

EVENTS

October 2017

- ☞ First anniversary of DB BEST Academy
- ☞ Completion of 3rd batch and inauguration of 4th batch of skill training at DB BEST Academy
- ☞ BREADS participated in Daan Utsav- organized by various corporates
- ☞ Leadership training for members of Child Rights Clubs under CREAM project
- ☞ A team from Myanmar visited BREADS to learn about Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) project

November 2017

- ☞ Rector Major visits Don Bosco Provincial House, KJC and BOSCO
- ☞ Children's Day celebrations in all the centres
- ☞ Special Gram Sabha exclusively for children in all CREAM projects
- ☞ Recognising the Champions of Child Rights on the occasion of Child Rights Day
- ☞ State level CRC network campaign at Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore by the leaders of Child Rights Clubs
- ☞ CSR activity by Deutsche bank team at DB BEST Academy
- ☞ Inauguration and Certification of skill training batches at DB BEST Academy and Sindhi Academy of Skills
- ☞ JEW Austria representatives visit BREADS' projects

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It is very heartening to note that CREAM, the flagship programme of BREADS Bangalore, is being studied and discussed in other countries as well. Delegates from Myanmar recently visited BREADS and its projects to learn more about the CREAM programme. It was also good to have a south-to-south exchange programme where the rather similar socio-economic situations promote our learning from each other.

In this issue of SLICE, we share our experience of this exchange programme.

With best wishes,

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NEWS



Legal Awareness Training for Self Help Groups

On 16th and 17th of October 2017 Chitra Don Bosco, Chitradurga, organized the legal awareness training for the members of the Self Help Groups at Chitradurga under the women Empowerment Project (WEP). About 39 women from various SHGs attended the training. Ms. Asha, WEP, Coordinator, Chitradurga welcomed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion Fr. Julian, Director, Chitra Don Bosco, Chitradurga, stressed on the importance of knowing the law of the land, which will be a strong weapon to fight against the atrocities faced by women. Mr. Vishwa Sagar, the resource person from Damma Kendra... [more](#)



International Girl Child Day

Don Bosco Kalaburgi organized the International Girl Child Day on 11th October 2017 in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit at Government Girls Home, Kalaburgi. The day was celebrated under the theme "proud to be a girl". Ms. Anitha, from CHILDLINE welcomed the gathering. During the introductory speech Ms. Geeta, Coordinator CREAM project, said that, girl children are integral part of the family, her rights should not be discriminated and she has to be provided with good education and it is the priority and responsibility of each one in the society. Ms. Papamma Habalkar, Assistant Child Development Project... [more](#)



Camp for Child Rights Clubs

Don Bosco Hospete organized three days camp for the new and old Child Rights Clubs (CRC) from 13th to 15th October 2017 at Don Bosco Hospete. 75 children participated in this camp (35 children from old CRCs and 40 children from new CRCs). Ms. Vijaya Laxmi, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee inaugurated the camp and Fr. Lawrence Director Don Bosco Hospete delivered the presidential address. Mr. L.D Jhoshi BEO Hospet Taluk, Fr. Yesudas, Administrator, Don Bosco Hospete, Fr. Martin, Principal, Don Bosco School, Ms. Kalavathi Member, CWC, Ms. Pushpalatha, Member, CWC were the other... [more](#)

Exposure and Training Myanmar Team



A team from Myanmar comprising of 12 persons including three priests, one cleric and a nun participated in the training cum exposure programme organised by BREADS Bangalore on child rights projects. The training was organised at Don Bosco Provincial House on October 17th and 18th, followed by an exposure visit to Don Bosco Chitradurga, Don Bosco Davangere and Don Bosco Hospet, during 19th-22nd October, 2017.

The two days of training included an exposition of the various child rights projects of BREADS especially CREAM (Child Rights Education and Action Movement). The team was introduced to the various interventions of BREADS to address the issues

of child labour, school dropouts, unaccompanied children on the streets and child marriage. The most important strategy that was thoroughly discussed was that of community participation in eradicating these child-related problems, especially through the participation of children. In order to elicit community participation, all the stakeholders especially the children, need to be trained on child rights and its violations. The group was enlightened on the importance of creating platforms like child rights clubs, and children's parliaments at the Gram Panchayath where they could exercise their rights to participate and fight for their rights.

The team also discussed in groups about the common problems children face in Myanmar and also devised new strategies based on their learning from the training. They were introduced to the modules that could be used for various trainings and detailed instructions on how to form a child rights club. Individual action plans were made about what they could do in Myanmar. The group met together twice to formulate a common action plan for the whole country. The team elected a President, Vice President and Secretary who would convene meetings in Myanmar regularly and prepare proposals and action plans as a team. They were very interested in working as a team though they belonged to different organizations and dioceses.

During the exposure visits, the team had the opportunity to visit child rights clubs, tuition centres, social workers and task forces which included Presidents of the Gram Panchayath, elected members, PDOs (Panchayath Development Officer), health workers, Asha workers, headmasters, teachers, children and parents. The teams also went through the documentation and reports. The most inspiring were children from the child rights clubs who shared the various actions they had initiated in order to promote child rights, and to protest and stop violations.

Overall, the team was happy with the training and visit, which was evident from their active participation and from their evaluation. They promised that they would go back and send a revised action plan to take forward their learnings from the visit.



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