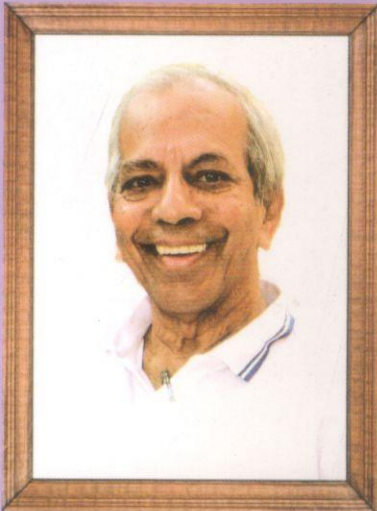


SNEHASADAN

HOME FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Mahakali Caves Road, Chakala, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400 093

Registration. No. F-0001096(GBR)



Fr. Placido Fonseca, S.J.

1937 - 2021

PLACIE, APOSTLE OF CHILDREN

He reached out to them passionately
 To draw the best from all
 Sparing no means to build their lives
 No matter rise or fall
 His soul was one with Snehasadan
 That home for girls and boys
 Who need great love and hope for life
 In sufferings and in joys
 Many came from near and far
 And marveled this to see
 That dedication can transform
 The child whoever it be
 And so the mission he took far
 Is yet so ably served
 By those who now in Placie's place
 Filled with Christ's compassioned grace
 Endeavour unreserved
 -Fr. Godfrey D'Lima, SJ

*Number of Children who appeared and Passed State Level School exams.
 - all those who appeared have passed the exams -*

SSC Girls 4 + Boys 10 = 14

HSC Girls 3 + Boys 1 = 4

NIOS 10th Girls 6 + Boys 6 = 12

NIOS 12th Girls 1 = 1

Those securing distinction in SSC:

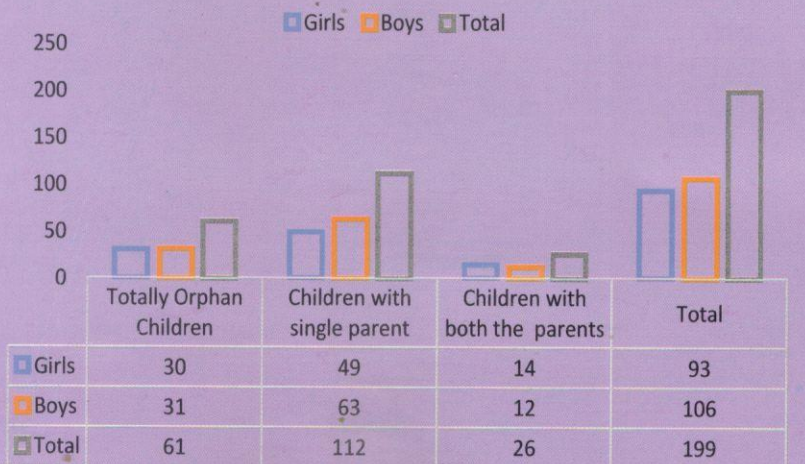
Bhagirathi Swami = 77.40%

Damodar Jansen = 77.2%

Raja Rebeiro = 73%

Congratulations to all the children for the efforts you have put in and wishing you a bright future.

Status of Children in Snehasadan



HSC RESULT

Sheetal Vishwas

(Science) = 87%

Deepali Vaze

(Arts) = 86%

Sheela Majhi

(MCVC Commerce) = 74%

Mayur Lalmay

(Commerce) = 68%

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT THIS SUMMER

Experience of Learning Judo



First of all, we thank God for giving us the opportunity to learn Judo, and thanks to Snehasadan for making this platform available. We began learning Judo last year in the month of October 2020. Day by day Judo has helped us form a great deal of our personality. It infused us with confidence and perseverance. We also experienced many good things in Judo class, such as self-defense, how to protect our body while falling on the ground, physical fitness etc. Besides this, our teacher taught us values, good manners, to be kind, helpful and respectful to others. This will help us, not only to keep physically fit, but emotionally allowing us to be more positive and build up our self-confidence which we lacked before. Judo gives strength and increases our self-esteem, self-discipline, self-respect and courtesy towards others. It helps us to use our brain instead of physical strength alone. The same applies in life too. Do not bully back, instead use your brain and look for an opportunity to change situations to your advantage. Judo is excellent for character-building and self-control. I personally believe that Judo is one of the best arts to develop our body and mind. "DOMO ARIGA TO" means, in Judo, 'Thank you very much'.

