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EDITORIAL

Dear All,

The most negative word of the year is POSITIVE.

The most talked about concern (after the ever growing statistics of corona positive cases) is Education of children.

As an immediate measure to stem the spread of Covid-19, most educational institutions have been shut since the end of March. It is still difficult to predict when schools, colleges and universities will reopen.



In the meantime, Education has taken different forms and moulds, as it did in the past. From a monastic order of education under the supervision of a guru to Digital online learning platforms, Education has seen it all. In Gurukul method, the knowledge was not imparted equally to everyone but according to their status in society. What's not different today, in this Pandemic panorama? Digital have-nots are pushed to the periphery and deprived of the Education.

At the dawn of 2020, the whole world was looking at Indian sub continent with awe and fear because of the demographic dividend (proportion of working population out of total population is high, which will be a key driver for future growth) but with all the new digital Online Platforms for learning, we are facing a Digital Divide.

"The major challenge of remote learning is disparity in access - from electricity and internet connections to devices like computer or smart phones. In fact, as per the National Sample Survey, only 8% of all households have both a computer and an internet connection."

With all these disparities, India, after 34 years, has revised its own education policy in a great hurry, without giving sufficient time for people to ponder and get their perspective on it. We are faced with the New Educational Policy in the untimely event of this Pandemic.

Where are we headed? The future is bleak and blurred. The illogical hurry in implementing the so called historical change in Education Policy, creates a fearsome suspicion and abysmal uncertainty about the future.

The responsibility is very grave on us in giving our children, the equal opportunity to learn and to make this learning a happy endeavour.

*Don Bosco Anbu Illam believes that Child is the Priority and Prerogative in our Mission. We can't but think in terms of the wellness of the children who are given unto our care. Our mission is not to prepare our children for something or some syllabus but to **prepare themselves with Life Preparedness**. We also believe that Education isn't something that we can finish that's why we carry out the following activities:*

- 1. Virtual Learning*
- 2. Learning Arts & Crafts*
- 3. Learning folk dance*
- 4. Tailoring & computer skills*
- 5. Life skills*

If the child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.

Let's realize Progress is not measured only in papers.

Let's make Education accessible and joyful to our children.

Lovingly,

Fr. Joseph Leo

DBAI GCC COVID 19 COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

AWARENESS ON WHEELS

Don Bosco Anbu Illam in collaboration with GCC launched a COVID 19 awareness campaign using mobile LED unit in the presence of Corporation Commissioner G. Prakash and Fr Joseph Leo. This was initiated to create awareness about the initiatives taken by the civic officials to help residents. Videos, awareness songs and dance performed by Don Bosco Anbu Illam Children, short films and other awareness on emerging issues faced by residents during the pandemic were screened. The Mobile LED unit was also introduced to the Zone 10 in the presence of Mr Jai Bheem, Zone 10 Zonal officer to create an awareness for the people and also used in Zone 4 for 45 days. We thank Don Bosco Vazhikaati and the team for the LED unit. This LED unit was implemented in our working zones to create an awareness.



AUTO CAMPAIGN

Don Bosco Anbu Illam in collaboration with GCC conducted the Auto Campaign Awareness program about COVID-19 precautionary measures in Tsunami Nagar. Fr. Thomas, the principal of St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Chennai, T.V Veerakumar, the Inspector of police, and D. Velu Sanitary Inspector of J11 Kannagi Nagar Police Station and P.C Karna the counsellor of Kannagi Nagar were the chief Guests for the program. They provided masks to the people. 500 people of Tsunami Nagar and Kannagi Nagar were reached out through this program.

A CAMP FOR WELLNESS

DBAI GCC COVID19 CIP conducted medical camps for the community people and Infrared Thermometer was used for the community people by DBAI Staff to check the fever.



RAISING CONSCIOUSNESS

Don Bosco Anbu Illam in collaboration with GCC conducted the Awareness program about COVID-19 precautionary measures in Sanjay Ganthi Colony and Annai Sathya Nagar, Jaferkanpet, Nesapakkam. Mr. Prabhu AE inaugurated the program. The awareness program started in Sanjay Gandhi Colony and ended in Annai Sathya Nagar. Loyala Kalaikuzhu students gave Corona awareness through their music, song and street play. The program ended with Parai Music. Awareness were done at Thiruchanakup-

Awareness is the greatest agent for change.

