

NEWS: YUVAJYOTHI CHILDREN'S HOME (YCH)

Dear friends,

Greetings!

We are glad to update you all with the happenings in the Yuvajyothi Children's Home (YCH) for the summer months of April, May and June 2017.

Usually summer vacation brings happiest moments for the children as they get long break from the daily hectic life of school and academic studies. But for YCH, amidst all the refreshing activities like music, sports and games, the YCH team kept the children busy with enhancing their reading and writing skills.

Martial Arts Training (karate) was organized in YCH under the guidance of a renowned trainer who imparted the skills and techniques to children with the aim to improve their physical and mental health, to build self esteem and to strengthen their self confidence, to improve the academic



performance by raising one's level of energy and concentration and to learn and master self defence. All the children fared well during the training.

Training in bollywood dance was organized for the children to express their emotion, relieve their stress, and to encourage creativity and imagination.



Three boys namely, Roan Dongare, Rohan Gajbhiye and Aditya Pawne attended regular training on drawing and painting under a professional guide.

It was a very happy moment for YCH when four of the boys namely Rajan, Rohit, Anush and Shramik secured gold medals and

certificates for best performances in their respective final class examinations.

The 'Helping Hands' youth based organization conducted a drawing competition for YCH children on the theme 'blood donation' and the winners were taken as

guests of honour at a blood donation camp organized in the city in the month of April.

Some of the children visited their relatives after the completion of the trainings. Other children got an opportunity to be entertained with a block buster bollywood film 'Bahubali' and also refresh themselves at the Highland Water park in the outskirts of the city.

The month of June witnessed the arrival of 4 new boys in YCH namely Ganesh, Karthik, Roopesh and Ajay. All the four boys were living in difficult situations, identified by the YCH team on the street pavements with their



relatives. They have been admitted to city based schools and have already adjusted to the YCH environment. The older boys take care of them.

It was heartening to see the commitment of three of the boys namely Rocky, Shubham and Sanket towards attending regular coaching classes in preparation for class 10 and often skipping their favourite TV shows, sports and games.

June 13 was a happy day for YCH as Nikhil, Manish and Badal were declared successful in their matriculation (10th) examination. All three have taken admission to class 11th in different city based colleges.

The schools reopened in the last week of June. It was a busy week for the YCH team with purchases of school related books, uniforms, shoes, stationery and other accessories. The children were very happy to receive new uniforms and shoes. They are full of confidence to enter into another academic year with hectic schedule but full of adventure along with new friends!

Presently there are 56 children under the care of YCH during this academic year: 42 boys living in YCH, 2 girls in the girls' hostel, 8 girls in the girls' boarding and 4 boys with their respective families.

We wish to appreciate your constant support and encouragement in helping these children to realize their dreams and hope that you will continue this partnership.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Herald D' Souza