

## Guest Editorial

### Sylvester Peter: *Founder, My Angels Academy* .

I began my journey of helping poor children in primary school because I noticed the stark difference between their childhood and mine. While I had the privilege of a carefree and nurturing childhood, I saw these children deprived of the same joys and opportunities. This realization fueled my desire to give back and make a meaningful impact on their lives.

My approach was multifaceted, aiming to address various aspects of their well-being. I started by sharing love, care, and basic necessities like food, clothes, and toys and providing education through teaching and counseling. I emphasized the importance of good behavior, hygiene, and daily bathing, instilling values that would benefit them in the long run.

As I matured into my teenage years, my focus shifted towards empowering these children with dignity. I rejected the idea

of offering handouts or alms; instead, I encouraged them to earn rewards through acts of kindness and good deeds. I channeled their energy into constructive activities such as sports like football, holistic practices like Yoga and Vipassana, creative pursuits like painting and dancing, academic enrichment, moral education, and fostering a sense of responsibility through *Karam Yoga*.

I affectionately refer to these children as 'Angels' because they embody the spirit of sharing, caring, and inclusivity. They are proactive leaders who transcend caste, creed, or religious barriers, guided only by the universal language of love. By nurturing these Angels, I aim to create a community of compassionate individuals who are not just recipients of help but also agents of positive change in our society.

