

2021-2022

Annual Report



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Dear Friends,

With the pandemic slowing down in 2021 we could restart one by one our projects to become finally fully operational again. Step by step and starting during the second quarter of 2021, we were working at 100 % again by the end of this activity year. Our vision of “a better life for the poorest” is now even more applicable than ever.

More than ever is our staff motivated to fulfill our mission :“to work with and to improve the life of the poorest, the small, the chanceless.”

As in previous years we continued delivering of food through our Meals on Wheels, we gave support for medical care and continued our home wound care, we restarted our manufacturing units in our social employment project, our social workers went back in to the villages for house visits and for mentoring our 40 women groups.

Our children and youngsters were extremely excited to come back to our Second Chances Education Centre. Our motivational tool “No school, No Skating” is evolved to a very successful Skateboarding Club witch has brought to light very talented girls and boys. Their team has scored gold, silver and bronze in several national competitions and has combined sport with development of life skills and education.

The pandemic has even accelerated a few positive changes as we forward now our financial support in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries who have all access now to ATM’s, we have gained experience in online counseling and online education.

As always all of SISP staff and beneficiaries would thank all our sponsors who have been supporting us through these difficult years to continue our works inspired by our mission.

In the following pages, our project coordinators have written down for you the works their teams have done during this extremely difficult year.

SECOND CHANCES (free second chance education for dropouts)

Aravind S. – coordinator education

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

In 2020, just as the Covid pandemic has paralyzed every sector of the world, it has also created major impacts in the education sector and created the conditions to come up with new learning methods. Amidst such changes, the *online education system* introduced through various platforms bringing alive the most practical and effective teacher-student interactions were evident in the learning activities at our *Free Education Centre* too. At the beginning of this **2021-2022 academic year** also schools in the state were closed by government authorities due to Covid situation. So we started this academic year also continuing the online education learning activities that we introduced in the last year. Around November-2021, When the situation was brought under control, schools were allowed to open step by step and operate as before. From the first academic day in June, till the end of the educational year, all the teachers had been motivating the students with creative and active learning activities and extra-curricular programs. 2021-2022 has been a wonderful academic year with a first half filled with the possibilities and limitations of online education and a second half where the school environment is back to normal (with strict adherence to Covid protocols).

2021-2022 was an academic season full of expected and unexpected achievements, changes, challenges and new experiences for us. A detailed report of the academic year is appended below after this small summary box.

2021-2022: AT A GLANCE

- **June-2021**

Reopening of school - Continuation of online classes

Conducted- Reading day, Environment Day, Yoga day

Public Examination Result of Group-A

Food kits and Masks- Distribution to door steps of students

- **July-2021**

Phone Distributions to selected students

Health check-ups, Mask Distribution, and Allowance Distribution at door step

Field visits by the teachers for finding dropout students

Staff Sulaiman passed away

- **August-2021**

Onam Holidays

- **September-2021**

Field visits and online classes

- **November-2021**

School reopened for students of age 14 and above

There were students that had a gap in their education due to a lack of gadgets and situations. They were found and provided an opportunity to get back to the flow of their education

The new plus one batch started

- **December-2021**

Christmas Celebration- Distribution of grants for the purchase of Christmas dresses for students, Competitions- making Christmas cards and decors

Participation in MyGov activities - Making road safety awareness advertisement by Group-A students

Christmas Holidays

- **January-2022**

School reopened after Christmas leave

Vaccination of students 15-18years started

- **February-2022**

SSF Project started

Group-Care students of age 14 and below started coming to SISP

PTA meeting

English Communicative Classes for Students by Mrs. Praveena

A session about a Skill and Career, Acupuncture and Therapy by Ms. Vidya

- **March-2022**

Third Batch Higher Secondary Final Exam

Weekly sports day started

Women's day celebrations

Basic Education Programme- Batch started

▪ **April-2022**

Dance classes restarted

▪ **May-2022**

School tour to Happy Land

School closed for Summer Holidays

DETAILED REPORT

❖ **ACADEMIC STRUCTURE-**

- **CLASS GROUPS-** Classes for this academic year have started online. Students are grouped into the following class groups based on their annual examination results and their performances of the previous year. The various class groups of the year were divided as follows.

