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DBCLM DAVANGERE Giving them life, life in its fullness... since 1996

# SUDDIPATRA

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## Director's Note

In the human history, social work profession had played a major role in the upliftment of the poor and marginalized of the society. As we know, every person in the human society wants to grow, develop as a decent person. For this process social work helps them to grow as good human persons.

All of us want to increase our social, economical and human status. Along this line, for years social work centers and social services through NGOs involvement had done a great service to the humanity. Here in Davangere district of Karnataka, Don Bosco Child Labour Mission (DBCLM) for the past 23 years doing this human service for the upliftment of the poor and marginalized children and women. We specialized ourselves in the area of child care and development. We, through our various projects spread awareness on child rights, human rights, eradication of child labour preventing child marriages initiating train-

ing to the community stake holders, such as SDMCs (School Development Monitoring Committee), Panchayat raj members, youth groups, school teachers, SHGs and those people who own up the rights of children.

For this section of the society we give weekly and monthly trainings on child rights, how to curtail child labour and promote basic education to children. The core child related issues are identified and through community dialogue, solutions are broughtforth and issues are addressed. For this reason every village panchayath will have a Child Protection Committee (CPC) and DBCLM follows up this process through periodical follow ups. We also prevent school dropouts by our presence by providing supplementary education in 25 villages of Davangere; an average of 50 children in a center and that adds up to a total number of 1250 children making use of this service everyday. Through our Residential Bridge Course (RBC) every year we empower 60 to 70 children



in the basic subjects. All this we do to promote social justice, equality, universal brotherhood and development to people who are deprived of this. We follow our father and founder St. John Bosco, affectionately known as Don Bosco, who started this work for the street children of Italy in the 18th century. He used to tell his children "it is enough that you are young to love you", following his footsteps we Salesians (SDBs) are fully involved in the service of the poor and marginalized of our district.

I am happy to present a brief report of our humble efforts of scocial work in the month of July 2019 in this edition of *Suddipatra*.

> Fr. Cyril Sagayaraj Sdb Director

## Welcome



dear Br. Sovin George Sdb to the DBCLM family as the new Salesian Assistant at DB Sujyothi, Alurhatti. Thank you so much for choosing this option of moving to the peripheries to love and serve these poor and the marginalized. Your agility

and enthusiasm, no doubt, will connect you well with the children. Your loving presence as a brother among brothers will take you a long way ahead in assisting these little ones. Wish you all the vey best and a very fruitful and satisfying ministry and look forward to a long innings of working together with you.

Enjoy it... maja madi ...

#### Thank You Fr. Dominic!!

After two years of dedicated and committed service as the Director of Don Bosco Sujyothi, Alurhatti, Fr. Dominic Kristhuraj moves to Sacred Heart Theological College, Shillong for his Masters.

Thank you dear Fr. Dominic for your dedicated and committed service to the institution and the people around. Your quiet and unassuming presence among us was a great inspiration to all of us and it will remain the same even in your absence.

DBCLM family gives you best wishes and all the happiness in this world. Hope we will meet again. Always keep your head up with a smile on the face. Continue to be a great inspiration to all especially the youth wherever you are.





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#### Joyful Green Day

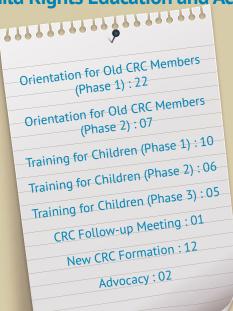
It was organized at DB Sujyothi, Alurhatti as a part of the yearly practice of cultivation. It was aimed at giving the children a chance to get acquainted with the nature and respect and appreciate those put their efforts on earth.

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#### At Media for Change, Oneday Workshop

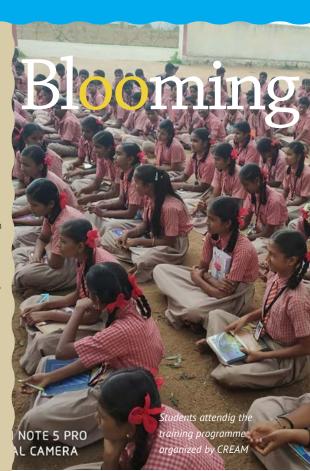
Mr. Manjunath B, Coordinator of CREAM project represented DBCLM at the one day workshop on Media for Change, Adolescents and News Reporting organized by Shimoga University.

## **Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM)**



- O1 Conducted 63 programmes in 58 Schools.
- O2 Attended by 2512 boys and 2508 girls.
- O3 Covered a wide range of topics like child rights, human rights, child marriage, child labour, child abuse, protection against abuses, protection mechanisms, etc.
- O4 An effective advocacy intervension demading road safety measures near the school.

kudôs!



