

A DAY OF GRATITUDE, A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

Ayudha Poojai, a cherished festival across Tamil Nadu, carries centuries of reverence and tradition. It's a day set aside not just to honor tools and machines—but to recognize the silent companions that help us serve, build, and carry forward our purpose.



At Snehan Home, we celebrated this sacred day with joy and gratitude, joined by our beloved residents. Together, we washed every vehicle, cleaned the campus with care, polished our electronic equipment, and lovingly prepared for the poojai. The campus was filled with love as we offered prayers, adorned our tools with flowers, and shared sweets, fruits, and festive treats with one another.

But among all the items we honored, one stood out—my tricycle.

This humble vehicle is more than metal and wheels. It is a living memory of my journey. In the days when my pockets were empty but my heart was full of purpose, this tricycle stood by me. It carried the sick, the dying, the forgotten—becoming my ambulance, my lifeline, my companion in service. It bore witness to countless acts of compassion, and never once asked for anything in return.

Today, it stands not just as a vehicle, but as a symbol of resilience and love. I've asked my family and team to ensure it remains parked in front of our office for as long as I live. Every

time I see it, I'm reminded of the days I had nothing but a heart willing to serve—and the tricycle that helped me do it.

This Ayudha Poojai, we didn't just honor our tools. We honored our journey. And we celebrated the quiet strength that carries us forward, one act of love at a time.



A CHILDHOOD ROOTED IN COMPASSION AND SURVIVAL

As a young boy, Anumuthu found joy in raising pet animals at home. His love for creatures—especially sheep and country chickens—deepened during his time as a shepherd. Summers were harsh; unemployment and poverty often left his family with little to eat. Yet, it was these humble animals that sustained them, offering both nourishment and hope.

He fondly remembers an old, destitute man who once accompanied him into the forest to grease their sheep. Despite his poverty, the man had purchased a single sheep. To Anumuthu's astonishment, he later discovered that this man had once owned over a hundred sheep—selling them gradually over the years to survive. That memory left a lasting impression.

A Vision Born from Experience

Having walked the path of survival himself, Anumuthu came to understand the power of

homegrown animals—not just as a source of income, but as a source of happiness and dignity. This realization inspired his dream: to build an eco-friendly *gramam* (village) where rescued destitute individuals could live together, grow their own food, and care for birds and sheep. A place where sustainability meets joy, and every life is valued.



Snehan Home: Nurturing Life and Livelihood

As part of this vision, Snehan Home has begun raising country chickens on campus. Our residents are learning to feed them, collect eggs, and nurture their growth—skills that not only generate potential income but also offer meaningful engagement. The smiles on their faces as they hold these birds speak volumes about the joy and purpose this brings.

A QUITE DIWALI, A LOUDER CELEBRATION OF JOY

Diwali—the Festival of Lights—is celebrated by millions across the globe with dazzling fireworks, vibrant new clothes, sweet exchanges, and sumptuous feasts. It’s a time when families come together, homes glow with lamps, and hearts overflow with joy. Traditionally, it’s also a moment to extend that joy to those less fortunate, sharing not just sweets and gifts, but love and dignity.

Yet, amidst the sparkle, the skies often fill with smoke from countless firecrackers. The noise, though festive to some, brings distress to

many—especially animals, birds, the elderly, and those with health conditions. The air becomes heavy, and the night, though bright, grows unsafe to breathe.

A kind-hearted family, like angels among us, arrived with a donation of clothes for our residents. They asked for no recognition, no photographs—only the joy of giving. Their quiet generosity reminded us of the true essence of Diwali: light shared without expectation, love given without condition.

To that family, we offer our deepest gratitude. You didn’t just bring clothes—you brought dignity, celebration, and hope.

At Snehan Home, we chose a quieter path.

This Diwali, our celebration was simple, heartfelt, and deeply joyful. Our residents received new clothes—each garment a symbol of care and renewal. As they dressed, laughter echoed through our home, their faces lit up brighter than any firework. We shared sweets and a special meal, and in the evening, gathered to watch a new movie together. No noise, no smoke—just warmth, togetherness, and peace.



This Diwali was remarkable not because of noise or spectacle, but because of the silent, powerful moments of connection. At Snehan Home, joy doesn’t need to be loud to be felt. It only needs to be shared.

EMPOWERING CHANGE THROUGH LEARNING: SNEHAN'S JOURNEY WITH DHWANI FOUNDATION

Goodwill Mission – Snehan was honored to participate in a transformative governance training program conducted by Dhvani Foundation, as part of their 12-month fellowship designed to uplift grassroots NGOs striving to strengthen their foundations. This initiative was especially meaningful, as it extended its support not only to operational teams but also to the board members of selected organizations—ensuring holistic capacity-building from the top down.



