

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

Dear Vincentian Sisters and Brothers,

Introduction

It is a great privilege for me to present the Annual Report of National Council of India, Society of St. Vincent De Paul for the year 2020-2021.

This is the Second time in the history of the NCI for the last 65 years, we are unable to meet physically for the 67th AGM due to the unprecedented PANDEMIC. Even then in order to fulfil our Responsibility-Statutory and Moral-we are avoiding the physical AGM and holding the meeting using electronic media

With profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father and with a sense of satisfaction of having carried out the responsibilities entrusted upon us, the present National Board under the able leadership of Bro. Jude Z.R. Mangalraj, is pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Society for the year 2020-2021 along with the Audited Accounts, Auditor's Report and General Profile before the Plenary session of the National Council of India being held through Video Conference.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is an International Christian Lay Voluntary Organization dedicated to tackling poverty and backwardness by providing practical assistance to those in need irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender. The vision of SSVP is to be a global catholic charity organization providing aid, development and hope to the poor and the marginalized

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris. Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society was a French lawyer, author, and professor in the Sorbonne University. He was only 20 years old when he founded the society. Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1997. The Society took the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Vincent de Paul as its patrons under the influence of Sister Rosalie Rendu who guided Frederic and his companions in their approach towards those in need. Sister Rosalie Rendu was beatified in November 2003 by Pope John Paul II.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is present on all 5 continents, in 154 countries (each with its own Council). It has 800,000 active members and over one million volunteers forming a vast network of Charity around the world. The Society is an accredited UN NGO and has presence in New York, Geneva and in Paris.

Society in India

The Society was first introduced in India by the French Missionaries at Pondicherry during the Year 1852-53 as a non-aggregated Conference. The Society was officially started in India in 1863 when some conferences in Bombay were aggregated and the Bombay Particular Council was instituted. Then onwards the Society continued to grow in India. On 09. 11, 1953 the Superior Council of India was established and instituted with the Council General International.

The Superior Council of India was renamed as National Council of India on 06.08.1973. The National Council of India has its Headquarters at Mumbai and the present President's secretariat is at Chennai, Tamilnadu with the election of Bro. Jude Z.R.Mangalraj as the 14 National President of India w.e.f 28 February 2021. The National Council of India is registered under the Income Tax Act 1961 with exemption under Sec 80G. FCRA under the Ministry of Home Affairs and Societies Registration Act and Bombay Public Trust Act 1950.

STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY

I would like to bring to your kind attention that 15 Central Councils have not submitted their Annual Reports in spite of many reminders. As such this report contains the particulars and data received only from the remaining 72 Central Councils.

i. Conferences

The basic unit of SSVP is the Conference functioning at the Parish level. India we have conferences exclusively for men and women. There are also mixed conferences, youth conferences as well as junior conferences in India.

In India there are 6403 conferences as on 31-03-2021 as per the details submitted by the CCs

Types of Conferences	No. Of .Conferences
Junior	142
Youth	197
Women	926
Gents	2263
Mixed	2461
Total	6403

ii. Area Councils

An Area Council encompasses the Conferences in the nearby areas that are grouped together for co ordination, interaction and unity. As on 31.03.2021 there are 523 Area Councils.

iii. Central Councils

Area Councils are generally grouped at Diocesan level into Central Councils. The Central Councils guide and coordinate the activities of the Area Councils and Conferences under its control. As on 31.03.2021 there are 87 Central Councils.

iv. National Council

All the 87 Central Councils in the geographic area of India are functioning under the supervision and control of National Council of India.

Active Members

There are 58594 active members in 6403 Conferences. The details are as given below:

Name of the Region	No. Of Central Councils	No. Of Area Councils	No. Of Conferences	No. Of Active Members
Kerala	32	284	3412	29384
Tamil Nadu	20	117	1393	13346
A.P. & Telangana	08	43	628	5959
West	12	36	535	6803
North	06	12	165	1547
North East	09	31	270	1555
Total	87	523	6403	58594

The Church and SSVP

The SSVP is recognized by the Catholic Church as a Pious Lay Organisation and is also registered with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. On 13 November 1920 Pope Benedict XV signed a declaration "Vatican's Corrientes Decision" granting full autonomy to the Society of St.Vincent de Paul. Last year we celebrated the Centenary of declaration of "Autonomy".

