



## Editorial

Dear Readers,

The struggle of a girl child begins even before the day she is conceived. In India, girls are struggling from womb to tomb. There is also a cheap abortion technology which allows households to exercise their preference for sons over daughters. Even after birth, girl child faces discrimination and oppression. She is not provided with proper nutrition compared to her male siblings, her education is not given much importance and, in many cases, parents prefer that their sons continue schooling, and want their daughters to stay at home and do households. After marriage, the trials faced by women do not end as she continues to face oppression and even violence in her marital home.

This is not just a cliché but an experience of many girl children who long for freedom and respect in the society. We have witnessed in our CHILDLINE 1098 interventions; there is steady increase in child marriages, child abuses and drop outs during this post Covid time. Thus, it is necessary for all the stakeholders and allied systems to come together, to voice together and protect girl children together in our own way in the society. We did this by doing a month-long campaign for protecting girl children through art competition in all Child Care Institutions, Chennai, video making competition in the colleges, Football matches and through other means to sensitizing the children, youth and women to become aware of the struggles of girl children and the need to protect them from all forms of violence and abuse. (This Campaign lasted for a month from Jan 24th to Feb 24th 2022).

" Save and respect girl child, as she is the future of your family and society"

How to protect girl children?

1. Spread awareness and change mindsets to ensure that communities and families welcome and celebrate daughters.
2. Education for all girl children should be ensured. At this post COVID juncture, we should not leave any girl child behind school education.
3. Create a safe environment for all girl children and empower them to stand for their rights.

Let us not just give gifts on their birthdays or on girl child day and women's day but let us pledge to take forward their rights.

**YOURS TRULY**

*Fr. Joseph Leo*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Happy  
National  
Girl Child  
Day!*



## WORLD WAR ORPHANS DAY

Saranalayam girls home celebrated World War Orphans day on 6th January 2022. Ms. Indu Kavi was the resource person. She spoke about world war, its history and about the consequences they faced after the war.



## NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

On 11th January 2022 , celebrated National Human trafficking awareness day. The girls were informed to perform cultural programs about the day. They exhibited their talents on performing dance, street play and a speech was given by a staff about the awareness day.

## PONGALO PONGAL

On 14th January 2022, Pongal was celebrated, all the children wore traditional outfit. Fr. Joseph Leo SDB, and Fr. James SDB were the Resource Person and Chief Guest of the day. The staffs and children made Pongal together and they showcased their talents on performing dance and other cultural events.





# 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.

## BLURB OF A BOOK

Every Sunday the children present a Book review about the book they recently read. Children were given time to explain about the book and the author which helps them to improve their English vocabulary, pronunciation and to create interest in reading more English books.



## “EACH NEW YEAR OF LIFE ADDED TO YOUR PAST” – PAUL SNYDE

We thank the God Almighty for blessing the Don Bosco Anbu Illam community with the opportunity to celebrate of Rev. Bro. Kulandai Yesu, the Administrator. They had special Morning Prayer for him and they prayed for his various intentions and for his good health of body and mind. In the evening, Together with the Salesians and Children & Staff from Saranalayam and Royapuram. They had Solemn Holy Eucharist. He preached about the priceless gift of life that God has blessed us with and he also shared with us about being a person with gratefulness. After the Holy Eucharist they had family members around him and felicitated with lots of gifts and conducted few cultural events.





# 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 and gender participated in the quiz competition with full enthusiasm.



# FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

It is the great custom and tradition of Don Bosco Anbu Illam community to invited some of the major donors; 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.



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

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.





# 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.



# “THE GAME FOOTBALL IS IN THE HEART OF ALL THE SALESIAN INSTITUTIONS.”

The management had decided to conduct the football tournament in Chennai Regions. We invited four oratories with two teams each. The following Oratories came and participated in the tournament; SIGA, Broadway, Basin Bridge and Anbu Illam. They gathered the children around 2.15pm and had Inauguration function of the tournament. They organized knock-out matches for all the teams. We had the finals around 5.30pm and the chief guest was Fr. James, Assistant Director. The following teams met in the finals; Don Bosco Anbu Illam A vs Siga A. The winner of the tournament was SIGA A Team.



