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### ANNUAL REPORT, 2012-13

Respected President of Sahodaya School Complex, Thrissur, Mr. Muhammed Rasheed C, my fellow office bearers and members of the executive committee, and my dear member principals,

It is a moment of great pride and honour for me to present the Annual Report of Sahodaya School Complex, Thrissur for the year 2012-13 in front of such learned and elite gathering. From 65 in the beginning of 2012-13 we have evolved both quantitatively and qualitatively. At present with 84 members in our fold we can claim to be one of the biggest Sahodayas in India which represent only one district.

At the outset, let me go through the General Body Meetings of the Complex in the year 2012-13 and some of the major decisions taken during those meetings.

The First General Body meeting of the principals of Thrissur Sahodaya Complex, 2012-13, was held at Vijayagiri Public School on 16.06.2012. Principal Ms. Molly Sleeba welcomed the gathering.

Mr. Abdul Rasheed K M, Gen. Secretary for the year 2011-12 initiated the official handing over of the office to the new team of Office bearers headed by Mr. Mohammed Rasheed C, Principal, Ansar English School, Perumpilavu. In the absence of the President, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Unnikrishnan T K, the Vice President of TSC. He through his presidential address solicited the cooperation of all the members for the efficient functioning of the Complex.

- It was decided to include Roller Skating as an item for competition as there were at least 8 members willing to send their teams.
- The proposal to discontinue Rolling Trophies awarded for competitions and instead establishing permanent trophies was passed with majority vote.
- It was decided to have the Executive Meetings of the SSCT office bearers at 9.30 a.m. on the day of the GBMs.

The second GBM was held at Gurukulam Public School, Venginissery on 19 July, 2012. Principal Ms. Indira Kumar welcomed the gathering.

- A comprehensive presentation on CTET Training was done by Mr. Abdul Rasheed K M, Principal, Mahmoodiyya English School, Perinjanam.
- It was decided to organize the awareness camp for the member principals on RTE on the day of the fourth GBM at Paramekkavu Vidya Mandir, Punnamm on 15.09.12.
- A three member committee was formed with Ms. Kalyani Balakrishna, Principal, Paramekkavu Vidya Mandir as its Convenor to give shape to the proposed Kids' Talent Show.
- It was decided to utilize the service of the clerks in the offices of the Gen. Secretary and the Treasurer for Sahodaya purposes and to pay a remuneration of Rs.500/- each, per month, for the service.
- It was agreed upon unanimously by the GBM to pay a TA of Rs.5/km as POL Expenditure to the office bearers as well as the members of different committees associated with the running of Sahodaya programmes.
- It was decided to continue with honouring the AISSCE toppers.
- It was intimated by the Gen. Secretary that the trophies for all the competitions will be designed and supplied by the Sahodaya. This will help bringing uniformity in awards.
- The members were intimated that in future communication will be carried out through emails.

The third General Body Meeting was held at Excel Public School, Arthat on 23 August, 2012. The meeting started with the welcome speech of Mrs. Anila Philip, Principal of the host school.

- The Secretary wished the gathering a Happy Onam and appreciated the mind blowing programme presented by the students which brought the spirit of Onam alive.
- It was suggested that from the next meeting onwards, principals can bring the copy of the minutes as well as the agenda with them.

- It was decided to break up the Cultural Fest into Literary Fest of off stage items and Cultural Fest of stage items.
- The venue for the Sahodaya cultural fest was discussed. Ansar English School agreed to take up the oral-literary part, whereas, Devamatha Public School has tentatively agreed to be the venue for stage items.
- Ms.Kalyani Balakrishna, Convenor of the Committee set up to reconsider the conduct of Kids' Fest apprised the gathering of its observations. Classes 1 and 2 will also be participating as another category in Kids' Fest.
- Mrs. V Bindhu, Principal, MES Public School, Vemballur, shed light on the accreditation procedure.
- It was decided that all DDs are to be sent to the Treasurer in future. All cash transactions will be dealt with by the Treasurer.
- All schools were directed to check their mails in inbox as well as spam regularly. All communications in future will be to and from [secretaryssct@yahoo.in](mailto:secretaryssct@yahoo.in)

The members were served with a lavish Onam sadya.

