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Director's Message

Adolescence, the most vibrant phase of one's life is very much realized in the life of Snehagram Children in the participation of a dance competition and a student obtaining the best dancer award. It talks louder than words of them winning prizes for '10K Bangalore Run' as well as the participation in the football camp organized by the national coach herself. The Christmas and New Year Celebration along with celebration of Pongal and Republic day indeed made the life of the children more joyful, dynamic and memorable. Added to that a Picnic to Pondicherry, one of the best beaches and heritage city of south India helped the children to realize that life is not confined in the class rooms alone or not constrained by burden of regular medication but there is space for fun and relaxation.

The caring and growing of Rabbits and chicken in the campus continues to open the wider horizon of possibility of future income generating projects for the children. The participation of our senior students in Don Bosco training institute assures that there is a wider world outside that these children can contribute and earn their life. As the academic year is coming to an end the serious preparation for the exams become warmer at the onset of the summer as they regularly witness tender caring and watering of the plants and trees leads to a better greenery of the Campus.

SPARSHA Dance

It was really a great experience traveling to Gulbarga to participate in the 'Sparsha Dance' event organized by 'Sparsha Home, Gulbarga, Karnataka'. We travelled in an overcrowded train which was not too pleasant. We reached at 7 in the morning and there were seven other institutions to participate in the dance competition.

All of us had been eagerly waiting for this event, to showcase our hidden talents. I personally feel that dance is a great means of expressing our emotions and also a great gift or talent that is given to me by God. Most of the institutions had a theme; one was about 'Mother', other about 'Indian military' and so on. Everyone put forth their best performance.

There was prize for the best dance, the best female dancer and the best male dancer and I was happy to be awarded as the best female dancer. While I received the prize the Bishop of Gulbarga told me "I knew that you get the prize because you danced amazingly well and keep dancing and don't lose your God given talent." These words really inspired me and so many appreciated me which really made me happy.

"Dance is a great means of expressing our emotions"

Gowthami

My experience of football tournament

"I was thrilled to be selected for the finals"



It was a full day match and each team had three matches with the other teams. My team began the competition with one of the opposite teams; it was not nice as we lost the first match badly. In the second match our team was playing better than expected. But still our team was not playing with full energy because they were all tired and there was lack of coordination within the team.

The third match was very interesting for me because we had a lot of chances to make goals but with carelessness we missed a few but we were able to make 2 goals and get our first win. Our team was so happy because we were selected for semifinal and had the chance to be winners.



The game was confusing for everyone in the team as we all were trying to score a goal by only which we can be selected to the finals. So not bothering about the team we got one lucky goal in the last few minutes of the match. I was thrilled to be selected for the finals.

I was well prepared to play the final match; in this our team was more defensive than attacking for the first half. The opposite team captain was not present so their strategies were not very clever. So my captain decided to attack in the second half. In the second half my team scored 3 goals and won the match. Our team jumped into air with joy.



Nagaraju

Christmas Celebration

December is a month always filled with laughter and joy, it is the month when we make the campus look beautiful with colorful decorations. We began preparations from the first week of the month, cleaning our surroundings, decorating the campus with lights and colorful stars and so on.

I was part of the crib team; our team prepared a beautiful home which was covered with water springs, animals with Shepherds and mountains covered with snow. On 24th night we celebrated Christmas mass.

Rev Fr. Basil MI celebrated the Holy Eucharist as the main celebrant along with Frs. Joy and Johnson. It was followed by blessing the crib, a gathering and wishing Christmas. Kitchen team prepared Christmas cakes and snacks that we shared among all of us and celebrated. It was also a time for cleansing myself and renewing to become a better person all together. These days were happy moments for each one of us.

Kalesh

"We looked ahead to eat the Cakes and Sweets"

first week of the



"Living is Giving"

Café Circle of Giving

Living is Giving. This motto is once again made real through their visit to Snehagram on 22nd December 2019. It was their 3rd visit to Snehagram, it was lovely to see that they gladly follow their moto 'Living is Giving' and it was a great experience of sharing love.