1. Group: Plus-two (Batch-A)
2. Group: Plus-two (Batch-B)
3. Group: Plus-one

-These Groups focusing on Higher Secondary Public Examinations

4. Group: A

-This group focuses on the Tenth Level Equivalency Public Examination

5. Group: B

-This group focuses on the 8th Standard Examination

6. Group: C

-This group focuses on the Seventh Level Equivalency Public Examination

7. Group: Care

-This group includes children who need extra care and is divided into two sub-groups according to the learning level of children

- **ONLINE CLASSES (JUNE:2021-OCTOBER:2021)-** The classes started this year too when schools were closed due to Covid. On 2nd June, we started the learning activities online. Classes started after a short vacation. At this time, the necessary study materials were delivered to the children and their health and financial needs and family status were recorded and evaluated.

On the basis of the class groups mentioned above, a precise timetable including various academic subjects was made and the teachers continued the study activities with the respective

class WhatsApp groups. Teaching through various technical platforms and classes like creative work and yoga have been given importance along with the subjects.

- **OFFLINE CLASSES (SCHOOL BACK TO NORMAL) (NOVEMBER:2021-MAY:2022)-**
As the Covid situation was controlled, the Government allowed children from the age of fourteen years to attend school classes directly from November 1. Students from Group-A and Higher Secondary classes attended classes in person and students of other groups continued their studies online. The timetable had been modified accordingly. Our Centre started working slowly as before.

From February 2022, all children were allowed to come directly to school and the school environment became normal and descended into post-Covid experiences. The regular classes were conducted in a very systematic manner, following all the Covid norms.

❖ **VARIOUS ACTIVITIES-**

- **COVID CELL-** A covid cell was set up to ensure and monitor covid security measures in the school compound. A committee consisting of teachers, management representatives and a staff nurse arranged the procedures properly.

Work Strategy: Ensuring Safety Measures and Protocols in school, Pasting Awareness posters in classroom walls, registering daily medical status of students, Keeping Thermal Check Record book, Daily reports, Meeting Once in a week to ensure that the safety guidelines are followed.

- **STUDENTS WELFARE-** Considering the plight of the children and their families during the Covid situation, a certain amount of allowance was delivered directly to their homes.

Masks were distributed to children and their family members. Also, with the help of SISP skate club teachers delivered the food kits to the children's homes.

- **PROVISION OF SMARTPHONES-** One of the biggest challenges during online education was that children did not have access to phones other related technical aids to attend online classes on time. There was a situation where some children did not even have a phone at home. When we came to know about this and reported it, we got funds allocated and we bought and repaired smartphones for deserving students. Through these phones, students were able to participate in online classes and complete their studies on time. Also, for the convenience of internet to participate in the classes, almost all the phones had their phone's net recharged from here as soon as the internet ran out.
- **AWARENESS CLASS, SEMINARS-** In every academic year, we provide awareness classes and seminars along with the learning process to stimulate the intellectual, social, creative and emotional levels of the children. We have provided such classes and life skill workshops in between the online classes.

Special Class Sessions at School-

-Retired teacher and volunteer Mrs. Praveena gave English communicative classes for the students.

-A guest consultant Ms. Nithya gave a class session to the students on skills and career opportunities in Acupuncture and Therapy.

Other Class Sessions from Teachers- Since the children started coming directly to the school, the teachers have correctly assessed the mental stress and other emotional fluctuations of the children during the Covid period and given awareness classes. *The teachers gave awareness classes on Drug Abuse Prevention, Sex Education, Gender Equality and Health Education.*

- **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES-** Along with regular study activities, this year was also an academic year with emphasis on extra-curricular programs.

-**Yoga Classes** were delivered to the students by sharing videos in online class sessions and through other live platforms. World Yoga Day celebrated through digital platform.

-The **Creative Work Classes** and **Drawing Classes** were shared as video classes in the classes' online WhatsApp groups. From November, when the children started coming to school, more activities started to be provided directly. *A corner has been set up to display the artwork done by the students.*

-Afternoon **Sports Hours** resumed each week. Children are taken to the outside grounds and given various sports and athletic classes.

