



# St. Joseph's Service Society (SJSS)

## Sanjoepuram Children's Village

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## Children's Village

Sanjoepuram Celebrated its 13th anniversary and Infant Jesus School celebrated its 10 annual day. School entered its 11th standard this year. It got CBSE affiliation upto 12th Standard. The admission is full this year. Children at Sanjoepuram children's village had a memorable day on 3rd February 2007. 13 girls from different homes (4 physically challenged girls from Ranisadan, 3 visually impaired girls of St. Mary's Home and 6 mentally challenged girls from Vinayalaya) participated in various competitions organised by Ministry of Environment and Forest at National Museum of Natural History in Delhi. Competitions were held in speech, painting and drawing. Seven participants from Sanjoepuram secured various prizes in the events. This was a great encouragement for the children. 12 girls with disability from Sanjoepuram performed a song programme at NTPC office at Faridabad as well as at Noida. They received consolation prizes.



On 28th March the third dose of Hepatitis B Vaccination programme was given with the support of Human Rights Protection Group from New Delhi. 37 people received the first doze, 43 received second doze and 28 people received the third doze. The entire vaccination programme was conducted free of cost.

## Health Care Services

Altogether 65 houses were visited in the past quarter for homebound medical check up and they were prepared to meet the medical team from AIIMS. Dr. Geeta her medical team from AIIMS (Mr. Manoj, Mr. Susheel and Ms. Renu), New Delhi visited Sanjoepuram thrice during the past quarter (6th January, 26th February and 15th March). They visited Bahadurpur, Chandpur, Gharora, Alipur, Faejpur and Shajapur villages. Several patients were examined and were given medicines and many others were referred to free surgical treatment at AIIMS. They were taken free of cost to AIIMS accompanied by SJSS staff. Mr. Mahesh, a patient with kidney failure was taken to AIIMS by SJSS on 5th and 8th February for detailed medical examination and treatment.

## Training Programmes

The first volunteers' training programme of the year 2007 was conducted on 11th January at HRDC, Sanjoepuram, Chandpur. Their contract to be volunteers was renewed for one more year. They were given special input session on inclusive education and special assistance for the children with disabilities by Sr. Vigily. The second volunteers' training was conducted on 8th February 2007. Orientation and training was given about writing case histories of the disabled. Awareness about government schemes for girls and BPL (Below Poverty Line) families. The third volunteers' training was held on 10th March. They were given special orientation on identifying visual impairment at early age of life. The cases of Asha and Regis, both visually impaired, from Sanjoepuram were presented to them. The trainees were given instruction how to read Braille letters.



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On 23rd January 2007, 13 students and two professors (Dr. Vandana and Dr. Shailaja) from NIPCD, New Delhi visited Sanjoepuram. They were given an orientation in HRDC on the rehabilitation strategies practised by SJSS at Sanjoepuram and they were also given an exposure to various activities of Chandpur CBR. On 30th January, 2007, SJSS delegates from Sanjoepuram (Sr. Vigily, Sr. Roselit, Bachu Singh, three SHG members and two horticulture workers) attended one day training programme on vermin composting at SNS Foundation, Gurgaon conducted by Yogesh Sharma. They have decided to revive the vermin Compost pits at Sanjoepuram and start training on composting for the horticulture workers as well as interested SHG members.

Rural Entrepreneurial Development Programme (REDP) was launched on 25th January 2007 with the support of NABARD. CBR team of SJSS discussed with Dr. RR Singh, DDM, NABARD and agreed to start a new batch of Tailoring and Embroidery course at Chavara Tailoring Centre as part of REDP for the women members of SHG. Initial support is offered by NABARD. Interviews were held for 23 candidates for tailoring classes by the selection committee comprised of Fr. Sebastian, Sr. Roselit, Mr. Bachu Singh and Mrs. Prabha Takur) and 20 young women from five villages (Bahadurpur, Faizpur, Gharora, Lehandola, Korali and Chandpur) were selected for the REDP tailoring course. On 15th February, 2007, a formal inauguration of the tailoring classes was conducted. Prof. Hajira Kumar, Head, Dept. of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia was the chief guest. She gave a message and Fr. Sebastian, Director, Sanjoepuram explained the purpose and objectives of REDP training programme to the participants. It was made clear that the intention of the training is to make the participants self employed and become an entrepreneur in their respective villages. On 27th February 2007, a special training session was conducted for the SHG members in Bahadurpur village on health, domestic hygiene and rural sanitation.

