

# Rev Dr John Suresh Social Project

## Report – January – July 2021

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Dear Pappa and Friends,

Prayerful greetings from Nandhini Krishnan.

Glad to pen our Newsletter after a few months of break due to some unavoidable circumstances and I strongly believe that you will be reading this report in the pink of health or in good health even though the pandemic of covid19 has not yet been eradicated in the world. Hence I would like to share some of the incidents that occurred here.

### Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School:

#### Opening of School:



In the last academic year the schools were not opened (from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020) for several months due to covid-19. After long consultation with the State Health Ministry, the Scholars and the Parents, the government opened 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> standard classes on 19<sup>th</sup> January as they will be appearing for public examination and after two weeks the classes of 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were opened. After a few weeks, as

the second wave spread rapidly the schools were closed again. The exams were cancelled for all the classes. And now the government has declared as all the students have got through the exam since the covid-19 second wave has not come to an end.

#### New Academic Year:

The month of June is the beginning of academic year in India. As our new academic year started the government has given the permission to do the admission works. So our school has started to give admission for various classes and we do hope the schools will be re-opened very soon.

#### English Medium:

We are delighted to inform you that this year we have started English medium in our school. Earlier we had Tamil medium and from this year the English medium shall begin for sixth standard. So now the students can choose either Tamil medium or English medium. We are also preparing and cleaning our school campus to welcome our old and new buds (students).

## Ration:



receive their ration materials.

In our state, there is a government scheme to provide free noon meals for school children. Since the schools are closed due to covid-19, rice and food grains were provided to children to use at their home. The students are informed on the day/date of distribution on the ration materials. Accordingly, students

## Canvassing to Villages:



Since we have started English Medium in our school, the teachers are asked to go to nearby villages and canvass about our school and facilities that are provided. The teachers engaged themselves along with our Correspondent.

## Campus Cleaning:



The school and the Boarding campus were covered with lots of bushes. So we hired a JCB to clean the campus and also the government may announce at any time sooner to open the schools. So considering that, we have begun the school cleaning process.

## St John's Home:

### True story:



Dear friends,

I am Nandha Kumar hailing from Porur, Chennai, studying at 10<sup>th</sup> class in our school. I have a sister namely Nandhini Devi, who is also studying in our school. We are semi orphan children and we lost our father while we were children. My mother is uneducated and she is working in a company and earns a little and with which our mother finds very difficult to run our family.

Even then my mother wants to give good education and she strives for it. Though there are many schools in Chennai, my mother is not able to pay the fee that is being fixed by the institution. Then we came to know about this school through a nun who is in St. Thomas mount. She contacted Rev. Fr. David Nesan and asked for admission and he accepted us with great pleasure.

My sister and myself are very happy to be here. We like the school and our boarding. Our teachers in school are very kind and they love us like their children. They teach us very well. In boarding our wardens take care of us well. They love and help us to concentrate in our studies. The management encourages us all to develop our other talents in which we are interested. So we feel this home, as our home. We thank God for a lovely home.

Thank you so much for all the friends  
Nanda Kumar

### **In CHEER:**

### **Blessed With Eternal Rest:**

12<sup>th</sup> of May is an unforgettable and most painful day for all of us as you all know our veteran leader, social reformer or crusader of equality, voracious reader, good educationalist, model for youths, good disciple of Christ and above all, the most kind hearted man who meaningfully dedicated entirely his life for the sake of the society, attained the eternal glory. He who has sent to this earth has taken him back to give eternal rest. Rev Fr. John Suresh was admitted with fever in the hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> of April and later he was tested with covid19 positive. After two weeks of treatment on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 12. 37 AM, he was blessed with everlasting life. None of us expected this painful event will occur very soon in his life. Every priest used to take vow or quote from the bible and make their life accordingly. Likewise when Rev Fr. John Suresh was ordained, he took the vow of "TO BE RANSOME FOR MANY (Mat 20:28)" and in the same way he led his life meaningfully. His service to this society is enormous and we are the witness for it. He has fulfilled many people's dreams like education, providing shelter, fundamental needs of people, redemption from slavery and so on. We have lost a legend and his loss can never be substituted by anything. He was buried with all the ceremonies that were due for a priest in the diocesan graveyard. We have a great task on our shoulders to move forward with his lot of dreams to this society. Let our veteran leader soul rest in peace and may his soul guide us in all the ways. Dr. Ambedkar says "Whatever I have done, I have been able to do after passing through crushing miseries and endless struggle all my life and fighting with my opponents. With great difficulty I have brought this caravan where it is seen today. Let the caravan march on despite the hurdles that may come in its way. If my lieutenants are not able to take the caravan ahead they should leave it there, but in no circumstances should they allow the caravan to go back. This is the message to my people." Dr. John Suresh lived and breathed the words of Dr. Ambedkar and proved it.



With lot of struggle he moved the Caravan to the next stage by educating, empowering and guiding many people. As a follower to his words, We will strive hard to move his Caravan forward.

