

ASAKIRANAM2.0

Asakiranam St. Theresa's charitable society –To liberate and empower the underprivileged by regularly visiting Juvenile homes to connect with the residents and enlighten them about the transformative impact of education on poverty alleviation. Our holistic approach involves empowering underprivileged communities through educational initiatives and raising awareness effectively. We also provide tutoring sessions for underprivileged students to equip them with the knowledge and tools necessary for a better quality of life. Additionally, we have implemented a training unit aimed at fostering self-reliance, where children are taught valuable skills that boost their employability and enable them to make valuable contributions to the workforce. In line with our commitment to community welfare, we organize regular blood donation drives, further cementing our dedication to addressing essential needs. Moreover, we provide guidance on managing unforeseen expenditures, such as those brought on by health crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby contributing meaningfully to creating systemic change and upliftment.

2018-19

A visit to juvenile homes on 20th November 2018 was scheduled with the purpose of providing educational sessions focusing on how education can work as a tool to alleviate poverty within the community. This initiative aims to enlighten and empower the young residents by showcasing the transformative potential of education in breaking the cycle of poverty.



To effectively tackle the challenges faced by underprivileged communities, a strategic approach involving minimum education and awareness activities with students was implemented. By engaging students in addressing these issues, impactful changes were brought about within these marginalized populations of Ankannagudem.





Educating Women and Children about contagious Diseases

Asakiranam's mission involves educating women and children on the prevention and management of contagious diseases, spreading awareness about measures to stay healthy and safe, and empowering the community through knowledge and proactive health practices.



2019-2020

Services through various helpline activities in Free Mega Health Camp at IADP Hall, Eluru on 4th & 5th December 2019 in collaboration with Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited, NSS, Red Cross and Red Ribbon Club



In a heartwarming display of kindness and compassion, the students came together to celebrate Christmas with the mentally challenged children of Premanvitha MR School in Kotadibba, Eluru, spreading love, joy, and festive cheer throughout the school premises.



2020-21

The customary approach at St. Theresa's Joy of Giving is dedicated to nurturing and empowering individuals through the act of caring. This heartfelt initiative strives to ignite a sense of compassion and generosity, inspiring a community united in the beautiful spirit of giving.



St. Theresa's diligently provided donations to support those in need during these challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing vaccination campaigns, illustrating their commitment to making a positive impact on the community by actively participating in various relief efforts and organizing vaccination camps.





Mega Health camp

During the peak of the COVID pandemic, St. Theresa's proactively coordinated a Mega Health camp, conducting over 700 tests to detect the presence of the virus in the community, demonstrating a strong commitment to safeguarding public health and promoting well-being.



2021-2022

Visiting Juvenile Home



Joy of Giving



Vaccination Drive



2022-2023

Environment and awareness programme in adopted village and students found the need of Medical Camps i.e Dental and Eye check-up as their emerging problem.



11th March, 2024 Awareness on Cyber Crimes and Survey on the Life style of Rag pickers



