

ISHAPREMA NIKETAN

❖ About:

Ishaprema-Niketan ("Home of God's Love") was opened on 19th March 1961 in a little garage situated at Padamji Park, Pune. Run by dedicated Sisters of the Group called Ishaprema-Vinamra-Sevika (The Humble Servants of God's Love), the Home cares for abandoned, lonely, destitute old men and women, physically handicapped girls, and the little ones of working mothers from the slums around.

Ishaprema-Niketan is no more in the garage where it was born. In 1962 it moved to a larger bungalow very close to it. Ishaprema-Niketan has two branches that were opened in the State of Goa: 1) at Assaganv village, Bardez Taluka, in 1966; 2) at Goa-Velha village, Tiswadi Taluka, in 1972. In Pune, on an average, around 65-70 resident inmates, while in 2 Homes in Goa around 40 aged and poor people are being cared for.

All these Homes bear the same name. The houses themselves with the surrounding property have been gifted to Ishaprema-Niketan. And everything in these Homes is donated; cots, mattresses and bed-linen, home furniture, electrical and plumbing fittings, fans, fridges, washing machines, geysers and T.V. sets. People have realized that these amenities are necessary for effective service of such a large family as also to make those Ishaprema-Niketan serve feel truly at home, to make them experience that this is truly their home, where they are cherished and loved till the very end.

Countless gifts have been received through the years, besides sincere encouragement from various people. Without all this and God's very visible protection we would never have been able to carry on our service of dedication in the midst of our own limitations, hardships and obstacles of various types. That is why we always remain deeply grateful to all these people, poor or rich, who have supported us and, above all, to our Heavenly Father.

See More: http://ishaprema-niketan.org/html/about_us.html

❖ Activities:

- Sponsorship for poor students.
- Counseling of individual persons, married couples and families under various types of stress and difficulties.
- Hospitalization of the sick and caring for them in the hospital.
- Arranging outings for the inmates: picnics, circus, visits to the zoo/ beach, etc.
- Entertainment programs within the Home.
- Celebration of various festivities.
- Care for pregnant mothers.
- Care for unwed pregnant mothers.
- Post-natal care of babies and mother-child care.
- Heart operation of 2.5 year-old baby-girl and post-operative care of this child.
- Keeping the vital link with, and support to, the adopting families and children who were adopted.
- Foster and work to create a universal family of sisters and brothers among all.