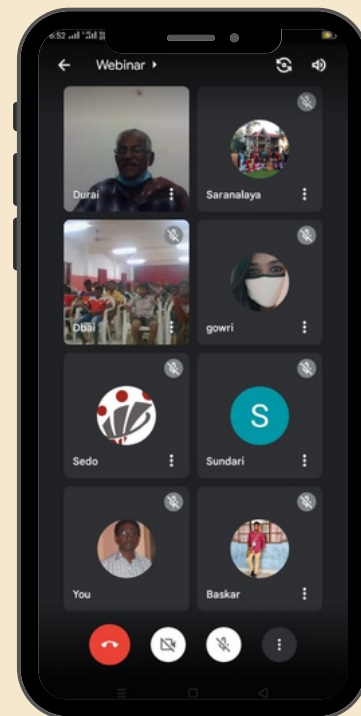
# SAYING GOODBYE TO POLIO

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.



# SEMINAR ON GIRL CHILD AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Don Bosco Anbu Illam organized an educative webinar on Role of Social Justice in the development of Girl Child with special reference to the present context in view of Social Justice and State Girl Child Protection Day on 23rd February 2022. Mr. Suba Then Pandian, Advocate, Madras High Court consented to deliver the key note address that focused on the hidden truths of Social Justice. His talk also highlighted the efficacy of empowering girl child in order to build a powerful nation. He stressed on the importance of working consistently hard towards achieving our justice. Justice is meant for all, by all and for all and therefore no one can stop anyone from enjoying the privilege of Social Justice. He began his key note by describing the word Society and Social. He said, Society is a combination and compartment of people with many differences still living with harmony. This event served the very purpose of educating children on Social Justice and need to empower girl child. Rev. Fr. James Raj moderated the event. Friends from city NGOs also attended the webinar along with Bosco Illam and Saranalayam children.



# CARNIVAL AT MARINA BEACH

The Greater Chennai Corporation conducted awareness campaign and exhibition program for three days, inviting the shelter homes to create awareness among the people about the freedom fighters and the Independence of our nation. In which the Tamil Nadu Government had prepared a tableau having some of the freedom fighters of our state and portraying some of the significant places of our state. The Government had kept the tableau at the Marina Beach for the people to visit and for exhibition. Thus, the Bosco Illam children also went for the awareness campaign and created awareness among the people by the band and with the Paraiatta.





# 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.



## PONGALO PONGAL

On 15 January 2022 children from Boja Raja Nagar celebrated Pongal festival. The children gathered together with the staff and community people in the morning at 7am, they started cooking Pongal in the center. The Children prayed for the farmers and good rain for cultivation. The children joined together took an oath not to waste food besides they will share the extra food with their friends and neighbors. On the same day children from Otteri center celebrated Pongal with the staff and community people. Bro. Ronald SDB was the chief guest. He gave a meaningful message to the gathering. The children and community people participated in various activities. In the end Bro Ronald distributed gifts to the winners for the activities which were conducted.





# NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

On 24.01.2022 they celebrated international girl child day in Boja Raja Nagar. 25 girl children participated in the program. The children were sensitized about the importance of girl children and the impact which girl children created in the society. Mr. Gopi gave a speech where he spoke about the impact which created by Mrs. Malala who received noble price for peace and stood up for girl children education. The girl children received drawing books and materials at the end of the session.



# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

On 26th January 2022 we celebrated republic day in our Anna Sathya Nagar center. 40 children took part in the celebration. Speak competition were conducted on the topic Freedom. 10 children participated in the competition and spoke about the topic. They concluded the celebration by distributing sweets.



# EYE CAMP

On 27th February 2022 they conducted eye camp for Boja Raja Nagar community. 76 people got benefited in the eye camp they distributed reading glasses for the beneficiaries and also, distributed power eye glasses for the beneficiaries who have eye sight issues. All the beneficiaries felt productive for the eye camp.