This time it was massive as they all had put up programs celebrating Christmas and the most loved part was the Santa's Dance where the Santa was filled with lot of energy and life. As a group they gave us individual gifts which the students were very cheerful in receiving. It showed how much they care and love us. We enjoyed the different entertainment program they organized and the sumptuous meal they cooked as they do every time. The presence of them made the Christmas season special and colorful.

Prashanth



Celebrate Bangalore 10k Run

We had been practicing and getting ready to participate in the 10K Run in Bangalore. Though I had training for the run, it was not easy to clock a good timing, I always failed and at the same time I had a very valid reason for my poor performance.

“My heart was pumping faster and my feet stepping rapidly...”

I was eagerly waiting for the day to arrive, on the day of the race while I was running I only aimed to beat my previous personal timings, so I kept pacing with the guy ahead of me. I didn't find it a fun run as it was an uphill run, it was even tougher than I expected. My heart was pumping faster and my feet stepping rapidly when I saw myself at the finish line, being the 3rd finisher in the open men category.



To my surprise I finished in my best timing so far, my best clocking was 48min for 10km and today it was 41minutes. I was happy with the improvement and achievement! I was felicitated with the timing certificate and a trophy. It helped us to celebrate my 10k Run as the name depicts Celebrate Bangalore.

Nagaraju

Thumb Celebration 10k Run

Yet another 10K Marathon called ‘Thumb Run’ was a landmark in the history of Sneha-gram.



Eight of us participated in the 10k and another eight in the 6K event. Last year with lot of practice and hope I could not even win the third place. I woke up everyday and followed the given schedule strictly at the same time I worked on improving my personal best timing. On the race day I was told “it does not matter whether you win or lose this, everything will be taken care by God, but participation is important”.

“Come on No Giving Up”

During the run in the 7km I was tired and breathing hard, I longed to breath easy and my mouth became dry and urged for water. At this time I remembered the sentence told to me before the race, I just thought of giving up and making it may be next year. At that moment one of the runners shouted and said “Come on No Giving Up”. I don't know where the energy came from but I ran wild and finished the 10km within 40 minutes. It was thrilling as I won the first place in the open men category, I was very proud as my classmate Sahana won the first prize in the open women category. Another companion Sanjay completed the run as the first runner up in men's 10k category.

Vijay Kumar

Trip to Pondicherry

Fun and family time again! Long awaited trip to Pondicherry took place on December 5th Thursday. Many of the students had not seen an ocean or played in beach that was the main reason of choosing Pondicherry. We began the journey early morning at 3.00am on 5th

December. We spent time in Sadhana forest, Botanical Gardens, Aquarium, Museum and at the beach. Children were bit disappointed as they were not allowed to take dip in the sea due to the rough waves. However, we enjoyed the time in beach, by collecting shells, making sand houses, running around, and of course getting a feel of the waves on their feet. It was indeed a time of excitement and togetherness. A big thank you to Mr. Joison who sponsored it and made it a reality.

"We enjoyed the time in beach"

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Shruthi

Visit of Christ College, Malur

Christ College, Malur made their second visit to Snehagram on 17th December 2019. The students visited Snehagram to share their joy of Christmas with us. We were indeed enthused to participate and make it a memorable day. Indeed the visit was an eye opener for all the students of Christ College to see the reality of HIV infected children from a different perspective.

It was amazing to see the students with false perspectives about HIV; this visit changed their mindset, the students became good friends with the inmates of Snehagram. After the celebration we had the delicious meal that was brought by the Christ College, no matter what we loved but Kesaribath - a sweet food made out of 'Rava' or 'Suji' made it very special. Sharing the joy of Christmas we shook our hands and bid good bye to our friends.

