

## Children's Day Celebration



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# SCHOOL ADMISSION

**F**ollowing a meticulous process of obtaining necessary documents and updating the Aadhar card, Selbester has successfully enrolled three children, Priyanka Kumari, Krishna, and Ruju, in school. The students, in grades one, four, and eight respectively, will be attending the Panchayat Union Middle School in Mambakkam. The school, under the leadership of Mrs.

Kasthuri, will play a pivotal role in shaping their future. This enrollment signifies a new chapter in the educational journey of these three students, and a commendable effort by Selbester to ensure their academic progress. The school they are enrolled in is the Panchayat Union Middle School, located in Mambakkam. The school's headmistress is Mrs. Kasthuri.



# CHILDRENS DAY COMBINE

**14 NOVEMBER, 2023:  
ARANERI**

**O**n the 14th of November, Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Panchayat Union Primary School in Araneri, Sriperumbudur. The event was meticulously organized and warmly welcomed by Mrs. Kalaiselvi, the esteemed Head Mistress. The proceedings were guided by Fr. Roshan OMI, and the day featured a poetry recitation and a series of recreational games.

Competitions were adjudicated by Mrs. Kalaiselvi, Mr. Arumugam, and Mr. Abdulla Mushaf. Mr. Mushaf delivered an enlightening talk, emphasizing the significance of children



as the future torchbearers of the nation. A team of Masters of Social Work students facilitated engaging party games, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere.

Thirty enthusiastic students

actively participated, adding brightness to the day's proceedings. The event concluded on a high note with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all contributors. Snacks were distributed, enhancing the celebratory spirit.



**19 NOVEMBER, 2023:**

## METTUPALAYAM

On the 19th of November, 2023, a jubilant celebration of Children's Day took place in Mettupalayam, Tiruvallur. Children from various study centers, including Mettupalayam, Anna Nagar, Ponniamman Medu, and Pananthoppu, actively participated. The Assistant Director, Fr. Lourd, graced the occasion as the chief guest, accompanied by two brothers, and Mr. Macklin provided notable support.

The children engaged in various competitive activities such as handwriting, essay writing, speeches, and Thirukural recitation, fostering healthy competition and intellectual stimulation. All 100 participating children received participation certificates and common prizes, with special prizes and certificates awarded to the winners.

Teachers and dance participants were also recognized for their contributions, receiving tokens of appreciation. An engaging icebreaking session facilitated by the brothers built camaraderie



and lightened the atmosphere.

The event culminated successfully, resonating with the laughter and cheer of the

children. A heartfelt thank you was extended to all contributors, acknowledging their crucial role in making the day memorable for the children.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**S**imilar celebrations also took place in Mambakkam and Manali, further extending the joy and festivities of Children's Day across different regions, highlighting the collective effort to create memorable experiences for the younger generation.



## FAMILY COUNSELLING

**20 MAY, 2023:**

**S**r. Madhu and Mr. Deepak visited a family residing in Burmanagar to discuss their familial issues. Upon arrival, we met with the family members and initiated a conversation about their ongoing problems.

The family is headed by Sriram and his wife, Kusum. Sriram, a self-made man, purchased land in Burmanagar over 20 years ago and has since made it their home. The couple has three sons: Rajaram, Venkataram, and Balaram. Rajaram is employed in a pipe company, earning Rs.40,000

per month, while Venkataram and Balaram earn Rs.30,000 per month each, the former through his auto business and the latter at a two-wheeler sales company.

Currently, Sriram is grappling with heart disease and diabetes, and Kusum is also in poor health. Sriram's condition prevents him from working, and despite their sons' financial capabilities, they have shown a lack of support towards their parents. Sriram's efforts to seek financial assistance from his sons for household maintenance and personal expenses have been repeatedly denied.

Driven to desperation, Sriram has taken legal action against his sons under the Senior Citizens and Maintenance Act. The aim is to secure financial support from them and, if necessary, evict them from his property.

After hearing their story, we offered counselling to the family and especially to the sons, emphasizing the importance of providing support to their parents. Following our discussion, the sons have agreed to help their parents, including renting out a room to generate additional income for household and personal expenses.

## DBMS STUDY CENTRE: EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS IN MAMBAKKAM, SRIPERAMBUDUR

அனைவரும் வணக்கம் இன்று 10-11-2023 மாலை 05.00 மணிக்கு செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்டம், பெரும்பாக்கம் தமிழ்நாடு நகர்ப்புற வாழ்விட மேம்பாட்டு வாரிய குடியிருப்பு பகுதியில் கூலி தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு ஏற்படும் பிரச்சனைகளுக்கு குறித்து அமைப்பு சாரா தொழிலாளர்கள் கூட்டமைப்பு, பெண்ணுரிமை இயக்கம், தொன் போஸ்கோ இடம் பெயர்ந்தோர் தொழிலாளிகள் நல நிறுவனம் மற்றும் பகுதி தொழில் வாரியான சங்கங்கள் இணைந்து ஆலோசனை கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது தீர்மானமாக 1.பெண்கள் ஆணையத்துடன் இணைந்து பொது விசாரணை நடத்துவது 2.நீதி மன்றத்தில் வழக்கு தொடுப்பது.



