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Sanjoepuram Children's Village

After the summer holidays, all the children of Sanjoepuram children's village came back with greater vigour and enthusiasm. St. Thomas Day was celebrated on 3rd July. All the children went to school on the reopening day on 6th July after an hour's prayer session at Ranisadan children's home. On 26th July the feast of St. Ann and Patron's day of Sr. Aruna and Sr. Ashly was celebrated. On 28th July, the feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated at Sanjoepuram.

On 5th August, Raksha Bandhan was celebrated by the children of Sanjoepuram. The children tied 'Raksha' (thread symbolising security) on the hands of Fr. Elias Chakiath and Fr. Varghese Chackungal. The children were given sweets and delicious lunch. Srishty, Varsha and Gunjan went to Tihar Prison, New Delhi, to meet their parents and exchange the wishes of Raksha Bandhan, which is one of the major festivals in North India.

On 8th September the patron's day of Sr. Merly and Sr. Darshana was celebrated. A cultural evening was celebrated on 18th September to give sent off to Rev. Fr. Elias Chakiath who had been at Sanjoepuram for two months to assist Rev. Fr. Varghese Chackungal. On 21st September, Fr. Elias Chakiath, left for Kerala. On 24th September, Fr. Ajo Moothedan, reached Sanjoepuram and assisted Fr. Varghese till 25th October.

On 5th September, Onam was celebrated at Sanjoepuram. All the children gathered at HRDC and had various cultural programmes and group games followed by Onam Sadhya (lunch). The 'Thiruvathira' performed by children of Sanjoepuram in the traditional Kerala costumes was very attractive and everyone appreciated it.



Games conducted for the reverent sisters of Sanjoepuram after the Onam Sadhya (the special lunch served on the day of Onam) was the most interesting event for the children of Sanjoepuram. Musical chair was conducted for sisters and children conducted the game for them. All children of Sanjoepuram enjoyed the day.

On 28th July, Kumari Adhya, two years old destitute and differently abled child joint **St. Mary's Children's home**. She was brought to Sanjoepuram by her adoptive parents who have seriously fallen ill. The Patron's day of Sr Tincy and Rosmy was celebrated on 23rd August. Ansu, Anita, Anjaly, Meenakshi and Adhya were taken to Sarvodaya hospital, Faridabad for medical check up and treatment during the past quarter. On the day of Onam on 5th September, various games were conducted at HRDC and Ansu, Varsha, Meenakshi, Nisha, Razia and Puma got prizes. Geeta, Uma, Meenakshi and Varsha became rank holders in the first terminal examination held at Infant Jesus School.



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Priyanka from **Ranisadan Children's Home** secured four first prizes in various events (Solo, Dance, Speech and Group Dance) conducted in connection with Independence Day celebration in Infant Jesus School. Shivani, the physically challenged girl, got second prize for Solo. Kavita got first prize for drawing and second prize for dance. She also secured third position in Drawing competition held at New Delhi (Santhome Fest) by Delhi Syro Malabar Mission, where thousands of children from various Syro Malabar Parishes in Delhi took part. It was a state level event. Hearty congratulation to Kavita and it seems that she has a good future in drawing.

On 14th July, Kumari Vaishnavi, a hearing and speech impaired girl from Daula Kuan, New Delhi took admission in **Jeevandhara Children's Home**. She is 100 per cent a hearing and speech impaired girl. She is a bright child. Her mother is very caring and has taken Vaishnavi for Deepawali holidays. On 1st August, Vishakha and Kushi from India Vision Foundation went to celebrate Raksha Bandhan to Delhi. They went to meet their parents in Tihar Jail. On 9th September, Vishakha's birthday was celebrated at Jeevandhara.

Presently 22 children are residing at **Sacred Heart Children's Home** and 20 of them are going to Infant Jesus School. Two children are pre-schoolers. Other children who are residents of SH Home are studying in Punjab. Pinki and Ajitha were taken to Punjab for medical check up. Pinki was diagnosed negative for TB test. Ajitha was diagnosed that she was born with weak eye muscles. She is advised to wear glass. Thara took part in 200 mts race at the CBSE inter school sports and games meet held at Chandigarh in August. Ruby and Seema are learning Keyboard and have played the church organ during the Sunday liturgy. Kids of SH Home performed the action song and the farewell song for the farewell programme of Fr. Elias Chakiath.

