# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

To

The Members of

The Henry Martyn Institute: International Centre for Research,

**Interfaith Relations & Reconciliation** 

Hyderabad

Your Directors have the pleasure in presenting their **51**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Report** and Audited Financial statement of accounts for the year, which ended on 31st March, 2020.

FINANCIAL RESULTS:	<u>2019-2020</u>	2019-2018
	Rs.	Rs.
Total Income	2.74,04,511	3,14,40,357
Surplus/Deficit before Depreciation	(58,74,873)	(1,07,768)
Less: Depreciation	32,05,721	35,85,907
Surplus/Deficit before tax	(90,80,594)	(36,93,675)
Less: Income Tax Expense	NIL	NIL
Current Tax	NIL	NIL
Deferred Tax		
Surplus/Deficit after Tax	(90,80,594)	(36,93,675)

## **OPERATIONS AND STATE OF COMPANY'S AFFAIRS:**

Your Directors wish to inform you that during the year your company has received the (Grants & Other Income) of Rs. 2,74,04,511./- and earned a surplus/deficit of (Rs 58,74,873-) before provision for depreciation of Rs 32,05,721/-

It has recorded an excess of expenditure over income of **Rs. 90,80,594/-** for the year which has been transferred to Income & Expenditure A/c.

The total funds mobilized as per the Income and Expenditure Account during the year 2019-20 amounted Rs 2,74,04,511/- out of which self-generated and internal accruals amounted to Rs 37,72,394/- The organization is dependent on external support up to 86 % and the remaining 14 % is mobilized through income generation.

The total application of funds amounted to **Rs 3,64,85,105/-** out of which the administrative component was **Rs 94,93,756/-** (includes Employee benefits and excluding depreciation) which is 26% of the programme cost.

No Provision for Pension Fund during the year made and pension payments done on payment basis from year to year to the extent of **Rs. 3,10,920**/-.

An evaluation of the gratuity liability as on 31.03.2020 was done and a provision for **Rs 1,81,792**/has been made during the year.

HMI made the Provident fund remittances from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to March 2020 with EPFO. All the monthly remittances are being paid before due date.

HMI registered under Goods & Services (GST) Act 2017 in July 2018 and made monthly remittances to Government of India.

The total remuneration, fees or travel expenses of the board members amounted to **Rs 1,32,438**/- which **is 1.40** % of administrative cost.

## **DEPOSITS:**

Your Directors report that the company has neither accepted nor renewed any deposits covered under Chapter V of the Companies Act, 2013("the Act") during the year under review.

## **AUDITORS:**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 139 of the Act and the rules framed thereunder, M/s Mahesh, Virender & Sriram Chartered Accountants, were appointed as statutory auditors of the Company from the conclusion of the Forty Ninth Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 07.09.2019 till the conclusion of the Fiftieth AGM, subject to ratification of their appointment at every AGM. The auditors have confirmed their eligibility to the effect that their re-appointment, if made, would be within the prescribed limits under the Act and that they are not disqualified for reappointment.

# DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 134 (5) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013.

Your Directors confirm that-

- a) In the preparation of the accounts for the financial year that ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 the applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- b) The accounting policies selected were applied consistently and the judgments and estimates made are reasonable and prudent so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 and of the Income & Expenditure of the Company for the year ended on that date;
- c) Proper and sufficient care has been taken for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- d) The annual accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.
- e) Proper systems have been devised to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and those systems are adequate and operating effectively.
- f) Sufficient care has been taken for the maintenance of Accounts as per the Income Tax Act 1961, Foreign Contribution Regulation Act 2010(42 of 2010), and Indian Companies Act 2013.
- g) The Statutory Auditors have performed their task in an independent manner and the management letter submitted by the Statutory Auditors has been accepted by the management.
- h) Internal Audit has been conducted for the organization during the year.
- i) As required under sec 13(3) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, no part of the income during the previous year has been applied and used directly for the benefit of the members of the institution or any other person.
- j) The Staff service rules were followed and all the social security measures were complied with.

#### NUMBER OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD:

The Company had meetings on the following dates during the financial year under review.

- a) 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- b) 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- c) 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## PARTICULARS OF LOANS, GUARANTEES OR INVESTMENTS UNDER SECTION 186:

Your Directors confirm that there were no loans, guarantees or investments made by the Company under section 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 during the year under review and hence the said provision is not applicable.

## **CONTRACTS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH RELATED PARTIES:**

Your Directors confirm that there were no contracts or arrangements made with related parties as defined under section 188 of the Companies Act, 2013 during t

#### **DETAILS ABOUT THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD**

## **ACADEMICS**

The HMI academic programmes mainly aim to produce highly qualified students with the potential to serve the society. It offers a range of courses to suit the needs of religious scholars and lay persons desiring to deepen their understanding about Religions. This academic year 2019-2020 had a good start with qualified faculties focusing on the progress and achievements of the academic department of HMI. Here are some of the fruitful works undertaken by the academic department.

#### **STUDY PROPGRAMS**

#### 1. POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ISLAM AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS AND LANGUAGE

Post Graduate Diploma in Islam and Interfaith Relations course began on 10<sup>th</sup> of June' 2019 with eleven students from different parts of India. During the nine months of PG Diploma, spanned over three semesters, we tried to disseminate the knowledge on Islam, Major Indian Religions, Indian Philosophy, Research Methodology, Christian Theology, and Interfaith Relations. Our students were given the opportunity to attend seminars on Interfaith conducted by HMI. Apart from the HMI faculty, we also invited visiting professors who taught the PG and M.Th students. PG Academics Valedictory Ceremony was held on 18<sup>th</sup> of March' 2020 at HMI campus. Rev. Asir Ebenezar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches in India delivered the valedictory address and ten students received their Diplomas.

## **GRADUATION PHOTO OF THE PGDI STUDENTS**



List of Post Graduate Diploma Students 2019-2020

SI. No	Name	Place	Church	Department
1.	M. L. Alexander	Andhra Pradesh	CSI	Sanskrit
2.	Samuel Vijay	Telangana	AELC	Sanskrit
3.	Dinesh Kumar Chand	Odisha	JELC/NORDKIRCHE (Germany)	Sanskrit
4.	Pyrkhatlang Sun	Meghalaya	Church of God	Arabic
5.	Samborlang Nongsiej	Meghalaya	Presbyterian	Arabic
6.	Litho Thonger	Nagaland	Baptist	Arabic
7.	M.S. Ravi Teja	Andhra Pradesh	Independent	Arabic
8.	Joseph Zara	Mizoram	Baptist	Arabic
9.	Subongtsungba Longkumer	Nagaland	Baptist	Arabic
10.	Gera David Finny	Andhra Pradesh	Independent	Arabic

# 2. LANGUAGE

Recognized by the Senate of Serampore College (University) the Language course of Arabic and Sanskrit are given for students who want to pursue their Master of Theology in Religions. This

course starts in the month of January where the students are given a prepared syllabus to attempt the M.Th qualifying exam held in the month of October. Arabic and Sanskrit classes began earlier, in the month of June, 2019. Out of these students HMI selected two outstanding students, Mr. Pyrkhatlang Sun got the "Bhajjan Memorial Endowment Award for the best Arabic Student" and Mr. M. L. Alexander got the "Pulikkottil Joseph Dionysus Memorial Award for the best Sanskrit Student". At present, there are 10 students pursuing their language studies and preparing to write the M.Th qualifying exam.

#### 3. MASTER OF THEOLOGY IN RELIGIONS & NEW TESTAMANT

The Advanced Institute for the study on Religion and Culture (ARRC) was jointly established by Henry Martyn Institute (HMI), Andhra Christian Theological College (ACTC), Mennonite Bretheren Centenary Bible College (MBCBC)) and Calvin Institute of Theology (CIT) which is affiliated to Senate of Serampore College (University). There were eleven students in the M.Th 2<sup>nd</sup> year and four students in M.Th 1<sup>st</sup> year for the academic year 2019-2020. ARRC celebrated the third graduation program on 18<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 at HMI. For the academic year 2019-2020, fifteen students are pursuing their Master of Theology in Religions & New Testament. Given below are the lists of the students.



M.TH GRADUATING STUDENT (Religions)

# **M.TH II YEAR STUDENTS**

SI. No	Name	Gender	Church	Place	Department
	K. Ajitkumar Singh	Male	Baptist	Manipur	Religion (Hinduism)
1.	N.J. Babu Chithanpalli	Male	Baptist	Andhra Pradesh	Religion (Hinduism)
2.	F. Lalnunrema	Male	Baptist	Mizoram	Religion (Islam)
3.	K.G. Pousonglung	Male	Baptist	Assam	Religion (Hinduism)
4.	Aphenbou Abonmai	Male	Baptist	Manipur	Religion (Islam)
5.	Jason	Male	CSI	Andhra Pradesh	Religion (Islam)
6.	Velpuri Anasuya	Female	-	Andhra Pradesh	Religion (Hinduism)
7.	Miranda Blah	Female	Presbyterian	Meghalaya	Religion (Hinduism)
8.	Solomon	Male	ECI	Andaman	Religion (Hinduism)
10.	D. JoshuaVidya Sagar	Male	AELC	Telangana	New Testament
11	Anil Kundru	Male	Mennonite	Telangana	New Testament

# M. TH I YEAR STUDENTS

Sl. No	Name	Gender	Church	Place	Department
1.	Pravin Kumar	Male	CSI	Andhra Pradesh	Religion (Hinduism)
2.	K. Sunny Pradeep	Male	Independent	Andhra Pradesh	Religion (Islam)
3.	Vintsushi Thiker	Female	Baptist	Nagaland	Religion (Hinduism)
4.	Hivi K. Yeptho	Female	Baptist	Nagaland	Religion (Hinduism)

## 4. **DOCTORAL PROGRAM**

ARRC got the permission from the Senate of Serampore (University) to start D.Th in Religions from 2018 academic year. For the academic year 2019-2020, three D.Th students (Religions) are enrolled to ARRC/HMI Research centre.

