

Topic of the Project:

Affirmative intervention of Orphanages in Nation Building

Introduction:

Humanistic vision and transcendental thought which has the potential to transform the flow of life arise from a profound mind that is able to tune the discordant notes of adversities into sweet rhythms of tranquillity. Such minds are products of healthy environment and carefully tended childhood. Childhood is usually a mixture of happiness, wonder and resilience. It is generally a time of playing, learning, socializing, exploring, and worrying in a world without much adult interference, aside from parents. It is a time of learning about responsibilities without having to deal with adult responsibilities. Childhood and early adolescence are tender and fragile developmental stages where goals are set and ideals are formed in human beings. But due to various inevitable modern day instances children are placed in vulnerable situations and are deprived of their basic rights. Children especially girls are exposed to exploitation, child labour, pornography, physical and mental abuse and many other atrocities. In such situations orphanages and rehabilitation centers play a key role in safeguarding and implementing social justice to children coming in its care. The focus of this research is on selected orphanages for girl children in the Thrissur district registered under the Association of Orphanages Board. Throughout the research paper orphan refers to a girl child from broken family, girl child with only father living, or a girl with only distant relatives, who are not able to provide for her or protect her. Today, when a few orphanages are accused of human trafficking and bear a social stigma the service rendered by numerous properly run orphanages in creating liberated and empowered women cannot be obliterated. These institutions provide shelter to the destitute and change the course of their lives which otherwise would have been ruined.

Objectives:

- a) To critically investigate and evaluate the measures taken by orphanages in providing holistic development to children from vulnerable situations.
- b) To create an awareness of the need of orphanages today, when the rate of pure orphans has decreased.
- c) To assess the efficiency of orphanages today in developing healthy citizen.
- d) To remove a social stigma from well-run orphanages.

Methodology:

- i. Documentary review: Review of academic articles, professional reports, and other forms of literature.

- ii. Sampling: Purposive sampling from selected orphanages for girls in Thrissur District. A combination of sampling techniques will be used to get specific categories of age, problem etc.
- iii. Interview: with children as well as care takers.
- iv. Questionnaire
- v. Data analysis