



SNEHASADAN

HOME FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Annual Report

2024-25



About us

In a fast-paced metropolitan city, many children are left to navigate life on their own. The runaway child, the homeless waif, the vagrant and the delinquent adolescent - these are grave sociological problems in an overpopulated city like Mumbai. More than that they reflect the failure of the society in a vital area of responsibility.

The lack of access to facilities, the absence of caring adults, and the lack of proper support and guidance, leave these children vulnerable to a life of hardship. This often leads them to become rebellious, antisocial and acquire bad habits. Some even fall into the trap of substance abuse, further deepening their struggle for survival.

Snehasadan steps in to rewrite their story.

We are a non-governmental organization dedicated to transforming the lives of homeless street children in Mumbai. Since 1962, we have provided shelter and support to over 5,000 children. Through our homes, we offer more than just a shelter – we offer hope, education, love and a better future.

Our Residential Homes and Outreach Centres

Currently, we operate 12 residential homes –for girls and boys, and two Outreach centres: ‘Nivara’ near Borivali Station and ‘Amchi Kholi’ within the CSTM railway premises. These centres allow our staff to connect directly with the children living on the streets, offering them care and long-term support. Snehasadan through its residential and non-residential programs is impacting 220 children directly.



Our Mission

To be a home for homeless children, regardless of caste or creed, and provide a shelter for the homeless orphans, waifs, destitute and delinquents, economically poor and socially discriminated, who roam almost every quarter of Mumbai.

Aim

Our aim is to reach out to the homeless children, identify the circumstances that brought them to the streets, trace their families and reunite them. Where family tracing is not possible, or if the children are orphans, Snehasadan becomes their home and provides them with the environment for holistic growth and development.

Education & Skills Development

QUALITY EDUCATION

Education is the ladder for the underprivileged to improve not only their economic but also social status. Hence, every possible opportunity is provided to the children to avail formal or non-formal education.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

We encourage our children to pursue professional courses such as engineering, nursing, lab technician training, management, animation, teacher training, and more, provided they have the aptitude and inclination for the same.

SKILL-BASED TRAINING

Technical and skill-based training is provided to boys and girls based on their interests and aptitudes, including fields such as electrical work, welding and fabrication, turning and fitting, motor mechanics, driving, hotel management, fashion design, beauty services and more.

Governance in the Organization

BODY OF GOVERNING TRUSTEES:

1. Fr. Anil Periera, S.J. – Chairman
2. Fr. Welington Patil, S.J. – Director / Secretary
3. Fr. Frankline Colaco – Asst. Director / Treasurer
4. Fr. Condrad Pessa, S.J. – Trustee Member
5. Fr. Trevor Miranda, S.J. – Trustee Member



Children's Home & Role of House-Parents

Snehasadan provides residential facility to the street, orphan and children from disadvantage communities, therefore each Snehasadan house is under the guardianship of House-parents, a married couple who stays in the house along with their own children and take care of Snehasadan children and for girls' homes, there are Catholic Religious Sisters who take care of them. It is an attempt from our side to create a family atmosphere in the houses. Each house has on an average 20 children, who find there a safe roof, nutritious food, lots of love and an atmosphere of complete freedom and a sense of belonging that gives them back their self-respect and a place in society.



Our Activities

Educational Empowerment

“Education is the best friend. An educated person is respected everywhere. Education beats the beauty and the youth.” – Chanakya

Snehasadan is determined towards making available, multiple educational facilities to the children who reside in the homes run by Snehasadan. These children have already faced numerous difficulties in life but they want to overcome it all and create new paths that lead to a brighter tomorrow. We not only support their academic pursuits but also offer guidance, support and encouragement through life’s journey.

Access to education is critical for orphaned, destitute, and economically disadvantaged children, as it has the power to transform not just individual lives but also uplift an entire community.

Following are the schools and institutions where children from Snehasadan have been enrolled. This reflects not only our commitment to provide education but also our strong network and collaboration with reputable institutions across the region.

