**Executive Director’s Desk…**

“Celebration of 25th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Status of Childhood”

This special edition is dedicated to herald the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). 25 years ago, Children’s rights were recognized by the world and all signatory countries promised to uphold the rights of the children enshrined in UNCRC and make every efforts to protect and promote their rights to survival, protection and development. Therefore, States must recognize children as its citizens and exhibit the same in its pro-policies, enactments, systems strengthening, allocation and optimum utilization of budget, convergence of allied systems, strengthening structures, policies and effective implementation thereof.

Let’s continue to work for the children in need of care and protection that they may access to benefits of the development and make the society to create a better place for all children. We also take this opportunity to thank all the supporters, friends, donors and activists, small or big continue to support in restoring thousands of children deprived of family care. Your association and relationship with Navajeevan Bala Bhavan very much appreciated. Let’s hope to create a child friendly society.

**DON BOSCO’S BICENTENARY DIGITAL QUIZ**

On the historical and joyful occasion of the Bicentenary year of the Birth of St. Don Bosco (1815-2015), Navajeevan Bala Bhavan, Vijayawada in collaboration with RCM high school of Pezzonipet, Vijayawada, organized informative and mind blowing ‘**Don Bosco Digital Quiz Competition**’ for the school going children below 10th class on 8th November 2014.

Totally 90 students from 30 schools participated in the quiz with full gusto and vigour. This special quiz with different digital rounds reflected the live quiz show of Maa TV. The live quiz, which was screened in two different languages simultaneously, grabbed the attention of the participants and 700 audience. A cash prize of Rs. 5116/-, 3116/- & 2116/- for winners, runners and the third place were distributed respectively along with consolation prizes and certificates for the all participants.
**SEMI CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

The management, the staff, the volunteers, the past pupil and the children of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan gathered as a family to celebrate Semi Christmas on 22nd December. Rev. Fr. Ravi Shekar, the Director of Kaladarshini and Rector of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada was the honourable Chief Guest. He has captured the hearts of the audience with his thematic melodious hymns, through which he brought out a beautiful message on Christmas. Well prepared varieties of Cultural programme mixed with carols, dances and skits reflected the spirit of Christmas joy, love and sharing. A delicious Christmas lunch and the gifts reminded each other the qualities of love, care and share.

**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

With immense joy and gratitude to God, we celebrated Silver Jubilee celebrations of the ‘Priestly Ordination’ of our Director Rev. Fr. A. John Punnose and ‘Religious Profession’ of Executive Director Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry on January 17, 2015 at Chiguru. ‘Thanksgiving Holy Mass’ was celebrated by the Jubilarians. Rev. Fr. G. Chinnappa shared convincing reflections on the mission and on the priesthood. About 40 priests concelebrated the mass along with the Jubilarians. Melodious hymns sung by the choir left behind each one a nostalgic experience of the day. A grand felicitation and cultural programme was organized to thank the Jubilarians for what they are to the family. The memorable day had its climax with a solemn festive lunch.

**REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS**

The 66th Republic Day celebrations of India were celebrated at shelter. The honorable Chief Guest of the day, Dr. G. V. Mohan Prasad, District Governor, Rotary International District 3020F hoisted the flag and addressed the gathering. During his address he applauded the services of Navajeevan for the children since 26 years. He remarked that most of the children had utilized the services of the organisation and had become responsible citizens in the society with a decent living.
**CONVERGENCE MEET**

Navajeevan Juvenile Justice (JJ) DESK in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Adilabad, CWC, JJB, DCPU and MAARI NGO organized a Convergence and SJPU Training Programme for Child Welfare Officers, Allied Systems and NGOs in Adilabad Division on 3/1/2015. Mr. Krishna Prasad Das and Mr. V. Krishna Mohan from JJ DESK distributed over 200 books of ‘Balala Rakshana’ and 200 copies of ‘Convergence Materials’ on child related legislations for the participants.

**RICK SHAW CAMPAIGN**

As part of ‘Child Rights week-long programmes, on 15th November, ‘Rickshaw Campaign’ was organized at National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Office. It was started by Mr. Suryanaryana, Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Anjaneya Reddy, PD, NCLP and Fr. S. Bala Showry, CWC Member and DBNJ Executive Director. Mike announcement about the child labourers through Rickshaw campaign covered all 59 divisions in Vijayawada city from 15th to 20th of November. The Pamphlets were distributed on the awareness of Child Labour in this regard.