The Spiritual Advisor of the National Council is appointed by the CBCI on the recommendations of the National President. The Spiritual Advisors of the Central Councils are appointed by the Bishops concerned. At the Conference level the Parish Priest is usually the Spiritual Advisor. So the SSVP is closely linked with the Church and the members take active role in all the activities of the Church.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

1. Adoption, Visits and Assistance.

The basic work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is visit of the poor, sick and the needy and also distribution of relief to the deprived in their own environment. Through visits a person to person relationship is built up in a spirit of love and friendship. No act of charity is alien to the Society. Personal involvement is the hallmark of charity practiced by the SSVP. In India there are 42665 adopted families and our brothers and sisters have made 11,83,310 visits to these families. In addition to the visits to adopted families, 12,40,970 other visits of charity are also made. These visits include visit to families, hospitals, old age homes, prisons etc. In the report year 4,30,357 individuals and 280361 families were given casual assistance; besides 49458 students were provided educational help by our Vincentian sisters & brothers.

2. Twinning Schemes

The twinning scheme was introduced in 1960 in a spirit of sharing both spiritually and financially. Conferences and Councils in developed countries are linked with developing countries through prayers, correspondence and financial assistance. The major twinning partners of India are England & Wales, Australia, Scotland, Netherlands, USA, Canada, Italy and France. The twinning schemes help expansion of the society and also assist the improvement of the economic and social conditions of the beneficiaries.

Summarized statement of Overseas Twinning

Sl.No.	Country	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1.	England & Whales	1498	1499	1415
2.	Australia	1428	1384	1398
3.	Scotland	287	289	284
4.	Netherlands	17	17	17
5.	USA	13	03	03
6.	Canada	08	03	03
7.	Italy	05	--	--
8.	France	02	--	--
	Total	3258	3195	3120

3. Internal Twinning

Internal twinning programme was started in the year 2007 by the National Council of India. Thi being continued effectively at all levels. During the past decades twinning grants were received generously from foreign Vincentians. But now we find a diminishing trend in the inflow of twin grant from outside India. The time has come for us to look for resources from within our country. Affluent conferences and councils in our country can help and assist weaker conferences. At present the internal twinning programme is operated in the following levels.

A. Area Council Level B. Central Council Level C. National Council Level

During this report year, the details of the Internal Twinning Region Wise as received from CCs

Region	Internal Twinning to other CCs	Internal Twinning received from other CCs	Internal Twinning given with in CC	Internal Twinning received within CC
Kerala	101	9	186	2
Tamil Nadu	--	--	225	1
A.P.&Telengana	2	9	41	0
West	99	35	4	3
North	--	--	--	--
North East	--	41	--	5
Total	112	94	456	11

National Council is encouraging the Councils at various levels to increase the number of internal twinning to the needy conferences.

4. Scholarships

The National Council of India helps the education of students belonging to poor families in our country through various scholarships supported and sponsored by overseas councils. The main overseas sponsors are Australia, England & Wales, USA and Netherlands.

The following are the details of various types of scholarships offered during 2020-2021

Sl.No.	Scholarships	Renewals	No. Of New Scholarships	Total amount released (Rs.)	Total amount paid
1.	HES	--	316	28,44,000	28,44,000
2.	TVTS	--	417	20,85,000	20,85,000
3.	Vidya Jyothi Scholarships	--	1684	16,84,000	16,84,000
	Total		2417	66,13,000	66,13,000

5. Projects

Projects are integral part of the Twinning Scheme. The projects aim at eliminating the root cause of poverty through self help or group schemes in order to uplift the poor from their financial crisis and to restore the dignity and a sense of self respect.

The financial assistance for the implementation of projects are received from the respective overseas twinned Councils on the recommendations of the National Council of India.

Projects are either one time projects or revolving projects which generate income as well as employment. The Central Councils have successfully implemented many projects during the past year and there are many running projects such as AIDS Hospice, Old Age Homes, Medical Centers, Home for the differently abled etc. During the year 2020-2021, 113 applications were submitted to overseas councils and 45 were sanctioned including the pending ones.

