

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

On November 20th, CFG observed World Children's Day with a powerful initiative to promote child rights and gender equality. Children from the Machkhowa center, along with CFG staff, visited several schools—including Bharalumukh Prathamik School, Hiralal Joshi Hindi LPS, Natun Fatasil Town High School, and Kaliram Baruah Girls High School—to perform a street play. The play addressed key themes of gender equality and the importance of education, while also raising awareness about the four pillars of child rights: survival, protection, development, and participation. This engaging event helped inspire the community to uphold children's rights and create a brighter future for all.



PARENT'S MEET 2024

On December 15th, CFG organized a meaningful parent meet at ILA Snehalaya, Betkuchi, with over 718 attendees, including parents of CFG children and community members. The session featured an insightful talk by Dr. Ramesh Bhatta, State Consultant for the National Health Ministry of Assam, who discussed the harmful effects of tobacco on both parents and children. He encouraged parents to quit tobacco, emphasizing their role as powerful role models. Many parents pledged to make positive changes, marking a significant step toward healthier habits. The event concluded with a community meal celebration, strengthening bonds and expressing appreciation for CFG's impact.



RESCUE DEPARTMENT

From September to December 2024, the CFG Child Rescue Team, led by Rescue Coordinator Jharna Chakraborty with officers Raju Mahanta and Jay Das, in collaboration with the District Level Task Force (DLTF) and local authorities, successfully rescued 38 children across Guwahati. This included 26 boys aged 10-17 who were child labor, one domestic labor girl aged 16, A boy In need of care and protection (CNCP) aged 14. After following legal procedures, the children were presented before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). As a result, 36 children were safely reunited to their families, while One boy who needed CNCP was placed in Child Care Institutions (CCI) at Dhirenpara Snehalaya to ensure their safety and care and one domestic labor girl was placed at State Home for Women in Sundarbari, Jalukbari, Guwahati, Assam 781013. And awareness events on child rights and the street plays were organised, at key locations like Guwahati Railway Station, Fancy Bazar, and Sijubari creatively spreading the message of child rights, fostering a safer, more supportive environment for children across the region.



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SWACHHATA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN

From October 2nd to 31st, 2024, the children and staff of Snehalaya Boys' Home in Dhirenpara participated in the "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign, focusing on cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainability. The boys attended an awareness program on hygiene, learning essential habits like handwashing and waste disposal. They also cleaned the home and campus, fostering teamwork and responsibility. Additionally, the boys engaged in a "Best Out of Waste" activity, creatively repurposing discarded materials into decorative items, flower pots, and storage containers. This encouraged sustainability, recycling, and the value of transforming waste into useful, artistic objects.



DIWALI CELEBRATION AT IIT



On 31st October, children from Snehalaya homes visited IIT Guwahati to celebrate Diwali, filling the campus with joy and creativity. Embraced by warm welcomes, the children engaged in various cultural and creative activities, showcasing their talents. Guided by IIT members, they learned about Diwali traditions and values like unity and compassion. As the campus sparkled with lights, the children shared heartfelt Diwali wishes, leaving with cherished memories and a renewed sense of belonging. This celebration was a reminder that their joy, creativity, and contributions are valued, fostering hope and connection within the broader community.

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On November 14th, ILA Snehalaya celebrated Children's Day in a very special way, joined by the Noonmati Auxlium Snehalaya girls. The day was filled with excitement and joy as the children came together to celebrate their special day with various activities and events that made the occasion truly memorable. The celebration was made even more memorable with the presence of sponsors from Decathlon, Azara, who visited ILA for this auspicious occasion. The sponsors organized a variety of fun activities for the children and distributed thoughtful gifts, making the day even more joyous and meaningful for everyone involved. It was a wonderful celebration filled with excitement, laughter, and a true sense of community.



TRIP TO ACCOLAND

On November 15th, the trip to Accoland had a profound impact on the children from ILA Snehalaya and Dhirenpara Snehalaya Boys. For many, it was a rare opportunity to experience the thrill of an amusement park, filling their hearts with joy and laughter. The day fostered a sense of camaraderie as the children bonded over the fun activities, creating lasting memories. The visit to Decathlon in Azara provided a moment of relaxation and nourishment, ensuring they felt cared for and recharged. This outing not only brought immense happiness but also strengthened their sense of community, offering them a well-deserved break from their daily lives and leaving them with unforgettable experiences.



AT THEIR SCHOOL'S SILVER JUBILEE

On December 19th and 20th, the children from ILA Snehalaya participated in the Christmas dance at Bethany School's Silver Jubilee celebration. Dressed in festive costumes, they performed with enthusiasm, spreading joy and excitement throughout the event. Their energetic dance brought smiles to everyone, as they showcased their creativity and teamwork. The performance not only allowed them to be part of a special celebration but also boosted their confidence and sense of achievement. The experience fostered a sense of belonging and pride, creating lasting memories of joy and celebration that the children will cherish for years to come.