- Kartik Pillai

RANGOLI - SAVE GIRL CHILD

Playing with colours is always very enjoyable. The colours of Rangoli bring a lot of joy and the different colours show the variety and diversity of human beings, around the country and the world. Rangoli is played with colours and the topic given to us was "SAVE THE GIRL CHILD". We, being boys, liked the theme, as it is the urgent need of the times. We enjoyed making the figure of a mother cuddling her baby-girl. It triggered our memories of the home of our own mothers holding us as babies. We loved the image, in rangoli, of the mother of the baby-girl holding her with so much love and care. Why should a baby-boy be given all the attention and a baby-girl neglected and uncared for? Both are made in God's image, and both are created by the same God. So, none is superior to the other. Some parents and, society-at-large, discriminate against the girl-child. She is deprived of proper care, education and opportunities. As a result, girls do not have the chance to grow up on an equal platform. We do not agree that boys should be given more privileges than girls. It is against God's plan. Together, boys and girls, are called to make the world a beautiful place.

- Deepak Enke



Menstrual Hygiene and Health Management

On 14th March, the children of Snehasadan Houses No. 8 and 9 attended a programme conducted by three doctors: Dr. Priti Baikar (PT), Dr. Deepika Makawana (PT), and Dr. Masooma (PT). We began the programme around 10.30 am. We were 26 girls, aged between 9 and 18 years. Dr. Priti explained the female body and changes which takes place in it during the adolescent period of growth. They also explained how a girl needs to take care of her physical body by drinking plenty of water, keeping cool and eating healthy food. They made us aware of the blessing of the Creator, that transforms a girl into a woman. It is very necessary for the co-creation of bearing children.

The doctors mentioned, that in order to have a healthy marriage, one must not get married at a young age. They asked us to keep our hands clean and pay attention to hygiene while changing inner clothes and pads. The doctors also told us that it is good to do exercise and be active during menstruation.

We, the Houses No. 8 and 9 girls, want to say that the sessions were very useful and helped us to become aware of the facts of life during growth from childhood to girlhood and adolescence. A big thanks, once again, to the Doctors and the Management of Snehasadan for arranging this session.

- Kajal Soni



Yoga Classes



Craft Activity

Enhancing My Hobby

Music is something that gives me great pleasure. I can sing but not very well. I can't play any musical instrument but I like listening to music. I love Hindi film-songs and Rap songs. Mostly, my mind recalls the old film-songs, which contain simple words with melodious tunes. They aren't noisy like some present-day songs. My favourite singers are Arijit Singh and Arman Malik. I also enjoy listening to Christmas Carols, which are my favourites too. I am afraid I do not understand any classical stuff. My favourite instrument is the guitar. I love its sound. I enjoy when it is well-played. Music makes me feel very happy.

- Aarti Vaze

आत्मरक्षा (Self-defense)

हम लोगों ने आत्मरक्षा के क्लास में सीखा की जब हम मुसीबत में होते हैं, तब खुद को कैसे बचाना है। हमें वहां से भाग के निकलने का प्रयास करना है। आत्मरक्षा के क्लास से हमने बहुत सी ऐसी बातें सीखी जो हमारे भविष्य में हमें काम आ सकती हैं। जैसे अनजान लोगो से थोडा दूर रह कर बात करना चाहिए। अगर हम किसी के बातो से या छूने से सहमत नहीं है, या हमें अच्छा नही लगता, तो उसे हम अपनी पूरी ताकत और आवाज़ के साथ रोक सकते हैं।

