

**ST. GREGORIOS DAYABHAVAN***(A Project of Malankara Orthodox Church Mission Board)*

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**PREFACE**

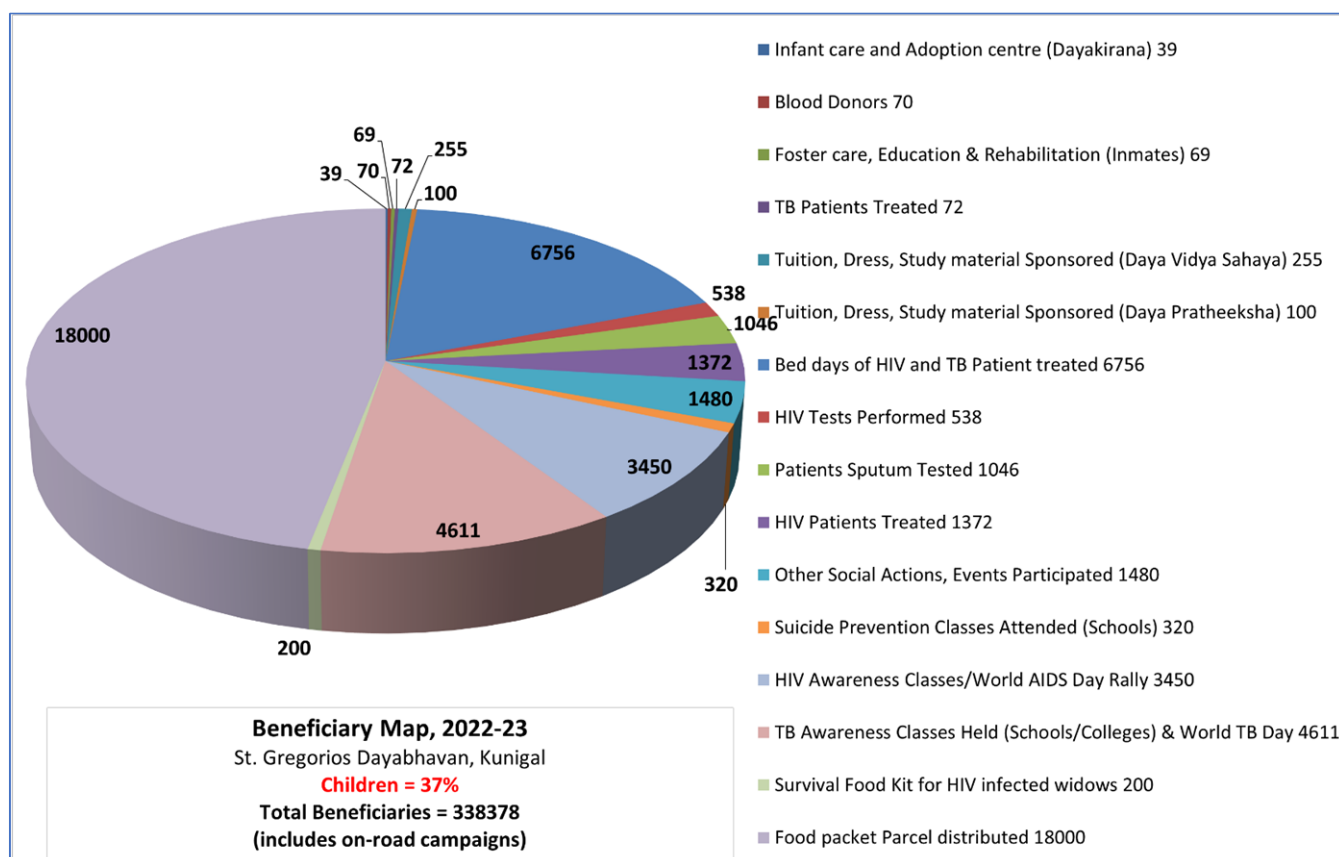
St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is a registered society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, and a public charitable trust under section 12AA(1)(b)(i) of the IT Act, 1961. It has been operating from Kunigal Taluk of Tumkur District, Karnataka, since 2003. The Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka, recognizes the organization, which primarily serves children whose families are affected by the disease. In addition to childcare, the organization is involved in various community services such as healthcare, education, and empowering the rural population in Tumkur district.

Two recent initiatives include The ARK Multi-purpose Complex and Daya-Ashy Anupalana Gruha; the latter serves as an aftercare home for girls aged 18 to 23 years on our campus. The organization also operates a hospital cum palliative care centre. It runs two hospitals, one in Kunigal village and the other exclusively for AIDS/TB patients in Tumkur town. Inpatient and palliative care services are provided free of charge. The organization sponsors the education (tuition, dress, study materials, meal, and transportation) of all resident inmates (children above six years) as well as other disease-affected children (non-residential) from neighbouring villages. This support extends from kindergarten level to professional courses.

Regular outreach services and capacity-building campaigns benefit rural inhabitants. These include health camps, door-to-door health screenings, awareness programs for school children, blood donation campaigns, and other community services. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan maintains close ties with several healthcare institutions and government bodies, including the Department of Women and Child Development (Govt. of Karnataka), Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT), Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), and Directorate of Minorities (Govt. of Karnataka). Collaborating with these entities, the organization implements healthcare programs in the district.