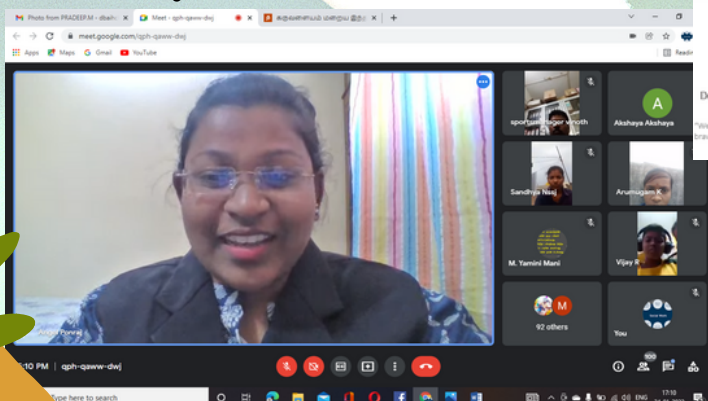
# SEMINAR ON CHIDLIN

On 6th March, 2022 they gave awareness about Childline and impacts of increasing school dropouts to Anna Adarsh college NCC students. Fr. James raj SDB Assistant director gave a brief introduction about Don Bosco Anbu illam and about childline 1098 with test call. Mr.Vasanth Coordinator ICPS project took a session on school dropout. 90 students got awareness on childline and school dropouts.



## 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. Angel John Kasper, Advocate, 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.





# STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

Don Bosco Anbu Illam- HCL Foundation managed the Capacity Building for Police Boys & Girls Club Scout Masters, tuition teachers & Caretakers at Yercaud on 26th & 27th February 2022. The program was conducted at Retreat Hospitium, Yercaud. A meeting with the Scout Masters was headed by Mr. P.N Bopanna, Indian Basketball player & Sports Consultant, Don Bosco Anbu Illam. Around the 72 Scout Masters, tuition teachers & caretakers participated in this program.



# WORLD SCOUT THINKING DAY

**"The man who is blind to the beauties of nature has missed half the pleasure of life."**  
- Gen. Robert Baden-Powell

Don Bosco Anbu Illam HCL Foundation Scout Troop celebrated World Scout Thinking Day in memory of Gen. Robert Baden-Powell on 22nd February 2022 at Okkiyam Thoraipakkam Govt. Hr. Sec. School. Rev. Fr. Arul Anand, sdb Dean of Students in Bosco Illam consented to be the special invitee and deliver key note address on the contributions of Gen. Powell. The event begun with inter-faith prayer fellowship. A total of 30 scout and guides along with team Captain participated in the event. Mr. Gunaseelan, Scout Master moderated the program.



**"MAYBE THAT'S WHAT LIFE IS... A WINK OF THE EYE AND WINKING STARS"**  
- Jack Kerouac

Don Bosco Anbu Illam - CIP conducted an eye camp in the four areas namely Pathinathar Koil Street, Mylapore, Boja Raja Nagar, and Nochi Nagar. They were 382 beneficiaries from the camp, among those 92 beneficiaries were provided with spectacles and 134 are yet to be provided with pair of glasses within the next 30 days.-





# 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

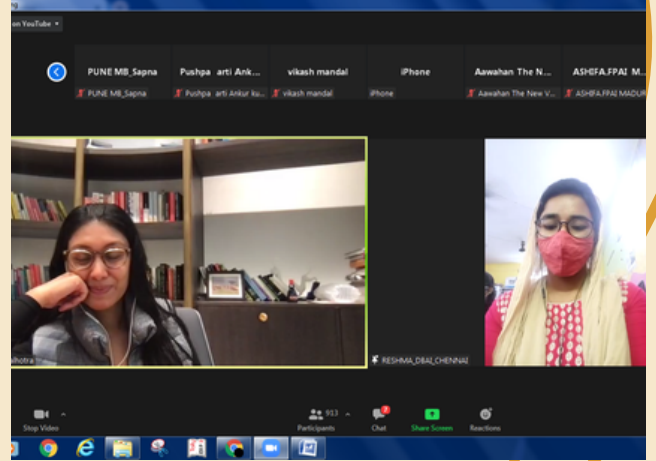
The Individual Rewards in Cricket for Best All-Rounder (Wicket Keeper Batter) scored by Harini Devi (Chennai); Best Bowler (Off-Spin) -Jeni Plautila(Chennai); Promising Batter -Neha Fathima(Noida); Promising Bowler -Gunjan Kumari(Noida); Promising Batter -Ashirwa Kashyap(Lucknow); Promising Bowler -Tanishka 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.