## **D.TH STUDENTS**

SI. No	Name	Gender	Church	Place	Department
1.	Pranay	Male	Lutheran	Orissa	Religion (Hinduism)
2.	Aorenla Longchar	Female	Baptist	Nagaland	Religion (Islam)
3.	Otoka S Chophi	Male	Baptist	Nagaland	Religion (Islam)
4.	Pamhor Thumra	Male	Baptist	Manipur	Religion (Islam)
5.	JMP Thomas Birla	Male	CSI	Tamil Nadu	Religion (Islam)

- 5. Some of the academic activities and programs held during the academic year 2018-2019 are listed below-
  - One day Seminar on "Christian- Muslim Relations" by Rev. Richard Sudworth on 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019.
  - II. The Senate of Serampore University Convocation was held in HMI from 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2019. All the students took the active part during the convocation.
  - III. As part of the "M.Th Teaching Pedagogy" subject, a seminar on "Practical Teaching Skills" was on 24th Jan, 2020 by Prof. Siddiqui Mohd Mahmood, Head of the Department of Education & Training, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad.
  - IV. A seminar on **"A Seminar on Teaching Pedagogy on Religion"** was held on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020 by H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Yulios Metropolitan, Chairperson of HMI.
  - V. There was a paper presentation Seminar on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 on the topic "Early Phase of Cultural Nationalism and Hindu Radicalism in Bengal and Maharashtra Region" by Rev. Dr. Solomon Victus, Professor of History, Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai.
  - VI. There was an interfaith round table discussion with the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Justin Welby on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 4:00 pm. The theme of the round table discussion was on "Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace and Care of Creation". The participants for the discussion were leaders from different faith community. The interactive session was followed by a community dinner. There were nearly 200 people who participated in this program.

VII. Apart from the academic endeavors, HMI students have actively participated in various interfaith exposures like Deepavali and seminars. Students had interactions with national & international resource persons and participants of various programs conducted by HMI. There was also a sports week for the students in HMI from 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019. Sports jerseys were gifted to all the students who took active part in the sports events.

Student Sport Week 2019 held from 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019



M.TH TEACHING PEDAGOGY SEMINAR



**INTERFAITH SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS** 



## **DEVOTION WITH THE GUEST FROM CHURCH OF SWEDEN**



ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON Pilgrimage of justice and peace and care of creation with Archbishop of Canterbury The Mos. Reverend Justin Welby.



#### 6. **LIBRARY**

The HMI library is well equipped and has a vast collections (33, 300 volumes) of academic books and journals of national and international repute on various topics like Religion, Philosophy, Psychology, History, Gender and Social Sciences. These books are made available to the students to promote their knowledge and understanding on various subjects. HMI has already subscribed for the JSTOR to access international journals and books. We also have a well-equipped computer lab to support the students in their research works.



#### 7. PUBLICATION

HMI publishes semi-annual journal under the chief editorship of Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel. The faculty members and students are the regular contributors and the academic year 2019-2020 issue of the Journal (vol. 39/1, Jan- June: 2020) includes the following articles.

- 1. Jesuit Writings on Islam Found in the Documents of the Indian Academy by Victor Edwin SJ
- 2. Early Phase of Cultural Nationalism and Hindu Radicalism in Bengal and Maharashtra Regions by Solomon Victus.
- 3. The Concept of Adoption (Tabanni): An Islamic Perspective by Dr. Waheed Ullah Hussaini
- 4. The "Sacred Cow" in the Indian Religious and Political Narratives by Mr. Pranay Bin
- 5. Religion in times of Pandemics: A Historical and Sociological Appraisal by Mr. Pamhor Thumra
- 6. Post-Modern Theism- K.G. Pousanglung

# **EXTENSION PROGRAMMES**

HMI has been consistently interacted with societies across the world by share its interfaith experiences through Extension programmes. This year also HMI received from both India and abroad groups of different age, gender, religion and purpose.

The focus areas covered:

- Raising awareness about the relevance and the growing need for interfaith dialogue through lectures and interaction with faculty;
- Redefine Otherness and our relation to this 'Other' in a dialogical way by having a broader
  picture of other faith traditions through exposure to various religious places and interactions
  with respective religious leaders;
- Providing grass-root level experiences to find ways to address societal issues through theological and philosophical reflections.

# **INTERRELIGIOUS EXPOSURES**

- *Field Exposures* to BD Students on interfaith reconciliation Gurukul Theological College, Chennai. There were two one from 12 to 27 April and the second group on from 10 to 30 August 2019. These students are as part of their Bachelor of Divinity of I, II- and III-year students. This fieldwork experience given to enhance and encourage students to explore various required tools to incorporate in their respective field for their future religious practices.
- **Youth Exposure Visit** to HMI for 2 and 3 January 2020 total 26 participants from Methodist Church, USA. The group consists of high school students and the faculty were given sessions on Islam, Christian Muslim relations and dialogue, and our faculty took group to visit to Mosques, and other places in Hyderabad where Christian and Muslims work together.

# HMI's Summer Course on 'Interfaith Dialogue' 29th April to 3rd May 2019

 HMI organized Summer Course on 'Interfaith Dialogue' for Faculty Members

/ Lecturers from different seminaries of India. The programme was held from 29<sup>th</sup>

April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at HMI campus.

Fifteen (15) Faculty Members / Lecturers

participated in this programme.



- There were sessions on 'Interfaith Dialogue' from Islamic, Hindu and Christian perspectives by renowned scholars like Dr. Aslam Parvaiz, Vice Chancellor- Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Dr. CSR Prabhu, KMIT, Dr. Packiam Samuel, Director, HMI and *Dr. Geevarghese Yulios*, Vice Chairperson, HMI. Apart from this, an Interfaith Panel Discussion was also organized where along with the above speakers, a renowned Islamic Speaker, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmad from Ongole in Andhra Pradesh, joined in and enriched everybody with his immense knowledge and highlighted the teachings on interfaith dialogue from all the three religious scriptures i.e. The Quran, Vedas and the Bible.
- The following is the list of participants of the programme:

1	Rev. Dr. V. Kanagu Nelson	TTS, Madurai
2	Fr. B. M. Thomas	STOTS, Nagpur
3	Mrs. Cincy Mariyamma Thomas	STOTS, Nagpur
4	Rev. D. Isaac Devadoss	Bishop's College, Kolkata
5	Rev. Nishantha Dharshana Fernando	TTCL, SRI LANKA
6	Dr. John V. Mathew	UTC, Bangalore
7	Rev. Joshi Anand Prakash	ACTC, Hyderabad
8	Prof. T. Swami Raju	ACTC, Hyderabad
9	Rev. Gnana Manohar	MBCBC, Hyderabad
10	Rev. B. Jacob	MBCBC, Hyderabad
11	Rev. R. Raja Baktha Singh	Kanyakumari diocese
12	Dr. Victor Edwin	New Delhi

## **SCRIPTURAL STUDIES ON SOCIAL ISSUES:**

'LIVE Interfaith: Learning Together Interfaith Values & Ethics' programme held 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019, to bringing together people from different religious traditions. Leaders in their respective faith communities as they have an influence among them and play a pivotal role in building bridges between different communities. The three-day program had presentations and discussions on scriptural teachings and Hinduism sessions given on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to a group of 30 Bachelor of Divinity final year students from Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Madhurai.

## **COLLABORATIONS/NETWORKING INITIATIVES:**

Satya Nilayam Institute of Philosophy and Culture, Chennai invited HMI's Director, Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel to deliver two lectures on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Morning Dr. Packiam delivered Keynote address in Zetesis Seminar on "Building Bridges of Reconciliation: Interfaith Perspectives" and in the evening Dr. Prackiam was the Chief speaker for the De Nobili Endowment Lecture on "Living and Working with World Religions: How My Mind Has Changed".



HMI's Interfaith panel was part of the Sustainable Eco Conference organized by Ecology department Church of South India, on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019



Faith, Gender and Culture: Reimagining Just Communities: South East Asia Conference on Gender Justice was organized by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in collaboration with Henry Martyn Institute and the programme held at HMI from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. There were 56 participants and 15 resource persons come from different parts for the Asian countries. During the conference various topic like: Gender-based violence, atrocities, human trafficking, climate change, security, gender roles/responsibilities discussed in different plenaries they are: Faith/Interfaith, Intersectionality; Socio-economic, Political, Development and Legal; Church, Religion and Theology; Church and Gender; Gender and Advocacy. Stories of the women shared in the morning. As part of the programmes daily devotions, exposures visits to HMI Community Centers were organized.



The United Nations Strategic Learning Exchange on Religion and Diplomacy: Focus on Gender and Development and Humanitarian Partnerships. Ms. Sribala represented from HMI Collaborative workshop for contextualisation of **Channels of Hope Child Protection Hindu Contextualisation** Workshop with **World Vision** from 27-28-Jan-2020 held at HMI.

Tamilnadu Theological Seminari, Madhurai final year students visited HMI for sessions on Religion and Human Sexuality – lectures delivered by Dr. Shahida Murtaza, HOD – Women's Studies on Islamic perspective and Ms. Sribala Mylavarapu from HMI on Hindu perspective on 12th March 2020



- British High Commissioner visited HMI



LIVE Interfaith: Learning Together Interfaith Values & Ethics

5th to 7th August 2019, Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad

The purpose of interfaith dialogue is to increase our understanding of and respect for other religions and their adherents. Such dialogue should enhance our sensitivity to the beliefs and feelings of people of diverse faiths. In addition, good dialogue should help participants grow spiritually.

