

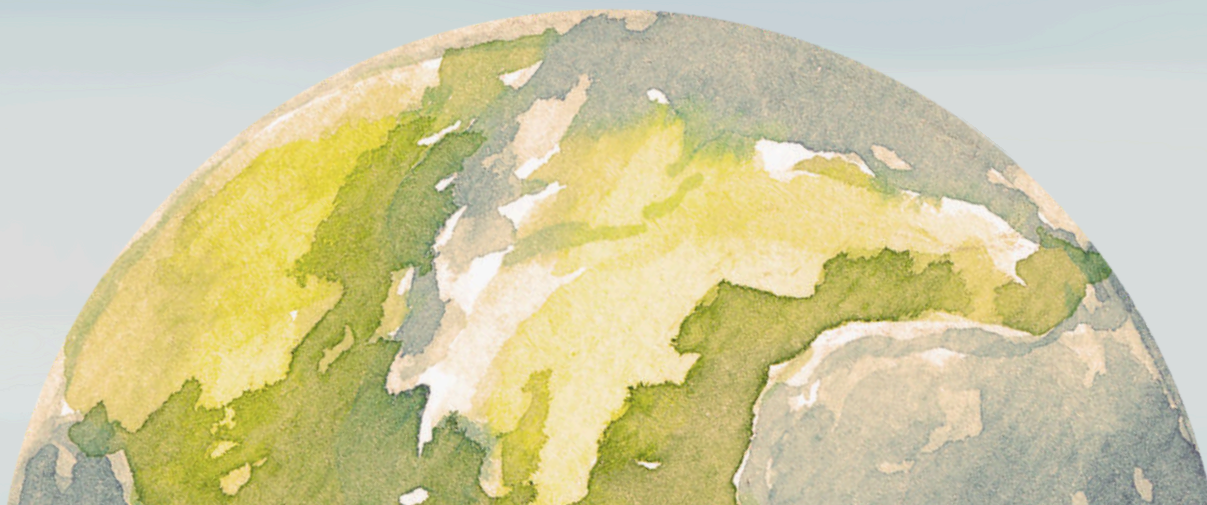


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## **Mission Moment: Arunima Hospice and Snehakunja Children's Home: A Beacon of Redemption and Renewal**

Arunima Hospice, a Care & Support Centre under the Diocese of Calcutta, CNI, began with the mission to care for the poor and marginalized, especially people living with HIV (PL-HIV). Over time, it has grown beyond medical care into a sanctuary of healing, dignity, and transformation. The hospice has become a comprehensive support centre, touching every aspect of the lives of people living with HIV. A particularly unique development is Snehakunja, the childcare centre, which began with humble beginnings and is now a role model in India as well as for the international community.

Ayesha arrived in 2007 with one paralyzed cerebral hemisphere and an HIV diagnosis. Rejected by her family due to stigma, she found refuge and purpose at Arunima. Today, she serves as the house mother to young girls, embodying the very care and compassion that once saved her.



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Mallika and Sanat, both battling cancer along with HIV, were also abandoned by their families. But Arunima embraced them. Here, they are more than patients — they are human beings with value, stories, and a future shaped by love and care.

Their stories ripple into the lives of the children at Snehakunja, many of whom are immunocompromised. Once vulnerable, they now thrive — receiving mainstream education and training in music, art, and life skills. They help younger children, participate in outreach programs, and pursue careers in IT, education, and nursing.

Among them are Mon and Moitri, two baby girls born within Arunima's walls. Today, they shine brightly — excelling in both academics and instrumental music. Moitri's journey is especially moving: her mother, a patient suffering from schizophrenia, has struggled with stability and perception of reality. Yet, despite such deep challenges, Moitri is blossoming into a focused, intelligent, and graceful young girl — a symbol of hope rising through hardship.

Arunima Hospice is no longer just a care unit. It is a cradle of rebirth, resilience, and radiant faith — a living witness to what love, service, and Christ-centered mission can achieve. It reminds and reassures us of the psalmist's words: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Psalm 118:22).

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