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Director's Message

Snehagram walked into another hopefully wonderful academic year as we gratefully acknowledged the magnificent contribution of Fr. Mathew Perumpil the architect of the very movement. Now as new administration step in, it is our privilege to carry on this entrepreneurship into new horizons envisaged.

Drawing learning from the experience of past years and beginning the new year with a week of Sports Camp happens to be an icebreaker especially for the 16 new comers. The Beginning of classes for academic preparation especially focused on 10th and 12 class kick started the fervent beginning of the year.

The opportunities to participate marathon in Jerusalem, participation of national level conference and other exposure programs for the students emits more light upon the higher possibility of encountering a friendly world against a so called hostile one. Bidding farewell to the Sisters of Divine providence after their six years of selfless service inspires us to have further collaboration. The child parliament coming into power is an ideal mirror to see the importance of the role of children in the management and smooth functioning of the program. The evolving SNEHASPASH took new heights in supporting and mentoring students completing 18 years of age and looking job outside. The first rented home in Bangalore for extended living members brings more hopes and opportunities for the independent living of students. The committed team of staff in Snehagram is our hands in actualizing the mission and vision of the institute. We look forward to a future Snehagram without any children in it which will be a clear sign of better health.

Closing of the Academic Year 2018-2019



With grateful Hearts



Snehagram formally closed the academic year on March 30th 2019. Each class presented their learnings and experiences and shared it during the evening celebrations. Staff also gave their overall feedback. The Parliament of 2018-2019 was

also formally concluded and the students went for their annual holidays or study leave.

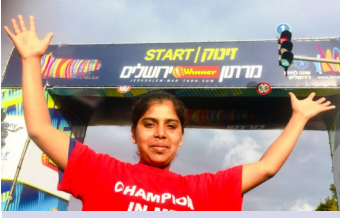
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My experience in Jerusalem

“I stood admiring at the beautiful nature.”

On March 12th, I went to Israel for 10k Marathon in Jerusalem. It was my first visit to another country, from Snehagram among the girls. I thank God who gave a great chance to go to another country and participate in the marathon. It was great experience that I got and an opportunity to visit the Holy Land, along with Elvis Sir my coach and Dr. Gladson and family. We all went to participate in the marathon as one family. In Jerusalem we stayed in a hotel. On the first day we visited different places in Jerusalem. We were guided by a tourist guide who took us to different places like Holy Mountain where we could see the entire Jerusalem. I saw tombs, churches, golden mosques and I stood amazed at the beautiful nature. I got to know more about Jerusalem, that there were two Jerusalems: the old city and the new city of Jerusalem. He also told us that the Christians had built new churches and the Jews had built the golden color mosques and also I saw the wall built by King David. We visited King David's wall and his tomb and we went to the tomb where Jesus was believed to be buried. In the





Jerusalem Run

“I finished my run and got the medal”.

afternoon we had our lunch together. Then we went to visit Bethlehem where Jesus was born. On the 2nd day we were unlucky that we could not go out because it was raining for the whole day which made me feel cold. So I took rest because on the next day was our run. On 14th march was our marathon, there were different categories of run. My run started at 9:30 am, the roads were so difficult which was more of uphill, the weather was cold. While I was running I enjoyed the nature and aimed at finishing the marathon even though I was running slowly. At last I finished my run and got the medal and I took good rest. On the 4th day being my last day we had visited a church which was built inside the cave. It was dark inside the cave. We went to a place where Jesus had his last supper, the table was made by stones and it was small, it looked old. We visited the mountain where Jesus did fasting for 40 days. We went in the rope way and it was my first experience. I enjoyed a lot and it took us by kneeling down. After this place we went to the river Jordan and we visited the Dead Sea which was our last event of our trip and we swam there and it was salty but it was holy water. I had my bath and got freshened up and traveled back to India. I liked the food and the way people behaved with us and some told me that they love our country. Also I did shopping there. I want to thank people who supported me to go to this country and have great experience there which gave me lots of blessings and learning.