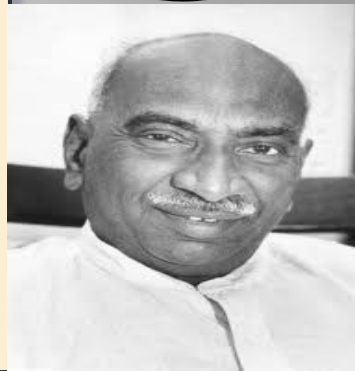
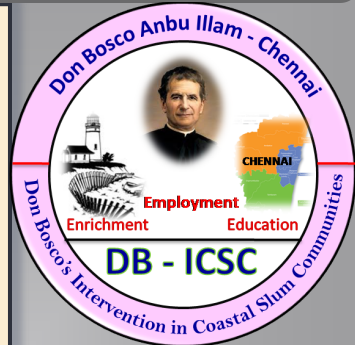
Eckhart Tolle



DB Intervention in Coastal Slum Communities

QUIZ COMPETITION ON LIFE AND LEGACY OF PERUNTHALAIVAR KAMARAJAR

Kalvi Valarchi Dhinam was celebrated on 15th July, 2020 in a meaningful way by adhering to government's precautionary measure and adoring Perunthalaivar Kamarajar. Children and staff members paid floral tribute to this great person for his enormous contribution to the state of Tamil Nadu during his Chief Minister regime. Children from Dumilkuppam remembered Kamarajar's commitment in making Tamil Nadu to excel in various sectors and other policies drafted by him in order to improve standard of education. To mark this occasion, quiz competition was conducted which was moderated by Mr. Eronimus, Founder - Utrukan Children Resource and Research Centre. A total of 70 children from the selected category participated in this competition out of which 53 answer scripts were accepted for the evaluation process.



WEBINAR ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT

In order to strengthen emotional and mental health of staff members especially at times of uncontrolled raise in COVID pandemic webinar series was organised on Crisis Management with special reference to Covid19 Nation Wide Lockdown on 14th and 22nd July 2020 in which staff members of ICSC and also other NGOs participated. Mr. Amaladoss, Professor – Mahatma Gandhi Community College was the resource person for both webinar series, he highlighted the importance of striking a perfect balance between emotion and work during ongoing crises, he also mentioned that children should also be taught about failure only then they will be able to cope successfully. His session also incorporated the efficacy of nurturing a child in the path of hurdles and hard chips, he mentioned that every child is unique and therefore teachers /parents should learn to accept the child according to nature. Mr. Amaladoss said that updating and upgrading are not only for adults it is also for children only then we can build up a strong society.



RANGOLI COMPETITION

On behalf of ICSC, awareness on corona pandemic through rangoli competition was conducted on 19th July 2020 for self-help group members / members of pengal sangam on 19th July 2020 in which 40 people participated and drew wonderful and message-packed rangoli in the streets. This event aimed to spread awareness on the ongoing global pandemic especially in congested areas which are considered as corona hot spots and vulnerable areas.

QUIZ COMPETITION ON DR. A.P.J ABDUL KALAM

Missile man of India was profoundly remembered on his 5th anniversary, floral tributes poured out by ICSC staff team. To mark his anniversary, quiz competition was conducted in which 50 students participated out of which 7 got rejected due to delayed submission. Mr. UdhayaKumar moderated and evaluated the entries.



தொன் போஸ்கோ அன்பு இல்லம்
கடல் சார் வாழ் மக்கள் மேம்பட்டு திட்டம்

நடத்தும்
இணையவழி பட்டிமன்றம்

தலைப்பு
கொரோன் நமக்கு தந்துள்ளது
சோதனையா? போதனையா?

நடுவர்கள்
அருட்தந்தை ஜோசப் லியோ
இயக்குனர்
அருட்தந்தை ஜேம்ஸ் ராஜ்
நிர்வாகி

நாள்: 31 ஜூலை 2020
நேரம்: மாலை 6:20 மணி முதல்

ONLINE DEBATE

As an outcome of CLC training and webinar on Crisis Management, online debate was organised on the topic “Corona namaku thandhadhu Sodahnaiya Bodhanaiya” (Corona has given us: Temptations or Teaching) on 31st July 2020 in which 6 staff members spoke on two topics. Rev.Fr.Jospeh Leo and Rev.Fr.James Raj were the moderators. Mr. Eronimus gave the keynote address followed by greetings from Rev.Fr.Joe Prabu and Mrs. Asha Jose. He gave the historic verdict that Corona has taught us many things in the midst of overwhelming temptation.

