INTRODUCTION:

Good Shepherd Convent, Mysore was established in the year 1878 with a school, an orphanage (St. Anthony’s Home) and a rehabilitation centre for girls in danger needing protection. We, the good Shepherd Sisters continue to make the ideal of our Foundress a living in our world – wide mission of education and re-education both formal and non formal in diverse cultures. Her favourite maxim was that we should form strong characters of high principles grounded in truth. We educate girls up to PUC and boys up to Std VII.

Our goal is to foster the total development of each student in her/ his uniqueness so that she/ he becomes.

Intellectually alert

Emotionally Balanced

Morally Sound

Spiritually Oriented

Physically fit

Culturally enriched

Socially committed.

Education: There are 1724 girls and 290 boys, totalling 2014 students, 64 teaching and 24 non – teaching staff in all our section in Mysore Unit. Of the 2014 students, 346 are of SC category and 120 ST categories. 2 of these sections are aided but only 8 teachers are government paid, while 19 are management paid.
Activities:

Various activities like world environment day, Founderess Day, Teachers Day, Children’s Day, Indian education Day, World Aid day, World Mother Tongue Day, Indian Constitution Day, International Women’s Day, Orange Day, Girl Child Day, Anti Human Trafficking Day etc. were held either online or off line to conscientize our students. National and State festivals like Independence Day, Republic Day Kannada Rajyotsava Day, Gandhi Jayanthi, Kanakadasa Jayanthi, Valmiki Jayanthi, Ambedkar Jayanthi etc. were celebrated with much enthusiasm and patriotism. NCC Cadets were enrolled and many activities were conducted by them through the year like tree planting, Swatch Bharat Abhiyaan, Yoga Day etc. Vaccination was administered to students twelve years and above as per Dept. Guidelines.

Academic Results: our students fared well in academics. Students of High School secured 95.09% in the SSLC exams and 2nd PUC secured 80% with 13 distinction and 24, 1st class.

Seminars/courses were conducted for the teaching staff to update and enhance their teaching skills and child base issues. Regular staff meetings were held to evaluate and plan.

Outreach Activities: We are happy that we were able to reach out to needy persons and families. Regular home visits were made and houses of drop outs were visited and reported to the Dept. For those having financial problems, arrangements were made for free payments. Some were given free uniform; some were helped to get admission in other institution and boarding for further studies. Grocery kits were distributed to deserving families.
Residential care: St. Anthony’s Home

MISSION:- Transmit the love & kindness of Jesus the Good Shepherd to the children deprived of love and care and restore them to the dignity of God’s children.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:- All round development i.e. education, moral, physical, spiritual, cultural, intellectual and emotional development.

St. Anthony’s Orphanage, Good Shepherd Convent, has 35 girl children. All attend Kannada or English medium section of our schools and P.U College. All of them are from economically poor backgrounds. Most of them are of single parents. Children are provided with nutritious food, conducive and homely atmosphere for study, health, hygiene and recreation. Activities to promote spiritual, physical and mental growth are conducted in addition to school activities.

Activities: - Children are divided into small groups of seven or eight. Day – to- day common activities such as spiritual activities, celebrations of national and cultural festivals and other programs are carried out in groups. Living and working in group helps them to learn, to work in group and build better relationship with others members and they are able to accept differences.

Each group has a leader and an assistant leader elected by group members. We also had common leaders such as House leader, Health leader, cleanliness leader, study leader, and discipline leader. This helps the children to develop their leadership qualities and to become good leaders in future, and it also helps in smooth running of the House.

Celebrations and Festivals: On 31st July we celebrated the birth day of St. Mary Euphrasia with prayer service and followed by cultural programme. On that day delicious dinner was served for children.
On 23rd December we celebrated Christmas. Children conducted prayer service, followed by cultural programme. Sisters from community joined the celebration. Sr. Preethi gave Christmas message. Children were happy to receive the Christmas gift.

On 14th January 2022 children celebrated Pongal(Sankaranthi) Special prayer service was conducted, Kara and sweet Pongal was prepared and served to the children. Children enjoyed decorating the home with flowers and Rangoli.

Conclusion:

We are grateful to Almighty God for His continuous blessings and protection. We thank all our benefactors, well wishers and Good Shepherd Mission partners for all their love and support. We thank each sister of our community for their love, care, guidance and keen interest shown in the welfare of the children. We ask God to bless us and be with us always in our journey where we share His love and care to our Children.

Thank You
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