



# CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL

# CHILD DAY



# GIRL CHILD DAY

**GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT**

on 11th October 2016  
ANDHERI, MUMBAI - INDIA

**“Any child that is brought in the world is a blessing not a mistake. Save girl child and save future generation; Girls are a reason to continue life on the earth; if we kill a girl child there will be no girls left in future”.**

**We the Mission Partners at Andheri, Mumbai work with girl children from 20 slums. They are given supplementary coaching classes for improvement in their studies since they study in the Government run schools where individual attention is not given. We organize many other extracurricular activities to build their self confidence and empower them with certain skills like artificial jewelry making, paper bags, painting, card making etc.**

**On 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a Resolution to declare 11<sup>th</sup> October as the International Day of the Girl child, to recognize the rights of the girl child and the unique challenges the girl child faces in society especially in Indian situations.**

**On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Good Shepherd Convent, Andheri Mumbai celebrated the International Day of the Girl Child. The girls were very excited to celebrate this day very meaningfully. We had a month long preparation to make the day a memorable one. The girls composed poems on girl child especially on how they would like to be in the future. The best poems were awarded but all the girls who participated were given a token of appreciation.**

**We had a fancy dress competition and the girls dressed up in different personalities like Jhansi Rani, Savithribai Phule, Indira Gandhi, Kalpana Chawla, St .Teresa of Kolkata etc. who had brought a social change in the society for the welfare of girls and women and some of the girls dressed up depicting what they would like to be in the future example Advocate, Collector, Pilots, Teachers, Social workers and Doctors. It really boosted their confidence**

**The girls enacted a role play on being abused when they are in the school, at home and in the neighborhood. They were also told about the good touch and bad touch.**

A traditional folk dance was performed depicting that children are born to be free.

A few children gave speeches about the girl child in English and Hindi. They said that Girls are the powerful instruments in the family and society though many feel that they are useless. All those women who had taken risks have been successful and many have inspired us. Girls should be educated and should be treated with respect. Girls should be given many opportunities to display their talents.

Finally the Mission partners explained to the girls the various Rights of children like the Right to live, Right to Identity, Citizenship, Education, Recreation, Participation, Food and Right against Exploitation

Our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, in his message said “the girl child has left a mark in every area, from studies to sports. Saluting their accomplishments on International Day of the Girl Child, we should collectively work towards an India where there is no discrimination based on gender & where girls get all opportunities to shine.”

The girls expressed at the end of the programme that this day will remind us always to go forward in life and thanked the Mission Partners for organizing such a wonderful programme in honour of them.

“Women are the architect of the Society and deserve equal rights and respect. They are the spirit of our nation; save them from exploitation.”

