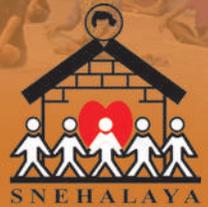


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RONGALI BIHU

Rongali or Bohag Bihu was celebrated in Snehalaya on April 15 & 16. Rongali Bihu marks the New Year for the people of Assam. In Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights, the children sang *husori* and danced to many popular Bihu songs. They crafted *xorai* and *baahi* (flute) out of paper. Carrom, table tennis and chess competitions



were organised among the children. Children of Auxilium Snehalaya were taken to watch Bihu function of Noonmati. They enjoyed a lot watching the performance of bihu dancers and singers.

Rongali Bihu was celebrated in all the Child Friendly Guwahati (CFG) centres too. Bihu dances were performed by the students. Bihu delicacies like *pitha* and *laru* were distributed among the children.

BLUE UMBRELLA DAY



Child sexual abuse is a grave child rights issue. The victims often go through a long term mental trauma and agony. Most importantly, most child sexual abuse takes place with girl children but at the same time boys are equally targeted. Blue umbrella symbolizes the need to protect the boys from sexual abuse. Blue umbrella day is observed on April 16 to raise and spread awareness against sexual abuse of boy children. It was observed in Snehalaya Centre for Child



Rights. Awareness movie against sexual abuse of boys was screened for the children. Ankur Saikia, Caregiver animated the children on this issue.

STAFF TRAINING



On May 14, CFG organised a training programme for its staff members on the important topics of Right to Education Act 2009, The Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, POCSO, The Child Marriage Prohibition Act, 2006. The Resource Person for the training program were Fr. Owen (Director: Legal Cell for Human Rights) and his team (Mr. Suman Indwar, Ms. Mousumi Kalita). Resource materials were later shared with CFG team for further and detailed reference.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Snehalaya celebrated World Environment Day on June 5 with the rest of the world. The children along with their home Superintendents planted saplings in their campuses. They cleaned their surroundings too.

In ILA Snehalaya, the intern students organised a drawing competition on the theme of environment. Sr. Archangela, the home Superintendent explained to them the importance of preserving the environment. We have only one planet to live in. Hence, we should not take it for granted. She also explained the cause and effects of global warming on human beings.



In Jyoti Snehalaya a poster making competition was organised among the children by the intern students. Children made beautiful posters on how to protect our environment. Child Parliament members of CFG took initiative to clean their areas, spreading awareness for maintaining and protecting the environment in and around the community.

BOARD RESULTS 2022

Children of Snehalaya who have appeared in High School Leaving Certificate (HSLC) exam 2022, SEBA fared well. Eleven children (5 girls & 6 boys) had appeared. Out of them Prasenjit Narzary and Parbon Ahmed secured 1st division. Momit Rabha, Raju Ramchiary and Francis Toppo secured 2nd division. Rashmi Kapil Das and Susmita Mondal secured 3rd division. Unfortunately, three girls and one boy could not clear the exam. The results were declared on June 7. Snehalaya wishes the successful students a good future and encouraged those who could not clear this year and asked them to appear and put their best efforts next year. The successful candidates were felicitated in their respective homes, i.e Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights and Jyoti Snehalaya. On June 10, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Kamrup Metro, Kalpana Deka visited Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights, Paltan Bazar along with the District Child Protection Unit officials and interacted with them. The ADC hailed their performance and encouraged them to excel higher in life. On the other hand, four Snehalaya children had appeared for Higher Secondary (Arts) final exam. Lourdes Anthony secured 1st division while Lucia Kispotta, Manoj Rabha and Rashidul Alam secured 3rd Division. The results were declared on June 27.



Parbon Ahmed



Prasenjit Narzary



Momit Rabha



Raju Ramchiary



Francis Toppo



Rashmi Kapil Das



Susmita Mondal



Lourdes Anthony



Lucia Kispotta



Manoj Rabha



Rashidul Islam



In back sitting position: The Kamrup Metro officials and Fr. Sebastian (left) with the successful candidates of HSLC exam

PROGRAMME IN JYOTI SNEHALAYA

On April 24, Young India in collaboration with Childline organised an animation programme for the children of Jyoti Snehalaya based on good and bad touch and awareness against sexual abuse. The resource person animated the children through some visuals and videos along with interaction with them. The children enjoyed the programme and gained a wide variety of knowledge.



Eight girls of Jyoti Snehalaya participated in classical dance workshop organised by Srishti Cultural Organisation in Panbazar on June 19. All of them received certificates of participation.

RABHA DIVAS

Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha is remembered on his death anniversary on June 20 every year. He had immense contributions towards the growth of Assam. He was a poet, lyricist, dancer, revolutionary, politician, music composer and the list goes on. Bishnu Rabha was a multifaceted personality.

People of Assam pay their tribute to this luminary every year. The Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) centre of Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights observed Rabha Divas. The children and students of the SSA centre gathered in the classroom. Fr. Thomas John, the Administrator lit the earthen lamp and paid floral tribute to the great soul. He spoke about the greatness about the Kalaguru and hailed his contributions to the Assamese society.