12th March, 2024: FREE MEDICAL CHECKUP







14th March, 2024 FREE EYE CHECKUP and Survey on life Style of Rag pickers II





15th March, 2024: Healthcare Services - Child Safety, and Cleanliness

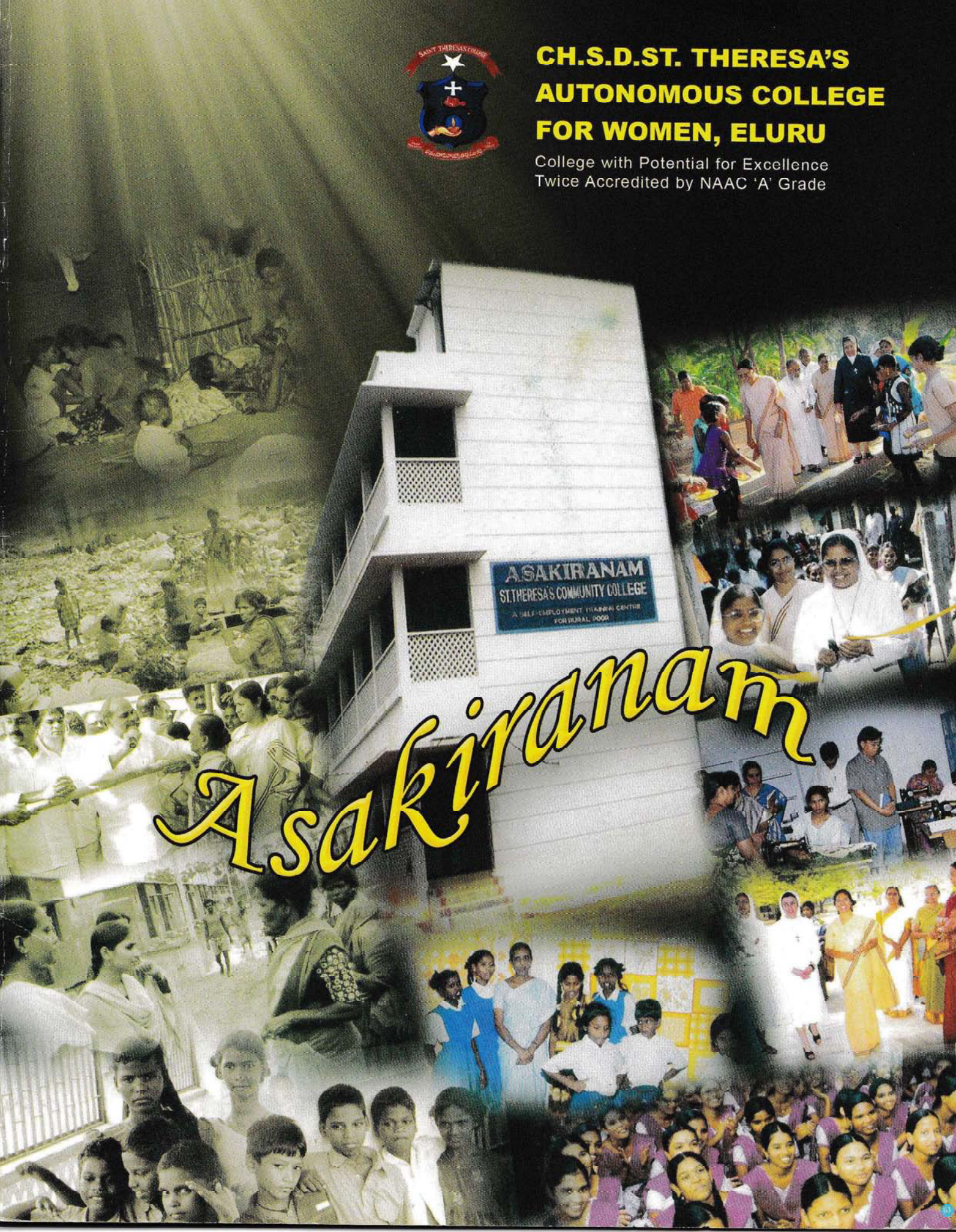




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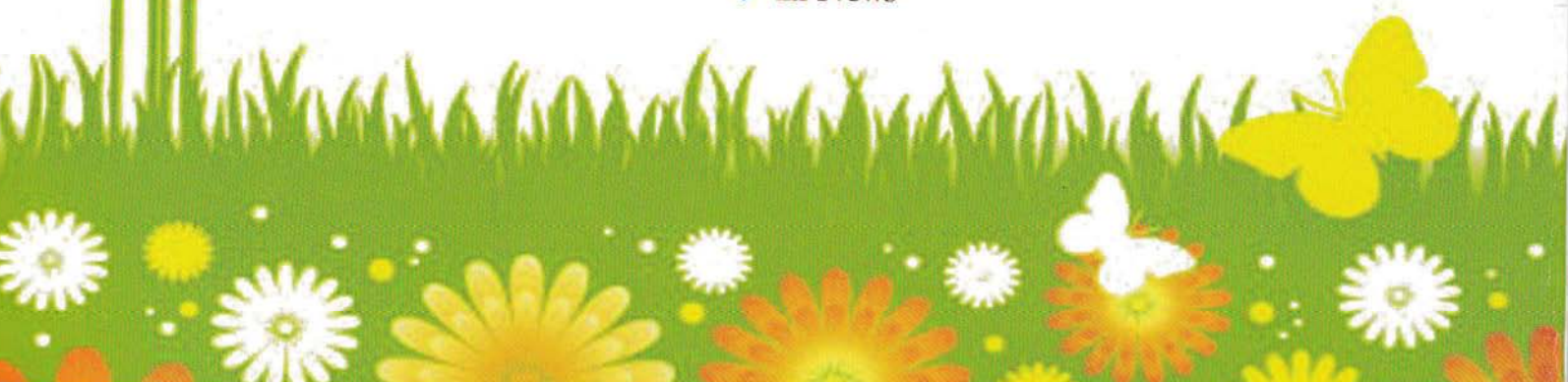
Asakiranam





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Principal's Message



"Thamasoma Jyothirgamaya" is the Theresian Motto. To walk safely through the maze of human life one needs the light of wisdom and guidance from above. Founded in 1953, the College has been guided by the gospel values to dispel the darkness of ignorance by instilling hope and courage and empowering women for the past 59 years. Asakiranam is a golden jubilee gift of the College to Society.

While encouraging academic pursuits and personality development, we aim at dispelling the darkness of destructive selfishness by bringing in the light of creative altruism. We try to create an environment conducive for learning, not just from the curriculum but also from life's experiences. We emphasise on social responsibility and encourage people to experience the pure joy of devoted service without expecting returns so that they can taste the sweetness of success as miserable lives are transformed into meaningful once by the touch of compassion and love. 'Asakiranam' rose in the Theresian horizon in the institutions golden jubilee year, 2003. What was started off as a humble initiative of helping a few disadvantaged children has developed into a beacon light instilling hope in the lives of hundreds of deprived families living in slums and villages. Committed staff members and enthusiastic students breathe fresh life into the programme making it thrive gloriously. This programme enables students to not only become aware of the harsh realities in the lives of the marginalized but also learn to succeed inspite of hurdles.

Asakiranam will continue to glow and spread hope only with the support and guidance, collaboration and encouragement from volunteers, faculty, students, alumnae and friends. Let us keep this flame always burning bright. Let each of us be -

- a light which gives out joy.
- a light which is made of love.
- a light for a new tomorrow.
- a light for the hopeless.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELL:

Girls and boys above the age of 14 years with neither the inclination nor the possibility of pursuing formal education are given training in entrepreneurship development. We train such children and prepare them for self employment or to take up group income generating activities. Courses like small scale business development, embroidery, vermicompost – production, candle making, chalk making etc. introduce them to a new world of success which is smiles away from their usual rag-picking, unhygienic way of life. Association with educated people has influenced them a great deal and transformed their attitudes and habits by building their self esteem.

Self Help groups and Micro financing:

