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## Director's Message

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 12<sup>th</sup> are moving on to explore new horizons. Some have started working, others are searching, few are enterpreneuring. As always beginning of a new academic year is full of activities, excitements 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- SNEHASPASH, 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 wel- place. We also learned how to interact comed them by giving them tea. The pur- with people and we also explained our pose of their visit to Snehagram was to life in Snehagram to them. 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



Family with Students



By: Aishwarya

*“After few days we all became friends.”*

### MY EXPERIENCE ABOUT NEW STUDENTS

We were very excited to welcome 20 of learn to live responsibly. We were very our new friends from SCH along with Fr. happy to welcome them as a part of Jason, the director of SCH with their staff our family. 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



Getting into the Group



By: Sahana.

## Opening of New Academic Year 2018

Academic year 2018 was inaugurated on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Chief Guest of the academic year were C.M. Thomas and Mr. Tom from Bangalore. We started our program with a prayer song. All the students were excited to start the new academic year. 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-

dents to Snehagram. The students were divided into different classes. The students who finished post PU were promoted to be our mentor teachers. Then the new academic year began and our classes started. We have 18 students in the Pre NIOS class, 28 in the NIOS class.9 in the PU class and 8 in the post NIOS class.

By: Dhanush



**New Academic Year**



## SPORTS CAMP – 2018

We had our Sports camp on 29<sup>th</sup> 2018. they were teaching us life skills in sports. But later I understood that life skills are very important, especially in sports. They taught basic rules and techniques and how to play net ball. In the evening they made us play according to the instructions they had given us. They also trained us in Kabadi, Volleyball and Football. Last year 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**



**Group Discussion**







Netball Class

*“As a Prime Minister I will lead the team and make this place a happy home for all.”*  
Vinay Kumar



Election Process

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. I 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 min- deputy Prime Minister and I discussed ters shared the challenges they faced in and chose the Cabinet Ministers and told their ministry and how they took up their them about the roles and responsibilities responsibilities in spite of their challenges. that they should perform throughout this After the evaluation of parliament we be- year. And the Ministers selected their gan the election of new parliament mem- helpers and sub helpers. Ms. Clera and bers. Firstly we were divided into groups Mr Sijil helped us in reviewing our Par- of 6. In each group, the group members liament system and forming the new did the random selection of ministers. Parliament. As a Prime Minister I will Then three of the candidates stood up vol- lead the team and make this place a untarily to become the Prime Minister of happy home for all.

this new academic year. 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



**Newspaper King**

**“I got a chance to talk on behalf of children.”**



We went on a camp to Mysore on 21st may and come back on 24<sup>th</sup>.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 life to live with freedom and full of joy in our life. It was nice knowing them who were from different places and there 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 from long time and I was chosen to be the summer camps this year I had so part of National Dissemination Meeting much of learning that I received from of 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 lives of children from other communities. I got a chance to talk on behalf of some of my strengths and challenges that children of other communities and share



**CSA Group**



“There is nothing to be sad of because everything in life is a challenge, only then there is growth in life”

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<sup>th</sup> April 2018. I started working in All the training that I receive in Sneha-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.



gram is now useful. Some time I regret that I misused the opportunities given to me by Snehagram. I thank Snehagram family for training me and helping me stand on my feet.

By: Manik Prabhu

### Life out of Snehagram

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

Chandrakanth

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