In August, Sr. Divya who has graduated in Bharathanatyam, taught the children of SH Home the basics of Karnatic classical dance. Sunitha, Maria, Akhila, Mamatha, Pinky, Kavita and Sabeena won prizes in various cultural and sports events held at Infant Jesus School, in connection with Independence Day celebration. Seven children from SH Home participated in a group dance at a Jubilee celebration at Najafgarh provincial house in 19 September

There are 20 children at **Vinayalaya children's home**. Simran has not come back after the summer holidays. Fourteen children are attending Infant Jesus Secondary School and three are studying in KG Section. Rekha is going for vocational training programme (tailoring centre at Mariabhavan) while Sangeeta and Tara remain at home. They are learning household works. Sushman got first prize and Nargis got second prize for group dance competition held at Infant Jesus School, in connection with Independence Day celebration. Neha got first prize and Manisha got second prize for solo dance competition. Children from Vinayalaya performed group dance and action song on the cultural evening, celebrated on 18th September to give sent off to Rev. Fr. Elias Chakiath.





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Infant Jesus School



On 6th July, School reopened after summer vacation. On 15th July oath taking ceremony of the house captains took place. All the school children were divided into four houses for the purpose of conducting sports and games events. The captains were selected and their oath taking was conducted on 15th July.

During the second week of August, various arts and sports competitions such as solo, speech, folk dance and volleyball tournament were conducted at the School. Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August. Dr. Joseph Sebastian, Director, IGSSS, New Delhi was the chief guest. There was a vivid display of children's march past, band, sports, aerobics and Yoga. Ms. Darlin, w/o Dr. Joseph gave away prizes for the best performers of the day.

The first term examination started on 17th August. Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th September. Various programmes have been organized for the teachers. Musical chair, ice breakers and other lucky games were conducted for teachers. All the children of the school enjoyed the performances of the teachers and all were great fun for all. The students of class X took leadership to conduct games for the teachers. All teachers were given refreshment and gifts. On 12th September, parents and teachers' meeting was held. On 27th September, the School picnic was conducted. The students and teachers went to Nainital and came back on 29th September. Four children from

Health Care and CBR Programmes

69 house visits of the persons with disabilities (PWD) were conducted in 11 villages in August 2009 by the CBR team (coordinators, animators and the volunteers). In September 62 PWD house visits in 12 villages were done by the team. During these visits they were given awareness about their rights for inclusive education, scholarship for education, health insurance, disability certificate, disability pension, rehabilitation needs, starting income generation programmes like setting up of shops, marriage preparation and SHG formation.

On 9th September, Rajini, the CBR volunteer from Korali village, participated in polio vaccination campaign in association with Community Health Centre, Korali. On the same day, she took part in spraying in the village to prevent mosquito spreading. On 10th

September, she attended a seminar at Korali Community Health Centre on polio vaccination.

On 7th September, Ms. Mamata, the village animator of Chandpur accompanied two patients to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. On 8th September, Pinki, the village animator of Faizpur assisted two destitute women to fill up the forms for getting pension.

Ms. Bhavana, the CBR volunteer of Bahadurpur village accompanied two patients to AIIMS, New Delhi on 24th September.

During the past quarter (July - September), 430 patients were treated at Bethzada hospital.

Common ailments attended at the hospital are seasonal fever, cough, Malaria, gastroenteritis, scabies and injuries. Various lab tests like checking of blood sugar and HBC blood tests were conducted at the hospital. Fifteen patients were referred to hospitals in Faridabad for specialised treatment. Most of the patients were from Infant Jesus School and Sanjoepuram children's village. The attendance from the village is rather poor due to the remoteness of the hospital from the villages.

Sheethal treatment training programme (alternative medicine) was conducted on 26 September at Raipur Kalan village in association with Darshanalaya Sheetal Chikitsa Kendra. More than 50 men and women attended the programme.