The fourth General Body Meeting was held at Paramakkavu Vidya Mandir, Punnamm on 20 September, 2012. The meeting started with the welcome speech of Mrs.Kalyani Balakrishna, Principal of the host school.

- The morning session was handled by Mr.A Rajendran, Senior Lecturer, DIET, Thrissur. The topic of the session was Right to Education. The session was a very useful one as it dealt with most of the clauses in the Act.
- Dr. Anandam from the Alpha Pain and Palliative Clinic, Thrissur gave a 15 mins. presentation on what is meant by palliative care and its crying need in today's society, where support system within families are dwindling. The purpose of such awareness at this meeting was the urgent need of sensitising the children to these issues at an early stage so that it develops empathy and caring in them.
- The general secretary informed the meeting about the decision to order for medals for first, second and third position winners in the sports and games events of SSCT.
- The Gen. Secretary informed the gathering about the decision taken in the Executive meeting on inviting the principals of neighbouring schools as guests for the events organized by SSCT.

The fifth General Body Meeting was convened at Devamatha CMI Public School since that was the venue for Kalotsav, 2012.

- Fr.Shaju Edamana welcomed the members and explained the details of the Kalotsav.
- A dynamic website has been created for SSCT by GJ Infotech, Irinjalakuda. The site would also serve for On-line registration of participants for the festival.
- He also informed that Software is used for registration, tabulation and announcement of results.
- Some decisions were taken regarding some of the events of the Kalotsav '12.
- It was decided to organise a *Kala Sanskarika Jadha* on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.
- The new website of Sahodaya School Complex, Thrissur, [www.sahodayathrissur.com](http://www.sahodayathrissur.com) was inaugurated by the President, Mr.Mohammed Rasheed C.
- Little Flower Public School, Muringoor, bagged the Best Logo and Motto Award and the Best Name Award, Kalaamrth 2012, went to Devamatha CMI Public School.
- The Kalotsav Logo was released by Fr.Shaju Edamana, The General Convenor of Kalaamrth 2012.

The sixth GBM of the Thrissur Sahodaya was convened at Kailasanadha Vidyanikethan on 17.11.12. Principal Mr.Joshi P T welcomed the gathering.

The Secretary thanked all members of the SSCT& Principals for their support for the successful conduct of Kalaamrth. He also stated that 450 students from various schools in the Sahodaya were sent for the State Kalotsav.

- He informed the members that Devamatha CMI was in the overall 6<sup>th</sup> position. Thrissur Sahodaya the overall runner up has won 2<sup>nd</sup> position in all categories, 1<sup>st</sup> in Literary and Music (Instrumental), 2<sup>nd</sup> in Music (Vocal) and Play and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Art and Dance.
- Referring to some unpleasant incidents that occurred during the Kalaamrth, the Secretary asserted that if an event became successful the credit went to every member and if an event failed the responsibility for failure also went to every member of SSCT. It was improper to blame an office bearer or a host principal for pitfalls or actions of other people.
- At this, the members demanded disqualifying of schools responsible for such situations in future.
- It was decided to have a Mentors' Conclave on 15 December, 2012 after the GBM at Gurudeva Public School to share the best practices adopted in different schools.
- Ms.Kalyani Balakrishna read out the details of the Kids' Fest and informed that it was to be held on 20<sup>th</sup>December, 2012 at Kailasanadha Vidyanikethan.

