Report on JPIC activities

Bangalore Region

“Nurture the nature so that we can have a better future”. We, in Bangalore region have been committed to the cause of spreading awareness among the students and parents about caring for mother earth and building up a just and peaceful society. Throughout the year we conducted various activities in the schools to realise this goal. Here is a brief report of the activities conducted in the schools.

Nirmala Public School, Pizhaku.

Sharing the Christmas Joy:

The entire school under the leadership of JPIC and Friends of Mary Ward contributed their might in the form of dress materials, Stationery and soap. The students of class IX accompanied by the staff went to Don Bosco Poor Home, Kadanad and handed over the collected items to the inmates. They enacted a Christmas play, gave Christmas message, sang carols, listened and spoke to them thus created a very joyful atmosphere there. The students also sponsored lunch for them. Having spent two hours with the less privileged of the orphanage, the students returned home inspired to be compassionate and loving towards the unfortunate brothers and sisters of the Poor Homes.

Integrity of Creation 2018:

We had the Annual PT display on the theme “Integrity of Creation”, emphasising on the values of Justice, Peace and Compassionate love. The theme also upheld the Creation of God and our own role in nurturing it.

Reported by Sr. Shradha CJ
We have joined the Gobar Times Green Schools network and have become a part of a nationwide community of schools practising the Green Schools Programme. Two of our teachers were sent for “Green Line Schools” seminar to guide our students in the school. Two Resource persons from Don Bosco School, Mattunga were invited to give an awareness programme to our students on Waste Management. This programme motivated the members of Nature Club to be actively involved in various activities of the Club. The members of nature club take the role of “Green Commanders” of each class. They pick up the trash in the class and remind their classmates to keep the surroundings clean. These students are also involved in making “Eco Bricks” using 1.25 litres of pepsi bottles, which are filled with littered plastics. These would be collected by” The Gobar Time Green Schools” for making toilets for the slum dwellers in Mumbai. They carry out tree plantation drive in the school. Once a week the members of Nature Club clean the school compound. They also prepared cardboard dustbins and kept in each class and corridors to segregate the dry wastes in the classes.

The students had another awareness programme on “care for the earth” by Nirbhya group which is an NGO in Maharashtra. As a result in each class a few volunteers were chosen to collect Polythene from houses of the students. The Nirbhya group would collect these plastics once a month (that is on 1st Friday of a month) and send it to Pune to make Bio fuel. Students of class VIII & IX prepared models on “Poly Plastic” and Hydraulic innovator and exhibited it for Zonal level Competition at Bhandup.

Students of class VII conducted a meaningful prayer service on the theme “Clean India, Green India” and spread the message that “Cleanliness is next to Godliness”. They also composed a song titled “Green India”.

Students of Class X collected toilet articles, and bed spreads for the inmates of a rehabilitation home at Aassangaon. They were taken to the rehabilitation home for an exposure programme where they met lepers and the aged, listened to them, entertained them and gave them gifts. Our students also generously contributed funds for national army and the cancer Patients.

Awareness about “Use and Abuse of Social Media was given to the students so that they can use their smart phones responsibly. Alertness on cyber-crime was emphasized.

Sr. Mercy CJ
St. Mary’s Convent School, Begur

On 10th January 2018 the staff and the students of St. Mary’s Convent High School had a unique awareness programme on “Human trafficking” organised by Sr. Auxilia CJ. The presentation included an illustration of Human trafficking in all its forms. A prayer service also was conducted on the theme “End Human Trafficking” by the students of class 7.

On 21st December 2017, during the Annual PT display, the students of classes I&II put up a programme based on “Peace”. At the end of the programme one of the students recited a prayer for peace in the world. During the pyramid formation the students of classes VIII, IX & X brought out messages such as “Green Earth”, “Heal India” etc.

Sr. Auxilia CJ
Mary Ward Matriculation School, Mittapalli

A Tree Plantation Drive was organised in the school for the High school students to conscientise them about the need to nurture Mother Earth. The students are encouraged to water and look after these plants. The students, staff and the support staff gifted saplings and flower pots to Sr. Divya on her birthday.

Sr. Smitha CJ
St. Mary’s Convent School, Alakode

We celebrated the school annual day on 22\textsuperscript{nd} December 2017. The students of class III staged a beautiful dance drama on the theme “Clean India, Green India” to remind the parents about the urgent need to care for the earth. Students of class II emphasised the need to live in peace and harmony through a skit.

On 8\textsuperscript{th} March we celebrated Women’s Day by organising various programmes in the school. A Quiz competition was organised in the school for the students on the topic Achievements of great women and prizes were distributed to the winners. Students of class IX conducted a prayer service and prayed for women all over the world.

Reaching out to the needy:– Commerce students of class XI helped a cancer patient by giving her Rs.10000/- which was the profit they got from conducting a Commerce Fare in the school on children’s day.

Sr. Sherly CJ

JPIC Animator, Bangalore Region