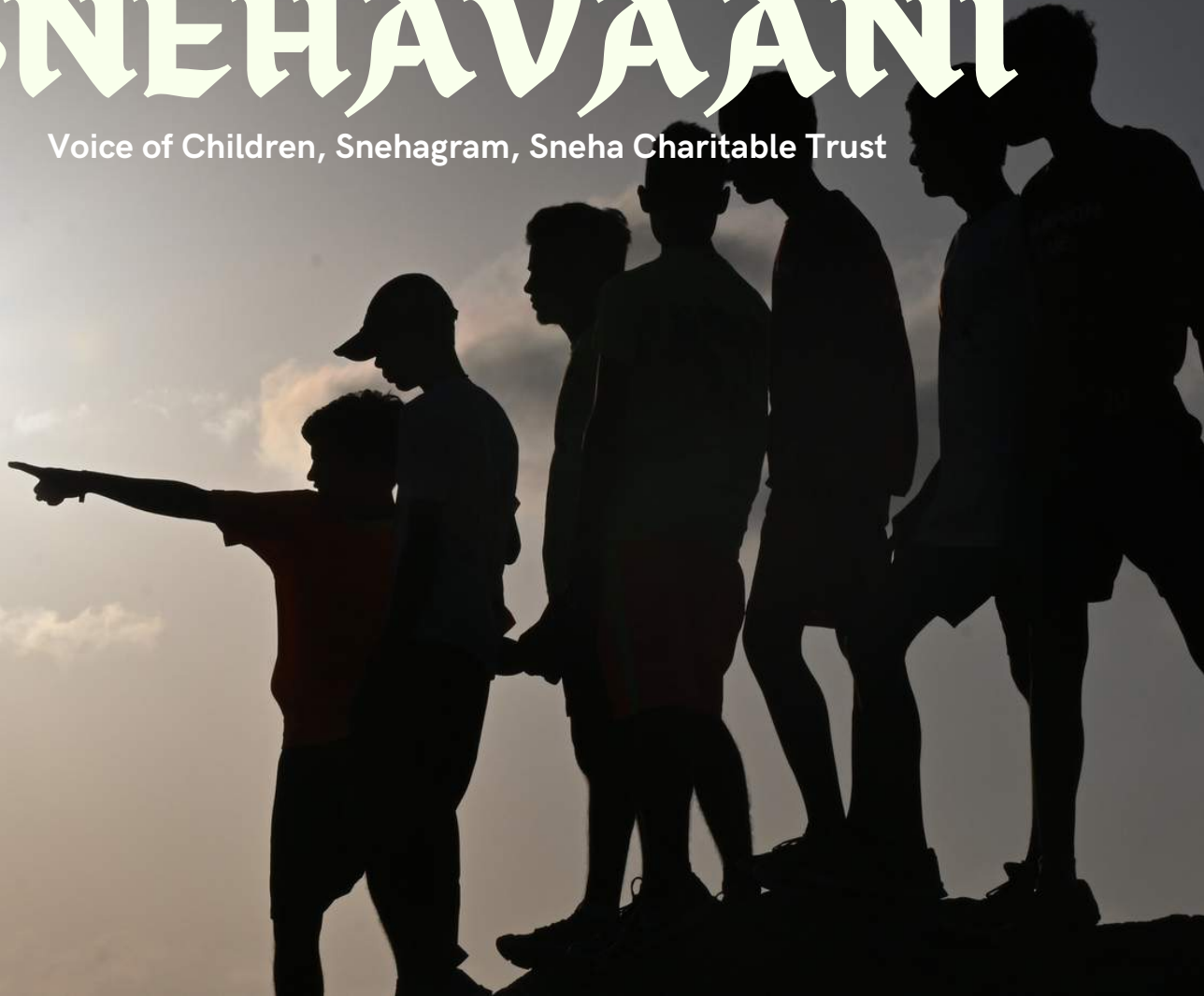




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## Administrator's Note



Life changes constantly. Actually, life goes by so quickly sometimes you don't even notice all the changes happening. I see the a year in Snehagram has passed, still remember the beautiful smiles of children and lush green land, the sweet fruits, lovely climate and greatest blessing that was experienced. Can't forget the beautiful moments because every minute of life has extraordinary surprised and gifts.