Priyanka



"This visit change their mindsets"

New year 2020

Happy, Healthy, Responsible is the Vision of 2020 for us in Snehagram. We decided this vision after planning and discussing seriously with all the members of the group. To make our vision we prepared our self and encouraged others to involve in making the vision statement. On 31st December 2019, we were divided class

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wise into groups for evaluation and creation of our own vision for life and plan for the year 2020. We shared in the group our failures and achievements of the year 2019 and planed for the coming year. After that we had a prayer session followed by Holy mass where we offered our intercessions and prayed for the coming year.

Then we had New Year Celebrations including effigy burning which is the indication that we are throwing away all the unwanted things; we also wrote our bad habits on a slip of paper and burned along with it. Finally we entered the year 2020 by cutting the ribbon and lighting the candles, the night was filled with joy.

Siddaramu

Pongal Celebration

Pongal, the harvest festival of Tamil Nadu was celebrated on 15th January. We collected all varieties of crops and placed on a table to remember our hard work and the fruits that we got. We also prepared the pongal rice; it was prepared traditionally by the Tamilians in which we got the real sweetness of Pongal.

“We loved eating Sugarcanes”

The following day we had ‘Mattu Pongal’, as we in Snehagram have cows, we gave them a good bath and decorated them with colors and garlands. Fr. Johnson blessed the cows and the farm. On this day we thanked all the people who put their time in taking care of the cows and keeping them healthy. I felt this festival is very important as we remember all the farmers who are helping us to keep our daily life healthy and happy.

Lakshmikanth

Grammy Night

Our annual celebration, Grammy Night, was celebrated on 4th January 2020 with its usual pomp and glory. We were honored to have

Fr. Baby Illickal, Provincial, Fr Susai Raj the Parish Priest of Krishnagiri, and Mr. Vincent, Chairperson of CWC along with some other guests of honor and other dignitaries. Putting up a show in Sneha-

“Show in Sneha-gram involves lot of background works”

gram means a lot of background work in it.



This year we had celebrated it on 4th January as many of our benefactors would not be able to make it in the month of December while they are busy celebrating Christmas with the Family. It indeed worked as most of them were able to make it. Students put up dances, skit, presentations, and various entertainment programs.

As every time we made the program short and sweet, with limited program or else it might bore the guests. Finally the programs were well watched and the guests marked their appreciation on students. They all loved the quality of the delivery of the program. This satisfied the students for their hard work. The program was followed with a sumptuous dinner.

Babu

Visit of Fr. Vicar General

The Camillian Generalate in Rome made its presence and blessed us all in Snehagram through the visit of Rev Fr. Laurent Zoungrana, Vicar General of Camillians, Bro. Jose Ignacio, General Consulta for Mission and Finance along with Fr. Alessandro Vignano the delegate from the Mother Province. We welcomed them wholeheartedly.

We loved their presence in our home in Snehagram. We took them around, which they all loved and appreciated the maintenance of the campus, especially the green trees and plants. They spent time with the students by interacting, and Fr. Laurent Zoungrana gave an inspiring talk to encourage us by sharing how his student life was and how he utilized the time in studying. He exhorted us to be good and faithful students. He concluded the visit appreciating and encouraging the students and staff to continue their journey trusting in God for a better and bright future.



Manesh

DB Tech Academy

I am grateful to Snehagram family for giving me this great opportunity to be trained in DB Tech Academy, Banasavady, Bangalore.

“I am the luckiest person to be in Snehagram ”

On 13th Jan I joined the Academy. Being very interested in the retailing sector I opted to be trained in the same field. I along with my friends joined the training on the same day and are being trained in their interested area.

It is indeed helpful in building my life career. The training brings so much of clarity in choosing the right and dignified career for my life. All my confusions have come to an end. The

staff and the teachers are very helpful and they provide insights for building a healthy and happy life ahead.

I take pride to say that I am the luckiest person to be in Snehagram where I learnt discipline to manage time which some of my fellow students find difficult. Hoping to perform well in the training and be placed in a job.