The core objective of this mission is to restore quality in the lives of distressed individuals in rural communities and enable them to pursue economic opportunities for self-sustainability. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan continually strives to fulfil the vision of its Founder President, the Late Lamented HG Dr Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Metropolitan. This report provides an overview of the organization's activities during 2022–23, which we illustrate on a beneficiary map.

## Beneficiary map 2022-23



## A. REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan's core objective is to rehabilitate and educate disease-affected children. The organization dedicates to making them self-reliant, supportive of their families, and socially inclusive. It provides comprehensive care, support, and education to children from diverse backgrounds, fostering their development from primary to professional levels. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan empowers these children to contribute actively to their families and socially inclusive society.

### A1: Rehabilitation Home

The summary of occupancy of Dayabhavan Home is in Table-1.

Table-1: Occupancy data of **Dayabhavan** and **Dayatheeram** Children's Home

Rehabilitation and Education	Number of Children		
	Plan 2022-23	Actual 2022-23	Estimate 2023-24
Residential (Boys)	72	69	75
Non-Residential (Girls)	265	255	300
Daya Pratheeksha (Prison Ministry)	125	100	125

## **A2: Roll of Honor**

### **Turning professionals...**

- ❖ Mr. Titus, Post-Basic BSc Nursing, MS Ramaiah Group of Institutions, Bangalore.
- ❖ Mr. Adarsha, Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, Varadaraja College of Paramedical Sciences, Tumkur.
- ❖ Mr. Arun GT, Artificial Intelligence Engineering, Sridevi Engineering College, Tumkur.
- ❖ Mr. Vishal, BSc Medical Laboratory Technology, Aruna College, Tumkur.
- ❖ Mr. Kiran BV, B Pharm, Sridevi College, Tumkur.
- ❖ Mr. Ryan Paul, D Pharm, Aruna College, Tumkur.
- ❖ Mr. Nanjunda Swamy, BA Arts, Government First-grade College, Hebbur.
- ❖ Mr. Srinivasa B, BA Pol Science, Government First-grade College, Kunigal.
- ❖ Mr. Punith Raj, Mechanical Engineering, BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore (Extension of Compassion).
- ❖ Miss. Suma, BSc Nursing, Sridevi Institute of Medical Science, Tumkur (Extension of Compassion).
- ❖ Miss. Keerthana Diploma in Laboratory Technology, Indira Gandhi College, Hosadurga (Extn of Compassion).

## **A3: Alumni News**

### **A3.1 Spotlight ...October 2022**

Mr Gowrish (BSc) and Mr Srinivas G (BE), former inmates and currently working in Cipla Pharmaceutical Company, Tumkur and HAL Ancillary, Bangalore, respectively were last seen riding on two wheels.



### **A3.2 Stork**

Our senior inmate and alumnus, Narayan (Engineer, JP Morgan, Bangalore), and his family have been blessed with a baby boy on 6 October 2022. Congratulations and welcome to the new addition! It's a joyful time to celebrate.



#### **A4: Daya-Vidya-Sahaya and Daya-Pratheeksha: 21 May 2022**

Daya-Vidya-Sahaya is an education support program for HIV-infected and affected girl children, and Daya-Pratheeksha is an education support program for prisoners' children at Dayasparsha Hospital. The program was presided over by our secretary, Reverend Abraham Ramban. The distinguished guests who attended the program were:

- ❖ Sri Raghavendra Shettigar - Honourable Judge, Session Court, Tumkur
- ❖ Sri PG Chacko - Retired Judge
- ❖ Dr Hanumantharayappa - Joint Director of KSAPS, Government of Karnataka
- ❖ Smt. Shanthashree - Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy. SP) and Jail Superintendent, Tumkur
- ❖ Dr Sanath Kumar - DAPCU and DTO, Tumkur
- ❖ Smt. Mohanakumari - District Supervisor, DAPCU, Tumkur.
- ❖ Sri Shivanna - Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Tumkur
- ❖ Rev. Fr. Shibu - Vicar, St. Johns Marthoma Church, Tumkur.
- ❖ Sri Prasad Samuel - Joint Secretary, Trinity Charitable Association, Marathahalli, Bangalore
- ❖ Sri Sathyan Parakadavil - Treasurer, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal
- ❖ Sri Mohan - Retired ISRO Officer
- ❖ Sri Varkey Chacko - Trustee, Wings Foundation, Tumkur.
- ❖ Sri Dinakar - Coordinator, Chirajeevana Network for HIV-positive People, Tumkur.



#### **A5: Dayasangama-2023**

A get-together for our inmates and their families.



#### **A6: Daya Prakasha**

A 3days residential program for infected teen's age from 16 to 25 years were organised by Dayabhavan and was formally inaugurated Very. Rev. Abraham Ramban in the presence of the following dignitaries.

- ❖ Sri N M Achen Kunju, Sr Member, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal
- ❖ Sri Sridhar, Assistant Sub Inspector, Kunigal
- ❖ Sri Dinesh Kumar, Former Chairman of Kannada Sahithya Parishath, Kunigal
- ❖ Sri Ajay Kumar, Manager, LIC, Kunigal
- ❖ Sri Tharanath, Writer
- ❖ Sri Chandramouli, Film Director, Tumkur

Through this program, 40 teens received comprehensive training and support.





#### **A7: Workshop for Children: 20 November 2022**

A creative and innovative activity workshop was organized for our children by the Department of Women and Children in association with the Chiguru Foundation in Kunigal. Smt. Anusha, the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Kunigal, and Smt. Pushpa, the President of the Chiguru Foundation, participated in this program.