-We have restarted **Dance Classes** from this academic year.

-Group-A students prepared and sent an awareness (Road Safety) video in an advertisement competition conducted by the Union Ministry of Education.

- **PARENTS TEACHER MEETING-** A teacher-parent meeting was conducted in connection with the public examination of the Higher Secondary students and the academic progress of the children was evaluated.
- **ONE-DAY TOUR TRIP-** As the Covid lockdown continued for almost last two years, there was no situation for school tour trips. But at the end of this academic year we have managed to arrange a one-day trip for the children. Trip to a water theme park here in Trivandrum was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and teachers.

❖ **EXAMINATIONS, RESULTS-**

Since most of the academic year was online classes, teachers conducted unit and monthly test papers in a simple manner. An annual examination was conducted in the month of May-2022. It was an opportunity for the teachers to evaluate the students and make modifications to the groups if needed.

- **Public Examinations-**

Literacy Examinations- The Government had conducted Seventh and Tenth Level Equivalency Literacy Examinations in this year. From here 3 children appeared for seventh standard examination and 9 children appeared for tenth standard examination and all of them achieved excellent results.

Higher Secondary Examinations- This year five students passed the Higher Secondary Plus-two Examination.

❖ **NEW BATCHES-**

➤ **BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME-**

From this year onwards, the Basic Education Program is a project that we have launched with the aim of making basic education free and compulsory for all children. This program is structured as a short-duration course in which basic classes are given in Malayalam, English, Mathematics, Social Science and Computer. This batch started classes in March-2022 with around 8 students.

➤ **PLUS-ONE BATCH (NEW)-**

Plus-one classes for this year started from November-2021. As in previous years, an assessment test was conducted and the scores were checked and the children were shortlisted and placed in the batch.

❖ **OTHERS-**

-Mr. Praveen has been appointed as the new coordinator

-Mrs. Deepa (teacher) started taking creative work classes

-Our students Aneesh and Joshan won the National Level Medals in Skate Boarding Championship

❖ **STATISTICS-**

Total number of students(in the beginning of the academic year):	54
New Admissions (plus one):	8
New Admissions (BEP):	7
New Admissions (Regular):	15
Number of re-joined students:	3

<i>Dropout Students (went for work and other schools):</i>	9
<i>Dropout Students (Went to Assam):</i>	9
<i>10th level Course Completed Students:</i>	9
<i>12th level Course Completed Students:</i>	11

<u>Other details</u>			
Project Work Students	:3		
7th level Exam-Participated Students	:3		
7th level Exam-Passed Students	:3		
10th level Exam-Participated Students	:9		
10th level Exam-Passed Students	:9		
12th level Exam-Participated Students	:11		
12th level Exam-Passed Students	:5		
Full-Time Teachers	:3		
Part-Time Teachers (including Dance and Yoga)	:4		
Full-Time Assistant Teacher		:1	
Coordinator		:1	

*All the information recorded in this document is based on the details from June-2021 to May-2022 only.

❖ **CONCLUSION-**

Free Education Centre continues its activities by strictly following SISP's whole mission and vision. We are following the procedures so that deserving children can continue their studies. Even in this Covid crisis, our management is fully supporting the children and teachers.

This 2021-2022 academic year bid farewell with many achievements, ups and downs, challenges, many joys and some separations. The greatest feature of our centre is that poor children can come here anytime for their education.

Building on the good experiences, achievements and lessons of this academic year, we continue our journey towards the expectations of the new academic year.

DREAMS GONE DIGITAL PROJECT

Dreams Gone Digital Project is a program that SISP has been a part of for the last 2 years, aimed at increasing the general awareness of our students about computers and the technological world. The sessions were headed by Mr. Owen Kelly, principal lecturer on Online Media at Arcada, a university of Applied Science, Helsinki, Finland, remotely, and around ten students participated in these sessions. The sessions in SISP were coordinated and conducted by Mr. Sahan Raj, Indian Operations Manager of SnowCastle Valley, and Mrs. Simi, our computer teacher.

The first badge received their certificates after successful completing the course.

