

# St. Joseph's Development Trust

## A Legacy of Achievements and Milestones

Over the three past decade, St. Joseph's Development Trust has made remarkable strides in transforming lives through dedicated service and unwavering commitment to social upliftment. Our impact has reached thousands, providing holistic care, education, and empowerment to those in need. The following are some of the significant milestones and awards received by our organization, recognizing our relentless efforts in community service.

### **Achievements and Impact:**

#### **1. Holistic Care for Orphans and Destitute Children**

- ❖ We have established four orphanages that provide comprehensive care for over 600 orphaned and destitute girl children, offering them shelter, education, and healthcare.









## 2. Support for the Differently Abled

- ❖ More than 70 physically and mentally challenged children receive food, education, accommodation, and vocational training, ensuring their complete holistic development.





### 3. Scholarship Programs for Underprivileged Children

- ❖ Over 700 children from poor families belonging to rural, tribal, and marginalized communities benefit from our scholarship programs, enabling them to pursue their education without financial barriers.







Our Executive Director, **Dr. I. Sebastian**, on behalf of St. Joseph's Development Trust, has been honoured with several prestigious awards for our contributions to society. These recognitions highlight our commitment to social service and community empowerment.

### 1. 2008 - Star Achiever Award



- ❖ Awarded for **exceptional service to the tsunami flood victims**, recognizing our rapid and effective response during the crisis.

## 2. 2007 - Manimegalai Award



- ❖ Conferred for outstanding contributions to women's empowerment, acknowledging our efforts in uplifting women through various livelihood programs and social entrepreneurship initiatives.

## 3. 2003 – Best social worker Award



- ❖ Presented for **exceptional service to the handicapped community**, honouring our dedication to improving the lives of differently-abled individuals through education and skill development.



## 4. French Embassy Recognition

- ❖ A special award was bestowed upon our director for his remarkable services to **street children and child labourers**, recognizing our trust's relentless advocacy for child rights and welfare.

## 5. 2004 - Stitching Liliane Fonds Award, Netherlands



- ❖ Acknowledged for the **longest cooperation** with the organization, reflecting our sustained commitment to improving the lives of children with disabilities.

## 6. 2005 - Best Social Worker Award



- ❖ Presented for **exceptional service to the people of marginalized community**, and improving their lives through education and skill development.

## 7. The Mahalir Thittam Award



- ❖ Our Executive Director is receiving "**The Mahalir Thittam**" From The Project Director, the Mahalir thittam, Nagapattinam District Collectrate.



### **Pioneering Initiatives:**

- Our trust has been instrumental in **empowering women** through livelihood training, health and hygiene awareness, and micro-lending initiatives, ensuring economic independence and social dignity.
- We are actively working in **community development**, reaching **50 villages across 6 districts**, focusing on self-help groups, educational support, and nutritional programs.
- Our recent negotiations with the **Mayiladuthurai district protection officer** to establish a government-supported **child adoption centre** demonstrate our commitment to expanding our reach and services.

### **Looking Ahead:**

With every milestone achieved, St. Joseph's Development Trust remains steadfast in its mission to empower the underprivileged and create sustainable change. As we continue our journey, we invite like-minded supporters to join us in building a better future for those in need.