Our team embraced this opportunity with open hearts and eager minds. Mr. Thirunavukkarasu and Ms. Sheeba Rani represented Snehan with unwavering dedication, giving their full effort throughout the sessions. Alongside over 30 NGOs working across diverse sectors, we immersed ourselves in three days of intensive learning, returning home enriched with insights, tools, and meaningful homework to guide our next steps.

We believe this experience will be a catalyst for Snehan's growth—helping us reach more vulnerable individuals in our communities with

greater impact and compassion. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Dhvani Foundation team for their tireless efforts in equipping us to build a better, more inclusive world.

A MILESTONE OF COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT

With immense joy and gratitude, I received my Diploma Certificate from the Bio Institute of Paramedical Science—a symbol not just of academic achievement, but of a deeply personal mission to serve with greater care and understanding.

In 2021, driven by a burning desire to support our destitute beneficiaries with dignity and skill, I enrolled in the Patient Care course. For two years, I immersed myself in learning the fundamentals of medical support for bedridden individuals. Each day in class was a gift. At forty, sitting beside bright young students, I felt a quiet thrill—asking questions, exploring the intricacies of the human body, and rediscovering the joy of learning.



This wasn't just theory. From the second year onward, we stepped into hospitals, gaining hands-on experience that transformed our

understanding. For me, this practical training became a lifeline—empowering me to care for our beneficiaries not just with empathy, but with informed, systematic support during their recovery.

Today, as I hold this certificate—presented by Mr. Durai, the esteemed director of the institute—I feel a deep sense of fulfillment. This journey has not only enriched my skills but reaffirmed my commitment to healing with heart, and serving with purpose.

I'm deeply grateful to my classmates, dedicated tutors, and the compassionate management of the institute. Your unwavering support, encouragement made this learning experience truly transformative. Thank you for sharing your wisdom, and creating a space where passion could flourish and purpose could grow.

SNEHAN TAILORING CELEBRATING 8 YEARS OF HOPE AND DIGNITY

What began as a small spark in Anumuthu's heart has now grown into a bright flame — Snehan Tailoring proudly celebrates its 8th anniversary. "Every act of charity begins within a person before it takes shape in the world".

As a little boy, Anumuthu faced the harshest realities of life. After losing his father, poverty crippled his childhood. Hunger, deprivation, and the pain of being without even basic necessities marked his tender years. Yet, by a miracle, he was lifted out of misery and given

the chance to grow up like any other child by Rev. Joe Arimpoor SDB.



Those struggles left a lasting mark. He never wanted to forget what he endured, and from that memory grew a deep compassion for the less fortunate. His dream was to bring dignity and value to those who felt helpless and overlooked. That dream came alive — today, Snehan's social initiatives bring meaning and hope to many underprivileged lives in Puducherry.

On this special occasion, we offered prayers for Snehan Tailoring in its new space, joined by friends and tailors. Our staff were honored for their dedication, treated to a special lunch, and enjoyed a short outing together.

Snehan Tailoring stands tall as a pillar of our social work. Without this unit, Snehan Home would face immense challenges. It sustains our mission of saving lives and restoring dignity.

We take this moment to express heartfelt gratitude to all our tailors and benefactors. Your support keeps our dream alive and helps us continue to stand with those who need us most.

LEARNING GRASSROOTS SOCIAL WORK AT SNEHAN HOME

Snehan – Goodwill Mission was honored to host the 2nd-year MSW students from Mangalore University at Snehan Home in Puducherry. A group of 42 students, accompanied by two faculty guides, visited us to gain firsthand understanding of how a grassroots-level organization is built and sustained.



The purpose of their visit was to explore Snehan's journey—why it was founded, the challenges that shaped it, how it benefits both beneficiaries and society, and the systems we use to manage funds and comply with legal frameworks.

Snehan's Director, Mr. Anumuthu (Joshi), shared his deeply personal story of leaving behind comfort and security to serve the helpless. He spoke about his early life, where poverty deprived him of education and basic child rights, and how those struggles inspired

his mission to uplift others facing similar hardships.

In his pursuit, he gave up his job and earnings, even living as a beggar, to stand alongside those dying on the streets. With immense difficulty but unwavering faith, and with the support of God and well-wishers, he built Snehan into a home of dignity and hope. Today, despite limited financial resources, Snehan saves nearly 50 lives every year. As Mr. Anumuthu expressed, *“If only I had a little more support, many more lives could be saved.”*

His 45-minute talk left the students deeply inspired and motivated. They asked thoughtful questions, which he answered with honesty and wisdom drawn from lived experience. Snehan Home extends its heartfelt wishes to these young social change-makers as they carry forward the spirit of compassion and transformation.