Skate Boarding: by Vineeth Vijayan - Coach

It started as a motivational tool to rejoin, pick-up or rejoin their education “**No school, No skateboarding !**”.

Now for the skateboarding students of SISP and those from the surrounding villages, skate boarding is not just a sport but has also become a way of living.

Skateboarding has also helped the students a great deal in increasing their self-confidence.



January 2011 #SaveVellayaniLake

KSC joined ‘A helping Hand for Thiruvananthapuram’s Vellayani Lake cleaning Program in Kanthari!
We did already several clean-up with our team during public holidays!

February & March 2021 Skateboarding Championship 2020-2021 (district and Sate) Under RSFI

In March we had, Kerala Sate skateboarding championship in Kozhikode, We went with 13 of our team (11 boys and two girls) and 12 of our kids got medals and selected to 59th National Championship in Mohali (Punjab) !



Name	Age category	Medal
Rahul	Above 17	Gold
Alan	Above 17	Silver
Mini	Above 17 Female	Gold
Sivan	14 to 17	Gold
Joshan	14 to 17	Silver
Kiran	14 to 17	Bronze
Vidya	14 to 17 Female	Gold
Shone	11 to 14	Gold

Vineesh	11 to 14	Silver
Nibu	11 to 14	Bronze
Aswin	9 to 11	Gold

April 2021

59th National Roller Skating Championship 2020-2021 in Mohali

We started to Mohali with 8 of our team, unfortunately that time our girls couldn't participate because of 10th grade exams going on and also cultural restrictions!

Name	Age category	Medal
Rahul	Above 17	Silver
Joshan	14 to 17	Gold
Kiran	14 to 17	Silver
Shivan	14 to 17	Bronze
Vineesh	11 to 14	Silver



June 2021

Happy Go Skateboarding Day- Covid relief Food Packet Distribution

In every International Go Skateboarding day we do something good for the kids and so last year we had some donation from Switzerland friends and family, so we could help 50 skater's families with packets of food materials in Covid situation !

July 2021

Got free mask distribution from Rockhlom beach resort

we got 200 masks for our skating kids and community!



August 2021

Biryani challenge

with the current Covid-19 restrictions and protocol, our skatepark can only be used by few kids. This means that many of our students didn't have the chance to skate for many months and they are really missing it, as we are missing them. By chance, we found a flat spot in our fishing village, and now we have a second spot that is big where some of our students can skate! By seeing our students skate, many other kids from the village got excited about skateboarding and want to join us. However, we don't have the right number of supplies to make this happen. We would really need shoes, as we feel like it is the duty of our project to help the underprivileged children in our community. As a result of Covid-19, our funds are running low so we had to become creative and came up with the 'Biryani-Challenge'. We had a family chef ready to make delicious chicken biriyani, which we sold around the area where we are working. With the profits of this initiative, we bought some local shoes for the kids to skate with. We are very happy to say that this initiative was a success,

November 2021

Kerala State Skateboarding Competition 2021

In November, 12 of our team went to Calicut for kerala state skateboarding championship and 10 kids got medals and selected to 59th National Roller Skate championship 2021-2022 in Mohali

Name	Age category	Medal
Rahul	Above 17	Gold
Joshan	Above 17	Silver
Mini	Above 17 Female	Gold
Flemin	14 to 17	Gold
Vineesh	14 to 17	Silver
Kiran	14 to 17	Bronze
Vidya	11 to 14 Female	Gold
Daril T Raj	11 to 14	Gold
Ashwin	9 to 11	Gold



November 2021

#SaveVellayaniLake

KSC joined with Venganoor Grama Panchayat's Lake/Sea cleaning Program,

We did already several clean-up with our team during public holidays!



December 2021

Jugaad Skate Championship in Bangalore

Jugaad International Skateboarding Contest" is now an event that every skater in India looks forward to each year. Although it is a competition, it is more of a celebration and an opportunity for athletes to showcase Their skills and tricks.