Ashwini, Plus Two





Preparation for Exams

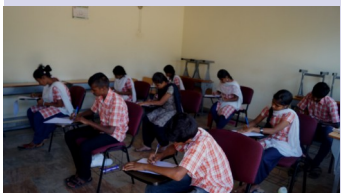
Snehagram is a place which provides basic education for students living with HIV. It is divided into 5 groups, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and the mentors who are pursuing their vocational skills. After



My Exam Experience

completion of my 10th examination, I joined for 12th class. In the First semester we just tried to understand the concepts with the help of teachers coordinated by Mr. Shinto. In the second semester we did not have much serious class. In the month of January we had assignments, so we focused on completing it. Then as the dates of examination were near, I was so tensed and worried about how I would be appearing for the exams or would I pass in exams, as I didn't focus on my studies in 2nd semester. And I was not that confident that I would pass. When I appeared for the board exam I didn't do well and I left a few questions unanswered. When my results were declared, I was scared that I would fail and I was not that eager to know my results as I was so sure that I would not be getting good percentage. When I came to know that I have passed I was so happy. This success could not happen solely with my efforts, but with the Grace of God and guidance of my teachers I passed my exams. I thank all my teachers and mentors who guided me throughout my studies.

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In preparation...

Pooja, 1st Year Degree

My Experience In Running

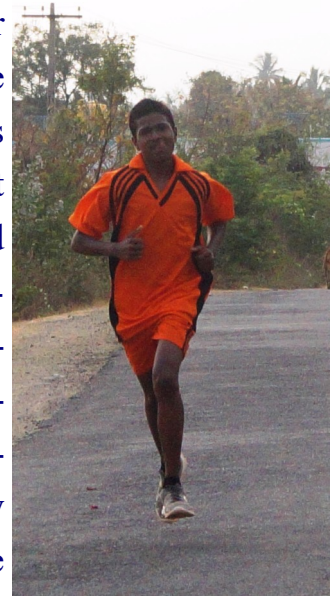
As for everyone running is all about getting up in the morning, doing given workouts, running for fun or competition, or just following the rule that is mandatory. But for me “Running is my life”. Snehagram is a



Run... Run... Run...

“...that I too have the ability to develop my running skills..”

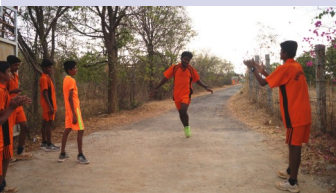
place where running can help us to overcome our health issues. From 2018 to 2019 I was given the opportunity to become the one of the core leaders of the team. Being a core leader is quite difficult for me but I ensured that difficulty helped to find some solutions. Often I was rude to my team members. I slowly took up the method of being understanding and helping them to improve their running. The most bad part of me was that I felt jealous of others' improvement in running. But now by help of Babu and Elvis Sir I started to overcome that aspect in me and saw that I too have the ability to develop my running skills. I am proud to say that I am able to finish my 5K and 10K running in 20 minutes and 10 seconds and 42 minutes and 41 seconds respectively. I never knew that I was a good runner but now I know that I am one of the best runners in Snehagram.



Sanjay, 1st B.com

My Holidays Experience

I went for my holidays on April 3rd 2019. I was staying at my uncle and aunt's home. They were good towards me. I was getting up at 7:30 a.m. and was bringing milk from the shop. I was taking my tablet on time, and fortunately I was not sick at all. My family was providing me with a healthy diet. I didn't go for many outings but luckily I got chance to go to "Thirupathi". I really enjoyed that trip. We celebrated our traditional festival, Ugadi, which was followed by preparing many sweet dishes. I didn't forget to run or stretch and do some exercises. I was also reading some comic books which made me laugh. I told one of the stories to my uncle and aunt which made them also to laugh with me. After few days I felt bored, surprisingly my brother came to see me and without wasting any time I joined my brother in his work. After a week my dearest



Finish Line



Campus Visit

grandmother passed away leaving my family alone. This incident made me feel sad and distressed but slowly I could cope up with it. As soon as I came back to Snehagram I really felt missing holidays.

Prashant, 10th Class

Parents meeting

“We are very excited to move to Snehagram because we have our senior brothers and sisters here.

