



Inside this issue:

Anniversary	1
I got my licence	2
Independence Day	3
Onam Celebration	4
Meet to families	5
Organic Farming	6
Nelson Mandela Run	7
Jesus Calls Group	8
Y's Men International	9
Inner wheels club	10
Academic Year Opening	11
Gandhi Jayanthi	12
Provincial Visit	13
Football Camp	14
TROT Run	15
Holiday Experience	16
Semester Exams	17

Director's Message



Snehagram had a fantastic beginning of Academic year and is moving forward graciously. Along with classes and studies all other accomplishments add more life and color to the life of the students. Celebration of the 6th anniversary of Snehagram and feast of St. Camillus on July 14 was one of the best instances of the celebration of life along with our Bishop Rt. Rev. Lawrence Pius.

Some of the students who completed 18 years of age was happy to open their new world by learning and acquiring driving license. Independence Day, 'Onam' and 'Gandhi Jayanthi' were some other occasions of joyful moments. 'Snehasparsh' gathering was a delightful chance for most of the students who passed through Snehagram to regroup and draw strength from each other. The football camp indeed gave a professional touch and discipline to the sports and games. Participation in marathon at South Africa and TROT Run opened another skyline of a larger world to the students. Pastoral visit of the Provincial was an added instance for Snehagram to improve upon its life and activities. Visit of different groups talked louder that we are not alone in this journey. Along with all these extraordinary activities the main focus of education have proved going well through the semester exams and personal evaluations. Thus we continue our noble journey celebrating life in the best way and I wish that Snehagram remain to progress towards achieving its best.

Anniversary– 2019

On July 14th we celebrated the feast of St. Camillus and the 6th anniversary of Snehagram. We kicked-off the celebrations with a Holy Mass by Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, Bishop of Dharamapuri Diocese as the main Celebrant.



Dances

We had our Camillian fathers, brothers and our benefactors who graced the occasion with their presence. ‘Snehasparsh’ members, working outside our place also joined our celebrations. After the Mass we had various cultural programs like dance, song, skit and other performances along with the release of ‘Snehavani’, . After the programs we concluded the celebration culminated with a delicious & sumptuous dinner prepared by the staff and students. All the guests went off with a smile and great appreciation on the celebration. It was a matter of contentment and fulfillment for all the students of Snehagram that we could make the day meaningful. We thank God for all His blessing.

Lakshmikanth

My driving experience

It was my long awaited dream to learn and drive a car. I was privileged to succeed in getting my learner license in July. It was followed by my training and practice in driving at Basaveshwara driving school, Dommasandra. I could achieve my goal within 10 days. On the first day of the training after giving some initial input the trainer gave me the car key and asked me to start the car. I was quite scared, as I was on the main road. Later on as days went by, I got familiarized with the car and on the 6th day I was confident to drive. On August 19th, I went for my driving test at RTO, Husker Gate. I was able to get through the 4wheeler driving test, but could not succeed in 2 wheeler. Later, on September 19th I went for my 2wheeler test again. I was extremely elated that I got my 2 and 4 wheeler license, as it was a matter of achievement for my future livelihood. I wish to be a safe, good and disciplined driver. Thanks to all who helped me get through it.

Lakshmikanth



Licence

“I achieved my goal within 10 days.”



Skit

“One of the best learnings was that the freedom we enjoy today is the result of the struggle in the past”.

Independence Day Celebration 2019



On August 15th we celebrated the 72nd anniversary of our country's Independence. Various programs were organized to add color to the life of the children in Snehagram. Fr. Johnson the director conveyed the Independence Day message and we planned some activities in various fields like education, sports and other things followed by a movie for the inmates of Snehagram. We enjoyed the beauty of this special day with complete freedom. Our mentors steered many activities and we had lot of fun, thus making it a memorable day to reminisce.

We celebrated the day by honoring our freedom fighters for sacrificing their life for our mother country. It was an instance of learning that we gain good things in life by a lot of hard work, sacrifice and endurance. One of the best learnings was that the freedom we enjoy today is the result of the struggle and sacrifice of thousands of men and women.

