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Editor's

Desk

As we stand at the threshold of another promising year, having just celebrated the feast of Love - Christmas, our hearts are filled with hope, dreams, and the warmth of shared joy. This is a time when the world unites in the spirit of compassion, kindness, and understanding, transcending the barriers of caste, religion, and regionality. In the midst of this season, the St. Ann's Sisters extend their arms to reach out to the people at peripheries with a powerful message - one of love that heals, liberates, and revives.

The essence of Christmas lies not only in the exchange of gifts and festive cheer but in the profound reminder of the transformative power of love. It is a force that knows no boundaries, recognizes no divisions, and extends its arms to embrace all of humanity. In a world often marred by conflict and discord, the message of love becomes a beacon of hope, urging us to erase the lines that divide and to unite in the common pursuit of a better, more compassionate world.

St. Ann's Sisters, inspired by the teachings of love and compassion, stand as symbol of this universal message. Our mission goes beyond the walls of any particular faith, caste, or region—our mission is love. Love that heals the wounds of the past, love that liberates the oppressed, and love that revives the spirit of those who have lost hope.

Love liberates us from the shackles of prejudice, discrimination, and ignorance. It empowers individuals to rise above societal constraints and embrace their truest selves. Revival is the natural outcome of a community bound together by love. As we enter the new year, let us breathe life into dreams that may have been dormant, revive spirits that may have waned, and collectively envision a future filled with promise and opportunity. The mission of St. Ann believes in the transformative power of love to revitalize not only individual lives but entire communities.

Sr. Suguna Francis



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1. Green Carnival Leaves a Lasting Impression in Avanigadda



The Green Carnival held in Avanigadda on September 10, 2023, was a remarkable event that aimed to raise awareness about the importance of planting trees and nurturing the environment for the well-being of future generations. With a participation of around 3000 people from all walks of life, this event called for collective commitment of the community to adopting eco-friendly lifestyles and preserving the natural world. Distinguished guests, including the MLA, MPDO, MRO, ZPTC, DPM, MPTC, MPP Panchayath President were present to witness this noble cause. Their presence not only highlighted the significance of environmental conservation but also inspired the attendees to take proactive steps toward a sustainable future.

During the Green Carnival, a pivotal moment was the tree planting ceremony led by the esteemed guests. This symbolic gesture emphasized the need to increase green environment. Following the ceremony, a plantation drive was organized across five neighboring villages, where 500 plants were planted. Notably, women took up the responsibility of nurturing these newly planted trees, underlining their crucial role in safeguarding the environment. This event serves as a testament to the power of community involvement and the potential for positive change when individuals unite to protect our planet. The Green Carnival in Avanigadda was more than just an event; it was a collective pledge to preserve our natural heritage and ensure a greener, more sustainable future for all.



A few impressions:

S. Ramesh Babu (MLA) - “The Green Carnival has the potential to ignite a powerful movement for environmental awareness and action. Its inclusivity, particularly involving the younger generation, is inspiring and crucial for a sustainable future. It’s high time that we recognize that caring for the Earth is not an individual duty but a collective responsibility that must be embraced by everyone. Let us unite in our commitment to protect and preserve our planet for generations to come”.

L.V. Rama Krishna (M.R.O) – “I am happy to inaugurate the Green Carnival event, and I congratulate Sarvajana Sneha Charitable Trust for their admirable commitment to addressing environmental issues. Their dedication to creating a sustainable future is truly commendable and serves as an inspiration to us all”.

L. Krupavathi (Teacher) – “The festive atmosphere, with numerous families in attendance, made it a memorable event. It’s the first of its kind, and I’m eager to implement the valuable insights I gathered today”.

T. Sumathi (MPP) – “The concept of Green Carnival is a distinctive and innovative approach to raising awareness about environmental issues while engaging the community in a fun and educational way. SSC Trust’s initiatives related to the environment are truly impressive”.



Lingam Lakshmi – “The Green Carnival, brimming with variety of plants and natural beauty, serves as a joyful celebration of nature, providing an invaluable opportunity to educate and delight people of all ages, especially children”.

