

# Report June 2019 to December 2019

## Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School

### Academic Year 2019-20



The school were re-opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> of June throughout Tamil Nadu for the new academic year of 2019-20. On the very first day Headmaster of our school introduced our new correspondent Rev Fr David Nesan. Then we started the day with Eucharistic celebration. This year we have a reasonable number of admissions. The total numbers of students are 734. Out of this the total numbers of boys are 381 and the girls are 353. And Primary School 58.

### Examination Results

We are indeed very happy to share that on 19<sup>th</sup> of April the government of Tamil Nadu published 12<sup>th</sup> standard results and our school got 97%. And XI standard students result 100% and our 10<sup>th</sup> standard result is 79%. We congratulate all the staff and faculties who worked for this achievement.

### Staff

S No	Details	Ladies	Gents	Total
1	Management - Teaching	6	10	16
2	Management - Non- Teaching	4	4	8
3	Government Paid - Teaching	1	7	8
4	Government Paid - Non Teaching	0	1	1
Primary				
1	Teaching - Government	2	2	4
2	Teaching Management	1		1
3	Non - Teaching	1		1
	Noon Meal Staff -Government	3	1	4
		18	25	43

### Orientation Program

In order to develop our teaching skill we had half day orientation program on 29<sup>th</sup> of May by Rev Sr Clementin from Stella Maris Collage, Chennai. The half day training was so useful to the teachers.

### Teacher's Day Celebration

Teachers are the persons who play a key role in the growth of the students our school to whom we never fail in celebrating and honouring our teachers for their valuable service that they render to the students community. We celebrated our teacher's day on 5<sup>th</sup> of September in a grand way.

## Yoga:



Every morning before prayer time we give practice to all our students yoga in our school.

## Inauguration of Literacy Association

We have association for all the subjects in our School. The ultimate aim of having these literacy associations are the students should learn what they learn in the book practically apart from theory. The associations will have monthly plans and accordingly competitions will be conducted to bring out the talents of the students and to improve the same. It is mandatory that every student should be a member in any association in which he or she likes. We had the inaugural function of the literary associations on 15<sup>th</sup> of July presided over by Mr Kenneth Raj, a young Robotic scientist brought by Rev Fr John Suresh, our former correspondent and loveable sister Nandhini Krishnan. Every association gave a program insisting about the education.

## Students Police Cadet Training (SPC Training)



Under SPC (Students Police Cadet)scheme 44 student were selected to be helpful to the police and to the society. On 23<sup>rd</sup> of July the students had training on “Protection of women and children”. And again on 30<sup>th</sup> of July we had training on “Eradication of corruption from our country”. The students actively participated and benefitted a lot from these trainings.

## Independence Day Celebration

August 15<sup>th</sup> is an important day for all Indians as we celebrate Independence Day. On this day we honour our great leaders who scarified their great lives for the freedom of our nation. The invited Chief Guest Rev Fr Lawrence hoisted our national flag and received the honour of march-past. A mass drill and colourful cultural programs were given by our students, insisting the importance of the day. Sweets were distributed among the students to share our happiness.

## Eye Camp:



On October 17th the Lion’s Club has conducted an eye camp in our camp all the students, teachers and village people have under gone eye check-up. It was very useful for all of them.

## Children's day celebration:

Children's are the real wealth of our school. We are all working with the aim to bring bright future of our children. In India children's day is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November. We organized various sports and conducted lots of competition. That's the way we honour our children.

## Christmas celebration

Our school celebrated Christmas celebration on 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. Students prepared crib and gave cultural programs insisting the importance of the day. Teachers were given good gifts and cakes were distributed among the students. Our Nodal officer Nandhini Krishnan had organised the Christmas gifts for all our staff. Additional salary of a Month has been given to the staff as Christmas Bonus. It is usually supported by our beloved benefactor Dr Johannes Mispagel.

## Examination and Special classes

As per our academic schedule half yearly examinations were over. The students were done their examinations to their best. We have also arranged special classes for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> class students during Christmas holidays.