# NATIONAL YUVA MELA

Commemorating the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, which is also observed as National Youth Day, HCL Foundation, the CSR arm of HCL Technologies organized a virtual event – 'Yuva Mela 2022'. In this session 118 students representing DBAI took part. Reshma from Kodambakkam Skill development program got a golden opportunity to ask question to Ms. Roshni Nadar Malhotra, CEO, HCL Corporation, Chairperson, HCL Technologies and Chairperson of the CSR Board Committee joined the meet and motivated the youth of our nation. Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director, HCL Foundation, also addressed the youth and partners and acknowledged their contribution and achievements.



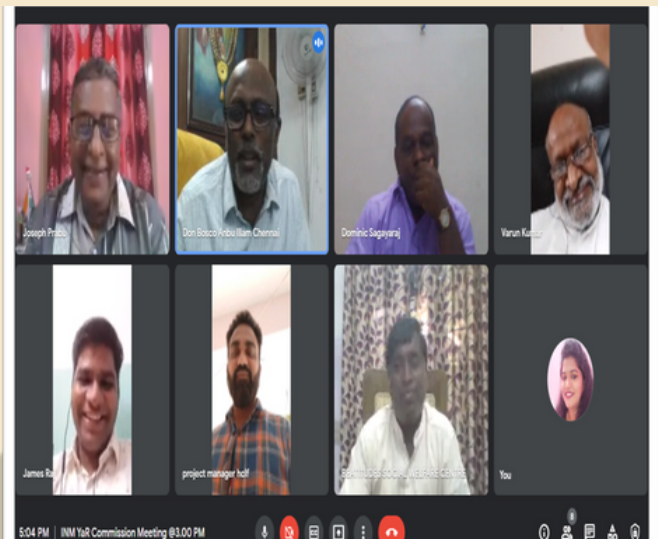
## PREM – A HIGH SPIRITED PERSONAGE - SUCCESS STORY

Hailing from an impoverished background R. Premkumar, B. Com graduate enrolled into JAS 2021 Kodambakkam SDP batch right after his graduation. He came to know about the training center through his friend. His father, Ramprasad. B working as a cobbler & mother housewife was in great struggle taking care of their 3 children. He just being 20 years of age cracked the job interview from placement cell and was placed in an All Set Business Solutions reputed company with a decent pay. He is grateful to Don Bosco Anbu Illam- HCL Foundation Skill Development Program Centre & the staffs for molding him to get a job at his very young age & making himself prideful so that he can help his family with his income. Premkumar is obliged for major opportunity provided to him for learning ITES & Tally.



## 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.





# GENERAL CAMP

General Camp was conducted at Nochi Nagar with the help of the Family Planning Association. It was a success with the help of the association members. 129 individuals got benefitted through this camp which included Blood group identification, Sugar checkup, Blood pressure, BMI, and Medical counseling. The public were given free vitamin tablets. The feedback received from the public was encouraging as the residents were very happy about the general medical camp.



# VACCINATION CAMP

A vaccination camp was organized and assisted by DBAI at Ruthurpuram. It was conducted by YRG and Apollo Hospital. Overall beneficiaries from several other camps were 206 and in vaccination camp 26 members from general public were benefitted.

# YOUTH MEETING

The Youth meeting was one of the most important events that had taken place in the DBAI Head office. It was organized by CIP and conducted by Fr. James Raj. This event took place by first gathering the children and youngsters of the residents in the slums in which CIP works with. The event had focused on multiple aspects but it mainly focused on the growth and development of the young children which would eventually make ways to develop the infrastructure and betterment of the residence.





# 73RD REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Don Bosco Anbu Illam- HCL Foundation hosted the 73rd Republic Day celebration at various Police Boys & Girls Club. This year's celebrations are significant as it's the 75th anniversary of India's Independence, being observed as 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' across the country. We hosted the flag & distributed sweets at Perumbakkam, Thoraipakkam, Saidapet, Mylapore, Thiru Vi Ka Nagar, Muthialpet, Kumaran Nagar, New Washermanpet & Kannagi Nagar. Mylapore Police Boys & Girls Club did an exemplary deed by donating their blood for Cancer patients at Adyar Cancer Institute.



## FOOTBALL - PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT



On Jan 15th, 2022 Don Bosco Anbu Illam- HCL Foundation conducted a physical fitness assessment to the players with the support of the DBAI coaches and Sports Manager this assessment involved height, weight, B-test, sit-ups, push-ups, shuttle run, 40m dash. Then the next 15-day fitness training was conducted by Mr. Bopanna to improve their fitness.