किसी की प्यारी-प्यारी और मीठी-मीठी बातों पर विश्वास नहीं करना चाहिए | हमें हमेशा जहां ज्यादा लोग हैं वहां से चलना चाहिए | अगर कोई लड़का हमें परेशान कर रहा हो, तो हमें उससे डरना नहीं चाहिए| उसे ज़ोर से चिल्लाना चाहिए ताकि वह समझे कि हम कमजोर नहीं हैं| हमने आत्मरक्षा के क्लास में खुदको छुड़ाने के अलग - अलग तरीके सीखे हैं| अगर हमें किसीने पीछे से पकड़ा है, तो हमें हमारी पैर की एडी से उसे अपनी पूरी ताकत से मारना है| हमने आत्मरक्षा के क्लास में बहुत सारे तरीके सीखे हैं |

-Manisha Shaha

संगणक की दुनियामें (The World of Computers) 'वाइट हॅट जूनियर' ऑनलाइन क्लास में संगणक के बारे में सिखाया जाता है| फादर लेनॉय ने उनलोगों से संपर्क करके हमारे लिए कंप्यूटर क्लास शुरू किया। हम सब ने संगणक का बुनियादी क्या होती है यह सीखा। फिर हमने सीखा की हार्डवेयर और सॉफ्टवेयर क्या होते हैं। संगणक में हम जो वस्तु छू सकते हैं और देख सकते हैं, उसे हार्डवेयर कहते हैं। जैसे मॉनिटर, माउस, और कीबोर्ड। संगणक के अंदर के प्रोग्रामस् जैसे की पॉवरपॉइंट, एक्सेल इत्यादि इन सबको सॉफ्टवेयर कहते हैं। फादर ने हमें क्लास में लगवाया क्योंकि आगे जाकर हमारे भविष्य में ये संगणक सिखायी काम आ सखें। यह जो वाइट हॅट जूनियर क्लास है उसके लिए हम वह टीचर और फादर लेनॉय को धन्यवाद कहना चाहते हैं।

-Sohail Sheikh

स्काउट गाइड तालीम



Scout and Guide training

हमारे स्काउट-गाइड के सर का नाम संतोष सर है। हमने सर से स्काउट-गाइड की जानकारी सीखी। हमारे स्काउट सर ने हम को अनुशासन सिखाया। हमारे सर ने स्काउट के ६ कसरत सिखाये। इस प्रशिक्षण के कारण हमें जीवन में बहुत सफलता मिलेगी और आगे बढ़ने का मौका मिलेगा जैसे की फौज, पुलिस, मर्चेन्ट नेवी और एस्ट्रोनॉट के लीये हम कोशीश कर सकते हैं। सर ने प्रोजेक्टर पे अच्छी सिख और प्रेरना देनेवाली वीडियो दिखाया, जैसे की अमिताब बच्चनजी को सुरवात में उनके आवाज़ के कारण बहुत परेशानी हुई। लेकिन आज अमिताब बच्चन एक कामयाब नायक और गायक है। दो महिने लगातार उन्होंने क्लास ली। हम सब फादर और सर को धन्यवाद देते हैं।



Tree Plantation

TIME WELL SPENT DURING PANDEMIC



Creative Activities

As the academic year started, we continued with our studies. We had 2 to 3 hours of study and were then free the whole day. As soon as the lockdown began, we were unable to go for our annual summer camp to Lonavla. We were discouraged and frustrated staying in the house. Slowly things started moving and we had a variety of activities, like drawing, singing, dancing, making different things. Then, when it was time for school to start in June, there was a delay. Finally, they began school in the month of July with online classes. It was very difficult for us to start our online studies as there were difficulties in attending different classes on one mobile. Hence, Fr. Frankline and Fr. Noel made an appeal to donors, and, with their help we got a few second-hand and some new mobiles for the online classes for all our children. Slowly, we started getting used to learning online, but we missed our teachers and our friends in school. Mr. Girdhari Kotwani, volunteered to teach the boys of Houses 3 and 7, studying in classes 8, 9 and 10th standards. He was teaching us Vedic Maths, Mathematics and Science. Initially, we found it difficult to proceed with studies, as we did not know what was happening outside our campus, but slowly we started accepting the situation and things changed for us. We continued with online classes, studies, sessions and various activities.

