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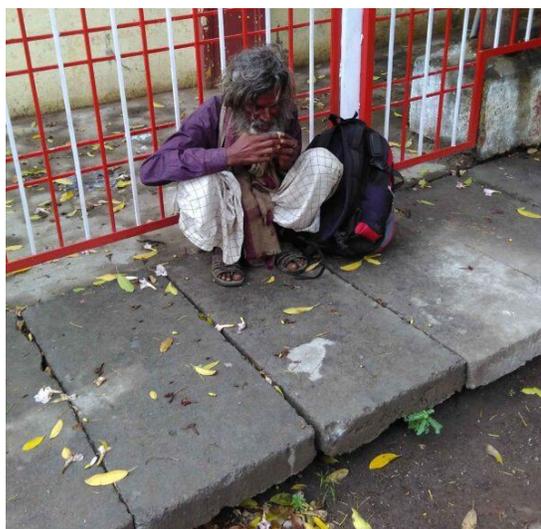
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Introduction:

In 2004, Unexpected tragedies struck south Indian coast in the name of Tsunami; and more than 10000 people died and thousands of people and animals vanished by sea. In the matter of minutes, several people became orphans and homeless. Pondicherry is one of the cities which is still not able to address the consequences of past experiences like homelessness, hunger and etc. If we look at the figures of hunger in macro scale, as per bhookh.com, over 7000 Indians die of hunger every day an average of 25 lakh every year. Every night over 200 million people sleep with hunger in India. These figures are just a glimpse of situation for homeless people in streets.

The story of Tsunami victim who forced into homelessness since 2014

Khan is a qualified electronic technician. Khan says..." I was blessed with two sons and one daughter; all three were going to school. My wife was looking after household needs and my children. I used my skills to earn for my family. We didn't have much but had enough to live happily. On 26th of December in 2004, I woke up early had quick breakfast and said bye to my wife and children to reach the next city on my work. Within one hour gap, I heard about big sea wave washing houses, animals and people. This gave big shock to me. In those days the communication was not like today, but to know the situation I need to be there in the spot physically. Therefore, I hurried back home knowing nothing about the damage. It took more than three hours to reach back home. When I neared my place, I saw water everywhere, no dry land to put my feet. I was looking out for my house and my neighbours, but nowhere could I find. I could hear the cry around me, people running helter-skelter. After much search, I came to understand that, my house, my family no more on the ground. I burst in tears with loud voice. No one to comfort... became alone on street as a sorrowful person".



Mr. Khan became sorrowful, he could not forget his beloved family, many nights spend in sleepless tears, to get sleep started taking alcohol later became alcoholic addict, he left his profession now he lives on the streets by means of begging. He doesn't have the strength to come out of the situation. But we can help him. Yes, he is Snehan beneficiary; and we putting our energy to rehabilitate him into mainstream community.

Once Auto Driver deprived in streets send for Medical Treatment

Mahesh 54 year old man from Chennai, collects waste from waste bins to survive on streets in Pondicherry. He didn't want to deprive his son's basic needs; therefore he worked hard to give education. Now, both of them working, but they no longer want his father nor do they care about him. Mahesh became heartbroken with lonely life, therefore he left his family and ended up on street three years back. Snehan had an opportunity to talk and



rehabilitate him from street and given opportunity to work to live better life. As of now his health condition is not so good. He lost his left eye sight completely few years back and the right only half vision. His legs are too weak, can't walk nor stand properly, he always needs stick to walk. He is send for medical treatment with help of team Snehan.



The smile is back on Mahesh Anna's face. Snehan was taken him to Arivand Eye Hospital for the treatment, after the tests, he underwent cataract surgery. Now he can clearly see. Mahesh Anna narrated his past difficulties been without proper sight and family support. Now he is happy, henceforth he will be able to work and live with dignity.