With this resolve, Henry Martyn Institute (HMI) organised 'LIVE Interfaith: Learning Together Interfaith Values & Ethics' programme from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019, bringing together people from different religious traditions. The three day programme had presentations and discussions on

scriptural teachings on issues like 'Sustainable Agriculture', 'Gender Equality' and 'Ecology'.

Renowned speakers from different faith traditions made presentations on the above issues.



Dr. Anwer in a discussion with Dr. Daniel Premkumar

- The topic for the first day of the programme was 'Sustainable Agriculture'. Dr. Anwer, Director General, International Institute for Promotion of Agriculture, gave a presentation on 'Islam and Sustainable Agriculture'. This was followed by Dr. Daniel Premkumar, ICP & FHCOHA, on 'Christianity and Sustainable Agriculture'.
- The topic for the second day of the programme was 'Gender Equality'. Rev. Dr. S. Vijaya Kumari, Associate Professor, ACTC, gave a presentation on 'Christianity and Gender Equality'. This was followed by Ms. Aquila Khamooshi, Vice President, Tanzeem Bint-e-Haram, giving a presentation on 'Islam and Gender Equality'. Ms. Sribala from HMI did the presentation on 'Hinduism and Gender Equality'.
- The last day's topic was 'Ecology'. Dr. Raghuveer, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TSFDC Ltd, gave a presentation on 'Hinduism and Ecology'. Rev. Moses Shanti Kumar, Ex Faculty member, ACTC, did a presentation on 'Christianity and Ecology'. Lastly. Dr. Waheed Multani, Senior Lecturer from HMI gave a presentation on 'Islam and Ecology'.
- All the speakers did a great job in presenting their respective topics in the light of scriptural teachings.
- Most of the participants were leaders in their faith communities who had influence in their respective community circles. They can help educate their fellow faith people on the scriptural teachings from their respective religious traditions on crucial issues like 'Sustainable Agriculture', 'Gender' and 'Environment'.

A balanced number of women and men participated in the programme. The programme was a
residential one where the participants had their boarding and lodging facilities at HMI campus.
The participants benefited from the interaction and discussions they had with each other
during the course of the three day programme.



Dr. Vijaya Kumari during the presentation



Ms. Aquila Khamooshi during the presentation



Ms. Sribala during the presentation



Rev. Moses Shanthi Kumar during the presentation



Dr. Waheed Multani during the presentation

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## Aman Shanti Community Development Centre, Sultan Shahi

#### School

• The academic year 2018-2019 had come to an end in the month of April. The lower class children had shown their respect and love towards the seniors by organizing a farewell party. The new academic year 2019-2020 started in the month of June 2019. 49 (4 Hindus and 45 Muslims) students were newly admitted in this academic year. In this academic year starting three new teachers joined the school. The parents were invited for a parent's orientation and the school activities and programmes were explained to them. The parents were also oriented on good practices which may lead to good health of the children which help them in having focus on their education. The parents were also explained the importance of attending the school regularly by the child and also the parents role in child's education.



**Parents Orientation Programme** 

- The individual health assessment for school children was done in the month of July by
   Ms.Shabana and Dr.Saleemunissa from the health clinic.
- Friendship Day was celebrated in the school in July where the children had expressed their love and affection through exchange of friendship bands and cards. They also shared the meaning of friendship and the values of friendship.



**Friendship Day Celebration at School** 

- Teacher's Day was celebrated on September 5, 2019. On this occasion the elderly children took over the role of teachers and there were lot of appreciation and thanks given for the teachers.
   The teacher's hard work was recognized by presenting special gifts to them.
- Children's Day was celebrated on November 14 2019. On this occasion children had done a
  science exhibition. Parents were invited and the children in different teams had explained and
  exhibited things related to health, environment, food, pollution etc. Prizes were distributed to
  children who were best performers and to all participants.
- General Health check-up was conducted for school children in the month of November by the doctor and nurse from Aman Shanti clinic and individual health assessment of the children was done.
- On the occasion of Republic Day the school children had participated in different cultural
  activities. The struggle of different leaders to attain freedom was focussed. Also children had
  presented songs and skit on friendship and togetherness.
- The school children had visited 'Jal Vihar' as part of their picnic program. The day outing helped them to be out of the routine activity and with the games and time spending together they have made it a memorable picnic.
- An awareness talk on Corona Virus was held for children. They were explained the symptoms and what kind of precautions to be taken.
- The school was temporarily closed in the month of March due to the breakdown of Corona virus epidemic and lockdown nationwide.

#### Women's Unit

• Hindu and Muslim women and young girls are being continuously trained in vocational skill trainings like Tailoring, Mehndi designing, etc., that are being offered at the project centre. In the short term summer course program women and young girls were trained in Bangle making. The bangle making training was conducted from 15 April -30 April 2019. This was attended by 15 students (Hindus-6 and Muslims-9). Apart from this health awareness talk was organized from 8-27 April 2019 in which 47 participants (Hindus 9 and Muslims 38) attended regularly during the summer. The focus of this talk was different system and its functioning in our body.

How food habits affecting these systems and what are the precautions to be taken to keep our body healthy?



## **Womens Rights Programme**

- Awareness programme for women in collaboration with 'My Choice' organization was conducted through which types of abuses, place of abuse, who is a victim, domestic violence, gender discrimination and women's rights were discussed. 35 women in which 12 Hindus and 23 Muslim women participated in this program.
- Iftaar party was organized on 30<sup>st</sup> May 2019. 60 members (Hindus-20 and Muslims-40) took part
  in this celebrations. On this occasion the Hindu and Muslim women came together and did all
  arrangements for the breaking of fast in the evening. This occasion brought both the
  communities coming together and expressing their friendship and close feelings of helping each
  other in relationship building.
- In May and August during the Muslim festivals of Ramadan and Bakrid religious talk were conducted respectively. It helped the Hindu and Muslim community women and young girls to understand and real facts of the festivals related to fasting, prayer, charity, spirituality, and for purifying the mind and body and sacrifice.
- Teachers Day was celebrated in the women's unit were the students took over the role of teachers and enjoyed with some cultural activities.
- Peace meeting was organized on September 5, 2019 on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi and Muharram falling during the same time. The women shared the meaning of the both the occasion and why it is celebrated and the stories attached with both the festivals. It gave an opportunity for both Hindu and Muslim women to think what contribution they can make in their own families so that both the communities celebrate their own festivals peacefully. 53 women 15 Hindu and 38 Muslim attended the peace meeting.

- Health talk was organized on Tuberculosis and Corona Virus. In both the sessions what it is, how
  the disease is effected, what are symptoms and precautions was discussed
- Peace meeting was organized on the occasion of December 6. 50 women out of which 32
   Muslim and 18 Hindu participated in this programme. They have discussed about the
   remembrance of Babri Masjid on December 6<sup>th</sup> and women's role during any issues in the family
   as well as the community.



**Peace Meeting** 



**Teachers Day Celebration** 

- On the occasion of Women's Day celebration the multiple role of women in the society, strength of women in the family as well as society and importance of girl-child education and women taking up important role was discussed. On this occasion certificate was distributed to 19 tailoring and 12 Mehndi students who have completed the course.
- In collaboration with 'My Choice' organization 15 girls were trained to become trainers and volunteers in the community to deal the issues of young girls and children in the community. These girls have received the certificate from My Choice on Women's Day for completing the course and forming a team called "Super Shakti" team.

- Religious talk was organized and the women of the community gained religious knowledge as well as what the different scriptures talk about peace, love and brotherhood.
- At different occasions women got the opportunity of their product sale which strengthened the economic support to their family.
- Two awareness programmes were conducted to impart knowledge to women of the community on National Population Register (NPR) and Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019. The session helps them the community women and young girls to understand what is NPR and CAA and challenges on its implementation.

## **Medical Clinic**

1132 (139 Hindu and 993 Muslims) patients from both Hindu and Muslim communities benefited from the health services provided at the clinic during this period. The ailments treated from the clinic were seasonal diseases like cold, cough, fever, blood pressure, diarrhea etc.

#### **Visitors**

- Students from Gurukul Theological Institute had visited and completed their internship
- Students from Roda Mistry College of Social Work completed their block placement.
- Church of Sweden members visited the community centre.

# Young Men's Initiative Project



## **Capacity Building Training**

A training programme on 'Peace Building and Conflict Transformation' was organized for Fifty Hindu and Muslim young men in February 2020. Different sessions on 'Conflict', 'Peace' and its connected aspects were taken up in the training. A participatory methodology was used where the young men were involved in group work sessions in order to help them learn from each other's perspectives and experiences. They participated in the training with positive energies.

## **Vocational/Technical Trainings**

- 'Air Conditioning & Refrigeration' and 'Computer Hardware and Networking' courses are being
  offered for the Hindu and Muslim young men from the community. Twelve young men
  successfully passed out the 'Air Conditioning & Refrigeration' course this year. Apart from this,
  ten young men passed out the 'Computer Hardware and Networking' course.
- 'Typing course' is also being offered for the community young men. Around twenty young men are attending this course.

#### **Interfaith Festival Celebrations**

- 'Iftaar celebration' was organized in May 2019 with seventy five young men from both Hindu and Muslim backgrounds. The celebration was organized with high spirits by the community young men who participated and also contributed enthusiastically for this annual event.
- 'Independence Day' was celebrated by hoisting the national flag and distributing confectionaries on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
- 'Diwali celebration' was organized in November 2019 with forty young men. There was a chat regarding the background of Diwali and also the reasons for burning of crackers during this occasion.

# **Peace Meetings**

A Peace meeting in view of 'Ganesh Festival' was organized in September 2019. In December 2019, a Peace meeting in view of 'Babri Masjid Anniversary' 'was conducted. In both these meetings eighty young Hindu and Muslim men participated. Hindu and Muslim young men outspokenly shared their viewpoints in the above meetings. A few advices /guidelines were also given to the young men on these occasions.

