



INDIAN CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT YUVAJYOTHI CHILDREN'S HOME (YCH), NAGPUR

Hello friends,

We wish you all a very happy New Year. Thank you for continuing your partnership with us in building the lives of the children in YCH in the New Year. May God bless you all with His love, joy and peace. Here we bring you some news about happenings in YCH during the last two months (November and December 2016).

Fifty three children continue to be the heart of the YCH. But very touching moments in the month of December were when our older boys and a girl who are settled in life outside YCH visited us on the Foundation day of the organization and Christmas. Six of the boys working with different firms in the city, assisted the ICID team in logistics during foundation day celebrations. Two of them - Praful and Geetha joined us for Christmas celebrations with their partners and children. Two boys Shankar and Neeraj who have been working in other cities came down for Christmas vacation and assisted in Christmas celebrations. Another boy, Mangesh



who married last year came with the good news that he has become a proud father of a baby girl. This shows that the flame of love for YCH is still burning in their hearts!

In the month of November, during Diwali vacations, the children enjoyed a bollywood film in a nearby mall. Twenty boys participated in the Pro Health Marathon 2016 (in 3 kms category) in Nagpur on 13th November organized by the Pro Health Foundation.

The third week of November was special to all the children as various events marked the National Children's Day and Universal Children's Day. They not only participated in a rally with placards on child sexual exploitation organized by CHIDLLINE (an emergency phone



and outreach helpline for children in distress) in the city on 14th November but also performed a street play before a huge crowd on the streets of the city on child right protection. Two city based schools and a youth group celebrated Children's day

with YCH children on 15th November with a lot of fun games and songs. The children also participated in a sports meet organized by CHIDLLINE on 20th November.

December 6 was the day, the children had been eagerly waiting for as they knew that their favourite didis (older sisters) would be arriving from St. Dominic's Priory College, South Australia. The presence of 13 students and teachers brightened their days with a lot of love, creativity, fun and learning. They loved the gifts they received from their didis.



December 8, was a special day in the life of every child of YCH for which they anxiously had been waiting. They had worked hard and prepared themselves well to perform dances and songs on a well illuminated stage before a huge audience of about 400! It was a wonderful experience watching them performing so confidently and joyfully. There was not a single person who did not appreciate their talents.

December 11 was another special day. The children were part of the children's festival organized by ICID where about 450 children from various project areas (slums) participated. They performed dances, played games in the stalls and won prizes ... a day for complete fun.



The YCH celebrated Christmas with a great enthusiasm. The children had worked almost two weeks (evening hours) in order to make a beautiful crib under the guidance of Fr. Philomen Raj. Two city based schools and two

organizations celebrated Christmas with YCH children on 22nd and 23rd December. They sang Christmas carols, played fun games and gave gifts to the children. On 25th, it was a family celebration for YCH. The families of the team members, former children of YCH and friends of YCH gathered together to celebrate. The children loved the new clothes they received (thanks to Dare2Dream Foundation for sponsoring them). After a few fun games, a prayer service and sumptuous meals, the children thoroughly enjoyed the marathon dance session to famous bollywood songs.

Amidst all these celebrations, children have not forgotten their studies and regular activities. They have been regular to the school. Child Parliament has been actively participating in all the planning and implementation of the programs in YCH. Make A Difference (MAD) youth have been regularly engaging children in the weekends with their educational classes. The life in YCH continues to be vibrant.

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