DAY OF INDEPENDENCE

74th Independence Day was celebrated with all safety measures. Adhering to protocol issued by Government of Tamil Nadu, Sr. Shinny, In – charge of Don Bosco Social Service Society unfurled the tri color at zone 1 camp office, children in small numbers with their parents took part in this noble celebration.



MOMENT OF PRIDE

Master. M. Siveneshwaran from Kasimedu community center was selected to represent DBAI at INGA National Level Consultation organized by National Inclusive Children's Parliament of Nime is Mine campaign on 15th August 2020. This consultation focused on children's development and expectation at times of unforeseen catastrophe. On behalf of DBAI – Children's Parliament we have submitted our recommendation to the conference organizers.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Poetry writing competition was conducted for women's group members on the topic of "India marching towards 75th Freedom day" in which 30 women participated and exhibited their poetic talent. Mr. Revanth Kumar, HR – IT at DMK consented to be the judge and evaluated the entries.

"Poetry: the best words
in the best order."

- Samuel Taylor Coleridge



REMEMBRANCE OF ST. JOHN BOSCO


St. John Bosco was profoundly remembered on his 205th birth anniversary across the intervention areas. Staff members and children paid floral tribute to his portrait. To mark this day, we had an online remembrance meeting in which Rev. Fr. Andrew Stephenraj and Rev. Fr. Rajesh Philip Anand were the chief guests. Staff members participated in this meeting and expressed their joy in working with Don Bosco institution. Fr. Andrew delivered his keynote address which highlighted the importance of acquiring and updating skills. Fr. Rajesh recalled the divine life and ministry of St. John Bosco.

THANKS TO ST. JOHN BOSCO

As a mark of respect, we conducted an essay writing competition on 16th August 2020 for the staff team in which 6 got selected for award of prizes. Rev. Fr. Thama Thirithuvam accepted the invitation and validated the participants

“It's not enough to love the children, it is necessary that they are aware that they are loved.”

St. John Bosco



**NEVER STOP
 LEARNING,
 BECAUSE LIFE
 NEVER STOPS
 TEACHING** ↻

ENGLISH - THE NOBLEST PLEASURE IS THE JOY OF UNDERSTANDING

Online English Training Program convened by DB – ICSC project in support with Utrukkan Children Resource and Research Foundation, Trichi was inaugurated on 16th August 2020. Rev.Fr. Andrew Stephenraj inaugurated the course. Mr. Eronimus, Founder and Course Convener gave orientation for candidates. Mr. Jayaprakash Daniel introduced the course panelist. Finally Fr. James concluded the meeting with prayers and blessings.

HOME CALL

On behalf of DB – ICSC, hereby sincerely acknowledging partnership rendered by Mrs. Asha Christopher, Coordinator – LSTD program of World Vision India Foundation who received home call on 23rd August 2020. She was the resource person for three days workshop conducted in the month of February 2019. She trained DB – ICSC staff team on storytelling, presentation, teaching aid preparations, resource mapping and so on. Her tireless efforts and commitment resulted well in summer camp 2019. At this juncture, her loss is not only to World Vision India but also to DB – ICSC project as it experienced her dedication.