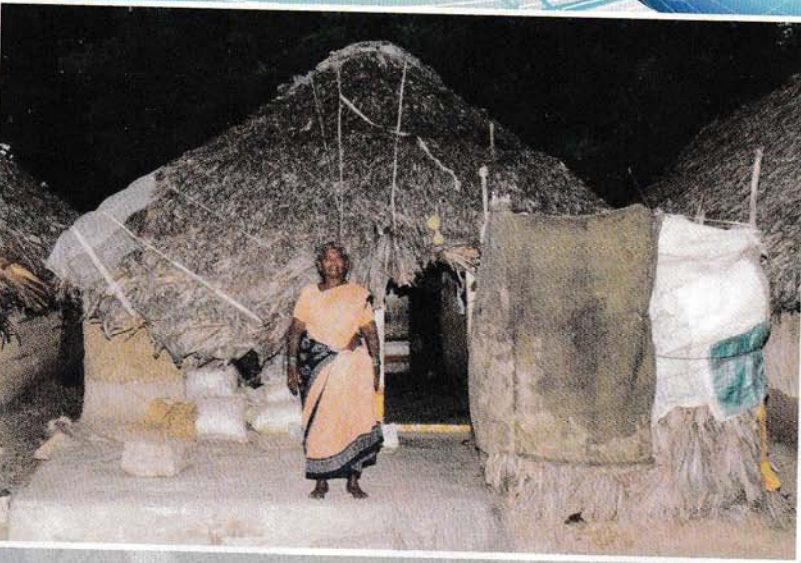
Empowerment of women is an important component of Asakiranam. Realising the role of women in the transformation of family and society we encourage and support women to form Self Help Groups (SGHs). In the adopted

slums, 9 SHGs with 90 women of the tribal groups boosts the confidence of the community. Each member is able to save an approximate amount of Rs.2,000/- annually. These women have availed bank loans, taken up businesses and have repaid their loans meticulously. The improvement in their social worth has given wings to their creative power and they venture into challenging areas of improving the family income, discourage child labour, encourage education of their children and concentrate on hygiene and sanitation. Thus they assert themselves as agents of social transformation.

Income generating Units:

Tribal rag-pickers and illiterate women are encouraged to take up income generating activities. Depending on their abilities and interests they take up a variety of self-employment activities which fetch additional income to the families.





SLUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

Development and Rehabilitation of the slum dwellers has been the chief mission of Asakiranam. The challenging task of transforming the lives of the Yenadi tribal rag pickers who live in huts along the sewage canal is painfully slow but worth the effort. Totally illiterate they eke out livelihoods amidst municipal waste and street-side garbage, bring up home their prized valuables – plastic packets, bottles, electric wires, metals, paper and likewise teeming

germs and houseflies swarming to their huts. In the beginning their faces were pictures of ill health with matted hair, stinking unchanged dirty clothes. Malnourished infants were aplenty in every home that featured drunken men and women, child labourers... their woes could form a long list. A multi directional approach was adopted to bring overall development to these wretched and helpless people.



Housing Projects:

Our management and staff using their influence in society, with the Governmental support and through generous contributions got 23 concrete houses constructed in Yanadigudem, a slum in the suburbs of Eluru, in place of their low roofed make – shift homes.



❖ The construction of 80 concrete houses was supported through the Rajiv Gruha Kalpa (RGK) housing scheme for homeless people of Eluru in YSR Colony, Ponangi.

❖ To promote sanitation and hygiene toilets were constructed for each home.

❖ **Balwadi Centres** were launched to initiate education and healthy eating habits among children. Now these centres are converted to an ICDS anganwadi centre catering to the education and health of children of 0 – 6 years.

❖ **The Vocational Training Centre** for the youth in the slum gives life-coping, job-oriented skills to them after their work hours.



❖ **Vermicomposting Units:**

Decomposable waste materials are converted to natural manure with the help of earthworms in vermicomposting units. Sheds were constructed near the slum and the youth were trained in producing and marketing vermicompost. Apart from additional income this venture helps them to earn commendable during their leisure time.

❖ **Small Business Units:** Empowering women to be self reliant and resourceful breadwinners of

the family is a challenging task. Manual skills and business development skills are taught to the tribal rag picking women who take up different business units like candle making units, chalk making units, and embroidery units.





❖ **Community Health programmes:**

Improved health awareness and access to basic health services are provided to the adopted villages and slums by the NSS volunteers through linkages with hospitals, NGOs and other service minded individuals and agencies.

