



BCM
BISHOP CHULAPARAMBIL MEMORIAL
COLLEGE | KOTTAYAM
Sapientia et Gratia - Wisdom and Grace

OJASS

Reg.No.K 178/09

BCM OUTREACH JOINT ACTION TO STRENGTHEN SOCIETY

Income Tax exempted vide 12 A and 80 G

BCM OJASS is the society registered on 22nd July, 2009 under Travancore Society Registration Act vide Reg. No. K 178/09. The society was registered with an objective to undertake welfare activities of the college and extension activities of Dept. of Social Work.

BCM OJASS with the active involvement and support of Dept. of Social Work has undertaken many programmes to meet the needs of the people and empower the people to face social problems and issues. The programmes were undertaken with the support of staff and students

The governing body of BCM OJASS comprise of the following people.

1. Manager of the college : President
 2. Principal : Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
- and three committee members.

Present Office bearers:

President: Fr. Alex Akkapparambil (Manager)
Vice President: Dr. Stephy Thomas : Principal
Secretary: Dr. Ipe Varughese (Head, Dept. of Social Work)
Treasurer: Fr. Philmon Philip (Secretary, College Education
Arch Diocese, Kottayam)

Committee Members:

Sr. Sheena M U
Ms. Annu thomas
Ms. Priya

BCM OJASS has regular meeting. The registration has been renewed every year with District registrar Kottayam. Annual reports and audited accounts are submitted every year to the District registrar. BCM OJASS has been sanctioned 12 A and 80 G exemptions by the income tax department.

CHILDLINE

BCM OJASS is the district nodal office of CHILDLINE which is the project of Union Ministry of Woman and Child. 1098 is a phone number that spells hope for millions of children across India. It is a 24-hour a day, 365 days a year, free, emergency phone service for children



in need of aid and assistance. We not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to relevant services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. We have, till date, connected to three million children across the nation offering them care and protection.

Child line India Foundation (CIF) IF is the sole agency/body responsible for establishing the CHILDLINE service across the country, monitoring of service delivery and finance, training,

research and documentation, creating awareness, advocacy as well as resource generation for the service. Childline organizes different programmes in the community especially for the children in community and schools.

Awareness sessions for different groups

Child line organize different sessions on topics related to child protection such as Rights of children, what to do during child abuse, good touch and bad touch. Child protection mechanisms in the society.



Open house for Children in the community



Observation of Nov 19 - International day against child abuse



Childline conducts many awareness campaigns and observation of important days related to child protection. It also associate with governement departments and other social work institutions in the



awareness creation programmes. Child line also organizes programmes in schools and other child centered organizations. It involves students in various activities and also organizes programmes for ensuring and promoting the rights of children.

Child line promotes groups activities for children and engange them in sports and other cultural activities in order to keep the children mentally and physically fit.

Childline involves and network with many other organizations in spreading awareness on child rights and child protection. Every year childline spends one week observation in the month of June 'as child childline se dosti week'. This programme tries to spread the awareness on 'CHILDLINE' programme in the community so that more people get to know what they can do in case of a need arise for child protection.



ചെൽസ് ലെനിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ഒരുക്കിയ ചെൽസ് റെറ്റ് എക്സ്പ്രസ് ലോ ഫ്ലോർ ബന്ധിന്റെ ജില്ലാതല പര്യടനം കോട്ടയം എംടി സെമിനാരി സ്കൂളിൽ ജില്ലാ പൊലീസ് മേധാവി സതീഷ് ബിനോ ഫ്ലാഗ് ഓഫ് ചെയ്യുന്നു.



Childline also conducts various exhibitions and programmes involving the public in order to create awareness on child protection and its different dimensions.

Child Development Project among Tribal Students

A socio economic survey and other need assessment methods conducted in Pongampilli tribal settlement revealed the higher rate of drop outs of tribal students for the schools. In order to address the issue the BCM OJASS has initiated a project to support the tribal students to continue education. Undertaking child development project at Pongampalli tribal colony (implemented as the project of BCM OJASS) :

Conducted Personality development programmes for the children as three days workshop 'Dostana'

'DOSTANA' is a personality development workshop which runs into 3-4 days especially during vacation period. The workshop consists of following activity based programmes:

1. Cleanliness
2. Importance of education



3. Creativity
4. Decision making
5. Leadership skills
6. Importance of values
7. Respect others and nation
8. Helping others etc.



33 tribal students were selected and were given with education kit. The kit has note books, uniform, umbrella and all other materials required for study

The personality development programmes highly useful for the children n making them responsible towards study, home and community. The chilsrn were later became willing to stay in hostels and continue higher studies. The number of dropouts has been considerably reduced.



Dostana - Personality Development Workshops for Institutionalised Children



Regular workshops have been conducted at five child centred institutions yearly for 3 days. These workshops include different personality development programs which help children to transform themselves and become a responsible good citizen also putting efforts for their development. The entire event has been Dostana, which is a friendly interaction with children.