Siddaramu

Onam celebration—2019



Onam is the harvest festival of Kerala. Snehagram celebrated this auspicious occasion on September 4th. All the students helped to lay the pookalam (traditional laying of floral carpet, which is associated with the festival) and after our breakfast we had outdoor activities of sports and games. It was

planned and conducted by our cultural minister with the help of staff. All the students had lots of fun and enjoyment on this day. It involved in cooking special Onam lunch. A delicious *onasadhya* (onam meal) was served for lunch, and with that we concluded our celebration.



Onam Games

Dhanush



Let there be light...

Snehasparsh Meeting

The members of Snehasparsh gathered in Snehagram to meet and share different aspects of our life experience. We began the day officially by lighting the lamp



“ In life there is no job that is easy as every job has its toughness, ”

with the dignitaries. Fr. Johnson gave the introductory message, and he encouraged to use the opportunities given and to produce the good fruit in any moment. We had an input session from Ms. Raiza, who took the class on how to appear in an interview and to be committed to work. She clearly explained to us on how to prepare a resume and present it in the interview. She continued to explain that in life there is no job that is easy as every job has its toughness, to get the best result we need to be committed and hard working. She was very clear in her presentation that we all have very little time for others and we get only few chances in life to make life successful. Losing such chances are lost opportunities. Success in life depends a lot on the decisions we make. We are very thankful for Ms. Raiza's time and wisdom shared.

Later on, we had the session from Mr. Michal, on A, B, C, D: Adherence, Being faithful, Commitment, and Decision making. These four topics were the point of discussion in the session.

Shruthi

Organic farming



Beans Garden

Organic farming is a thing of our interest because of the many benefits it gives for a healthy living and the opportunity it gives to build our lives. We at Snehagram grow many varieties of vegetables like Tomato, Chilly, Beans, Brinjal, Ladies finger, Bitter gourd, Ridge gourd, Bottle gourd, Beetroot, Radish, Spinach (Palak), Coriander, Mint, Drumstick





Harvesting Tomato

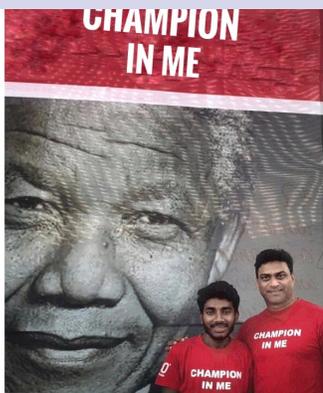
Due to lack of rain our pond has dried and as a consequence we were not able to cultivate vegetables for selling but we did grow them for our own consumption, making use of the available water in the bore well. Later, God blessed us with good rain and now our pond is full and all our land is filled with crops and greenery around. We could begin vegetable marketing with successful sales. Snehagram encourages organic farming which motivates us to build farming as part of our lives now and future.

Kalesh

Nelson Mandela Marathon

“I could imagine my performance on the race day. ”

Nelson Mandela Marathon was held on August 25th in South Africa. I was privileged to get the opportunity to participate in the 10k run event and represent ‘Champion In Me’ and ‘Sneha Charitable Trust’. We traveled to South Africa and the run was held in Pietermaritzburg where Nelson Mandela was captured and in the same place Mahatama Gandhiji was thrown out of the train. I was informed 2 weeks in advance but I personally was unfit to do the run physically as I had some major muscle pains. So I tried to do all the types of stretches and massages to reduce the pain. I could imagine my performance on the race day. When I did my trial run my performance was indeed poor thus I knew I may not do it well. It was my coach who still had hope that I would do well in the run.



After the Run

I explained my concerns and at that time my mentor and coach Elvis Joseph encouraged me saying that I am not going for the sake of winning alone but representing the children and youth who live like me. That boosted up my confidence and helped me to do my best. On the day of the race, I was feeling that I wouldn't do well because of the cold weather and the stiff muscles I had. I began the race like all the other runners and tried my best to choose the right pacer and finally I made it up. I felt it very easy as my pain never appeared so far. The terrain was not very easy as it was an uphill run, but because I was trained and used to, it wasn't very hard till the 7th kilometer. My body became warmer, my sweat wet me all around, my breath became warmer and my muscles lost the stiffness and I no more felt cold.