- Mr.M T Kaladharan, Principal, Gurudeva Public School, Varakkara, where the seventh GBM was scheduled, observed that the meeting is attended by less than 50 principals. He observed that in such a situation a lot of food will be wasted as the host schools expect an attendance to the tune of 60 to 70. He voiced the need to have the communication properly acknowledged by the principals.
- The President observed that rescheduling of the events causes a lot of hardships and hampers the smooth conduct of the cocurricular events. He underscored the need for preparing an annual schedule well in advance so that the same can be incorporated into the school annual plan.

The seventh GBM of SSCT was convened at Gurudeva Public School, Varakkara on 15.12.12. Principal Mr.M T Kaladharan welcomed the gathering.

- The President Mr.Mohammed Rasheed C addressed the gathering. He suggested that major programmes should have at least three co-hosts along with the main convenor for consultation. It is important to have programme evaluation after every programme to ensure that the same mistakes are not repeated.
- The calendar of events for the year 2013-14 was discussed and tentative dates for the same were also discussed.
- The highlights of the schedule were a two days' residential camp for the member principals and training sessions for Senior Secondary, Secondary, Primary and Preprimary teachers.
- The Secretary observed that while allotting the organisation of various Sahodaya cocurricular programmes to member schools, the infrastructural facility of the venue school will be taken into account. This is to ensure the smooth and flawless functioning of the programmes.
- It was suggested either to conduct qualifying rounds of football in two zones and then to conduct the Final rounds in the host school. Another suggestion was to conduct the tournaments using the nearby grounds by the host school.
- The President said that assets purchased by schools for the conduct of various events must be accounted. They could either be purchased by the member schools through an auction after the events or stored by the Sahodaya for future years.
- It was decided to hold the Valedictory and Award Function for the ELPSSSE, MTSE, Ujwal Prathibha Award and toppers of AISSCE, 2012 at CSM Central School, Edassery. Dr.Dinesh Babu, Principal, CSM Central School was appointed as the General Convenor.
- Mr.Joshi P T, Principal, Kailasanadha Vidyanikethan, informed the gathering about preparation for Kids' Fest. He suggested the introduction of scoring system prevalent in State Kalotsav where schools were allotted points only for the grades they secured and not for the positions they secure. This was supported by 8 members and was not opposed by any of the members. Hence, the President announced the decision to award points only for grades and not for positions for Kids' Fest, 2012.
- A presentation on Group Medical Insurance proposed for the staff of Sahodaya member schools was made by Mr.P N Sreekumar, of AIMS INSURANCE BROKING Pvt. Ltd. He informed that at least 70% subscription from each institution and a minimum of 1200 members are prerequisites for the implementation of the scheme. The Secretary requested the members to give the feedback before the next GBM after consulting the staff and the management of the respective schools.
- After the sumptuous lunch provided by the staff of Gurudeva Public School, the members celebrated Christmas by cutting cakes and singing carol songs. Fr.Biju Meenpuzha, Manager, MAPS, Chalakudy delivered the Christmas message and wished all the members a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

The eighth GBM was convened at CSM Central School, Edassery on 22.01.13. The Programme commenced with a welcome address by the Principal Dr. Dinesh Babu.

- The President in his address welcomed member principals and also expressed gratitude to Dr. Dinesh and the management for hosting the SSCT valedictory function in a wonderful manner. The valedictory session was inaugurated by Mr.APM Mohammed Haneesh IAS, MD, Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala, earlier in the morning.
- He also mentioned that all the events of this year were over except the Handball tournament scheduled for 23 and 24 of January, 2013 which was dropped as only four teams expressed their willingness to participate in it.
- Mr. Abdul Rasheed K M, the treasurer pointed out that the decision to increase the cash prize given to the 10% participation in ELPSE, MTSE& UPA to Rs.100/- must be reverted as it is not feasible and the previous amount of Rs.50/- should be restored. Majority of the members acceded to this and amendment was passed accordingly.
- The Secretary intimated the gathering that the English Scholarship Examination ELPSSSE will be known as ELPSE, English Language Proficiency Scholarship Examination henceforth.
- The continuation of Karate in the list of events for next academic year will be decided after a discussion in the Executive Committee Meeting.

