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## Director's Note



### The Beauty of Children

The beauty of children lies in their innocence, curiosity, and limitless imagination. They possess a rare gift of viewing the world through untainted eyes, finding wonder in the simplest of things. Their genuine laughter and unfiltered expressions remind us of the purity of the human spirit.

To the cast and crew, I urge you to embrace your roles with a sense of wonder and openness, akin to a child exploring a new and magical world. Let us tap into the essence of childhood and portray these young characters with authenticity and respect. In the complexities of life, children serve as beacons of hope and joy, and their innocence is a precious gift that we must nurture and safeguard.

Throughout this creative process, let us draw inspiration from the beauty of children's dreams, their unwavering hope, and boundless potential. As I envision the children at Snehagram embracing their childhood, I am certain their performance will touch the hearts of all who witness it. May it leave them with a renewed appreciation for the pure and profound essence of youth, reminding us of the beauty that lies within every child's heart.

**Fr. Sunil Joseph MI**

## Easter Celebration

As Easter approached, our group of friends eagerly planned a festive celebration, recognizing the significance of this joyful time for both religious observance and strengthening our bonds. On Easter Sunday, our day began with a sense of anticipation, knowing it would be filled with camaraderie and joy. We attended the Holy Mass, taking time to reflect spiritually before immersing ourselves in the festivities. Warm embraces and smiles conveyed the holiday spirit, creating an atmosphere of happiness and unity among us. Gathering around a beautifully set table, we relished a feast of mouthwatering dishes that delighted our palates. During this shared meal,



we took turns sharing stories, jokes, and personal experiences, fostering a sense of love, acceptance, and gratitude for the cherished friendships we have nurtured. To enhance the spirit of joy, we engaged in various games and activities, infusing the celebration with even more laughter and happiness. The experience of celebrating Easter with friends left a lasting impression on all of us.

**Amar**

## Summer Sports



The joy of playing summer sports is a truly invigorating and liberating experience. As the warm sun blankets the world, there's an unmistakable excitement in the air. The days seem endless, and the opportunities for outdoor play are boundless. The radiant sunlight bathes everything in a golden glow, energizing my spirit. The laughter and cheers of teammates and opponents alike create a symphony of camaraderie and competition.

The sensation of the ball at my fingertips or the crack of a bat connecting with a pitched ball sends euphoric shivers down my spine. The heat of the sun fuels my determination, and the sweat on my brow becomes a badge of honor. Every challenge is an opportunity for growth, and every victory is a testament to hard work and dedication.

As the game draws to a close, win or lose, there's a feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment. High-fives, hugs, and laughter abound as we reflect on the moments shared together. It's not just about the competition; it's about the connection, the shared passion for the sport, and the memories etched in our hearts.

**Ramu**

## Annual Exams

Writing annual exams is a significant and often nerve-racking experience for me, filled with a blend of anticipation, preparation, and a touch of anxiety. As the exam season approaches, I bury myself in textbooks, notes, and practice papers. Late-night study sessions and last-minute attempts to grasp every bit of information become a norm. The pressure to perform well looms overhead, and I strive to strike a balance between confidence and self-doubt. The morning of the first exam day arrives, and there's an air of tension as I gather with my fellow students outside the examination center.



Once inside the examination hall, a hushed silence takes over. The sight of the exam paper can be both reassuring and overwhelming. I carefully read the questions, plan my approach, and decide the sequence in which I'll attempt them. As the writing begins, time seems to take on a life of its own. The minutes pass swiftly, and the pressure to manage time efficiently adds to the intensity of the experience.



The feeling of relief mixed with a tinge of satisfaction washes over me as I step out of the examination hall. Regardless of the outcome, the experience of writing annual exams leaves an indelible mark on my academic journey, shaping my approach to learning and my ability to handle challenges in the future.

**Sudeep**



## Run for Life



When we run, we embrace the inherent beauty of the experience, the sensation of wind against our face, the rhythmic pounding of our feet on the ground, and the exhilarating feeling of being alive. Running becomes a medium of self-discovery, teaching us about our limits and pushing beyond them to unlock our true potential. It reminds us that the race is not against others but against the limitations we impose on ourselves. The emphasis shifts from competing with others to competing with our former selves, seeking constant self-improvement, and finding solace in the progress we make along the way.

It becomes a lifestyle, a way of living that extends far beyond a finish line or a podium. It's about the camaraderie shared with fellow runners, the stories exchanged, and the support offered in times of struggle. It's about the euphoria of crossing a personal milestone, whether it's a marathon, a 5K, or even just a daily run that clears our mind.

**Nirmala**



## Rainbow Camp

Make it sound far professional: Rainbow Camp was a heartwarming and transformative experience, organized for children aged 10 to 18 who were either infected or affected by HIV. This unique camp aimed to provide a safe and inclusive space for these children, fostering a sense of belonging and support among them. The primary focus of Rainbow Camp was on imparting life skills and value-based activities, carefully curated to engage and empower the young participants.

The organizers recognized the importance of equipping these children with essential life skills, helping them build resilience, self-confidence, and the ability to navigate life's challenges with grace and determination. At the heart of the camp were the volunteers from the Impossible Fellowship, passionate individuals who had undergone specialized training to conduct sessions and activities. These dedicated fellows served as mentors and facilitators, infusing the camp with positive energy and a strong sense of community. Throughout the duration of the camp, the children were exposed to a diverse range of activities. From creative workshops that encouraged self-expression to team-building exercises that nurtured cooperation and camaraderie, every aspect of the camp experience was designed with the children's well-being in mind.