On 7th April 2019 we welcomed the parents and the new comers to Snehagram. A short meeting was organized for the parents and new students. In this meeting we explained about life at Snehagram. We helped them to



understand our way of life, curriculum and the activities at Snehagram. Parents were also guided to understand about, what their children will be doing at Snehagram. Later on, we took all of them for a campus tour. While walking around the campus, parents felt very happy seeing our work, they admired seeing our garden, dairy farming and poultry farming, some of them had seen it for the first time.



Welcoming New Friends

One of the new comers, Thirumal, said, “We are very excited to move to Snehagram because we have our senior brothers and sisters here. We are also aware about some of the happy and joyful things happening in this place. We also want to learn to speak in English and learn to play many different games. We are all very happy to be in Snehagram”.

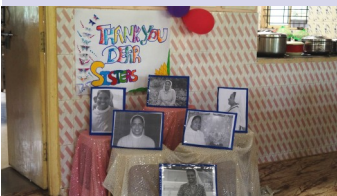


Kalesh, 2nd B.com



With Gratitude

“It was indeed a remarkable era of genuine commitment and altruistic service.”



Thank U Sisters

Welcoming more Students to Snehagram from Sneha Care Home

Snehagram welcomed the new batch from Sneha Care Home with their parents or relatives on April 7th. This year 16 students joined Snehagram from Sneha Care Home. They were given an orientation to the program and Campus, explaining to the parents and relatives how life at Snehagram will be. There was a session with Snehagram team to clarify all their questions. All these students left for holidays and would join us in June.

Shivanda 2nd Degree

Farewell to Sisters of Divine Providence

The collaborative ministry with Daughters of Divine Providence officially began in June 2013. Three sisters joined Snehagram under the leadership of Sr Lilly. In 2016 Sr Rani took over the



baton and continued their service till April 2019. It was indeed a remarkable era of genuine commitment and altruistic service.

On 30 April 2019 Snehagram bid farewell to our dear Sisters as they moved to other mission centers of their congregation. We were indeed grateful to them for their six years of contribution to Snehagram, especially guiding and mentoring girls. Sisters also served as in-house nurses caring for the children whenever they fell ill or by giving tips to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Teaching was another area they contributed. It wasn't a happy moment for Snehagram to end this collaboration, but as





Token of Love

it is said there is a time for everything.

We had Rev.Fr. Baby Ellickal, the Provincial of Camillians India, and Sr. Mary, the Provincial of Daughters of Divine Providence to grace the occasion. It was a platform to express our gratitude to the sisters for their dedicated service to Snehagram.

Babu, 2nd BSW

Thank you Fr. Mathew, & Welcome Fr. Johnson



The beginning of the New Academic year also marked some important changes in the administration of Snehagram. Fr. Mathew Perumpil, the architect and director of Snehagram went for a sabbatical and got transferred from Snehagram on

12th June. Fr. Johnson Vellachira was appointed as the new Director of Snehagram and he was handed over the responsibility by the community on 10th June. Fr. Joy Inchody continues to serve as administrator. Fr. Mathew moved to the Provincial house in Bangalore. We appreciate the initiatives of Fr. Mathew that he envisaged the second Phase of Children affected and infected with HIV in a creative way. The idea of Snehagram was born in his heart and actualized by his initiative with the support of the Indian Camillian Province. His tireless effort and hard work helped the program to be established with all the necessary infrastructure, conducive ambience and well equipped staff. It also reached new heights by establishing 'Snehasparsh' a program continuing to mentor the adults passing out from Snehagram. As Fr. Mathew moves to his new ministry we express our heartfelt gratitude to him for his wonderful service at Snehagram.

Gowthami 1st BSW

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Dances



Election Process

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Voting

New Child Parliament 2019-2020

Child Parliament Election for the academic year 2019-20 was held on 10th June. Mr Sijil and Miss Clara, former staff of Sneha Care Home, were the presiding officers. They did their duty well.

The process of election began with evaluating the previous parliament’s performance, flaws and achievements. We read and reflected on the pledge each of us made. Then we started to evaluate, what the ministers have achieved in their ministry, and whether all ministers have fulfilled the pledge which they made. Then we moved to the campaign for candidature to the post of Prime Minister. There were 5 candidates to try their luck.

