

THE REPORT OF SUMMER CAMP 2017

LIBERATION THROUGH EDUCATION:

The Indian Constitution rightly says that the education is the prime and fundamental right of every Child. But in reality, majority of Dalit Children are deprived of education due to poverty, hunger, gender and caste discrimination and other evil structures of the Indian society. Dr. Ambedkar, the champion of Dalit liberation and the chief architect of Indian Constitution clearly pointed out 'the starting point of liberation is education, since education trains the human mind to think and to take the right decision'. DACA (Doctor Ambedkar Cultural Academy) by drawing inspiration from the teachings of Dr. Ambedkar has been fostering the liberation of Dalits through education for the past 20 years with the motto of 'Knowledge is Power'.

EDUCATION TO DALIT GIRLS:

'If you educate a woman, you educate a family, if you educate a girl; you educate the future' says Queen of Jordan. Today to change the face of a society, the education of female children is must. DACA provides various opportunities for Dalit girls who have been deprived of education for generation, to feel empowered to dream and pursue their dreams.

DACA runs an hostel for 186 Dalit girls who are very poor to support themselves for school education. It also conducts 50 Evening Study Centers (ESCs) in different villages of 5 Districts. Today these centers offer basic facilities for the poor children who don't have suitable atmosphere at home to sit and study and support them to chase their dreams.



As our hostellers are marching towards school

SUMMER CAMP 2017:

Apart from the above said programs, every year DACA conducts summer camp for the Dalit girls of its Study Centers. The camp is mainly focused to instill in them an interest for studies and to cultivate life values and virtues. Last year the camp was conducted from 1st to 30th May, 2017. Nearly 138 children participated and benefited by the camp. During the camp, the girls were trained not only in their class subjects but also the various methods of study, art of public speech, writing, singing, dancing, music, etc. Quiz competition on general knowledge and the environmental awareness with practical sessions were some of the special features of the camp. The girls were also initiated into basic karate and yoga. As part of the program, DACA in joint collaboration with Indian family Welfare Association conducted a free medical checkup for the girls.



The Participants of SC 2017

Thus the girls in the camp were provided with the power of knowledge, life skills, nutritious food, health aids, etc. On 30th May, the children exhibited their talents through various creative performances in the closing ceremony of the camp. The Jesuit Jubilarians, ten of them, who spent 60 years in the Society of Jesus, were honored on the valedictory day.



Our girls exhibit their cultural talents in the closing ceremony

FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMS OF SUMMER CAMP

MEGA QUIZ ON SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE:

To create self-confidence and self-interest to study among the young minds, DACA organized a mega quiz on 10th Dec, 2017. The quiz program covered almost 1000 questions taken from the text books of classes 6th to 12th. Today nearly 1500 children who participated in the program are able to answer 1000 questions without any doubt and difficulty. The winners were awarded with medals, certificate and other educational accessories. Now the participants say confidently that the quiz has created a curiosity in them to explore and expand the knowledge of various subjects.



The winners of Quiz program are awarded with prizes



Local Media carries the news about our quiz program

CULTURAL FESTIVAL COMING SOON:

DACA is going to organize one day cultural fiesta for the Dalit children on 18th Feb, 2018. This would provide a platform for dalit children to explore and exhibit their innate talents and skills. The information of this event is already given to children and now they are busy in preparing for it.

WITH GRATEFUL HEART:

The summer camp and its follow-up program (Mega quiz) were meticulously planned, organized and conducted by our lay animators and collaborators. Their contribution was remarkable. All the events were very educative, motivating and also meaningful. Therefore I, as the director of DACA, together with the members of DACA family and the beneficiaries of the above programs express my sincere gratitude to **Stiftung Jesuiten Weltweit** for its financial assistance towards DACA's Programs.

THE EXPENDITURE OF SUMMER CAMP 2017

SUMMER CAMP (SC)			
S.No.	Date	Particulars	Amount in INR
01	03-05-17	Stationary Purchased for 138 children (138x30xRs.58)	8,004.00
02	10-05-17	Sweets and Snacks for 138 + 10 persons (148x30x Rs.5)	22,200.00
03	10-05-17	Remuneration paid to 7 teaching staff (7xRs.5000)	35,000.00
04	10-05-17	For Meals for 148 persons for 30 days (148x30xRs. 35)	155,400.00
05	12-05-17	For short Picnic to Madurai City (Bus fare, food and snacks included)	19,780.00
06	16-05-17	For Gifts and Printing materials	22,823.00
07	23-05-17	Remuneration to 10 Volunteers of SC (10 x Rs. 6000)	60,000.00
08	28-05-17	Oxford Dictionary for 138 children (138xRs.125)	17,250.00
08	31-05-17	For the expenses of SC's valedictory function (Audio, Special Food & Prizes included)	39,830.00
Total Expenses			380,287.00
CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS SC			
<i>Contribution from Stiftung Jesuiten Weltweit</i>			353,220.00
<i>Local Contribution from DACA Jesuit Community</i>			27,067.00
TOTAL			380,287.00

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