

VISION

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

LET THE CHILDREN TEACH YOU

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CHILDATHON to Save Childhood for a Golden Assam
চাইল্ডাথন

CHILDATHON was organized on August 23 in collaboration with District Child Protection Unit, State Child Protection Society and the District Administration of Kamrup (M) as part of the District Level 90 Day Campaign “Suroxito Xaixab Xonali Axom” (Save Childhood for a Golden Assam) on Child Protection. The children and the government authorities had walked in rally, raising slogans and displaying placards to protect childhood, and ensure all rights to all children.



Children Parliament Meeting
শিশু সংসদৰ সদস্যসকলৰ মাহেকীয়া আলোচনা

What actually happens in a CFG centre? Well, the teachers engage in tuition classes for children in the after-school hours. They help children to conduct ‘Children Parliaments’. Co-curricular activities coupled with life-skills are imparted. Counseling is made available for all the children. Children of Bamunimaidam CFG centre are seen in the above photo.



Interface with the District Task Force Stakeholders
“শিশু উদ্ধাৰ আৰু প্ৰত্যাপন ক্ষেত্ৰত দেখা দিয়া প্ৰত্যাহ্বান”
শীৰ্ষক আলোচনাচক্র

A discussion on “Challenges in the Rescue & Repatriation of Children” was organized by the CFG team with varied stakeholders involved in protection of child rights across the city of Guwahati. Rev. Fr. Januarius S. Sangma, the Chairperson of CFG, Mr. Bikram Chetri, ADC Social Welfare of Kamrup (M), Ms. Kishori Baruah, the DCPO of Kamrup (M), the representatives from Labour department, Childline, NCLP, and a couple of NGOs based in Guwahati had participated.



India's Independence Day Celebrations
স্বাধীনতা দিৱস উদযাপন

The CFG campaign infuses patriotism and India's socio-cultural values among its children in the centres. In the file photo of the Kalapani CFG centre, children participate in the flag hoisting ceremony on 15th August, 2023. They had performed patriotic dances, chanted songs and enacted skits, besides conducting cleanliness drives in their respective communities.



Animation Programs on International Youth Day
আন্তর্জাতিক যুৱ দিৱস

International Youth Day was observed on August 12th 2023, by the members of Children Parliaments in all the CFG centres. Visits to the Planetarium, Awareness programs and Meetings were organized to make the youth aware of their role in nation building, and avoid risky behaviours such as drug abuse.



Career Guidance and Counseling for 9th and 10th grades in Government Schools
চৰকাৰী বিদ্যালয়ত চি এফ জি ৰ দ্বাৰা অনুষ্ঠিত কেৰিয়াৰ গাইডেন্স তথা কাউন্সেলিং সেৱা অনুষ্ঠান

Besides engaging its own children in the CFG centres, the CFG program also reaches out to the local community schools where Career Guidance Counseling sessions are organized for the 9th and 10th class students. Building Self-esteem, assisting for Goal Setting, promoting Life-Skills and Soft Skills, orienting for Positive mindset and sharing of Career Charts are part of the sessions.

From the Editor's Desk

Dear friends of children,

CHILDATHON was one of the major events that feature in this edition of the newsletter. Organized on 23rd August 2023, the program was a culminating event of the 90-day campaign in the district on ‘Child Protection’ to vouch for “Saving Childhood for a Golden Assam”. Children were the primary stakeholders who led the rally in the streets of Panbazar, Dighalipukhuri, and Reserve Bank. Other collaborators in the event were: representatives from the State Child Protection Society, District Child Protection Unit, District Administration of Kamrup metro, Civil Society Organizations, CFG team and Media/Journalists association.

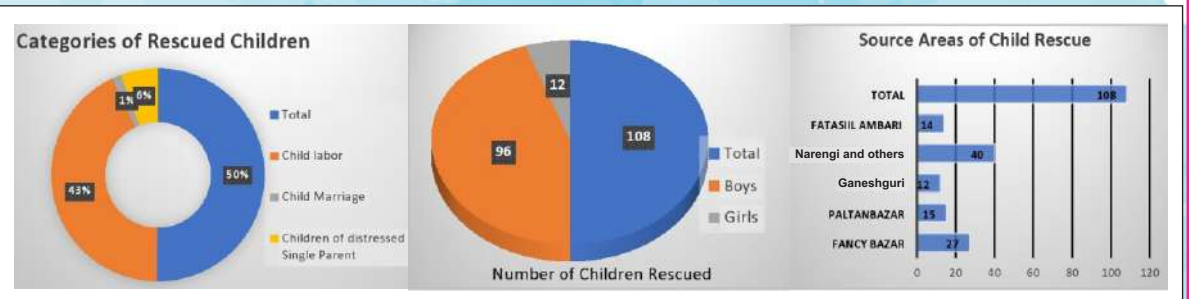
Prior to the rally, the officials from the above-mentioned groups have called for promoting Child Rights culture and forming a child safety net in the society. It was edifying to see that all the adults who participated in the CHILDATHON took a pledge to protect children from all forms of abuse and ensure their right to education. In the past one year (Sep 2022-Aug 2023), the CFG team had rescued 108 child labourers and others who were in special situations. And 245 children who were out-of-school have been placed into the formal schools in the year 2023 (till now). These figures are from the city of Guwahati alone. Violations of children's rights continue to happen!

It's not that the children are at the receiving end. We adults do not dish out human rights to children, which actually are their due! Kahlil Gibran in ‘On Children’ puts it well, “Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, and though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday...” As responsible adults, it's our moral duty to create a better environment for children and help them to experience ‘life in all its fullness’ (Jn. 10:10).

Fr. Prasad Kalaparthi SDB

Statistical Overview of Rescue Operations by CFG Team

Data representation of intervention made by CFG with regard to rescue and rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection (September 2022- August 2023)



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