

**ASHANILAYAM SPECIAL SCHOOL ,PONKUNNAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023**

As we complete one more academic year with wonderful achievements in the shade of God's grace, we present to the public a brief report of the last year's God-blessed efforts to make differently-abled children valuable and accepted by the family and society through the great initiative Angels Village. We can go through last year's activities of the award-worthy institutions during Angels Village Day Celebration, Ashanilayam Special School 44th Anniversary Celebration and felicitation of award recipients.

Asaniyam Special School is the best **NGO** in Differently Abled Sector

### **NEW ACADEMIC YEAR**

After the Covid epidemic and the crisis, this academic year started on June 1, 2022 with 270 students and 60 staff members. On 1st June new academic year program Rev. Father Roy Mathew Vadakkel gave the introductory speech and Rev. Father Joseph Vellamattam of Kanjirapalli Diocese Synchellus presided over the inauguration ceremony, Disability friendly vehicle designer Shri Biju Varghese was the chief guest at the function which was inaugurated by Vazhur Grama Panchayat President Shri VP Reji. Assessment of the new students is done using the Epic checklist provided by SCERT. Taking into them based on the age and ability of the children, they are allocated to classes ranging from Care Group to Pre-Vocation. Around 20 classrooms are led by teachers who have passed completed their D Ed in Special Education and B Ed in Special Education. On the occasion of each term, the teacher himself prepares the question paper and conducts the exam and after the exams conducts class PTA and evaluates the children before the end of the term.

### **KSHAMATHA 2022**

Under the leadership of Association for Intellectual Disabled, a program called kshamatha 2022 was conducted on June 17, 18 and 19 for representatives from all districts of Kerala under the leadership of Sri Brahma Nayaka Mahadevan sir and around 35 people participated in the programme.

### **INAUGURATION & NODAL TRAINING CENTRE**

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Sabu Thomas inaugurated the projects to be implemented from this academic year in collaboration with Ashanilayam Special School and MG University. Bishop Mar Jose Pulikal presided the meeting. Along with this function Angels' village was also elevated as the nodal training center of IUCDS. Dr. Christy Maria explained about the SAC project. Inter university Center for Studies in Science of music director, Dr. K Jayachandran released SAC project Logo.

## **MUSIC THERAPY**

Music therapy started in association with MG University's inter university for studies in music. Dr Smitha Pisharady's service from MG University It is also available on Fridays.

## **STAFF MEETING**

All the staff working at Ashanilayam special school and Ashwas Vocational Training Center gathered at Angels village are holding frequent meetings under the leadership of Director Rev Father Roy Mathew Vadakkal. Also as required, meetings are held through the departments to discuss the general activities of the organization, successes and failures, problems and feature programs.

## **SRG MEETING**

Under the leadership of SRG convenors of Asha Nilayam, all the members meet together and discuss the study programs of the children and take necessary steps.

## **PTA Meeting**

PTA meeting is held officially four times in a year and also arrange informal meetings in case of need, Special thanks to all the parents who have contributed to the smooth functioning of the school.

## **NOON MEAL COMMITTEE**

The meeting conducted as a part of the mid-day meal plan was chaired by the TA President, in the presence of HM, teachers' representatives, ward members, students' representatives, Noon Meal Committee meets with members of MPTA.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Rev Fr Justin Mathiyath hoisted the flag in the presence of Father Roy and TM John Sir on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations on 13th August. On the 16th morning at 9.30 am, the Independence Day Rally started from the school and went up to 19 miles and returned to the school. Rev Father Roy Mathew Vadkan presided over the meeting conducted in the school auditorium . Manimala Police Sub-Inspector Sabu Anthony inaugurated the indipenbdance day celebration and Vazhoor Ward Member Mrs. Jiji Naduthani extended greetings.

## **AWAKE 2022**

18 of our students participated in the AWAKE 2022 program conducted by the MSW students of Mannanam College and our school became the second runner-up.

## **ONAM CELEBRATION**

In connection with Onam celebration, Onam games and Sadya were held on the 2nd of September. The Onam celebrations organized by parents, teachers and children were very beautiful. The children came with vegetables and condiments given by their parents. Onam Sadya was made with those brought items. Kottayam District Collector Dr. PK Jayashree inaugurated the public meeting on that day, Kanjirapalli Diocese Proto Segellus Rev. Father Joseph Vellamattam presided over, Director Rev. Father Roy Mathew Vadakkal ,Panchayath representative Mrs. S. Pushkala Devi ,Dr. AT Thresiakutty, Ward Member MrsJiji Natuvatha and others gave speeches.