DBAI-HCLF



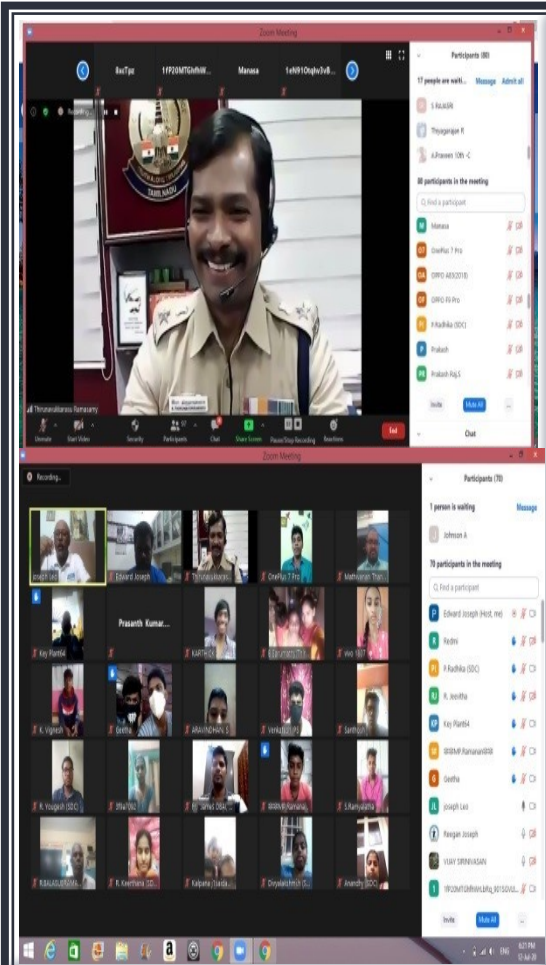
GROCERY KIT DISTRIBUTION

Grocery Materials were distributed to the Corona Affected Families and to the people in need. Totally 10 Families received the Materials in the Month of July. The Beneficiaries were from DBAI – HCLF Project. Also a Scout Boy from H5 New Washermanpet had a family issue. So, the family was met and were provided with grocery kit.

COVID- 19 AWARENESS

Corona Safety Awareness Auto Campaign was conducted along with Greater Chennai Corporation at various places in Chennai City. Free Face Masks, Sanitizers and *Kabasura Kudineer* were distributed. The Scout Masters and Guide Captions also accompanied the Event. This Awareness Program was conducted with the help of the District Officials and the Scout Team. There were 2500 Beneficiaries.



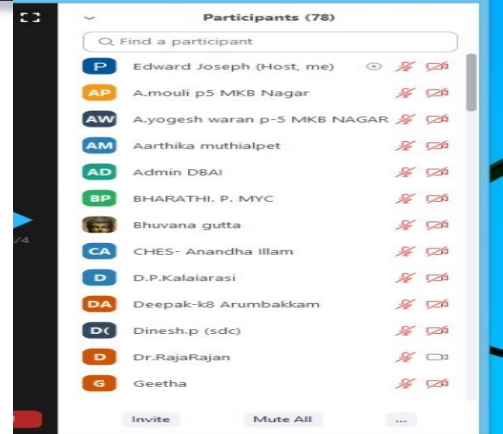


CAREER GUIDANCE

Don Bosco Anbu Illam and HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls Club took an excellent initiative in organizing career guidance program for public exam students and students enrolled in vocational training program via online platform on 12th July, 2020 in due consideration with ongoing circumstance. The event organizers had the privilege of hosting Dr. Thirunavukarasu, I.P.S as the resource person for the webinar. 'We need to achieve ourselves in our lives said Dr. Thirunavukarasu during his webinar session, he addressed thirsty young minds about the different career path placed before each individual in selecting a meaningful future, he also stated that career selection isn't duty instead it's a right, identifying what works and are very important aspects of career guidance. Queries relating to goal setting, career selection for which the resource person was very kind enough to clarify it.

MERITS AND DEMERITS OF ONLINE LEARNING

Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls Club organized a webinar on issues relating to Online Education on 19th July, 2020 in which students across of all community centers actively participated. This event was organized in order to bring out the core elements of online learning and flash on its advantages and disadvantages. The resource person for the event was Dr. Rajarajan, Director Student Vision Academy, Chennai. He spoke about the various aspects of online learning. Ms. Parvathi of HCL Technologies moderated the panel discussion session in which students came up with thought provoking question for which the resource person was patient enough to answer them.



“Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.”

-Bill Gates

QUIZ COMPETITION

Don Bosco Anbu Illam - HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls club organized Online Quiz Competition on 26th July, 2020 in which 36 students representing various intervention areas participated. Current affairs, general knowledge, politics and sciences were part of quiz program, screening of different logos and making participants to answer was an epoch making moment of the event. Children enthusiastically participated and gave best in making their representation strong and successful. It wasn't only an event of testing knowledge but also a moment for each participant to conduct self – examination.



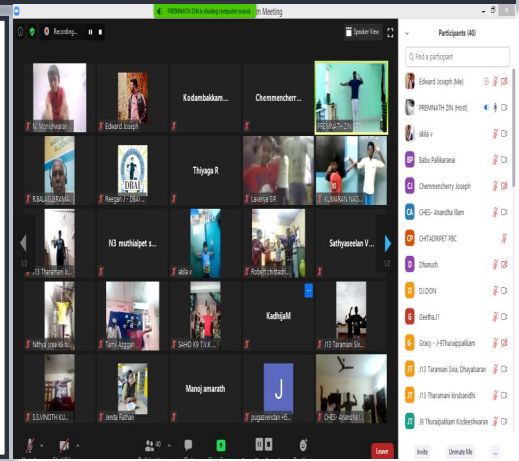
Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude, and your mood.

