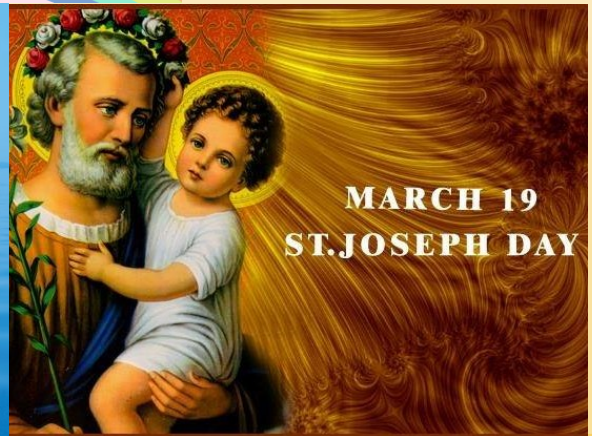
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