

MANOVIKAS
Reg. No. Q184/96
Special School for Mentally Handicapped
Sasthamcotta

Annual Report 2019 – 2020

We had completed 26 years of dedicated service in the field of disability. Every new academic year inspires us to explore newer heights and for a brighter future of our children, who strive hard to make possible which seems impossible for the world. During the last academic year 28 new children joined Manovikas and all of them below the age of 18. Last year we had 173 working days. Every minute was valuable and with visible results. Though we are aware that the most ordinary moments of our works are more viewing and virtuous, we record some of the highlights of the year as follows.

During the month of April and May all our volunteers were in the field meeting parents and giving counseling to them. During these months 11 new children joined our school.

In May we continued our DISHA project, the only one in the State of Kerala. The centre was officially inaugurated on May 12th 2016 with 9 children and the number raised to 20 in the same month.

School reopened after the summer vacation on 6th June, Praveshanolsavam was inaugurated by Shri.K.G.Markose, the famous Malayalam play back singer, in the presence of Members of Kollam Round Table who distributed all our children an umbrella each.

In June itself Manovikas obtained fitness certificate from Sasthamcotta Grama Panchayath for all building and class rooms. On 19th Reading day was celebrated in the school. By the end of July the biggest calamity occurred in Kerala. Due to the heavy rain and flood, all schools and colleges were closed for weeks. Independence Day was not celebrated. Only flag hoisting was done.

On 6th August a group of youngsters of Thanal Charitable Society from Chengannoor visited our school. They were much impressed with our poor children. They gave free uniform to a few of our children. On our request they assured to pay the bus fare of 5 very poor children and they had paid it up to March 2020.

Our first term examinations were conducted from 26th August and we had our simple Onam celebrations on 5th September. It was also Teachers Day. We honored all our former principals of Manovikas. After the Onam vacations, on 25th September 40 of our children were taken for a tour to Kollam and see the Bombay Circus. The programme was hosted by Kollam Round Table Conference.

Under the Swatch Bharath Mission of our Prime Minister, we observed October 2nd as cleaning day. Our children and staff members jointly cleaned the school premises and surroundings.

Three of our staff members were selected by Social Justice Department to attend the Master Trainers Training programme conducted by them at Thiruvananthapuram on 3rd October 2019. Smt.Ampili K.L., Smt.Laly Jose, and Smt.Sreekala C.G. attended the programme.

On 19th October 32 little children from ICS Yathimkhana visited our school and played with our children for 2 hours. Really it was a shocking to all that the little ones were embraced by our little ones as their own siblings.

Another happy news to share with you is our 20 year old Vishnu of Puthoor school was selected and got admission at the Magic Planet, Thiruvananthapuram owned by the great magician Mr.Muthukad. Now he is undergoing one year training at the institute with a monthly stipend of Rs.5500/-.

For enabling our agricultural activities of our children, Krishi Bhavan supported our children with 50 grow Bags with full of sand on 5th November. On November 13th we jointly with National Trust conducted one day orientation programme for the parents of developmentally disabled of Sasthamcotta Block Panchayath. 141 parents attended the programme.

On November 14th Childrens Day, we organized a rally of our children at Anjilimoodu Junction. NSS Volunteers from Sasthamcotta KSMDDB college were also joined the procession. In November last 11 of our children attended the equivalency examinations of Std IV and VII. On 29th November we organized one day parents orientation programme for the parents of Vettikavala Block jointly with Rotary Club of Puthoor at Puthoor Rotary Club Hall.

On December 1st we had conducted a camp to identify beneficiaries for giving aids and appliances to be differently abled in collaboration with ALIMCO Bangalore andNIEPMD Chennai. 123 beneficiaries were identified in the camp. In March we received the appliances for the identified beneficiaries and are in our custody. Due to Covid 19, we are not able to distribute it and will be distributed after the lockdown is over.

On 3rd December, the World Disabled Day, 60 children from our school attended the district level celebrations at Kollam. Our children won 12 Gold, 11 Silver and 13 Bronze medals. Manaovikas became the best school in the district.

And at last the day came. December 13th. The foundation stone for our new school building was laid by Shri.Kovoor Kunjumon MLA. Rs.35 Lakhs was sanctioned by Adv.K.Somaprasad MP, under his MPLADS scheme. Christmas celebrations this year was very simple. It was on 18th. Children staged different programmes. After a high lunch, the school was closed for Christmas vacation and reopened on 30th.

From 23rd to 30th December 2019, 6 children of Manovikas appeared for the SSLC Equalency Examination conducted by Kerala Literacy Mission. Five of them won the Exam. One of our child could not attend one exam due to sickness.

On 1st January, Manager and staff members of SBI, Sasthamcotta, visited our school joined their New Year celebrations and had their lunch with the children after distributing New Year Cakes to them.

On 9th January, a Buddy Walk was organized by National Trust at Kollam. It was a state programme. As the SNAC of Kerala, we were the organizers jointly with Social Justice Department, District Administration and Rotary International District 3211. 80 children and 46 staff members from our school participated in the programme.

On January 18th 20 children from our school along with 6 staff members visited the Haritha Kerala Mission Exhibition stall at Thiruvananthapuram Kanakakunnu Kottaram. National Dewarming day was observed on February 10th. 110 children were given tablets supplied by the Health Department.

Various inspections from different departments were conducted in the school this year. The first one was on 24.09.2019 by DD Education and DSJO on DDRS Grant. Second One was on 07.11.2019 by AEO on School functioning. Third one was on 6th January 2020 by DDE on school gradation.

Grant in aid under DDRS for the previous years was received this year from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. 2nd instalment of Grant in aid Rs.648225/- for the year 2017-18 was received in June 2019. First instalment of grant in aid for the year 2019-20 (75%) Rs.3211346/- was received in March 2019.

The Director Board decided to apply for the continuation of the SNAC for another term from 1st June 2020 and authorized the Chairman to submit the application when it is notified by National Trust. The Director Board which met on 20th March approved the annual report of SNAC and accorded sanction to Chairman to submit the report to the concerned officers for perusal and submit for approval of SLCC Meeting.

The Board of Directors met 4 times this year and the attendance was full in all the meetings. The last meeting held on 20th March decided to convene the annual General Body Meeting after the Lock down due to Covid 19 is over and till then the Board of Directors and Office Bearers shall continue in their respective posts, without making any difficulty in the day today administration of the organization.

We are marching forward, to strive for a tomorrow, a better tomorrow for all differently abled children.

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Directo