M. Asesha Prakash (Eco-club member) – “I’m delighted to be a part of the Green Carnival where I’ve learned the importance of taking responsibility for the environment, even at a young age”.

- *Avanigadda, Andhra Pradesh*



2.

Umwahlang Blooms with Agricultural Initiatives: A Thriving Farm School and Expansion of Farming Opportunities



In the heart of Umwahlang, the Agriculture Department, has sowed the seeds of prosperity and knowledge through the establishment of a Farm School. This transformative initiative, a longstanding dream of the local farmers, took a significant leap towards reality on September 10th, as Mr. Richborn Marwein, the Block Technology Manager, and Mr. Fullmoon Puhwein visited the chosen plot for the farm school.



Umwahlang Farm School: Cultivating Knowledge for Growth

The Umwahlang Farm School holds the promise of empowering the community with valuable agricultural knowledge and skills. This initiative is a manifestation to the commitment of the Agriculture Department in fostering growth and prosperity within Umwahlang. Periodic training programs are already underway, offering residents the opportunity to learn and implement modern agricultural practices.



Expansion of Farm Schools: Cultivating Opportunities in Two More Villages

The vision of farm schools has spread its roots to two more villages, bringing the gift of agricultural education to more communities. Cabbage, cauliflower, salad leaf, green peas, and mustard leaf have been provided free of cost by the Agriculture Department to be planted in these expanding farm schools.

Demonstrations conducted in Domtiew saw, Umwali, and Mawdiangnam paved the way for the distribution of 500 cabbage saplings and 500 cauliflower saplings to two villages. Another village received 400 cabbage and 400 cauliflower saplings, setting the stage for an agricultural transformation in these regions.



Poly house Initiative

Taking an advanced step towards controlled environment agriculture, a Polyhouse has been initiated in one village. Under the nurturing cover of the Polyhouse, crops such as Broccoli, Salad leaf, Mustard leaf, Keera, and Green peas have found a conducive environment to flourish. The KVK (Krishi Vigyan Kendra) contributed significantly to this endeavor by providing sheets for the Polyhouse and vegetable seeds free of cost.

- Umwahlang, Meghalaya

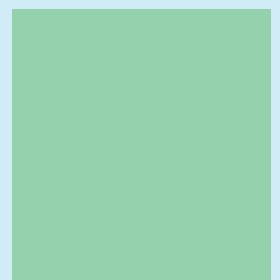


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A New Dawn for Children in Kalyan Colony



In the heart of Kalyan Colony, a source of educational hope emerged on October 2, 2023, with the launch of the Balwadi project. The beneficiaries are from migrant families, residing in remote areas far from the villages. Currently, 30 children are enrolled in the program. “We are delighted that our children are receiving this fundamental education, crucial for their growth,” expressed a grateful parent. The Balwadi project serves as a crucial resource, nurturing the educational development of these young minds in the community.



- *Chakan, Maharashtra*



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Paving the Path for Sustainable Farming



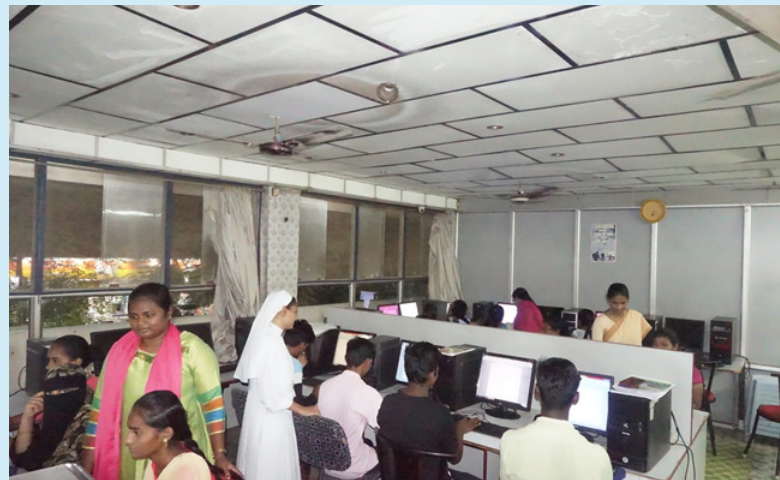
In a significant move towards promoting sustainable agricultural practices, Rajavaram Center successfully organized an Organic Farmers Training Programme at the Chukapalli Charitable Trust in Nekkalam during the month of November. This initiative witnessed the active participation of 15 local farmers eager to embrace environmentally friendly and sustainable farming techniques. The training programme was facilitated by Mr. Venkateswararao, an experienced officer from the Agriculture Department, was designed to impart essential knowledge about organic farming practices. Farmers were enlightened on various aspects, with a particular focus on the preparation of organic manure using locally available materials