## WOMEN'S RUGBY DISTRICT LEVEL GIRLS RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On 13th January 2022 HCL Foundation & the Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society organized the First Edition of the U18 Girls Rugby Tournament. For the year 2022, as a fresh start, Don Bosco Anbu Illam & Real cubs Foundation Chennai collaboratively conducted a Rugby 7s Inter-District Tournament on 13thJan2022 (Thursday). Covid Protocols were followed per the Government standards.

### Semi & Final Results

1. DBAI A Vs Queen Mary's: 20-0 won
2. DBAI B Vs Real cubs: 0- 15 lost





# GIRL CHILD IS A PRIDE

On 9th February 2022, Don Bosco Anbu Illam Social Service Society conducted a webinar on "Girl Child is a Pride" as part of month-long awareness campaign on Protection of Girl Child. Ms. Daisy, Program Manager of Invisible Girl Project was the resource person for the program. She spoke on the importance of educating girl child and role of NGOs in safeguarding and promoting holistic well-being of girls especially from under privileged strata of society. She emphasized that today's girl child is tomorrow's women and today's education is for tomorrow's leadership and therefore it's the responsibility of every citizen especially a father of a girl child to educate her so that one day she raises as a powerful leader. Ms. Daisy also highlighted the nation's current sex and death ratio. She expressed her painful sorrow while recalling Ayanavaram child sexual assault case. This event was moderated by Fr. Joseph Leo in the presence of Fr. James Raj. A total of 15 representatives from Chennai based NGOs participated in the event.



## CHILDLINE

Childline team received around 159 cases during the month of January and February 2022, 40 cases have been produced before CWC. The team intervened 61 cases and in that 10 cases FIR has been filed under POCSO Act 2012.



## GIRL CHILD DAY

Childline team observed National Girl Child day on January 24th at Scarped along with OASIS NGO. The Chief Guest of the day was Ms. Gajalakshmi, Inspector SJPU, Ms. Jaya, Writer, W18 AWPS, Rev Fr. James Raj, Assistant Director DBAI, Mrs. Jyothi Priya, Home link Coordinator DBAI were guests for the program. Chief Guest addressed the gathering about the safety measures to safeguard girl child. At the end of the program Oath taking took place and thereby the program came to an end. observance of National Girl Child day program took place at Thiruvottiyur. Chief Guest of the day was Pavithra, 181 staff and police from AWPS police station took part in the program.





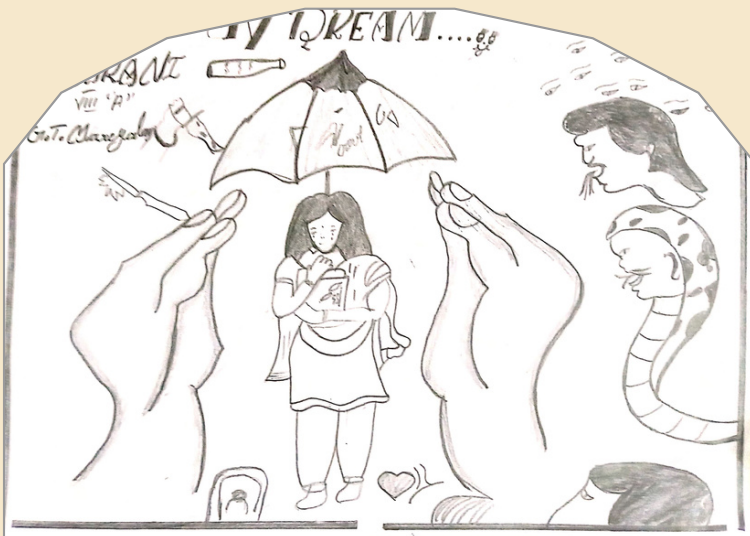
# AWARENESS PROGRAMME

Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness. James Thurber

Childline team covered a good number of population by organizing educative program on child rights on the 12th and 23rd of February 2022 at Triplican and Nandhanam respectively. Team deputed to showcase the services rendered by Childline project to commoner and also to sensitize them on the importance of safe guarding children from social evils such as child labor that broke at large as the result of lockdown. Team insisted public to keep an eye over their children. This event served the very purpose of building network for Childline in these areas and also to create a child-friendly environment. A total of 60 people from general public were given awareness.

