

Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore)

# DARSHAMAM

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### **Celebrating 77 Years of Service With A Heart**

For our 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we held our celebrations at SNM Nursing Home@Chong Pang on 29 June 2025, surrounded by our members, staff, and residents. It was a heartwarming event made even more special by the presence of our Guest of Honour, Assoc Prof Dr. Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs, who has been a familiar and supportive figure to our community for many years.

The celebration kicked off with a vibrant dance performance by students from Global Indian International School, followed by a lively Bollywood number by our residents that had everyone clapping along and smiling.

SNM's President, Mr. Anil Sarasijakshan warmly welcomed guests and expressed gratitude to both past and present members for their continued support. In his speech, Dr. Faishal congratulated SNM on 77 years of meaningful service.

The festivities continued with a joyful cake-cutting ceremony, followed by a relaxed tea session where everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet spread. As the event came to a close, our CEO, Mr. S. Devendran, thanked everyone for being part of the celebration and expressed heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Faishal for his many years of unwavering support for SNM's mission.

It was a truly memorable day, marking 77 years of service with a heart.









# **Grassroots Advisor Goh Hanyan Visits SNM Nursing Home**

On 14 June 2025, we were honoured to welcome Grassroots Adviser, Ms. Goh Hanyan, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, to our nursing home.

Ms. Goh was warmly received by our President, Mr. Anil Sarasijakshan, CEO Mr. S. Devendran, and members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee. She spent time with our residents, who greeted her with warmth and enthusiasm, before receiving a brief introduction to SNM by Mr. Anil. Ms. Goh and her team joined our leaders, staff, and residents for a breakfast prepared by our kitchen team, an opportunity for meaningful connection, followed by a presentation in our conference room where they received an overview of SNM's history, daily operations, and future plans.

We're deeply grateful to Ms. Goh for visiting and look forward to working closely with her and her team in the years ahead.







### **SNM's CEO Receives Jamalian Award**

On 20 April 2025, SNM's CEO, Mr. S. Devendran, received the prestigious Jamalian Award from the Jamal Mohamed College Alumni Association (Singapore Chapter), in recognition of his contributions to social and community services.

The award was presented during the Tamil Language Festival 2025 at the Umar Pulavar Tamil Language Centre.

As Ambassador Kesavapany, who attended the ceremony, aptly remarked: "A highly respected Muslim leader acknowledging the services of a committed Christian, serving an institution inspired by a Hindu Guru in which senior citizens of all races are looked after. This, to me, is inter-faith harmony in action. Congratulations Dev!".

A big thank you to the JMC Alumni Association (Singapore Chapter) for this meaningful honour.







## SNM AAC@Race Course Receives the Silver Award at RSVP's Appreciation Day 2025

On 7 May 2025, SNM AAC@Race Course received the prestigious Silver Award at RSVP's Appreciation Day, in recognition of our continued collaboration. The event honours the invaluable contributions of senior volunteers, and this year, SNM was honoured to participate as a community care partner.

For the past five years, SNM AAC@Race Course has partnered with RSVP to support seniors through initiatives like the weekly HAPPY Programme, which promotes mental and physical well-being. We're especially grateful to the RSVP senior volunteers for their passionate leadership, which has made a lasting impact.

The Silver Award reflects our meaningful collaboration with RSVP, and we look forward to many more years of uplifting the lives of seniors together.









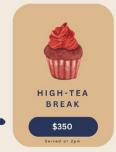
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### **SNM SCC & AAC Seniors Visit Bird Paradise**

On 19 May 2025, we had the joy of bringing together 219 participants—including our beloved clients from all three of our Senior Care Centres, service users from SNM AAC (Care)@Woodlands, their family members, dedicated staff, helpers, and passionate volunteers—for a memorable outing to Bird Paradise at Mandai Wildlife Reserve.

Our seniors and their loved ones had a wonderful time exploring the park's many unique biomes and enjoying meaningful moments with our volunteers and staff. It was a joyful celebration of community, companionship, and the outdoors. The smiles and laughter throughout the day showed just how much it meant to our seniors, who are already looking forward to the next outing.

We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the volunteer groups—Itron Pte Ltd, Woodlands Evangelical Church, Republic Polytechnic, DTDL, Care Corner, and Eunos Community Volunteers—as well as the many individual volunteers who generously gave their time and care.

We are also grateful to Sian Chay Charity Centre, YHS (Singapore) Pte Ltd, and Eunos Cultural Centre for generously sponsoring gifts for our seniors, to Mandai Wildlife Reserve for the complimentary entry tickets, and to Sunny Bay for providing transport support.

















On 11 April 2025, we hosted a vibrant Hari Raya-themed Pasar Malam for our beloved residents at SNM Nursing Home. Volunteers from SNM, the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Agency for Integrated Care (AIC) came together to run the food stalls and game booths, while actively engaging with our residents to ensure a fun and memorable experience for all.

Our residents thoroughly enjoyed indulging in a variety of local favourites, including mee siam, curry puffs, rojak, and refreshing soft drinks. They also had a wonderful time trying out the different games, with volunteers enthusiastically guiding and cheering them on.

For our residents, the event evoked fond memories of visiting traditional Pasar Malams and brought everyone together, creating a warm sense of community and lasting memories for all involved.









# SNM Residents Discover Singapore's Ceylon Tamil Heritage at NUS University Cultural Centre

On 27 April 2025, our residents had the privilege of attending a special screening of the documentary, 'A Sacred Space in Singapore' at the NUS University Cultural Centre, at the invitation of the Singapore Ceylon Tamils' Association.

The documentary explored the history of Sri Senpaga Vinayagar Temple, one of Singapore's oldest Hindu temples, offering our residents a meaningful and eye-opening experience as they learned about its cultural and religious significance, as well as its enduring role in the local Ceylon Tamil community. Adding to this enriching experience was a beautifully curated poster exhibition, "Roots and Route...", which celebrated the Ceylon Tamil community's contributions to Singapore's multicultural heritage. The compelling stories, photographs, and milestones on display brought history to life and left a lasting impression on our residents.

For our residents, the highlight of the day was meeting the President of Singapore, Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. It was a proud and memorable moment for our residents, who had the opportunity to greet him and share a few words.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Singapore Ceylon Tamils' Association for their warm hospitality and for providing such an unforgettable cultural experience for our residents.





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