We are blessed to have an open place in our campus where we play many outdoor games, like football, cricket, volleyball and badminton. We are grateful to Snehasadan and all our donors, benefactors and well-wishers for their support to various appeals made by Fr. Noel, Fr. Frankline and Fr. Lenoy for all the help and donations we got. We thank you all very much and God bless you for your help.

- **Brightson Nadar**

Positive Thinking

This pandemic can also be looked at as a blessing in disguise for all human beings. Though Covid-19 brought many problems to the world, due to the lockdowns there were several positive effects on the nature. During the lockdowns, there was less pollution and the sea was clean. Lockdowns helped people come together. People have learned to keep their surroundings clean and neat.

Covid-19 surely had bad effects, like many people lost their loved ones, but we must continue to see things positively. As citizens, we have to follow every rule and take precautions to avoid further loss of life. We must wear a mask and sanitize our hands, from time to time. We must always take care of our environment. We must follow the rules made by the Government. Breaking rules will endanger our families and all of us. We should take all the precautions that are necessary. So, Stay Home Stay Safe.

-**Muskhan Sheikh**

Adapting to the Changing Times

The challenging part of the pandemic was the problem of education of the children. No one was sure when school would begin and when school began whether everything would be online and whether it was necessary for children to have cell-phones and computers. In a normal family where there are two or three children, it is difficult to provide each child with a device. Here, at Snehasadan, we had to

adjust using only 3 to 4 cell-phones among 15 to 20 children. Therefore, we started setting up 5 to 6 computers in each home, thanks to the generosity of our donors. This made the online classes easily accessible to the children. The summer camps were cancelled and the children had to be kept occupied. Many activities were conducted and the children made good use of the free time they had. We are grateful to many donors who helped us to set up computer labs and all the peripheral devices needed with the internet. We were well prepared for the new academic year that started in the month of June. Happy learning to all our children.

MY JOURNEY INTO SNEHASADAN

Story one:

I came to Snehasadan when I was 4 years old. I have a sister and two brothers who were also admitted to Snehasadan. I had lost my mother when I was hardly two-and-a-half-years old. I was kept with my sister in House No. 9, since I was too small. After 6 months, I was shifted to House No. 11. Here I was taken care of by the house-parents. I was enrolled in Jr. KG at St. John the Evangelist High School. Now, I am studying in the 9th std, and writing my final exam at present.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, followed by lockdown which started on 23 March 2020, we have been unable to go to the school till today.

The Muskurahat Foundation has been supporting us in our studies, and organizing different activities, projects and games. They provided us with laptops for our online exams and a Yoga teacher who taught us Yoga for a week. This year they have provided us with 2 tuition-teachers, one teaches History, Geography and Marathi, the other teacher teaches Science, Maths and English to all the children. Fr. Noel and Fr. Frankline, and now Fr. Lenoy and House Parents have been great



help during the lockdown, as they have taken great care of us.

During the lockdown Auntie (House-Parent) used to take up our lessons on a daily basis, after doing the cooking. She always saw to it that we never remained hungry. During the pandemic Uncle (House-Parent) used to arrange football and cricket matches. He would divide us into 2 groups and we would play many games. We also played carrom and chess, and the winners were given gifts.

I am grateful to Fr. Placie and Fr. Noel, Auntie and Uncle for their great support. Today, I have reached so far only because of them. I want to thank Fr. Lenoy for taking care of our studies by making available computers and other resources. I am nothing without your support. I am very proud of being an inmate of Snehasadan.

Thanks to all the Snehasadan social workers and the staff for their support during my journey of life as a student.

Thank you, Snehasadan.

