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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

This Pandemic has given us all a different perspective of Time. We are still confused with the fact whether this is PANDEMIC or PLANDEMIC. We are worried over the countless millions that we have lost over the period of nine months. Every other day we keep speculating about what, when & How of our Future. Someone very wisely commented about this year, “The most important investment that we make this year is STAYING ALIVE” is very realistic and futuristic.



Welcoming the New Year 2021 amidst PANDEMIC made us feel a bit different this year. Our inability to stay together and celebrate together has toned down the colorful welcoming. For many of us, it just remained as yearly calendar change. For few of us, it added not only one more year to our unsure future, but more weight to our bodies.

To be honest with our lives, we will realize that this PANDEMIC has made us live out certain resolutions which we only had in our Diaries for many many long years. Like...

1. *Eating healthy diet day in day out. The fear of low immunity has lead to healthy diet.*
2. *Spending time with our families together for long days.*
3. *Parents and Children sharing the house hold work equally without discrimination of gender and age.*
4. *Work from Home increased productivity.*
5. *Learning of new skills.*

This PANDEMIC has not only served as a reminder that something unexpected can land in our well envisioned plans and halt our progress but it has also made us see beyond the fear and face our fears and overcome it. As many have realized, “**THE NEW NORMAL**” would never take us back to the pre-covid years. So instead of once a year resolutions, we should start making short term or monthly or weekly or daily resolutions which are more specific and practical. Thus we need to teach our children specifically this time to eat healthy food, to spend time with one’s natural family rather than the digital family, to help the parents and to learn new skills. Thus their creative skills would grow in their personality. We also thank all the children and staff members who worked for our 35th Annual Day Celebration and Christmas Celebration. We hope to bring new plans to come true for the children.

HOPE FILLED YEAR

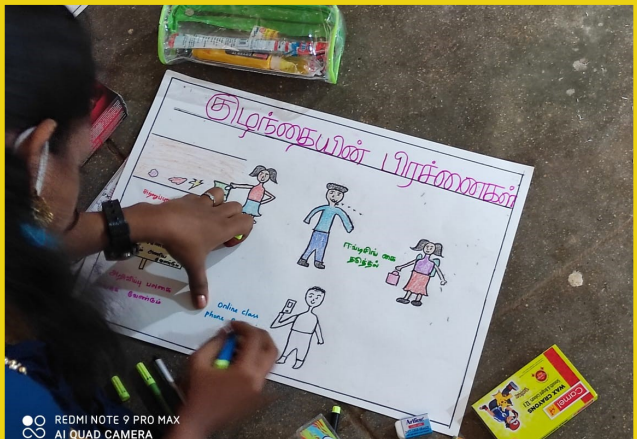
Lovingly
Fr. Joseph Leo SDB



DB INTERVENTION IN COASTAL SLUM COMMUNITIES

CHILDREN ORIENTED PROGRAMS

Weeklong children's day celebrations commenced on the 9th November 2020 at Boja Rajan Nagar followed by all centers. Art contest, creative writing and essay writing competitions were conducted in which children actively took part and exhibited their talents. A total of 300 children participated directly in these events. On the 12th of November 2020 we celebrated Diwali and Children's day along with other likeminded NGOs namely, World Vision India, Childline project and Bachapan Bachao Andolan at Royapuram Anbu Illam campus. Children representatives from each clubs took part in this celebration and expressed their expectations via art. Officials looking after children related issues to the Government of Tamil Nadu were present during the occasion. This was a proud moment to see our children speaking cut and right in front of the government officers. On the same day, Ms. Anushka and Ms. Shree from Pallavan Salai evening study centre were called on by the District Collector, DCPU and DSWO for courtesy in view of Children's day .



YOUTH PROGRAM

On the 7th of November 2020, the core youth team organized poor feeding at Ondikuppam, Dumilkuppam, Iydhikuppam areas. This event marked the beginning of youth empowerment activities. A total of 100 street dweller, poor and disabled, elderly left without care were reached with love and compassion. Spirit of fund raising and leadership qualities were visible through this event. The team distributed bed sheets, face masks and eateries for the people.