All five candidates made their pledge, each one came forward and declared what they will do if they win the election. It was followed by the election. We had a systemic method for the election. In Snehagram we have mentors who were organizing committees. They were also part of organizing the new election process. The mentors called each student by name for voting, they marked our left pointing finger with blue ink which was followed by casting vote for Prime Minister.



Electing the New Prime Minister was a tough time because the PM who is good and able to understand us was a serious decision from the part of the students. We had to look for some one who is fit for handling our problems. Finally Karthik won the election with Majority of 31 votes. He became the New Prime Minister for Snehagram for the year **2019-20**.



Chief Guest

Suhasini was elected as the Deputy prime minister and Shekar was elected as the opposition leader.

PM and Deputy PM choose the ministers who would help them for their task. Then we had an oath taking ceremony where the Prime Minister of Snehagram took the first oath followed by others.

Siddaramu, 2nd BA

Opening the New Academic Year 2019-20

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places that you’ll go shall always come from education”.

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On June 10th 2019, the new academic year began. We were happy to have Mr. Murali, founder of Krishnagiri Children and Mr. Paneer for the event. The new academic year started with lighting the candle as a symbol of a new and bright academic year ahead.

Our Director, Administrator, guests and academic coordinator gave us an educational speech which boosted us to focus on learning. Suhasini, Deputy PM, thanked the guests, staff and students.

Manesh 12th



Taking Oath

My proudest day of receiving Scholarship

It was a proud moment that three of us namely Pooja, Harish and Zuneera from Snehagram got scholarship for further studies from an organization called ‘Guardians of dreams’. Personally it was my first time

that I got a scholarship. All three of us went for the meeting called by them and we did not know anyone there. We were so excited to receive it, even though we were a bit unhappy that some of our friends could not qualify for it. In the meeting they were all amused at me, because I was the smallest one and got good marks.

Harish 11th

Christ University Experience

My life after joining Christ University had to change a lot. It was an all new environment in which I had to adjust and become part of that college environment. The initial days were really hard for me because I had to make new friends while most others had friends who were from same college or school. For me all I knew were some students and professors who were coming here on weekends. The syllabus and subjects and the system was also new. Similarly I had to change and modify my ways of studying, dressing, etc. I had to become more interactive to make new friends and more open to learn. They were all not challenges or difficulties for me, rather learning process in order to get integrated in the system at Christ University.

Presently I am in my second year of my degree studying at Christ University. I feel very happy for having successfully completed my first year. I am very thankful to God almighty, who is continuously showering his blessings upon me to make my life beautiful. I am also thankful to Snehagram family ,Camillian Fathers and my relatives who are very supportive and motivating to make my life and future bright and successful.

Sukesh, 2nd B.com

“I had to become more interactive to make new friends.”

Sport Camp-2019



Stretches

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As previous years, this academic year began with a sports camp. Unlike other years this time the camp was organized by senior students and staff. The focus was on, Football,



Handball, Futsal, Basketball and Kabadi. Running and trekking was also integrated with this camp. Each day began with a short time of running followed by stretches. In late morning hours, videos were screened on the theoretical part: rules, regulations of each game to the students. During afternoon hours inspirational and thematic movies were screened. The evening hours were spent organizing competitions in various games by dividing into four groups.

On June 2nd, we started our sport camp along with the new comers which was held for 5 days. Moreover focusing on different sport, it has really helped us in knowing and understanding the rules of the each game and its benefits of the stretches, exercises that we regularly do in the morning each day was bringing the endurance, and the interest in learning something new and doing. We were introduced to multiple games such as football, handball, Kabaddi, and many more along with the running in the morning. This year it was even more interesting because we our group of staff and mentors organized it. By their members



Rain on Sports Day



and the team that was involved it ever more interesting because it was not only if the games but the week helped for the new students in knowing the place and what we do here. We also



Preparing Meals

had Michael sir who helped in our camp, by taking the classes and activities which was actually based on life. We Snehagram students enjoyed going to trekking to mountain on Saturday especially all the new comers.

