

Director speaks

HUNGER AMONG THE HOMELESS

Hunger is a good sign of sound health, not only to humans but even to animals. At the same time hunger is also the worst life-killing enemy for every creature on this earth. Snehan works with the homeless adults on the streets; we are exposed to see different kinds of people living on the streets, some live by three times food, some two times, and many one time and for some days none. Due to irregular nutrition, the homeless suffer malnourishment which leads to many other complications. Homeless in the villages suffer terrible poverty and die due to hunger more than in the city.



Snehan founder Mr. Anumuthu's personal experience

After the death of my father, our family severely suffered in poverty. I still remember, in the year 1987, peak summer my mom didn't have any work for about a week, our family condition is such where we get food only when my mom goes for work, if not only water. So you can imagine the intensity of our needs. During that week, my mom used to carry my three-year-old sister and me to the pre-k government school, where I and my sister would get one spoon of rice each as a midday meal. My mom would feed one spoon of rice to my sister and she would eagerly wait to see whether I would leave some for her. But the fact is, that food wouldn't be enough for me. So these were the days of experience that I went through. Therefore, we Snehan really understand the needs of old, disabled, and sick people around and render our services.

REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES FOR HOMELESS

After one-year-long famine (mean Covid-19) Snehan, starting its activities one by one. During the pandemic, we were severely affected and lacked for survival but somehow managed and pulled on till date because of loyal friends of Snehan.

We are happy to update you, that our Earn-with Dignity project re-started today for two of our homeless beneficiaries. They come in the morning, take Eco-friendly products from the Snehan office, sell on the footpath and earn their income for self-reliance living. They take complete responsibility for the products and support Snehan in these income-generating activities. In coming days more shops on cycle would be around the city in Pondicherry.



STEALING FROM THE HOMELESS

Have you experienced, someone robbing your hard-earned money? And you know for sure, that is the only money that can feed you and your family for two days! If you were, how was your reaction towards that bobber? I am sure; many different answers would flow from all of you.

An injured homeless man walking on the streets

In the year 2006, a team of us were at work collecting data on drug addicts around Hyderabad and in Secundrabad. My eyes fell on a person, who climbed on a fence and landed on the footpath. It was a summer mid-day, a beggar was napping under a tree on the footpath, this guy after jumping the fence, bent down put his hand on the pocket of the beggar took out all the money, and climbed back. This scene was seen by more than 3 dozen people but no one dared to question the thief or came forward to get that poor guy living. Do you know 99% of the homeless beggars face harassment, beatings, and looted every day by the local rowdies? My old beneficiary used to tell me that every day at night a team of boys would march

about on the streets and wake him up for the money or cigarette, if they don't give or even if they don't have, these guys would beat this old man. Yes, this is the reality.

A 48 years old Murugan (name changed) was deserted by his family due to an extra-marital relationship by his wife. He was depressed and ashamed to live in his village, reached Puducherry; he collects waste to make his living. He was sleeping in a particular street in the night, where a team of robbers came to robe his little, since he dint had more, he was beaten very badly; he was left with multiple injuries on the face and on the legs. Now he finds it difficult even to walk. This kind of act not only happens to him but many around. How I wish, that we could give our voice to such kind.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED

Today is the world's Women's day. We at Snehan tailoring centre celebrated the day in appreciating and honouring our ladies. In Indian families, women play a more responsible role than men. Living with half-nut husbands (not all) raising their offspring is not a joke. We value their role in the families and our director motivated them and gifted them saving pot in encouraging their saving habits for the emergency needs of the families.



MEDICAL SUPPORT TO HOMELESS

A 72 years old Mr.Raman (Name Changed) suffering from chronic piles. He is going through Sevier pain, unable to walk or sit for long, loses blood and whatever he eats goes in vain. He is unmarried, orphan, and homeless, living on the streets with the kind help by by passers. After knowing his condition Snehan has taken him medical tests & treatment, now he is on the medication under Snehan's observation & support.



WE HOSTED FIELD VISIT FOR LINGALA NARESH TO VISIT PADMA SHRI DR T.VENKADAPATHY REDDIAR

Snehan was happy to host, founder of tharunam (www.tharunam.org) and kanthari graduate. He was on a visit to Pondicherry to collect seeds. We were glad to connect with him where he helped us to develop a project proposal, sustainability plan for Snehan and so on... He was with us for a week, where he helped us in the project proposal, drafting a sustainable plan for Snehan's income-generating activities and many more.



And the other hand we kanthari's had a chance to meet Padma Shree Dr.T.Venkadapathy Reddiar, the founder of Lakshmi Narayana Crossandra Innovation Centre in Puducherry.

Snehan founder Mr. Anumuthu too had chance to meet the humble person Dr. Venkadapathy Reddiar. It's very learning experience and moreover we were so happy to meet a passionate traditional farmer, who had a deep desire in bringing changes in the farming sectors to generate more income. Even though he

had to stop his education in class 4 and assisted his parents in agricultural works at his young age, but yet he had an avid interest in science and dedicated his life to flower cultivation with natural technics. Since he believes that flowers play a vital role in the life of a human from birth to death. We had one hour talk, knowing his passion and his invention, gained impressive knowledge.



Dear Friends,

The Snehan activities would not be possible without your help and contribution. Therefore, on behalf of all our beneficiaries and board members, we say thank you very much for your support. Do share our quarterly newsletter with your friends...

We need your financial support to start Snehan home for the neglected old and sick adults on streets. Do support us to bring values and save lives of old people.

We are looking for committed and likeminded volunteers to support us in Snehan activities, interested candidates can apply through Snehan

website. <http://snehan.org/volunteer/>

With warmest regards,

The Snehan team and Anumuthu.

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