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The Power of Small Acts



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In a world that often celebrates grand achievements, we sometimes overlook the power of small acts of kindness, perseverance, and dedication. Yet, it is these little moments that create a lasting impact—on ourselves, on others, and on the world around us.

At Snehagram, we see this truth every day. A simple word of encouragement can inspire confidence. A shared meal can create a sense of belonging. A helping hand can make a difficult task easier. It is not always about how much we do, but rather the heart with which we do it.

Great changes begin with small steps. A single seed grows into a mighty tree, a drop of water adds to the vast ocean, and a moment of kindness can ripple into a lifetime of positivity. Whether we are learning, teaching, or supporting one another, our smallest efforts shape a future brighter than we can imagine.

Let us not underestimate the power we hold in our daily actions. Every smile, every effort, every step forward matters. Together, through these small yet meaningful moments, we create a world filled with hope, purpose, and love.

A Joyful and Eco-Friendly Diwali at Snehagram



Diwali at Snehagram was a celebration of happiness, warmth, and togetherness. Excitement filled the air as we lit diyas, their soft glow creating an atmosphere of peace and joy. Instead of firecrackers, we embraced an eco-friendly approach, releasing beautiful paper lanterns into the night sky, adding a magical touch to the evening.

The flickering diyas and glowing lanterns reminded us of the beauty of simple, sustainable celebrations. We shared delicious homemade sweets and snacks, filled with love and warmth. Laughter, stories, and fun games made the night even more special.

This Diwali was not just about lights and colors but also about thoughtful choices. It was a celebration of love, friendship, and a commitment to caring for our planet—a truly unforgettable and meaningful festival.

Gandhi Jayanti: Honoring a Legacy

On Gandhi Jayanti, we took time to honor Mahatma Gandhi and his contributions to India's independence. The day began with a prayer service, remembering all freedom fighters and reflecting on Gandhi's principles of truth and nonviolence.

After breakfast, we organized a cleanliness drive in and around Snehagram, where everyone participated with great enthusiasm. The event concluded with a discussion on Gandhi's vision for a clean and self-reliant India, leaving us inspired to follow his ideals in our daily lives.



Christmas: A Time of Faith, Family, and Festivities



Christmas at Snehagram was a beautiful blend of faith, joy, and warmth. The evening started with a Holy Mass, offering moments of peace and gratitude, bringing everyone together in the true spirit of Christmas.

After Mass, a delicious feast awaited us, filling the night with laughter, conversation, and shared joy. But the highlight of the evening? A barbecue under the stars, where the aroma of grilled food mixed with the glow of the fire, creating a cozy and magical atmosphere. The bond of togetherness, the spirit of giving, and the pure festive joy made this Christmas one to remember.

Ranipet Run 2024: A Race of Endurance and Triumph

On December 28th, a team of 76 runners (35 girls, 41 boys) set out on an exhilarating journey to Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, to participate in the Ranipet Marathon, organized by the Jolly Boys Club.

The runners shone brightly, with Meghana claiming 1st place, Gangamma securing 2nd, and Nandini earning 3rd place in the women's 10K. Every participant received a finisher's medal, a testament to their dedication and perseverance. The celebration continued over a well-earned breakfast, as they reflected on their achievements. The Ranipet Run was more than just a race—it was a demonstration of resilience, teamwork, and the power of running.



Welcoming 2025 with Joy and Togetherness



The New Year at Snehagram was all about gratitude, reflection, and celebration. We began with a Eucharistic service, thanking God for the past year and seeking blessings for 2025. What made this celebration extra special was the presence of friends and seniors from past years, bringing back cherished memories.

As the bonfire crackled, we danced with boundless energy, shared hot drinks, and cheered as the clock struck midnight. Laughter, music, and the warmth of togetherness filled the night. The next day, we continued the fun with games, enjoying friendly competition and strengthening our bonds. A special gift exchange added a heartfelt touch, making this New Year celebration truly unforgettable.

Republic Day: A Celebration of Unity and Freedom

Snehagram's Republic Day celebration was filled with patriotism, reflection, and gratitude. The morning began with a thanksgiving prayer and Mass, honoring the visionaries who shaped our nation's democracy.