## Mini Library / Reading Room

Community young men continue to access the *Reading room* that provides newspapers in Urdu, Telugu and English languages, apart from the employment magazines. This puts them in a better position as they get informed on the global affairs /world scenario and also on the job opportunities. Around twenty young men access this facility every day.

#### **Picnic**

This year the picnic trip was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the lockdown in Telangana state from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 and the subsequent nationwide lockdown from 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

## Aman Shanti Community Development Centre, Shanker Nagar

## Women's Unit / Tailoring Centre

• In this year 62 women among whom 39 Muslims and 23 Hindus attended the Tailoring Course in two batches at the centre.



46 young women have attended the Mehndi Designing Summer Course in the month of April & May 2019. Some of the students continue to practice the designing and generate an income.
 The courses are organised in the local Anganwadi Centres (a Government run Centre) since the Anganwadi schools had summer vacation, we were able to get the open space for the course.

- In two local schools Mehndi designing course was taught to the school children as part of building relationship with the educational institutions and children. 78 students benefitted from this training programme.
- Hair Styling Course was organised for twenty-one students in January and February 2020. Both
  Hindu and Muslim community students learnt the course. Hindu students made hairstyle of
  Muslims students and Muslims students made new hairstyle designs for Hindu students.
- Most the young women who attend the course come from marginalized communities. Some of
  the students after learning the course also are able to generate income by taking petty orders
  of mehndi designing on occasions of weddings, celebrations and festival occasions. While
  learning the craft the students also build friendship with peers across different faith and
  cultures.





## Local School Students participating in Interfaith Celebration at our Centre

## **Education**

• Fifteen community women who do not have any basic literacy are now learning alphabets in Urdu, Telugu and English.

In the local government schools we are able to reach out and create an awareness about the education, health and cleanliness. We also discuss about interfaith relationship and building better relationship with different faith communities.

## Health

Through our Community centres we network with the government and private health institutions in providing different health care facilities to the community members. Monthly Pulse Polio Vaccination is given to the children residing near our project centre.



## **Health Talk for the Community Women**

## **Peace Building Initiatives**

- \* Every month students meetings held regularly to discuss and dialogue about their concerns, share information about the upcoming festivals from both Hindu and Muslim religions, traditions and cultures associated with it. Students also share concerns about the various conflicting situations within their families as well as from the communities.
- \* Community centre serve as a safe platform for women to share, learn and exchange about one another's views in a safe and secured environment.
- ★ The government proceedings related to implementation of CAA, NPR and NRC have disturbed the relationship among the community. Many agitations and rallies have been taken out all over India by various groups.
- \* Peace meeting with women's group and with few community men held during the Ganesh procession in the months of August, September and December. Women from both Hindu and Muslim faith shared their concerns and fears related to this occasion. After the meeting members agreed to support one another if any emergency situation arises.

#### Celebration

- Eid Milap party, organized as part of Ramzan (Islamic festival) in June 2019. On these festival occasions, the community members both from Hindu and Muslim communities prepared the food jointly at the centre, served each other and organized few cultural activities. This gives more space for the community members to interact and build better interfaith relations with each other through the food and culture initiative.
- Sankranthri in the month of January and Women's Day in March 2020 was celebrated in the community. Women actively participated in the celebration. These occasions give women to participate in the community building activities, which further leads to increased interaction, discussion and dialogue among the women.

## Aman Shanti Community Development Centre, Chandrayangutta

## **Vocational Skill Training Programme**

- Seventy-Nine women among whom 62 Muslims and 18 Hindus have attended the Tailoring Course in two batches in this year.
- Forty-Six students 25 Muslim and 21 Hindu faith members attended the Mehndi Designing course in this year.

#### **Education**

- From the community 83 school going children who come from economically backward communities among whom 54 Hindus & 29 Muslims are attending the extra coaching classes in the evening every day at the centre.
- Fourteen women are learning to read and write their names, do signatures and recognize different alphabets.

The coaching classes are helping the students to pursue their education consistently. Most of the students complete their assignments at the centre and if they need any assistance, the teachers at the centre assist them. With this, the performance of children at the school has increased and the school dropout number has decreased.

 Eight girls are now going to college for higher education. After a lot of negotiation and discussion with the parents, it is now possible. This is one of the major achievement for our constant and conscious work at the community.

#### Health

- Around 450 children from the community administered with Polio vaccination under Pulse Polio Immunization programme of the government at the centre. Young women also volunteered to assist in this programme.
- Every quarter General Health Camps are organised at the community centre in collaboration with the Government local urban health post. More than one thousand community members have benefited from the camps.

#### **Health Talks**

- Health talks on immunization, sun-stroke, diabetics, women's health issues, dengue, tuberculosis, anemia and immunization were given by Local government Urban Health Post ANMs.
- In this pandemic COVID 19 situation, health talks were organised for community women, men and children. The prevention mode such as social distancing, cleanliness, maintaining hygiene are discussed with the members.
- Health workers are creating awareness about the COVID 19 and identifying the suspected cases from the community.

Women Self Help Groups are organizing their activities regularly. Presently four groups are working in the community area.

## **Peace Building Initiatives**

Students meetings are organized every month in which issues related to domestic violence, elections, health, hygiene, religious festival celebrations, peace meetings, class preparations, issues at home, sessions on leadership building and communication skills in the community etc. are discussed. Young women acknowledge that through these meetings they are able to gain

new experience, strengthen their leadership skills and are able to develop better interfaith relationship with other faith members.

We see changes among after attending the meeting, they are able to take up new initiatives and enroll themselves for higher education.



Peace Meeting on Ganesh festival was organized in August 2019 and in December 2019 - Ayodhya and Babri Mosque issue. Forty-Seven community members participated in the meeting.

## **Festival Celebration**

Independence Day and Teachers Day were celebrated on15th August and 5 September as part of National festival celebration. Students performed different dramas on Climate, Importance of Education, National Integration, Bollywood songs, etc. The Community members, young women and children enjoyed the occasion a lot. Festival also give an opportunity for people from different faith to dialogue and build friendship with each other.

## **Awareness Programme**

Community men and women jointly organised an awareness rally in the community to create an awareness in the Safe Drinking Water. Save Water and Drink Clean water. The programme was jointly organised with the Government Health Workers.



Community Men & Women participation in Cleanliness. Save Water Campaign

## **Festival Celebration**

Sankranthri Festival celebrated in January 2020 at the community centre. The community women and few women from the neighbouring communities also participated in this celebration. They made various Rangoli designs in the different lanes of the community. On this joyous occasion the women express themselves through colours. The entire family support them in making the Rangoli designs.



## Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)

National Population Register (NPR) and National Registration of Citizenship (NRC), which are part of CAA. India witnessed major unrest due to CAA, many agitations, protests (Dharans) rallies, processions were organised in 2019. Due to this, there were lot of disturbances in Hyderabad and other parts of India.

#### **Gender Based Discrimination**

Gender based discrimination and atrocities on women are increasing in the communities. In the community, girls do not have the opportunity to go for higher studies due to safety and cultural factors, women abuse, dowry harassment cases are increasing rapidly.

The community women have formed groups and are offering counselling services to the women in need and to the women who experienced violence and abuse. Legal Aid and awareness programme for the community women was organised to create an awareness among the women about the violence, abuse and atrocities they experience. It is also observed that the women who experience violence are not aware of the issue; they tend to think that it is a regular part of their life style and continue to bear it.

There is a need to further work for women in distress situation and assist women to come out of the gender based discrimination situation.



Care to the Elderly Persons – Creating awareness about the pandemic COVID 19 situation among the elderly.

## Aman Shanti Community Development Centre, Hashamabad Centre

## **Vocational Skill Training Programme**

- Tailoring Course was organised regularly in two batches per day. Seventy-three women among whom 61 Muslims and 12 Hindus attended the training programme.
- Mehndi Designing Course training was organised for 64 students the in summer April &
   May. The community women from Indira Nagar and Hashamabad centre jointly attended the training course.

#### **Education**

• From the community 97 school going children who come from economically backward



alphabets.

- communities among whom 78 Muslims & 19 Hindus are attending the extra coaching classes in the evening every day at the centre.
- In addition to the classes, the art and craft trainings and peace games conducted for the children every week. We also observed that through these activities children are able to develop their leadership skills and academic skills.
- Sixteen women are learning to read and write their names, do signatures and recognize different

## **Interfaith Programmes / Festival Celebration**

- Health talks and awareness sessions on personal hygiene, child rights, information sharing session on violence and abuse organized for the Young Women & Girls from the community Centres. These girls are part of the young women's group formed at our centre.
- In March, health awareness talks were organised or the women and children on COVID 19. Emphasis was given on social distancing, cleanliness and staying safe at home.

- School enrolment and motivational sessions for school children and their parents were held at the community center to encourage the parents to send their children to schools and for children's to attend the school regularly.
- Interfaith peace meet and religious discussion with the community members and women's
  group members held in the month of July, August, September and December during the festival
  occasions of Hindu festival and Muslim festival occasions. These occasions of celebrations at
  times lead to religious conflicts when misunderstanding of certain celebration happen.
- Iftaar was organised at the centre in May 2019 as part of interfaith celebration at the community
  level. Hindus and Muslims jointly organized the celebration and appreciated the religious values
  of the festivals. It was interesting to see that the members were practically able to see the
  different cultures of others. It is one of the important occasions to build friendship among the
  Hindu and Muslim communities. Women prepared the food jointly at the centre and served each
  other.



Women's Day celebration was organised in March at the Centre. Women took self-initiatives in organizing various cultural programmes. Seventeen women shared their experiences and the richness they gained by being part of the Aman Shanti Community Centre.