“Jesus Calls” Group

This was the time when the pain started showing off, I had no options but to complete my run. In the 8th Kilometer I almost wanted to stop as the pain on my thighs was very severe but I couldn't give up, instead slowed down. I completed the run in 42 minutes which is 4 minutes slower than my usual time. My coach was happy as he didn't have too much of expectation on me for this run, but I was indeed disappointed and not happy. After the race we got to meet a few important persons. Later that day we visited the capture point of Nelson Mandela and the railway station and some other important places. Being grateful to God for all that happen, I returned home.

Babu

Visit of Jesus Calls Group

“Participation from the side of students was amazing”.

On September 2nd we had a visit from *Jesus Calls* group from Bangalore. We had some meaningful and mutually benefitting sharing sessions. They conducted some praise and worship sessions in which students also joined. Participation from the side of students was amazing. They left the centre promising their continued support in the future.



Y's Men International South Zone, Bangalore

On September 2nd the Y's Men International, South Zone Group visited Snehagram and spent some time interacting with the students. They proved their solidarity and love through sharing some cookies, nutrition biscuits and eatables with children. We happily participated in the events and performed some programs to inspire and motivate youth who came along.



Sharing is giving





Inner Wheel Team

Inner Wheel Club at Snehagram

On September 22nd, Inner Wheel Club South Region visited Snehagram. They cooked and served lunch with some special food items which many of us had never tasted before. Thanks to Mr Tharanath who introduced Snehagram to the Inner Wheel



Gandhi Jayanthi

Snehagram celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi with due respect to the Father of our Nation. It was a day set apart for cleaning the campus and nearby roads. Cleaning was focused on removing plastics and paper littered around the campus. Allergy causing plants *Partheeniyum* were also removed in large quantity.



Pastoral Visit of the Provincial Superior

On September 28th we had an official visit of our Provincial Fr. Baby Ellickal. Students had prepared and performed cultural programs. On the following day, Fr. Baby Ellickal met the students in groups to discuss and know more about the lives of the students in Snehagram.



Clearing Weeds

He began saying everything in the universe has one or the other use or utilization. When the little manmade or natural things have their uses then how much more we! Every human on earth has a purpose. Father asked the students to think about the following questions: What is the purpose of your life? Who do you want to be in your life? And what is the destination of our life?



Cultural Program

“You are the decision maker of your life”



Celebrate Life

The students gave answers as follows: I want to be a Social Worker, Driver, HR, Business and Marketing Manager and office management works etc. He encouraged us to have a wider vision of life and destinations. Later he reminded us that we are not the products of environment, people, or school but our decisions make and defines who we are. Never blame others for the decisions we make.



Today society doesn't seem very loving and caring; it plays like the phenomena of Natural Selection or the survival of the fittest. As it clearly says that only what the society prefers will be kept, the rest will be rejected, in the present society it is important to be confident in facing the troubles. Society buys you, your talents, skills and ability. So because society pays you they will not leave you without working for them. So it is very important to keep decisions and timetable in life.

He continued saying “Remember never be a copy cat or a Xerox machine producing the same as other. Your decisions and you are unique. Never expect things to happen in swift mode because it will not last long. None knows what will happen tomorrow but you have your history and from your history choose your option for the future. Don't take things the way it comes. Keep plans, learn to stand on your own feet, don't build your life on dependency. Know your skill, ability, talents and go forward”.

He also reminded us that Snehagram wouldn't spoon feed us but love to teach how to feed ourselves. Because Happiness can be in three ways, Happiness in having things, Happiness in doing things and Happiness in Being, which is the most important aspect of life.

He concluded his talk with the 7 habits of highly effective people. He told one which is Proactive and rest he asked the students to find and learn. He assured us that the Camillians will not stop walking with us but continue to accompany each one of us.

Ambika



Workouts

Football Camp 2019

“I’ve never scored a Goal in my life without getting a Pass from someone else.”