They were instructed how to construct viable toilets attached to housing premises. They were given awareness about the importance of developing hygienic toilet practices.

During the month of February 2007, five special orientation and training sessions were given by the CBR team (Sr. Vigily, Sr. Gracy and Sr. Roselit) on topics like self discipline (17th), Personal Hygiene (21st and 22nd), Importance of education (24th) and vermin compost (28th). During March 2007, the trainees under REDP (Tailoring Class) were given special classes by SJSS CBR team. Sr. Vigily gave a lecture on causes of disability on 5th March. Mr. Vinod gave an orientation on the causes of HIV/AIDS to the trainees on 14th March. Dr. RR Sinha, AGM, NABARD visited the trainees on 6th March and instructed on entrepreneurship. Fr. Jose Edassery, the President of SJSS, visited the centre and spoke to the trainees. On 27th March, Sr. Vigily, took a session on general health and hygiene.

### Society Day Celebrations

13th annual day of SJSS and the 10th annual day of Infant Jesus School was celebrated on 24th March, Saturday, at 2.30 p.m. at Sanjoepuram, Chandpur, Faridabad. Shri. Bhpender Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Rev. Fr. Jose Edassery, President, SJSS, welcomed the eminent guests. The annual report was presented by Rev. Sr. Vigily followed by a group song by visually disabled children. Shri Awatar Singh Bhathana, Hon'ble Member of Parliament felicitated on the occasion.





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Inauguration of the 100th Unit of the Womens Self Help Group was done by the Chief Guest with the introduction and felicitation by Smt. Sharda Rathore MLA, Ballabgarh and President of the Function. Releasing the Souvenir was conducted thereafter by the Chief Guest which was introduced by Rev Sr Gilsey, the Chief Editor. Awarding of Trade Certificates to the present batch of Vocational Trainees was done by the Chief Guest with the introduction and felicitations by Dr. R.R. Sinha, DDM, NABARD. It was followed by felicitations by Shri. Kishan Pal Bhatti, Member, Block Panchayat and Parents' Representative. Thereafter, inauguration of the Higher Secondary block of Infant Jesus School was conducted by the Chief Guest introduced by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Theckanath, Director, SJSS, Sanjoepuram. Sr. Anna, Principal, Infant Jesus School gave vote of thanks and the function came to an end by 6.00 p.m. Tea party was given to all the participants of the programme.

### Women's day celebrations

Women's Day was celebrated at Chandpur on 8th March between 12 to 2 pm. Altogether 400 people attended the programme among whom 250 were women. Chief guest of the programme was Mrs. Alka Madhok, General Secretary, Madhok Foundation, New Delhi. She gave the message on viable rural health insurance programme for the women of SHG. A professional street play was performed by Social Work Students from the Department of Social Work, Delhi University on the occasion.

It was upon women empowerment. There followed several cultural items. The song performed by Vinita from Sanjoepuram who is 100 % visually impaired received everyone' appreciation. Prizes were distributed to the SHGs who have performed well in the past year. 7 SHGs were selected as model SHGs. Mrs. Mamata from Chandpur village was selected as the best village animator.

