



# NAVA VANI

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## *Editorial*

### **THE FAMILY AND YOUNG**

The family is the first educator, not only in a temporal sense, but also as a model of “how to educate”. In the Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of Love” Pope Francis presents in a clear and forceful way, the responsibility of parents to educate their children in a way that is aware, enthusiastic, and reasonable and appropriate (Cf. no.259). The indications offered are practical and doable by family that assumes deeply its duty. It is the place for support, accompaniment, and guidance for the children. The time parents spend with them, speaking with simplicity and affection of important things, can create useful reference points and help them to orient themselves in life, defending themselves even from external invasions. Education regards generating processes for the maturation of their freedom so that they can act with wisdom and foresight even in difficult situations, furnishing them with the means to make their decisions with good sense. There are good attitudes to inculcate even from a tender age so that they are appreciated and practiced. A patient realism leads us to ask proportionate sacrifices of children and gradually propose values that are accompanied by the good example of the adults. Freedom must be channeled and liberated, though always subject to a series of conditionings that, in some cases, makes its exercise difficult if not impossible (Cf.no.273).

Over the past decade, research has highlighted the importance of close and caring relationships between young people and their parents. Strong relationships were shown to be protective against a range of behaviours that affect health and wellbeing of children, including substance use, violence and early initiation of sexual behaviours. Since then, the importance of family connectedness in children has been a central component of research, program and service delivery in adolescent health. Adolescence is seen as a time when the relationship between parents and their children is under significant pressure. There are untold changes that young people and their families experience during the adolescent period, and ways that practioners can help facilitate or strengthen bonds between the two.

Due to the irresponsible parenthood often children come to the streets. The causes may be drunken parents, ill treatment meted out to them, physical, mental and sexual harassment by the family members, and inability to cope up with syllabus in the school, pressure from the parents and teachers.

At this juncture it is our bounden duty to take care of these children as in a family and bring them to the fore fronts at all levels. Here we thank all the institutions who take care of all these less fortunate children of our society.

**Sr. Anna Thayil**, Editor – Nava Vani

# AUXILIUM NAVAJEEVANA - CHAMRAJPET

**28 FEBRUARY**

## **A Day with our Friends AXA Bangalore with AXA USA**



AXA US and AXA BS Bangalore had a very grand day with our children. It is Insurance Company and business organization tied with the USA. Girls from all our centres gathered at ANC Rainbow Home. The programme of the day was meticulously planned and arranged in advance. The Children presented a short programme which everyone enjoyed. They even had drawing competition, games, and career guidance for bigger girls. Those who were successful in competitions were given trophies, shields and badges. The US people were extremely happy as others too were happy to meet all our children. In the house, the children had their camp, they learnt many useful things such making paper baskets, pen holders, different kinds of articles which are useful to them.

**24 APRIL**

## **Reshma, Prakash and kids came to visit the children**



Reshma one of our girls of Navajeevana came with her husband and children to see us here. We were so happy to see her and her kids. They were married for five years and now have two girl children. The kids were so interesting, running

everywhere and with girls at home found them so amusing.

Even girls who married and settled also came home to see our children and share their experiences. They too are well settled down in life and are very grateful to the sisters and to Navajeevana.



**10 JUNE - Visit of**

## **Mrs. Divya Narayana our DCPO**



In the afternoon our District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) Mrs. Divya Narayana and Police Officer Mrs. Nagamani came over here to give awareness program to the children. They spoke about the 'Rights of Children' in short in an understanding, appealing way. They gave much importance to the protection of Girl Children from the clutches of men who spread the net to catch them unaware. The possible ways of harassing the girl children sexually also made known to them through many examples. They elicited from the children the

dangers they face in their daily living. The team went also to the Rainbow Home and did the same awareness programme for the children. They were served tea and snacks. They were very happy to have come over to our centre and this programme.

**09 JULY - Day with God**

Sr. Benedicta the sister of Mrs. Mercy our crafts' teacher conducted a 'Day with God'. It was a new experience for our children. With whole heart and mind they participated in the talk and prayer moments. We believe that it helped them to build good character and form their conscious.





## 31 AUGUST – Sr. Pirea Cavaglia our Secretary General visits

It was joyous dawn as all of us together welcomed Sr. Cavaglia Pirea along with Sr. Crescentia our Provincial to our house. Sr. Pirea is the secretary general of our Institute. We welcomed them in a traditional Indian way having Arathi with kumbam. The children of both Centre and Rainbow joined together to welcome them with songs and dances. Sr. Pirea was taken up so much and sister was so grateful to us for carrying the works similar to that of Don Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello.



