# UPGRADING HOSTEL INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH QUALITY EDUCATION AT ARUPPE BOYS HOSTEL, KILPENNATHUR.

### Project Context:

The Aruppe Boys hostel in kilpennathur serves to empower children from Arunthathiyar families who are at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder. The Arunthathiyar people are a sub-caste within the marginalized and suppressed Dalit groups in Tamil Nadu. They live on the outskirts of the villages or Cities in harsh and dehumanizing conditions deprived even of the necessities of life. The Jesuit Chennai Province started the AHAL (Action for Human Liberation and Action) Centre in 1999 with solemn resolve to ensure the Arunthathiyar people a better future by rebuilding their self-confidence and dignity. AHAL Jesuit Social Action Centre started Arrupe Hostel in 2002 to support Arunthathiyar children, first-generation learners, with quality and value-based education so that they can realize their dream of a better future. At present, there are about 60 children between the age group of 6 to 18 years.



#### Rationale:

The project seeks collaboration to strengthen core components that can shape the lives of these young learners through Quality Food and Lodging providing daily nutritious meals and safe, structured accommodations to ensure stability and health, so students can focus on their education without worrying about basic needs. Complementary Education Skills develop students' time management,

multitasking abilities, and confidence in learning through targeted programs, which help instil a positive attitude toward education and foster aspirations for higher studies. Extracurricular Activities expose students to arts, social themes, and current issues to broaden their perspectives, develop critical thinking, and cultivate talents that can contribute to personal and community transformation. By supporting these initiatives, collaborators can help build a generation of educated, empowered youth who are equipped to break the chains of caste-based oppression and lead their communities toward a future of dignity, equity, and opportunity.

#### Beneficiaries:

#### **70 Boys**

(Arundhadiyar Boys from Tiruvannamalai and Villupuram districts.)

## Objective of the project:

To enhance the educational opportunities of marginalized students by students with a hands-on learning experience.

- → To make basic education available and accessible to Arunthathiyar Boys from rural areas.
- To exercise the fundamental Right to Education.
- → To empower Arunthathiyar Boys with formal education, life coping skills and talent formation to succeed.
- → To introduce leadership qualities by educating them to become change agents of their communities



## Activities of the Project:

- Providing quality food and lodging.
- Providing Complementary Education Skills to develop the attitude that learning is easy.
- → Co-Curricular and Extracurricular activities such as different art forms, skills, knowledge, perspectives, social themes and current issues are intriguing.

## Expected outcome of the Project:

- → Upgrading to new, efficient, and suitable computer models will provide students with access to the latest technology and software, enriching their learning experiences with practical application knowledge.
- This will prepare them for future career opportunities.



#### Possible Collaboration:

- Providing quality food and lodging.
- Providing Complementary Education Skills.
- Special day celebrations.
- Educational Excursions and exposures.