The Rainbow Camp not only offered an opportunity for the children to engage in fun and educational activities but also provided a safe space for them to share their stories and experiences with others who understood their unique challenges. It became a platform for forming lasting friendships, where the children could find comfort in knowing they were not alone in their journey.

**Soundarya**





## SOS team Visit



The meeting with Nikhil and Balasubramanya, the dedicated individuals raising funds for the orphans of Snehagram, was an inspiring and fruitful gathering. The meeting commenced with a series of engaging PowerPoint presentations and heart-warming videos, showcasing the current progress and impact of the funds raised so far.

During the sharing session, we had the opportunity to discuss the various initiatives and projects undertaken to uplift the lives of the orphans. Nikhil and Balasubramanya listened attentively, offering valuable insights and suggestions, demonstrating their deep understanding of the ground realities of the program.

The one-on-one group discussion proved to be instrumental in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by the program and the aspirations of the children. The meeting concluded with a shared sense of enthusiasm and determination to continue the journey together. It now only strengthened our bond with Nikhil and Balasubramanya but also deepened connection to the cause itself. We are eagerly looking forward to continuing our efforts and making a positive difference in the lives of these many children.

*Sahana*



## Welcome Fr. Baby



On behalf of our entire community, we are truly delighted to have Fr. Baby among us. His arrival brings a sense of joy and anticipation, as we look forward to the valuable contributions he will make to our organization. We are eager to witness the positive impact Fr. Baby will undoubtedly have on the lives of those around. His wealth of experience and wisdom will serve as an inspiration to all of us, and we are eager to learn from your guidance and leadership.

A warm welcome to Fr. Baby. We are thrilled to embark on this journey together and are confident that the days ahead will be filled with growth, companionship, and a shared commitment to making a difference.

## Anadhyana Run



The annual event of "Anadhyana" embodies the essence of embracing life's journey with vitality and purpose. Participants of all ages and walks of life come together under the banner of "Anadhyana," where the focus is not solely on the destination but on the meaningful experiences encountered along the way.

The starting area becomes a vibrant tapestry of participants donning colorful attire, each one representing a unique story and purpose for joining the event. Volunteers stand ready, exuding warmth and encouragement, ready to support and guide the participants on their journey.

The sound of the commencement signal sets hearts racing with anticipation. The first strides mark the beginning of an inspiring voyage, where participants venture into the unknown with a sense of wonder and determination. Spectators and volunteers line the course, cheering loudly, and displaying motivational signs, reminding participants of the strength they possess within. Beyond the physical aspect of "Anadhyana," the event serves as a platform for meaningful change. Participants raise funds and awareness for charitable causes, making a positive impact on the community. Every stride signifies a contribution to causes that uplift lives, fostering a deeper sense of purpose and fulfillment.

**Nandhini**

## Parliament Election

The Children's Election at Snehagram was a captivating and enlightening experience, truly reflecting the essence of democracy and civic engagement at a young age. The candidates delivered speeches during assemblies, expressing their aspirations and outlining their plans for Snehagram.

The process was organized and supervised by teachers, ensuring fairness and transparency. When it was my turn to cast my vote, I felt a surge of empowerment. Holding that small ballot paper in my hand, I realized that my decision mattered, and it was a moment to express my voice in shaping our school's leadership.



As the votes were counted, a palpable sense of anticipation filled the air. The school eagerly awaited the results, which were announced on the same day. The winners' faces lit up with joy and humility as they were declared the new leaders of our school.

Throughout the Children's Election, I witnessed the power of democracy in action. It was heartening to see students actively engaging in the process, taking on leadership roles, and embracing the responsibility that came with it. We were all happy with the results, then the Prime minister selected his cabinet ministers to take on various responsibilities.

**Abhijith**

## A Haven of Love and Growth



From the moment you step into Snehagram, you'll sense that it's a place unlike any other—a sanctuary of tranquility and belonging. My heart overflows with gratitude for the precious moments I've spent with the incredible people here, who have become my second family.

The youth at Snehagram radiate kindness and warmth, brightening each day with their infectious smiles. Their encouraging spirit has inspired me to embrace new experiences, from trying out running and games to indulging in delicious food. Their thirst for knowledge and eagerness to learn are truly remarkable.

The staff's hospitality and warmth make you feel right at home throughout your stay. The Camillian Fathers are actively engaged, sharing joyful moments on the volleyball court daily, while other mentors and staff organize enriching activities for the youth. Their dedication to supporting the students shines through their every action. Amidst the breathtaking flora and fauna enveloping the campus, a deep connection with nature blossoms. Snehagram has been a transformative experience, nurturing my well-being and happiness. I am certain it will do the same for you. Snehagram is more than just a place; it's a haven of love and growth. It's where bonds are formed, spirits lifted, and hearts find solace. Embrace this extraordinary journey, for Snehagram will leave an indelible mark on your soul.

**Raju**

## Empowering Impact

The meeting with Rajeev and Chitra, where we evaluated the activities of Rishi Foundation and its Positive Running Program, was a momentous occasion that left an indelible mark on the team's spirit. During the presentation, we showcased the various initiatives undertaken by the Rishi Foundation and highlighted the significant impact of the Positive Running Program. Both Rajeev and Chitra were genuinely impressed with the running of the program and commended the team's dedication and hard work. Their words of encouragement and praise reaffirmed our commitment to our mission and motivated us to strive even harder.



The personal sharing session allowed us to connect on a deeper level, where we shared our experiences, challenges, and triumphs. Their genuine interest in our stories and their empathetic responses made us feel valued and acknowledged. Their presence enriched our team, providing us with a renewed sense of purpose and determination to impact many more lives positively.

**Lakshmikanth**





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