-Akash Tandel

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Story Two:

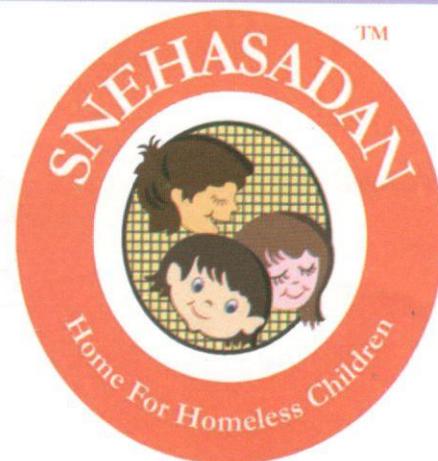
My name is Prem Santosh Kamble. I used to live in a slum which is in Chembur, Mumbai. My mother is not much educated but she worked hard so that I could get a proper education. In Chembur, my school education was not up to the mark, so my mother admitted me in the Seventh Day Higher Secondary School which is a Residential school in Nashik. I studied in Nashik for two years, but due to financial problems, I was removed from the hostel. I couldn't attend school for the next two years, as my mother could not pay the hostel fees and the school also refused to give my school leaving certificate. Someone told my mother about Snehasadan. She approached Fr. Noel and told him of our family situation. Fr. Noel paid the fees and got my L.C. and also admitted me and my two sisters into Snehasadan. Snehasadan is the place where I got everything I was hoping for. I was put in House No. 11.

There I met new friends, and caring Aunty-Uncle (House Parents). The next day, Uncle and Fr. Noel, took me to St. John the Evangelist High School. Though it was mid-September I was granted admission because of the help of Uncle and Fr. Noel. I learned many new things in Snehasadan. I discovered new talents which I was not aware of before. I learned dancing, singing, wall-painting, and started writing lyrics and poems on my own. I learned to play football. The best thing I got to know was that I was clever in studies, and even received scholarships. I learned discipline from my Aunty and Uncle. I also got great support from the Muskurahat Foundation. They helped me to get rid of my stage-fear and enabled me to speak in front of people. They also helped me in my studies and school assignments. Fr. Lenoy made available for us coding classes which were conducted by 'White Hat Junior'. I really acquired many skills in Snehasadan. I am very happy here. Whatever I am today is because of the Snehasadan team and Fr. Noel.

-Prem Kamble

**DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES AT
SNEHASADAN**

- Yoga classes and tuitions were conducted by Muskurahat Foundation for the Snehasadan children.
- Ex-students of St. Dominic Savio generously provided fruits, biscuits and milk packets during the lockdown.
- Fr. Noel and Fr. Frankline worked hard collecting food-grain, vegetables, fish, snacks, and also provided mobile phones for online studies. Thanks to the doners who contributed generously.
- Fr. Lenoy has done a creditable job by installing computers in each of the houses, which has made attending classes online possible and online extra-curricular activities accessible.
- Three Jesuit Brothers volunteered to help our children get familiar with the computers. They also conducted a summer holiday camp for our children of House Nos. 3 & 7.
- White Hat Junior arranged for the teachers to teach computers.
- St. Xavier's Institute of Education B.Ed students interacted with the children and taught them English Grammar and Marathi for a week online.
- A big thanks to our doners and well-wishers who bigheartedly thought about Snehasadan children during this pandemic. They continue to do so.





APPEAL

Snehasadan, a home for homeless children, regardless of caste or creed, provides a shelter for the numberless homeless orphans, waifs, destitutes and delinquents who roam around Mumbai. Snehasadan runs 12 homes in different parts of the city under the guardianship of House-parents: each with about 20 children, who find there a roof, food and lots of love, an atmosphere of complete freedom and a sense of belonging that gives them back their self-respect and a place in society. Snehasadan depends on you, as it is sustained by the kindness of generous individuals, sympathetic friends and benefactors who are interested in the welfare of these youth.

Would you like to help?

- ❖ Full overall sponsorship ₹4,500/- per month per child.
- ❖ Partial overall sponsorship ₹2,250/- per month per child.
- ❖ Full sponsorship of only education ₹1,500/- per month per child.
- ❖ Partial sponsorship of only education ₹750/- per month per child.
- ❖ You could sponsor milk, vegetables, electricity and et-cetera for our homes.

Cheques to be drawn in favour of "Snehasadan"

For online donation (only for Indian donors) follow the link

<https://www.snehasadan.org/membershipform.php>

Foreign donors kindly follow the instructions given on our website

<https://www.snehasadan.org/donationletter.html>

(All donations exempted from Income Tax u/s 80-G)

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