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Build a child friendly city where all children will enjoy their BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS এখন শিশু উপযোগী চহৰ নিৰ্মাণ, য'ত সকলো শিশুৰ মৌলিক অধিকাৰ সমূহ প্ৰতিপালিত হয়।

## CHILD FRIENDLY GUWAHATI (CFG)

# LET THE CHILDREN TEACH YOU

# শিশু সকলৰ পৰা শিকো আহক A Bi-Monthly Newsletter of CFG



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On 8th November, 2023 Child Friendly Guwahati (CFG) launched "Child Rights Month" celebrations. As part of this, Review of 10 years of CFG Campaign and Interface with CFG Children Parliament members were organized. Members from various clubs of Lions and Rotaries had participated.



On 10th November, a focused group discussion was organized to Strengthen the Collaborative Efforts of Schools & Colleges to make Guwahati a child friendly city. Various ways of collaboration for improving quality of learning of CFG children were discussed.



CFG & District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) Kamrup (M) organized Training cum Discussion on Child Care and Protection in CCI Homes in Kamrup (M) on 17th November. Superintendents and Case Workers of 24 CCIs attended the training program. The highlight of the program was the Question hour with the representatives from SCPS (State Child Protection Society), DCPU (District Child Protection Unit, Kamrup Metro), CWC (Child Welfare Committee, Kamrup Metro), SAA (State Adoption Agency).



As part of Child Rights celebrations, CFG organized "Focused Group Discussiuon on the Child Protection Mechanism Across Guwahati City" on 21st November. Members of 11 Child Protection Committees (CPCs), formed by CFG so far, attended the program to understand their duties and responsibilities.



CFG Children's Day celebration at Handiaue Girls' College

CFG children celebrate Child Rights Week and Children's Day চিএফজি শিশুৰে শিশু অধিকাৰ সম্ভাহ আৰু শিশু দিৰস উদযাণৰ কৰে



CFG Children's Day celebration at Bhaskar Nagar CFG community



CFG Children's Day celebration at Bethany School, Gorchuk



CFG Children's Day celebration at Arya Vidyapeeth College



CFG Children's Day celebration at Karmashree Hiteswar Saikia Sr. Secondary School

1100 CFG children from 36 CFG centers celebrated Child Rights week and Children's Day by taking out rallies with slogans on their rights raised high. They performed street plays, held puppet shows which culminated in cultural program.



### Dear friends of children,

The present newsletter (Nov-Dec, 2023) of CFG, which is also called as, "Let the Children Teach you", carries a few images of children and other stakeholders, who had participated in the Child Rights Month celebrations in November 2023. Children from 36 CFG motivational centres had a whole lot of learning activities, competitions, and opportunities to showcase their unique talents and skills. The other stakeholders like the members of Child Protection Committees (CPCs), the superintendents and their staff of 24 Children Homes in Kamrup metro, representatives from the academic institutions who collaborate with CFG campaign, members of varied clubs like Rotary, Lions, Round Tables, have participated in the programs organized during the month. All these efforts contribute in small or big way towards making Guwahati, a Child Friendly City.

In the month of December, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas because of the joy, sanctity and beauty it can bring about in our lives. In Christmas we contemplate how God became a Child for us. The great philosopher and writer, C.S. Lewis writes, "once in our world, a Stable had something in it that was bigger than the whole world" (from his book, 'The Last Battle'). Stable is a place where we lodge horses or other livestock. C.S. Lewis further writes in another book of his (Mere Christianity), "the Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God". If we truly analyze, the whole effort of the CFG campaign is a sort of participation in the above envisaged bigger plan of God, viz. to contribute and help in rebuilding the lives of our sons and daughters, who are poor and  $marginalized. \ We wish \ God's \ choicest \ blessings \ upon \ all \ of \ us \ during \ this \ Christmas.$ 

Yours sincerely, Fr. Prasad Kalaparthy, SDB

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