#### **A8: Taluk Level Sports Competition - 15 July 2022**

Congratulations dear Thippeswamy for winning first prize in Taluk level sports competition in many events.



#### **A9: Independence Day celebration: 15 August 2022**

The 76th Independence Day celebration with Dayaboyz was an inspirational event for everyone. Their creativity was excellent and worthy of appreciation.



#### **A10: Footprints 5k and 10k running competition: 21 August 2022**

Our children took part in a socially impactful event organized by Sneha Sadan in Bangalore.



#### **A11: Patriotic song competition: 3 September 2022**

We have organized a patriotic song competition and a medical camp at Dayabhavan with the support of the Women and Child Development Department. Smt. Anusha (CDPO), Dr Darshini (RBSK), Mr. Abhilash (Coordinator of the Zilla Panchayat in Tumkur) and many others attended. The judges gave the winners prizes and certificates for their exceptional performances.



#### **A12: Teacher's Day Celebration at St. Gregorios Dayabhavan; 6 September 2022**



#### **A13: Wedding Bells**

On November 27th, 2022, the joyous wedding ceremony of Sriharsha and Ramya took place at The Ark. The wedding bells rang out, marking the union of two hearts in a beautiful celebration of love and commitment. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan was honored to be a part of this special occasion and wishes Sriharsha and Ramya a lifetime of happiness and togetherness.





## B. HEALTH CARE

### **B1: Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur: An exclusive care and treatment center for HIV/TB**

The hospital offers comprehensive medical and counselling support to patients afflicted with AIDS and Tuberculosis. Services provided include anti-retroviral therapy, nursing care, and palliative care. The committed staff regularly conducts health camps and outreach programs in rural communities, extending their services beyond the hospital premises. Notably, this hospital is one institution of its status in the neighbouring districts of Mandya, Ramnagara, Chikkaballapura, Chitradurga, Chikmagalur, and Hassan.

The hospital closely collaborates with prominent health organizations such as the National AIDS Control Organization, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program, Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, and Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society. The hospital expresses its gratitude for the invaluable support received from these organizations.

Remarkably, the Integrated Counseling & Testing Center (ICTC) identified only two new cases of HIV during the year 2022-23, a significant decline compared to the 15 cases identified in the preceding year (2021-22). Additionally, the number of bed days utilized increased to 6,756 in the current year, surpassing the previous year's figure of 5750. Data is in Table-2.

Table-2: ICTC Tests and Detection Data, 2022-23

Month	OPD in the month	IP in the month	ICTC in the month	ICTC-positive in the month	Psycho-social services in the month	Total bed days in the month
April	101	19	41	0	101	371
May	126	27	54	1	126	529
June	39	15	15	0	39	601
July	116	28	33	0	116	703
August	129	20	47	0	129	532
September	110	17	41	1	110	564
October	107	11	43	0	107	503
November	102	17	50	0	102	411
December	103	18	51	0	103	619
January	183	27	74	0	183	690
February	126	13	39	0	126	654
March	130	18	50	0	130	579
<b>Total</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>6756</b>

## B2: Tuberculosis Treatment: Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programs (RNTCP)

The hospital provides a range of services for TB patients under the RNTCP (Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program) guidelines, which the District TB Department in Tumkur closely monitors. These services include:

a) *Sputum Collection, Transportation, Testing (SC, ST)*: The hospital facilitates the collecting, transporting, and testing of sputum samples from TB patients. This process is crucial for accurate diagnosis and monitoring of the disease.

b) *Advocacy, Communication & Social Mobilization Program (ACSM)*: The hospital actively engages in advocacy, communication, and social mobilization efforts to raise awareness about tuberculosis, its prevention, and treatment. These programs aim to educate the community and reduce the stigma associated with the disease.

c) *Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course (DOTS)*: The hospital implements the Directly Observed Treatment strategy, known as DOTS, a standardized approach for treating tuberculosis. It involves directly observing and supervising the administration of medicines to ensure patient compliance and improve treatment outcomes.

d) *Designated Microscopy Centre-cum-Treatment Unit (DMC & TU)*: The hospital operates as a Designated Microscopy Centre (DMC) where TB samples are examined microscopically for the presence of the bacteria. Additionally, it functions as a Treatment Unit (TU) where patients receive appropriate treatment and care in conformance with the RNTCP guidelines.

These services collectively contribute to the effective management and control of tuberculosis cases in the Tumkur District under the supervision of the District TB Department. A summary of services in 2022–23 is in Table 3.

Table-3: Summary of Services Tuberculosis Treatment-Dayasparsha Hospital, 2022–23

Month	Sputum sample tested (SC&ST)	Sputum samples Positive	X-ray done	X-ray Positive	Extra-pulmonary TB	DOTS started	DOTS continued	Sputum test (DMC)	Sputum Positive (DMC)	DOTS continued (DMC)
April	13	1	4	0	0	0	4	67	0	0
May	9	0	4	0	2/1	1	7	70	0	0
June	9	0	4	0	3	0	8	23	0	0
July	10	1	3	0	3/1	2	11	103	0	0
August	14	0	1	0	2	0	9	77	0	0
September	9	0	3	1	2	1	5	69	0	0
October	11	0	1	0	1	0	2	70	0	0
November	10	0	1	0	1	1	3	70	0	0
December	13	0	2	0	4/2	2	6	73	0	0
January	18	0	4	1	4/2	3	8	129	0	0
February	13	0	1	0	1/1	1	5	74	0	0
March	12	00	1	0	3	0	4	80	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



### **B3: Dayadeepthi: A follow-up program for HIV patients (Treated at Dayasparsha Hospital)**

We organized the program, Dayadeepthi (follow-up of previously treated patients at Dayasparsha Hospital) on 21 January 2023 and 11 February 2023. Regular general checkups, laboratory diagnosis and group counselling have taken place. The District Tuberculosis Control Unit met in Dayasparsha Hospital on 22 June 2022.