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Mission Day the Vision Day

One day animation for newly formed women's self help groups was organized on 8th December 2020 at Don Bosco Youth Animation Center. Forenoon workshop was on the role of women's self help groups in monitoring child rights at grass root level, parenting skills and women rights which were dwelt by Mr. Suba Thenpandian, Advocate. Mr. Kumar, Assistant Project Officer – NULM handled session on maintenance of women's self help groups. A total of 40 members across different communities participated in the workshop.



Coastal Santa Christmas Celebrations

ICSC celebrated community level Christmas on 11th December, 2020, this celebration was presided over by the respective community heads and coordinators, Christmas gifts were distributed after the toast proposal. Annual day competitions were conducted simultaneously and winners were selected for award of prizes



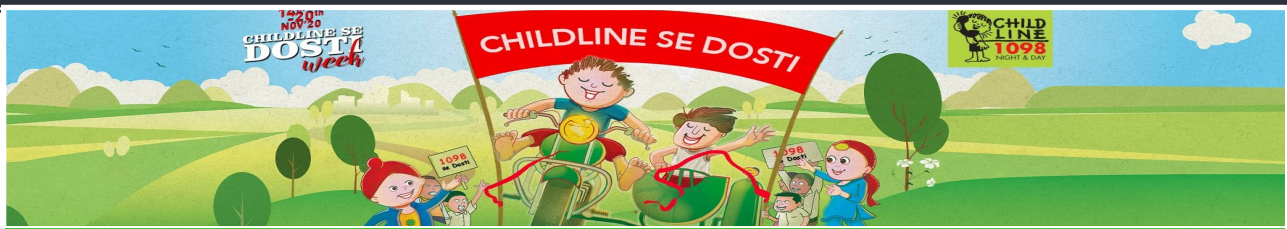
A noble celebration accounted its ultimate aim

The Flag Day fund was handed over to Mr. Venkatesh, I.A.S Special Secretary – Public Department, Government of Tamil Nadu on 23rd December 2020. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo presided the meeting.



**7 दिसम्बर – 7 DECEMBER
ARMED FORCES FLAG DAY**





“CHILDLINE Se Dosti” is a weeklong national campaign which aims to make ordinary citizens stakeholders in CHILDLINE 1098. The campaign involve a range of events, activities across the country for spreading awareness on CHILDLINE 1098 emergency phone helpline number for children in need of care and protection.

Like every year, Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Chennai organized “CHILDLINE Se Dosti” Week celebrations on the eve of children’s day from 14th November to 20th November. The whole week was a celebration of children’s day. But during this pandemic situation we shut-down our outreach activity and programs, We planned well in advance for various programmes through online to mark this week which emphasizes awareness on the rights of children. Programs like meeting with district Officials, Allied system, Creating awareness in different child care institution, Conducting online Competition, drawing Competition, general

Visit to the Collector Office

Dbai Childline met the collector and the district social welfare officer along with the DCPU team and children tied surakshabandan bands to reach out to people to promote Childline and to ensure the safety for children. Mr. Andrew from Childline India Foundation handed over the last year Childline report to the collector.



Children Day celebration & Sensitization Program for CCI children

Nearly 40 children participated in the event and 15 faculties from various institution participated. DBAI childline team gave orientation on childline services, safe and unsafe touch. The Children learned about Childline support and services, and also they clarified what is safe touch and unsafe touch. Then the team gave awareness about having a safe childhood during the pandemic situation.



DBAI CHIDLINELINE – 1098

Sensitization program with district Officials among the community Children

CWC Chairperson, Mrs. Tamilselvi, SJPU Inspector Mrs. Gajalakshmi and asst. commissioner of Labor department oriented the children about type of violence against children and how Childline services help children in distress. The Children were able to accept that Police and Childline are friends of children. There was a hope found among the children.



SSA sensitizing Program

SSA Committee organized a program for teaching faculty in which they invited Childline team to give awareness about child care and protection services, and orientation about Childline. The Team participated and provided a good knowledge about Childline roles and their support systems. Nearly 45 adults participated in the orientation meeting.



