

MANOVIKAS

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**Special School for Mentally Handicapped
Sasthamcotta**

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Manovikas completed 24 years of dedicated service to the differently abled. In this 25th year we had another feather on our cap. Manovikas is appointed as the SNAC (State Nodal Agency Center) of the National Trust for Kerala and Lakshadweep.

During these 24 years Manovikas achieved a lot. In 1994 we started in a rented building and grown in to a prestigious institution in Kerala for the differently abled.

During this academic year, 10 new children below the age of 18 years joined Manovikas. Today our total strength had risen to 142 at Sasthamcotta, 56 at Puthoor and 22 at Thodiyoor..

Schools reopened after the summer holidays on 1st June 2017. It was an enjoying day for the former students when they met together after the long two months' vacation. But some were in off mood in the new school. All our children were given two sets of uniforms. From the first day itself free Noon meal programmer was started.

Today Manovikas has 31 full time staff members at Sasthamcotta and 16 at Puthoor and 4 visiting faculties. These staff members had no rest during the month of April & May. They were in the field visiting each and every child in five Block panchayat area Vettikavala, Sasthamcotta, Chittumala. Ochira & karunagappally Municipality. Thus we found out new children. From May 15th to 20th we had a 6 days training programme for the teachers for the new curriculam. Sri. Arjunan IAS, Dr. Hari S Chandran, Dr. T Sasi & Smt. Valsamani Cyriac were the moderators. All our staff members attended three days training programme conducted by SIMC at Kollam from 27th May to 29th. On 31st May we had our 1st PTA meeting. 106 parents attended the meeting Sri. Jayachandra Babu was unanimously elected as the PTA President and Smt. C.G.Sreekala as the secretary. This year we had five PTA meetings and the executive committee met six times.

Pravesanolswavam was conducted on June 1st. Dr.Pavithran the famous cardiologist was the Chief Guest. The same day Manovikas was appointed as the SNAC (State Nodal Agency Center) of the National Trust for Kerala. We celebrated environment day on June 5th by cleaning the school premises and planting trees.

On July 15th our New building with 6 Class rooms and SNAC Office was inaugurated by Shri.Somaprasad MP in the presence of a large number of parents and other dignitaries. In July Fitness Certificate was awarded for our schools buildings by the Grama Panchayat. On 20th July, Dr.Aswathy took class on Dental Care of the children. Parents also attended the programme. On 27th July a 13 member team of Early Identification Team from District Hospital visited our organization and conducted a camp. We submitted our DDRS Grand Application in July.

On August we received the text books on new curriculam from Government at free of cost. On 13th a large team of 120 children parents and teachers participated in the Inclusive India Initiative organized by SNAC. Our team was the biggest one in the programme.

August 15th, Independence Day was celebrated. Our Senior children and all staff members attended the National Flag hoisting at the school. Our Onam celebration was on 30th August. Onam sadhaya was on the same day Kanivu Charitable Trust was our sponsors. This year they gave prizes to all our children. All our children and most of our parents joined the celebration. Sports and cultural programs were arranged.

After the Onam holidays school re-open on 11th September. Most of our children were in their Onnakodi. But a few didn't had it. But our Staff members found out them and gave them new "Onnakodys "the very same day. I salute all my staff members for the good thing they done for the children. Our chairman attended a meeting of National Trust at Delhi, regarding DISHA project.

On 2nd October, Manovikas Staff and children actively participated in our Prime Minister's prestigious program Swatch Bharath Mission. We cleaned all our premises and the front road side of our school.

Another feather in the cap of Manovikas. Manovikas is appointed as the SNAC of Lekshadweep by National. First time in India. One organization in two states. 3 members from our organization attended the training programme of PFMS conducted by Finance Department in Chennai. November 14th Children's day was celebrated in our school

The month of December was very busy for Manovikas children. On 5th December, 85 children from Manovikas participated at the Disability Day Celebration arranged by District Administration at Kollam. Almost all of our children got prizes in various competitions and achieved the Overall Trophy of the

program. The second term examination was conducted for the children on the 3rd week of December. We had our X'mas celebration on 22nd December. Children staged various programs and they cut the X'mas cake. Many dignitaries from various walks join the children for their X'mas feast. The school closed for X'mas holidays on 22nd December

On January 1st school reopened after the Xmas holidays. We had a parents awareness programme on 6th January. 120 parents participated in the programme. On 9th Children of Manovikas greeted the Special Olympics Torch Relay to Kollam district and took it to Kollam Town. Our children were accompanied by NCC and NSS volunteers of DB College. 100 children, 30 staff and 45 parents participated in the Special Olympics Rally on 11th January and 52 children participated in the competitions held from 12th to 14th. Our staff was very generous in looking after our children three consecutive nights. Our children secured 20 Gold, 25 silver and 32 bronze medals. On January 17 a team of 50 children and staff members of Anchalumoodu GHS visited our school. An Inclusive program for our children. They had fun with our children, played with them a full day. As in the early years Republic day was celebrated on January 26th. Our senior children and all staff members assembled in the School to hoist the National Flag.

Three teachers from our organization attended a two day training programme arranged by Special School Association at Cochin on February 17th. Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala had sanctioned Rs.79500/- for Manovikas Puthoor and Rs.397500/- for Manovikas Sasthamcotta for starting Vocational Rehabilitation projects. Cotton waste manufacturing unit from cotton banyan waste. We are sure some of our senior children can be rehabilitated in their own home surroundings this year. We have to start the project by June.

Manovikas arranged a one day tour for our children on 5th March to Happy Land Venjarnmood for our senior children and another one day tour for our pre primary children on 16th to Kollam Adventure Park. Members of Rotary Club of Kollam greeted our children, had food with them. Children were taken to Adventure Park, Light House and beach. All the children enjoyed the One day tour very much.

We celebrated World Down Syndrome Day at Kollam jointly with other special schools organized by SNAC. 78 children from our school attended the program.

The Annual Day function of the School was conducted on 31st March 2018. All the children and parents actively participated in our Annual Day function. The presence of eminent personalities made the function more colorful. Most of our children performed their different skills on the day. They presented classical dance, songs, action songs, fancy dress, vallomkali etc. We distributed the Special Olympics medals to the children in the annual day function. Parents were very happy to see it.

Our Disha project is the only prestigious project of the National Trust in Kerala. It is fully funded by National Trust. National Trust had given us Rs.495000/- since its starting in 2016 May. Parents are very happy with this project. We have 20 children below 10 years in the project. In the beginning of this school year, we had transferred four children to normal school.

Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment Sanctioned an Annual Grant in aid of Rs.1069560/- for the year 2017-2018. We received the 1st Installment of Rs. 401085/- in our account, We couldn't disburse the amount to the staff members and stipend to the children as we are not familiar with the PFMS. We shall do the same within a few days.

This year the Board of Directors met five times and all meetings were in quorum. We had one Annual General Body meeting this year. All decisions of the Director Board and General Body were unanimous. We are marching forward, to strive for a tomorrow, a better tomorrow, for all differently abled children.

B. Sudevan

Director