FITNESS

Don Bosco Anbu Illam HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls Club project organized a webinar on physical fitness for children as the country witnessed intense lockdown on 2nd August, 2020. This event was organized in order to convey fact that the global pandemic has chained all physical activities which is not good for long run and to stress the importance of keeping human body dynamic always. Mr. Thimmaiah and Mr. Bopanna, the resource persons spent their valuable time in teaching children about various types of domestic exercise available and that can be easily practiced in order to maintain physical strength well. After the resource talk, they took an extra effort in performing online demo on those exercises which added value to the event.

ZUMBA

Don Bosco Anbu Illam HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls Club organized online art workshop on Zumba dance on 9th August, 2020. This event aimed to propagate knowledge on importance of being physically, mentally and psychologically strong especially at times of global pandemic. The leader and trainer for the session was Mr. Pream from HCL Technologies.





GIVING BACK

The alumni association of Arumbakkam Police Boys and Girls Club had great mind of contributing towards welfare of society. On 10th of August 2020, a sum of rupees one lakh was donated towards construction of children play area in Government Stanley Medical College and Hospital. The cheque was handed over to Shri. Magesh Agarwal, Police Commissioner, Greater Chennai Police and was received by Dr. Balaji, Dean Stanly Medical College. Dr. Ganesh, HOD Pediatrics and Mrs. Aditi, renowned social activist were other dignitaries present during the event.

HCL DAY CELEBRATION

Don Bosco Anbu Illam celebrated the 44th Foundation Day of Hindustan Computer Limited popularly known as HCL on 11th August 2020 in which the entire staff team of HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls Club participated. Fr. Leo highlighted the efforts and sparking thoughts behind Dr. Siv Nadar’s brain child. He also thanked the entire team of HCL Foundation for networking with Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society and serving socially unreached and marginalized children. We had the honor of hosting Ms. Nidhi, HCL CSR Head who joined us online and shared her joy. Finally Fr. Leo proposed the toast and commenced the celebration. This wasn’t only a celebration but also a moment of thanks giving and recalling the past.