# Aman Shanti Community Development Centre, Indira Nagar Centre



- Coaching classes are organized every day in the evening for the regular school going children
  to assist them in studies. 68 students (47 Hindus and 21 Muslims children) are attending the
  classes regularly every day and most of them are studying in Government Schools. Student's
  interest in education is increasing gradually.
- Short term Mehndi Designing Course summer course was organised in the Indira Nagar community. Forty-One young women among whom 16 were Hindus and 15 Muslims participated in the Mehndi designing course. The course was organised jointly with the young women from Hashamabad Centre.
- Meetings with the community women are organised regularly to build rapport with them and to dialogue about development and interfaith dialogue.
- During Summer Art & Craft Course was organised for children. Children enjoyed and learnt new crafts. Parents were also happy to see their children making various crafts.

#### **Festival Celebration**

Sankranthi festival celebration - The community women both Hindu and Muslim women participated in Sankranthi festival celebration held at the center. It is a festival of harvest –women make colorful Rangoli designs in front of houses. The festival celebration serves as an occasion for building friendship and interfaith relationship among the segregated communities.

Some of the improvements we find after our intervention in this community areas - Most of the migrant community members reside in these areas. They are not interested to educate their children instead; they used to take them for work. After lot of persuasion and discussion with parents, they are now enrolling their children in school to pursue education.

Cleanliness has also improved among the children and parents; there by the health standards have also improved. Relationship among the different caste communities are also improving and strengthening in these areas through the different programmes organised at the center.

## **Internship / Exposure Visit**

- Ms. Julia Edwards from Mission Partner Methodist Church in Britain visited the community centres – Sultan Shahi and Chandrayangutta as part of Partner visit to HMI in August 2019.
- Gurukul Theology students from Chennai students visited the Community centres as part of study on interfaith dialogue and Community Development in April and August 2019.



Students interacting with the children

• Students from three Social Work colleges, Hyderabad came for fieldwork and internships to learn about the interfaith work at HMI in this year.

## **General Information**

## **Projct Auditor's Visit**

HMI's Auditor made visits to Sultan Shahi, Shanker Nagar, Chandrayangutta, Hashamabad and Indira Nagar centers in the month of June 2019 as part of the regular auditing work.

#### **Church of Sweden**

# CoS Members Visit to HMI - 14th October - 18th October 2019

CoS members visited HMI – Rev. Peter Loov Roos, Rev. Henrik Frykberg, Mr. Mikael Lindberg, Rev. Carl Dahlback and Ms. Hanna Eklund for an Interfaith Exposure Visit. During the exposure visit the members visited the Aman Shanti Community Centre, visited different religious places in Hyderabad, shared about Gods House work, Sweden - and its experience.



**CoS Members Visit To HMI** 





CoS members Visit to HMI – 24<sup>th</sup> February - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Rev. Henrik Rosén and his wife visited HMI from 24 February to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and interacted with the HMI students, Academic and Community Development team members of HMI. Both of them visited the Community Centres and shared their experience with the community members.

### **Learnings / Experiences**

### **Community Development Programmes**

- Educational activities such as Primary School, Coaching classes and higher education for women is giving an opportunity for the children and the young women to have a better future.
- The Students who have completing the School are now going for higher education. It is very
  enriching for us to see that the children especially the girl children are challenging the
  traditional beliefs and are taking progressive steps to pursue higher education.
- The senior students are motivating the junior students to continue the education and have a better future. Peer education and counselling, made possible through this initiative.
- The community centre gives a space platform for the community members to share, learn and develop their capacities.
- For most of the women, we observe that the Aman Shanti Community Centre serves as a major resource centre wherein they learn from each other and develop positively. The traditional thinking, challenged and new thinking is emerged through reflection and sharing.
- The vocational skill training programmes and cultural programmes we see that the interaction
  among the community members from both Hindu and Muslim communities is growing. They
  are able to trust each other and develop better friendship with each other.
- In the School and evening coaching classes, boys learn about the different values of respecting women, caring and sharing their belongings and responsibilities. Girls also learn to build healthy and positive relationship with boys.
- The former students also engage in peace building activities of the center. They are able to promote interfaith discussions in their families and friends.
- Youth members assist a lot to us in organizing the different interfaith programmes, they are very much enthusiastic to cooperate in any of the activities of the centre.
- We also see a progression among the community members specially the men in the community, they are now supporting gradually the women's work and witness the growth and development of their children.

- The Community center serves as an important supportive system for the women to meet their
  emotional, psycho social, economic and other developmental needs. The community members
  are able to discuss and dialogue on issues related to themselves as well as the community.
- Women after learning the different vocational skills are able to stitch clothes and generate small amounts of income to meet their own personal economic needs. Some of the women are making an earning by working from home and are financially supporting the families.
- Some of the young men are also getting petty job orders on completion of the training course.
   This is also giving young men a better platform to generate income and meet the expenses of their families.
- The five Community Development Centers are developing as a major resource center in the communities for disseminating information related to different programmes organized by the government and other private institutions among the community members.
- Project centres are easily accessible to the community members as they are located in the midst of their localities. The programmes organized at the centre meet the needs of both educated and uneducated members who come from Hindu, Muslim and Dalit communities.
- Festival Celebrations are the major occasion to celebrate and understand the culture of other faiths. Women, children and young men from Hindu, Muslim and Dalit communities jointly have fun and build better relationship with one another with festival and cultural exchanges.
- Capacity building programmes for the tailoring students, community women and staff
  members on gender based issues, understanding conflict, peace games have helped the
  members to gain different skills to understand the conflict situation and now they are intending
  to look for alternatives to decrease the incidence of violence in the communities.
- Young women from our centres are now going for higher education. With improved quality
  education, we observe that the women participation in the community activities is increasing.
  This also contributes for community for the community-based ownership.
- Resource sharing and resource utilisation with the government and other development
  agencies is another developmental milestone we see towards community-based approach. As
  the needs of the community are tremendous and our funds are limited, we observe that the
  resource sharing helps us to reach out many persons.

- For instance organising health camp, eye camp, distributing free spectacles, government school facilities for children from few community centres etc. have helped us to offer better facilities to the community members.
- Health workers and other government services such as education facilities are utilised to the fullest to serve the community members need. The network with the government departments at the community level strengthened through our activities.
- Children are able to respect, learn and share with each other. They are now positively shifting
  from violent behaviour to participation and cooperation attitude. We see this a crucial
  development for the future of the society, to have members who are inclined towards
  interfaith dialogue.
- Gender based discrimination and Domestic violence issues are increasing. There is a need to
  develop more awareness in the community. The community women are now learning to build
  their capacities to address this issue. However, there is still a long way to go in this area.
- Local leaders are supportive to the cause of development in the community. We have developed better relationship with the community leaders from both the Hindu and Muslim faith communities. However due to constant changes in the community, new leaders keep emerging. We need to continue building relationship with them.
- Project staff and community women are now taking up more initiatives to address the issues of the community.
- Women self-help groups are helping the community women to meet their basic financial needs. This activity enables the women to strengthen relationship with each other across faith.
- Community participation in the festival celebrations and cultural activities is growing. With the
  increase in the participation, we see that the community members are also able to accept and
  respect each other's faith and practices.
- Through the different community development programmes we see that the space is created to share knowledge and commit to mutual learning among the different beneficiaries of the project.

- With the growth and development among women, we observe that voice for change is also growing in the communities. The sharing, learning, exchanges and growth is possible with this change.
- Staff members working in the five centers are from Hindu and Muslim faith communities. They
  encourage the community members coming from different faith to interact, share and learn
  from each other.
- We observe that the community members have good trust and rapport with the project staff
  members since most of the staff members are working for a long time in the projects. In peace
  building process this is essential because once the people trust one another, then they can
  together bring about change in the society.
- Staff meetings and periodical assessments have helped the staff members to gain better knowledge about planning, organizing, implementing and modifying the programmes as per the need.
- Research scholars or Social work students who take up internships at our project centres gain a
  lot of experience from our interfaith work. For most of the members, the concept of practical
  way of learning different peace building and interfaith aspects through Community
  development programmes is new.
- Community Development Centres as models of interfaith dialogue are gaining good acceptance and appreciations from different groups visiting HMI and from the local community.
- We also observe that the pain, struggles that women go through at times brings them together and then they jointly work towards betterment and improved standard of living.
- Members from Church of Sweden also appreciated the HMI's Aman Shanti Community
  Development Work. Most of the programmes are conducted in consultation with the
  community members, HMI Director and Team and CoS members. This provides transparency
  among the partners in the planning and implementation level.
- Multi-dimensional programmes such as education, health, skill training, workshops, capacity building programmes and peace building initiatives assist the community members in the process of empowerment, education and interfaith relationship development.

 The programmes offered at the centre help us in meeting the Universal Millennium Developmental Goals related to Education, Health and Gender and other developmental goals, which are focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation.

#### Challenges

- Domestic violence and women abuse is increasing in the community. There is a need to creating awareness on gender based discrimination and violence in the community.
- Religious discrimination and caste based stereotype in increasing rapidly. Dress code, at times
  used to segregate certain community members and atrocities are increasing on them.
- Caste discrimination though it has been abolished in India, however it is still practised in the
  daily chores of life; it seems to be invisible and discrimination is done. Through our
  programmes, we are creating awareness about this issue.
- Interfaith and peace building work by involving and empowering the women is one of the major challenging tasks. The community members, political parties and the men folk do not appreciate the women's intervention and usually try to delay or hamper the progress.
- The target communities of HMI's Aman Shanti Community Centres are from the marginalized and vulnerable backgrounds. Abject poverty, indebtedness, illiteracy, unemployment, health issues especially terminally ill persons care and support and very rigid social systems do not encourage the members to look for a change and avail the emerging development opportunities.

This remains as one of the major challenges in our work. With the different educational, skill development and capacities building programmes, we see change happening but lot needs to be done further.