So in December we started to Bangalore with 6 of our skaters for Jugaad and our skater girl Vidya got 1st place and 10,000rs cash in 'Super Minute for Women' category and Our little skater Ashwin got aslo 1st place in 'Super Junior' Category! KSC got brand new GoPro9 from Jugaad team



December 2021

Donation from Walkaroo shoes



December 2021

Name	Age category	Medal
Joshan	Above 17	Silver
Mini	Above 17 Female	Silver
Vidya	11 to 14 Female	Gold
Vineesh	14 to 17	Bronze
Ashwin	9 to 11	Gold

Indian National Skateboarding Championship 2021-2022

we went with 10 our skaters and 5 of them got national medals and certificate



Surfing :

Another motivational tool is surfing. For this SISF has a cooperation with the Surf Club who provides students free surfing classes in the weekends. Here also with the motto : “ **No school, No surfing** “

The surf season here runs only from October till March, but because of the pandemic the beaches got locked down for most of the year. Surfing have been only been possible during a short period between lock downs.

Several of our old students have become surf instructors in Surf Resorts all over India. One of them, Ramesh, previous year National Champion, won this year one of the main Indian Surfing Competitions

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment

by Smitha N. – Social Worker



Hundreds of families or individuals are living Below Poverty Line (BPL) and suffer a lot to sustain in their daily live hood due to serious or chronic illness, handicap, dead of a family member, old age or any other reason.

They can apply for financial or social support with our social workers who will make a house visit, submit a report with calculation to see if they are indeed living BPL. Each case will be individually evaluated by the management welfare committee and decided upon.

The care is categorized by life support, medical care, old age care, educational support and emergency care.

Due to our limited budget, we are also continuously searching for existing governmental domestic welfare schemes for our beneficiaries from which they can expect financial, educational or medical assistance.

Our social workers are helping them for administration and logistic support with this,

Our social workers also help with social administration, applications for pension, handicap allowance, medical treatments, dialysis, registering for palliative care and so on, eg several cancer patients received financial assistance from the Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala.

Number of Beneficiary 31.3.2021	265
Number of Beneficiary 31.3.2022	196
Stopped (1.many elder or chronic sick passed away because of COVID or old age 2. Old age pension increased drastically, still only 15 €/m but came now above SISP's BPL line)	85
New	30
2022	
New application	68
Sanctioned	24
No medical certificate	5
APL (above poverty line)	16
Rejected (not able to proof eligibility)	6
Pending (waiting for submission requested documents)	17

Financial support given 2021-2022	Amount INR (1 € @ 82 INR)
Old age care aid	4,50,275.00
Life support care aid	2,86,951.00
Medical care aid -Emergency	19,430.00
Medical care aid -Financial	6,24,708.00
Medical care aid Medicines	1,65,240.00
Rent allowance	42,310.00
Education care	3,34,469.00
Beneficiary Welfare –Roof, food, and others	2,63,918.00
Total	21,87,301.00

Total Micro Credit Union's

April 31· 2021 we had 40 groups. Each group counts 15-20 women, as of March 31.2022 we have 42 groups. Two new groups were added during the year. No new self-employment was done last year. That was because of Corona. With the help of Kudumbasree Mission (government scheme), the Backward Development Corporation provided loans on an investment basis, in addition to the bank loan.

Groups usually take out bank loans to give financial support at the lowest interest to their members (education, medical, house maintenance purposes) and repay them.

The group meets exactly once a week. Audit and affiliation are done accurately. Meetings are supervised and mentored by social workers also admin support is given.

All the members and family members were motivated and assisted to take the corona vaccine by our social workers' team.

Beneficiaries

With our help, the beneficiaries suffering from chronic and terminal diseases as cancer, kidney failure, etc.) received through our mediation and administrative support, also **financial assistance** from the Department of Social Justice, Government of Kerala.

Karunya medicines (government scheme to distribute **cheaper medicines to BPL**) was continued to be given as before and also roof repairs expenses before the monsoon started was given.

Beds were distributed to 3 beneficiaries.

Extra Corona fund provided to families with members who passed away because of or were severely affected by Corona.

Wheels on meals to provide hot meals to immobile BPL families was continued to 19 beneficiaries .

Christmas bonus was given to all BPL beneficiaries.

Dance workshops in the villages were restarted in the SHG's (Self Help Groups for women) for members' children.

