

INDIAN EXPRESS: YUVAJYOTHI CHILDREN'S HOME (YCH)

Dear friends here we come with a few news items from YCH during the months of January, February and March 2017.

P.B. Shelly in his famous poem **Ode to the West wind** says "if winter comes can the spring be far behind". In the lives of YCH children another winter has passed and overcome the winter chill and now they have entered into the spring season of their lives as they prepare themselves for the upcoming examination to reap the fruits which they have sown in the past months of the academic year 2016-2017.

In the last three months YCH witnessed series of celebrations and events which has left a deep impression in the lives of the children. There were 54 children under the care of YCH. 41 boys continued to live in YCH.



The children apart from their studies took a break and participated in the dream camp which was organised by Make A Difference (MAD) in which 31 boys attended the dream camp for three days near Ramtek, 30 km away from Nagpur. The main purpose of the camp was to



instil in them the human values, to realise the worth of their lives and also their rights. The camp helped the children immensely also to learn life skills, to have good self esteem and to improve one's internal and external skills to cope up in one's own life.

The YCH children also celebrated the festival of Sankranti, which is also known as festival of kites, on this occasion, the children were given informed about the festival and sweets and kites were distributed to them, with clear instructions to be careful while playing with the kites. The children celebrated the festival with lot of enthusiasm and vigour.

Five boys namely, Nadeem, Manish, Roshan, Vikrant and Shubam participated in the district level chess competition which was organised by MAD.

On 26th January the children along with the team members celebrated the Republic Day of India and expressed their patriotism and love for the country.

On this occasion Saket, Ashwin and Rohit gave with Aman being the master of ceremony for the programme. The tri colour flag was hoisted by Fr. Herald D' Souza who motivated the children towards the responsibility for oneself, fellow beings and the country.

The students from Mount Carmel Primary School visited YCH and interacted with the children. The students expressed their love and concern towards YCH children through games and interactive sessions.



On 15th February 2017, Fr. Mike Deep, a Dominican priest from South Africa, who is the General promoter for

Justice and Peace for the Dominican Order and a permanent delegate to the United Nations, visited YCH. He spent valuable time with children, interacted with them, and patiently answered questions regarding the rights and safety of children around the world.

From 18th to 22nd of February 2017, the students from Sapir College of Social Work, Israel



visited YCH. It was a time for fun, relaxation and learning through games, experience sharing, painting and watching videos. The children enjoyed the company of the Social Work students.

YCH children never miss the festival of colours called 'Holi'. Children immersed themselves in colours as they played with each other and exchanged sweets as an

expression of brotherly love for each other.

In the month of March the mercury level increased both in the temperatures and also in the students who were writing board exams for class X namely Manish, Badal and Nikhil. They are awaiting their results now. Other children have been preparing for the annual final exams of their respective classes.

From the mid April to mid May, the children will participate in the summer programme planned by the YCH team that include training in martial arts (karate), bollywood dances, meditations and other fun based activities before they proceed for their vacations to their relatives.

Dear friends we thank you all for your continued journey with us. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER. May God bless you all.

Fr. Herald D' Souza OP & YCH Family