## 02 SEPTEMBER – Pearl Garlands & Greeting cards making

Our Girls who do not go to school were taught how to make garlands. Though illiterate they were interested to make garlands and greeting cards. This is a platform to exhibit their talents.



## 09 – 11 SEPTEMBER Special visit

Our special visitor Sr. Lucy Rose Ozhukayil was welcomed to our home in traditional way. Sisters were very happy to see our youngsters bubbling with life. Sr. Lucy Rose visited all our three centres too. Everywhere she was welcomed with much pomp and festivity. She met all the young people and children in all our centres. Sr. Lucy Rose was very much appreciative of our

work done for these girls and the care and love bestowed on these girls. The girls too in turn felt the warmth of her heart.

# AUXILIUM NAVAJEEVANA – JAGAJEEVAN RAM NAGAR

## Success story of Elizabeth:



For the past 5 years I was at Auxilium Navajeevana Rayapuram. I came to Navajeevana with a broken heart. We did not have a proper place to stay. My father was an irresponsible person. Though my mother was a handicapped lady still she is selling curry leaves at KR market. I had two elder sisters and brothers. After landing at Navajeevana, Navajeevana became my own home here I learnt ABCD lessons of life. The sisters were like a mother taking care of me and seeing to all my needs. For the 1st time I Learnt to appreciate my own self and I found out my own assets and the sisters helped me to grow in all the levels and 2014 I finished my VII grade.

Last year I was forced to take care of my little sister who needed my support. This year I handover my sister to the elder sister who is married and once again I visited my home Navajeevana and here I got the inspiration to continue my studies. Same day Sr. Maria accompanied me to St. Therese's higher secondary school where at once I got the admission inspite of me going very late.

The intervention of Sr. Maria in time helped me to get fee concessions here and now I am attending VIII th grade. I am very happy to say I have acquired leadership qualities here at Navajeevana and sisters used to trust me a lot. Their trust in me made to grow bigger having a great dream in life. I thank Navajeevana for giving me new life and a home.



## Oath Taking Ceremony of the Parliament leaders:

drops of water create the ocean. August end we had the parent's day. The resource person Leema Montero made the parents understand their responsibilities towards their children. Since Navajeevana is a home for our children she urged



them to look at every child as their own child and therefore they should acquire the habit of sharing even the little they have with all the rest of the children. After the delicious tea most of the parents took their children for outings and within half an hour all of them returned back with some packets of food items to be served for all. In their nothingness they showed their concern for other children. Other day we were surprised to see grandparents who bought their ration rice to be shared with all the children. Sharing even the little they

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## Eco Friendly Children:

Following the exhortations of CDEW our little children created their own little garden. Sr. Maria gave them the animation and these little ones were very happy to have this eco friendly atmosphere. Each one takes care of their garden and they are excited when they see a flower blooming in it. They help each other to keep it clean and neat. Congrats to Sr. Maria for your availability and making the children more creative in thinking and being in action.



## Dental Camp

Dental camp was conducted for all the inmates of Navajeevana. The team of the doctors came from the dental college to examine them. The children were very much excited and the

follow up work was done in their hospital.

## Our little children

are very happy to learn dancing. Most of them were left alone in their houses because either they lost their parents or stayed in the open. As soon as they arrived here after few days they got the chance to learn dancing Today majority of them does the dance very well.





# AUXILIUM NAVAJEEVANA - KAMMANAHALLI

**Deepa has something to say:** I am Deepa, staying at Auxilium Navajeevana Kammanahalli. I am studying the IInd PUC. I am 17 years old. I am brought up by Navajeevana Sisters. I would like to share my story and life experiences.

When I was small, we were together with my father, mother, elder brother and sister. Mother was sickly and father took to drinks. My mother was working as a maid servant and father as a mason at constructions. Whatever my father works and earns, he finishes off with drinks and comes home troubles mother and us. When I was in 3rd STD and just 9 years old I lost my mother. She had kidney failure and she died. The family for whom my mother was working took care of us and the aunty brought me and my sister to Navajeevana, Chamarajpet.

Uma my elder sister too joined in the school staying at Kammanahalli and completed her PUC. She passed with good marks. She was sent to Nirmaljiyothi, a Technical School at Bannerghatta. She did one year course at Nirmaljiyothi and at present working in an office earns a good salary. My brother too works as a mason. My father is away from the responsibility of looking after us and bringing us up. Even now he is addicted to alcohol and lies anywhere even near roadside. We have lost all hopes having him as a loving father.

As for me and for my sister, the Navajeevana has given us new life. They are, our father, mother, everything. We are educated, given a good formation, making us to stand on our own, all these because of our good sisters of Navajeevana. We are ever grateful to them. The values they have given us hold well for our life. May you are rewarded amply dear Sisters. Like me and my Sister many more may enjoy their goodness, care and love. We pray God to bless you all dear Sisters.