The details are as given below

Sl.No.	Region	Projects Applied	Projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned(in Rupees)
1.	Kerala	15	23	2644527
2.	Tamil Nadu	13	--	-----
3.	A.P.&T, West,North & North East	85	22	1428526
	Total	113	45	4073053

6. Major projects of National Council of India

a. Jeevan Jyothi-Home for the Differently abled at Baripada, Odisha Jeevan Jyothi

A Home for the Physically Challenged Women is a prominent project of the Council of India located at Baripada in Odisha and within the periphery of Balasore CC. At present there are 39 inmates in the house within the age group 5 to 59 years. Most of the inmates are either physically challenged or mentally retarded. The inmates are taken care of by the DC Sisters and it is great challenge for sisters to take care of them with the kind of impairment the inmates have. At present Sr.Salomi Adhikari,DC is in charge of the house.

The inmates are also involved in preparation of Christmas cars and candles. The Home has a fruit and vegetable garden surrounding the building. There are a few cattle and poultry as well. The farm produce is utilized for the inmates and the excess produce is sold in the market in order to generate some income. The Christmas Cards made by the children are sent to England & Wales for sale and candles are sold during the festive seasons locally.

In the 61 AGM a scheme named "Adopt A Child of Jeevan Jyothi was evolved. Many Central Councils, Vincentians and other benefactors are supporting this scheme with their special contribution.

With the tireless efforts of Bro.Johnson Varghese, Former NCI President, with the support of Board Members the Home Building was completely renovated at the cost of Rs.17,26,584-/. In order to have smooth and effective day to day function, One four wheeler(Maruthi ECO) and one Two Wheeler (Activa) purchased at a total cost of Rs.5,94,608/-and given for the use of Baripada Home.

b. Paul Memorial Home for Aged- Velankanni

This project is the contribution of a generous person Mr. Franciono Lorena of Italy in memory of his son Mr. Paul who passed away at an early age. The Central Council of Thanjavur has taken up the responsibilities to manage the Home on behalf of the National Council and is functioning well.

c. Home for the Aged, Kuzhuthurai, Tamil Nadu. This is a project of the National Council of India started in 2008 at Sahaya Nagar. This Home is managed by the Central Council of Kuzhythurai on behalf of the National Council of India

7. Projects Managed by :Cs/ACs/C Conferences

Sl.No.	Central Council	Projects
1.	Ahmedabad	Home for Differently abledGirs, Anand
2.	Bangalore	1.Our Lady of Lourdes Computer & Tailoring Centre 2. St. Jerome's Home – Ord Age Home for Women 3. KGF-Old Age Home for Women 4. Our Lady of Fatima – Tailoring & Computer Centre 5.St.Antony's Tailoring Centre
3.	Berhampur	Lurdhu Mary Health Centre
4.	Bhubaneswar	Dr.A.Q.C.Van Routien Health Centre
5.	Bombay	1.Shanthi Bhavan Home for the Aged 2.EFANN AIDS Hospice/Leprosy Home 3.Ozanam Community Kitchen, Mankhurd

6.	Chandigarh	Ozanam Home for the Aged
7.	Coimbatore	Ozanam Home for the Aged
8.	Delhi	Ozanam Home for the Aged
9.	Eluru	Ozanam Home for the Aged
10.	Ernakulam	1. Vincent Nagar Housing Project 2. Ozanam Bhavan, Home for the Aged (Ladies) 3. Ozanam Care Centre 4. Anjali Home. Home for the Aged (Ladies)
11.	Goa	1. Arc of Hope Home for the Aged 2. Dr. Alfred Antao Home for the Aged 3. School for Special Children, Curtorim 4. Day Care School for migrant Children 5. Special School Differently abled Children 6. Bl. Ozanam Recovery Centre for de-addiction
12.	Guwahati	Ozanam Health Centre
13.	Idukki	Cancer & Palliative Centre
14.	Kanjirappally	Ozanam Vidya Bhavan. Home for Poor Children
15.	Kothamangalam	1. Ozanam Home, Thodupuzha – Shelter for patients & bystanders 2. Ozanam Centre, Kothamangalam
16.	Kottar	1. Ozanam Health Counselling Centre, Chungankadai 2. Ozanam Home for the Sick, Asaripallam
17.	Madras	SSVP Mobile Medical Project
18.	Mananthavady	Ozanam Bhavan Home for the Aged
19.	Mangalore	Ozanam Home for the Aged
20.	Neyyattinkara	Ozanam Bhavan – Computer Centre
21.	Palai	1. St. Mary's Home for the Destitute 2. Bl. Kunchachen Missionary Bhavan/Home for the Aged
22.	Palalyamkottai	1. St. Jude Tailoring Institute 2. Ozanam Computer Academy 3. St. Vincent de Paul Technical Institute
23.	Pune	Prem Niwas Home for the Aged, Mkodikhana
24.	Quilon	Ozanam Eye Center
25.	Shillong	St Vincent de paul Health Center