### **B4: Daya-Arogya Paripalana**

On March 15, 2023, we conducted a medical camp in Maranayakana Palya village where we collected blood samples, sputum, and urine samples for urinalysis under the Mar Osthathios Kidney Foundation Mission Program.



### **B5: Daya-Sahayathra**

On February 10, 2023, Dayabhavan organized a guidance program on universal precautions for medical and paramedical students at Hebbur, especially for paramedical students.



## C. CAPACITY BUILDING

### C1: Daya-ACSM: Awareness program on HIV, TB, Mental Health, Suicide prevention, Health and Hygiene

RNTCP against Tuberculosis - Community Empowerment - 2022-23

Gregorios Dayabhavan plays a vital role as an implementing partner of the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP), actively engaging in awareness programs focused on Tuberculosis prevention and care. In the reporting year, the organization has successfully implemented advocacy, communication, and social mobilization (ACSM) programs across 18 villages in the Tumkur district, following the guidelines provided by the District/Zilla Panchayath health administration. For further details on the ACSM programs, please refer to Table-4.

A dedicated team of resource persons helped in facilitating the ACSM programs.

1. Mr Ramesh V.G. - Co-ordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan
2. Mr Muralidhara - Counsellor and Warden, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan
3. Mr Lakshmpathi and Mr Sanjay Kumar - Counsellors, Dayasparsha Hospital

These individuals contributed their expertise and knowledge to educate the community on many aspects of Tuberculosis. The topics covered in the awareness programs encompassed:

- Basic facts about Tuberculosis; Different types of Tuberculosis
- Modes of transmission and common symptoms
- Available treatment options; Preventive measures
- Services provided at Dayabhavan and Government facilities.
- Role and responsibility of the public in Tuberculosis control efforts

ACSM programs help to empower the community with knowledge about Tuberculosis prevention and care. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan commits to combat the disease through different means for community benefit.

Table-4 Participating Schools and Colleges in ACSM Programs, 2022-23

Sl. No	Date	Place	Number of Participants
1	08.08.2022	Empress High School, Tumkur town	300
2	23.06.2022	Kora, Tumkur	200
3	24.06.2022	Siddhaganga HSS & PU College, Tumkur Town	120
4	25.06.2022	Chithambhara Ashrama High School, Gubbi	110
5	01.07.2022	Byraveshwarara High School, Tumkur	90
6	07.07.2022	Subhash Chandra Bose High School, Swandenahalli, Tumkur	120
7	08.08.2022	PU College, Tumkur	254
8	19.08.2022	Swandenahalli Grama Panchayath, Tumkur	20
9	21.08.2022	Nagavalli, Tumkur	30
10	05.01.2023	Govt. Girls High School, Koratagere	120
11	04.02.2023	Sri. Murali Aided High School, Koratagere	75
12	09.02.2023	Uma Pragathi High School, Tumkur	90
13	15.02.2023	Ganesha High School & PU College, Hebbur	200
14	17.02.2023	Govt. High School, Koratagere	100
15	03.03.2023	Acharya ITI College, Tumkur	97
16	14.02.2023	Shree Sathya Sai ITI College, Tumkur	25
17	15.03.2023	Veerasaghara, Tumkur	60
18	17.03.2023	Nivedita High School, Tumkur	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>2111</b>



On 24th March 2023, we observed World Tuberculosis Day in Tumkur. As part of the event, interns of the MSW course performed street plays at various public places in Tumkur City. The purpose was to raise awareness about Tuberculosis and its consequences among the public.

Street plays served as an engaging and interactive way to educate people about the importance of Tuberculosis prevention, early detection, and proper treatment. Through dramatic performances, the interns effectively conveyed crucial information about Tuberculosis and its impact on individuals and communities.

Through their performance at public places in Tumkur City, we reached a diverse audience, including residents, commuters, and passersby, thus maximizing the outreach of the awareness campaign.



## **C2: Daya-Rakthadana Mission – Blood awareness, Donation and Transfusion**





On the 8th of November 2022, we organized a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at the Taluk office hall in Kunigal. The event was a collaborative effort involving our organization, Holy Trinity College, and other partnering organizations. Sri. Mahabaleshwar, Tahsildar and Taluk Magistrate graced the occasion.

The primary objective of the camp was to encourage voluntary blood donation and contribute to the availability of blood for those in need. We are proud to share that we collected 70 units of blood during the camp. Subsequently, we transferred the blood to Sanjeevini's Blood Bank, a reputed institution involved in blood transfusion services.

In recognition of the selfless act of blood donation, our team felicitated 11 individuals who had donated blood more than 25 times. Their dedication and commitment to saving lives through regular blood donation are truly commendable, and they serve as inspiring examples for others in the community.



### **C3: Daya-Vimukthi:**

Daya-Vimukthi is an innovative initiative launched by St. Gregorios Dayabhavan to address the harmful effects of drug abuse, with a special focus on educating school children and youths about its consequences. The official inauguration of Daya-Vimukthi took place on the 3rd of December 2022 in Bangalore.