## 06 March - 'Parents & Neighbors day Celebration'

It was an annual gathering of the parent's of our children. We have invited Mr. Srinivas and Mrs. Vishala from Child Welfare Committee (CWC). The theme of the day was "Blessings of a happy family". They spoke on the importance of higher education for the girls. Sr. Jacintha spoke to the people about the responsibility of building a happy family. Sr. Anna Thayil our animator welcomed everybody. Our girls entertained them with welcome songs and other cultural programmes. Our girl Shruthi from 1st PUC gave vote of thanks. Programme ended with a delicious meal for everyone.

## 01 JUNE - Xth and PUC Result

Our Anusha got 85% in the Xth Examinations and she stood first in Jyothi High School. Also

Shravani and Pavithra scored first class in the same examinations.

Sapura secured 76% and Valli got 62% in the PUC exams and all the rest passed. We thank God and rejoice with them for their success.



## 28 AUGUST - Eye Camp:

Our Counselor Susana was kind enough to arrange an eye camp with Kashvi Eye Care Centre. Dr. Karnam Naveen Kumar and his team came and examined all our children and suggested medication and spectacle for those who needed.



### 10 SEPTEMBER -

Special visit of Sr. Lucy Rose to our Centre: All were delighted to have our Sr. Lucy Rose our special visitor to our centre. Sr. Lucy Rose

was welcomed as per our culture. She spoke to the girls of setting goals in life and dreaming about it, working hard and achieving it in its own time. Their welcome speech, rhythmic steps were feast to the eyes of everyone and Sister in turn thanked them all



### 25 SEPTEMBER

Girl Child Day and Orange Day: Sr. Leena D'Costa was the special invitee and she animated the grls with the programme.

The young girls and girl children should be aware and alert to the present day scenario of trafficking and exploiting the girls. The video clips used were apt to the topic. The lunch and stationery were sponsored by the Bethany Social Service Centre

## AUXILIUM NAVAJEEVANA RAINBOW HOME



### 15 APRIL to 15 MAY Summer camp at Balbhavan - Cubbon Park

A summer camp in Balabhavan at

Cubbon Park began today. Children who had nowhere to go were sent for this camp. Well qualified Government staff were handing the camp. They were taught pottery; pot painting, glass painting, and different useful articles to make from waste and earn money were taught. The children were taken to and fro by their own vehicles. After each sessions the parents or guardians were called for the evaluation and exhibition. It was a good chance for the children to learn many things and they were happy to make use of this opportunity.

### 01 JUNE: Education - Excellence

#### Success Story - Divya's

achievement was great. She scored 527 which is 84.32%. She is the 'Topper' in her school. She says, "I am happy to express my feelings of gratitude towards everyone who were responsible for my success". She hopes to get the same encouragement and support in the



future. She is set to achieve greater things in life. She is awarded Rs. 10,000/- by "Guardians of Dream".

**Amrutha** of 2nd PU won inter college "memory quiz" competitions and she stood 1st in the competitions and she was awarded Rs. 1000/- as a prize.



### Sports Camp:

12 of our children attended sports camp which was conducted by Bangalore School Sports Foundation

in Sarjapur for 15 days. Our children participated in the various sports activities in the School level and Taluk level and they carried away We are happy that our 2 children Sujatha and Asha are selected further coaching in athletics Trophies and certificates were given to those who succeed in sports



### 20th June- Bore well

ANC Rainbow Home is gifted with a bore well by Mr. Bava our Ex-MLA and his team. A place for drying the clothes too put up to facilitate our girls.



## Marathon Events:

On 15th May Ms. Menaka along with MS. Priya participated in TCS World 10 K Bangalore Marathon where they ran as a group of Rainbow Homes, spreading awareness to the public as they ran. Mrs. Poornima from state office were also present.



## Competitions:

20 of our children went for the Drawing Competitions on to MHS Lalbhag. Shalini, 9th std won the Rs. 2000/- cash prize in poster making completion held on 5th June on 'Environmental Day'. We congratulate her for her creative ness and the good hard work.



## Camp at Visthar:

From 24th to 30th May for 5 days our 6 children attended camp at Visthar. It was conducted by Jai Prakash. In this camp our children learnt about the leadership, how to face of pubic, craft, courage to face all the obstacles in life etc. and they also expressed that the camp was useful and place was clam and peaceful.

## Children's Corner





### I have 3 gifts

One Sun, One Moon  
and Mother  
Sun for Day Time  
Moon for Night Time  
Mother for my Life Time

Nagamma II PUC

### ನುಡಿಗಳು

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Nagamma II PUC



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