- Members agreed that a minimum number of 10 teams were required to conduct games like Basketball, throwball, handball, kabbadi, kho-kho and volleyball.
- Mr. Abdul Rasheed felt the need for a review of the present method of conducting Football tournament with an inadequate match time of 20 minutes. He proposed a meeting of all the Physical Education teachers to review the conduct of all sports & games activities of this year. The majority held the view that a combined meeting of PETs and principals should be held in the beginning of the next academic session.
- The Secretary enquired about the response of the members towards the Group Medical Insurance scheme which was proposed by AIMS Insurance Broking Pvt. Ltd. None of the members present showed any interest in pursuing the scheme.
- He also mentioned that at present medals and certificates are being supplied by SSCT to the schools which host the SSCT cocurricular activities. The expenditure on procuring the same was to be included in the budget of the host school to know the real figure of expenditure.
- He added that in the year 2013-14, SSCT will be supplying trophies for all the programmes.
- Father Shaju Edamana suggested a magazine be brought out by the Sahodaya.
- The President in his winding up remarks observed the following:
  - Manuals for the conduct of all programmes be prepared in assisting schools to conduct Sahodaya programmes efficiently.
  - The Ujwal Prathibha Award competition has to be reviewed. The design of the question paper, structure of question paper and inclusion of a quiz as the final item can be considered.

The ninth GBM was convened at Blooming Buds Bethania English School, Marathamkode on 23.02.13. Principal Mrs. Remabai V K welcomed the gathering.

- President Mr. Muhammed Rasheed C addressed the gathering and introduced Mr. Arif Mohammed, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Crime Detachment, Thrissur, and the programme ORC (Our Responsibility to Children).
- This was followed by a talk and a power point presentation by the guest. He dwelt on the reasons for starting School Protection Groups in schools. He observed that though many state schools have got actively involved in this initiative, it had not become very popular in CBSE schools.
- There was a discussion on the permissible heads of expenses as in the organisation of some of the programmes, the convenors were not clear about the specific heads on which they can spend.
- President reiterated the need to have a well-defined manual for the conduct of all activities to avoid such ambiguities. He also proposed releasing a souvenir every year covering the SSCT activities of the year.
- Three Committees were formed for the coordination of various tasks.

I take this opportunity to thank the Management of all the schools who came forward to provide venues for the GBMs for the wholehearted support from their ends. My word of special gratitude to all the principals of those schools who ensured the smooth functioning of the GBMs.

SSCT also organised 16 cocurricular programmes which included scholarship examinations, sports and game activities and literary and cultural competitions.

All these programmes were well-organised and successful. At this juncture I would like to appreciate all the convenors who with their sincerity and commitment contributed to the growth of Sahodaya.

It also held two CTET training sessions which may be the only one of its kind in India. Special thanks to Mr. Abdul Rasheed K M for spearheading the organisation of that unique programme.

At this moment if I do not express gratitude my fellow office bearers and executive members it would be highly inappropriate. It is the team work, it is the sharing and caring irrespective of the posts held, that helped us do something different.

Words cannot express my indebtedness to each and every member of Sahodaya. Together we shared our moments of joy, cracked jokes, extended hands for one another, expressed our regret for the mistakes committed and generously forgave the errors. This year, I really believe, has helped us to get closer to the objective of Sahodaya, **Rising Together**. The presence of veterans has made our thought processes mellowed and matured and the arrival of the young blood has made the Complex more active and dynamic. We do understand that there are areas to explore cooperatively without losing the individualities of the institutions we head. We do understand that standing together has helped us run faster, longer.

Promising cent percent commitment to the organisation and pledging unwavering loyalty to the objectives of Sahodaya, let me conclude.

Thanking all of you once again for the wonderful teamwork!