Recognizing the urgent need to combat drug abuse and its impact on individuals and communities, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan has taken proactive steps to raise awareness and provide education on this pressing issue. Daya-Vimukthi aims to empower young individuals with knowledge and resources to make informed choices and lead healthy, drug-free lives.



#### **C4: Awareness Classes:**

Among its social initiatives, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan has been actively conducting awareness classes on various important topics. These aim to educate individuals and communities about several crucial personal and social habits for well-being and public health, including the following:

1. **Personal Hygiene:** This class promotes good personal hygiene practices such as regular handwashing, dental hygiene, proper sanitation, and general cleanliness. It aims to raise awareness about the importance of personal hygiene in preventing the spread of diseases and maintaining overall health.
2. **HIV Awareness:** It educates individuals about HIV/AIDS, its transmission routes, prevention methods, and the importance of getting tested. It also addresses myths and misconceptions surrounding HIV/AIDS, promotes acceptance and support for individuals living with HIV, and encourages safe practices to prevent the transmission of the virus.
3. **Suicide Prevention:** It dedicates to raising awareness about suicide, its risk factors, and preventive measures. It aims to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to identify warning signs, offer support, and seek help for themselves or others who experience distress. The class also promotes mental health and well-being as essential components of suicide prevention.
4. **Prevention of Communicable Diseases:** It provides information on preventing the spread of communicable diseases such as influenza, the common cold, measles, etc. It emphasizes the importance of vaccination, good hygiene practices, healthy lifestyle habits, and following appropriate protocols during disease outbreaks.

They serve as platforms for sharing valuable knowledge, dispelling misconceptions, and empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their health and well-being. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan's commitment to conducting these classes reflects their dedication to community empowerment and the promotion of public health.

Participation in these programs is evident in the tables below.

**Table-5 Participating Institutions, 2022-23**

Daya-Vimukthi, Personal Hygiene, HIV Awareness, Suicide Prevention, Prevention of communicable diseases

Sl No	Date	Place	Number of Participants
1	03.12.2022	De-addiction Drive - launch	
2	10.12.2022	Government Pre-University College, Huliurudurga, Kunigal	250
3	24.12.2022	Anganwadi staff at St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal	200
4	05.01.2023	Government Pre-University College, Sigehalli, Tumkur	245
5	20.01.2023	Government High School & PU College, Sirivara, Gubbi	425
6	04.02.2023	Oxford Jain College, Tumkur	100
7	11.02.2023	Anganavadi Teachers, ARK, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal	150
<b>Total</b>			<b>1370</b>





### Personal Hygiene

Sl No	Date	Place
1	07.08.2022	Hosahalli Kora Hobli, Tumkur Taluk (SKDRDP program)
2	08.08.2022	Someshwar High School, Tumkur
3	19.08.2022	Swandenahalli Grama Panchayat, Tumkur
4	13.10.2022	Doddamalalavadi, Kunigal
5	30.11.2022	Sri Kshethra Darmasthala Rural Development Project, Kunigal
6	17.02.2022	Govt Tailoring Training Centre, Kunigal



### HIV Awareness

Sl No	Date	Place	Number of Participants
1	11.02.2023	Girls High School, Kunigal	300
2	19.01.2023	The ARK, Anganavadi Teachers	150



### Suicide Prevention Classes

Sl No	Date	Place	Number of Participants
1	04.09.2022	Harshavardhana I T I College, Kunigal	170
2	02.12.2022	Government Pre-University College, Thippasandra, Magadi Taluk	150





Prevention classes on communicable diseases  
(Kareshanayyanapalya, Theredakuppe, Kunigal-Self-help Groups)



**Cleaning and World Environment Day: March 19, 2023**  
Cleaning campaign at Sri Kalikamba Temple, Deepambudi Lake, Huliurdurga, Kunigal.



#### **C5: Orientation visits**

Orientation visit by MSW interns of Sri Siddhartha Institution for Management Studies, Tumkur: 30 December 2022



Orientation visit of Hemadhri College MSW students to Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur: 19 January 2023



#### **C6: Adolescent education**

C6.1) Our resource person and program coordinator, Mr VG Ramesh, took classes on **Good Touch and Bad Touch** for adolescents at Karnataka Public School, Nagavalli, Tumkur (college division). The MSW Department of Tumkur University organized this in association with us on 31st December 2022.



C6.2) An Adolescent Education Program took place at Sri Maruthi High School in Janagere, specifically designed for high school students. The program was on 11th February 2023, and Mr Ramesh V.G. was the resource person for the session.



C6.3) Another session on Adolescent Education was dedicated to Degree students at Government Hebbur College. The program was presided over by Professor D Krishna, the college principal, and involved the participation of Dr Radha (Physical Education Director), Mr Muralidhar (Senior Counselor, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), and other dignitaries. This program took place on 10th February 2023, and Mr Ramesh V.G. served as the resource person.



C6.4) An 8-day training program for Anganwadi helpers was held at the ARK, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan Campus. The Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka, undertook the training course, which took place on 22nd December 2022.



## D. DAYAKIRANA - INFANT CARE & ADOPTION CENTER

### D1: Occupancy and Adoption

Dayakirana Specialized Adoption Agency, operated by St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, has been a partner NGO for the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) since 2018. It operates under the Integrated Child



Protection Society, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), and the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka.

