



Director's Note

The Silver Anniversary of BREADS' inception as the Provincial Development Office of the Salesian Province of Bangalore is indeed a momentous occasion; not only for the province, but for every individual and institution associated with it. This is because BREADS is the collective energy, presence and relationship among numerous stakeholders in embodying a vision for an inclusive society based on rights, equality, justice and peace. Yes, it's 25 years; 25 years of growth and development of persons and institutions. And it's time to pause, reflect and see where we want to go from here.

We would like to place on record our gratitude to all persons who contributed to the success of the jubilee celebrations and the partners, government officials, NGOs, field experts, Salesians and friends who participated in the event. This Slice is all about BREADS' Jubilee!

With Jubilee greetings!

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News



A stroll to secured childhood-Release of Child Rights Module and a Handbook

'The Child Rights Module' and 'the Handbook on Child Rights Clubs' published by BREADS, Bangalore in collaboration with KSCPCR, UNICEF and Government of Karnataka is a pace for realizing the principles organized as policies in to practice. The Child Rights Module and the Handbook on Child Rights Clubs was released on the occasion of BREADS' Silver Jubilee celebrations... [more](#)



Workshop on life skills for skill training students

Aiming to develop the skills of trainees, DB BEST Academy had organised a workshop on 22 November 2018 for the batch 7 students. A team of 20 volunteers from Deloitte India took sessions for students with the guidance of Mr. Ranjit Pisharody, Team Leader, Deloitte, India. Fr. Cyril, Director, DB BEST Academy introduced the team. Ms. Lesilen Jose, Trainer, Retail Management presented about... [more](#)



National Meeting of the Don Bosco Development Offices of South Asia

The National Meeting of the Don Bosco Development Offices of South Asia (PDO Meet) was held at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore on the 25th and 26th November 2018. The meeting witnessed a participation of 23 members, with representation from 10 PDOs from South Asian network, Economist's network and the chief representation from Don Bosco Mondo, Bonn and Jugend Eine Welt (JEW)... [more](#)

Events

November 2018

- BREADS celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 23rd and 24th November 2018
- The Annual National PDO meet was organized at DB Provincial House on 25th and 26th November 2018
- Children's day was celebrated in all Don Bosco institutions
- Special Gram Sabha was exclusively conducted for children in all CREAM projects
- Jugend Eine Welt and Don Bosco Mondo visited BREADS' projects
- Impact Day at DB BEST Academy organized by Deloitte Company on 22nd November 2018

- Awarded the Champions of Child Rights under the CREAM project
- BREADS participated in DAAN Utsav at PwC

December 2018

- Special Gram Sabha exclusively for children in all CREAM projects
- Workshop on Child Protection Policy and Systems for Don Bosco institutions at Vaduthala and Bangalore
- Christmas celebrations in all Don Bosco Projects and at BREADS



On the auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of BREADS on 23rd November 2018, a national conference was organized at the National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre (NBCLC), Bengaluru. Inaugurating the conference, Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil SDB, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore, said, “BREADS has been playing its role in many ways through the length and breadth of the province of Bangalore, through various projects, well-conceived, convincingly prepared, carefully executed, fruitfully lived and enjoyed by so many people.”

National Conference

BREADS has marked its presence over various subjects in the past and the topics of discussion were in consonance to the areas of interventions. The first panel discussion on 'A child-friendly society', was moderated by Ms. Kavita Ratna, Director, Advocacy, the Concerned for Working Children, who said that the discussion was to consider the creation of a child-friendly society. The expert speakers included Fr. Koshy SDB, Executive Secretary, Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, Delhi, Mr. Sonykutty George, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Hyderabad and Mr. William Gali, Project Manager, Family for Every Child, Bangalore, all of whom imparted informative speeches on the topic.



Introducing the second panel discussion, Mr. Hans-Jurgen Dorrich, Director, Corporate Partnership, Don Bosco Mondo, Germany said the session would look at the relevance of technical and skill training as a remedy to help young people out of their misery. The expert speakers for the session were Fr. Jose Aikarchalil SDB, Executive Director, Don Bosco Tech Society, Delhi, Mr. Thomas Pullenkav, Senior Advisor, SELCO Foundation, Bangalore and Fr. Savio Silveira SDB, Convener, Don Bosco Green Alliance, Mumbai.

The third session dealt with the topic, 'Emerging avenues in social involvement and development', moderated by Fr. Noel Maddhichetty SDB, Director BOSCONET, Delhi. The expert speakers included Dr. S. Irudaya Rajan, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, Mr. Jose Jacob K, Founder-CEO, INTEGRO and Ms. Sharon Lopez, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Communication, Mount Carmel College.



Commemorative Function



The celebration continued with a commemorative function organized on the same day evening at 5 pm. In the inaugural address, Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga, Regional Superior, Don Bosco, South East Asia, appreciated the efforts of BREADS in social development and transformation. The organization has commendable influence and credibility in the society. Dr. Jayakumara, Director, Primary and Secondary Education, Government of Karnataka, assured the support of the government for the endeavours of BREADS in the protection and promotion of child rights.

Addressing the gathering, Ms. Margit Hellwig-Bothe, Consul General, German Consulate,

Bengaluru, said, "It is time to protect and care for the environment. It needs dedication and commitment and the stubbornness to work with people in the rural areas". In his presidential address, Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil SDB, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore, said, "Those who have learned to collaborate and cooperate have prevailed". He applauded the efforts of the organization in reaching out to the less privileged and the needy.

Rt. Rev. George Rajendran SDB, Bishop of Thuckalay, Tamil Nadu, released the souvenir of BREADS, 'Building the Future Together', a book that attempts to capture the past journey of the organization. A music album, 'Belli Chukki' (The Silver Star), composed by Fr. Regi Jacob Pulicodu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, containing thematic songs on the protection and promotion of the rights of children was released by Ms. Susanne Arzt, Project Manager, Don Bosco Mondo, Germany. Mr. Sonykutty George, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, Hyderabad, released the book, 'Championing Child Rights, A Resource Book on Strategies to Prevent Child Marriage', a joint venture of BREADS and UNICEF.



Commemorative Function



Mr. Y Mariswamy, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) released two resource books, 'The Child Rights Module and Child Rights Club Handbook' by BREADS which is the fruit of long striving at the grassroot level through the flagship project, CREAM (Child Rights Education and Action Movement). Releasing the book, 'Beyond the Deluge, Building the Future Together', Mr. Martin Wilde, CEO, Don Bosco Mondo, Germany, said that the response of the organization

during the natural calamity in Kerala and Karnataka recently is edifying and heart-warming. 'Chekutty', a symbolic representation of Kerala's resilience was distributed among the guests as a sign of solidarity with the survivors of the flood.

The Best of India Records (BIR) recognised BREADS for Outstanding Achievements in Child Rights Promotion for reaching out to over 2,50,000 children across the ten districts in Karnataka through its flagship project- CREAM (Child Rights Education and Action Movement). Former Executive Directors of BREADS, Fr. CM Jose, Fr. George Mathew, Fr. Joseph Elavanal and Asst. Directors, Fr. Regi Jacob, Fr. James Plackattu, Fr. Jeeson Nelluvellil and Fr. Joy Manayanickal were honoured on the occasion for their yeomen services. Mr. Reinhard Heiserer, CEO, Jugend Eine Welt felicitated Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Director, BREADS. Fr. Jose Koyickal SDB, Vice Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore honoured Dr. Tom Jose and Mr. Benny Augustine, staff of BREADS.

We are grateful to all those who accompanied BREADS' 25-year journey through various partnerships and collaborations in building the future together.