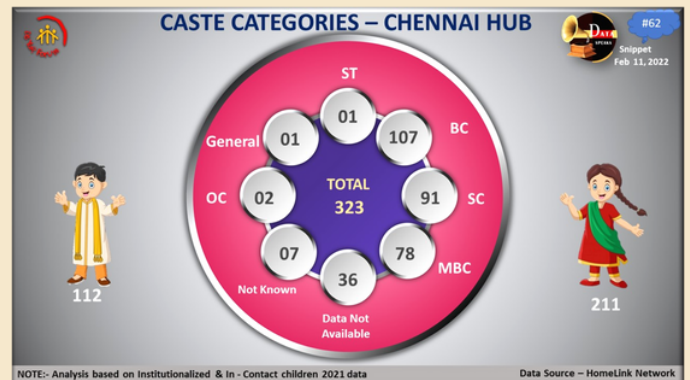
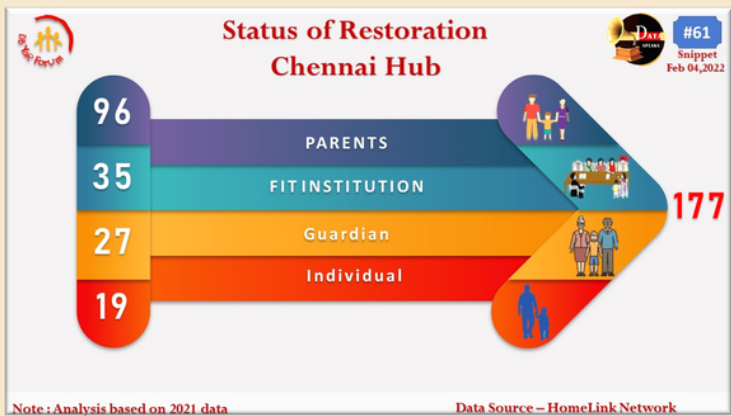
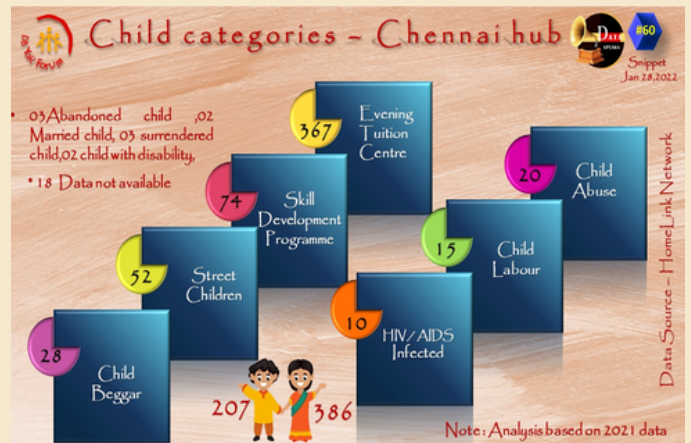
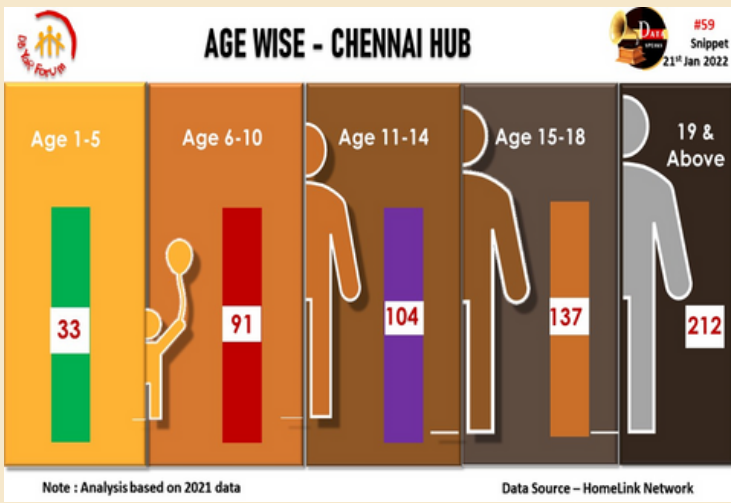
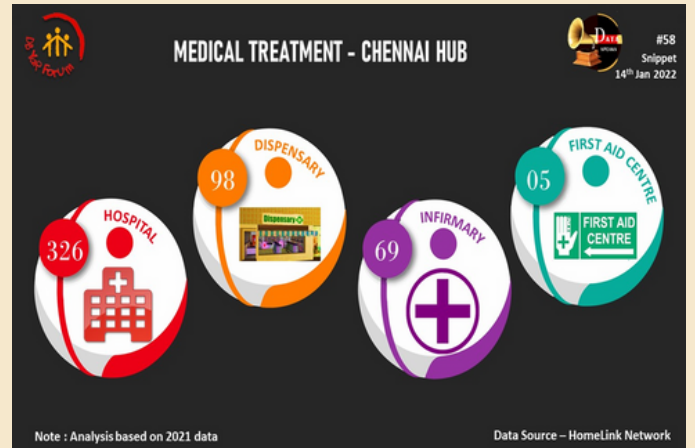
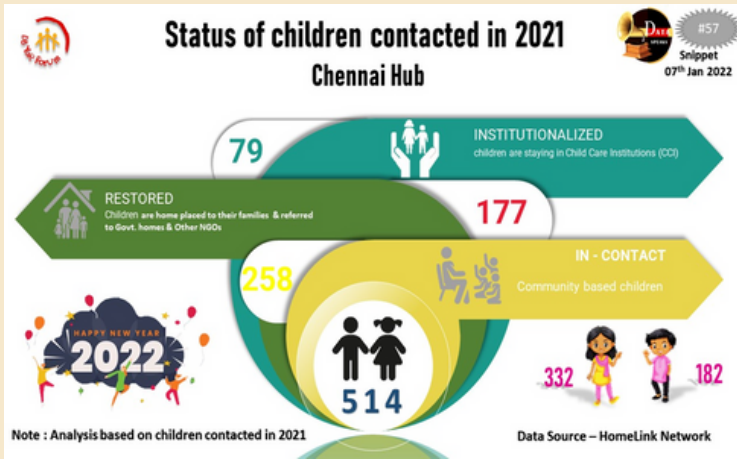