### Homage to Our Leader:



A poet says that" if you want to be honourable to yourself, first you must honour the person who deserves by his deeds in the society. The poet's words clearly suit our leader as he has done lot to the society. We paid our homage to Rev Fr. John Suresh on various days (3<sup>rd</sup> day, 8<sup>th</sup> day, 16<sup>th</sup> day, 30<sup>th</sup> day and 40<sup>th</sup> day). It is not only part of our culture rather he has been backbone for many people's growth in their lives. He lives in our hearts and he can never be forgotten in our lives. So it is our bounded duty to show our love and honour to him. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day we had REQUIM mass headed by our Rt. Rev. Dr. Neethinathan, the bishop of our diocese (Diocese of Chingleput). As it is lock down only a few who were so close to him participated in the

Holy Mass. We believe that many of you might have seen through our diocesan You Tube channel. Likewise on the 16<sup>th</sup> day many surrounding villages (nearly 30 village ) paid honour to him like Thatthoor, Neerpair, Kolathanallur, RN Kandigai, Nugumbal, Porur, Chunambedu, Vayalur, Kizvasalai and so on.

### TRIBUTE:



Paying tribute to our great leader Rev. Fr. Dr. John Suresh is our foremost duty as well as our pleasure and honour. The WE group, Adavu cultural team, and LEAD students organised Tribute meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> of July in which we expected 600 people but apart from our expectation more than thousands of people participated. We were privileged to have Mr.Thol. Thirumavalavan a member of Indian Parliament, Mr. Se. Ku. Thamizh Arasan an Ex MLA ( Member of State Legislative Assembly) , Mr S S Balaji MLA, from Thiruporur. the president of State level Party BSP Mr. K Armstrong , College Principals, Professors, Lawyers, village presidents, his close associates and lots of people from many villages attended the tribute meeting. In the programme we released two books on Rev. Fr. Dr. John Suresh. The book called ARUL PARAI was written by Rev. Fr. Backia Regis and the book called ANBU NIRAINTHA KAALAM( Lovely times with Fr. John Suresh) was written by Nandhini Krishnan. In the book many people shared their thoughts on Fr.

John Suresh. The book is both in Tamil and English. If you want please send your address, we will send the books.

## Honour Given in Germany & Belgium

As we paid our homage here, in Germany too Arivu, ASS and ENSA team paid their reverence and shared their cherished moments with father. It was glad to see their solidarity with us. Friends in Belgium also honoured him with holy mass. Many of the friends there partook in the mass and prayed with various intercessions. Then some of the friends shared their golden moments with father that they had with him. Our special thanks for all the friends.

## Relief Works:



As you all know that the covid-19 has brought lot of destructions in all aspects. Many people have lost their jobs and as a result of that many people's livelihood has become a question mark. So the CHEER has arranged a relief work with the help of FACILIO which is run by Mr. Prabhu Ramachandran. The relief package contained a bag of rice (10 Kg), provisions and some vegetables. We did this relief work in the following villages, Vayalur, Kalpattu, Villangadu and Sirucheri. We have also helped financially (Rs. 15000) for 15 families (those who loss the family members) and financially helped 45 family (Rs.3000 per family) and Rs.1000 and 1 bag of Rice for 29 people (Scavenger staff) they are doing the work, cleaning the village. The people were very happy for the timely help.

## Rev Dr John Suresh LEAD Academy



The LEAD students are kept in our CHEER house and they attend online classes and sometimes the faculties come and take classes here at regular intervals. Before the death of Rev Fr John Suresh the students used to go to JIAS, attend the classes and come here for staying. But from June 2021 onwards the students stay CHEER and have their classes. There are 18 students and out of that two students are day scholars. We have hired a rental house for boys and the girls stay in CHEER. The preliminary exam is going to be held in 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 and three students are going to appear for the examination. The rest of the students will appear in the next year 2022.

## Success Story



Hi dear friends.

Greetings from Silambarasan! I am hailing from Thenpakkam, near Pondyicherry. How are you? I believe that you are all doing well as I am here. As it is said every hard work bears the fruit one day. It is absolutely true. I am very happy to share my success story behind which there are some people's hard work lies. As a small boy, I joined in Dr. R. Arulappa Higher Secondary School in 2005. My parents are not educated and our family depends on daily wages for livelihood. I stayed at St. John's Home for children in need and carried out my school studies. While I was studying there, Fr. John Suresh and NandhiniAkka helped for my studies. Then I completed my school studies in 2012 and at the same year I joined in our WE group and pursued my Engineering studies in ECE (Electronics and communication Engineering) and completed in the year 2016 through our WE group.

Soon after my studies, I joined in V trade Exim India Private Limited as Administration Executive and worked for one year. Then I got a job in Amazon and worked for one and half years in Amazon as Retail Executive. While working there, I pursued my higher studies in MBA through correspondence course and I completed successfully in 2020. At present I am working in one of the famous companies of India called TATA, as service supporter and I earn well. The salary which I earn now will be able to meet my needs and able to fulfil my family needs.

Being born in a poor family, I never dreamt of achieving this peak in my life. I could do it, because of our WE group and Friends from abroad. I am always grateful to our loving Pappa Dr Johannes Mispagel, Rev. Fr. Dr. John Suresh( who is now with God) and Ms Nandhini and friends from abroad who helped me indirectly for my growth. I also promise that my life will too be served for the growth of my fellow beings. Once again I thank each and every one of you for your great support that you have been giving constantly to our people. Please take care of your health and I will pray for you.

Thanking you.

Silambarasan

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