## International Youth Day 2017 Celebration at Janvikas



International Youth Day was celebrated in Janvikas by the youth club members from the slums on 12th August 2017. The program was based on the United Nation's theme for the International Youth Day - "Youth Building Peace". The day was filled with colorful dances, songs and street play performed by youth. "Indore Youth Icon 2017" award, which is initiated by Janvikas this year was given to the budding International Badminton Championship winner Miss. Foziya Khan.

Fr. Dominic welcomed the guests. Colonel D.C. Vincent Shah (rtd) was the Chief Guest of the function. Miss Foziya Khan, winner of Gold Medal, Badminton. Amateur Games and Sports Federation, International Badminton Championship at Pokhra, Nepal was the Guest of Honour. Fr. Varghese Alengaden from Universal Solidarity Movement was the special guest.

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Fr. Roy Thomas, the Director of Janvikas shared about various activities that are conducted during the year for the youth. Colonel Shah said "Focus your attention on studies and you will never be let down." He also briefed about the recruitment process in Army and encouraged youth to join Army to serve the country.

Foziya Khan in her speech told youth to keep discipline, believe in themselves and never to lose hope. Fr. Varghese appreciated the interventions of Janvikas in organizing and guiding the slum youth and he encouraged youth to take up responsibility to bring about peace in the society. Fr. Nicholas Martis and Fr. Jomon graced the occasion with their presence.



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