

CSA Carnival 2019

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On the 8th of July, 2019 (Monday), the much-awaited Carnival was conducted by the Activity Centre wing of CSA at Christ (Deemed to be) University, Bannerghatta Road Campus. Children from the Subhash Nagar Centre were brought to the campus to take part in, and enjoy the day in the carnival. This event was conducted as a part of the Child Sponsorship Program (CSP), where students of the college sponsor the education of underprivileged children in CSA's project areas. A total of 49 children were hosted by CSA. When the children first arrived in the morning, they were taken to the campus canteen and were served breakfast. Once they had all finished, the volunteers guided the children towards the Birds' Park where various stalls were set up for the children's enjoyment. Here, they were first addressed by Rev. Dr.Fr. Biju K C (Director) who engaged the children in a light conversation after which he inaugurated the carnival by ceremoniously cutting the ribbon.

The children then moved onto enjoying themselves by playing the various games that were conducted for them in the stalls while being looked after by the volunteers. Seeing the children so joyful on winning at a game and being rewarded with small victory tokens, the volunteers too could not help but smile at their happiness. Once the fun and games at the stalls had ended, the children posed for a photograph with the volunteers. They were then escorted to the Mini Auditorium where they were shown a short animated film and after that, all the children gleefully participated in a dance party. And of course, when has a session ever before ended without the Banana Song? After chorusing the Banana Song and then the Watermelon rhyme, the children were taken to have their lunch. One refreshing meal later, the volunteers took each child to a class in the campus where the Christ students hosted the child for a short while and entertained them with games and delicious cake! This gives the students of the college a chance to actually see the impact of their contribution to CSP, in the flesh. After this, the children were again taken to the Audi Block, where games were arranged for them to play and have fun with each other along with their volunteers. This concluded the day, after which the children were accompanied by a few volunteers and were taken back to the Centre after a day filled with joy and excitement.

CSP remains a successful initiative of CSA and seeing the joy on the children's faces, the volunteers are motivated to do a better job year after year. This year too, the Carnival as part of CSP ended on a successful note with brimming joy for both the children and the volunteers.