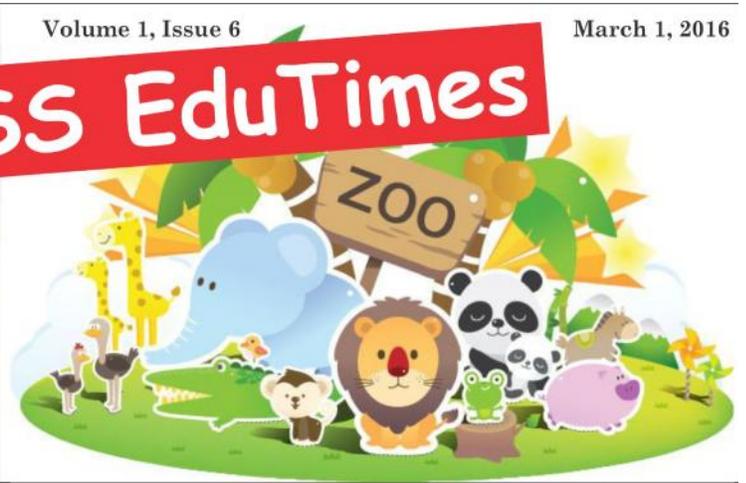




# LSS EduTimes



## Lok Seva Sangam

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## From the LSS Governing Body (Education) ...

Welcome to yet another issue of the LSS EduTimes.

Besides the usual academics, the month of February was packed with a lot of activities at the Education Centers

Lok Seva Sangam celebrated its 'Foundation Day' on the 5th of February. It is also the birthday of Sister Luigina Marchesi, the Co-Founder of this organisation. We pray that God keeps her in good health!

The Balwadi students of Cheeta Camp went for a picnic to the zoo on the



11th of February. On the 18th of February, the Balwadi students of the Chuna bhatti and Bainganwadi Centers together went for a picnic to the zoo.

As part of our professional development, I along with all the teachers of Lok Seva

Sangam attended a supported with sensory experiences.



symposium on trauma, organised by Drishti. The symposium which was held on the 20th of February, focused on the 3 R's of trauma - Recognise, Respond, Restore. Eminent speakers enlightened the over 250 members of the audience with their knowledge and experiences in dealing with trauma in children and adolescents.

On the 29th of February, the Tutorial students of the Bainganwadi and Chuna bhatti Education Centers went on a field trip to the Nehru Science Center. The students had a wonderful time at the Science Center as the theory taught in their texts was



Organising learning experiences for the students and teachers alike was an immensely satisfying experience which LSS hopes to continue in the years to come.

- Ms. Sandra Pinto  
Member of the Governing  
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## An update from the Balwadis ...

This month the following topics were taught -

**Language** - Introduction of any 5 flowers and vehicles, narrating a story with puppets, reading and writing two letter words - AT, OT, OD, IT, UP.

**Maths** – Addition and Subtraction of numbers 1 to 9, count the objects and write the number.

**Eurythmics** - Incy wincy spider, repetition of all songs taught last

month.

**E.V.S.** – Identifying the fragrances of various items such as roses, lilies, Make with soil snake, utensil, vegetable, fruits .knut to the thread.

**Games** - musical chairs, potato race.

- Ms. Leelavati, Ms. Bhuvaneshwari,  
Ms. Krushnavati.

## An update from the Tutorials ...

The Junior and Senior KG students are reading and writing three letter words.

All the teachers are busy preparing the students for the school examinations - oral, reading and writing.

The students going to schools where the medium of instruction is English, are now reading and writing Hindi

and Marathi well. Some students also ask questions if needed.

Some students have enacted historical characters from their history lessons such as—Shivaji, Afzal Khan, and so on.



Some students have received certificates from the school for various events such as Patanga, Yoga, Fruit Activities, Me-hendi, Dance, 50 meters race.

-Ms. Jaya

## LSS Babies' Day out ...

The students of the Balwadi went for a picnic to Jijamata Udayan. While the Balwadi students of the Cheeta Camp Education Center went on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, the Balwadi students of Bainganwadi and Chunabhatti went on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

The students were accompanied by their teachers Ms. Seema, Ms. Leelavati, Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, Ms. Krishnavati and Ms. Jaya. They were also accompanied by their helpers and two volunteers, Naomi and Angela.

After a breakfast of fruit, the students went

to visit the animals in the zoo. They saw various animals such as elephant, deer, crocodile, bear, swan, crane and colourful birds too. The students were very happy to see the animals.

Then they visited a museum close to the zoo. There they saw a village scene and various old instruments. After lunch, the students played on the



swings, slides and see-saw.

We then returned to our respective Education Centers. The students then went home with their parents who were waiting for them.

- Ms. Krishnavati; Ms. Leelavati

## Field Trip to the Nehru Science Center ...

On 29th February, 2016, the Tutorial students of the Chunabhathi and Bainganwadi Education Centers went to the Nehru Science Center, Worli, for a field trip. A total of 55 students participated in this field trip along with four Teachers and three volunteers.

We reached Nehru Science Center at 10.20 a.m. We watched a total of 3 films. The first film was - Science Odyssey: 'TO FLY'. The students enjoyed this film very much. The second film was titled 'I am Mother'. This film taught students about the

human anatomy. The different internal organs in a life-size transparent glass model of a human body was lit up.