I believe once a moment has passed, it is gone forever except in our memories. Cherishing moment as they happen will not only help you feel thankful for life, but also help you to have a more positive and happy outlook.

Great people say, no matter what we are in life, no matter what status we belong to, no matter what circumstances we are confronted with, we should cherish life because the only moment that we have is this present moment. If we have some discontentment and are always complaining, bear in mind that there are people at this very moment who are struggling for their last breath. If you were able to wake up, be thankful. Lets' be happy that God gives us the gift of life.

**Fr. Sunil Joseph**  
**Administrator**  
**Snehagram**



## Annual Exams



15 students wrote their secondary examination and 30 of them appeared for the senior secondary exams under NIOS in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. All the students had been preparing well by putting all their effort into studying.



It seems interesting to pen a few lines on my experience during my annual exams. I was appearing for my 10th-grade board exam. I read a lot on the previous night of the examination day. I revised my entire course. As the first bell rang, I had already started answering the questions. My hands started shivering initially but became steady gradually. Attention was diverted often to others. I was instead able to answer all the questions; I was happy with my performance until I came out and started discussing the answers with my friends.

with my friends. They started discussing the answers, they had written to various questions and a small debate began, fighting to claim their answers were correct, many clarified by looking into the textbooks. Seeing and hearing this bothered me a lot in my answers. The happiness started fading away slowly and I started getting tense. I was now really worried about my marks. This interesting and unique experience shall always be remembered and recollected by me in my life.

**Arun**

## Completed 10th Standard

After the arrival of the exam result, I got to experience long-awaited freedom. 'You are independent to do what you want or what you desire. No more morning alarms, getting ready for college or assignments and projects, Nothing! Now you can invest time in something useful like start-ups or internships.' This was amazing to see myself very happy and free, but that only lasted for a short time until when I heard about the announcement of the 10th results. I started to run in fear and anxiety to know my results. A few of my friends came running to me and they were shouting with joy that they had passed the 10th examination. Again this added more fear to my results. I rushed to the computer lab and all the laptops were engaged. I jumped to one of the laptops and entered my enrolment number, the internet was slow due to the use of many users. Every second it took to load, my heartbeats went faster and I was almost wet with sweat. Words aren't enough to express to say the feeling I experienced the moment I saw the marks and found that I had passed the examination. It is indeed a unique joy. I was so thrilled and glad.



**Akashy**

## Visit of BSW interns



5 BSW students came for a 30day internship. We were very happy to host them and were glad about their performance. They were involved in our day-to-day activities.

Snehagram is a place of love and compassion. As a social work trainee, the internship at Snehagram was a fantastic experience that provided me with numerous learning opportunities that will be highly beneficial in the future. This was taught to me by Snehagram.

The people there are fantastic; they did not interfere with our activities and cheerfully assisted us with our tasks. The most important thing to obtain is opportunities. Snehagram is a place where we can understand that we have fewer problems around us and are finding difficulties there.



In Snehagram, we saw that the difficulties we are going through are nothing. The trainees obtained significant insight into how a social work institution in a medical setting should operate, as well as the opportunity to remain and interact with HIV-positive youngsters. Within the constraints, the trainees could take advantage of possibilities and contribute everything to their fieldwork. Throughout the placement period, the trainees received continual assistance and direction from the agency's director, administrator, agency supervisor, and other mentors.