8. Extension and Development Activities

During the year 2 Central Councils Established in the North East 1.Rayagada. 2.Rurkela

9. Aggregation and Institution

Aggregation of a Conference and Institution of a Council by the International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a formal recognition of admission to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul During the year 2020-21 the National Council of India forwarded 78 applications for Aggregation & Institution and 137 Aggregations and Institutions were received from the International Council.

Region	Conferences	Area Councils	Central Councils
Andhra Pradesh	11	0	0
Kerala	19	0	0
Tamil Nadu	24	0	0
West	14	0	0
North	10	0	0
North East	0	0	9
Total	78	0	0

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the present National Council of India could get 137 new aggregations and institutions so far. As on 31-3 2021 there are 5913 Aggregated Conferences.

10. Spirituality & Formation

The National Council of India gives highest importance and priority for spirituality and formation for Vincentians all over the country. As planned by the National Council of India, it was not possible to organise programmes in the remaining North and Kerala regions. Formation and Training Programme received a setback due to lockdown. Not much could be done. We hope to receive them sooner than later.

11. Canonization

26.	Tellicherry	Vincentian Bhavan for Aged Couples
27.	Thanjavur	Ozanam Home for the Aged
28.	Thuckaly	Ozanam College, Computer & Typewriting Centre
29.	Trichur	Vincentian Abhaya Kendram – Shelter for patients & bystanders
30.	Trivandrum(L)	Ozanam Karunya Bhavan, Old Age Home
31.	Udupi	Ozanam home for the Aged, Kailianpur
32.	Verapoly	1.Vincentian Clinic 2.Vincentian Institute of Commerce
33.	Vasai	NUPC Project of Vasai Area Council North
34.	Vijayawada	Boys Town Vijayawada
30.	Trivandrum(L)	Ozanam Karunya Bhavan, Old Age Home
31.	Udupi	Ozanam home for the Aged, Kailianpur
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34.	Vijayawada	Boys Town Vijayawada

Canonization of Bld. Frederick Ozanam seems to be in the final Stage. Evidences on the second miracle happened in the name of Bld. Frederick Ozanam handed over to Vatican during October, 2020 by Our International President. With the hope pray to Lord to receive a positive reply from Vatican soon.

12. REACHOUT-SSVP Bulletin

Reachout' is the mouthpiece of the National Council of India. "Reachout' is spiritual, informative, educative and formative in its content and it reaches many countries all over the world. Now Reachout" is also published in the website of the International Council. It is a great honour and proud moment for all Vincentians in India.

During this period, Reach Out Could not reach the People in time due to Pandemic Covid-19. Now the Pandemic situation is getting changed, publication of Reach Out also will become normal.

13. Youth

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul has always been driven by "youthful spirit", whose essential features are described in the Rule as:" enthusiasm, adaptability and creative imagination". Young centians have various types of gatherings to meet each other. Through social networks they continue t work, discuss and pray together after these gatherings. The involvement of young Vincentians in SVP has improved considerably over the years.

Following events at Regional/ National level were conducted:

Interaction with President General.

It is big blessing and rare opportunity to have Bro.Renato Lima, President General of SSVP had interacted with our young Vincentians on 18th April, 2020.