Rohitananda Rabha, the Agency Supervisor and Fundraiser of Snehalaya remarked that it was Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the first Vice President of India who gave the title "Kalaguru" to Bishnu Rabha. Parbon Ahmed, inmate of



Snehalaya and a former student of the SSA commented that Bishnu Rabha was the doyen of Assamese art and literature. A former student of the SSA, Jun Barua performed a folk dance on a song written by the Kalaguru, “Nichala aaire aami Axomiya, Axomiya aaire aami suali dhunia”. Trishna Talukdar, the teacher of the SSA elaborated how the doyen used to perform tandav dance and after observing this Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan coined the word, Kalaguru for Bishnu Rabha. All the students and staff of Snehalaya paid their tributes to the great soul.

MAGIC SHOW

A magic show was organised in Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights, Paltan Bazar for the children in the evening of June 20. The children of Jyoti Snehalaya and Snehalaya Children Home for Boys gathered for the show as well. Fedrick Nicholay, a famous magician of Germany performed magical tricks in front of the gathering. He performed some games based on psychology too like reading people’s mind. It was spectacular. Children enjoyed the show. Refreshment was provided to everyone.



INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

Snehalaya celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21, 2022. The children of all the five homes performed asanas in the early morning along with their instructors. They meditated as well. Breathing exercises were done too.

The instructors explained to them the benefits of practicing asanas every morning. Yoga keeps a person healthy both physically and mentally. A peace and calm mind is sought by everyone. Yoga helps to nurture peace and calmness in the mind and the body.

Here are the glimpses –



Auxilium Snehalaya



Jyoti Snehalaya



ILA Snehalaya



Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights



Snehalaya Children Home for Boys

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

Drug or substance abuse is a serious issue of the entire world. Consumers are mostly the youths. There have been numerous ongoing efforts by the police departments to nab the culprits involved in drugs trafficking. Even then the trafficking is persisting. There has to be an exclusive awareness programme against consumption of drugs in schools and colleges. There cannot be supply when there is no demand.

CFG has done many awareness programs against this issue. The children along with the Social Educators put up posters made by the children themselves, and went around in the community to spread awareness against drug abuse on the occasion of International day against drug abuse

FAREWELL FOR SR. ASHRITA KULLU

Sr. Ashrita Kullu, Superintendent of Jyoti Snehalaya was accorded a farewell by Snehalaya on June 27. She had joined in 2019. Sr. Ashrita has got transferred to another place. The Snehalaya authority and staff members expressed their thankfulness for the services rendered by her to Snehalaya and wished her a successful tenure in her new engagement. On the same occasion Sr. Beena Kerketta, the new Superintendent of Jyoti Snehalaya was welcomed by the gathering.



and illicit trafficking on June 26. Rallies were conducted. Street plays too were enacted in the community by the members of Child Parliament.

NEW BATCH OF AFTER-CARE BENEFICIARIES

The tenth batch of beneficiaries got inducted for Aftercare programme on June 30. A total number of nine students of Snehalaya were enrolled. All the students gathered in the head office of Snehalaya in Paltan Bazar. They were introduced to the Director and Administrator of Snehalaya. The Coordinators explained to them the programme and how it runs. The aid is only provided to the children who opt to continue studies. Fr. Tomey, Director of Snehalaya asked them to be sincere in studies and benefit from the aid. He wished them a bright future ahead.

In the front: Fr. Tomey , Director (centre), Fr. Thomas John , Administrator(right), Fr. Francis (left) with the new Aftercare beneficiaries. Coordinators (standing: extreme left and right)



Sr. Ashrita Kullu (standing) and Sr. Beena Kerketta (sitting)



How can you help?

If you believe that every child is entitled to a good life and future
If you believe that every child should be educated
If you believe that every child's rights should be protected

Then join us in helping the helpless children. Contact directly by calling us at:

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Send us an e-mail to-

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Co-ordinator's e-mail: snehalaya.miss@gmail.com
Website: www.snehalayaghy.org

Or

send a crossed cheque in favour of SNEHALAYA to Director, Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights, K.B. Road, Paltan Bazar, Near Meghdoot Cinema Hall, Guwahati -781008, Assam or by using payment gateway (visit our website – www.snehalayaghy.org) or by using our QR code –

Other ways you can help....

* **Spending your time in:** Teaching curricular courses, and extracurricular activities like dance, music, sports, drawing, painting, craft making and utilizing your other recourses.

* **Social Advocacy:** Helping to sensitize society by awareness training programs, organizing seminars, public relations, documentation, research, publishing articles in news papers and magazines etc.

* **Cash and kind support:** Sponsoring a child, sponsoring for Children's day, Diwali, Holi and summer camps etc. Birthday celebrations, Donation of cloths, food, stationery articles, toiletries, games articles etc.

Please do not forget to add your full name, address, e-mail id and phone number in your correspondence Or just walk in to any of the five Snehalaya Homes and start a conversation. Prior appointment / information will be appreciated.

Thank You!



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