A PRECIOUS GIFT OF SOLAR POWER FOR SNEHAN HOME BY VRIT TECH INC

For the past two years, we have patiently waited and prayed for the blessing of a solar system at Snehan Home. We reached out to many donors, but our efforts bore fruit only when we connected with Mr. Jay from USA.

As a grassroots NGO serving the most marginalized and neglected individuals in society, we often struggle to meet even basic daily needs. On top of this, the burden of

paying ₹9,000–₹10,000 every month for electricity was a constant challenge. With these pressing needs, our appeal was graciously accepted by **VRIT Tech Inc**, and today Snehan Home proudly has its own solar system.



This on-grid system is expected to reduce our electricity expenses to a minimum and, according to the company, has a lifespan of up to 20 years.

We take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to **VRIT Tech Inc** and to Mr. Jay's family for their valuable support. Their generosity has lightened and strengthened our mission. We assure you that Snehan will continue to reach out to the unreached, restoring dignity and hope to those who need it most. We also take this opportunity to thank Mr. Mukesh Jain for connecting us with Mr. Jay.

SNEHAN GRAMAM – A DREAM TAKING FLIGHT

Snehan Home recently welcomed new chicks hatched through our incubator, a small but joyful step toward a bigger dream. We envision “**Snehan Gramam**”—a five-acre eco-friendly village filled with fruit trees, vegetable gardens, flower beds, and cattle lovingly cared for by our rehabilitated grandpas. This haven will also include a dedicated wing for hospice care, a section for rehabilitation, and an old-age home for healthy elders, all designed to restore dignity and joy.

At Snehan Gramam, we aspire to raise **country chickens** as an income-generating activity. This initiative not only provides financial sustainability but also keeps our residents meaningfully engaged. Already, we have begun with country chickens and turkeys—two turkeys have blessed us with 21 chicks and continue to lay eggs almost daily, a sign of abundance and hope.



Currently, two dedicated individuals care for these birds, ensuring they are fed, cleaned, and their eggs collected. Their happiness reflects the effectiveness of this activity. We are also learning to provide proper care and

medication whenever the birds fall sick. With confidence and determination, we believe this initiative will grow on a larger scale, bringing success and fulfillment to Snehan Gramam.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT SNEHAN HOME

This Christmas, Snehan Home was filled with joy, music, and togetherness as our residents and staff came together to celebrate the season of love and hope. Members of Hosanna AG Church graced us with their presence, singing soulful carols, organizing lively games, and showering our residents with thoughtful gifts. Our campus sparkled with colorful lights, shining stars, and a beautifully decorated crib, creating a festive atmosphere that lifted every heart.



The celebration was made even more special by the enthusiastic participation of our beloved grandpas, who joined the games with remarkable energy and eagerness. Our women staff also took part with great spirit, winning prizes and adding to the cheer of the day. On this joyous occasion, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our well wishers, donors, and volunteers. Your unwavering

support enables us to continue our humble mission of care and empowerment. From all of us at Snehan Home, we wish you a Merry Christmas filled with blessings, peace, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

BEYOND A BAG: STORIES OF RESILIENCE, EMPOWERMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY

We are delighted to share that our eco-friendly cotton *jholna* bags have found a space to sale at Conscious Café, Auroville. It fills us with joy to see so many customers embracing our humble products—not only within Aurovilleans, but also from across states and even other countries.



What makes our bags truly special is their accessibility: they are priced so affordably that anyone, regardless of circumstance, can own one. From the very beginning, our vision was clear—to create reusable, eco-conscious products that preserve Mother Nature while reviving traditional wisdom. That is why we chose to reintroduce the timeless *jholna* bag, a design cherished by eco-conscious communities worldwide. Today, we are proud to have reached over one million customers across the globe.

But these bags carry more than just sustainability—they carry hope. Each bag is crafted with purpose. We identify the most marginalized individuals—single women, the needy, and those overlooked by society—and provide them with six months of skill training along with a stipend. With these skills, they begin a new chapter of dignity and independence.



Once made, the bags are sold by rehabilitated homeless men, generating income to sustain the Snehan Home project. This initiative not only restores livelihoods but also rekindles dignity, offering neglected individuals a chance to live with hope, purpose, and joy. Through every bag, we weave together compassion, empowerment, and care for our planet.

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 run 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. <https://www.snehan.org/become-a-volunteer/>

With warmest regards,

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