Financial assistance for education is provided annually for the children of beneficiaries and children who are financially disadvantaged. Social Workers visit the respective schools every month to find out the status of students.

Adani Group (Corporate) conducts various job-related training in three-month courses. At the end of the course, Adani Teachers find the jobs for the students. Social Workers help students in our field and in school for this.

Social workers attending the Panchayath (village council) meetings.

1. On the occasion of World Health Day, the Local Self Government Department and the Palliative Care Unit jointly launched a program called 'Model Palliative Care Panchayat' in Venganur Panchayat.

2.The Jan Jeevan Mission is a partnership between the Kerala State Governments and the Local Self Government Institutions. The objective is to lead the rural community to improve their standard of living by providing clean drinking water and efficient tap water at reasonable rates to all rural households on a regular basis. The project aims to provide 50 lakh household tap connections.

3.The other was a training session as part of a survey to select the poorest of the poor. The difference between poor and extremely poor. Poverty means the various forms of disability that human beings face. The poorest of the poor are those who cannot afford basic necessities like food, clothing, shelter, and basic income.

SISP Wound Care

by Athira R. – Wound Care Nurse

This project has been started in cooperation with the Dutch Health Care company **BBeterzorg** and is funded by them. The aim of this project is to provide high quality wound care to BPL patients at their door steps.

New patients are often referred by Pallium India and Vizhinjam Health Centre, as well as by SISP's Social Workers. Patients are accepted or rejected for treatment after house visit and after the nurse or social worker has submitted their report to the management of SISP.

Criteria	Patients
On 13/9/21	10
On 31/3/22	12
New applications received from 13/9/21 to 31/3/22	8
Accepted patients for wound care	6
Rejected because of APL (above poverty line and able to pay for private care)	2
Cured patients during the year	3

Expired patients during the year	1
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On January 2022 onwards monthly woundcare meetings were conducted online with BBeterzorg team in the Netherlands (doctor and nurse). Patients improvement status and advices for their treatment was discussed

Nurse daily work :

- Plans weekly treatment schedule.
- Organizes the materials
- Start work with Pallium India (Regional Palliative Care organization (weekly Tuesday and Thursday) in order to help COVID 19 pandemic situation.
- Material supply and field visit based on pallium India protocols
- Maintain phone call management.
- Communicates on a weekly base with the nurses of pallium India.
- Records and monitors daily the patients data through the wound monitor app.

Social Employment Programs

Prepared by Mohanakumar Nair – Chief Coord. & Mereena (Ass. Coord.)

1. Eco Handicrafts:

Our team of artisans continued with the production of value-added handicrafts, made from waste materials:

from recycled magazines into files, glass mats, ornaments like ear rings, necklace etc;

from the shell of coconuts into utensils and jewelry.

from cut fabrics to patch work purses, sheets, pillows, etc; Greeting cards. Jute Bags, Jute Yoga Mat covers, Jute files.

Mrs. Samantha Mathew Volunteer visited SISP and trained our craft persons 10 days to make attractive cloth bags, hair bun and bands, these new products included for sales.



2. Paper bags:

Aiming to Social Employment and Environmental Protection, to avoid plastic bags, we have started paper bag making as an Income generation activity to the downtrodden women.

We were having reasonable work orders before starting of the Covid Pandemic situation, continuous lockdown and closure of many raw material and buyers shops of paper bags totally affected our work, revenue etc; In this hard situation, thanks to our sponsors' great support, we have paid full salaries to our staffs and protected them to overcome the hard struggle, although many private institutions and other sectors hardly paid/not paid their employees.

By the end of this reporting year the NGO LELIA, Italy, placed an order for making 45.000 recycled news paper bags, this was a great help to us, were thankful to Mr. Paolo Brandilose for his sincere help to support the SEP.

3. Sanitary Napkin Pads:

As usual, we are making sanitary napkin pads and delivering to hospitals, shops and individuals. Also we are distributing them free of cost to girls and women in difficult situation.

Free Sanitary napkin distribution project to Orphanage MCC Cochin is continuing, the project

sponsored by a Belgian couple Mrs. Brigitte & Mr. Roger.