- With increased migration from different states of India as well as migration within the State in search of livelihood or have better income at times, it becomes challenging us to meet the emerging needs of the people. The migrants usually do not have any documents and find it difficult to get any benefits from the government aids and subsidies.
- Creating awareness among the children about interfaith relationship is a challenging task.

  Family members constantly sensitize their children about the religious differences and conflicts

with the other faith community at an early stage of their lives. Due to this the children learn about religious discrimination at an early age. For us this involves sensitizing the entire family on issues of interfaith and peace building.

- Building capacities of the community members is a long-term intervention and needs lots of continuous training and capacity building.
- There is a need for constant up gradation of staff capacities to address the emerging needs of the community. Since it is observed that the communities keep changing and evolving regularly.
- Due to political and economic changes, religious and caste based issues are growing rapidly.
   These issues increase division among the Hindu and Muslim communities.
- Integrating the peace building and interfaith work with the community development programmes is one of the challenging areas of our work.
- Government policies related to NRC, NPR and CAA are also creating unrest in the communities.
- Proselytizing issues and the issues related to communal tensions and harmony remains as a challenge in the community.
- Presently due to the pandemic COVID 19, there is complete lockdown in the Hyderabad and it is in all over India for a period of nearly two months starting from last week of March to the end of May 2020. Due to this mobility of the people is restricted. All the educational and business institutions are closed. Transport facilities are closed and free movement is restricted. The Corona Virus COVID 19 is causing lot of panic and creating health issues among the community members.

## **CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM**

# Focus Areas for the period covered during the year

- Sustainable Land Use & Preventing Loss to Biodiversity
- Gender Equality & Empowerment
- Peaceful & Inclusive Communities

## Sustainable Land Use and Preventing Losses of Biodiversity

20-27 Apr 2019, Tamil Nadu







Ramesh visited Coimbatore and Karur in Tamil Nadu to meet with Mr. Krathick, Ms. Saroja and Mr. Mohanraj to learn about promoting the concepts of Sustainable Land Use and Promoting Biodiversity. He also visited Pudukottai to collect seeds of 26 native paddy varieties with known medicinal uses, to be shared with partnering groups in Manipur.

2-4 May 2019, Manipur









HMI with the help of Mr. Artax collaborated with Khayang Eco-Tourism Committee and organized a 3-day training programme on Ecological Farming at Khayang village. 40 people from 3 villages took part in the training. Mr. Egambaram from Tamil Nadu was the resource person. The main purpose of the programme was to help people in very remote and less accessible villages to prepare their own agricultural inputs such as fertilizers, pest repellents, tonics for soil and plant health using locally available materials.

8-9 May 2019, Manipur



HMI with the help of Dr. Achan collaborated with Mungleng Vathei Hills Development Society organized a 2-day training programme on Ecological Farming at Shirui village in Ukhrul. 41 people took part in the training. The main resource person was Mr. Egambaram. The main purpose of the programme was to help identify and use locally available materials including herbs and spices that could be used for making organic fertilizers, tonics and pest repellents, thereby reducing use of toxic chemicals in food production.

21-23 May 2019, Manipur





HMI with the help of Mr. Artax, helped Chamu village in REM Area of Ukhrul to set up a poly house for nursery and hole drilling machine for planting trees. The main idea was to support growing trees and plants that support their livelihood. Government resources were also mobilized for organizing the event with HMI supporting transport and equipments.

### 11-15 Jun 2019, Tamil Nadu

HMI in collaboration with SUJANA an NGO working in East Godavari district organized a 5-day exposure visit to Karur, Dindigul and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu to build capacities in the area of Sustainable Livelihoods through developing nurseries, agro-forestry, and ecological farming. The main purpose of the programme was to empower Dalit and Tribal leaders with knowledge and skills to make better use of land, local seeds, and medicinal plants. Through this exposure the leaders began to look at local resources as means to improve their livelihoods and to address malnutrition issue that is affecting their communities. It was an opportunity for HMI staff for strengthening own capacity in facilitating connections with people who have needs with resourceful practitioners.



Apr-Jun 2019, Manipur

HMI supported Ms. Tombisana and Dr. Rozy from Umathel and Sugnu villages in Manipur to develop their farm plot to be more diverse biologically, to identify local seed guardians and by sourcing diverse seeds of vegetables and fruits with the help of Mr. Sunil from Manipur and Mr. Egambaram from Tamil Nadu.

### June-July 2019

HMI with the support of Mr. Hakeem from Gujarat, purchased and transported 3 varieties of Mangoes (about 100 kgs) from older trees from two districts in Gujarat, to our partners in Manipur, Nagaland and Karbi Anglong. The purpose was to cultivate the habit of collecting seasonal fruits from older trees and sharing it with friends and colleagues who are interested in promoting biodiversity. About 30 people received the fruits, relished eating them and have planted seeds in their land. This was done on advice from Mr. Mohanraj who is a practitioner in promoting biodiversity. During this period Mr. Velmurugan also assisted in identifying areas for collecting many varieties of Guava, Jackfruit, Mangoes and Bananas from the Western Ghats region.

#### Jun-Dec 2019

HMI supported Mr. Daniel a musician from Diphu in Karbi Anglong to work on a Music Video on Indigenous Perspectives on Seeds. The main idea was to popularize the idea that "Seed is Power" and to promote the collection, saving and distribution or exchange of indigenous seeds to be self-reliant and to reduce the dependency on Seed Companies. Daniel has completed the field work of meeting with indigenous elders, song composition is also done. Video shooting was to be done in March-April 2020, but got delayed due to the imposition of Lockdown.

#### **Jul-Dec 2019**

HMI supported Mr. Mohanraj and Mr. Velmurugan, resource persons on Promoting Biodiversity to travel and identify older native fruit trees from which to take seeds for developing in nursery. They have taken some of the fruit trees on lease to collect the fruits. Key fruit trees such as figs, mangoes, bananas, guava, jackfruit, custard-apple, jamun have been identified and contacts developed for procuring the fruits during different seasons. Through this process HMI staff learnt some of the basic work that needs to be done to promote biodiversity with the help of birds and bats, which help in seed dispersal. Also learnt that one of the long-term strategies to reduce human-elephant conflict and to promote biodiversity is to promote sufficient fruit trees in the forests.

#### Oct-Dec 2019





HMI sought the help of a local artist Ms. Yun Makan from Imphal, Manipur in developing paintings that reflect indigenous perspectives on Biodiversity. 5 painting were procured from Ms. Yun during this period which will help in promoting awareness on Biodiversity.

#### 6-8 Mar 2020

HMI provided travel support to Ms. Tombisana, Mr. Premananda and Ms. From Manipur to attend the National Permaculture Convergence held at Aranya Permaculture Farms, Zaheerabad in Telangana. The main purpose for the support was to enhance the networking among permaculture practitioners for mutual learning and collaboration.

### **Gender Equality and Empowerment**

4 May 2019, Imphal, Manipur

HMI supported Ms. Aram one of the members of Peace Core Team Manipur, in organizing a one-day Orientation programme on Peace Making for Rongmei Lu Phuam (RLP) an organization representing the interests of Rongmei tribe in Manipur. The main theme was Role of the Church and Traditional Mechanisms of Governance in building capacities for Peace. Questions deliberated during the programme were: Should there be changes in Customary Laws? Why women should be included in Decision Making mechanisms? About 30 participants took part in these deliberations.

8 May 2019, Imphal, Manipur



HMI supported Naga Women for Justice (NWJ) and NPMHR in organizing meetings for compilation of documentation related to human rights violations, for seeking justice and remedial measures on behalf of victims of human rights abuses.

25-27 Oct 2019, Guwahati



HMI supported Ms. Khesheli and Ms. Ayo of Nagaland in organizing a Capacity Building programme for members of Indigenous Women's Forum of North East India. Mr. Sanjoy Borbora was the resource person. The main topics were Rights of the Indigenous People, Threats faced by Indigenous people on account of Globalization and Development projects.

### 5-6 Dec 2019, Manipur

HMI organized a one-day partners group meeting at Imphal on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec to get feedbacks and inputs from partnering organizations as part of the internal evaluation process. About 15 people took part in this meeting. On 6<sup>th</sup> December a one-day meeting was held at Imphal to introduce the new BfdW programme officer Ms. Nicole to HMI partners. Ramesh and Jalaja from HMI took part in the two meetings.

## 7-10 Dec 2019, Manipur

Naga Women's Union Manipur invited HMI to take part in the Silver Jubilee celebrations of NWU. Ramesh from HMI took part in the celebrations held at Katomei village in Senapati district of Manipur.

# **Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Communities**

## 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019, Gujarat

HMI in collaboration with Social Movement for Educational Thinking (SMET) organized two 1-day workshops on Hazards and Rewards of Social Media for the students of Shama Nursing College in Maninagar, Gujarat. 96 women and 10 men from diverse religious groups, took part in the two workshops. The main purpose of the programme were to identify threats and challenges posed by lack of awareness on use and abuse of Social Media which affects youth and their relationships within own group and with members of other groups due to problems such as misinformation, spread of false information, rumours, hate speech etc.

#### 17-18 May 2019, Manipur

HMI supported Ms. Aram and Mr. Gunrei in organizing a Capacity Building Workshop to protect Environment and Land in Taokuaklong in Tamenglong district of Manipur. 30 participants including customary court members, youth and church leaders took part in the programme. Development induced land degradation and conflicts affecting the communities were discussed. The main purpose of the programme was to bring an understanding that human rights must not be violated in the name of development and to bring about reconciliation between conflicting groups in the village as well the railway construction team.

#### 22-27 Jul 2019, Manipur

HMI supported Ms. Aram and Mr. Gunrei in organizing meetings with people of Inriangluang village in Tamenglong district which is affected by a long standing conflict. A Mediation workshop was organized with one group to help understand the process of mediation. History of the conflict was also documented with the help of the Village Authority. Efforts are ongoing to meet with the other group.