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VEER BAL DIWAS

On 27th Dec Veer Bal Diwas was observed in a deeply meaningful way, honoring the bravery and sacrifice of the four sons of Guru Gobind Singh, who laid down their lives during the Mughal Empire. On this occasion, to educate the children from Snehalaya Boys Home about this significant part of history, several creative activities were organized. These included an essay writing competition and a drawing competition, allowing the children to express their understanding and reflections on the courage and sacrifice of these young martyrs in a creative way. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with the history and spirit of Veer Bal Diwas.

Pre-Diwali Celebration

Pre-Diwali was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the cfg centers, alongside CFG students, who participated in a variety of engaging activities. They showcased their creativity through arts and crafts sessions, designing beautiful decorations and intricate Rangoli patterns. The students also enjoyed diya painting, adding a personal touch to the traditional lamps that are an integral part of Diwali. To deepen their understanding of the festival, CFG students delivered a heartfelt speech on the significance of Diwali, emphasizing its values of light, joy, and unity. This celebration allowed the students to connect with the cultural and spiritual essence of Diwali.



SNEHA DRISHTI EYE CAMP

From November to December, Sneha Drishti Eye Camps were held at Don Bosco School Panbazar, Little Flower School, Hatigaon, and South Point School, benefiting over 450 children. Organized in collaboration with Lions and Leo Clubs of Guwahati South & Narengi, the camps provided essential eye care, diabetes check-ups, and general health services. Skilled technicians and doctors from ASG Hospital, Apollo Sugar Clinic, and Netralaya Hospital ensured efficient care. The Lions and Leo Clubs also sponsored refreshments, enhancing the experience for participants. The event successfully met the community's significant demand for accessible eye care services.



CAPACITY BUILDING

TOPIC - A KEY TO SUCCESSFUL LIFE

On November 18th, children from Child Friendly Guwahati and Aftercare attended the inspiring Zamira Rahman Memorial Lecture at Snehalaya, Paltanbazar. Fr. Lukose, The Director of Snehalaya, who introduced the guest speakers, Indrani Rai Medhi and Dr. Akshata Narain. The speakers emphasized that true success isn't just about grades or wealth but inner happiness, peace, and doing good for others. They encouraged the children to pursue their goals while prioritizing self-care, relaxation, and kindness. Dr. Narain highlighted the importance of self-belief and hard work in achieving dreams.



STAFF TRAININGS

In November, two vital training sessions were held to enhance the skills of the Child Friendly Guwahati (CFG) team. On November 19th, a session on Homelink Digi by Birendra and Madam Alpee Begum (Psychologist) session on Child Rights covered child protection laws, with valuable contributions from Magic Bus and Sneha Bundhan.

On November 28th, a POCSSO training at Snehalaya, Paltan Bazar, led by experts including Miguel Das Qeah (founder and director of UTAH foundation), Gitumoni Rabha (Women Sub - Inspector of Paltanbazar) and Reeta Borbora (Advocate of Guwahati High Court & former CWC chairperson & Member of MATRI), provided crucial insights into legal frameworks and child protection practices.



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TEACHER'S DAY

On 5th September, Teacher's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across all 32 CFG centers, where children honored their social educators with heartfelt gratitude. The celebration included songs, dances, speeches, and drama, complemented by handmade cards and posters for a personal touch. Many centers organized light refreshments and cakes, while the event also featured prayers, speeches, and a felicitation ceremony. Students delivered moving speeches, emphasizing the crucial role of teachers in their lives. Additional activities throughout the day strengthened the bond between educators and students, making the occasion a truly memorable and meaningful celebration.



SAFE AND UNSAFE TOUCH

In a dedicated effort to ensure children's safety, Round Table India, in collaboration with Child-Friendly Guwahati (CFG), organized a series of ten educational sessions on Safe & Unsafe Touch at CFG centers from 11th to 24th September. These sessions focused on helping children understand personal boundaries, recognize safe and unsafe touch, and learn how to respond in uncomfortable situations. Through interactive discussions and activities, children were empowered with the knowledge and confidence to protect themselves. This important initiative promoted child safety, raised awareness about their rights, and fostered a secure environment for their growth and development.



GANDHI JAYANTI

On 2nd October, the CFG children observed Gandhi Jayanti at their centres with great enthusiasm across all centers, featuring a variety of activities such as poem recitations, drawing competitions, quiz contests, group dances, and speeches. These events provided children with an opportunity to creatively express their admiration for Mahatma Gandhi's principles. Through these activities, they deepened their understanding of his values of non-violence, truth, and equality. The celebration not only promoted reflection on Gandhi's teachings but also fostered a sense of unity, making the occasion both educational and engaging for the children.

