

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD 2017



11<sup>th</sup> October, being the International day of the Girl child, we the Sisters at Good Shepherd Provincialate along with our mission partners, organized this day with the children who come to our coaching centre every day and other children of the area.

The theme for this year 2017: **Empower girls: Before, during and after conflict**. The day aimed to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls' face while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.

The invitees for the day were the Corporator of Mecosabagh area Mrs. Sneha Nikose, Mr. David, the DS of Methodist Church and Mr. Philip Jaiswal.

The Program began with a rally. About 150 children (girls and boys) and mothers took part in the rally in and around the colony. They shouted slogans such as: "Save the girl Child and educate her", "Girl child is gold; do not sell her", "Girl child is a pearl; let her shine"...etc.. Many slogans were framed in Hindi and children were holding the placards, showing different slogans and statements written about the importance of a girl child and we went around the area. The neighborhood was really awakened with the children shouting the slogans with powerful voices.

After the rally, a public program was organized to high light the rights of girl child through action songs, dance and street play by the children, staff





# Int'l Day of Girl Child at Mecosabagh

Sisters of the **Good Shepherd, Mecosabagh Christian Colony**, who work for girls, women and children at high risk, had organized International Day of the Girl Child at Good Shepherd Convent Hall recently. Corporator **Sneha Nikoshe** was the chief guest while David, DS of Nagpur and pastor, was the guest of honour. A rally was taken out in which **200 children and 50 mothers** from slums areas took part. It was followed by presenting songs that created awareness about girl child and role play. Nikoshe and David guided the children. Slogans like **'Girls are beautiful nature's gift, don't kill them'** 'Save a girl to save tomorrow' were raised.

and Good Shepherd pre-novices. Sr. Pushpa very powerfully and with conviction drew the attention of children, parents and the guests present, explaining the rights of the Girl Child. These were also displayed on the backdrop in Hindi and English.

Mr. David, the chief guest, gave a powerful message in a detailed manner; how God specially created us as human beings and very specifically the girl child, in his precious image, and that there is every need to support and encourage girl children to come up in life and not to destroy their future. The Corperator too wished and encouraged every girl child to do well in their studies and become persons they would like to be, themselves empowered. The girl children enjoyed the day and went home with a sense of pride in them that they are girls and precious.