International Youth Day Celebrations:

The day to Celebrate the feast of Bl.Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of SSVP Youth. As per the directions from the CGI, this year for the yough day it was celebrated with the theme "YOUNG VINCENTIANS – CELEBRATING THE JOY OF SERVICE THROGUH SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP" on 4th July, 2020. Youth from across the country organised various type of events like environment awareness, tree plantation and selling, blood donation camps, cleaning of Orphanages, Hospitals and other events.

Quiz Nite with SSVP

National Youth Committee had organised Online Quiz Competition (QUIZ NITE WID SSVP) for Young Vincentians. To encourage the young people to learn more about the society and its activities in view of Internal Youth Day Celebration.

Ernakulam Central Council had organised a National Level Photography and short film contest.

Winners were awarded with gifts. Concluding ceremony of the Youth day taken place through Virtual platform in which Brto. Renato Lima, XVI President, Bro. Joseph Pandian, Vice President General graced the occasion with all other dignataries.

National Youth Committee Meeting

National Youth Committee had their meeting through virtual mode to discuss and decide about the future of the Youth in the Society. It was also decided to have manual for the youth so that it will be useful for the Members to include the young people without any issues.

Projects carried out by Youth

To augment the funds for the society, Youth had started various projects i.e. SSVP Youth Ambulance Service, Youth Choir, Environment Protection and Newspaper and Cloths Drive so that funds can be generated for the SSP activities.

International Youth Day Celebrations

Youth across the Country had celebrated the youth day with various activities Novena, Competitions, Faith Sharing, Spirituality, Camps etc.

Communication:

Year 2020-2021, National Council of India had introduced various technologies for the smooth functioning of the Society in India. Special appreciation goes to Bro. Dr. Jhonson Varghese, who has given special attention for effective Communication. He realised the importance of communication, to have effective co-ordination and smooth functioning of our Society.

Website of the National Council of India

National Council of India has a Website(www.ssvpindia.in) which has news and activities that is been posted from across the Country.

Secure Communication Mode for NCI

Email is the Principle means for communication between the Stakeholders. Email was one of the early drivers of the internet providing a simple and inexpensive means to communicate. The National Council of India had felt that secure communication system is required to send communications across the stakeholders. ID purchased (Free of Cost) under our own Domain@ssvpindia.in.

By the inclusion of New Technologies, it was possible to have Vincentian Feast Live Eucharistic Celebrations took place through Virtual Mode and 66th Annual General Meeting was held in the Virtual Mode. This virtual Platform had also given a chance to the International President General Bro. Renato Lima to Participate in the AGM.

Vincentians in Social Media

Since the prevailing of the present situation of Pandemic, the activities is being carried out through Virtual Platform like conference meeting, various Councils' meeting.

14. Women

The women members of SSVP are playing an important role in realizing the objectives of SSVP. At every level in the Society the women are in the forefront in matters where the men find it difficult to handle, such as counseling and caring of widows, orphans, single mothers and victims of various types of abuse etc. Various seminars and meetings were arranged for women members at the CC, Regional level and National Level.

15. Special Medical Aid

The National Council of India released 47,71,914/- to 30 Central Councils based on the requests received from them. The scheme will continue in 2020-21 also.

	Rs.
Covid-19 Relief	4222262.00
Medical Aid	109652.00
Discretionary Medical Aid	440000.00
Total	4771914.00

16. COVID 19.

During this year 2020-2021 faced Second wave of Covid -19, which destroyed the normal life of people and created a pathetic situation all over India. Vincentian activities in India were also affected to some extent. Even amidst this adverse situation many of our CCs could extend helping hands to those who have lost their livelihoods due the pandemic and taking into consideration of this Pandemic situation Bro. Johnson Varghese, Former NCI President sanctioned financial assistance of Rs.40,000/- to each Central Council.

17. Internal Audit

SSVP is appreciated and admired throughout for their honesty, transparency and responsible stewardship. As its members, it is our sacred duty and responsibility to cherish and nurture this good reputation of our Society. Internal Audit is one of the essential things in this direction. The Internal Audit helps us to introspect ourselves and rectify where ever we have gone contrary to the society's polices and methods. Thus Internal Audit assists us to upkeep the spirit of the society. I am happy to inform you that the Internal Audit team of the National Council under the leadership of Bro. Sebastian Thomas is continuing the good work to support all the Vincentians in the proper maintenance of accounts bringing about total transparency in all financial matters.