Staff Capacity Building

On 20th and 21st of October, 2020, a workshop was conducted on staff capacity building at sea breeze Mahabalipuram. The workshop was conducted by Mr Newton from HCLF. The three NGOs that participated in the workshop were Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Cancer Institute and Hope Foundation. There were 5 different sessions in the workshop. In session 1, Mr Newton spoke on work sharing, improving skills, rules and regulation of an NGO. In session 2, the people split themselves into 2 groups and each person shared one positive and negative about themselves to the person sitting beside them. In session 3, there were three topics, Who are You?, Misunderstanding in the team and ways to rectify and About Ourselves. In session 4 the topic was, ways to overcome struggle. The speaker shared the ways to overcome struggles by fixing a target and going until achieving it and not giving up. In session 5, fire camp was conducted where both the teams danced and played Dumbsharads.



Capacity Building



Our Response to Nivar Cyclone

Cyclonic storm Nivar was a tropical cyclone which brought severe impacts to portions of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in late November of 2020. Many places in Chennai got affected due to the Nivar cyclone, several interior areas such as Ambur, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore experienced rain and strong winds of 50 Kmph. Saidapet, Kannagi Nagar, Arumbakkam, Chemmenchery had received heavy rainfalls. Some of the areas marooned due to water logging due to the heavy rains. It left behind a trail of destruction, including flooded roads, damaged properties, and many more. Many trees uprooted in cyclone Nivar in Chennai Don Bosco Anbu Illam took charge of removing and cleaning up the fallen trees to ease the flow of traffic. Don Bosco Anbu Illam provided relief materials Like soaps, Mosquito nets, towels, bed sheets, food etc. Even shelter was given to affected families.

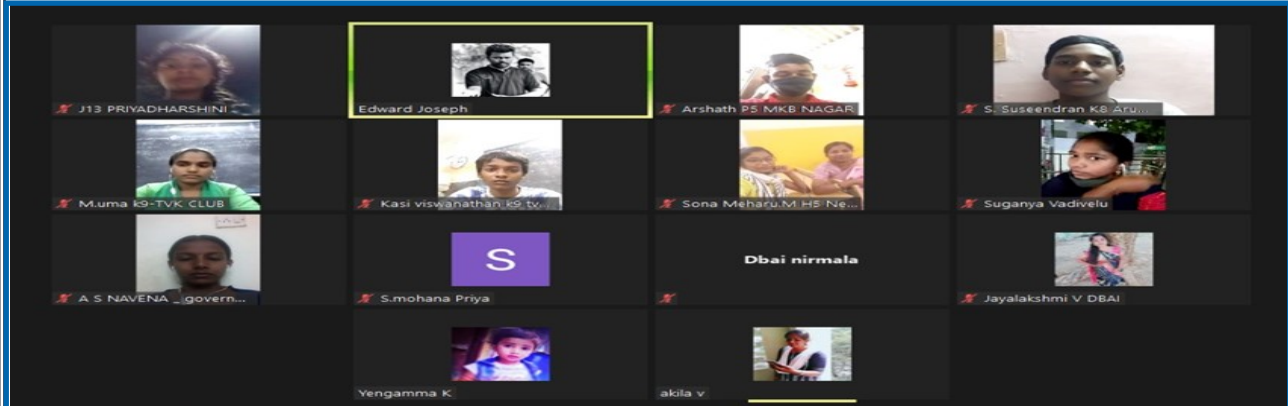


Our Relief Work



Online Quiz

Don Bosco Anbu Illam and HCL Foundation Police Boys and Girls Club conducted online quiz on health on 19th December 2020. Two children representative from each club actively participated and gave their best. Master Susindharan from Arumbakkam, Master Naveen from Okkiyam Thoraipakkam and Master Arun from M.K.B Nagar got placed in first three places respectively.