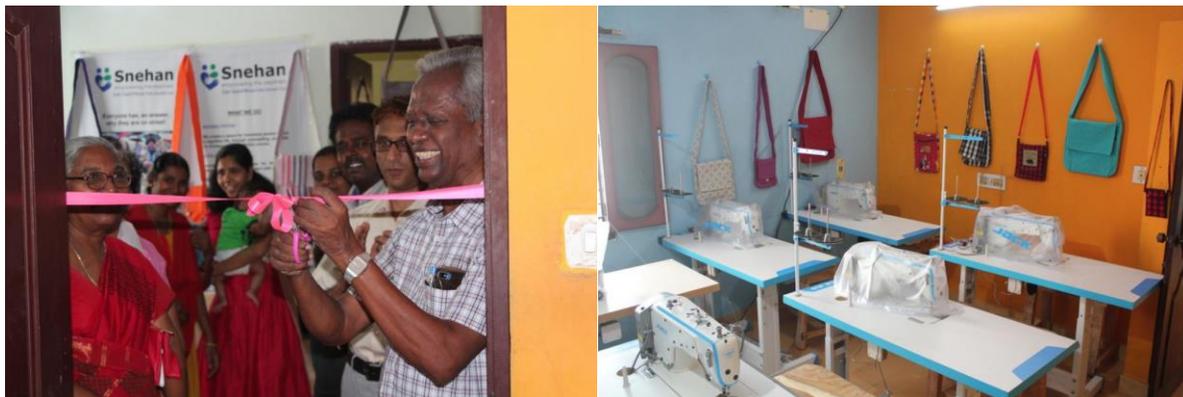
Once again Mani's eyes can witness the world

As many of you know, Mani uncle is neglected homeless person. He survives on street by begging. He faces harassment during night from pickpocketers, who hit and rob the little that he begged during the day. His head has many injury marks. he was taken to eye operation in Arivand Eye Hospital, the doctor said that he will be able to see once again. Therefore, Snehan have cleaned him and given clean clothes. From now, he will be able to see and henceforth he may clean himself.



Snehan Tailoring center inaugurated by Mr. Moses

Snehan is pleased to inaugurate new tailoring center at Lawspet, Pondicherry. This center will train the unemployed, disabled people who are from marginalized community. For the deserving beneficiaries employment opportunity will be given in the income-generating activities. Mr. Moses was the chief guest, who cut the ribbon with prayer. Snehan takes this opportunity to thank Mr. Peter Clever from Germany and Amit Patwardhan for the humble support.



Mrs. Ganda from Hungary celebrated her birthday with Snehan Beneficiaries

Mrs. Ganda from Hungary, celebrated her birthday with homeless people on streets. Ganda is very happy to bring value in the life of homeless people in Pondicherry along with Snehan, She CHOSE NO to the PARTY, NO OVER-EATING- OVER-DRINKING BUT HEARTY HELP THE PEOPLE WHO DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING ONLY THEIR HARD LIFE. We Snehan appreciate her effort and assure her our guidance. Thank you so much.



A 2017 kanthari graduate and Snehan founder Joshi Anumuthu visited kanthari campus to share his experiences with fellow kanthari participants. Paul & Sabriye gave him the opportunity to share about Snehan and the work among the young social change makers, who came from all over the world. The young participants had hundreds of questions while learning real life experiences from grass roots. Anumuthu shared his life experience and real need in the society. Thanks to kanthari for the opportunity.



Visited my Godly Father Joe Arimpoor

Fr. Joe Arimpoor is a founder of BISW (a social work collage in Tirupattur) He is the man after child labour, where he rescued hundreds of children and sent them to school in Tirupattur. I was one among them, who was deprived education because of poverty. I started working in the field at the age of seven from 6 am to 2 pm, until 12 years of age. Thanks to God, for Fr. Joe who came as a saviour in my life, gave opportunity to study and supported me to come up in life. It's his teaching and training, that I am running NGO called Snehan, to bring changes among neglected homeless old and sick people in Pondicherry. Today, I had a chance to share about him and about Snehan among the young students and nuns in Trivandrum, Kerala. Thank you Fr. Joe, Fr. Shayam for the opportunities.



Kanthari 2019 batch visited Snehan at Pondicherry

Kanthari 2019 batch visited Snehan at Pondicherry. The social change makers, who overcame the challenges in life and who want to empower the struggling ones in the society of their respected countries, are studying at kanthari to be an effective social change maker. Part of learning they visited Snehan project to know, more about the project, the challenges, successes and testimonies. The director of Snehan Mr. Anumuthu, shared his experience with them, at the end, Anumuthu presented gift which was made by Snehan beneficiaries to the participants to remember Snehan and Pondicherry visit.