## Dedication of New School Bus:



A great event had look place on 15<sup>th</sup> July. A new school bus to our school management was dedicated by Rev Fr John Suresh and our project officer Ms Nandhini Krishnan. The whole school was very happy and pay our sincere heartfelt thanks to the donors and specially to Dr Johannes Mispagel for noble help to our school. This was a great need of a

bus felt by all including the parents. Now we are very happy to see many students are benefited and they make use of the bus. As a result of this many students are enabled to come to school in time. Earlier they were not able to come on time to the school due to lack of transport facility. (nearly 50 new students are admitted this year). We sincerely thanks Pappa Dr Johannes Mispagel, Aktion Indien e.V, all the donors and our Arivu friends.

## St John's Home

### Our Administrative Team:

Fr. Davidnesan is the Rector of the boarding. Nodal officer and the director of the boarding is Ms Nandhini Krishnan. Fr Jayaseelan, assistant priest and Rev Brother Akash Regent brother are administering our home. Two wardens namely Ms Kalaivani & Ms Juliet Suganthi are taking care of girls and two wardens namely Mr Samson & Mr Premnath are taking care of the boys. Three cooks Mrs Anjalai, Mrs Sakthi & Mrs Valliyammal, a gardener Mr Sekar, a watch man Mr Royappan and for marketing and for maintenance Mr Arumai Doss were working respectively in their capacities.

## Students:



This year in St John's home 49 boys and 28 girls are residing in our Home. In the first week of December we conducted talent day for our children. All the children participated and exhibited their individual talents. On 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2019 we had Christmas celebration and all the children and staffs were gifted with new dress. Thanks to Nandhini Krishnan and Fr John Suresh for providing the Christmas gifts.

## Real Story

### Priya R



I am Priya from Kannimangalam studying XI standard in Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School. I lost my father when I was a child my mother is a cooly worker (working for daily wage). My family is a poor family. I found very difficult to come to school by bus. I approached Father seeking admission in our St John's home. Father also gave admission happily and I am very happy to be in St John's Home for Children in Need. I get lot of time to study here. Lots of opportunities are given to improve my talents in this home. I am happy with the food and enjoy the nature here. Thank you so much for all the friends and benefactors.

### Edward Franklin



I am Edward Franklin from Vannarapettai. I am studying in XI standard. I lost my father as I was 1 year old and my mother is working as house maid. I have been studying in our St John's home from 5<sup>th</sup> standard (age 9 onwards). I am very happy to be in this home. The fathers and the wardens give good care for us. They are so lovable and I am happy with the food that has been served here. I have got many good friends in our home. I enjoy the environment here. The teachers in our school teach us very well. They also love us and care for our growth. To say frankly, this is my actual home, here I am living for past 7 years very happily. Thank you all dear benefactors for all your support.

## CHEER (CT) Trust:

This year we have a special program “**The Legal Intervention Program**” from January to December 2019. Cheer trust submitted the proposal to seek the support for legal education and counselling for students and general public. CT felt the dearth in the legal knowledge among the general public which curtails them from attaining most of their rights. The project activities enriched the legal understanding of students and women, mainly on the laws and legislations pertaining to children and women.

CT conducted various activities such as legal camps, street theatre programmes, awareness events, consultation meetings, school events and individual counselling for the victims in the past one year.

Around 200 children are reached out directly through the various awareness programmes.



- 2 women (Ms. Priya and Ms. Catherine Therasa) could come out of their abusive experience and reach out to the legal mechanisms.
- 2 consultations been organized to monitor and discuss the proceedings and way forward.
- 3 street theatre programmes been organized in the night school and public spaces to create the public awareness on the various laws and legislations.
- Legal camp been conducted for the women and college

students. Lawyers were present during the camp and provided the legal advice to the participants.

## Campus and Seminars:



- Our CHEER Trust is conducting various training programs and seminars. This year we conducted...
- 3 Theater workshop and theatre performance camp for 15 youths
- 2 cultural (Parai - drum dancing) ethnic dance courses were also conducted.

## Fr Stef Sourcing Center:



This year this centre had a sudden crisis due to the withdrawal of the company which was providing an out sourced online job. But immediately we had an evaluation and ODP (organizational development plan) analysis by Rev Fr John Suresh and launched into typing outsourcing job in a short duration. By this we could manage the centre with the salaries to the girls employed.

