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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

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International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated meaningfully with 350 girls from 36 CFG centers who had gathered in Bethany School, Gorchuk. The dances and thought-provoking skit performances were well performed. Girls were encouraged to be mentally tough, heartfully kind, fun-loving, goal oriented, determined and courageous.



On 6th September 2023, street plays were organized in Gorchuk, Ganeshpara and Kotabari areas by CFG children observing the "International Day of Non-Violence". The CFG children are "Children in Need of Care and Protection". Most of them have experienced hardship, realities of abuse, neglect, abandonment and violence. The events were carried out in collaboration with DLSA (District Legal Services Authority).



On 9th September, 2023 the CFG teachers were felicitated and thanked for the dedicated service to their children. Rev. Fr. V.M. Thomas SDB, the founder Chairperson of CFG campaign had encouraged them with his message.



The CFG campaign continues to form ward level Child Protection Committees (CPCs) in all 36 wards of GMC, where it operates and reaches out to children in need of care and protection. On 27th September, 2023, and 17th October, 2023 CPCs were formed in Narengi and Panjabari Communities respectively. The CPCs raise awareness and address children's issues at community level.



Celebrating Gandhi Jayanti in all 36 CFG centers was one of the delightful events in the month of October. Besides the dramas, songs and celebration, the children were taught the values lived and propagated by the Mahatma. Cleanliness drives and plantation activities were taken up as part of the day.



CFG centers in Don Bosco school, Panbazar and Bethany School in Gorchuk were re-started in October 2023. The children experience good environment and space to have better academic performances and learn skills. In November, the CFG centres in St. Stephen's School (Christianbasti), and in South Point School (Barsapara) will be commenced.

Message From the Provincial

Dear friends of children,

"Embracing the wisdom of children is a timeless lesson that reminds us of the profound insights that can be found in their innocence and curiosity". As Kahlil Gibran once wisely said, 'You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.'

Children possess a unique perspective on life that often eludes adults. Their unabashed curiosity, unfiltered honesty, and boundless imagination are powerful sources of insight. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "Adults are obsolete children". This quote serves as a whimsical reminder of how we, as grown-ups, can learn from the unburdened minds of our young ones.

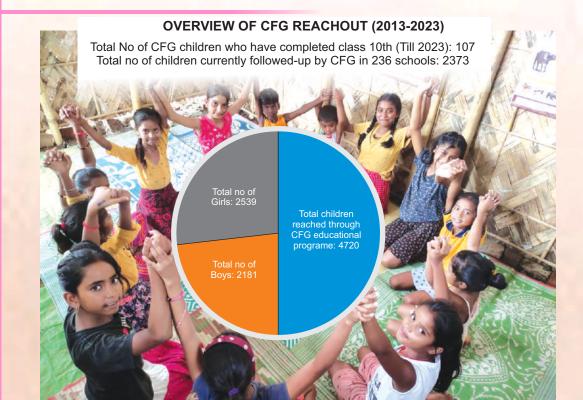
Consider, for instance, the way children approach problem-solving. They are not constrained by preconceived notions or societal norms, allowing them to see solutions that adults might overlook. A famous example of this comes from the brilliant young inventor, Louis Braille, who, at the age of 15, created the Braille system, revolutionizing how the visually impaired could read and write.

Moreover, children can teach us about resilience and adaptability. They often bounce back from setbacks with astonishing ease. As Nelson Mandela once observed, 'Children are our greatest treasure. They are our future.' When we observe children's remarkable ability to adapt and persist, even in the face of challenges, it serves as a reminder of the strength within us all.

In a world that sometimes feels burdened by complexities and uncertainties, we can find solace and wisdom in the simplicity of a child's perspective. To quote Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, 'All grown-ups were once children... but only a few of them remember it.' So, let us remember, embrace, and learn from the children who surround us, for they can be our greatest teachers in the journey of life."

We continue to pledge to love and accompany the young.

Yours sincerely, Fr Januarius S Sangma SDB Provincial





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