SR. NO.	NAME OF THE INSTITUTION	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
1	HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, ANDHERI EAST	04	22	26
2	GHANSHYAMDAS SCHOOL, ANDHERI EAST	00	07	07
3	VASUDEV VIDYALAY, ANDHERI EAST	02	21	23
4	BMC, CHAKALA (ANDHERI) EAST	00	02	02
5	BMC, GUNDAWALI (ANDHERI) EAST	00	18	18
7	DIVINE CHILD JUNIOR COLLEGE, ANDHERI EAST	04	00	04
8	HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR COLLEGE, ANDHERI EAST	01	03	04
9	CANOSSA SCHOOL, ANDHERI EAST	09	00	09
10	ST. CATHERINE’S SCHOOL, ANDHERI WEST	23	03	26
11	SUN FLOWER SCHOOL, JOGESHWARI WEST	18	12	30
12	SWAMI VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL, JOGESHWARI EAST	00	14	14
13	ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL, GORAI (BORIVALI WEST)	02	00	02
14	BMC, GORAI (BORIVALI WEST)	05	00	05
15	ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL, UTTAN (BHAYANDER WEST)	04	00	04
16	S.M.T. BAFNA JUNIOR COLLEGE, MALAD	07	00	07
17	ISMILE YUSUF SENIOR COLLEGE, JOGESHWARI EAST	00	01	01
18	TOLANI SENIOR COLLEGE, ANDHERI EAST	00	01	01
19	ST. ANDREW’S COLLEGE, BANDRA WEST	01	00	01

20	INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE OPEN LEARNING, MUMBAI UNI & WORKING	01	03	04
21	GENERAL NURSING IN HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL, ANDHERI E	01	00	01
22	GENERAL & B.SC NURSING IN ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL, NAGAR DIST.	02	00	02
23	GENERAL NURSING IN DAYANAND HOSPITAL, PALGHAR DIST.	01	00	01
24	GENERAL NURSING IN CARDINAL GRACIOUS HOSPITAL, VASAI	00	01	01
25	DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, BORIVALI	00	01	01
26	DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, KURLA	00	02	02
27	LALJI MEHROTRA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, JOGESHWARI E	00	03	03
28	TECH MAHINDRA, BANDRA	02	00	02
29	AMBEDKAR COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, LOWER PAREL	01	02	03
30	SWAMI VIVEKANANDA JUNIOR COLLEGE, CHEMBUR	00	02	02
31	INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS)	03	00	03
32	INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY (IGNU) AND WORKING	03	00	03
33	ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, VASAI	00	14	14
34	COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK NIRMALA NIKETAN, CHURCHGATE	02	00	02
35	DR. RADHAKRISHNA, BMC SCHOOL, JOGESHWARI EAST	00	03	03
36	ST. BLAIS SCHOOL, ANDHERI WEST	00	02	02
37	ST. TERESA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION	01	00	01
	TOTAL	97	137	234
		GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL

Alongside formal schooling, children also benefit from tutoring, remedial support (if required), computer literacy training, educational industrial visits and various other developmental programs.



Daily Tuition Support & Academic Assistance

To ensure consistent academic support, daily tuition classes are conducted for students from Grade I to X. This initiative is implemented in collaboration with the 'Muskurahat Foundation', which provides dedicated and qualified teachers to teach the children.

Regular assessments are conducted to monitor each student's progress and to tailor support based on their individual learning needs. Students who face academic challenges receive specialized attention and assistance in an effort to help every child progress in their educational journey.

