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Director's Note

"Into that heaven of freedom My Father, let my country awake!" These are two lines from the great poet Rabindranath Tagore's famous and Nobel Prize winning poem Gitanjali. Tagore lived as a free person in the midst of human struggle for human freedom from the colonial power. Through his inspiring thoughts the poet shared this freedom with Mother Nature and with her Children. He upheld that knowledge brings freedom.

As we have celebrated the 72nd Anniversary of India's independence, we with grateful heart remember our freedom fighters, such as Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhiji, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vallabhai Patel, etc. Their selfless service to this nation was admirable and the freedom, which we enjoy today is the fruit of their freedom struggle against British rule.

God created us in His free will and gave us the inner freedom to choose good for evil, happiness for sadness, love for hatred, freedom for slavery, holiness for sin and life for death. In all these God wants us

to live free, love all, practice justice and truth and treat everyone with human dignity and honour.

Though we have completed 72 years as a free nation what we see around us today? Do we see freedom that our founding fathers dreamed of and worked for? Do we treat our fellow human beings as our equals? Do we give each person the due respect and honour that they deserve? Do we respect and treat women as our equals? Do we uphold the child rights and human rights of our children and people respectively? Is our human dignity upheld? Do we treat one another with compassion and love? If so why is that still the social evils such as inequality, injustice, selfishness, corruption, unemployment, poverty and atrocities against women and children still prevail? Real freedom means to think freely, express our opinion freely and act freely and justly and those human values mentioned above give meaning to our human life otherwise it will remain as ideas to hear and not to put into practice.

Let us together work for the freedom of our children

who are deprived of their freedom and childhood. Our effort in this regard is to stand together to fight against the social evils which hinder the freedom of children, such as child labour, child marriage, child abuse and child trafficking. Every Child has to be accepted as a unique human person and should be provided with freedom to grow.

DBCLM, Davangere through the various projects aims at providing freedom to our children who are poor and at risk. From KG to PG we follow them up to achieve their goal to become good citizens and compassionate human beings. We too dream of an India where all children are respected and taken care. May these days coming after our independence day bring real joy and fulfilment to all who work for human freedom and development. I wish you all a happy and free life.

Fr. Cyril Sagayaraj Sdb
Director



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Programmes on various topics
by different Project staff

64

Educational institutions of
Davangere district

7503

Participants including
boys, girls and adults

Welcome



dear Fr. Devikanth Vivek, sdb to the DBCLM family. With your excellent relationship skills and smartness, we are sure that as the director, you will take Don Bosco Sujyothi, Alurhatti to the new heights. Your skills as an efficient teacher and a fine musician will

certainly improve the atmosphere of the centre.

Wish you all the very best and a very fruitful and satisfying ministry and look forward to a long time of working together with you. Let it be the opening of a long innings.

Warm Welcome & Best of Luck

Thank You dear Kenchappa Sir

After a long seven years of full time service to our little ones Mr Kenchappa H (Care Giver, Don Bosco Open Shelter) left us for better pastures.

Thank you dear Kenchappa sir for your dedicated and committed service to the institution for the past seven years. You had imbibed the spirit of Don Bosco and the style of DBCLM. You really knew the preventive system and helped us all to impart good quality education to our little ones.

DBCLM family gives you best wishes and all the happiness in this world. Hope we will meet again. Always keep your head high.



Independence Day

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DBCLM Davangere celebrated the Independence Day of our country with different programmes. Immediately after the mass for the parishioners, all of them together with the RBC children gathered in front of the centre for.... more

DBYS Membership Day

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As directed by the state office, members of Don Bosco Youth Centre Davangere had their membership day on August 15th, 2019 with the Independence Day celebration of DBCLM. The celebration had flag hoisting followed by a short.... more

Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM)

Orientation for Old CRC Members (Phase 1) : 04
Orientation for Old CRC Members (Phase 2) : 18
Training for Children (Phase 1) : 02
Training for Children (Phase 2) : 07
Training for Children (Phase 3) : 04
CRC Follow-up Meeting : 07
CPC Follow up Meeting : 01
Parents' Meeting : 01
Advocacy : 02

- 01 Conducted 46 programmes in 45 Schools.
- 02 Attended by 1705 boys and 1511 girls.
- 03 Covered a wide range of topics like child rights, human rights, child marriage, child labour, child abuse, protection against abuses, protection mechanisms, etc.
- 04 Effective advocacy interventions demanding drinking water facility at school and house visits to bring back 03 irregular students back to school

kudô!

Blooming



Youth performing on the Membership Day 2019

Childline: 24-hour helpline for Children

Reached out to 3554 people including 60 people in the flood relief camp at Harihara through Awareness Programmes, Day and Night Reachout Programmes, Open House, Stall Awareness Programmes and phone calls received in childline helpline no 1098 and other interventions.

