

# Newsletter- August 2022

## Rev. Fr. John Suresh Social Projects

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**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind." - Psalm 107:21**

**Dear Friends, Benefactors and Well wishers,**

Prayerful Greetings from Rev Fr Backia Regis, Rev Fr David Nesan and Nandhini Krishnan. Happy to meet you all once again through this newsletter. Our newsletter carries the happiness and cheerfulness of our Children, people and all the beneficiaries here. The newsletter is testimony of our works and the result of your generous help.

### **Dr R Arulappa Higher Secondary School**

#### **Public Examination and Results**

As per our academic schedule, this year our students appeared for their school final exam. The exam started on the 5th May 2022 and ended on the 31st May 2022. In the 12th standard, 99 students from our school appeared for the examination, 1 student was absent. Our school scored 100%.

The first mark claimed by Ms. Rithika got 541 out of 600. And second Mr Keerthivasan 524/500 and the third mark was by Ms. Kavya 516/600.

In the 10th standard public examination, 82 students appeared, 11 students failed and 71 students came out with flying colours. The highest mark was obtained by Ms. Yuvasri 380/500. We will concentrate on the failing students to get through the examination in their next attempt. At this moment, I sincerely thank you for all your support and prayers and also thank our teachers and our management.

For the new academic year around 750 students across various villages of the district are present this year.

Standard	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12
Boys	53	55	49	64	45	67	52
Girls	62	53	46	43	50	61	47
Total	115	108	95	107	95	128	99

## St John's Home for Children in Need



This academic year started on the 13th June, in our St John's home 107 students (70 boys and 37 girls) are staying. Last weekend, we went for a small outing to refresh the students. Thank you Rev Fr Davidnesan and other staff.

### TRUE STORY

Dear friends and Benefactors,



Prayerful Greetings from Rajesh, studying in 8th standard, and Rakesh studying in 6<sup>th</sup> standard in Dr. R. Arulappa Higher Secondary school.

My father Shankar has not stepped into school and my mother Kamatchi has studied 5<sup>th</sup> standard. I have an elder sister who failed in the 10<sup>th</sup> standard. My parents are coolie (daily wages) workers. We are from Agili village. We belong to the Scheduled Tribe (Irular) - a socially, economically and politically deprived community. There are nearly 50 families in my village. It is painful to say that still in our village there is no power and water supply. We use oil lamps and we go for water nearby. In our community, many people do not study as our family and social structure do not allow us. One of the social workers who work for our community came to know about St John's home through a friend and he admitted us to our St John's home. Rev Fr Davidnesan tried to take some of the students from my village to give good education in our school. But they didn't respond to his request and we responded to him. Some of them said they would like to study in government schools. We feel delighted here and we get a new atmosphere especially studying under the lights and we get good water for drinking and other purposes which our people still could not get. We are really amazed looking at such a huge school with many facilities which we didn't get in our previous school. We are very happy and sincerely thank our beloved correspondent and lovable sister Nandhini Krishnan who always gives their utmost care to all the children in our hostel. The wardens are also good to us and they give their valuable time for our better future. We also thank all good hearts who support our institutions. Take care and thank you all.

## First Heavenly Birth Anniversary



As you all know, 2021 May 12th is an unforgettable or black day for all of us, as Rev. Fr. John Suresh put an end to this earthly life and entered heavenly life. So on the 12th of May, this year we commemorated and paid our honour to him. On that day we went to his tomb and prayed. Then we had many leaders from various political parties honoured that day. One of our Dalit leaders Mr Thol Thirumavalavan MP (Member of Parliament)-Republic of India unveiled the photo of Rev Fr John Suresh and one of our greatest leaders Mr Armstrong, the state president of BSP national level political party unveiled the statue of Rev. Fr. John Suresh and it was blessed by our Rt. Rev. Dr. Neethinathan the Bishop of the Chingleput diocese blessed the statue. The whole day many leaders, Priests, Buddhist monks, Social activists, professors, and Film personalities shared their golden moments with Rev Fr John Suresh. The program was organized by the WE group, Adavu Cultural team, LEAD Academy, and Nila Dhamma. We honoured the day. Likewise many villages like Thatchoor, Kolathanallur, Nugumbal, Porur, Palavakkam, and so on commemorated the day and paid homage to him.

## “WE” Students Meeting



The WE group gathers twice a year which is mandatory. The month of May and the month of December are the two times to gather. This year instead of May we conducted 12<sup>th</sup> June In these meetings nearly 60 students participated. This time our old students organized this meeting. In this meeting, we gave some career guidelines for new students and we fixed some mentors zone-wise for new students to enter the college and universities. This meeting was very fruitful for the new students. Thanks to Mr Tamilmani - President, Mr Ambrose - Secretary, Mrs Vijaya Krishnan and core committee of WE Group. And our special thanks to all the benefactors for helping us in many ways.

## Cultural and Personality Development Camp



As you all know that Rev. Fr. John Suresh was very keen on arts and till his death, he taught arts to the people. Likewise this year too, one week training was given to 22 new young people mostly from our St John's Home students. In the camp, many skills of the students were sharpened and in addition to it gave some personality development skill training. The children learned with great enthusiasm. Thanks to Mr Andrew and Ms Smiley for guiding our students.

## 75th Independence Day Celebration



As India marks its 75th anniversary of Independence on 15th August, the celebration and activities in the remembrance of the freedom fighters was conducted. Students were divided into groups for participating in these activities.

## Success Story

Dear Friends and Benefactors,



Greetings of peace, love and joy from Francy hailing from Thatchoor, a village well known for caste atrocities. Many of you know about the caste system in India because of which we Dalits are treated as untouchables and the caste system forces us not to live a dignified life as we are all downtrodden. Even the caste system is followed in Christianity though it is not in the bible. The high caste people will not allow our children to go for studies. Hardly we came out and studied until Rev. Fr. John Suresh and Nandhini Krishnan Akka came to our village. Rev. Fr. John Suresh not only took our village's problem but also made all the children not only complete school education but he made us all graduates by studying in various universities. Before Rev Fr John Suresh came to our village my father was grazing cows, buffaloes, and oxen in a high caste people's house like

a slave but after our village struggle, my father became a Mason because of the opportunity provided by Rev Fr John Suresh and Nandhini Akka. I studied till 8th standard and at that time our village struggle started and Rev. Fr John Suresh took all of us those who completed 8th standard and we were put in Dr. R Arulappa Higher secondary school and helped us to complete the school education. And then through the WE group, he helped us to get graduation. I completed my graduation in B. Com, (Bachelor of Commerce) Vidhya Sagar College. At present, I am working as an HR assistant in A V Thomas Leather and Allied Private Ltd. I earn enough to run my family. I have a daughter and I have a house of my own. At this moment I sincerely remember and thank Rev Fr John Suresh, Nandhini Akka, and especially our loving Pappa Dr Johannes Mispagel and other European friends who helped me in my growth. I am ever grateful to our WE group. Thank you.

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Thank You

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