



SNEHASHRAMAM

*A NEST FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS AND WOMEN...
A HOME AWAY FROM HOME*



Snehashramam
Rehabilitation Centre



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BACKGROUND

- **Snehashramam is a rehabilitation & renewal Centre of Jesus Fraternity under the Commission for Justice, Peace and Development of the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council.**
- **Snehashramam is the Divine Dream Realization and sacrificial prayer of PMI's cofounder Rev Dr. Francis Kodiyan MCBS**
- **This was an inner call and command from the Lord to Fr. Francis, and he said 'Yes' to it.**
- **Located at Monvila, Trivandrum. Snehashramam is a home away from home for released female prisoners and abandoned girls**



BACKGROUND

- On 11th October 1992 Archbishop Soosa Packiam blessed Snehashramam
- In the initial years, Sr. Philip Neri DM, Sr. Jaya FCC, Sr. Margaret MSMI, Sr. Jemma DHM and Ms. Selina Kalady were the staff of Snehashramam who dedicated their lives in service to these women.
- Since 1996 Deena Sevana Sabha (DSS) sisters took care of this centre and rendered priceless service to the daughters of Snehashramam.
- Effective 6th Jan. 2018, Snehashramam has been in the care of the **Sisters of the Poor of St. Catherine of Siena.**





Presently here in Snehashramam

We are 4 Sisters & 4 inmates

Of the 4 inmates, 3 are undergoing psychiatric treatment.



AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. Spiritual Renewal

3. Rehabilitation

2. Physical and
Psychological
Treatment



Spiritual Renewal

Sisters at Snehashramam make a great effort to help the inmates to have a deep experience of God's infinite love. Day begins with Holy Rosary and Holy Eucharist and the Inmates along with the sisters participate in these spiritual activities.

After their daily house hold activities they are free to have their own personal prayers and adoration. It concludes at noon with common adoration and holy rosary for the prisoners. At three o'clock all gather in the chapel for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and evening at 7 o'clock once again all come to chapel for the Holy Rosary. They are given opportunities to attend daily mass, reading the word of God, Adoration, regular confessions and retreat.



Physical and Psychological Treatment

Snehashramam stands for a noble cause bringing peace and joy, justice and love to those marginalized, particularly to women who are; Drawn into crime due to poverty and despair, Forced to sell their very womanhood for survival, Brutally molested in brothels and 'flesh trading centres', Despised and abandoned by society and by their own families, In any moral danger.

Most of them are abandoned by their own parents and hated by the societies. They come with scars of psychological, mental and physical wounds. The seminars on different subject like Etiquette of life, Social life, family life etc. indeed have a great impact on them. The counseling by the professionals help them look into themselves and change their view of their life. All these exercises help them to reconcile with their wounded past and to embrace the future with hope and expectations. Once in a year they are taken to picnic too.



Rehabilitation - CLIP ASSEMBLING





Gardening

Rehabilitation

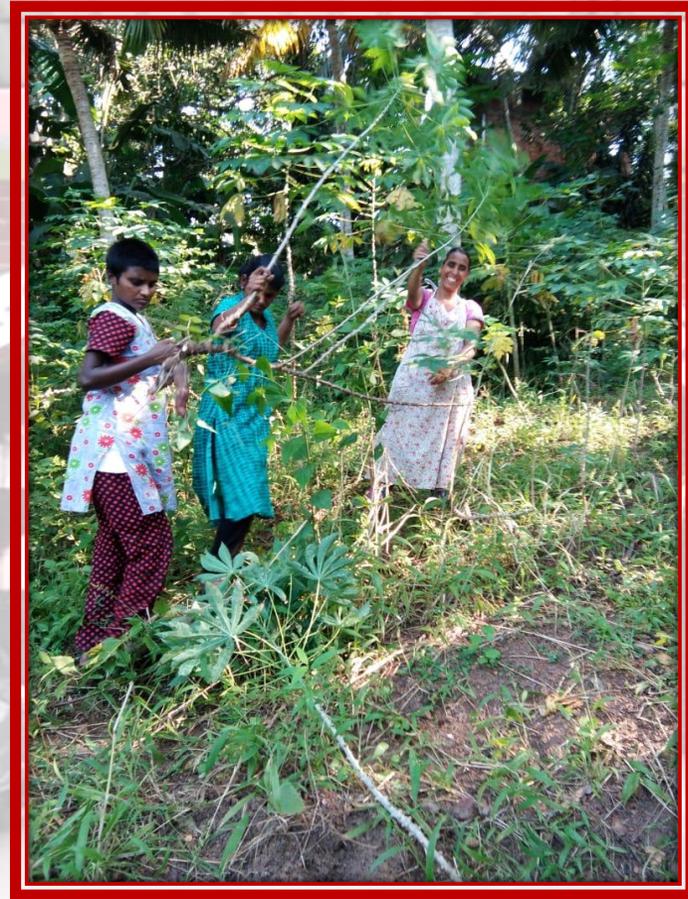


Animal Husbandry



Handicrafts





Suma was brought to Snehashramam by the Police. Then and Now



HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Under the guidance of PMI a House for one of the married inmates of Snehashramam Mrs. Alphy Johnson's House is under construction at Trivandrum



Prison Ministry

- ✓ Holy Mass and other prayer services for prisoners
- ✓ Counseling of prisoners
- ✓ Celebrations of Festivals

- ✓ Visiting of prisoners' families to provide psychological and emotional support

- ✓ Financial support for education of prisoners' children
- ✓ Summer camps for prisoners' children assisted by professionals and Jesus Fraternity volunteers



Principles of Prison Ministry India

1. Prayer
2. Inconvenience is our convenience
3. Commitment
4. Providence of God is our Bank Balance





Visit to Prison and Prisoners' Families







Gathering of married inmates





Memories





Memories

Inmate Blessed with Quadruplets



Marriage of Inmates



Baptism





