

## VISION

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।

## LET THE CHILDREN TEACH YOU

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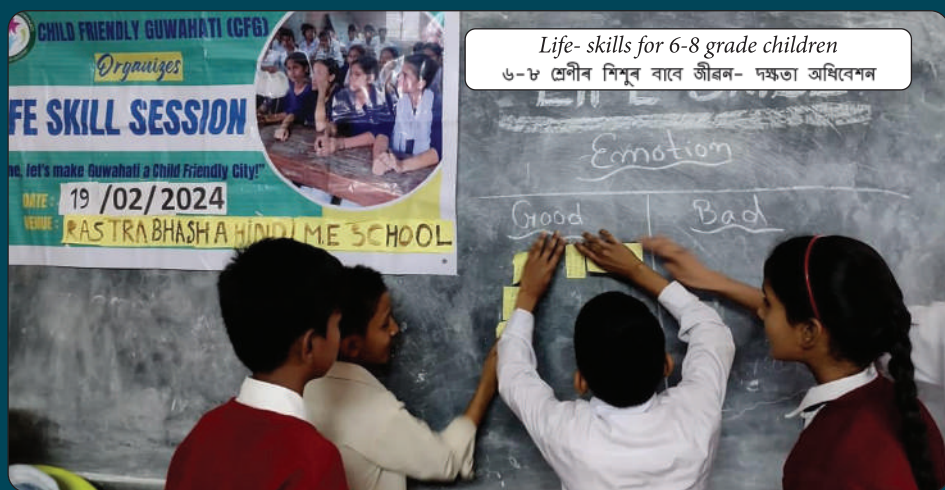


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Preparing the HSLC students for the Board Examinations  
এইচএছএলচিৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীক ব'ৰ্ড পৰীক্ষাৰ বাবে প্ৰস্তুত কৰা

On 18 January 2024, 84 CFG students writing their HSLC (High School Leaving Certificate) Examination were guided by Fr. Owen, the Director of LCHR (Jagriti) with a few important tips to write the exams well. It was followed by an interactive session with the students. Learning kits were distributed to the students in collaboration with Lions Club Guwahati, ANMOL.



Life- skills for 6-8 grade children  
৬-৮ শ্ৰেণীৰ শিশুৰ বাবে জীৱন- দক্ষতা অধিবেশন

120 life- skills sessions have been conducted in 21 Government schools for the adolescent children of 6-8 grades in all 36 CFG locations. The sessions were designed to help the children develop skills including problem solving, effective communication skills, decision-making, creative thinking, interpersonal relationship skills, self-awareness building skills, empathy and coping with stress skills through various well-designed activities.



Observance of National Girl Child Day  
ৰাষ্ট্ৰীয় কন্যা শিশু দিৱস পালন

Children in all the 36 CFG centers had celebrated National Girl Child Day on January 24th. Wish card making and other competitions were held. Parents were sensitized on issues related to their daughters like child labour, child marriage and child trafficking. The day promotes equal opportunities for all. It voices out injustices faced by girls in the society.

## Message

It's interesting to note Benjamin Franklin's profile on wikipedia, which reads – "A renowned polymath, Franklin was a leading author, printer, political theorist, politician, postmaster, scientist, inventor, civic activist, statesman, and diplomat." He had combined hard work with smart application, besides thousands of hours of work to make the inherent ability count. World Health Organization defines Life Skills as, "the abilities for positive and adaptive behavior that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life".

We all need life skills. One of the stories in the current newsletter is imparting 'Life Skills' for the high school students both in the local government schools and in CFG centres. During 2023-2024, over 2100 students in 40 local government high schools were reached out to through Life Skills program by the CFG staff. CFG actively promotes Life Skills among its children to empower them to face up to the daily challenges of life, instead of being bogged down by harsh realities of their socio-economic conditions. They need to be imbued with problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication skills, decision-making, creative thinking, interpersonal relationship skills, self-awareness building skills, empathy, and coping with stress and emotions.

It's true that life skills are quite significant in this fast changing world to push the boundaries of excellence. However, among the CFG children, the concrete effects of the life skill sessions are already visible: gaining their self-confidence and living up to the challenges of daily life. To cite an example, in February 2024, there were 84 students who had appeared for their HSLC examination. It's a major success indicator for those children who were out-of-school, to pursue their dreams and push their way up. CFG is resolved to take forward life skills education among its children. It's an important factor to make Guwahati, a Child Friendly City!

Fr. Prasad Kalaparthy, SDB

On 26th January 2024, the CFG children and staff have patriotically celebrated the 75th Republic Day of India by unfurling the Tri-colour and singing the National Anthem. The children were made aware of the Constitution and its Preamble- Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic.



Marking the 75th Republic Day Celebration  
৭৫ সংখ্যক গণৰাজ্য দিৱস উদযাপন



Initiation of CFG Staff into Scouts and Guides  
চিএফজি কৰ্মচাৰীলৈ স্কাউট আৰু গাইডৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণ

The staff of CFG were trained and initiated into Bharat Scouts and Guides program on 29th January. Mr. Lazar, the former teacher of Don Bosco School Panbazar had imparted training to the staff. He engaged them with varied skills, drills, and activities.



Joy of Christmas Festivity for CFG Children December 2023  
চি এফ জি শিশুৰ বাবে খ্ৰীষ্টমাছ উসৰৰ আনন্দ ডিচেম্বৰ, ২০২৩

Around 1400 CFG children had participated in the Christmas festivity organized on 17th December, 2023 at Don Bosco School Panbazar. The 2-hour long program was filled with enactment of Nativity scene, singing Christmas carols, performances showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Northeast India. Most Rev. Fr. John Moolachira, D.D. (Archbishop of Guwahati), Rev. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, SDB (Provincial), Sr. Alphonsa, FMA (Provincial), Br. Varghese (S G Provincial), Fr. Sabu Francis (MSFS Provincial), Br. Aloysius (CMSF Provincial), Dr. Alice K. VIZO (Director of Postal Services), Dr. Preeti Lekha Deka (Additional Member Secretary, Govt. of Assam) and Mr. Vincent M. D. - the Chief General Manager of Guwahati Circle- State Bank of India were the eminent guests who had attended the program.



Knowledge-Sharing trip to DBCIC  
ডিবিসিআইচিএল জ্ঞান-বিনিময় ভ্ৰমণ

As part of exposure and learning, a 'Knowledge and Thought Sharing' educational tour was organized for CFG staff on 10th February to the Don Bosco Center for Indigenous Cultures (DBCIC), Shillong. The museum is a mirror of the entire Northeast- showcasing evolution of tribes, various cultural artefacts and faiths.. The trip was a learning experience for the staff for a better understanding of their rich cultural and socio-ethnic heritage.

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