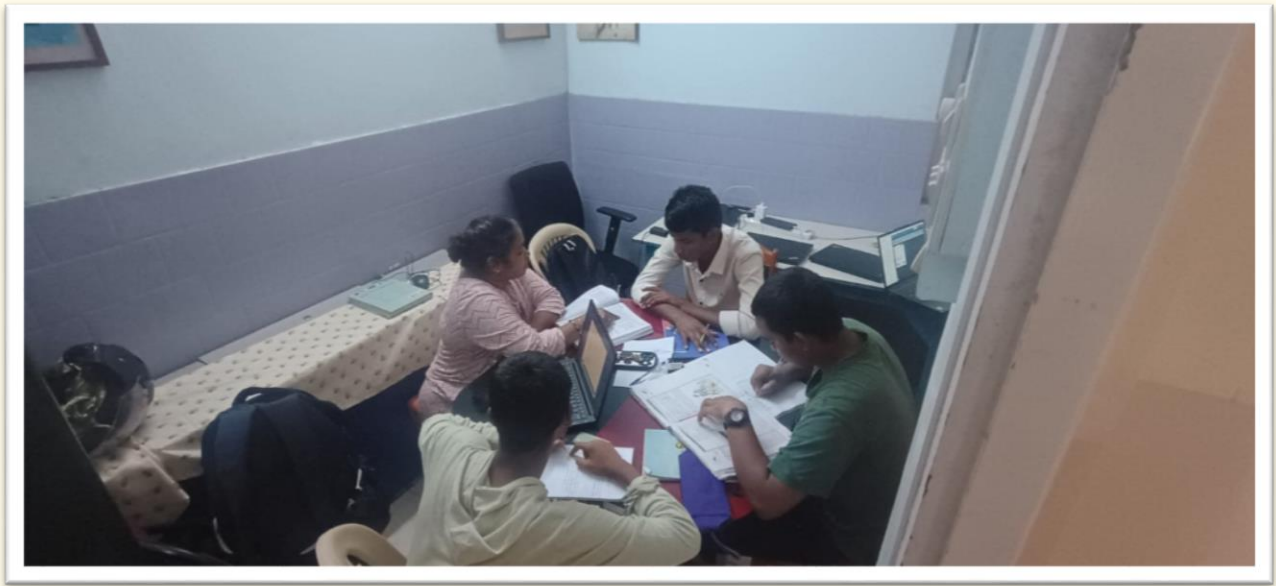


Alternative Learning Routes: NIOS Enrolment

At Snehasadan, we follow a student-centric approach, recognizing that each child's educational journey is unique. Some of our children have missed out on formal schooling but are deeply motivated to continue and complete their education.

Due to age limitations and academic gaps, enrolling them directly into the State Board system is not feasible. Hence, in such cases, we make use of the alternative educational system, the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). NIOS offers flexible and diverse educational opportunities and allows students to study at their own pace.

Many children have completed their 10th and/or 12th grade through this board. To support the students registered under NIOS, we appoint teachers who can guide them.



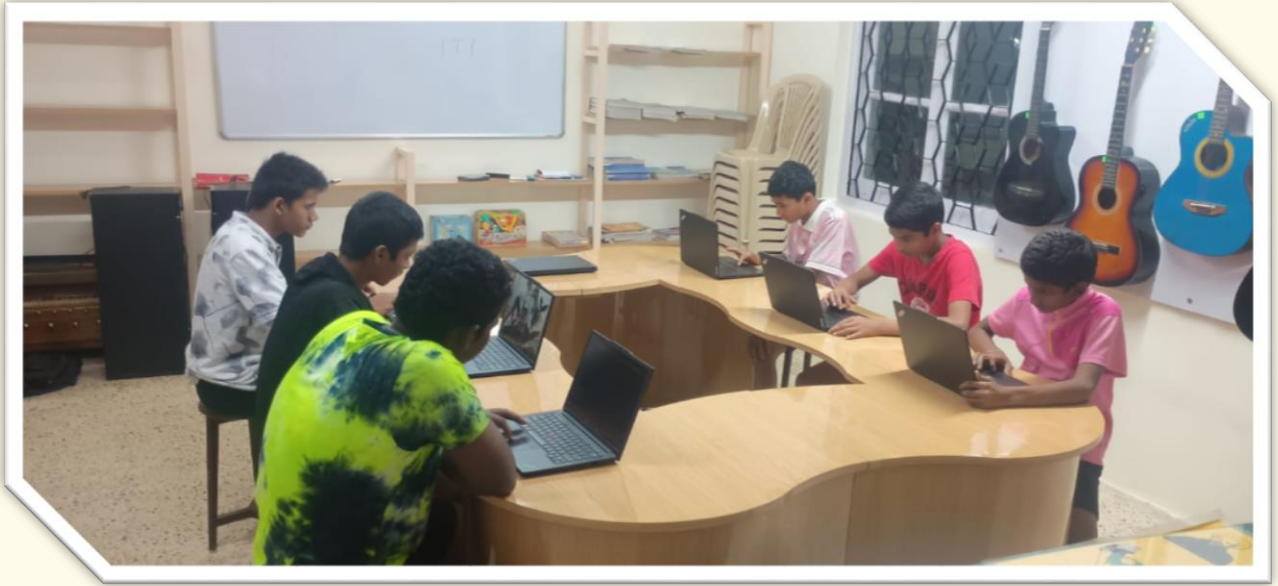
Support for Children with Special Educational Needs.

At Snehasadan, we work to provide a home and hope for every child. As part of our holistic care approach, we recognize that some children require personalized educational assistance to reach their full potential.

With the help of trained professionals, we assess the learning needs of each child and identify those who may have special educational needs such as dyslexia, ADHD, and other learning difficulties.

To address these needs, we appoint special educators who conduct personalized sessions for the children, ensuring that they receive the attention, support, and guidance needed to succeed academically and emotionally.

This initiative has been a success through the constant support from Advanz Pharma. Over 100 children have benefitted from this program since its inception. In the year 2024-2025, a total of 13 children are actively receiving support through this initiative, including 5 girls and 8 boys.



