

## EVENTS

### March 2017

- ☞ BREADS received the Pascal Chavez award for CREAM – the most innovative Salesian Project in South Asia
- ☞ Women's Day celebrations at Don Bosco Centers
- ☞ State level training for CREAM staff
- ☞ Ms. Hannah from JEW Austria visited BREADS' projects
- ☞ Inauguration of a residential home for rescued child labourers in Yadagiri

### April 2017

- ☞ Summer Camps in Kerala and Karnataka
- ☞ SHG Facilitators' trainings at Kollam and Bangalore
- ☞ DB Best Academy-first batch graduation day
- ☞ BREADS participates in Tech Mahindra Foundation (TMF) 10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration.

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

#BeBoldForChange was the theme for the International Women's Day 2017 celebrated on the 8th of March 2017.

This year's International Women's Day focused on Goal 8 of the SDGs: Decent Work and Economic Growth, which challenges governments around the world to achieve "full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value."

International Women's Day is a chance to highlight the importance of addressing these shifts in the labour market in the context of women's empowerment. Policies are needed to bridge the gender pay gap, address the gender gap in leadership and entrepreneurship, and ensure equal access to education, capital and social protection.

BREADS also works with women in partnership with our Don Bosco partners both in Karnataka and Kerala. The major interventions are in the areas of entrepreneurship, health, education and gender equity. Women's Day 2017 was celebrated across our centres and in this issue of SLICE, we have a report on the same.

*With best wishes,*

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Executive Director  
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## NEWS

### State Level Training for CREAM Staff- 2017

A state level training for 60 CREAM staff was conducted from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at Don Bosco Provincial House. Rev. Fr. Ittira Mondoth, the Rector of provincial house inaugurated the training. Rev. Fr Joy, the Executive Director of BREADS addressed and welcomed the participants... [more](#)



### Women's Day Celebrations at DB Ramnagara

In Ramnagara district Women's Day celebrations were organized at Government First Grade College. The day started with a rally from the railway station to the college and performed a street play on the theme 'Women Empowerment' at the DDPI office. The gathering at the college was... [more](#)



### Awareness on Women Empowerment and Gender Equality in Chitradurga

A programme on women empowerment and gender equality was organized at Women's I T I College in Chitradurga. Ms. Asha, the staff of Chithra Don Bosco society conducted the training. About 77 students participated in the training which focused the subjects on dowry act, gender equality... [more](#)





International Women's Day is celebrated throughout the globe on March 8<sup>th</sup> with the objective to accept and appreciate the remarkable contribution of women towards the development of the society. At the global level, the day brings a strong feeling of togetherness for women from all spheres of life; irrespective of the socio- economic or political background. The day began to be observed during 1900s, with the rise of the movement for women's rights in different parts of the world.

Since then, the aim of the event is to bring about gender equality in different spheres. Women have excelled in all possible sectors especially in sectors related to social reforms, education, healthcare, politics, policy making etc.

While talking about the status of women in India, history shows that women in India have fought to break the existing gender barriers and thereby to move forward with a sense of their rights and freedom. Though there are instances of gender inequality, persisting violence against women etc. that hamper the progress; Indian women are emerging out of conventional roles, realizing their unlimited potential and have begun to take major roles in all walks of life.

Women's Day reminds us of the need for a change in the status of women globally. The event urges the world to take more pragmatic decisions and action that will help in creating a society free from gender disparities and a society that will progress with the idea of equal opportunity for women.

District	Programmes	Participants	Stakeholders
Yadgir	Community awareness , Rally, Honoring of successful women & Public gathering	250	Judicial magistrate, Lawyers, Police department CWC, Social activists, Self-help groups NGOs & Community members
Hospet	Rally, Community awareness, Honoring of successful women, Public gathering & Cultural events	1050	DWCD, Police department, Taluk officers NGOs, Self-help groups, Social workers, Lawyers & Community members
Davangere	Awareness meetings, Rally, Public gathering & Awareness	250	DWCD, Professors, College students, Child Welfare Committee, NGOs, Lawyers & Community members
Chitradurga	Public gathering & Awareness	295	Police department, Social activists, Agricultural department & members of SHG
Ramanagara	Rally, Street play, Honoring of successful women, Awareness, Speech and essay competitions	400	College professors, Students & Social activists
Bidar	Awareness, Public gathering, Rally, Street play, Cultural event & Honored successful women	600	Government officials, Child line, Missing child bureau, NGO, Panchayath, BDO, Social activists, SHG members & Community members
Gulbarga	Public gathering & Awareness	85	CDPO, Panchayat president, SHG members Anganwadi, teachers & students
Raichur	Rally, Public gathering, Awareness	122	PDO Community leaders Teachers, Students SHG members
Kollam	Awareness & Public gathering	50	SHG members