### Progress of SHG

Auditing and grading of 55 groups in five villages were undertaken in January 2007. Altogether 410 house visits were done during the past quarter for the promotion of SHG. 20 new SHGs were formed during this period. The 100th SHG was opened formally on the Foundation Day on 24th March 2007. However, only 90 SHGs are functional at present. Nearly 10 of them have been dissolved on account of several reasons. The main reason for this dissolution was to avoid the mixing of BPL and APL families. Rs. 321,000 was distributed through inter-loaning. Rs. 378,000 were secured as bank loans for different SHGs during the past quarter. Main purposes of inter-loaning were setting up grocery shop, construction of house, medical treatment, purchase of consumption good. All the SHGs are holding regular meeting and the topics of discussion were inter loaning, increasing saving, credit linkage, girl's education, health, village activities, hygiene, family planning, HIV/AIDS and income generation activities. It has become customary that several SHGs of a village hold their meetings at a common place on the same day where the SJSS staff provides their professional assistance. Average attendance for the meetings is 75 %.

### Street Education Programme

Street Education Programme supported by KKS, Germany is undertaken in five slum locations of National Capital Region (Sultanpuri, Thri lokpuri, Dakshinpuri, Palam and Old Gurgaon). This is the second year of the project.



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Major events of the past quarter other than the regular non formal education programmes include conducting annual examination for the children by means of a centralised question paper, conducting medical camps and organising various balvikas programmes such as cultural, sports and personality development activities. Altogether 183 children have attended NFE classes in 5 centres regularly. There are 6 volunteers to assist the street educators in running the classes. Classes have been separately conducted for the school going and non school going children in each centre. Balvikas samiti members are assisting the street educators and the volunteers in conducting the classes. Altogether 30 children are prepared to join the local school from the five NFE centres this academic session. Games are conducted by Balvikas Samiti in all the NFE centres on daily or at least weekly basis. Indoor games include Chess, Business King, Caroms, Ludo and Passing the Ball. Outdoor games are Foot ball, Cricket, Kho-kho, skipping, "catch-me-if-you-can" (a local game which include lot of physical exertion by running) and hide and seek.

### Functional Vocational Training Programme

Vocational Training Courses in 2-3 wheeler mechanism, electrical and home appliances repair and service and A/C Refrigerator repair and service are conducted in three slum locations in the National Capital Region (Sultanpuri, Kakrola and Old Gurgaon) with the support of FVTF, Bangalore. This is a new project started during the past quarter. This project intends to empower 270 school dropout youth of the slums of Delhi during a period of two years.

### Other CBR activities

155 houses were visited to reach out to the disabled during the past quarter. During these visits, instruction and awareness was given about inclusive education, health and hygiene, treatment and rehabilitation, scholarship and pension schemes for the disabled and motivation. CBR activities have been extended to new villages and distant corners of old villages such as Korali, Seupra, Manjavali and Latif villages. Latif village is situated across river Yamuna near Aruva. Two girls (Reen, 14 years' age and Cutty, 12 years' age) with disability (CP) were identified from Latifpur village for sponsorship from Lillian Fonts Foundation. Animators' meetings were conducted 11 times during the past quarter. Bhaivravaly, a new village was visited by the CBR team. A meeting with the Sarpanch was held and the procedure of working with the women and the disabled was explained to him by Sr. Vigily and Bachusingh. Village libraries are functioning in 10 villages. The total readership is 977. Several libraries are being merged together.

### Conclusion:

Mr. and Mrs. Willy from Germany, the chief sponsors of our children visited Sanjoepuram and stayed at HRDC in the second week of February 2007. Mrs. Alka Madhok, the General Secretary of Madhok Foundation, Delhi visited Sanjoepuram on 15th February 2007 and admitted two young girls who are physically challenged in Ranisadan. On 24th January, 2007, Mr. Patrick from AIFO Bangalore visited Chandpur CBR as part of annual monitoring and evaluation programme.

We are very grateful to all our supporters and benefactors especially Sabine, Willy and their social work teams in Germany for their unflinching support to Sanjoepuram. We are thankful to our new partners - KKS and FVTF. Finally we express our sincere thanks to AIFO for their ongoing support to our CBR programmes.

**Fr. Jose Edassery,  
President, SJSS**