### 24-26 Jul 2019, Manipur





HMI with support from Mr. Ngamvar a member of Peace Core Team Manipur, helped organize a 3-day training on Grassroots Comics at Lifeway Christian Academy, a school in Chandel district of Manipur. The purpose of the training was to train students and teachers on how to tell their stories in 4-frames using comic art form. Mr. Sharad Sharma from World Comics India was the main resource person. Mr. Akhu a popular singer from Manipur was another resource person. About 40 children and 10 teachers took part in the training and produced comics that communicate local stories and perspectives.

#### 26-29 Jul 2019, Karbi Anglong

HMI supported Karbi Human Rights Watch in organizing a 3-day training for people who had previously undergone training in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding. The main topics covered were Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples Rights, IP rights and Indian government positions, KHRW activities of the last 5 years. 30 people from 7 organizations based in Karbi Anglong took part.

#### Jul-Sep 2019, Gujarat

HMI supported Social Movement for Educational Thinking (SMET) in organizing 6 half-day workshops for Youth on the Use of Social Media, in collaboration with Navyug Youth Centre. 91 male and 109 female participants took part in these workshops. The main purpose was to help the participants understand the challenges posed by social media in spreading falsehoods, hate, stereotypes, divisions within and between communities and to learn how to use Social media effectively for promoting truth, peace, brotherhood and unity.

August 2019, Gujarat



HMI supported SMET in organizing several meetings in Gomtipur in Gujarat along with local CBOs to help remember and reflect on the contribution of Muslims in India's Independence struggle, India's development and discuss aspects of Indian Constitution. About 290 people took part in these deliberations and the celebration of Independence Day.

10 Nov 2019, Gujarat



HMI supported the initiative taken by SMET in collaboration with Navyug Youth Centre organized Interfaith Dialogue programme as part of Diwali celebrations. The main purpose was to improve inter-community relations, understanding each other's religious practices, and to understand issues affecting inter-community relations. 52 people took part in this programme of which 22 were Muslims and 30 belonged to Hindu, Dalit and Christian communities.

14-19 Nov 2019, Tamil Nadu



HMI supported Mr. Hakeem and Mr. Gajendar Tomar from Gujarat to attend a 6-day training programme called "Experiencing Gandhi" which was organized at Centre for Experiencing Socio-Cultural Interaction (CESCI) in Madurai. Main topics covered were storytelling, poster designing, slogan creating, peace games, and everyday actions for peace, fair trade and alternative futures.

24 Feb 2020, Manipur



Mr. Gunrei, organized a meeting on "Sustainable Development and Protection of Natural Resources" at Ramgaijeng village in Tamenglong district of Manipur in collaboration with the Village Authority. The main purpose was to discuss the conflicts that have come up in the community due to development efforts that have not followed Standard Operating Procedures or having not obtained consent from all stakeholders.

#### **RELIEF AND REHABILIATION**

## Inter Faith Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture, Adoni A.P.

- It was resolved that the Life Giving Agriculture Center, Malapalle Village 515 313 need to
   Enlarge its Tent to include concerns of (Roti, Kapda, Makan) Sustainable Living (Sustainable
   housing materials- Bio Toilets, Organic Cotton etc)
- Bible Studies Interfacing Agriculture may be termed "Genculture" Bible and Agriculture)
- LGA Center was Revitalized with Red Soil from the Community Irrigation Tank from the neighboring village for fruit trees.
- In August the *Reliance Foundation* designed Vegetable Production Wheel for Demo purpose..
- In September **Donate a Cow** in Telugu Hand Bill was produced to promote Cow based Sustainable Agriculture.
- IN October- Dr Daniel met Chittor Interdenominational Pastor's Group committed to sustainable agriculture at Bangalore Vistar.
- A workshop was organized in Vijayawada on Christian Folk Songs on Farmer's Issues on Christmas with Dr Chandrasekhar Rao and artists from Jana Natya Mandali Guntur on issues of Farmers. Vijayawada Workshop on Christmas Folk Songs yielded Most sizzling Christmas Kolaatam Dance now being practiced by Faith Home Children for performance on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 5<sup>th</sup> Road CSI Church, Adoni.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> Distribution of Telugu Book written by Dr Daniel Das and Vijayakumar toured villages around Malapalle and sold the Telugu Book Bible and LGA
- Dr Steve Pearce visited to LGA Center Malapalle on 20<sup>th</sup> December was greeted by Farmers'
   Christmas Kolaatam and attended by 120 farmers, and presided by AD Mantralayam Jammanna
   and Vet Doctor Malapalle, Dr Teja were present for the program.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> December Das and Vijayakumar toured villages Madahavaram, Suguru, Mantralayam
   Jalawadi, Kammaladinne and Vagururu and sold Telugu Books Bible and LGA.
- Animal fodder paddy grass was secured for the 4 cows at LGA Center.
- Collaboration with HMI, Hyderabad: HMI Team that works in Peace Building through
   Sustainable Agriculture working in North East India is organizing a Training Program for
   farmers at LGA Center, Organic Expert Sri Ekambaram is to be invited to Malapalle around 1st

Week of April when the farmers are returning from their Sesonal migration to observe Holy Week. Mr Ramesh from HMI has agreed to fix these dates for a week long workshop with the farmers.

- We have exhausted 2000 copies of Telugu Book on Bible and Sustainable Agriculture in Telugu.
   We have revised the book and corrected typographical mistakes and submitted to Mr Raman of
   HMI for Second Print of another 2000 copies. We have received assistance from UCC,
   Cleveland, Ohio.
- A Hindu Trust and a Hindu Pilgrim Center- Urukundu Eeranna not far from Adoni
  Devasthanam Executive Officer has donated a cow from their Cow Orphanage to LGA Center
  for donating the same to a small farmer wanting to switch over to Sustainable Agriculture..
- Lockdown introduced from March 24<sup>th</sup> has delayed many of our activities. But, LGA Center has
  to run and cows have to be fed and growing fruit trees have to be nurtured as well. No
  meetings of farmers could be organized Since March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **MANAGEMENT**

#### Memberships:

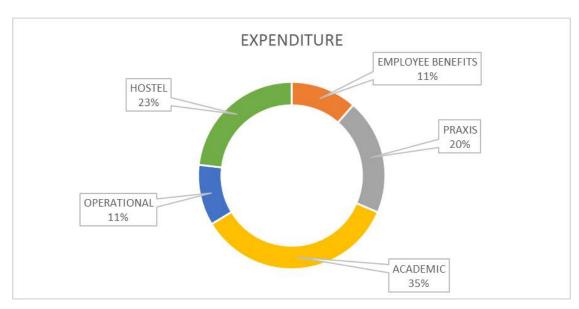
The Institute maintains decent rapport with the local member churches and organizations who are part of Council members and contributing the organizations cause. This year was a good year and members had contributed in large amounts beyond their capacities with our call for the cause of HMI Peace Programs. The following members who had contributed during the year are as follows:

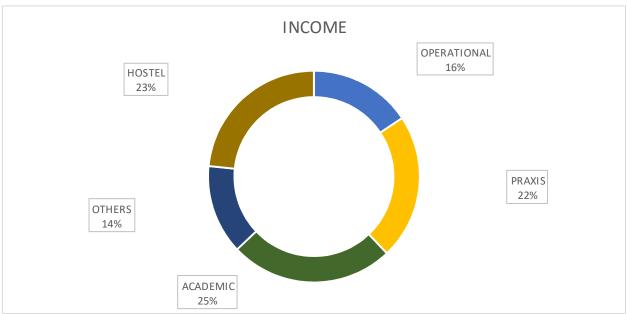
1. The Church of South India Synod, Chennai Rs. 1,00,000/-

Apart from that HMI also contributes towards membership fees for other Churches and organizations.

CISRS, Bangalore
 BTESSC, Bangalore
 NCCI, Nagpur
 ARRC, Hyderabad
 Rs.5000/ Rs.12,000/ Rs. 30,000/ Rs.1,00,000/-

## Finances for the year 2019-2020





# **Administration:**

We are happy to share Administartion and Staff activity for the year. Thank you for each and every member as an individual and as a organization for your valued support.

## **New Building**

The major achievement during the year is accomplishment of the construction of HMI Resource Building in the month November. The building has total G+2 Floors. The dedication of HMI Resource Building was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 by Mr. Steve Pearce, Partnership coordinator, Asia Pacific, The Methodist Church In Britain. The official opening of 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (EKHN Floor) was Inaugurated By Rev. Dr. Detlev Knoche, Director, Evangelical Church in Hesse and Nassau (EKHN) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor was Inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Executive Director, Global Mission Evenglican Lutheran Churches in America (ELCA).











We at HMI convey our humble gratitude to all our partners who has given generous support and contribution for this dream project.

Also During this period, the administration department made several efforts to improve the infrastructure in the campus including renovations and modifications in the hostel building redesigning hostel kitchen into new executive dining hall. To improve the Academic facilities during pandemic for students we had also installed the Audio Video Equipment's for online classes. Most of the major equipment are under comprehensive annual maintenance contracts which include computers & printer's telephones, generator, Transformer, Elevator, UPS, Photocopier and other electrical equipment's. Regular maintenances done to our vehicles in order to be in good condition.

#### **New Auditorium**

New Auditorium was constructed in the garden area for office/outside rental purpose. Auditorium was inaugurated by The Most Rev. Dr. P. C. Singh, Moderator of the Church of North India (CNI). We also pay our sincere thanks to Bishop P.C. Singh for his generous contribution towards construction of this Auditorium.