State level training on CSR funding opportunity in Pondicherry

Mr. Anumuthu, director of Snehan – Pondicherry, participated three days (18-7-2019 to 20-7-2019) state level training programme on CSR funds opportunity. Nearly 120 participants from Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry participated in this meeting. The meeting is organized & co organized by Satya Special School – Pondicherry. The meeting was very informative on social issues, funding opportunity and how the NGO's can get funds from CSR. Mr. Anumuthu thanked Ms. Chitra Amitshah madam the director of Satya Special School, for the valuable opportunity.



Kanthari fellows meet- Hyderabad

Mr. Anumuthu director of Snehan visited Dr-Hafeez Basha (Advisor, UPSC & Mentor, NITI Aayog) at his research center in Hyderabad. Along with Anumuthu two more kanthari alumni were present in the meeting. Mr. Naresh Reddy the founder of Tharunam social organization, presently working on National Food Literacy Mission and Mr. Satya Illa the founder of kaanthe social organization and kanthari alumni, who won Commonwealth Youth Excellence Award for inventing safety starters for farmers in London now focusing on Solar Farms. They had quality time sharing each other's project with Dr. Hafeez Basha. At the end of the meet Anumuthu gifted Snehan cotton bags to Ms. Divya who completed her Internship at Basha's research center. They are looking forward to work together to bring changes in the society.



Visited National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj campus for promoting cotton bags for national & international conferences

The director of Snehan Mr. Anumuthu; and founder of tharunam Mr. Naresh Reddy had an opportunity to meet Mr. Karthik at NIRD campus. We shared our social projects with him and explained how it brings value in the life of marginalized people in the society. Mr. Karthik was so happy with our projects and assured his support in coming days. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Karthik for the encouragement and opportunities.



kanthari Switzerland team visited Snehan tailoring project in Pondicherry

Swiss kanthari Foundation team visited the Snehan project at Pondicherry. Dr. Reto Muller, Elisabeth Muller and Mr. Fidelis Gotz were the guests who visited snehan. Mr. Anumuthu the director of Snehan briefed the ongoing activities in Pondicherry for the neglected sick and old homeless adults. And also Mr. Anumuthu expressed his gratitude for kanthari institute which stands as a ladder in empowering marginalized social visionary like him. Anumuthu added how the seven-month training brought value in his life to be an effective social visionary. He spoke highly about Sabriye and Paul who bring change in many lives. After 45 minutes of meeting Snehan's tailoring project teacher gifted them handmade eco-friendly cotton bags with the Snehan logo. And the team was taken for the field visit around white town.



Rejection even after death to Duraisammy

Deeply sadden to know my dear friend uncle Mr.Duraisamy 77 years old, left this world on Wednesday 13-11-2019. He was Snehan beneficiary, where I went and reunited him with his family in kallakurichi three years back. But, again he came back to street because of family pressers. He was working with Snehan for about one year, later he went back to street because of alcoholic addiction, which he could not overcome. Ten days back, Snehan staff came to know he is sick, the staff called his daughter for five days regularly to come and take him back home, but they were indifferent with Snehan staff. But nobody came to see him; he died on the street as a destitute as if he had no body in this world. Sad, own people ignored him because he had nothing with him. It pained me badly. Many tears... May his soul rest in peace.



Medical support to neglected old & sick Paramasivam

Mr. Paramasivam, 80 years old man became homeless after his brother cheated him the property of his share. He is not married; And he came to Pondicherry to kill himself but some-how he survived. He never talks with anyone, but talks to himself. I tried to know about him but he was never shared anything with me. Last 15 days he is sick, lying without any medical support or food. Few days back Snehan staff noticed him helpless health condition and taken action for medical treatment. After Government hospital refusal to admit him, he was taken to PIMS where he was given basic treatment and medicine. Hope to see his health restoration.



Conclusion:

This year is a blessed year for Snehan, where many life changing events had conducted for the homeless beneficiaries. The blind person got back their eyesight and started normal life. Sick & dying person were rescued and given hospital care. Snehan tailoring center came to existing to help the helpless women communities. Snehan takes opportunities to thank each and every individual who supported us in reaching the neglected people in our society. In the coming years, we wish to enlarge our activities.

Anumuthu (Snehan)