**Sneha**

## Easter Celebration

Sunday, as it was the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection, However, the roots of the Easter holiday's traditions and activities can be traced back to pagan celebrations. The name Easter is believed to come from Eostara, the goddess of rebirth. In early times the Feast of Eostara celebrated earth's resurrection and rebirth. We continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus by Blessing the water and lighting the lamp. The new fire is so sacred and I was honored to be a part of the celebration, prayer, and receiving a blessing. We danced, sang hymns, shared sweets, cooked a delicious meal,s and decorated the buildings. It was a sparking day with all my friends and this added delightfulness to the celebration

**Ranjan**



## Create your art



Art comes in many different forms which include audio, visuals, and more. Audios comprise songs, music, poems, and more, whereas visuals include painting, photography, movies, and more. MAP group has been helping our children to bring out their art skills and explore ways to make it a livelihood option for a few. Students love to do artwork and they enjoy the practical activities compared to the theory classes. Many students have been showing immense interest in doing the given activities. Suhas says: that it also motivates us and strengthens our emotions. Poetries are audio arts that help the author express their feelings in their writings. In the same way, I see my art to express my feelings and ideas.

It is true without art, the world would be a dull place. So let's bring out our art skills and be creative.

**Lakshmi**

## Store for Future

The need to save nature is very urgent because there is continuous degradation happening every moment. On top of it, there are human activities to a large extent, accelerating this degradation even more. It is important as all living beings are interdependent on nature. The ecosystem will not work without nature. And we, Homo sapiens, as a species will become extinct. As a way to save nature, we grow our own food because when growing your own food, your diet is more diverse and healthy, packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Food in its rawest, freshest form is not only the tastiest way to enjoy but also nutritional. You can save a lot of money by growing your own vegetables and fruits. Long-distance transportation of produce relies heavily on fossil fuels. Growing your own food would help reduce the reliance on this transportation that is harming the environment. So we have taken the first step to save nature and preserve it for future generations.

**Ambika**



## Visit to Sevasadan



The field visit to Sevasadan Institute was an eye-opener for all of us. The institute had all the trades that are sustainable and provided continuous support and income to youth from the most vulnerable groups. Sevasadan agreed to be in a partnership with Sneha Charitable Trust, to work on two to three trades, that provides easy opportunities for the HIV-infected and affected community to find a livelihood opportunity. They also suggested that we could start with a pilot program, which could actually help us to identify better opportunities as we move forward. Sevasadan also agreed to train our students under their program.

**Suhas**

## New Cow shed

Shelters play a vital role for animals too. Without a proper shelter, it would be hard for animals to sustain. To make a better environmental condition we build a new shed and named it Sneha Dairy. This place seems great for the cows and at the same time, taking care of them has become more simple. Students love to be there and take good care of the animals. We appreciate the donors for supporting us to build a healthy environment for the animals.



## Interviews



I was just reversing how tensed and worried I was for the past minutes. When I heard that three of them were not selected because we were just 18 and they said only people from the age of 19 were allowed to work in that company. I was a bit worried when they said that I should wait for some time. When two of my friends were selected for a job, I was frustrated and had no patience to wait, I was waiting for my turn for the interview, When I and my other friends were leaving the place, I was happy because I was selected for the job.

**Suhasini**

## Magic Bus Training

I was very happy that I joined for magic bus training. It was a very good learning experience all throughout the 45 days training. I was trained in many topics and skills that are very helpful for me in my future. Their explanations were very easy and understandable, I was thinking about computers, communication skills, and ways to handle customers. I can't forget the session on How to be a responsible person and how we communicate with people and impress them through our body language. I improved my English grammar, with this training. I was helped with career guidance and direction that I can take to reach goals in my future. I was also trained to attend an interview; they conducted mock interviews through which we got some idea about the interviews in companies. I learned to make the best resume about myself giving the required details. Magic bus conducted many tests and gave home works online that helped me better to learn. I had spent a very good time in their classes and found it very beneficial as we face the real world.

**Anushree**



## Interaction with Dr. J. Philip,

Xavier Institute of Management and Education is a premier management institution in Bangalore, which imparts quality management education. XIME completed 28 years of glorious service to the Nation. The story of XIME's journey is also one of sheer determination and grit. It has come to symbolize the resilience of our founders, rising as it has done from its humble beginning to a world-class Institution with fully residential campuses in Bangalore, Kochi, and Chennai. It was an honour to meet and get connected with XIME and hope this will open many more doors.