## **Convocation of Serampore College University - 2019**

Henry Martyn Institute hosted 2019 Convocation of Serampore College University and 94<sup>th</sup> Senate Meetings and also hosted 94<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College (BTESSC). Convocation and Meetings were held during 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29th & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at HMI Campus. There were nearly 1686 Graduates, 60 Principals, Board members, Guest invitees, Parents/Guardians all together 2000 people attended for convocation. This group was volunteered 100 people. We are thankful for HMI Board members, students and staff for participating in the program and giving their best performance. This was one of the biggest challenge took by HMI in its history.











Staff Matters:

Covid 19 too affected our place and our office was closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 and during

pandemic time some of our staff Mr. Sadanand, Mr. Motilal, Mr. Anand, Mr. Subhanuddin, Ms.

Mary and Ms. Varalakshmi got infected from Virus. Out of them Mr. Anand couldn't survive from Virus and passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> August 20 while taking treatment. Rest of the staff are doing well.

**New Appointments: NIL** 

**Outgoings:** 

Mr.Syed Iqbal Quadri, Cashier took VRS from 1st March 2020. He joined HMI in 1993 and

done 27 years of committed service.

Medical Insurance: The Institute has extended the Group Medical Insurance from Staff to its family

members with coverage of Rs 2.00 lacs per family with Videocon Liberty Health Insurance covering

101 family members with a premium of Rs3.00 lacs per annum.

Gratuity: Most of the Employees covered under the Life Insurance of India- Gratuity Scheme "

Group Gratuity Cash Accumulation Plan" where separate Gratuity fund is maintained. During the

reporting period the evaluated amount is being paid.

Provident Fund: All the staff covered under EPFO and making their contributions. HMI is regular in

making payments to EPFO, Govt of India on time. All the staff are covered under Pension Scheme.

Internal Complaints Committee – Henry Martyn Institute: International Centre for Research,

Interfatith Relations & Reconciliation Hyderabad, Telangana State (Constituted u/s 4 of Sexual

Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Research) Act, 2013) and

formed a committee and following members are taking charge:

Presiding Officer: Ms Rayapati Mary Hazil Girija, Board Member

Member

: Mrs.Asma Nuzath, Senior Faculty-URDU .

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Member

: Mr N.P.Raman. , Administrator.

Member ( NGO ): Mohommad Alimuddin, Zakat Foundation of India, New Delhi

Executive Secretary, Ms Jahan Ara.

Personnel /Staff Development:

As usual HMI encourages its staff to build their capacities in their field. This year also HMI had

supported couple of staff to improve their capacities and using their skill to promote HMI programs

successfully. The following are pursuing as follows:

1. Mr. Abdul Majeed- MA in Islamic Studies, Osmania University

2. Mr. Naveen Kumar, Masters in Commerce, Osmania University

3. Mrs.M.Sribala, Ph.D Program in Gender Justice, Madras University

**Community News:** 

The HMI community celebrated different religious and national events. During this year we had

celebrated interfaith festivals like Ramadan, Diwali and Christmas in a grand scale with HMI

Community and their families.

**Hostel (Aman Shanti Nilayam):** 

HMIs Amanshanti Nilayam welcomes people from different NGOs and government organisations all

parts of the country and abroad, who hire the rooms for their partners and staff to stay in while

conducting their programs in the campus. With the inclusion of new building the accommodation

strength has been increased and can accommodate to 150 members at a time and dine. The Hostel

has generated considerable income during this period and covered most part of its running cost.

During the year approximately 9750 people pertains to various organisations utilised the facilities.

The facilities in the Hostel are improved a lot and good appreciations received from various visitors.

The hostel is generally abuzz with activity. It is a common space of much interaction. People from

different religious, caste, ethnic, linguistic and regional backgrounds stay here together and

experience an oneness.

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This year had been a year of continuous activities and several organizations availed of the facilities of our hostel, generating considerable revenue for the institute. These included both government as well as non-government organizations such as, TSIPARD, SERP, SCERT, ICAR-National Academy of Agriculture Research and Council I for Social Development (CSD).

Non-government organizations such as Access Livelihoods Consulting India Limited, World Vision, Prajwala Sangam, Bhumika Women's Collective, Helpage India, Action Aid, UAE Exchange, IGNIS Careers, POP (AKSHARA), WASSAN Hyderabad, Reliance Foundation, Chindu group from Assam, Mehalaya, Odisa etc, The Development Associates Intiatives, Delhi, National Alliance for Denotified Nomadic and Tribe Organisations, and theological colleges like like NCCI, CSI Synod, Chennai, CSI—Coimbattore Diocese and Karimnagar, Andhra Evangelical Luthern Church, AP Living Hope Ministries, Calvin Institute, Wesley Church, Hyderabad, Vacation Bible School, Bangalore, Centenary Methodist Church in India, St. Johns College, Bishops College, Kolkata and overseas groups like U.K. Pastors, Pastors from Germany, Visitors from Anglican Communion Office, UK, The Lutheran Partner in Global Ministries, HMI Funding partners and many others

### **Meetings & Travels:**

- > On 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 attended CISRS-NCCI Meetings at Delhi
- ➤ On 9<sup>th</sup> April attended ACTC Graduation at ACTC campus
- > 12<sup>th</sup> April had meeting with Rev. Dr. Chandran Paul Martin
- > 24<sup>th</sup> April went to MANNU for HMI & MANNU National Seminary
- On 30<sup>th</sup> April attended Book launch of Dr. M. D. Mohiuddin at Hyderabad.
- > On 17<sup>th</sup> June travelled to CNI, Delhi
- ➤ On 10<sup>th</sup> June attended CIT Faculty meeting at CIT Campus
- ➤ Attended ECLOF meeting held at HMI on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of June
- > On 6<sup>th</sup> August travelled to Delhi for ICP meeting
- On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 travelled to Bangalore to meet Rev. Dr. Benjamin Solomon, EMS Evangelical Mission in Solidarity
- On 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 travelled to Trivandrum to give lecture at public meeting on Martin Luther King Jr at KUT Seminary Trivandrum
- > On 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August traveled to Rajahmundry for STEP Program

- On 8<sup>th</sup> September skype meeting with Ms. Hanna Eklund, Programme Manager India, Church of Sweden
- > From 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 travelled to German EMS Stuttgart and other partners meet
- > On 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 attended Mission conference of Church of South India at Dornakal.
- Attended All India Bazm-E-Rahmat E- Alam on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Hyderabad and received International Peace Award
- ➤ NCCI Planning Committee held at HMI on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- On 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 attended CSI Synod meetings at Trichy.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 NCCI Planning local committee held at HMI
- On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 travelled to Delhi to attended NCCI Executive Committee meeting.

#### **Visitors and Partners HMI:**

As our Institute, has consistently grown and continues to thrive year after year. This wouldn't be possible without the hard work of the Staff, Board & Finance members, Visitors and its partners, who have helped strengthen and sustain the lifeline of HMI for decades. April 2019 to March 2020 was our best year. We welcomed leaders and professionals in several programs conducted by HMI.

### Visitors & Meetings during the year

- Dr. Ali Abbasi, the dean of Al –Mustafa International University –Qom, from Iran visited HMI on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- > Dr. Mohan Larbeer visit to HMI on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019
- ➤ H.G. Dr. Geevarghese Mar Youlios Metropolitan, HMI Chairperson visited HMI on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.
- Rev. Dr. Daniel Premkumar visited HMI on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019
- Re. Dr. Santanu K. Paro, Registrar, Senate of Serampore College, (University) visited to HMI on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019
- > Dr. Julia Edward Visit to HMI on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Rev. Dr. Swami Raju, ARRC Registrar, visited HMI on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019
- Mr. Sudipta Visit, Mission Secretary, CWM visit HMI on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- ➤ Methodist Church in UK- Youth visit to HMI on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- CoS members visited HMI Rev. Peter Loov Roos, Rev. Henrik Frykberg, Mr. Mikael Lindberg, Rev. Carl Dahlback and Ms. Hanna Eklund for an Interfaith Exposure Visit from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- ➤ Mr. Steve Pearce, Partnership coordinator, Asia Pacific, The Methodist Church In Britain visit to HMI on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019. For the dedication of HMI New Building
- > Senate of Serampore Board meeting held at HMI from 27th to 28th November 2019
- ➤ HMI partner Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Executive Director, Global Mission Evenglican Lutheran Churches in America (ELCA), visit HMI on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to address graduates at Senate of Serampore Convocation
- Fr. Solomon Victus, Sabbatical visit to HMI on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- Rev. Dr. Detlev Knoche, Director, Evangelical Church in Hesse and Nassau (EKHN) visit HMI on 8<sup>th</sup>

  January 2020 for the official opening of HMI New Building 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (EKHN Floor)
- ➤ Methodist Group visit to HMI from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- ➤ ELCA Group visit to HMI from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020
- ➤ VBS, Bangalore group visit to HMI from 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- World Vision, Vellore Dioceses and CSI Coimbatore Dioceses group visit to HMI from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
- > Dr. Henrik Rosen from Church of Sweden visit to HMI on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**:

Yours directors gratefully acknowledge our partners help. They include, The Methodist Church, UK, Trossamfundet Sevenska Kyrkan( Church of Sweden), Uppsala, Bread for the World-Protestant Development Service, Berlin, , The Church of Scotland, UK, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) USA , Evangelisches Missionswerk (EMW) , Germany, Kerk in Actie, Netherlands, Evangelische Kirche in Hesse and Nassau-EKHN, Germany, The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG), Barnabus Fund, UK, Council for World Mission, Singapore, United Church of Christ, USA and many others who have supported us including individual donors.

Your directors also place on record their appreciation for the services rendered by all employees for the working of the Company. A Special Appreciations to our Statutory Auditors, Internal Auditors and our Bankers- State Bank of Hyderabad, Kotak Bank and HDFC, who had extended their support in our day to operations.

For and on behalf of the Board:		
Place: Hyderabad 27 <sup>TH</sup> November 2020		Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel Director/ Secretary
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