

The Retreat Shevaroyhills Tribal Development Institute MONTHLY VIEW POINT July - August 2019





SPS INDIA Foundation is a registered Non - Profit Organization that is registered as a part of social and developmental works arm of the Retreat, Yercaud. All our social related programmes and projects under this organization.

In Shevaroy Hills of Yercaud, we reach out to tribal and village communities in 61 villages to bring welfare to tribal children, young people, women and men We support young people and women with various employment and livelihood opportunities from most of the villages. The children are offered educational facilities.

Shevaroy Hills is home to Tribals known as 'Malayalis', meaning People of the Hills. They are the most exploited and deprived people in the region. Their misery is compounded by poverty, illiteracy, ignorance of causes of diseases, poor sanitation, and lack of safe drinking water.

SOLA TRIBAL CHILDREN'S **HOME (STOCHO) Birthday Merry**



Month of July is marked by the birthdays of Fr. Amos and Bro. Rivin. The birthdays were celebrated and solemnized in a grant manner. The boys solemnized their birthdays by staging their endowments through numerous programmes in family circle, to manifest their gratefulness and love to them. Indeed, the birthday merriments were magnificent.

Volleyball Tournament Champions

The state volleyball association organized a zonal level volleyball tournament for the schools in Salem. Three of our boys represented St. Joseph School, Yercaud, and secured first place in tournament with a great margin of victory. In fact the esteemed determination, effort and diligence of the

boys made them to grab the trophy. Various trainings and the coaching given by the school is noteworthy.

RETREAT ESTATE ORGANICS (REO) Loquat, The Unique

We just found that we have Loquat in our estate. Thanks to Mrs. Caroline Radhakrishnan for spotting tree. Succulent, tangy yet sweet, wonderfully delicious loquat fruit is rich in vitamins, minerals, and anti-oxidants. This unique fruit originated in the wild, evergreen rainforests of Southeastern China, from where it spread all across the world including Japan. Some of the common names of loquat include Japanese plum, Japanese medlar, Maltese plum, etc.

Loquat plant can be described as an evergreen, large shrub or small tree belonging to the family of Rosaceae, in the genus; Eriobotrya. The botanical name is Eriobotrya japonica and closely related to the "apples." We are already on our way to multiplying them.



A Fund Raising Initiative with Objets d'Art:



Together with Master's Loft, SPS INDIA Foundation (the social works arm of the Retreat, Yercaud) is organizing and

launching objects d'art of Master's Loft. Thirty percent of the profit shall go to fund the education of tribal children from 61 villages in the Shevaroy Hills of Yercaud.

The event is to be held at The Rain Tree, 636, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai – 600 035 on Saturday, 7th

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After School Night Teachers Meet:



On 13 July 2019: We had a wonderful meeting with our Night School Teachers, evaluating the past academic year and planning for the present academic year. We are very grateful to them for their dedicated service.





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