**Nirmala**





## Pratibhima Meeting

Hopkins took the lead in conducting the session on Being Healthy amidst the challenges of HIV and ensuring treatment adherence, addressing the need to focus on healthy living through a holistic approach. The sessions also highlighted the importance of nutrition. The team also appraised the efforts taken by the team to submit a paper for the International AIDS Conference, to be held in July in Montreal, Canada. Four papers were submitted for the conference of which three were accepted for the poster presentation. Partly scholarships are supported and currently, John Hopkins team is raising funds to support the travel of four staff to be part of the international conference.



**Lakshmikanth**

## Nagpur visit



In this space, the engaging education leaders get the first-hand experience of creating effective, engaging, and inclusive learning experiences, working in the present school system, especially in low-income communities, and understand the challenges to create such learning experiences. Also, they are able to identify and explore their role in the larger movement and identify and develop a set of skills and mindsets that are required for their role. In our observation, we experienced that the children were quite enthusiastic after going to school, and getting themselves enrolled, every child we met, was self-aware, equipped to pursue their passion and lead a successful and happy life



**Kalesh**





## Seva Café @ Snehagram

It has been my experience that when you're focused on giving others you're less likely to become consumed by your own concerns and challenges. Giving provides an opportunity to look beyond our own world and see the bigger picture. This statement lies true with the Seva Café team; they come down to Snehagram only with the intention of giving, the team cooked breakfast and lunch. Students were so delighted to taste some scrumptious dishes that were prepared, it was indeed finger licking. I learned that giving is one of the best investments you can make towards achieving genuine happiness. True giving comes from the heart, with no expectation of reciprocation. You'll find that the more you give, the more you'll receive.

**Gangamma**



## Trekking To the hill



Climbing the hill is a game that involves hiking up that gives the climber a lot of adventure and fun. It strengthens one's muscles, boosts stamina, and also provides the added advantage of observing exotic views from the hilltop. It was adventurous but at the same time quite risky. It looked effortless from a distance, but it posed numerous challenges to the students. I and my friends enjoyed this thrill, and according to me, the more incredible were the mountains, the greater the thrill. It was really amazing while climbing and coming back, later that day our was body tired and had the best sleep. It must be experienced by performing and not by words to enjoy it.

**Sridhar**

## Summer Rains

One day, during summer, black clouds appeared in the sky. It started to drizzle. Soon the drizzle turned into heavy rain. The drains started overflowing with water. The paths turned into small streams. The students were the happiest. It becomes very pleasant and cool. The ground becomes slippery and boys love to play football in the slush and get muddy. The wind harsh broke many branches of the trees, and untied the cables and electric wires, it blew away all the small saplings that were just planted. Although there were a lot of inconveniences, we were very happy to see the rain.

**Rahul**



## Holidays



I was in a hurry to pack my bag at midnight because my last exam finished very late and I missed my bus so I was very late to Snehagram. Then I reached my home and refreshed myself and had lunch. During the time of my holiday, I used to be more at home due to the heavy sunlight and used to go at night. This time I didn't spend my time with my friends because they all had their exams and I didn't enjoy my holidays much. But my big brother used to take me out to have something and this time I ate a lot of non-veg. So this time I met my Snehagram friends and spend a good time with them. So I spent my one month time with my family members and I really loved staying with them. So I got ready to come back to Snehagram and I booked my bus. Even staying away from home was a happy moment because I had my friends with me. So I reached Snehagram with much enjoyment and enthusiasm.

**Chatra**

## Hard work yields

"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work," When someone wants something big in life, they do their best to go and get it. It is not by sitting down and fantasizing about it, but by actually going out into the world and working hard and bringing it to reality. People look at others' achievements, telling themselves that those people are successful because they were determined to do it. This is very true in every aspect. One of the ways students of Snehagram are being taught about this is through farming. They clear the weeds, dig the land, manure, plant the sapling, water them and finally do the harvest. They learn the real importance of hard work and how it pays back positively



**Prakash**

## Nature Snaps





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