## **TEACHERS DAY CELEBARTION**

About 150 people from various schools of the district participated in the one-day program conducted by AID in the month of September on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

## **PAID STATE GENERAL BODY MEETING**

Paid State General Body and New Session was held at Chavara Culture Centre, Ernakulam. Distinguished individuals who have made a comprehensive contribution in the field of special schools, institutions who have provided dedicated service for four decades and employees who have served for 35 years were honoured. Paid organization honored Rev father Roy Mathwe Vadakkal for the institution award for 40 years of good service and sister Betsy and Omana teacher for 35 years of service with specially needed children.

## **YOGA DAY CELEBRATION**

As part of the yoga day celebration School of Shanti Director Sreeshanthi Prasad, President Shri SD Ajith and Secretary Shri Kanaka Raghavan participated in the day celebration organized by MG University and School of Shanti Yoga.

## **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

In association with World Mental Health Day, our students and staff members performed cultural events in the program conducted by Mary Queen's Hospital, 26th mile, Kanjirappally.

## **BOUYANCY**

SFS Public School conducted "nalla padam" which was organised by Malayala Manorama which joined together all special schools in Kottayam district to conduct cultural competitions in which our students owned major victory.

## **SPECIAL SCHOOL KALOLSAVAM**

Special School Kalolsavam was conducted in Kottayam in which our students participated and Vineeth C won first prize for folk dance and also A grade for the same in state level.

## **SUBODHAM 2022**

It was on 30th October, we organised a program against the use of drugs that was disseminating among people all over the globe and we lit down candles all over the houses, named the event Subhodam 2022. Also as a part of it, the teachers and students joined together hands in the school compound, in which our ward member Jiji Naduvathany also delivered a lesson for the day.

## **CHILDREANS DAY CELEBRATION AND LIBRARY INAUGURATION**

Children's day was celebrated on Nov 14, in which children followed by teachers organised a rally from main gate to school. The event had the chief presence of Synchellus very Rev. Fr. Bobby Alex Mannamplackal and Disability commisioner S H Panchapakeshan inagurated the newly built library. In addition, Dr.E K Radhakrishnan who was lately added up to the scientist title, was honoured.

## **FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Our students participated in the football tournament conducted in St.John of God special school, pampady on Nov 16th, 17th in memory of brother Forthunathos.

## **BALASHASTHRA CONGRESS**

Building Bricks from waste plastic eco bricks was a project in which one of our students R Manosree along with another child Aimy Theresa Tomy of St.Mary's Girls High school, Kanjirappally participated, and also were selected to the district, staate as well as national levels. Regards were made to those who led the event Sr. Jiji Pallathil and Sr.Teslin.

## **STATE DISABILITY AWARD**

Awards in the field of empowerment of disabled persons were announced in which Ashanilayam Special School received the title of best NGO in the field of disability and best rehabilitation title to Ashwas Vocational Training centre

## **SPIC MACAY**

A week-long camp for differently-abled children named SWASTH was conducted under the leadership of international organization SPIC MACY on World Disability Day. The children

were trained in categories such as Mural Painting ,Clay Modeling ,Towel doll play. The exhibition was held on the last day of the program from 5th to 9th December and was inaugurated by Vazhoor Block Panchayat President mr.Mukesh K Mani.

### **IDD HACKATHON INAUGURATION**

IDD Hackathon organized by Business Innovation and Incubation Center and WE CARE Center of MG University at Angels Village with the objective of solving the problems of the differently abled, their family members and those working for their welfare was inaugurated on 16th December by Minister of Education and Social Justice Dr. R. Bindu.

### **ANGELS' VILLAGE INAUGURATION**

Angels Village established under Kanjirapalli Diocese was inaugurated on 19th December by Minister of Higher Education and Social Justice Dr R Bindu .on the inaugural occasion Rev.Father Roy Mathew Vadakkal welcomed everyone in the function. In the ceremony presided over by bishop Mar Mathew Arakkal, Kerala Chief Whip Dr. N Jayarajan delivered the keynote speech and very Rev Bobby Mannamplackal, Vicar General, delivered the introductory speech. Besides of the function, social, religious and political leaders from various fields extended their greetings.

### **PRAYTNA SEVEN DAY CAMP**

Seven days Camp was conducted as part of Amaljyoti College of Engineering NSS Unit from December 27 to January 2. About 110 students and their teachers were participated in the camp.

### **ARTS AND SPORTS DAY**

Arts and Sports Day was held from January 31 to February 3. The competitions held in four houses were a good opportunity to showcase the talent of the children.Both children and staff members thoroughly enjoyed the competitions. This time, instead of a tour, we took the kids to see the German Circus in Kottayam and it was a lot of fun and joy.

### **SARGOLSAVAM 2023**

23 of our children won prizes in art competitions organized for differently-abled children under the auspices of Changanassery Lines Club.