During 2022-23, Dayakirana Specialized Adoption Agency provided care and support to 39 infants. Out of these, 15 infants were successfully placed under adoption, ensuring a loving and nurturing environment. Additionally, as part of the adoption process, Dayabhavan conducted 16 comprehensive home-study reports to assess the suitability and readiness of prospective adoptive parents. These reports play a crucial role in matching children with suitable families.

Furthermore, the agency conducted 14 follow-up visits to monitor the well-being and adjustment of the adopted children in their new families. These visits ensure the ongoing support and welfare of the adopted children, assisting both the children and their adoptive families.

Dayakirana Specialized Adoption Agency's commitment to facilitating successful adoptions and ensuring the welfare of the children is evident through their diligent efforts in conducting home-study reports and follow-up visits. By collaborating with various adoption authorities, Dayabhavan strives to create stable and loving homes for children, ensuring their well-being and bright future.

The summary of infant care and adoption is in Table-6.

Table-6: Infant Care and Adoption Data (2022-23)

Infant Occupancy (on 1-4-2022)	Infants admitted 1-4-2022 to 31-3-2023	Nr of infants cared 2022-23	Infants adopted (In-Country) 2022-23	Infants adopted (Inter-Country) 2022-23	Restored/ Transferred to family 2022-23	Infant Occupancy (on 31-3-2023)
<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>

## **D2: Get together of Adoptees and adopted parents meet on 18 November 2022**

A get-together event organized for Adoptees and adopted parents on 18th November 2022 at Dayakirana Adoption Center in Kunigal was an opportune platform to release posters and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials to spread awareness about adoption. The program was presided over by Rev. Abraham Rambachan, Secretary of Dayabhavan and inaugurated by Dr C K Mathew, IAS, former Chief Secretary of Rajasthan.

The gathering witnessed the participation of officials whose work involves children, including Smt. Pavithra, District Child Protection Officer, Sri. Nandakumar, President, Child Welfare Committee, Staff at DCPO, and 150 parents.

A significant highlight of the event was the flagging off of a specially equipped vehicle called Jagruti Ratha. This vehicle, equipped with a public audio system and IEC materials, commenced a journey across all ten taluks of the Tumkur district. The Jagruti Ratha visited hospitals and diagnostic centres in each taluk to disseminate information and create awareness about adoption. The CDPO (Child Development Project Officer) and their staff actively collaborated in this initiative, ensuring its success and outreach.

Further, officials at the Dayakirana Adoption Center undertook extensive travel across the Tumkur District to promote awareness about legal adoption, which helped to disseminate the legal aspects and procedures involved in the adoption process. It ensured educating the community at large about the significance of legal adoption.

The get-together and subsequent awareness campaigns are a true reflection of the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders in spreading awareness and creating a positive social impact within the Tumkur district.





## E. DAYA-ASHY ANUPALANA GRUHA

### E1: Aftercare Home for Girls

On January 25th, 2023, the Dayabhavan Group of Charitable Institutions achieved another significant milestone with the commencement of a new project called Daya-Ashy Anupalana Gruha. This project entails an aftercare home specially designed for girls aged 18 to 23 years on our campus. Sri Sridhar (Deputy Director, Women and Child Development, Karnataka Government), Smt. Pavithra (Women Welfare Officer), Dr Licy Cherian (Medical Director, Dayabhavan Group of Institutions), Sri Shivanna (Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Tumkur), and staff graced the occasion. Currently, the home accommodates four inmates.



## F. COMMUNITY SERVICES

### F1: Consecration of Philip Ramban Nilaya and The ARK (Multipurpose Community Complex)

On September 15th, 2022, Dayabhavan witnessed the consecration of the newly constructed buildings, Philip Ramban Nilaya and The ARK. HG Dr Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos, Metropolitan of Niranam Diocese and Co-President of the Mission Board, along with HG Yakob Mar Elias, Metropolitan of Brahmavar Diocese and Vice President of the Mission Board, led the honorable task of consecration. The presence of V. Rev. Fr. Abraham Marret Cor Episcopa (Member, Dayabhavan Board), Rev. Fr. Saji Babu (Vicar, St. Johns Marthoma Church, Tumkur), Rev. Abraham Ramban (our beloved Secretary), Rev. Fr. Sobin Daniel (Manager, NAMS

Snehasadan, Bangalore), and members of the governing council graced the occasion, creating a truly memorable event.

We are deeply indebted to the Kurian Foundation, USA, for their invaluable support in constructing Philip Ramban Nilaya. Additionally, we express sincere gratitude to the Minority Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka, for their partial sponsorship towards the construction of the multipurpose complex, The Ark.

We are immensely grateful for the tireless efforts and contributions of our dedicated employees and all those who have supported us throughout this endeavor. During the occasion,



The Metropolitan honored the services of the Dayavarsha Community Service Center and distributed sewing machines and certificates to those who completed the tailoring training course.





## **F2: Daya Ahara Vahini - Food for the needy - Mar Chrysostomos Karunya Anna**

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan continues to provide food to those in need in and around Kunigal town. The activity was sustainable even after the pandemic due to the overwhelming response and numerous offers of support from our well-wishers, which greatly motivated our efforts. Volunteers distribute approximately 50 meal packets every evening to roadside dwellers, including the most vulnerable individuals, such as beggars and migrant workers, providing them with sustenance and nourishment.