**NAVAJEEVAN FAMILY DAY**

On the occasion of the feast of St. Don Bosco, Navajeevan celebrated its ‘Family Day’ on 31st January 2015. All the staff gathered as one family to celebrate the glorious day. The first part of the day began with a short prayer service. It reflected the life and mission of St. Don Bosco. The short film screened highlighted the zeal, commitment, the spirituality, love and care of St. Don Bosco for the poor destitute children. As second part of the day, the staff moved to Haailand, a Picnic spot. The staff enjoyed the land and water games, especially ‘the rain dance’. Everyone danced to the tune of the music and rain. The spirit of togetherness, love and commitment among the staff made the day more enjoyable and memorable. The Volunteers also joined the celebrations. Fr. S. Balashowry specially thanked Fr. Pradeep who has played an important role in the success of the programme with his hard work and commitment.
Ms. Swetha and Ms. Triveni got thrilling admission into B.Sc Nursing at Dr. C. Sobhanadri Siddhartha College of Nursing, Chinoutpalli, Krishna Dist. This was actualised and fulfilled on the merit basis of the Intermediate percentage of marks, through Govt. counseling and the follow-up.

Back Home: Kommu Prashanth of 14 years of age studying in class seven from Guntur was rescued by the street presence staff at the Railway station. Through counseling, it has come to know that the boy left home as a reaction of hatredness towards his parents on a small issue. Since then, the parents were in search of Prashanth and later they received a call from Navajeevan Bala Bhavan about the safety of their lost child. Having realized the mistake, the boy expressed to go back to his home and subsequently he was integrated with the family.

Mr. G. Jayachandra studying 1st year of B. Tech Mechanical Engineering in Gudlavalleru Engineering College became topper of the college with 75% of marks in I & II mid term exams conducted recently.

Hearty Condolences: N. Pavani, 6th class, studying at Z.P. High school, Nunna and her brother N. Balaji, 2nd class, studying at Prashanthi Municipal School met with untimely death on 17th January along with their mother during Sankranthi vacation.

We miss you dear Children. May God give you eternal rest.

N. Showry Balaji
School: Prashanthi Municipal School
Medium: English
Mogga: Lilly Mogga
DOB: 02-01-2006

Qualities
He stands class 1st rank in studies
Silent & Active Boy
He always gets 1st in
Drawing, Painting & Craft work

N. Pavani
School: Nunna Z.P High School
Medium: English
Nunna: Govt Hostel
DOB: 18-06-2002

Qualities
She is Intelligent in studies
She is calm.
LCD SHOW AT PVP MALL

To create awareness on the rights of the children to the public, LCD show was conducted at PVP shopping Mall, Vijayawada.

OPEN COURT

On 27\textsuperscript{th} December 2014, with the intervention of the staff of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan and NCLP department, Open Court was conducted for the rescued Child Labourers at Labour office, Kasturibapet. Mr. Anajneya Reddy, Asst. Commissioner collected Rs. 80,000/- as fine from the owners and handed over the cheque to the Child Labourers.

CYCLE RALLY

On 17\textsuperscript{th} November, ‘Cycle Rally’ against child Labourers and violence on children was organized from PWD ground to Siddhartha College, Vijayawada in collaboration with the Government, line departments and other NGOs.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN AND CHILDREN ON THE MOVE

Launching Programme on ‘Child Rights and Advocacy campaign in Andhra Pradesh’ by TDH and Child Rights Networking NGOs was organized at TANA, a Child Rescue Shelter on 18\textsuperscript{th} November. On releasing a special campaign poster, Sri S. Balaraju, a member of State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Andhra Pradesh, shared his concern on migrating children, who migrate to various states from Nellore, Kurnool, Ananthapur, Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh. He remarked that hundreds of children are migrating into Andhra Pradesh from Orissa and Bihar in search of employment, shelter and food. He also added that the migrating children are vulnerable and easily prone to violations of their basic rights. He applauded the collaborative efforts of TDH with NGOs in Andhra Pradesh.
EXPOSURE VISIT

A team of 17 members of the department of Child Safety Net of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan had gone for five day exposure visit to ‘Loyola Integrated Tribal Development Society’, Katukapalli, Near Badhrachalam from 20th of January to 24th of January 2015. The main objective of the visit is to study day-to-day life situation of the local people, the involvement of the political leaders and the development programmes undertaken by the government for the welfare of the communities and the surrounding villages.

The interaction with the people helped the team to suggest and explain the possible ways and means of creating child friendly villages, wherein the children may exercise their basic rights through participation.

CALL TO MAKE A CHILD FRIENDLY SOCIETY

‘Annual gathering of the Children Parliament’ of Krishna District was organized at Jandhyala Dakshina Murthy School ground, Vijayawada on January 28, 2015. Shri. Mandali Budda Prasad, Deputy Speaker, Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest. The other Guests of Honour were Smt. G. Anuradha, Chairperson, Zilla Praja Parishath, Krishna District, and Mr. B Nagesh, Chairperson, CWC, Krishna Dist.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. M. Buddha Prasad said that he was very happy to be part of the programme and appreciated the idea and functioning of the Child Parliaments. He congratulated Navajeevan Bala Bhavan for playing a major role in creating ‘a child friendly society for the cause of the children’.

SEMINAR ON PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

Sessions on motivational interviewing for the counselors, ways to increase self esteem, self confidence and ethics in children were conducted by Mrs. Theresa Kennedy, a visitor from USA from January 23rd to 25th in different centers of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan.