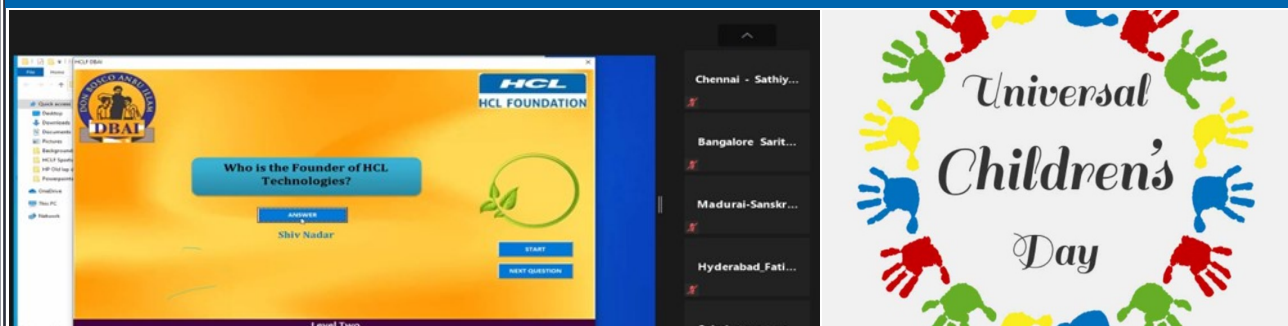


Online Quiz

Don Bosco Anbu Illam had organized a program for Universal Children's Day on 18th and 20th of November through online and offline activities in which 150 members actively participated. The participants were from two different age groups. Standard 6th to 8th were scheduled on 18th of Nov and standard 9th to 12th were scheduled on 20th of Nov. Online activities were speech and poetry and offline activities were science project, drawing and essay. The program was executed by Don Bosco Anbu Illam and the chief guests were Father Leo, Director, DBAI, Dr Thirunavukkarasu IPS, Ms Daisy, Project manager IGP.



The Police Boys and Girls Club of Don Bosco Anbu Illam supported by HCL Foundation conducted quiz competition grand finale on the 17th of October 2020 in which 32 finalists participated. The event was hosted by the team in the august presence of eminent personalities and panelist. Participants were made to play qualifiers and semi – qualifiers before the final selection round. Dr. Thirunavukkarasu and Dr. Shanthanu Bashu delivered presidential address which was highly motivating to the participants. Mr. Newton gave the concluding message in which he remembered the journey made by quarantine quiz program. Don Bosco Anbu Illam admin team proposed formal welcome and felicitation. Finally Ms. Parvathy delivered vote of thanks.



DBAI HCLF SCOUTS & GUIDES

Don Bosco Anbu Illam-HCL Foundation Scout Troop (Open) Conducted the Annual Scout Camp and Rajyapuraskar Training Camp for the Scouts and Guides at Ayyur Eco Tourism Centre, Denkanikottai, Krishnagiri District from **14th to 17th of December 2020**. The Selected 35 Scouts and Guides were attended this Annual Camp. Simultaneously we trained them for the Rajyapuraskar Test. On 14th of December 21, 2020 had started the journey towards the Camping site. On 14th of December the journey started from R2 Kodambakkam Police Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Ashok, the Scout Coordinator gave instructions to the Scouts and Guides regarding the Travel. Mr. Prijoe from Hcl Foundation , Mr. Newton Raj, Deputy Manager, HCL Foundation, Mr. Antony Gunaraj, DOC, Don Bosco Distric and the Sub. Inspector of Police from R2 Kodmbakkam Polie Station wer Flag off the Bus which was gave by the Greater Chennai Police. Mr. Navaneelam, the Police Driver safely operated the Police Bus.