We also visited the various galleries, namely - 1) Science for children; 2) Sound and Hearing; 3) Human and machine; 4) Mirror Reflecting Surface; 5) Environment; and



6) Prehistoric life. These important galleries were connected with topics in the students' History, Science and Geography text books. The students were very excited as they did various experiments.

We returned to our respective Education Centers by 5 p. m.

- Ms. Manisha

## Symposium on Trauma - A Report...

All the teachers of Lok Seva Sangam, including LSS Member of the Governing Body (Education), Ma'am Sandra, attended the symposium on 'Trauma', organised by Drishti on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

The symposium consisted of 2 sessions. The first session had two speakers – Dr. Hemal Shroff (Clinical Psychologist; Asst. Professor, TISS) and Advocate Maharukh Adenwala (Advocate, Child Right Activist). Dr. Shroff spoke about what

Advocate Maharukh Adenwala spoke about the role of various stake holders in their responses to a traumatic incident. At the home front, this necessitates the involvement of the parents while at the educational institution, the Principal, Teachers and support staff need to be involved.

In the second session had three speakers – Dr. Kersi Chavda (Psychiatrist, Founder member Prafulta); Dr. Gayatri Devi ( Principal,

audience on how one resolves trauma systematically with administrative help in terms of school, home as well as professional agencies. The medical, legal and counselling professions' role in this regard were highlighted.

We, the teachers really benefited from the symposium as we were made more aware of our responsibilities in dealing with children undergoing trauma due to various reasons.

- Ms. Kalpana

trauma is and the types of trauma. She threw light on the post traumatic stress period and its signs and manifestations that can be both physical and emotional.

Little Flowers Public School, Bangalore) and Dr. Parul Tank (Psychiatrist, Physiotherapist and Consultant Fortis Hospital). The panel engaged the

## Special thanks to our annual/quarterly sponsors ...

- **Aleimar Gruppo Onlus** for sponsoring the Adult Life Skills Programme and the education of 18 children.
  - **SlumAid** for donations towards teachers' salaries.
  - **SlumAid** for sending volunteers to our Education Centers.
  - **School for Children** for sponsoring the education of 52 children.
  - **Pontificio Istituto di Missioni Estere (PIME)** for sponsoring the education of 70 children.
- Ms. Etheldreda D'Souza

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**but we make a LIFE by what we GIVE."**

**~ Winston Churchill**

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## Special thanks to our donors ...

- Jon Blackwell for sponsoring the students' picnic and field trip.
- Jeanne Miranda for donation towards food expenses of the Balwadi students.



- Ms. Etheldreda D'Souza

## We appreciate our volunteers ...

- Angela and Naomi (U.K.) for volunteering at Bainganwadi and Chunabhatti.



- Ms. Etheldreda D'Souza

## Schedule of Events

- \* 24/03/2016 - Holi
- \* 25/03/2016 - Good Friday
- \* 27/03/2016 - Easter Sunday

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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## LSS Foundation Day ...

Lok Seva Sangam is dedicated to the welfare and treatment of leprosy patients. It was in 1976, when 2 Italian Catholic Missionaries, Rev. Father Carlo Torriani and Sister Luigina Marchesi, started the selfless service of love among the patients of Cheeta camp.

The purpose of the mission was to show that leprosy was curable. The patients who were looked upon as ostracized members of society were treated in a regular dermatological clinic sending a clear message that these patients could be integrated into society and treated as equals.

Also Sister Luigina at that time, started a Balwadi in the slum near Chunabhatti railway station.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February, is Sister Luigina's

birthday. She is the Co-Founder of Lok Seva Sangam. So, Lok Seva Sangam celebrated Foundation Day on that day at all the Education Centers.

Besides eating snacks such as cake and wafers, the students, Teachers and the volunteers also said a prayer for both our Founders.

- Ms. Seema



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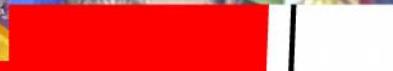
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## Photo Gallery



## What we do ...

**Lok Seva Sangam (LSS)** is a voluntary organisation, founded by Father Carlo Torriani and Sister Luigina Marchesi, both missionaries from Italy. LSS was registered in February 1976 under the Societies Registration Act and works for the control of **leprosy**, **tuberculosis**, elimination of malnutrition and enhancement of **education**. It covers a population of approximately 2.7 million in the E, L, M (East) and M (West) wards of Mumbai, India.

Cure without segregation has been the motto of LSS since inception and 300 odd deformed leprosy patients under its care are provided with physiotherapy, varied aids and appliances and dressing materials. The main aim is to detect cases in the early stages through its 15

dermatological mobile clinics and prevent impairment and disability.

Tuberculosis is a life-threatening ailment and is highly contagious. LSS aims to prevent the onset of MDR and XDR by detecting patients early and

convincing them to complete treatment without interruption.

To improve the outreach and efficiency of the Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) programme, LSS also works with 17 Anganwadis. It plays a major role in motivating the community to take an active part in the monitoring and evaluation of the programme while working towards decreasing child mortality and improving maternal health by Community-based management (CBM) of severely malnourished children.

LSS runs 3 Education Centers for children of 2 1/2 - 13 years of age in Chunabhatti, Bainganwadi and Cheeta Camp and provides them with free meals, clothes and stationery. Besides this, the children are trained in Capoeira, fine arts, English, etc ....