## WE (With Education - Students Group)



WE group continues to function as per our schedule. The WE core committee members are gathered in the month of June and planned for the activities that have to be carried out in this year. For the month of June we had our annual meeting nearly 60 students participated in this meeting.

Fr John Suresh conducted 2 workshops for workers specially in the IT employees of Zoho Corp. In each workshop nearly 20 employees participated.

## Cultural Team:



Past 22 years Fr John Suresh is are running our cultural team. This is performing very ethnic dance, Drum dancing, playing and teaching theatres like street Theatre, children's theatre, Theatre of oppressed etc. In our group we have 26 well trained permanent member. This year we gave ethnic Dalit performing art program in Tamil Nadu Tourism Department Hotel in Mamallapuram on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 as cultural event in the **International Dalit Doctors' Conference**. It was well received and appreciated. In Salem ethnic Tamil cultural fest on date October 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019. On 6<sup>th</sup> Dec on the memorial day celebration of Dr B R Ambedkar, we performed a drama on Dalit Land Right in Chennai. 3 workshops on play way method of teaching through theatrical pedagogy approach in 3 different school in Thiruvallur district and in Chennai by Fr John Suresh. 2 theatre workshops for Novices of two different congregation were conducted by Fr John Suresh with Adavu Cultural team members in the sub-urban of Chennai namely Poonamallie.

## Success Story 1

Greetings from Kaviyaran. I am very lucky to be a WE members and very happy to share my success story. I am from Kanchipuram and my father is driver but not having a permanent Job. I have two younger brothers. My father's income is not enough for running my family. After my 8<sup>th</sup> standard it was very difficult to continue my study. At that time my mother approached Fr John Suresh and admitted me in 9<sup>th</sup> standard at Dr Arulappa Hr Sec School and stayed at St John's Home. After 2 years my 2<sup>nd</sup> brother also studied here. I completed my school studies in Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary school. Then I joined Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and completed the course successfully. After my graduation I Joined in Tamil Nadu Music Collage for Diploma in Vocal. Right from the School music is my interest and I use to sing in some stage performance also. Now I am working as Music teacher in St Antony Matric Higher Secondary School in Chennai where I joined with influence of Fr John Suresh. Now I



support my family and myself. To my brother who also suited in our St John's home I took up the responsibility for his graduation. He is soon going to finish his graduation. I am also planning to get married soon. To my ability I am supporting WE group with a small fund, I will continue also in the future. I now specially thank Rev Fr John Suresh and Sister Nandhini Krishnan for helping me to do my collage studies. Whenever I asked their help for my study they helped me and guided me. I also thank you all the benefactors who helped me through them. I also run my own business (running evening restaurant in an elite club in

Chennai) apart from teaching profession. Once again I thank all of you and wish you very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year 2020.

## Success Story 2

Dear Friends and Benefactors,



Christmas Greetings from Vimala. I am residing in Neelamangalam near Neerpair village. I am very happy to share my life story year. I am coming from economically very poor family. I have 2 sister and one brother. My father works for daily wages which is highly seasonal not a permanent ans a sustainable one. With my father's income to run my family was very difficult. After my school at Dr Arulappa Higher Secondary School, I approached Rev Fr John Suresh and Ms Nandhini Krishnan to help me for further studies. They happily agreed and I joined B Sc (Bachelor of Science) and completed three years of collage studies then I joined two years of teacher training in Subham Collage and completed successfully. Now I am appointed as Computer teacher in our Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School. I am overwhelmed with tears of joy to say that I am working in the school where I have studied. I am really grateful to Fr John Suresh and Akka Nandhini Krishnan for helping me in all my studies and it is because of them and you I am a teacher now. Had they not helped me, I could have not realised my dream. I also thank all you **our beloved benefactors who helped me through Fr John Suresh**. I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020.

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We Wish you a

***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

& Prosperous ***NEW YEAR 2020***. We  
Pray that God may shower his abundant  
blessing and keep you all in his providence all  
through this year.

*-Fr John Suresh, Fr Davidnesan, Ms Nandhini Krishnan, Mr Ambrose & Editorial Team .*

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