Now I am on my own: I am P. Mahima Raju. Millions of thanks to Navajeevan Bala Bhavan. I ran away from home as I was not interested in studying. I was rescued by Navajeevan in the year 2012. I ran away several times and Navajeevan always welcomed me with open arms. Finally I decided to learn to Carpentry. I completed my training here and now I am working as an operator in wood carving at Vijayawada and earning Rs. 6000/- per month. Now I am staying with my family and they are proud of me. Navajeevan has given me a New Life.
VOLUNTEERS' DESK IN NAVAJEEVAN

Volunteers who would like to render their services in the social work, especially to work for the betterment of children do visit Navajeevan as part of their exposure programme required for the academic curriculum from different countries at regular intervals. Their valuable services are very much appreciated. Navajeevan family sincerely thanks them for their continual support and generosity for our children. We pray that God may bless them for all that they do.

Volunteers who worked with us at different centres of Navajeevan and back at home
- Mr. Raphael Grabher, Ms. Barbara Fischeneder, Ms. Daniela Zutto, Ms. Angelina Bobleter from Austria, Ms. Lynn from USA

Volunteers at work
- Ms. Theresa Buchler, Ms. Sarah Engl, Mr. Stefan Wibmer, Mr. Georg Schaberger, Ms. Maria Georgiades from Austria, Mr. Marcel Thielecke, Ms. Christine Frank and Ms. Rossanna from Germany

Visitors
- Ms. Theresa Kennedy and Mr. Erik Kennedy from USA, Mr. Ralf Jagenteufel, Mr. Paul Jagenteufel & Ms. Judith Braunsteiner, Mr. Konstantin Moser from Austria

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE AND CONCERN

The staff and the students of Navajeevan Bala Bhavan, Vijayawada at BIG BAZAAR SEVA SAPTAMI, Vijayawada collecting the funds and donations for the children in need of care and protection. A VERY BIG THANKS to the Manager and his staff for their generosity.

NAVAJEEVAN AT A GLANCE AS ON 31.01.2015

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<td>Children in Evening Tuition Centres (ETCs) under Child Safety Net (Vijayawada Urban, Penamaluru Mandal &amp; 70 villages of Krishna dist)</td>
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<td>Mainstreamed children into regular schooling from DBCs/Chiguru</td>
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CARE AND CONCERN
Dear Friends of Children:

Navajeevan family of Vijayawada would like to thank all the generous donors and benefactors who willingly helped our worthy poor and abandoned children. We highly appreciate their generosity, which is expressed in kind and in cash. We gratefully remember and earnestly pray for them:

Sponsors for Nov, Dec-14 & Jan-15:

M/s. Ramesh Hospitals, M/s. Maitreya Electricals Pvt. Limited, Master Veera Bhadra, Mr. N. Yedukondalu, Mr. D. Samuel, Mr. Anne Ramesh Babu, Mr. D. Narender Babu, Mr. L. Srinivasa Rao, Mr. Syed Anwar, Mr. J. Seshagiri, Mr. Tatarao, Mr. Ramaiah, Mr. Raghu, Mr. Y. Surendhar, Mr. V. Krishna Murthy, Mrs. D. Rajya Lakshmi, Mr. Chiranjeevi, Mr. A. Ashok Kumar, Mr. K. Phani Kumar, Mr. K. Koteswar, Mr. P. Suraj, Mrs. Y. Krishna Veni, Mr. B. Chinna Kasirao, Mr. B. Satyanarayana, Mr. N. Sarveswara Rao, Mr. M. Sundar Murthy, Mr. K. S. Rao, Mrs. P. Durga Bhavani, Mr. D. Suresh, Mr. MC. Das, Mr. Pawan Kumar, Mr. Ashish Kumar, Mr. D. Siva, Mr. Manikya Rao & Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao.

You may help us either in cash or in kind. You are welcome to sponsor for the children in need. The possibility for sponsorship/donation is given below for your reference.

Kind: Cooked food, Rice, Dal, Cooking Oil, sweets, Soaps (bathing and washing), tooth paste/tooth powder, tooth brushes, coconut oil, pens, pencils, note books, school bags, compass boxes, blankets, bed sheets, clothes and medicines.

Cash: Sponsor a child’s education Rs 10,000 per year for 10th Class and below (it includes food, clothing, education, medical care etc).

Veg. Meal : Rs. 35/- per child Fine Rice, Dal, Veg Curry / Fry, Chuttney, Papad, Curd, Sweet/Fruit
Veg. Biryani : Rs. 45/- per child Vegetable Biryani, Potato Curry, Papad, Sweet / Fruit, Sambar
Non-Veg Biryani : Rs. 55/- per child Biryani, Chicken curry, White Rice, Sambar, Chuttney, Curd, Sweet / Fruit

No. of children at present in different centers of Navajeevan: (To sponsor/donate in kind/cash)

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Total 370

230 Children in Vijayawada Local
140 Children at outstation

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