Another Exciting year has started for us at Snehagram as we welcomed 20 new students from Sneha Care Home. At the same time, those who completed 12th are moving on to explore new horizons. Some have started working, others are searching, few are entrepreneuring. As always beginning of a new academic year is full of activities, excitments and trepidations. This issue of Snehavaani captures all of that, especially that of the new comers. The sports camp eased away most of the tensions and the parliament elections and the new team brought order and decorum to the otherwise loose and relaxed life of the summer vacation. Classes and academics brings seriousness into life and farming and gardening keeps us connected and rooted with the nature.

As we are moving also into the third phase- SNEHASPARSH, there is a different level of excitement and anxiety among the seniors as they are exploring more of an independent world. Surely this year will bring lots more learning and growth. Together we shall move forward to achieve our goals and to build our lives joyfully. Have a great year students and thanks for guiding these young enthusiasts, dear staff, collaborators and friends. May God Bless our Journey.
THE VISIT OF NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The new students and their parents came and taking them around and showing our to Snehagram on 20/5/2018. We first welcomed them by giving them tea. The purpose of their visit to Snehagram was to understand how Snehagram functions and to see the place. The senior students of Snehagram were divided into smaller groups to take them around and to show the place and to share their experience with them. Fr. Mathew, Director, of Snehagram met them and explained them how Snehagram program runs. After the introduction there was a doubt clarification session. After that they had their lunch and departed. Overall experience was good and we all enjoyed being with them.

MY EXPERIENCE ABOUT NEW STUDENTS

We were very excited to welcome 20 of our new friends from SCH along with Fr. Jason, the director of SCH with their staff to Snehagram. We welcomed them by singing a song and giving a bouquet to them. After few days we all became friends with them and we explained how our life was and what we were doing. After one week they adopted to our system. We had our parliament election and new students were introduced to the new system. They were happy to be in Snehagram as a family to build their lives and also to

By: Aishwarya

By: Sahana.
Academic year 2018 was inaugurated on June 4th. The Chief Guest of the academic year were C.M. Thomas and Mr. Tom from Bangalore. We started our program moted to be our mentor teachers. Then with a prayer song. All the students were the new academic year began and our excited to start the new academic year. classes started. We have 18 students in Our new parliament members took their pledges. The opening of new academic year was well organized. All the staff and the chief guests gave their messages for the year. It was inspiring and useful for us. Before starting our academic year, 2018 Mr. Shinto, our Academic Coordinator, gave the awareness about the program of the year. After the tea break we arranged the classes. We welcomed the new stu-

SPORTS CAMP – 2018

We had our Sports camp on 29th 2018. they were teaching us life skills in Ms. Ester, Ms. Hardeep and Ms. Pushpa, sports. But later I understood that life the three coaches from ‘NAZ Founda- skills are very important, especially in- tion” came to Snehagram to coach us in sports. They taught basic rules and Netball. They not only focused on Net ball techniques and how to play net ball. In but they also taught us Life skills, mostly the evening they made us play accord- the life skills which are used in sports. ing to the instructions they had given During the morning hours we had classes us. They also trained us in Kabadi, based on Life skills and activities. When Volleyball and Football. Last year we started our sports camp I thought why when Ms. Ester had come to train us in net ball, I did not pay much attention or show interest towards the game because it was a new game for me and I found it boring. But this year when she came to coach us in netball, I really enjoyed it as I found it interesting. I also liked the activities which they conducted based on life skills. They

I learned a New Game.”

Pooja
interacted very well with us and taught us in friendly ways. At the end of the week we had Netball tournament conducted by the coaches. The coaches were happy to see us enjoying the Netball game. Everybody got the opportunity to participate in this tournament. This sports camp was conducted to get back to the discipline of Snehagram after a long break of holidays and to begin our new academic year with sports camp.

**PARLIAMENT OF 2018**

We began our new Parliament on June 3rd. who became the Deputy Prime Minister. Before the election, we had a review of and the third place went to Bhavani and the last year’s Parliament system. We she became the Opposition Leader. The evaluated the 2017 parliament, the ministers- deputy Prime Minister and I discussed the challenges they faced in and chose the Cabinet Ministers and told their ministry and how they took up their responsibilities in spite of their challenges. that they should perform throughout this year. And the Ministers selected their election of new parliament members and sub helpers. Ms. Clera and Mr. Sijil helped us in reviewing our Parliament system and forming the new Parliament. As a Prime Minister I will lead the team and make this place a happy home for all.

Then three of the candidates stood up voluntarily to become the Prime Minister. Firstly they gave speeches on how they will make Snehagram better and improve in different aspects. Accordingly the students voted the Prime Minister. Among the three candidates, I was elected as the Prime Minister with 48 votes. The second largest votes went to Pooja.

By: Vinay Kumar
Camp Experience in Mysore

We went on a camp to Mysore on 21st May and came back on 24th. The experience that had was entirely different than the other camps that I have attended before. What I felt was the children have difficulties in their life but they don’t want to share it out, and also they have their family support in one or other and they are dependent on their family. The good thing that I saw in them was that they were supportive. Most of them were working people and they were happy to do the work. The other people got an insight to choose what work to do. It was really nice being with them these four days sharing, talking, laughing together and enjoying with them all the time. It was really nice to be with them and sharing how to live a life with HIV and show to the world that we also have difficulties in our life. It was nice knowing them and sharing about my life experience, living with HIV and to share some of my strengths and challenges that we are facing. It was nice knowing them who were from different places and their background. It was really nice and I enjoyed myself a lot and I thank everyone who organized this camp.

By: Shruthi

National Dissemination Meeting of HIV/AIDS OVC Social Protection Project

Visiting Delhi was one of my dreams we are facing. Since I was also a part of National Dissemination Meeting much of learning that I received from HIV/AIDS which was conducted on interacting with children, with this I was 29 May 2018 in Delhi. This was an opportunity for me to share about my life and to share strengths and challenges that children of other communities and share.
their challenges and to share some of the opinions which were suggested by them. By being part of Delhi consultancy program I got to know about different schemes which were meant for children and I also developed an interest to learn different schemes and polices. By sharing my life experience living with HIV, I became more confident to live life with happiness and to achieve something great in life. “There is nothing to be sad of because everything in life is a challenge, only then there is growth in life.”

By: Kalesh

**Snehasparsh**

On 26\textsuperscript{th} April 2018. I started working in Bangalore Christian Cooperative Society. First one week it was really hard to manage. I had lot to learn. I used to make mistake in my work. After about two months I find it easier than earlier. Now I am able to manage the office and do most of the works which is assigned. I feel proud of myself that I started working in a regular field. Sometimes it is tough to handle few people. I learned lot of lessons for my life. I learned to be happy with my work and do the work for the society. I learned to adjust with new people in my life. I realized that I not just work for myself but for the society.

By: Manik Prabhu

“Life out of Snehagram is tough but I can over come”

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