Concurrently, the organized monthly food kit distribution (Daya Survival Kit) takes place for HIV-infected widows in all taluks of Tumkur. Now, this program reaches out to 200 families to provide them with essential food supplies. We are committed to supporting and uplifting those in need, and this initiative has been a significant step towards that goal.



## **G. RECOGNITION**

In 2022, the organization received these recognitions and honours:

**G1: May 4, 2022:** Fr. Jinesh K Varkey, our secretary, received the Georgian Award-2022 from Swami Gururethnam *Inana* Thapaswi, Spiritual leader and General Secretary of Santhigiri Ashram, at the *Bethel St. George Orthodox Pilgrim Church*, Nallila, Kollam, recognizing Dayabhavans exemplary services to HIV infected/affected individuals and other community services in Kunigal, Tumkur District, Karnataka.

**G2: November 1, 2022:** The Organization received the Kannada Rajyothsava Award at the Tumkur District Auditorium instituted by the district administration. It gives much happiness and pride in this recognition, which is testimony to the contributions made to society.

**G3: October 24, 2022:** Fr. Jinesh K Varkey, Secretary of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, received ordination to sainthood and as Reverend Abraham Ramban at St. Peters and St. Pauls Orthodox Church (Parumala Pally), Kerala.

Congratulations to Rev. Abraham Rambachan; he is a role model to all. His dedication and hard work are worth emulation. May the Almighty grant him strength to continue.

**G4: November 4, 2022:** Sri Prasad Nidasale, a well-known teacher, writer, and Vice-President of the Karnataka School Teachers Association, visited our institution and hailed Abraham Ramban. We thank Sri Prasad Nidasale for his presence and recognition.



*G5: December 3, 2022:* A felicitation event organized in honour of Rev. Abraham Ramban at Snehasadan in Bangalore saw the participation of several social dignitaries - HG Dr Abraham Mar Seraphim, Head of Bangalore Orthodox Church Diocese; Late Vice Admiral P.J. Jacob, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, (Retd), Former Vice Chief of Naval Staff and Member of the National Security Advisory Board to the Prime Minister; PG Chacko, Former Justice; Mrs Vasanthi Uppar, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Davanagere, and Sri Binod Mathai, Co-Founder & Director of ECS (East Consultancy Services) and Renowned Social Worker, to name a few.

*G6: January 9, 2023:* Felicitations extended to Rev. Abraham Ramban by Sri Byrathi Basavaraj, the Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Government of Karnataka, during the Mar Yuhanon Mamdana Orthodox Church, K R Puram, Bangalore.

These achievements and honours reflect the dedication and impact of our organization and individuals in serving the community.





## H. CELEBRATION

### H1: Festivals

Throughout the year, Dayabhavan has joyously celebrated various festivals, bringing happiness and togetherness to our community. Here are some memorable events:

*H1.1: Ganesha Chathurthi Celebration - September 1, 2022:* The auspicious festival of Ganesha Chathurthi was celebrated at Dayabhavan. The festivities were captured beautifully by a Drone camera, preserving the joyful moments of the occasion.

*H1.2: Onam Celebration - September 11, 2022:* Dayabhavan rejoiced in the vibrant festivities of Onam, spreading the spirit of this traditional festival. The celebration at Dayabhavan brought together staff, residents, and well-wishers, creating a joyous atmosphere.

*H1.3: Deepavali Celebration - October 24, 2022:* Sevabhagya Foundation team from Kunigal joined us at Dayabhavan to celebrate the festival of Deepavali. Their presence and support in organizing this celebration added to the warmth and happiness of the occasion.

*H1.4: Christmas Celebration - December 25, 2022:* The spirit of Christmas filled the air at St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, as the community came together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It was a time of joy, love, and giving, reflecting the true essence of Christmas.

*H1.5: New Year Celebration - January 1, 2023:* Dayabhavan welcomed the New Year with enthusiasm and optimism. The celebration marked a fresh beginning, filled with hope and resolutions for the year ahead.

*H1.6: Makara Sankranthi - January 15:* The auspicious festival of Makara Sankranthi was celebrated at Dayabhavan, symbolizing the harvest season and the transition of the sun into Capricorn. The festivities included traditional customs and joyful gatherings.

Additionally, we express heartfelt gratitude to Sri Sandeep, Sachin, and Purushotham, and their families for their generous contributions in distributing delicious food and snacks to our residents. Their support has been invaluable in providing nourishment and bringing smiles to our inmates' faces.







## **H2: International Association for Mission Studies (INAMS) Conference**

Between October 3 and 6, 2022, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan had the privilege of hosting the 78<sup>th</sup> INAMS (International Association for Mission Studies) Conference. The conference took place from October 3rd to October 6th, 2022, within the premises of The Ark, our multipurpose complex.

The Conference witnessed the participation of esteemed dignitaries and members of the Orthodox Church, totaling 300 individuals from various states across India. Notable dignitaries included:

1. HG Dr. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan, Mumbai Orthodox Diocese,
2. HG Dr. Gabriel Mar Gregorios Metropolitan, Trivandrum Orthodox Diocese,
3. HG Dr Joshua Mar Nicodimos Metropolitan, Nilackal Orthodox Diocesan Centre,
4. HG Dr. Yuhanon Mar Theodoros Metropolitan, Kottarakkara-Punalur Orthodox Diocese,
5. HG Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim Metropolitan, Bangalore Orthodox Diocese,
6. Rev. Fr. Dr. KM George, Former Principal, Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam,
7. Rev. Fr. Dr. Bijesh Philip, Former Principal St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary, Nagpur
8. Dr. Sibi Tharakan, Director, Navajyothi MOMS, Kottayam

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan took great pride in organizing and hosting this prestigious conference, contributing to the academic, spiritual, and theological landscape.