Once again the spirit of football has captured Snehagram students. 10 days of football camp began on July 16th 2019 at Snehagram. Ms. Mary Victoria, Senior Coach of SAI, Ms. Ranjitha, a Chennai Woman Footballer



and Ms. Nancy were the three coaches guiding the football camp. We were very lucky to have them. The day began with warm up exercises, playing drills along with ball drills, following instructions and ending with a quick game. The training of football was really tough, as we all know that football is a middle class game. I honestly felt that it was a professional coaching. At the end of the camp we had a football tournament among us. All-round there were 6 teams; I was in a team as well as Captain of it, I named my team “Super Strikers Football Club”. I lost first match against opposite team but to my surprise I got again an opportunity to play friendly match between boys and girls. The game ended with prize distribution followed by a delicious lunch “Chicken Biryani”. I hope that one day I will be playing football for India.

“I honestly felt that it was a professional coaching.”

“Win or Lose Does Not Matter, But How You Play In a Team Matters”

Sanjay



Winners of the Tournament

TROT Run

Snehagram Students got an opportunity to participate in TROT Run organized by Dr.Gladson. On July 27th 2019, 15 students from Snehagram participated in it. Out of 15 students: 10 students participated in 5k run and five took part in 12.5k run. As the race began I was worried if I will get a good timing. I ran like a deer without stopping even for a water station but the markings for 12.5k was not very well identified.



Warming Up

I was leading 2nd while running where as one of young man was first. It was my aim that I must come first and thus I came first finishing 43.34minutes. Then we went for cool down stretches. Had breakfast peacefully and came back to Snehagram happily.



“Never give up what you have aimed”

Shruthi

“On the first day I was not so interested to participate in the events. ”

Holiday Experience

On 21st October we had our 5 days of holidays after we had finished our 1st semester exams. On each day we had a theme, first day being environment day. On the second day we had our arts day, on the third day we had our sports day, on the fourth day we had our education day and on the fifth day we had our creativity day which was the most interesting part of my holidays. For the first day I was not so interested to participate in the events. But as the competition began my team showed so much of interest and wanted to be the winner and so their interest and spirit enthused me to really involve in the activities. Each day was fun and learning and what I really loved was: the teams were really stuck to the aim, that they had made, especially the Leo team who really wanted to win the competition and didn't allow any others to take over them.



Sports Day



Creativity Day

The event that I liked was the creativity day. On this day we served uncooked meals for lunch. We had prepared belpuri, salad using tomato, cucumber, carrot and onion; and then we had radish and onion salad and flat rice mixed with sugar, coconut and cadmium. With all these experience which had lots of fun and learning we concluded our Diwali celebration along with our 5th cultural evening.



Gowthami

“At the exam time, my heart was beating faster, I had goose bumps, and when I received the question paper”

Semester Exams

I was confident that I will pass in semester examination. I started preparing for my exam; my first exam was Home science and in total I had 5 exams. I wondered on what to study from such a big book. Knowing that there is no other option I started to study all the subjects thoroughly. I clarified my doubts through the help of teachers and I was filled with tension and stress. With that stress I was pushed to work even harder. I was confident that I will get through but at the same time I was bit doubtful because I could cover all the subjects only once and not much remained in my mind. At the exam time, my heart was beating faster, I had goose bumps, and when I received the question paper I was relieved of this tension as I knew the answer of the first question. My 5th exam was English, I was very confident that I will do well but when I saw the question I forgot the answers that I studied, this increased my worry and then I forgot most of the answers I knew that my performance was indeed poor.





Exams

The results were to be announced in the following week, I prayed and wished that I pass through this exams. As the teacher began distributing papers saying the marks loud enough for the whole class to hear. I had no big hope of passing; yes I too failed like the others. It was very disappointing to fail in 3 subjects and just pass in 2 subjects. I learned that there is no short cut to pass the annual exam but have to study very hard. I continued to focus on my studies saying to myself that I will not let myself fail in the annual exams.

Mallikarjun

Mid-term Evaluation of Students in October

As planned earlier, an evaluation had been conducted of each student by a team of staff comprising of management, teachers, warden and psycho-social department. This helped us mutually, to listen to the concerns of students and to share management's feedback to each student. We hope this process of evaluation will help us to improve our relationship and the quality of programme in general.

Aby Michael



Credits

Editorial : Fr Johnson Varghese MI

Administration : Fr Joy Inchody MI

Planning : Snehavaani committee

Writings : Snehagram students

Word Correction: Jincy Johny