## Childline: 24-hour helpline for Children

Reached out to 1494 people including 15 nomadic families through Awareness Programmes, Night Reachout, Open House, Visit to the Nomadic Group and phone calls received in childline helpline no 1098 and other interventions.

The project could reach out to 174 boys, 392 girls and 152 adults through various **Awareness Sessions** on childline and its services, child marriage, child abuse, protection against abuses, pro-



tection mechanism, online safey, POCSO, etc. There was a **Night Outreach** to railway and bus stations wherein the team came in contact with 135 people. There were no vulnerable children found.

The **Open House** organized in this month was attended by 53 boys, 48 girls and 35 adults. There were also two cases of intervention at the end of the open house. Through a **Visit to a Nomadic Group** nearby the team got in touch with 15 families hailing from Andhra Pradesh. The

team also noticed 06 girls and 06 boys with them. There were 02 **Stall Awareess Programmes** and 379 people were contacted through it.



#### Just a Call away...

95 calls to 1098, 4 cases from outreach and a girl came to the office asking for help.

Out of the 99 calls received 4 calls were for referals to other institutions. Rest of the 95 calls were aimed at interventions on abortion (1), begging child (1), child labour (4), child marriage (3), education related (17), emotional abuse (5), family related issues (14), medical help (9), missing case (7), physical abuse (12), school dropout (20), sexual abuse (1) and sponsorship (1).



#### **Newsletter Release**

It was a dream come true for DBCLM as the first issue of the newsletter was released by the Director in a small gathering of the staff and students. The newsletter is named *Suddipatra* and it is intended to be published every month.

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#### Good bye dear Fr. Dom

Don Boco Sujyothi, Alurhatti had a small gathering around Fr. Dominic Kristhuraj to appreciate and thank him for the last two years of service. Children and the staff conveyed their feelings through some cultural programmes and speeches.





## Protect Our Rights!

CS project organized one training each on child rights and formed Child Protection Committees in the Government Higher Primary School of Jagalur, Maremahalli and Basavamkotte. The training covered various topics related to child abuse, child protection, protection mechanism, etc. apart from child rights.

## **Evening Tuition**

DBCLM runs 25 evening tuition centres in 25 different villages wherein an average of 40 to 50 students from upper primary school onwards attend daily.

All the tuition centres are in full swing as classes are started in all the villages. DBCLM runs 15 tuition centres under the CS project and 10 centres under CREAM. As the CREAM project is already nearing to the completion of its project period, the team is looking for differnt ways and means to make it self-sustainable.





## Be a Friend of Don Bosco (FDB)

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

Friends, who contributed in July

Mr. Albert Dominic Ms. Ann Mariya George Mr. Chethu Dr. Hridya Philip Ms. Lizy Jose

## Life Matters...

41 child-missing cases, 10 traced children, 22 unaccompanied children, 04 home placement and 03 awareness programmes

With the help of the police and the data bank of the web-based programme Missing Child Bureau, out of the 40 missing complaints of last month 05 girls were traced. There were 10 (01 boy and 09 girls) missing child complaints registered newly in July and 01 boy and 04 girls were traced. Still there are 40 (12 boys and 28 girls) to

Out of the 09 children in child care homes last month, 02 boys were homeplaced. In July, 04 boys and 01 girl were admitted to

different child care homes and later on 02 boys were united with their family.

There were also 03 awareness programmes conducted on MCB and its services in which 608 children (315 boys and 293 girls) participated.





#### Road Blockade in Avaragolla!

CRC members of GMHPS, Avaragolla together with SDMC Members and general public organized a road blockade demanding humps on the road after an accident

#### At Asian Anti-trafficking Forum, Hyderabad

Mr Ramanaik Y, Social Activist and CWC Chairperson, Davangere represented DBCLM at Asian Ani-trafficking Forum 2019, Hyderabad organized by My Choices Foundation to strengthen partnerships to fight trafficking.

#### RBC Turns Techno!!



Inspired by the suggestion of the director, Open Shelter staff organizes once in two days a class of mathematics using the mobile application Building Block on a smart TV. It has helped the teachers to identify the slow learners in return. All 25 children in the project attend this class.

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Out of the 07 boys and 05 girls identified by the open shelter staff for RBC, 02 boys and 02 girls were motivated to pursue their educaion staying at home. In the meanwhile 01 boy has joined DB Alurhatti for his stay and schooling.



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