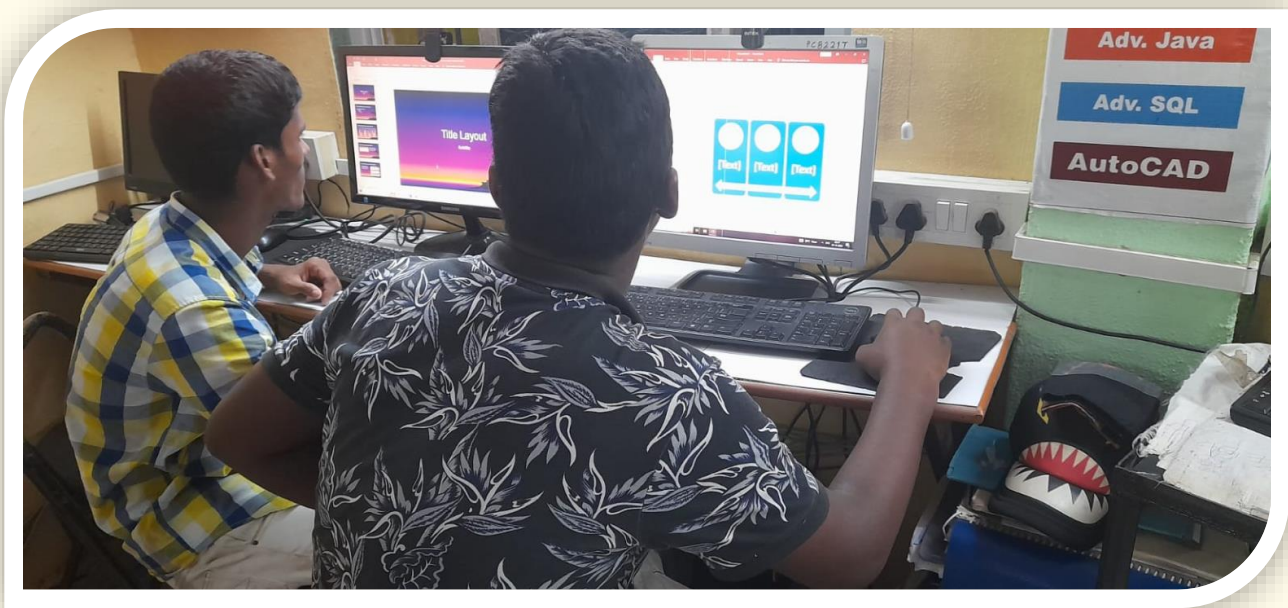
Digital Empowerment: MS-CIT training

At Snehasadan, we are committed to not only providing the children with education but also empowering them with the necessary digital skills, vital for both academic growth and future employment opportunities.

Each Snehasadan home is equipped with computers and every year, 20 – 25 children studying in class IX and above are registered for MS-CIT (Maharashtra State Certificate in Information Technology) program – a foundational course in computer literacy recognized by the Maharashtra state. The MS-CIT classes are conducted within the Snehasadan homes by professional trainers.

Year-wise Enrolment for MS-CIT program:

- **2023:** 28 children enrolled
- **2024:** 15 children enrolled
- **2025:** 23 children enrolled





Seminars for the Snehasadan Youth

At Snehasadan, we believe that growth is a continuous journey, and every young adult deserves opportunities to upgrade their knowledge and life skills beyond academics. In line with this, we organize seminars for our college-going youth.

These seminars are conducted by professionals from diverse fields who inspire, and encourage the students to dream big and work towards a bright future.

Key Seminar Topics Include:

- Life Skills
- Career Guidance
- Health & Hygiene
- Time Management
- Personality Development
- Preparing for the Future
- Adolescence & Growing Up
- Awareness of Child Rights
- Responsible Use of Social Media
- Parenting Guidance (For caregivers)



Building Foundations for a Self-Reliant Future

Many of our young adults have undergone formal training in various professions and continue to strive for higher education. Snehasadan is committed to supporting children not just through their early years, but also as they transition into adulthood. Our '*Earn & Learn*' program is specially designed for young adults who turn 18, helping them become self-reliant while continuing their education. As part of this program, they engage in part-time work while studying, allowing them to gain valuable experience, build financial independence, and prepare for life ahead.

They are supported until the age of 21, giving them a three-year window to build a corpus and plan for a stable, independent future. We ensure that by the time they leave Snehasadan, they have a secure foundation, including savings and job-readiness, enabling them to transition confidently into the outside world.