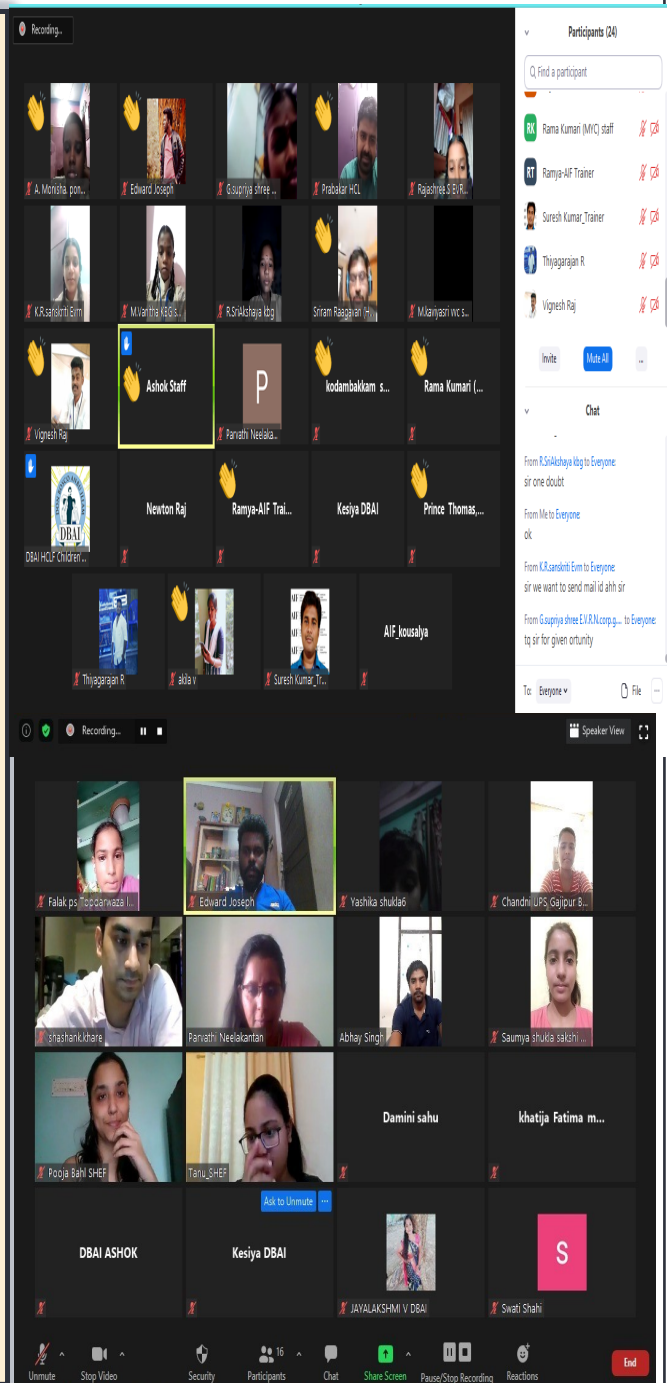
QUARANTINE QUIZ FOR OTHER HCLF BENEFICIARIES

DBAI-HCLF conducted online quiz competition for club children in Madurai on 8th August, 2020 in which 68 students actively participated. This event was organized in order to help children to get closely associated with current affairs.

"Do you have any idea how much an elephant drinks?" ~ Sara Gruen

Like this many question were shot on 23rd August, 2020 when 12 children from HCL Police Boys and Girls Club of Coimbatore district took active part in online quiz competition hosted by staff team of Don Bosco Anbu Illam – HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls club. In the evening 48 children from HCL Police Boys and Girls Club project Bangalore proved their excellence by taking this quiz program. As per the selection criteria, 4 children from Silicon Valley of India (Bangalore) and 4 children from The Pump City (Coimbatore) were selected for final online quiz match.

Students from Hyderabad spent Sunday intense lockdown with high sporting spirit by participating in quiz competition organized by Don Bosco Anbu Illam HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls club on 30th August, 2020 in which 45 students participated actively and proved their efficiency.



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and crafts workshop was conducted to engage the students and also to improve their talent. Mr. Flemming from HCLF was the trainer. He trained the students in various aspects and also gave them tasks.

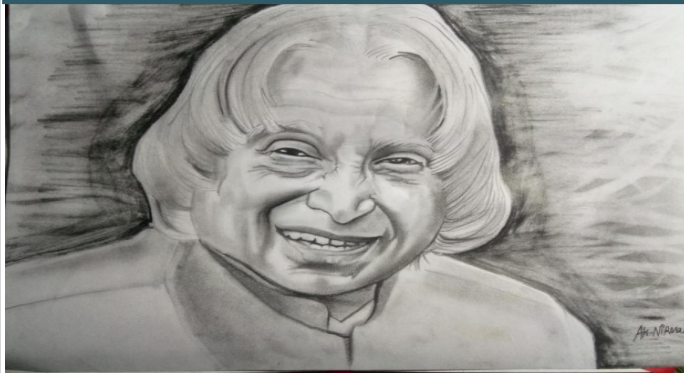
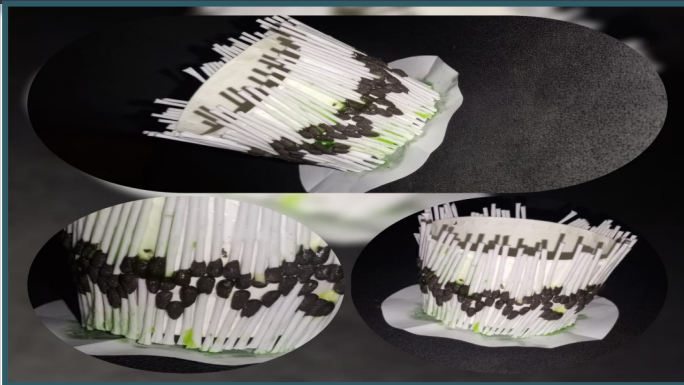


AWARENESS ON WHEELS

Don Bosco Anbu Illam- HCL foundation – Skill Development Center conducted LED screen vehicle awareness around the area of Kodambakkam on 3rd August, 2020. The awareness was about to Protect oneself and others from COVID-19. The safety precautions to be followed to prevent COVID-19 and the steps to be taken if found with COVID-19 were discussed.

EVERY DAY IS A NEW DAY

DBAI HCLF-MY C organized several activities like arts& crafts, poem writing, drawing, story writing, leaf art, essay competition, Art from waste etc. It was organized on daily basis to make the children engage in activities and also to improve their creativity. Important days like World International Justice Day, World Photography day, World sports day, APJ Abdul Kalam's Death Anniversary were also observed.