4. Water Hyacinth Diaper Research:

SEP is associated with Kanthari (NGO) in research and development of Diapers from Water Hyacinth material. This material is largely available in Vellayani Lake and we can collect it easily, making fibers, weaving and researching to produce ecofriendly diapers. Also research is in progress to use this material in Sanitary Napkin Pads.

Water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*) is an aquatic plant native to Amazon Basin, it is a floating plant with round bright green leaves and purple leaves. There are mainly two types one is with long stems and that can grow up to 2 feet in length in ideal conditions; the other is with bulb like stems. It has a feathery root system and new plants get attached to the roots of the mother plant and grow. It is an invasive plant and one of the fastest growing weed known, a single plant can produce thousands of seeds in a year and propagation of the plant is too easy. Fiber is extracted from the stem of this plant for making various natural products.



5. Twin hulled solar boat: (Continuing Activity).

SISP got a twin hulled solar boat sponsored by CETADC, USA. The activities of the boat are in cooperation with the NGO Kanthari, an organization that is training for many years' social change makers from all over the world and also actively involved in the Vellayani Lake Cleaning.

Lake Vellayani is about 4 km. from SISP Center, the only fresh water lake in the district of Thiruvananthapuram, it is experiencing a slow death due to multiple factors such as pollution, encroachments and illicit sand mining. The lake also serves as the major source of drinking water for the residents of Kalliyoor, Venganoor and Corporation area of Vizhinjam, unfortunately, every year, during the summer season, all these panchayat's experience severe water scarcity, whereby the people have to rely upon water-tankers to get water for their daily needs including SISP Beneficiaries. Lake Vellayani also used to be a bio-diversity hotspot, home to nearly 92 species of birds and 37 fish species. According to a preliminary study conducted by Kanthari participants in 2017 on the status of Lake Vellayani, various factors were identified that leads to the slow extinction of the lake. The cleaning is happening only on the banks and it is dangerous to move deep into the lake. By using our eco-friendly solar boat helped to remove the weeds from the interiors of the lake and clean the plastic waste that is blocking the canals connecting the lake. The canals are also filled with Water hyacinth and other weeds.

- ✓ By doing a regular cleanup will help the community to source clean drinking water and create awareness among the community to own the lake and prevent it from further pollution and exploitation.
- ✓ Another advantage of this Solar Boat, which receives clean energy freely available from the nature, is powering the boat. It can create awareness among the community the need of green technologies. No sound, air and water pollution.
- ✓ It can also be used as a Surveillance boat to prevent sand mining and dumping of waste in the lake, also to remove plastic waste from the water body etc;
- ✓ Two of our SISP staff has been trained to drive the boat as well as emergency maintenance services of the engine, battery etc;
- ✓ Our Skate Boarding students regularly participating in cleaning activities with Kanthari Team.

6. Cooperation with NGO Snow Castle Valley for their project "Design of Power (DOP)"

A new Project has been introduced by Mrs. Irma Sippola from Finnish Snow Castle Valley, NGO to provide employment opportunities to the community women living Below Poverty Line (BPL). Ten women were selected and given training to make artificial pearl chains and coconut shell hanging soap dishes. This provides them employment opportunity to gain a decent weekly minimum salary.

Due to the pandemic situation, as per government directions, we have stopped the program for few months and it has now restarted.



(photo : Mrs. Irma Sippola is conducting DOP Training cum workshop to the Rural women)

7. Households water filters project:

It is a continuing project, now 86 families are getting service on a weekly basis and 37 families' houses are visited monthly once to clean filters and awareness for safe drinking water. Due to Covid, several months it could not been followed up physically, but now it has been restarted.

8. Beekeeping project:

Also a continuing project, installed 5 more beehives, two staffs were sent to Agricultural College, Vellayani for 1week training to learn various methods of bee hive maintenance. They were also sent to honey extraction practical training at Mr. John's FIA Center, Malayinkil. Honey extractor and other necessary tools and equipment's were purchased.

We could harvest fresh honey, due to lack of knowledge to maintain the bee hives and extraction methods, the yield was very less in quantity.



9. Organic vegetable cultivation:

Agricultural Farm work has been improved by planting new banana plants. Good harvest of organic banana fruits that were distributed to children and staff. Different vegetables also cultivating.

