Bal Mela 2011

Bal Mela 2011 was celebrated with great grandeur by Sarva Seva Sangh, Pune at Stella Maris School Premises, on 10th November 2011. It was inaugurated by Ms. Suvarna Pawar, the District Women and Child Development Officer, Pune. Bal Mela 2011 was intended to offer a day of cheer and entertainment to children living at high risk situations, namely, the street and working children, children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and children of commercially and sexually exploited women. Over 800 children from both Sarva Seva Sangh and collaborating NGOs participated in the Bal Mela, in addition to over two hundred care takers, and volunteers. Various rides and games stalls were arranged to provide entertainment to the children. The children enjoyed every bit of the excellent Orchestra by Roxygen in the afternoon.

The concluding meeting was presided over by Fr. Lazar Stanislaus, Provincial Superior, Mumbai India Province, and Ms. Madhuri Abhayankar, Director, SOFOSH, Pune gave the keynote address. The hilarious presence and performance of Ms. Vaishnavi MacDonalds from the film world best known for her lead role in 'Sakthiman' added color and gaiety to the celebration. Dr. Naina Atalye, Programme Coordinator, HCDI, our funding partner was also present at the occasion.

A rally from Vadgaonsheri to Ramwadi by nearly seven hundred children as part of Sarva Seva Sangh's advocacy efforts towards child rights, in anticipation of the Children's day marked the end of Bal Mela 2011.

Bal Mela has been a regular activity of SSS, Pune, since last year and we are committed to make it more enriching and entertaining to children under our care in the years to come.