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Village animator Geeta and the coordinator Naresh took the responsibility of organising the medical camp. Fr Aji CMI (Isai Baba), Director, Darshanalaya. The effectiveness of the use of traditional and alternative medicine for cough, asthma, pain, arthritis, anaemia, constipation, diarrhoea, piles, bleeding from nose, bleeding p v, white discharge and asthma was explained to the audience with possible demonstration of the administration of the medicine.

Training Programmes



A training on Inclusive education was conducted on 5th September for the teachers of Infant Jesus School. Dr Jaimon Varghese took the session on Inclusive rights of the differently able children. The copies of PWD Act 1995, CBSE guidelines regarding inclusive education and the brief profile of St. Joseph's Service Society were distributed to the teachers. After the presentation, the progress of inclusive education at Infant Jesus School was discussed in detail. The doubts of the teachers regarding the success of inclusive education were cleared. The success stories of Razia, the 100 per cent visually impaired girl of Sanjoepuram who scored first division in all the subjects in the CBSE class X examination, in March 2008 from Infant Jesus School and Neha, a physically challenged girl from Sanjoepuram who secured third position at Infant Jesus School with 74.4 % in 10th class CBSE examination in March 2009

were shared and the teachers were motivated to take up the challenge of practising perfect inclusion at Infant Jesus School further. They were determined to produce more success stories of Inclusive Education at the School. The session started at 11.30 am and lasted till 1.30 pm. After the session the teachers were given lunch.

A training programme for adolescent girls of Sanjoepuram was conducted on 26 July 2009 at HRDC. Altogether 24 girls attended the programme.

Progress of SHG

Sr. Vigily took a class on career, inculcation of civic sense, duties and responsibilities of Indian citizens and unity in diversity of the nation. Classes for adolescent girls and boys were conducted in Aruva on 29th July and in Raipur Kalan on 30th July 2009. Altogether 25 adolescents took part in the training programmes. Sr. Vigily, Sr. Roslit and Sr. Pratima were the resource persons. The topics of discussions were letter writing, self-discipline, talent hunt (singing), yoga and importance of regular exercise.

Altogether 81 house visits were conducted in July in 8 villages for SHG promotion and 66 households from 7 villages were contacted in August and 77 house visits in seven villages were conducted in September for the same. Twelve meetings have been held in Shajapur, Faizpur, Baisravaly, Lehandola, Mandhavaly and Bahadurpur in July 2009 for the promotion of SHG. At least 107 women attended the meetings. Two meetings were held in August in Lehandola, Korali and Faizupur and 21 women attended the meetings. Six meetings were held in 4 villages gathering 51 women in September. Concepts of SHG, election procedure of office bearers, duties of the SHG leaders, importance of regular savings, documentary requirements of opening bank account, rules and regulations and account keeping were discussed in the meeting.



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The resource persons were Sr Vigily, Sr Roselit, Geeta, Omvati, Sanhtoshy and Naresh.

Six new SHGs opened bank accounts in Gurgaon Grameen Bank, Tigaon (5 accounts) and Gharora (one account) in July Narayan SHG (Shajapur) on 1 July, Sobha SHG (Faizupur) on 3 July, Sivam SHG (Korali) on 6 July, Prem SHG (Baisravally) on 21 July, Govind SHG (Shajapur) on 22 July and Radhea SHG (Shajapur) on 29 July. Baisravally is the new village and Prem SHG is the first SHG of the village.

Two new SHGs were formed in August Asara SHG on 27 August (GG Bank, Tigaon) and Santhi on 19 August of which bank account is yet to open. Six new SHGs have been initiated in September 2 in Baisravally, 2 in Shajapur, 1 in Lehandola and 1 in Gharora.

Altogether 60 SHG level meetings have been held in July 2009 in 8 villages. At least 53 such meetings were held in August in 8 villages and 32 meetings in 7 villages in September. During these regular meetings, the CBR team consisting of village coordinators, animators and CBR volunteers gave classes on adult literacy classes, small family norm, maternal and infant health, education of girl children, dowry prohibition, general health care, eye care, AIDS control, TB control, control of tobacco and alcohol consumption and smoking, prevention of female foeticide, rural sanitation, safe drinking water, solar energy, destructive impacts of the use of plastics on earth, SHG restructuring (changing members and office bearers), SHG anniversary celebration, inter-loaning and bank loaning, register maintenance and unity and empowerment.