Education Support program

BCM OJASS supports the students by different ways. One of the important means of support is the Education Assistance Revolving Finance Scheme: The Society runs this scheme in order to help the needy students in their education. This scheme has the provision to support students through loans by providing to them which is to be returned to OJASS (without interest) by the students once they complete education and get a job or when they become in a position to return the money. There is no interest charged for this loan and beneficiaries can make repayment as lump sum or in installments.

Educational and Medical Finance support scheme: OJASS runs this project for providing support to economically weak students. Many students are benefitted by this programme. This programme is a great help for the students from lower economic background.

HOUSE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE POOR

BCM OJASS has been involving in the construction of houses for the poor . The project started in the year 2014 and six houses have been completed so far. Majority of the houses were constructed for the students of BCM College itself. Houses were constructions at following places:

1. Ayamkudi near Kallara
2. Villoonni near Medical College
3. Puthenangadi near Kottayam
4. Changanachery
5. Puzhikole near Kaduthuruthy
6. Kari- Kumarakom



House constructed at Changanachery



House constructed at Villoonni
near Arpookkara
at Kottayam

House constructed at Kari
near Kumarakom
in Kumarakom Grama
Panchayat



View of the house
constructed at
Ayamkudi near
Kallara. This was
the first house
constructed by
BCM OJASS.

At most of the places the houses were constructed by taking the support of house owners as well. The house owners as far possible support the work with minor manual labour. BCM OJASS also accept the support from other organizations as well for undertaking the house construction projects. Out of six houses, five houses were constructed for the students belonging to economically very weak back ground. The houses are selected by accepting the applications from needy students. The applications are srutinized by a committee and one case would be selected.

Rs.10 Campaign for Fund Generation

The funds required for house construction and other activities of BCM OJASS has been generated from the staff and students of BCM OJASS.

A Rs.10 challenge has been organized among students. The students are given an orientation about the activities of BCM OJASS in the begining of academic year. The class leaders collect Rs.10 every month and hand over to OJASS. The money is collected from those students who are willing and able contribute. Thus the activities of BCM OJASS is participatory in nature and students also get an opportunity to involve in the welfare activities and provide support to their own friends.

Special Cultural Infotainment Programmes for Children from Special Institutions

BCM OJASS is for strengthening the society. It gives special attention to children from different organizations. A cultural infotainment programme has been organized annually by involving the children



from different child centred organizations. Child centred organizations in and around Kottayam are selected.

The children are trained for a cultural programme. The theme of the programme is always related to child rights and child protection. A team of trainers visit these orgnaizations and give training to the children to perform based on the script prepared. It is an opportunity for the children to perform on a theme based program in the college.



The cultural infotainment programme is a one and half hour long event based on a theme based story thread related to rights of children. The cultural infotainment event creates awareness on rights of



children among those children participating and performing in the event.

They also become aware of the problems that children face in our society.

This programme creates a strong bond between the college and the children in different institutions.

The cultural infotainment programme also gives an opportunity for the children from different institutions to come together and perform together. A good number of people from the community also participate in the programme and provide support.



A scene from the cultural infotainment programmes by children for different institutions

SAFALAM SAYAHNAM-

A programme for the Elderly

BCM OJASS has started a programme for the elderly people in the 2009. The programme is to bring elderly people to the college and give them a space to spend a day with variety of programmes. The programme is organized every year in association with 'Smile India' organization which runs Pakalveedu in many parts of Kottayam district.



Inauguration of one edition of Safalam Sayahnam programme by Jerry Amaldev the famous music composer and singer.

The event brings opportunity for anyone from the community to join this programme. The participants of the different Pakal veedu (a centre where elderly can spend time during the day time) in Kottayam district.



The participants get opportunity to present their talents in the program individually or as a group. They can also share their life experiences, beautiful memories in life, the sad incidences in life and the way they have overcome such experiences. The participants enjoy the whole experiences in 'safalam sayahnam' and they are eager to participate in the event every year.



The participants spend time in small groups and they get lot of time for sharing. This process is a very good experience and exposure for the students who are engaged in organizing the event to get the idea of lifestyle of the people in the past.

Intervention during Flood in 2018

BCM OJASS has intervened during Kerala floods in 2018 and 2019. The intervention was multi dimensional as follows:



Provided support materials in relief camps. This included food items, and other requirements

Provided cooked food

Engaging children in the flood relief camps with psycho- social support. The programme included different activities and games for the children. This was supported by World Vision India and Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS)



The flood has caused different types of psychosocial issues for children. The support given by BCM College through BCM OJASS has been a great relief for the children. This helped them to understand the relativity and also helped them to concentrate back in their studies.

Providing food packets to the relief camps was another important activity by OJASS. This was a programme that ensured involvement of students and teachers. The students and teachers brought individual food items to the college. This was further packed as independent food packets and were distributed in relief camps as well as affected homes





OJASS also has supported in the segregation and distribution of medicines to the victims of flood.



BCM OJASS has associated with World vision India, a charity organization with helping the people affected with flood. The organization has provided 5 trucks of items for supply among the affected people. This included drinking water in bottles, daily needs kits with many items, plastic buckets, mugs, mats etc.



All these items were carried to different villages and were distributed among the people