Due to Pandemic, during the year 2020-2021, Internal Audit could not be taken place in full fledged manner but it was carried at CC level wherever essential.

18.Vincentian Family (VINFAM)

The common forum of all associations and congregations of priests, nuns and lay people who have St. Vincent De Paul as their patron Saint. Our role as a member in the VINFAM has been significant in the past years, Bro. Francis Victor is the official representative of SSVP National Council of India. No specific activities taken place due to Pandemic.

19.. Meetings

66th Annual General Body Meeting was held on 7th and 8th November, 2020 through Virtual Platform due to Covid-19.

As per the decision of the AGM 2019, our efforts to construct HQ Office building for NCI in the premise of EFANN at Trombay, Mumbai was not in progress due to certain issues connected with the functioning of Bombay CC.

20. International Commitments

It is a matter of great pride for the Vincentians in India that Bro. T. Joseph Pandian is continuing as the Vice President General of our Society. Bro. Johnson Varghese is continuing as the International Territorial Vice President for Asia 1. Bro. (Dr.) A. Francis and Bro. Leo Levin Pushparaj are serving as the Territorial Delegate, Formation and Training, Asia I and the Youth Coordinator for Asia I respectively.

21.Year of Jules Devaux

As a way of promoting further the "International Year on the Theme of Jules Devaux", the Council General of the SSVP hereby opens the International Literary Competition on "The First Conference". The Year 2021 been celebrated as International Year of Jules Devaux, one of our co founders.

22. Centenary of Autonomy

On 13 November 1920 Pope Benedict XV through "Vaticans Corrientes Decision" granted full autonomy to the Society of St.Vincent de Paul. The International Council has declared the year 2020 as "Centenary year of Autonomy". As a mark of this event, the National Council of India, directed all the Central Councils to have Special Mass participated by Vincentians, Benefactors and Beneficiaries. As directed by NCI, most of the Councils and Conferences offered Holy Mass.

23. Remembrance

Bro. Darru Jesudoss, President of Srikakulam CC, Bro. A.Francis, President of Coimbatore CC, Bro.M.Soundarajan, Former Vice-President, NCI were called to eternal bliss. The National Council remembers with gratitude the services rendered by the above Brothers and all Vincentians called to eternal life. May their souls rest in peace

24. Acknowledgement

We make this opportunity to thank our former National spiritual advisor Rev. Dr. Stanislaus Kunnel in a special way for his support and spiritual guidance. Our special thanks goes to Bro. Jhonson Varghese, Former NCI President and all his Board Members for their wonderful dedicated services rendered to the Society for the past Six Years. A special mention about our Former National Secretary Bro. K.J. Fracis may not be deemed to be out of place here for he has streamlined the National Secretariat made the Administration very vibrant and efficient. We are also indebted to our benefactors, well-wishers and supporters in and around the world for their generous contributions to the Society. We express our thankfulness to our overseas councils of England & Wales, Australia, Netherlands, Scotland, USA, Italy, Canada, and France for their generous assistance through various schemes which help us to carry on our activities in India.

Our Special thanks to Bro. Renato Lima de Olivera our beloved President General for his love and special concern for the Vincentian activities in India. We also thank Bro. Joseph Pandian Vice President General for his support & encouragement. We thank M/S Harish Hedge & Co. Chartered Accountants for auditing the accounts of the National Council of India.

We also thank M/S V.V. Thomas & Company, Thodupuzha, Chartered Accountants for Auditing the President's Secretarial Accounts without accepting any fees. Our sincere thanks to the members of the Board, Managing Committee, General Body and various committees for their selfless support. We also thank the members of the staff at the headquarters and president's secretariat.

“Charity must never look backwards but always to the front because of the number of Good deeds already accomplished is very small while present and future hardships remain infinite. Just take a look at philanthropic organisations, they are nothing more than meetings, reports, accounts and minutes. Philanthropy is a form of decoration proudly worn by people who wish to boast about their good works. (Ozanam’s letter to L.Curnier, 23 February, 1835).

Bro. A. Santiago Manickam,

Secretary, National Council of India.

21st November, 2021.