At least 28 SHGs in July, 50 in August and 23 in September were visited by the CBR team for the purpose of organising SHG anniversaries, inspection of SHG records, giving training of book keeping and records maintenance, motivation of the defaulters to repay the loans taken from the SHG or banks and promotion of more savings and for account opening.

Village level SHG anniversaries were celebrated in 7 villages around Chandpur. SHG anniversary of Faizupur village was conducted on 21 July 2009 at the temple premise of the village between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Altogether 115 SHG women took part in the programmes. The resource persons included Fr. Varghese Chackungal, Director, Social Services, SJSS, Dr. Jaimon Varghese, Project Director, SJSS, Mr. Mathews, Accountant, SJSS, Sr. Vigily, Mr. Naresh and Sr. Roslit, the village coordinators, Sr. Grace Mathew, Sr. Jissa and Sr. Pratima. Prayer song, welcome song, inauguration of the anniversary by lighting Diyas, reading of the detailed report of the progress of SHG in the village by the animator, messages by Fr. Varghese, Mr. Mathews and Sr. Vigily, songs and dances by the SHG women were the main agenda. Registers and account books were inspected by Mr. Mathew and a feedback was given by him to the SHG women. The need for formation of SHG federation was emphasised by the resource team. The aims and procedures of good SHGs were discussed. Some competitions were organised at the end of the programme for the SHG women such as ball passing, bombing the city and musical chair. Prasad was distributed to all the women. Refreshments were given to the guests. SHG anniversary of Korali village was held on 18 August 2009. SHG anniversary of Lahandola village was conducted on 1 September 2009. Seventeen MSW students of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) under their supervisor, Dr. Mahesh visited Lahandola and participated in the anniversary programme. SHG anniversary of Gharora village was conducted on 8 September 2009. SHG anniversary of Chandpur and Imamudinpur village was conducted on 15 September 2009. SHG anniversary of Shajapur village was conducted on 24 September 2009. Altogether 150 SHG women took part in the programmes.





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Balyasneha - Street Education Programme in the Slums of Delhi

Street Education Programme has been revived in five slum locations of Delhi (three at Sultanpuri slums and one each at Palam and Pochanpur) with the financial support from Indo Global Social Service Society (IGSSS). Regular non formal education programmes and organising various balvikas programmes such as cultural, sports and personality development activities are being undertaken as part of the project which commenced on 1st August 2009. On 6th August, the formal inauguration of the NFE classes was conducted by Fr. Babu Kalathil, Parish Priest of St. Padre Pio Church, Rohini, by lighting lamp at Sultanpuri NFE centre.



Altogether 370 children attend NFE classes in 5 centres regularly. Mr. Binu MSW has been appointed as the project coordinator for the project and Mr. Johny Varghese has been engaged as field coordinator. Apart from them, there are 10 volunteers who serve as the street educators in running the classes. A student social worker from Department of Social Work, Delhi University is coming twice a week to Sultanpuri slums as part of her concurrent field work training. She is assisting the street educators in conducting various programmes of the centre. 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. 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.

Independence Day was celebrated in all the centres on 15th August. Flag hoisting was held at each centre. Children performed cultural programmes and they were given sweets. The project coordinator and the field coordinator gave message of Independence Day on the occasion.

In August (13th, 21st and 22nd), altogether 37 social work students from Taiwan from various Universities National University, Medical Bio Technology Chang Gung University, Taipei Educational University, Chen Po-Jund special Education College under the supervision of Mr. Devang Chaturvedi from Delhi University and Mr. Ashok Pandey, IGSSS, visited various NFE centres at Sultanpuri and conducted several educational and cultural activities for motivating the children and teachers of the centres. On 24th the foreign students' group visited Sanjoepuram children's village, Chandpur.

Conclusion

Weekly monitoring meetings of the CBR workers (village animators, coordinators and the director) were conducted regularly. Major topics of discussion and input sessions were organisation of village level SHG anniversary, women's participation in Gram Panchayat and H1N1 flue symptoms, prevention and treatment. The CBR team visited 18 times the Grameen Banks and ADC office in the month of July in connection with submission of pension forms, SHG account opening, loan release and loan repayment.

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