Awareness and health camps on issues of sanitation, hygiene, HIV/AIDS, communicable and seasonal diseases, family planning, vaccination, ensuring supply of government health services, providing safe drinking water facility are some of the regular activities taken up by the volunteers.

❖ **Livelihood promotion:** Linking the men folk to the Clean and Green program of the municipality, 30 families were provided with tri-cycles used for house to house collection of garbage programme. The dry waste materials are separated and recycled products are sold on a daily/weekly basis to earn income for the families. Some men folk purchase units of these recycled products.



STEP-UP:

St. Theresa's Educational programme for the under privileged (STEP UP) was started in 2000 as an initiative of the staff and students to extend educational support to poor children of the locality. Started with a humble intention of providing evening tuition for the village children this has slowly developed into providing financial support

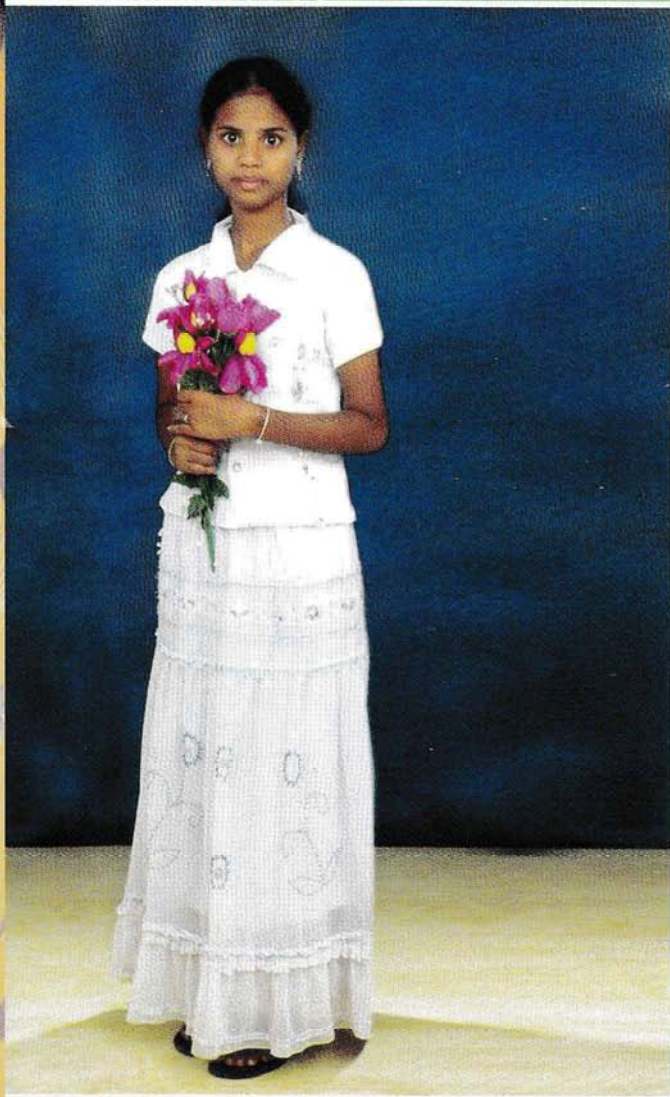


to many orphans and street children of Asakiranam who want to pursue their higher education. Besides monetary help, moral and psychological support is provided through the college counselors and student welfare committees. Currently the program is supported by the Management, faculty and students of the College. We wish to associate with the alumnae, individuals and other interested service agencies in this noble task so that many more children could benefit from the programme.

SUCCESS STORIES :

Sarika Chinna Rao (18 years) is an orphan boy who was rescued from child labour. He was working in a cycle shop to support his younger sister. He was brought to Asakiranam when 11 years of age along with his sister Mariamma aged 6. He had dropped out of 3rd class. He attended the residential bridge course and was mainstreamed into 6th class in St. Xavier's High School, Eluru. He is a very motivated and determined boy who has used every chance to develop himself. After passing his 10th class he pursued his ITI training in Automobile mechanism and qualified in the Polytechnic entrance exam. Currently he is pursuing his studies in Mechanical Engineering in Gudlavalleru Polytechnic College. His sister Mariamma is currently studying Medical Lab Technician course in (Junior Intermediate) our College.