Youth in the Earn & Learn Program

Group	Working & Studying	Studying	Total
Girls	6	9	15
Boys	6	4	10
Total	12	13	25

Professions & Areas of Engagement

- Bachelor in Social Work (BSW)
- Graduation Programs (B.A., B.Com. BAF. BMS.)
- Teaching (D.Ed.)
- Nursing (GNM & B.Sc.)
- Nursing Aid

- Hospitality Industry
- Corporate Sector
- Operation Theatre Technician
- Motor Mechanic
- Electrician
- Lift Mechanic

The ‘Earn & Learn’ program has led to a 100% employment rate among our young adults aged 18 and above. Many even start their own businesses.

The year ahead holds endless possibilities, and with the ongoing support of our partners, donors, and the community, **Snehasadan** will continue to empower children and young adults to dream big and achieve their full potential. As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide education, skills, and hope to those who need it the most.

We invite you to join us in this transformative journey.

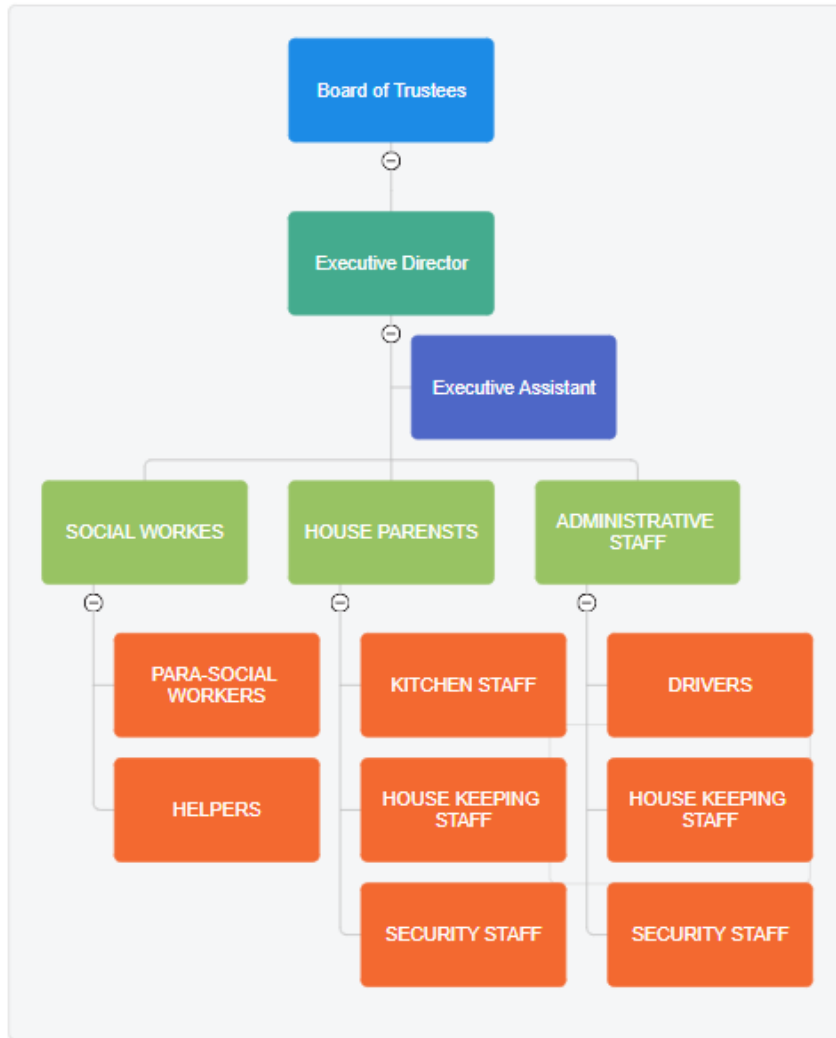
Current Sources of Income

Our organization is funded by the generosity of individuals and well-wishers through various sponsorships. Additionally, we receive support from companies sponsoring different projects as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity. We are not covered under any government schemes or funding programs. In short, our organization operates on self-funding, individual donors and CSR partners.

CSR PARTNERS THIS YEAR



GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



PERSONEL	NUMBER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	5
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1
EXECUTIVE ASSIST. DIRECTOR	2
HOUSE PARENTS	28
SOCIAL WORKERS	4
PARA-PROFESSIONALS	3
HELPERS	1
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	4
DRIVER	2
HOUSE KEEPING	2
SECURITY	9
KITCHEN STAFF	6
HELPERS	7