# Annual Report of Sneharam Special School 2020-2021

#### Dear Friends,

"Knowing the true happiness of life is when you live with those who are inferior to you." Snehagiri Founder Rev.Fr. Abraham Kaippanplackal holds these words of our father to our brothers who are only slightly different in level of intelligence, the Sneharam Special School was started in the year 2002 to guide these children of love and innocence on the path of growth.

We need to understand that people with mental disabilities have equal rights as brothers, that it is our duty to give them equal participation in society, and that it is our responsibility to do what is necessary for their growth.

These children do not need anyone is sympathy or generosity. Rather, it is important to give love, recognition and equal rights. These children who do not develop intelligence become part of the society when the knowledge, ability, dedicated teachers, family members who can accept and understand and the authorities who ensure social justice go together.

The Sneharam that started with 10 children in 2002is coming to the end of its 19<sup>th</sup> year today. Today the institution has 94 students and 22 faculty members who give life to their training and rehabilitation.

#### Curriculam

The new school year began on June 1, 2020, but the school could not reopen due to the covid-19epidemic. From July 1, teachers gave video classes to children. In July, the government launched an application called 'Thaenkood' which was developed

by SCERT. From August 1 the children were taught through the Thaenkood. Teachers and Parents alike worked hard for the children. Teachers took a special video class for children who are serious. Congratulations to all the Parents who specially trained these children to be at home.

From this year, government law requires children under the age of 18 to be registered at the school level as those over 18 years of age to be registered at vocational centre. Accordingly, an application for new registration has been filed with the office of Social Justice under the Sneharam Vocational Centre.

## **Arts and Sports**

The children also had the opportunity to participate in various competitions online under special circumstances in covid-19. At the district level, Ruby won second place in the single song competition organized by the special school Association, first place in the single dance competition organized by the social Justice Office on the occasion of Disability Day, and first place in the poster competition. Sneharam won second place in the district level poster competition for schools. 'Awakening 2020'won 4 first and 3 second places in various competitions organized by PSWS Pala Diocese on the occasion of World Disables Day. Special congratulations to the children who participated in the competition and to the winners .Nayana a student ,went to Himachal Pradesh for the selection of the floor ball camp for the 2022 world Games in Russia. Special congratulations to the Nayana who got the selection.

## Sneharam Bhavan Boarding

There is a boarding house called Sneharam Bhavan attached to the special school. There are 33 children here. In the case of covid-19, 15 children went to home. There were 18 children here. A special timetable was arranged for them.

## **Vocational Training**

Special classes were given to the children who had Sneharam Bhavan. Computer, Arts, Sports, Horticulture, cooking, gardening all of these were able to provide training. Similarly, candle making was done well.

#### Celebrations

Despite the limited circumstances Onam, Christmas, Independence Day and Disability day could be celebrated appropriately. Flowers were laid for Onam and various games and competitions were held. The Band set also displayed it on Independence Day.

# Beneficiaries

We have many individuals, Institutions and Organizations working for the growth of Sneharam. We remember with gratitude all those who have helped us with the wealth, prayers and encouragement of their lives. We sincerely pray that God will reward you abundantly for all the help you have given.

# Conclusion

This year's annual celebrations were held online under the special occasion of covid-19. Congratulations to the Rev. Fr. Thomas Pattery who presided over the celebration and to the provincial Superior Rev. Dr. Sr. Carmel Geo, who delivered the inaugural message of the conference, greetings from ward councilor Mrs. Sigi Tony Thottathil and many other dignitaries, Rev. Teachers, Sisters and dear Parents. Above all, I submit this report with thanks to God Almighty.

With Love

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