

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S DAY/ GIRL CHILD DAY/DIWALI

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On 4th November, 2023 the sisters of Good Shepherd organized a celebration for our dear children as the children were going to start with their Diwali vacation. The sisters of the Good Shepherd celebrated three occasions together i.e. Children's Day, Girl Child Day, and Diwali Celebration.

A GLIMPSE OF THE CELEBRATION:

Children's Day is celebrated across India to raise awareness about the rights, education, and welfare of children. It is celebrated on 14 November every year on the birthday of the first prime minister of India Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was known to have been fond of children.

'Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao' is the most famous slogan and this campaign is all about to save girl child and to focus on free education and this campaign has helped a lot of people. Girl Child Day is celebrated with a view to promote awareness about the rights of the girl child to bridge the gender divide and to lay emphasis on the importance of girl's education, health and nutrition.

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. During the festival, the celebrants illuminate their homes, temples and workspaces with diyas (oil lamps), candles and lanterns.



THE SPLENDOR OF THE CELEBRATION:

The Children's Day, Girl Child Day, and Diwali Celebration were held on 04th November 2023. The program began by welcoming the Chief Guest - Minal Amar Bhosle Ma'am who is an inspector at D.N. Nagar Police Station. Children lined up with their play cards which had small slogans for our beautiful girl children about their rights and before we move on as we all know without God's blessings nothing is possible so we had a short prayer song i.e. Itni Shakti Hamein Dena Data.



The lighting of the lamp added an extra touch of significance to the program which was lit by our Chief Guest - Minal Amar Bhosle Ma'am, Sr. Cecilia, Sr. Usha, Mrs. Lucy, Mrs. Sudha, Janaki & Meenakshi and then all the children who were holding the play cards were called up on the stage where everyone put forth their right hands and promised that they will save the environment & safeguard the rights of the girl child, Archal was reading the promises and the others were repeating after her.

Sonakshi gave a warm welcome to our chief guest and a small bouquet of roses was presented by Sr. Mary Jose. Few girls spoke on the rights of the Girl Child regarding the five basics i.e. Right to life, Right to education, Right to health, Right to protection, and Right to equality. Then we had a small dance and singing performance by our children. Our Chief Guest - Minal Amar Bosale Ma'am spoke a few words on the Nirbhaya Cell that is available only for girls and women.

Then we had a dance performance one from our beautiful girls and one from our handsome boys. A speech was delivered by Rakhi on the topic of Life on Water and Life on Land where she spoke that we should take care of our environment not only on land but also in the waters.



We had games for the children and they enjoyed it a lot, the children's and their mother's cheerful smiles captured our eyes, with a sense of gratitude and gladness that we could touch the hearts with the message. Mrs. Kamla then expressed her heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the children and their mothers by thanking the sisters for such a wonderful day. As the day's celebrations drew closer, the children were presented with some gifts and served a delicious snack and a refreshing juice concluding the event with a sense of fulfillment and excitement.