### **BEEKEEPING TRAINING 2023**

Beekeeping Training Trainees and teachers participated in a two-day beekeeping training program organized by James under the leadership of Changanassery Chasi at our Vocational Training Center.

## **EARLY INTERVENTION AWARENESS PROGRAM**

Early Intervention Awareness Program was jointly organized by CH Muhammad Koya Memorial State Institute for the Mentally Challenged under the Department of Public Education, Government of Kerala and Ashanilayam Special School in Vazhur Grama Panchayat. People's representatives, parents of children with developmental disorders, social workers and others participated from 10 am. Various classes were conducted on how to detect and resolve any deficiencies in children. The program was welcomed and presided over by SIMC Director Mrs. Jency Varghese and inaugurated by Vazhur Gram Panchayat President Shri VP Regi.

## **ONE-DAY WORKSHOP**

Under the leadership of SMIC, a one-day workshop was conducted for the parents of physically challenged children and was inaugurated by Mr. Shaji Pampuri, Chairman of Vazhoor Block Panchayat Development Management Committee, followed by a master class on various topics.

## **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPS KOTAMANPAARA**

Being invited to put aside their children's programs to present our children's programs at the anniversary celebration of Kotamanpaara UP School and the support provided throughout the program was a great recognition for our organization and the children.

## **ANGEL GARDEN EARLY INTERVENTION AND AUTISM THERAPY CENTER**

The Early Inter Autism Center, which helps in providing training in the early detection of children's disabilities, is functioning in a 1500 square feet area. The services of Doctor, Psychologist, Speech Therapist, Therapist, Physiotherapist and Special Education are provided here with the aim of holistic development in children.

## **HOSTEL FACILITIES**

Angels Village has four hostels for differently-abled persons who are involved in learning and training programs.

Asha Home Below 18 Girls

Asha Kiran Below 18 boys

Asha Nikethan Above 18 boys

Home of peace -Above 18 girls

All these hostels are run by Reverend Sisters

## **ANGELS' HOME**

Angel's Home is a lifelong accommodation facility for financially challenged children and

their parents. 18 houses have been built for them and now four families have started living in these houses.

## **ANGELS' SHOP**

Mar Mathew Arakkal graced the store of angels. Synchellus Very Rev. Fr. Bobby Alex, Director Rev.Fr. Roy Mathew, Panchayat President and members delivered speeches. Angel's Shop has been started as a part of 'We Farm, School in collaboration with Nalla Samrayan Ashramam. The market of various types of products such as handicrafts made by children, detergent items, candles, local vegetables and local food items has been started here.

## **ANGELS' VILLAGE VISIT**

This year many people from various colleges, schools and training centers came to see and understand the activities of the children in our center. Main among these colleges are MES college, Erumely, Velankanimatha college of Nursing students, St.Mary's girls high school, Holy Family International School Elangoi, Gramajyothu special school teachers, Mariam college Kuttikanam(BSW, MSW students), Snehasadan College of Special education trainees.

Vocational Training Center deserving of the Best Differently Abled Rehabilitation center in the field of differently abled

1.We farm multicategory agro farm school

2.Ashwas vocational training center

Through this Vocational training is being provided to differently abled persons above the age of 18 in the two centers. Over 150 trains were trainees here under the guidance of expert trainers. The curriculum prepared by senior consultant Dr. A T therissiyakutti,who is specialized in the field of special education in India is being used for training in Kerala today. As the vocational training method is seen to have a therapeutic effect, around twenty staff members are assisting in the training at the locational training center aimed at their all-round development, including an agricultural therapist who has recently made an appointment for them. They are trained in agriculture based activities, horticulture, animal husbandry and non-agricultural activities such as detergent making, candle making, bamboo based products, paper cloth products, artan craft etc. Agriculture-based employment initiatives are mainly carried out at the Farm School at Pulimavu and other employment initiatives at the Vocational Training Center at Chengallu.All the participants in the vocational training are given students according to their work. The products from the training center are sold on

Sundays through churches and other alternative means to find a way to pay them and the staff members.

## CONCLUSION

We gratefully remember all the benefactors who help us with their life time, prayers and wealth, to the Almighty God who is supporting us in the growth of this institution, which is advancing the loved ones immortally on the path of progress. Our gratitude and love to bishop Mar Jose Pulikal, Father Reverend Bobby Alex Mannampalakkal and the entire Diocesan family, who guides us with his prayers and presence in any need. We submit the 2022-23 year activity report to the public with our sincere thanks to our director Mr. Roy father, who leads this institution without losing its spirit and lives only for this, to all the teachers and non-teachers who are working day and night for these children, and above all to our children and the good people of the country.

Fr Roy Mathew Vadakkal

Secretary Ashanilayam