Sanjay

Republic day celebration

On 26th of January we had our republic day celebration along with the students of Christ University Bangalore. In the morning we had Holy Mass and then we had the flag hoisting. A meaningful speech was delivered by Meghana a student from Snehagram. Her speech gave every one insights on how our soldiers and other freedom fighters fought for our freedom and how it enabled us to have our own constitution for this country.

A speech was delivered by Dr. Shrinath the professor of Christ University and he was our special guest for the day. We feel proud in celebrating this occasion and feel proud to be an Indian. On the previous day we had the cultural evening to mark the importance of the day. The students had performed different programs like dancing, singing, acting & speeches. It was a great time with lots of fun and enjoyment.



Gowthami

Experience of Exam Preparation

After the Christmas celebrations it was not easy to change the gear to the study mode, but we had no options as our annual exams were to begin in the month of March.

For the first preparatory exam we felt difficult since we did not prepare well, because we took it lightly, thinking that it is first preparatory exam. Most of us including me failed in this attempt. For second preparatory exam some of us put effort to study well and some again took it lightly. Most of them felt difficult and we received very poor marks. We got less marks not because we are poor in studies, it is because we didn't put much effort to study, thinking that any way it is second preparatory exam.



For those who work hard receive their fruit, as they received good pass mark. We have one last try before we face the final exams. Most of us came to our senses that if we are going to do a fake study then we are the ones who would lose and not the teachers. We received tips from teachers and the Christ University Students. Making use of all the tips and ideas we are studied seriously. We look ahead to get decent mark in the third attempt and pass through the final exams. And the main aim is to pass our final exam. Before concluding I would like

to share some thoughts. "Study for your sake not for others."

Vishal

We at 'Fever 104FM'

It was a thrilling Experience

Every experience begins with a thrill, in learning something new. On 6th of December 2019, I and my friends went to a Radio Studio named Fever 104FM. Here we went on air sharing our experiences with regard to the sports and athletics that we do every day. We expressed the benefits of sports and running for a person living with HIV and at the same time for those not infected.

Listening to FM at home or in a vehicle is different but being there and actively participating brought a new experience, and happiness. I personally was wondering what is it all about, in the beginning, as I met people in the radio jockey. The way each one communicated rather impressed me a lot. We relished a lot, along with our Coach Elvis Joseph, about sharing how sports have been a good part of our life journey. I only hope everyone who listened to the FM fever 104 must have enjoyed our talks and felt motivated.

Ambika



News

Cultural Academy

Curtain was down for the cultural events of the academic year on 29th February by a stunning performance by the 9th class students. It was mainly solo performances. The juniors were extremely thrilled to show case their dancing and singing talents. The evening was concluded with a delicious meal prepared by the cooking team.



Rabbit Farming

Rabbits are known for their cuteness. Snehagram began, for the second time, rearing rabbits acquiring four of them from Snehadagan. After a few months rabbit littered four bunnies out of which one died and the other three are very healthy and strong. They are taken good care of by the boys. Finding green grass in this dry season is not easy, however, students are managing to bring one or the other feed every day to keep them fed.



Natti Poultry

After the experience with the broiler chickens, the investor wanted to try *Natti* chickens or the Country Chickens. This variety takes double the time to reach full fledged growth than the broiler chickens; it takes 3 months to maturity. For an experience as well as for income we have now ventured to grow *Natti* Chicken. Currently we have 3800 birds, and 3000 more chicks will arrive on the 7th of March 2020.



Beginning of Summer Season

All through the year, our region is having warm weather. March to June is extremely hot. Trees have already started shedding leaves showing their readiness to welcome new life. The land has become dry and arid. The plants are looking stunt waiting for the summer rains. We have to go a long way still with this climate. We are taking care of the trees and plants hoping to see the first shower of the season...



Closure of the academic Year 2019-20

The academic Year 2019-20 is officially closed. Students are on study leave where they spend most of the time in personal studies and preparations for the exams. Students of 11th standard who has no exams are packing their baggage for their summer holidays. The other students toil hard revising the lessons for a better performance this year.





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