

SOCIETY OF SISTERS OF ST. ANNE, MADRAS

Secretary – **Sr. Margaret Julie SSAM**



1. Introduction

- **Name of the Society:** Society of Sisters of St. Anne, Madras
- **Year of Establishment:** 1874, (Bangalore Province 1989)
- **Brief background of the Society:**

The **Society of Sisters of St. Anne – Madras (SSAM)** is a women's religious congregation founded in 1874 at Kilacheri (near Chennai, India) by Smt. Thatipathri Gnanamma, a courageous Catholic laywoman, a widow from Phirangipuram, Guntur (Andhra Pradesh). Girls' education in India was extremely limited during the 19th century. Our Foundress Mother Gnanamma recognized that education was the key to women's empowerment. So, she started a school for girls in Kilacheri in 1863 and inspired young women to join her mission. Two among the boarders expressed their desire to become Nuns. Hence, she sent them for Religious formation to Bellary. On 4 October 1874, these women became the first Sisters of St. Anne, Madras, marking the birth of the congregation.

The Congregation is known for its mission of educating and empowering women, especially poor girls, through education, Health Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, and Social Service.

- **Number of Institutions under the Society – Bangalore Province:14**
 - o UG & PG = 02
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 - o Technical Institutions = Nil
 - o Pre-University Colleges (PUC) = 02
 - o State Syllabus Schools
 - High Schools = 04
 - Hr. Pry. Schools = 03
 - Primary Schools = 02

2. Vision and Mission

- **Vision:**
 - o To provide humanizing and liberalizing education so as to form responsible citizens, who in solidarity with others will create a just society.
- **Mission:**
 - o To empower young minds, with knowledge, skills and competence.
 - o To provide them with opportunities to understand the present society and critically analyse its structures.
 - o To enable them to contribute in creating a more human and just society.

3. Society Activity Report: Special events and Activities

A. Province Level Activities

- **Sesquicentennial Jubilee Province Alumni Gathering (11 October 2025):** A historic gathering of more than 1100 alumni at St. Anne's Halasuru campus celebrating 150 years of Mother Gnanamma legacy, with a memorial lecture by Rev. Mother Dr. Leema Rosario and the launch of the Alumni Website and Jubilee Souvenir.
- **Province-wide Jubilee Awareness Programs:** Competitions, seminars, and presentations on the life and mission of Mother Gnanamma were conducted and Pilgrimage to Kilacheri was organized by the Schools and Colleges.
- Province Level Orientation sessions, AI Training and digital pedagogy workshops were organised for Principals and Teachers by the Secretary.

B. School and College Level Events
Academic and Innovation Activities

- **Add-On Programs** to equip students with future-ready competencies.
- Science Exhibitions and Innovation Programs were conducted inviting ISRO scientist.
- Remedial Coaching Classes for the slow learners is a regular feature in Schools.
- Educational Visits and Industrial Tours to ISRO/LPSC, Visvesvaraya Industrial Museum, Bannerghatta National Park, and other educational centers.
- E-Magazine "Gnana's Voice", YouTube Channel Launched at St. Anne's Doddalahalli.
- Inter-School Literary Festivals and Competitions enhanced communication skills.

Cultural and Co-Curricular Activities

- Multi-day cultural celebrations featuring dance, music, rangoli, culinary arts, and painting competitions.
- Won several prizes in district-level Prathibha Karanji Cultural Competitions.
- Food Festivals and Talent Exhibitions were organized as part of Jubilee celebrations.
- Annual Sports Meets and District Sports Participation in athletics and Tournaments.
- International Yoga Day Celebrations to promote holistic health.

Social Outreach and Community Engagement

- Charity Drives and Ration Distribution Programs by the Schools and Colleges.
- Environmental Awareness Campaigns: Tree plantation, Human Chain, and Rallies
- Visits to Old Age Homes and Special Schools.
- Traffic Awareness and Health Awareness Programs in collaboration with police.
- Scholarship: Fee concessions, SC/ST and Mother Gnanamma Scholarship Fund.