### **H3: Wedding Bells**

On November 27th, 2022, the joyous wedding ceremony of Sriharsha and Ramya took place at The Ark. The wedding bells rang out, marking the union of two hearts in a beautiful celebration of love and commitment. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan was honored to be a part of this special occasion and wishes Sriharsha and Ramya a lifetime of happiness and togetherness.



### **H4: Officials Visit**

*H4.1: December 7th, 2022*

We had the honour of welcoming Sri K Naganna Gowda, the Chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, along with Mrs Pavithra, the District Child Protection Officer of Tumkur, from the Department of Women and Child. They visited our Dayakirana Adoption Center and Dayabhavan Special Children's Home. We are grateful for their presence and their appreciation of the services we provide to those in need. Their visit further motivates us to continue our dedicated efforts in supporting and protecting children in our care.





#### *H4.2: January 17th, 2023*

We had the pleasure of hosting Sri Sudhakar Lal, Former MLA of Koratagere Constituency, at the campus of Dayabhavan. We were delighted to receive him and regard his kind words of appreciation for our services. His recognition of our efforts reinforces our commitment to serving the community and motivates us to continue working for those in need.



#### *H4.3: November 4th, 2022*

We were honoured to welcome the Honorable Tahsildar of Kunigal, Sri Mahabaleshwar, along with his family, to Dayabhavan. Their visit was a moment of great joy for us, and we appreciate their kind gesture of acknowledging and appreciating our presence. Their encouragement inspires us to continue our tasks of serving the community.



#### *H4.4: February 22nd, 2023*

We felt privileged when Sri Kennady Shanthakumar, the Chairman of Christian Development Corporation, Government of Karnataka, along with Sri Javid K Karangi, District Minority Officer, and Sri Haleem from Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation (KMDC), Tumkur, visited the campus of Dayabhavan.

Their presence was significant, and appreciation was deeply valued. It serves as a source of motivation for us to continue and commit to impacting the community.



#### *H4.5: March 21st, 2023*

It was a privilege to welcome Sri Siddarth Goyal, IPS, Additional Superintendent of Police, to our midst on the Dayabhavan campus and to receive his words of recognition for our efforts. We assured him of our resolve to pursue our mission of serving the community and making some impact on the lives of the underprivileged.



#### *GRATITUDE*

We have ended another year that continued to test our strength in the face of challenges and hardships. However, amidst it all, we were motivated by the hope and assurance of many generous well-wishers who shared their resources with us during these trying times. Our hearts fill with gratitude for all the individuals and groups who have steadfastly supported our inmates and dependents. Their love and assistance have enabled us to overcome numerous difficulties and extend our reach to those in greater need. We wholeheartedly acknowledge and appreciate the guidance of the Patron, HH Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, The Ninth Catholicos of the East in Malankara, as well as the mission leaders, HG Dr Yuhanon Mar Theodoros Metropolitan (President), HG Dr Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos Metropolitan (Co-President), and HG Dr Abraham Mar Seraphim Metropolitan (Vice-President) throughout this period. Their mentorship is invaluable as we navigate through unforeseen circumstances and seek solace.

Given the changes in the Mission Society's governing body, we would warmly welcome HG Dr Gabriel Mar Gregorios Metropolitan, Head of Trivandrum Diocese, as the new Mission Society President. His profound spiritual knowledge and academic expertise will greatly benefit us as we venture into uncharted territories. We also fondly remember the former director, Very Rev. K.I. Philip Ramban for his pivotal role as a founding father and the driving force behind this mission. His countless sacrifices and dedicated service have benefitted the less privileged and those in distress. May his soul rest in peace.



We extend our deepest gratitude to the various health agencies and local authorities within the government and other sectors, who have stood by us and provided tangible and intangible support. We sincerely recognize and appreciate the contributions of organizations such as the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), Health and Family Welfare Department (Government of Karnataka), Department of Women and Child Development (Government of Karnataka), Directorate of Minorities (Government of Karnataka), Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India), National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), District Child Protection Office, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, Mother Teresa Children Foundation (MTCF), and Chirajeevana Network for People Living with HIV. We hope to continue strong ties with all of them.

We are grateful for the strong relationship and support from Tumkur University and its affiliated colleges. The interns from these institutions regularly share resources and provide valuable inputs crucial to our mission's success. The interns of Orthodox Theological Seminary in Kottayam and St. Thomas Orthodox Theological Seminary in Nagpur have also played a vital role. They bring a unique perspective and contribute theological insights that enhance our efforts for social justice.

We gratefully recall the timely contributions from the Kurlan Foundation (USA) and the Kurlen Family (Bangalore), which helped us overcome many constraints. Their philanthropic spirit has been truly inspiring. They were enablers to make an impact in the communities we serve.

Our well-wishers have consistently been the key driving force behind our work, and their trust in us is reassuring, affirming our efforts. The overwhelming unsolicited support we have received from various sources is humbling. We are honoured by the visits and inquiries made by numerous dignitaries, and we feel blessed and protected.

As we move ahead, our focus remains unaltered: to assist the oppressed and those in distress. We hold onto the hope for a better tomorrow and pray for the well-being of everyone.



**Abraham Ramban**  
Secretary

June 25, 2023, Kunigal