# FIELD EXPOSURE PROGRAM REPORT

## (Migrant Workers in Ahmedabad and Rajasthan)

**W**e embarked on a Field Exposure Program to Ahmedabad and Udaipur, with a primary focus on understanding the living and working conditions of migrant workers coming from other states. The visit was a golden opportunity to interact directly with the subjects of our study, offering us invaluable first hand insights into their challenges, strengths, and aspirations. The highlight of the trip was our visit to the Labour Union in Udaipur, organized by the Aajeevika Bureau.



### VISIT TO AAJEEVIKA BUREAU LABOR UNION IN UDAIPUR

The Aajeevika Bureau is a not-for-profit organization that provides comprehensive services and resources to migrant workers, and it has been instrumental in forming the Labour Union in Udaipur. The union serves as a platform for migrant workers to voice their concerns, seek legal advice, and fight for their rights.

During our visit, we had the chance to interact with the bureau officials, who shared their experiences in the field. The passion they exhibited towards their work was inspiring, and their dedication to the cause of migrant workers was unquestionable.



### OBSERVATIONS AT THE AAJEEVIKA BUREAU OFFICE

The Aajeevika Bureau office is a hub of activity, with officials tirelessly working to improve the lives of migrant workers. We were given a tour of the office and an overview of the vari-

ous programs and services they offer.

The bureau focuses on providing legal and economic protection to migrant workers, but its work extends beyond that. They also run initiatives aimed at improving health and education among migrants and their families.



## INTERACTIONS WITH MIGRANT WORKERS:

We had the opportunity to speak directly with several migrant workers. Their stories were a mix of hardship, resilience, and hope. They expressed gratitude for organizations like the Aajeevika Bureau and the Labour Union, which provide much-needed support and avenues for assistance.



## CONCLUSIONS

The exposure visit provided us with a comprehensive understanding of the conditions under which migrant workers live and work. It is clear that organizations like the Aajeevika Bureau play a vital role in advocating for the rights of this vulnerable population.

on our observations, we recommend expanding such support systems, and increasing awareness among migrant workers about their rights and the resources available to them. We also suggest that more research and resources should be dedicated to addressing the root causes of migration, such as rural poverty and lack of local

employment opportunities.

The Field Exposure Program was an eye-opening experience that underscored the need for continued focus and action on the issues faced by migrant workers. This experience has invigorated our commitment to contributing to this cause in whatever way we can.



## LABOUR WELFARE PROGRAM @ OMR CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED

8 NOVEMBER, 2023: OMR CHENNAI

**D**on Bosco Migrant Service hosted a labour welfare initiative at the OMR Chennai Metro Rail Limited location. The program included education on first aid,

instruction on registering in the ISM portal, TNCWB CARD registration, and raising awareness about tobacco. Approximately 120 labourers attended this event.

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### RESOURCE PERSONS

- Fr. Lourdu  
Asst. Direct DBMS
- Sr. Punitha
- Mr. Gopal
- bengal
- Mr. Macklin
- Ms. Rajalakshmi

### L&T CONSTRUCTION SITES STAFFS

1. Mr. Kalaiarasan  
(Safety Officer)  
L&T
2. Mr. Karalmarks  
(HR) L&T



40  
labourers  
attended this  
event



## LABOUR WELFARE PROGRAM @ SM NAGAR CONSTRUCTION SITE

**16 NOVEMBER, 2023: SM NAGAR**

**O**n this day, November 16, 2023, we, the team at Don Bosco Migrant Service, successfully organized a labor welfare program at the SM Nagar Construction

site for the TNUHBD project. The objective of the event was to deliver essential knowledge on first aid and to guide the attendees through the registration process on the ISM portal.

We were gratified to see a turnout of approximately 40 dedicated laborers. These individuals served as the key resources and driving force behind the success of today's event.

### RESOURCE PERSONS

- Mr.Elango-First-Aid
- Sr.Punitha -Tobacco
- Mr.Deepak- ISM Registration
- Mr. Macklin - Organizing Program
- Ms.Rajalakshmi - De-addiction

## LABOUR WELFARE PROGRAM @ MALAYAMBAKKAM, KATRAMBAKKAM

**26 NOVEMBER, 2023:  
MALAYAMBAKKAM, KATRAMBAKKAM**

**O**n November 26, 2023, we orchestrated a comprehensive labor welfare initiative in Malayambakkam, Katrambakkam. The event commenced with an uplifting song performed by Brother Ashishi, setting a vibrant tone for the day. Following this, Miss Sakshi delivered an impactful speech on Women's Empowerment, igniting inspiration among attendees.

Mr. Prabhat passionately addressed the gathering

on labor welfare issues, while Miss Radha shed light on the critical facets of health and hygiene. Brother Ashish delved into a thought-provoking discussion on the challenges of addiction. Additionally, Father Roshan introduced the invaluable Don Bosco Migrants services, highlighting their significance in aiding migrants.

Brothers Syril and David orchestrated engaging party games, fostering an at-

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mosphere of camaraderie and joy. As the Master of Ceremonies, I guided the proceedings smoothly. With approximately 45 migrants present, the event culminated in the distribution of refreshments, fostering a sense of community and support.