At the flag-hoisting ceremony, Fr. Baby, our new administrator, proudly raised the tricolor for the first time, marking a special moment. As we sang the national anthem, a deep sense of pride filled the air. In his speech, Fr. Baby reminded us of the sacrifices made for our freedom and urged us to uphold the values of justice, equality, and unity. The day was not just a tribute to our republic but also a call to action—to be responsible citizens working for a brighter future.



Seva Café: Serving with Love and Gratitude



On January 17–18, the Seva Café team brought warmth and service to Snehagram, transforming meals into moments of joy. Their visit was not just about food but about creating a sense of togetherness.

The team prepared a special breakfast featuring sweet Pongal and Kara Pongal, serving every plate with care and respect. Later, they cooked a festive Pongal lunch, welcoming guests from Bangalore to share in the feast. As we enjoyed the meal, we expressed our heartfelt gratitude for their time and effort. The Seva Café team, touched by the experience, promised to return in the coming months, strengthening the bond of service and community. Their visit left us with a deeper appreciation for selfless giving.

Pongal: A Celebration of Harvest and Togetherness

Pongal, the festival of harvest and gratitude, was celebrated at Snehagram with immense joy and enthusiasm. Preparations began days in advance, with cleaning, decorating, and even dressing our cows in vibrant colors—a true reflection of the festival's spirit. The excitement was contagious, with cheerful chants of "Pangaloo... Pangaloo!" echoing throughout the campus. On the festival day, we gathered around a traditional three-stone stove, watching as the rice boiled over in a decorated pot, symbolizing abundance and prosperity. The celebration continued with sharing sugarcane and savoring delicious Pongal with nuts and grapes.

Though simple, the laughter, togetherness, and heartfelt joy made this Pongal a truly memorable and meaningful experience.



Preparing with Focus and Determination



With annual exams around the corner, students at Snehagram are gearing up for this crucial period with a structured and disciplined approach. Study plans are meticulously organized, incorporating revision sessions, past paper discussions, and subject-wise strategies. To maintain focus, we balance study with short breaks, engaging in games and relaxation activities to refresh our minds.

A well-planned schedule ensures efficient time management, allowing every subject to get the attention it deserves. As exam day approaches, the atmosphere is charged with determination, yet we remain motivated and confident, ready to give our best effort.

Magic Bus Certification Program: A Journey of Growth and Learning

The Magic Bus Certification Program was a 45-day skill development initiative at Snehagram, designed to empower underprivileged youth with job-ready skills. While some initially hesitated due to the distance, those who joined gained invaluable knowledge in English, computers (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), sports, and farming.

Adjusting to the structured routine was challenging at first, but over time, participants grew in confidence and competence. The program culminated in a certification ceremony, marking a major milestone in their career journeys. This experience has equipped us with essential skills, boosted our future prospects, and proven to be truly transformative. I highly recommend it to anyone seeking personal and professional growth.



A Heartfelt Homecoming



On February 25th, Fr. Mathew, the first director and founder of Snehagram, visited us for a reunion, marking his second visit since relocating to the USA. His previous visit was on November 21st, 2023, making this gathering even more special.

The discussion focused on our progress, addressing achievements, challenges, and personal growth since the last meeting. Though attendance was lower due to another event in Bangalore on February 26th, those present engaged in meaningful discussions on life, health, and the importance of regular medication. The evening was filled with reflections and shared experiences, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of motivation and connection.

Celebrating the Birthdays of Fr. Sunil and Fr. Baby

At Snehagram, we had the joy of celebrating the birthdays of Fr. Sunil and Fr. Baby, two figures who have played a significant role in our lives. Since Fr. Sunil's birthday was on March 20th and he was away, we celebrated it on March 30th alongside Fr. Baby's birthday.

To make the occasion more special, we invited our seniors who had moved out and were now working. Some returned to join us, making the celebration even more meaningful. The day began with a morning prayer and a Holy Mass, attended by priests from Bangalore. Seniors shared heartfelt messages, expressing how both fathers had positively influenced their lives.