10. Programs for youngsters:

Every year we used to give opportunities for part time work/part time study to drop out school children. They participated in the Training for manufacturing handicrafts, paper bags and other eco-friendly products.

Several staff's children who are going school were given the chance to have a vacation job at SISP for one month and earned a decent salary for educational expenses and support to their family.

11. Marketing

New marketing strategies developed in Social Media. Images and videos of our products were posted in Instagram named as SISP Creations. On SISP Facebook page also posted the products details, responses are coming up.

Discussed with few door to door sales people for marketing our products, especially sanitary napkin pads, receiving good response.

12. Use of social media in marketing Instagram Posts



Facebook Posts

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As a part of CSR partnership with Hotel Rockholm, SISP could display its products in the Reception Center of the hotel near Lighthouse beach, Kovalam, promoting good sales.



12. Miscellaneous:

A new showroom sponsored by Snow Castle Valley has been opened on the ground floor. On the roof top atelier, DOP workshops has been started. In the shop all SEP and DOP products are exhibited in a nice way. The shop was running well during the Tourist season from September to April.

Covid Pandemic affected the business in the shop. Now we expect from November onwards that the tourist season picks up in Kovalam beach and that the situation will improve.

(HANDICRAFTS SHOP IN SEP)



12. Staff Details:

No. of staffs FT – 12, Part Time – 1 , Total - 13

Total Female -10

Male - 3

13. Project Students and Others

1. Project Student – 5 started when lockdown was lifted
2. Vacation job – 2

Administration & Food & Beverages, H.R. & Logistics

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Appointments

1. Sofia (nurse) - appointed from April 2021
2. Kivins (admin) - Appointed from May 2021
3. Serleena (admin) - Appointed from July 2021
4. Praveen (coordin. FEC) - Appointed from February 2022

Resignations

1. Lathika (accounts) - Resigned from July 2021
2. Sunil (tech & maintenance) - Resigned from August 2021
3. Sofia (nurse) - Resigned from February 2022
4. Serleena (admin) - Resigned from November 2021

Retirements

1. Valsala (sanitary) - retired from August .2021

In 2021-2022 we had 2 full time staff & 1 part time staff for administration.

In 2021-2022 we had 2 full time kitchen staff.

In 2021-2022 We spent Rs 2,08,255/- by carrying out repair and maintenance works.

In 2021-2022 we spent Rs 5,26,145/-towards mess & food expenses for students teaching staff & non teaching staff.

SISP is providing daily meals for 50 students, 20 Beneficiaries and staff (70 Nos). Daily we provide two times tea, morning and evening for approx. 90 (50 students & 40 staff).

2021-2022 Society had incurred an amount of Rs.81,87,675/- on account of man power cost including statutory contribution of Employees pension and provident fund & Employees State Insurance & bonus.

In 2021-2022 we had spent 4,82,436/- for covid expenses including family supports, food packets & materials.

Vehicles by Santosh

Bus, Scooter, Insurance, Tax, Repairs and maintenance	=	2,94,046/-
Bus and Scooter Income	=	0
Bus Starting km-63976 and finishing km-97238	=	33,262
Scooter No.1 starting Km- 6243 finishing Km- 9279	=	3,036
Scooter No.2 starting km- 6243 and finishing Km- 25855	=	19,612
Scooter No.3 starting km- 6105 and finishing km- 7731	=	1,626
Scooter No.4 starting km- 24011 and finishing km- 6705	=	17,306
Wound care scooter starting km- 44482 and finishing km- 55414	=	10,932
Total scooter running km-	=	52,512
Total No. of SISP Students from march 31 st to April 1 st 2022 using SISP school transport	=	40

From the following areas:

• Kovalam	=	7
• Kochupalli	=	9
• Adimalathura	=	3
• Valiyapalli	=	2
• Puthiyathura	=	7
• Vizhinjam Harbour	=	9
• Vazhamuttam	=	3

Other Purpose: Transporting Beneficiaries to hospitals, deliveries and purchases for SEP.



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thousands of the poorest.

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SISP's Board members, management and staff

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