- Rajavaram, Andhra Pradesh.



5. Unlocking Opportunities

In October, the Jaggeyyapet Centre embarked on a project to equip 16 enthusiastic youth with valuable computer skills through a comprehensive three-month training program. The curriculum, thoughtfully designed, covers a diverse range of skills such as basic computer literacy, proficiency in office suites, and fundamental programming skills. The goal is clear: to enhance the employability of these individuals by providing them with a robust set of computer skills. Regular assessments have been integrated into the program to ensure continuous progress and development.



6. Empowering Minds

In collaboration with JRC College, a Human Rights session was hosted on 22, October 2023. Advocate Mr. Rayapudi Srinivas Rao led the session with an engaging exploration of two critical aspects: Eve teasing and the right to expression. Attended by 50 students, the session aimed to deepen their understanding of human rights issues. This interactive session not only clarified legal complexities but also prompted students to reflect on the broader societal implications of human rights challenges.

- *Jaggayyapet, Andhra Pradesh*



7. Skill Development Triumphs: Tailoring a Brighter Future



Tailoring unit at Kondapavuluru

Nunna Centre continues to demonstrate its commitment to empowering women with the inauguration of a new tailoring unit in Kondapavuluru. The initiative has attracted 67 enthusiastic women eager to acquire valuable skills that extend beyond traditional tailoring. The program not only focuses on skills in tailoring but also places a significant emphasis on holistic development by incorporating motivational sessions for personality development.

8. Nurturing Leaders of Tomorrow



Light moments with children

A half-day workshop in Nunna for 210 children, focusing on instilling teamwork skills was fruitful. Sr. Suguna Francis, raised awareness about the significance of teamwork in personal and academic settings. This training program was conducted as part of the children's day celebration. The impact of the program was evident through increased awareness among participants regarding the value and worth of each individual person and the importance of teamwork. Positive feedback from parents and guardians underscored the valuable lessons gained by the children.

- Nunna, Andhra Pradesh



Motivational session for children



9.

Mending Hearts through the Power of Love



Avanigadda



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10. Radiating Love in the Lives of Orphaned Angels



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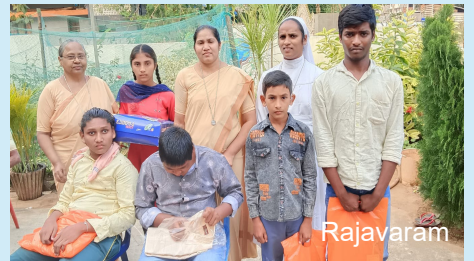
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11.

Crafting for the Future

In a commendable effort to empower local communities and promote skill development, collaborative initiatives between the National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI) and Sarvajana Sneha Charitable Trust have yielded positive results. In month of November, a week-long program on artificial jewelry crafting engaged 38 students from Government Degree College, along with 30 women from the Tiruvur locality. Additionally, a one-month fabric painting program catered to 25 women in Gampalagudem, offering an extended learning experience for those interested in honing their artistic skills. These initiatives, organized in collaboration with NCUI, remarkably, all these training sessions were conducted free of cost, certificates awarded by the government added a formal recognition aspect, encouraging participants to pursue their newfound skills with confidence and pride.

- Tiruvur, Andhra Pradesh



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