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Life at Deenabandhu Home: Newsletter of April 2012



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1. Events and Celebrations

1.1 Birthday Celebration on April 3rd 2012

At Deenabandhu we celebrate birthdays of all the children who have their birthday in that particular month on a single day. On that day a special sweet is prepared. This dish is prepared under the guidance of Prof.Jayadev as the main chef, Prajna and other children assist for cooking as helpers. The preparation itself will be such a fun.

During the celebration rather than blowing up a candle, a lamp will be lit by every child who will be celebrating that day. Rather than cake we will have home made sweet-dish prepared by children and staff. "Asatoma sadgayama .." will be sung while lighting the lamp and later kids favorite 'happy birthday...' song will be sung.After this, a child comes from the audience and introduces each child among the ones celebrating that day and talks about qualities in that child that he/she appreciates. Birthdays of our children , Vijay, Shalini, Teju, Shamasundar, Lokesh, Harish and Devraj was celebrated this month. This time we prepared Godi Kheisa, a sweet dish made out from wheat and jaggery.

1.2 Chandrashekhar Desai Goudar Scholarship Meet 2011-12 on 14th and 15th of April 2012

Deenabandhu was all prepared for the scholarship program that was about to start the next day. Asha sat in the office itself till 10 at night to register the scholarship students and parents who started to pour in that day itself. Boys were accommodated at the boys' home and the accommodation for Girls was arranged at the girls' home.

Different dialects of kannada ranging from that of Dhanwad to Riachur to Mysore filled in the campus of Boys home, specially palpable by next day morning. The day started with the breakfast at the boys home. Delicious Chawchaw bath was prepared by Puttamma and Manjula for the same.

Then all were directed to assemble at the girls' home. Edward Sir, clerk at Deenabandhu school was taking care of the registration. Parvathi Madam and Prabhu Sir were busy welcoming the students and the guest speakers of the day. Girls' home was well decorated with numerous flowers by Sreedevi, a housemother at the girls' home with the help of our girls.

The inauguration was done by Sri.Huche Gowdru. He mentioned the significance of contributing to the society through development of one's own personality. Introductory speech about the Chan Desai Goudar foundation, about Deenabandhu Trust and about the importance of scholarship meet was carried out by Prajna.

After the inauguration, a small mutual introduction session was carried out by Prajna. Later Sri.N.Manjunath and Sri.Rangaswamy, Chanakya Consultancies, Mysore engaged the students with a session about personality development. The session was filled with activities, inspirational videos, talks and group discussions. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the session. The session continued

even after the tea break and lasted till the lunch.

A very special meals with Kai-obattu, anna sambhar, papad, Masala-butter milk, Banana and pickle was served for the lunch.

After the lunch, Sri.Kailashmurthy, a natural farmer from the Academy of Natural Farming, Kollegala taluk, ChamaraJanagar, engaged a session on Natural Farming. He spoke about how connected he feels with the nature because of the way of life and farming he is doing, yet getting a good enough profit out of it. He spoke about his own farm and the accomplishments through his natural farming. His speech was thought provoking and many students wanted to visit his farm. He also honored a boy and a girl as the best behaved candidates based on Smt.Parvathi's observation. This was a very significant session as most of the scholarship candidates come from the families of small farmers dependent on intensive chemical based farming. The chemical farming using chemical fertilizers and pesticides is making agriculture not only expensive and less profitable but is paving a way for a host of environmental problems.

Sri.ChinnaSwamy from Rootset, Mariyala, Chamarajagara spoke about self employment. Rootset is an institution that trains unemployed youth in various small income generating activities. He narrated many successful stories and also spoke about the available facilities, options, government grants that one can avail to make himself self employed. He did not miss to mention about the significance of self employment and its contribution towards a sustainable community.

After the evening snacks, which had Chilly bonda and Tea, the last session of the day was for about half an hour on ayurveda in day to day life by Sri.Rangaswamy, Chanakya Consultancies, Mysore.

After the sessions, all the children roamed around Deenabandhu campus. Spoke to couple of children and became friends with each other.

At 7 in the evening a cultural event was organized. Small children of Deenabandhu performed dance, including bharatanatyam. Sri.Mahesh and Sri.Basavaraju were also invited to perform for the scholarship students. Sri.Mahesh as well as Sri.Basavaraju are quite popular figures in Chamrajanagar for the folk art. They sang folk songs of this region. Skanda, a Deenabandhu boy also accompanied them for couple of songs. Scholarship students thoroughly enjoyed the whole session. Especially when the small children danced for their own tunes!

After a simple meal of anna, sambhar, papad, pickle, palya and buttermilk was served by 8:30 at night and the day was called off.

Day 2:

The second day also started with equal enthusiasm as that of the first day.

After the breakfast with sweet and khara pongal, the first session was conducted by Prof.G.S.Jayadev about values of life. His talk