Ambika.R, 1st B.com

Visit of Seva café team to Snehagram

Seva Café is a passionate team of volunteers who serve humanity only for altruistic reason. We were privileged to have them on 16th of June; they were around 25 likeminded members. They cooked and served breakfast and lunch for us. They also engaged themselves in interacting with us while cooking and serving meals. We could see a passion for their service in each member of the group. And they had a caption for the group which read '*Living is Giving*'. The Snehagram students enjoyed the food cooked by Seva café group. All the students enjoyed their presence. They also enjoyed our interaction, the green campus and the model followed by Snehagram.



"Living is Giving"



Making Dosa



Dhanush, 1st B.com



Activities

“I need to listen to the voice of God as he has a plan for me and he will reveal to me His Plan.”

On 22nd of June we had a visit and a day with BTM church that came to Snehagram to help us to get close to God with fun-filled activities and a message that will make us remember and live it.



In the beginning we had some dances and energizing program. Then we had some interaction and introduction with the members of BTM church. This day was known to be a prayer and recollection day for all

the students. It was an occasion to ask God to bless all our activities, students, staff and all who come to share their life here in Snehagram. This was very special because we allowed God to enter our lives when they shared the message through activities and talks which made all the students enjoy and believe that God is part of their life.

Pray, play, and ‘say’ these are the three catchwords they taught us to experience the power of God and the way God love everyone here on earth. We also had skit that was played by the students and through it we learned that when we are ready to accept God in our lives we will see things keep changing and we become one with the God. One of my best learning was that I need to listen to the voice of God as he has a plan for me and he will reveal to me His plan. So I think I need to keep myself alert and wait by keeping the door of my heart open to know Him.



Sharing Experiences





Fun Activities

“I took away a learning that I need to listen to the voice of God ”



BMT Church Team

Some of the specific inspirations we got are that we need to listen to God, do everything for the glory of God and God is in charge of us. The day went well and all of us enjoyed and many of us liked the way they organized and kept us alert and active. All these learning and experiences might make all of us to move forward in our lives. This was a good way to start the new academic year here in Snehagram.

Lakshmikanth, 2nd B.com

Consultation with Young on the Sustainable Development Goals

It was two days of workshop at Delhi which aimed to gather youth participants to discuss Specific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that are critical to young people. It was to identify and capture the views of youth on current trends, challenges and future possibilities regarding the life of young people. This was a platform for me and others like me to address the challenges of our life and to share about my life experiences living with HIV.

There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and out of these goals, our focus was on 4 SDGs, namely, Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality and Decent work and Economic Growth. These 4 goals are the key goals of our life because we face difficulties in fulfilling these goals

Being part of this Consultation I got to know the background and the meaning of SDGs and how they function. I made friends with whom I could share about some of our works and the activities so that they may use in their organizations.

“Good Health and Well-Being, Quality Education, Gender Equality and Decent work and Economic Growth were the 4 main goals of the consultation”

I became aware of some of the rules and the policies made by the government of India by doing Uproot Scorecard Implementation; the objective was to assess how the country is performing with regard to meeting the commitment of the 2016 Political declaration on HIV and AIDS.

This was my first time that I traveled alone to a distant place; I was excited as well as happy. I was confident and learned the procedure to travel. I enjoyed three days with all the program and spent time in sharing and knowing about different people.

Kalesh, 2nd B.com

Snehasparsh Home opened at Dommasandra

Snehasparsh is the third phase of Sneha program which aims at independent living of those students who pass out from Snehagram. On 15th June, three ex-students moved to a rented house in Dommasandra who are working in and around Sajapura. This is a phase that aims to be in connection with all the students who have gone out of Sneha program.

This is a simple beginning, but a leap in the history of our students' journey to independence and responsible living. Best wishes and congrats to Sachin Prathap, Manik and Shivanda.

Exam Results

NIOS Result for 2018-19 at Snehagram

| | <u>10th</u> | <u>12th</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Students | 28 | 9 |
| Girls | 16 | 6 |
| Boys | 12 | 3 |
| Qualified | 16 | 8 |
| Girls | 12 | 6 |
| Boys | 4 | 2 |
| Not Qualified | 12 | 1 |
| Girls | 4 | 0 |
| Boys | 8 | 1 |
| Highest % | 80.6 | 76 |

Students are qualified for Scholarship

10th

Harish with 80.6%
Zunera with 80.6%

12th

Pooja with 76%

*Congratulation to
all the participants.*





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