## PHOTO GALLERY OF GIRL CHILD DAY



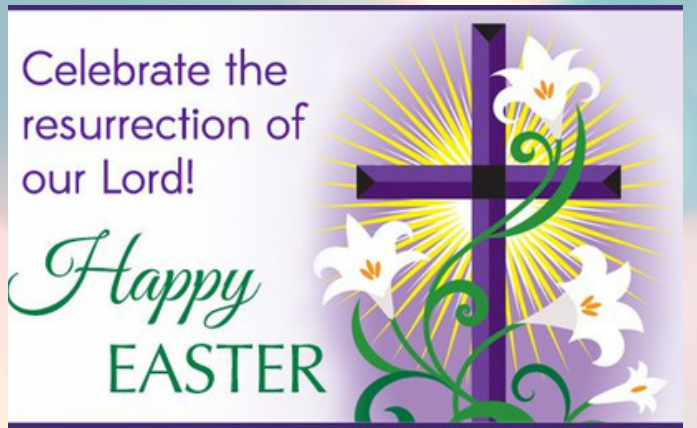
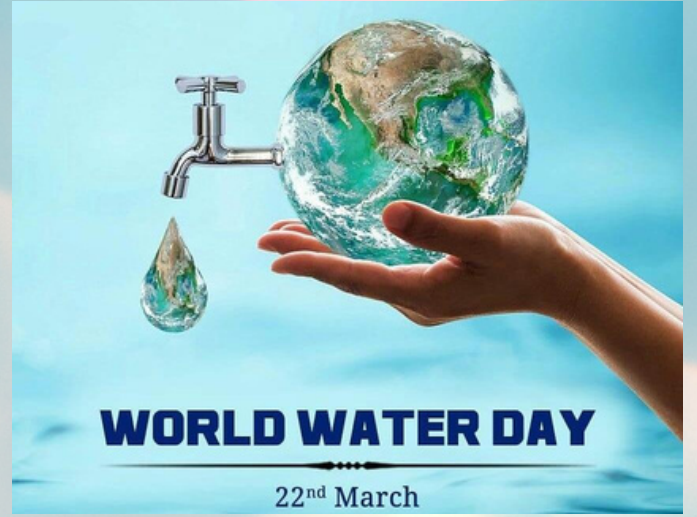


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