SHELTER HOMES



BE A FRIEND

Friendship day was enthusiastically celebrated at Saranalayam Shelter Home. It was celebrated to commemorate the bond of friendship between the children. Some students came forward and shared different thoughts on friendship. Children were successful in delivering the moral through their skit that friends should act together to be happy.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Independence was celebrated with great enthusiasm and respect at Saranalayam girls home. The flag hoisting was done by the superior Sr. Poonkodi with the National Anthem followed by the national song. The programs included dance, singing, drama, and speeches by the children. There was also a fancy dress competition & the event took place till 12:30 noon.

Independence day was also celebrated at Bosco Illam, the Boy's home



**FREE
MEDICAL CAMP**



CAMP FOR HEALTH

Chennai Corporation organized the Health checkup for the saranalayam girls twice in a week. The doctor gave medicines for cough & cold and also vitamin tablets. The height and weight of all children were also monitored.

The first wealth is health.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

CHILDLINE 1098

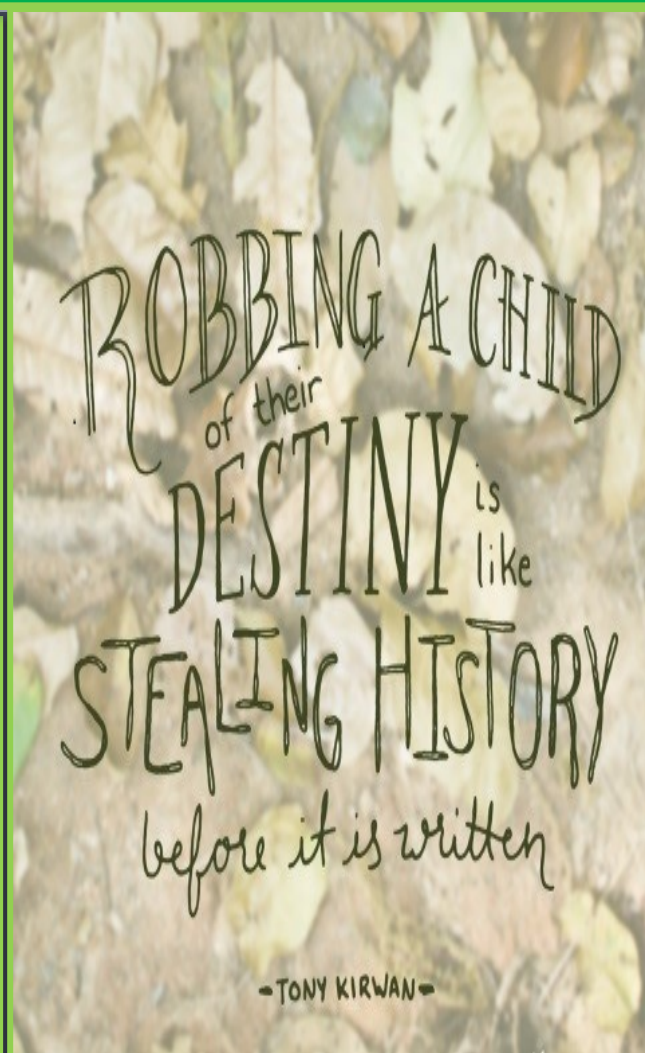


ACTIVITIES OF CHILDLINE

During the month of July and August, 2020, totally 51 cases were received which needed the intervention from Childline. Some children were rescued, produced to Child Welfare Committee and provided with shelter whereas few were restored to their parents. Cases like counselling help, educational help were also handled by Childline team.

TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME

A case was received by Childline that a 12 year old child was house arrested and is in need of help. The intimation about the case was done to DCPO and SJPU. Then the team met the child and tried to interact but there was language barrier and the team also felt suspicious about the situation of the child. With the help of a translator they were able to find that the child was working as a domestic worker and was paid low, also he was not allowed to interact with his parents. So, the team rescued the child, produced to Child Welfare Committee and kept the child at a Child Care Institute. The director with the help of the National YaR Network was able to trace the address of the child and the child's parents and found that the child was missing for 3 years. The child is currently living in a Child Care Institution because of the Covid19 lockdown.



We thank all the ones who supported us during the pandemic

**INTERNATIONAL
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17 OCTOBER



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