The Don Bosco Child-line Collab, Davangere team reached out to 579 boys, 691 girls and 48 adults through 14 Awareness Sessions conducted at different places in the city on childline and its services, child marriage, child abuse, protection against abuses, protection mechanism, online safety, POCSO, etc.

There was a Night Outreach to old and new



bus stations and different market places wherein the team came in contact with 105 people. Day Outreach reached out to a total of 1306 people, including those 60 at the flood relief centre at Harihara, through 25 reachouts.

The Open House of this month had 30 boys, 51 girls and 48 adults. There was also a case of intervention registered at the end of the open house. Through the 02 Stall Awareness Programmes the project reached out to 125 boys, 130 girls and 340 adults in the city.



Just a Call away...

Reached out to 112 children (69 boys and 43 girls) through a total of 103 calls to 1098, including the 10 calls from outreach programmes

Out of the 103 calls received 10 calls were for referrals to other institutions. Rest of the 93 calls were aimed at interventions on Begging Children (8), Child Marriage (7), Counselling Help (3), Education related (22), Emotional Abuse (6), Family Related issues (3), Information Related (1), Kidnap (1), Medical Help (16), Missing Case (5), Physical Abuse (10), School Dropout (16), Sponsorship (1), Trafficking (2) and Verbal Abuse (1).



Rakshabandhan

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The students of Residential Bridge Course and Open Shelter project of DBCLM had a meaningful celebration of Rakshabandhan on August 17, 2019. After a short narration of the celebration they had the chance of tying the rakhi and exchanging sweets.

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Provincial Visitation

DBCLM had the joy of having Rev. Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil, Provincial of Bangalore province for the annual visitation on August 19 and 20, 2019. He visited both centres and addressed the salesians and the lay staff separately. There was also a get together.

Fr. Provincial on a walk through the farm with the Director



Empowering the Community

Five Child Rights Club Formation programmes were conducted by the CS Project in August in different schools of the project area. The training could reach out to 170 boys and 169 girls. There was also 01 training for Grama Panchayath Members and 03 trainings for Asha Workers in which 33 Gram Panchayath members and 59 ashaworkers of the project area participated.

The 15 tuition centres in the 15 villages of Jagalur Taluk too continue to function with an average of 30 to 40 children per day. Effective interventions are being done to bring back the irregular students to the schools.

Making them think...

A new project called Thinking Through Philosophy is on at DBCLM, to improve the thinking capacity of the children.

TTP is a project aimed at making children think. To facilitate the process of thinking, children are divided into groups and a facilitator, after a calming down exercise narrates a story. At the end of the story he asks them some philosophical questions based on the theme of the story and makes them think and answer. Then they are asked to come back to the class after a week with their experience.



3 Lovely!



Be an FDB (Friend of Don Bosco)

You can be a friend of our little Don Boscos (FDB) by pledging a regular contribution by way of cash, kind or service. [click to know more...](#)

Friends, who contributed in August

Mr. Albert Dominic
Ms. Ann Mariya George
Mr. Chethu
Dr. Hridya Philip
Ms. Lizy Jose
Mr. Prabeesh VC
Mr. Sunil M D'Souza

Everyone Counted...

49 child-missing cases, 04 traced children, 11 unaccompanied children in the childcare homes and 01 awareness programme

Investigation is still on and efforts are being made by the MCB and police department to trace the 40 missing children of Davangere. There are another 09 (03 boys and 06 girls) cases of children missing registered in August in addition to the 40 of July. Out of this 09 they could trace 04 (03 boys and 01 girl) by the end of August. Now there are 45 children to be traced in Davangere alone.

By the end of July there were 10 unaccompanied children in the child care homes of Davangere. 01 more girl was added to the

list in August taking the number to 11. No home placement has been made in August.

The coordinator could conduct an awareness programme in the city wherein 30 boys and 15 girls participated. He explained about MCB and its services to the group.



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Sports Day

The Open Shelter project staff in collaboration with the RBC staff organized a sports day for the RBC students to celebrate the World Sports Day on August 31, 2019. Children had a great day participating in various items like running race, sack race, frog jumping, etc.

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YaR Day 2019

DBCLM had a small celebration of the YaR Day on August 31, 2019 immediately after the common prayer before the office hours. Fr. Cyril Sagayaraj sdb, Director, Mr. Manjappa B and Mr. Ramanaik addressed the staff and students and explained the importance of the day.

RBC: Admission Open!!



With the admission of 04 new boys in this month the number of children attending the residential bridge course in DBCLM has reached 25 (16 boys and 09 girls) now. These are deserving children who were begging (02 girls), child labourers (01 boy), or school dropouts (12 boys and 03 girls).

The others are from broken families (2 boys and 2 girls), migrant families (1 boy and 2 girls). They attend regular classes and participate in various extra-curricular activities organized at the centre time to time and on some special days like, world sports day, world tourism day, teachers' day, etc.



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