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## HOPE Leaders of Tomorrow

Alumni of Project Hope met at Thiruvananthapuram for a chance to interact with eminent leaders and discuss how they could contribute to the future of HOPE.

175 youngsters from 20 police districts along with support staff, mentors, teachers, and district coordinators attended the two-day HOPE alumni meet held at the Special Armed Police Campus, Thiruvananthapuram, on Oct 31 and Nov 1.

"I dreamt of being an IAS officer while growing up in a small village in Kerala. All of you need to dream big and overcome struggles and distractions with willpower, dedication and hard work to achieve your dreams," said Sri P Vijayan IPS, I G Kerala Police and the craftsman of Project HOPE, while addressing the meet. The children had an opportunity to interact with Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala and Smt. Nishanthini IPS, DIG of Police (TVPM Range). The children also shared their experiences, stories, feedback and how, as alumni, they can contribute to Project HOPE, through a feedback session led by Saif Muhammed, CEO, Mission Better Tomorrow.

Project HOPE aids children unable to pass 10th and 12th board exams and gives them a second chance at realising their abilities by mentoring them and helping them clear the examinations, building their self-worth and confidence.

## Training the Trainers of BCP

Selected participants of Mission Better Tomorrow's Bereavement Companionship Program, in collaboration with the Institute of Palliative Medicine and the Death Literacy Institute of Australia, will attend a Train the Trainer Program on Dec 9, 10 and 11 at the Institute of Palliative Medicine, Kozhikode.

## One-Day CEEP Camp at Ernakulam

246 children from six CEEP centers of Mission Better Tomorrow's Ernakulam Chapter attended a one-day Capability Exploration and Enhancement Program (CEEP) Camp held at the Sahrudaya Welfare Service Centre in Ponnuruni, Ernakulam, Kerala, on Oct 5.

## Let the Kids Flourish: MBT NANMA Merit Scholarship

The Ernakulam Chapter of Mission Better Tomorrow launched a flagship scholarship programme called "Mission Better Tomorrow, NANMA Merit Scholarship" for outstanding children from resource-limited backgrounds as part of its continued commitment to promote and encourage talented youngsters.



Thirteen students received the merit scholarship of Rs. 25,000 each, for the Academic Year 2022-2023. The scholarships were awarded at a ceremony conducted on Oct 5 at the Sahrudaya Welfare Service Center in Ponnuruni, Ernakulam, Kerala.

The awardees will also receive guidance as part of the Capability Exploration and Enhancement Programme (CEEP), a two-year training program that help students discover their talent and maximise their potential.

Sri. Ajithkumar, Executive Director, BPCL Kochi, was the Chief Guest and Sri. E. Nandakumar, President, Mission Better Tomorrow Ernakulam Chapter, presided over the function. Mission Better Tomorrow Ernakulam Chapter Secretary Sri. Ranjith Warriar, Smt. Ashly Mohammed ( Mission Better Tomorrow Secretariat Team), Sri. Remesh Kumar (former DySP), Sri. Mathai ( Chairman and Managing Director, Olive group), Smt. Sarakkutty Mathai, Dr. Manjudas (Professor, Albertian Institute of Management Studies), and Fr. Jose Sahrudaya (Director, Sahrudaya Service Society) were also present at the event.

## DREAM TO PLAN: THE FIRST-EVER YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT



“How to build a consistent and persistent strategic envisioning of the Youth Development Summit so that it thrives in the long term?”

The first-ever Mission Better Tomorrow Youth Development Summit (YDS) was conceptualised and ideated at the two-day workshop held on Nov 9 and 10 based on the question above. The session was led by Mr Shashi Velath, Executive Trustee of Bridge Institute, Mission Better

Tomorrow's Mr Saif Muhammed (CEO), Mr PB Vijayabaskar (Managing Trustee), Dr Ayesha Ashraf (Core Team Member), Mr Ranjit Ramachandran (Core Team Member) and Mr Anand Haridas (Team MBT). SVC volunteers and several students across different colleges and courses took part in this workshop too. A follow-up meeting was held on Sep 19

## New Horizons, New Lives Touched

**A brand new chapter in our books as Mission Better Tomorrow inaugurates the first CEEP Center in Palakkad.**

The first CEEP Center of Mission Better Tomorrow's Palakkad Chapter, in association with RUBFILA International Limited, was launched on Nov 23.