Kathi Ramana was a ragpicker who was brought to Asakiranam at the age of 10. She had dropped out of school after the 1st standard and since then took to picking rags with her parents and siblings. After 2 years of bridge course she was mainstreamed into the regular school. However she could not cope with the stress involved in the formal education system. She appeared as a private student for 7th Class public exam and in the following year appeared as a private candidate for the S.S.C. Common exam and joined the Medical Lab Technician course in the Intermediate education stream. She is now working as a Vidya volunteer in our NCLP School and pursuing her B.A. Degree. She has the credit of being the first person from the Yenadi Tribal Community in the area to have studied SSC or beyond.

P.Chandana is an orphan child who was forced to drop out of 7th class and work in the fields to supplement the family income and support her grand mother. As a member of Asakiranam children's Home she completed her SSC and Intermediate course. Now she is a student in B.Sc.Home Science Triple F Course (Fashion Designing, Food Science and Family Studies). All along her studies, she excelled in academics and has turned out to be a balanced and affectionate person herself becoming a ray of hope – "Asakiranam" for the hapless, hopeless and unruly orphan and street children of the children's home.





శాంతినిరూపి అంబేద్కర్ విద్యాలయం పిల్లలకు ఉపహారం

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Eluru, Oct. 29. Ramana, a community, 4-year-old school just a few days after her admission in the first standard... She feels alien to the standard environment.

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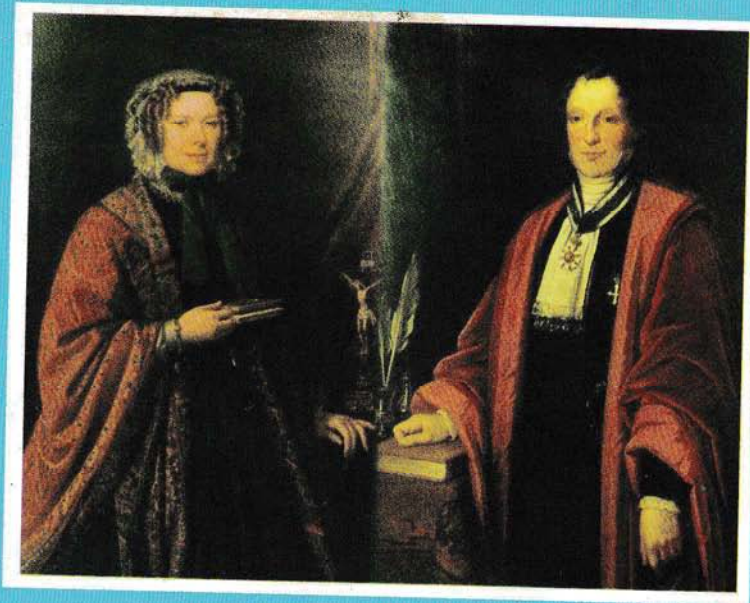
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Theresa's College Eluru National Service Scheme District Level Youth Leadership Training Camp For Girls. Includes photo of a speaker and text about the camp.

చెట్లకుప్పల నడిమి చిన్నారులు. ముప్పుగల్గి దీక్షలు అధికార యంత్రాంగం. Includes photo of children and text about their struggles.



Our Inspiration

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and Marquis Carlo Tancredi
Di Barolo
the founders of
the congregation of
the Sisters of Saint Ann

Guiding Stars



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Provincial Superior



Sr. Ursula
Superior & Correspondent

Pioneering Team



We heartily invite you to be part of Asakiranam

Contribute your time and energy
Work as a Volunteer
Sponsor a child's education

Share your happy moments
Share your expertise
Be a counsellor

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