The Inauguration Ceremony was held the following day. The Scout Coordinator introduced the Camp Chief Mr. Antony Gunaraj, the District Organizing Commissioner, Don Bosco Scouts and Mrs. Jainy Cruz, Mrs. Shakila Mary the Trainers of the Camp to the Scouts and Guides. Mr. Stalin, the Coordinator of Rural Development Centre, Denkanikottai and the Forest Police officials were attended the ceremony. The Inauguration Ceremony was started by the Flag Hoisting. The Scout Flag was hoisted by Master. Yuvan Kumar, a Scout Boy. Then the Camp Chief divided them for 4 Patrols (Teams). After the Lunch we started the Classes. The Camp Chief and the other Trainers have divided the Scouts and Guides into 4 Patrols as Tiger, Lion, Eagle, Lotus and Lilly. They taught them the Rajyapuraskar sessions and General Scouting classes. In a special way the Trainers taught Different types of **Lashings and Knots**. Also they distributed the **Testing Cards** and **Chest Numbers**. The Scouts and Guides learnt about the Flag Post making and Tent Pitch making as well.



CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating History

Don Bosco Anbu Illam celebrated its **35th Annual day** on 22nd December 2020 at Bosco Illam. Rev. Fr. Joseph Leo presided over the event in the august presence Mr. Prabhakaran, Attorney in India. Mrs. Suriyakala, District Child Protection Officer, Mrs. Tamil Selvi, Chairperson - CWC, Chennai. Mrs. Asha, City level Coordinator, Rev.Fr. Andrew Stephen raj, Director - Don Bosco Vazhikaatti, Rev.Fr. John Christi, Rector - Don Bosco Youth Animation Center, Mr. Prijoe, Manager - South Head, Mr. Newton Raj - Deputy Manager - HCL Foundation, Mrs. Malar, Program Manager -Hope Foundation were other dignitaries present during the event. Long serving staff members, volunteers were honored on the occasion. Children from both homes staged special performance.



STAFF CHRISTMAS

Feast of Holy Nativity was solemnly commemorated during the consecrated Eucharistic Holy Mass on 22nd December 2020 at Bosco Illam. Rev. Fr. Michael Thomas, sdb pronounced blessings for the crib following the con-celebrated mass by the newly ordained priests Rev Fr Stylo Babu, sdb and Rev Fr Alexander, sdb. Salesian Priests, Brothers, SMA sisters, staff and children rendered divine songs to the Holy Baby of Bethlehem.



SHELTER HOMES

DIWALI AND FUN

A team from Doordarshan TV channel came to Bosco Illam to celebrate Deepavali with us and it was recorded, projected on Doordarshan TV on the day of Deepavali. Fr. Leo together with community members wished all the children for the children's day and distributed sweets for them after breakfast. There was a special game conducted for the boys in the morning and had the oil bath. In the evening, there was a prayer service in honour of Deepavali. The boys were given crackers according to the classes then the day came to an end.



Marriage of Mr. Venkadesh and Ms. Sri Priya

The Marriage ceremony of Mr. Venkadesh and Ms. Sri Priya held at S.M parish in a grand scale. The Holy Eucharist took place at 10.30am on 28th Nov. There were many Salesians priests from different communities and the main celebrant was Fr. Leo, the Rector. The reception started as soon as the mass was over. During the reception, the bride and bridegroom were felicitated and the dance by the staff and students.



Children's Day Out

One day picnic was arranged for both Boys and girls to Kelambakkam on two different days 9th and 10th accompanied by the Salesians and wardens. They enjoyed the resort and had their bath in the swimming pool. The children enjoyed very much.



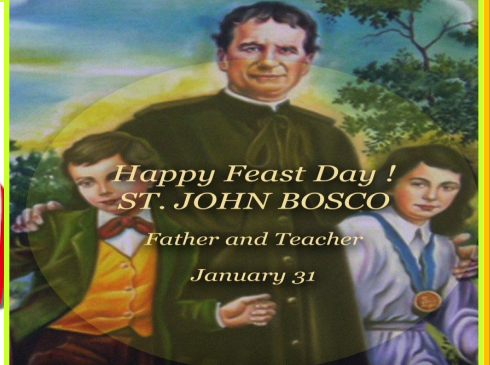
FAREWELL



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We wish **Mr. Jayaprakash Daniel** all the very best as he is taking the new role as the Program Manager of DBAI and the sub-editor of DBAI Newsletter and **Mrs. Jyothi Priya** for taking the role as Hub Coordinator.



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