P Vijayan IPS, IG Kerala Police, inaugurated the new CEEP Center. He explained that the Capability Exploration and Exploration Program (CEEP) is a comprehensive training programme that trains children to empower themselves for self-transformation by dusting off their potential and discarding what they no longer require one by one.

The inauguration event was presided over by Sri V S Muhammed Kassim DySP(Rtd), Mission Better Tomorrow Palakkad Team, with Sri G Krishnankumar, MD RUBFILA International Limited, as the Chief Guest. Sri Sreejith Nair, Chairman of KSS Academy and Motivation Trainer, took the first session for the students. The 11th centre of CEEP was inaugurated at Tirur, Malappuram, on 26 Nov 2022.



### Impact Story

#### THRIVING AGAINST THE ODDS

Jahid Ali is very excited. He is a HOPE student from the Batch of 2022 at Mission Better Tomorrow's HOPE centre in Ernakulam. Now, he's busy making handicrafts to present to the UNICEF Team on tour of the HOPE Centres. And he's not alone - Sona Sukumaran and Safreen of the 2021 batch, Muhammad Suhail, Prajith C. S, Tinu, Adithya, Abhijith, Jyothikrishna, Sandra Ajayan, Thanuja, and Rohan of the 2022 batch, are working with him too, with the assistance of Omana Kunjamma, Senior Resource Person, and Shibi Hari, Team Member, at MBT Ernakulam.

"I enrolled in HOPE after failing my 12th exams. The sessions at the HOPE centre not only helped me pass the exam, but they also helped to develop my personality and skills. From being a student who disappointed everyone, I am now a student who everyone cheers for," said Jahid. "I have also prepared a speech in English to share my thoughts on the Project with the UNICEF Team", he added. "Project HOPE prioritises personality and skill development while assisting students to pass their exams. It helps students mould themselves through life skills education and psycho-social wellness training," said Shibi Hari.

This year, 1245 students have enrolled in Project HOPE.

#### 420 LIVES CHANGED BY CEEP

Four hundred and twenty selected adolescents attended the Life Skill Acquisition Program in November under CEEP (Capability Exploration and Enhancement Program).

CEEP is a two-year training program that identifies talented children from resource-limited backgrounds and helps students discover their talents and maximise their potential through a structured training curriculum. Selected resource persons are groomed to serve as teachers and facilitators to help children develop life skills, language skills, logical skills and reasoning skills. The program includes field trips, career counselling, and community connections. Mission Better Tomorrow's regional chapters plan to launch more CEEP centres in the coming month. Two CEEP centres were inaugurated in November. Thus, 120 more adolescents are set to receive support through the program.

## Guests from UNICEF!

The members of Project HOPE were ecstatic to welcome a delegation from UNICEF, as they interacted and engaged with the enthusiastic kids!

The UNICEF Information and Communication Technology team visited the children at Project HOPE and interacted with them. The children were thrilled with the session and responded enthusiastically during the interaction. The team also interacted with

P Vijayan IPS, IG Kerala Police - the architect of several Child Center initiatives. The Chief of ICT, Mr Gibson Ruingi, and 13 other members, including Mission Better Tomorrow's Program Manager Fouzhiya Anjum and Prasanth Kumar, also visited the Central Child-Friendly Police Station to interact with a few children, officers and project members.



**Mission Better Tomorrow's 11th CEEP Centre inaugurated by Sri P Vijayan IPS, IG Kerala Police at Tirur, Thunjan Parambu, Malappuram.**

## Exciting Fest Ahead!

An Organising Team for The HOPE Fest, Kozhikode, was formed under the guidance of Sri Umesh, Assistant Commissioner, Special Branch, Kozhikode City. A focus group comprising the Project HOPE administrator, alumni, students, and parents were formed for the gathering. District Coordinator Sri Sasikumar presided over the occasion.

At the meeting, it was decided that the Kozhikode City Hope Fest would be held for three days in December and January, and would include associated events such as visits to the Institute of Palliative Medicine and organizing a Blood Donation Camp. Sri Feroze, Project HOPE Administrator, Sri Radhakrishnan, CAP coordinator, and Sri Mufid, Mission Better Tomorrow coordinator, were part of coordinating the event.



## Keep Our Youth Well

520 children participated in 10 general awareness and life skills education workshops that were held in Pondicherry.

The sessions were designed to improve and ensure adolescents' holistic well-being. The Parents and teachers of students who attended this workshop said the workshop directly impacted the kids' behaviour positively and improved their academic performance. Teachers' camps will also be organised to develop teachers into Wellness Coaches and transform classrooms into Wellness Centres.