Adding a personal touch, the Snehagram family crafted handmade birthday cards, making the celebration even more heartfelt. The festivities continued with fun games and ended with a delicious dinner, bringing everyone together in joy and gratitude. It was a truly memorable celebration, strengthening our bond as a family.



1000 Days of Food for Snehagram – A \$ocialCred\$ Promise

Over the past 18 months, \$ocialCred\$, a pioneering kiddie time bank, has been instrumental in fundraising to provide food for Snehagram. Their commitment extends from October 2023 to March 2025, ensuring consistent nutritional support for vulnerable children.

March 2025 – Rs. 10 Lakh CSR Funding from Egon Zehnder

A pivotal milestone was reached when \$ocialCred\$ co-founder Ahaan Arora engaged with Vikram Arora, Partner at Egon Zehnder, during his initial 100-day fundraising campaign for Snehagram in October 2023. Recognizing the importance of a sustainable solution, Vikram encouraged a long-term approach and invited the \$ocialCred\$ champions to pitch for CSR funding.



After 18 months of rigorous follow-ups and showcasing Snehagram's transformative programs—including marathon running, life skills training, and fostering independence—Egon Zehnder confirmed a donation of Rs. 10 lakhs, securing a full year of food funding for Snehagram. A visit is being planned for Snehagram's children to engage with the corporate team, fostering a sustained collaboration in the coming years.

November 2024 – Fundraiser Led by Hridhank Bhagat & Ved Khanna

In a dedicated fundraising effort, Hridhank Bhagat and Ved Khanna mobilized a large-scale social impact initiative, bringing together over 30–40 stalls to raise funds both online and offline for Snehagram's food supply. Their campaign successfully secured corporate CSR funding and donations, leading to the delivery of over 5 tonnes of food and groceries.

Their tireless efforts, supported by school teams and community champions, significantly expanded awareness and advocacy for Snehagram's cause.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Hridhank Bhagat, Ved Khanna, Kashika Kiran Reddy, Aanya Muthanna, Samanvay Gupta, Spoorthy Dannapaneni, Aarush Moramchetty, Anushka Chari, and Prarthana Krishnan for their inspiring commitment and compassion. Your dedication has brought not only nourishment but also hope to the children of Snehagram. Thank you for being the change-makers we need in the world.



Freedom from Hunger Run – Independence Day 2024

\$ocialCred\$ champions Anoushka Chagas Pereira and Anushka Chari organized a unique "Freedom from Hunger" run on Independence Day. Over 50 runners, both young and old, participated in various themed runs, including a saree run and a dhoti run, where each completed lap contributed to the fundraising effort. This initiative successfully secured over 10 tonnes of rice, ensuring food security at Snehagram for the next 12 months.



TISB Park Run



A team of eighteen enthusiastic runners from our group participated in the TISB 5K Park Run, an event that blended challenge, excitement, and inspiration. While the course presented challenges—especially at the turns—every participant displayed determination and perseverance. Despite sore legs and a demanding track, our team completed the race with high spirits and pride.

Adding to the celebration, we marked Johan's birthday—a young changemaker whose unwavering efforts helped raise significant funds for Snehagram's food support.

The gesture was deeply appreciated and reminded us of the power of youth-led impact. A special highlight of the day was the incredible performance of three of our students who claimed the first, second, and third positions—showcasing not just speed, but passion, discipline, and heart. Overall, it was a memorable day—filled with purpose, unity, and the joy of running together.

The Beauty of Gardening and Animal Care at Snehagram



Gardening at Snehagram is more than just growing food—it's a way to connect with nature and find peace. Watching seeds sprout, plants flourish, and vegetables ripen brings immense joy, teaching patience, hard work, and perseverance.

Alongside gardening, we also care for a variety of animals, including 12 cows (4 of them milking), rabbits, ducks, chickens, and loyal dogs. Each animal plays a role in making the farm vibrant—dogs protect us, rabbits and ducks add charm, and cows provide fresh milk.

Caring for plants and animals teaches us responsibility, kindness, and the value of nurturing life. Whether it's harvesting fresh produce or feeding our farm animals, every moment spent in nature is deeply fulfilling.





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