

Dr. Sunny Luke and JIMPIRE

Prof. Dr. Sunny Luke was honored by H.E. Mar Thomas Tharayil of Changanassery Diocese at the inauguration function of JIMPIRE held on May 2023.



JIMPIRE (Jimmy Institute of Multidisciplinary Physical and Intellectual Rehabilitation and Empowerment) is a center devoted to early interventional therapy for children with disabilities, mainly neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDDs). This cutting-edge therapy center is the gift of Dr. George Padanilam, a famous surgeon from Ohio, USA, in honor of his son Jimmy Padanilam, who is a special child. Fr. Sebastian Punnassery, Dr. Sunny Luke, and Mr. Cifin Thomas (CEO) worked cooperatively with Dr. George Padanilam in developing his retirement mansion into a first-class service center with all amenities necessary for treating children affected with mild to severe neurodevelopmental disorders. In this center, therapies include occupational therapy, speech therapy, behaviour therapy, play therapy, social skill training, sensory integration, developmental education and physiotherapy



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The major types of NDDs include Intellectual Disabilities (IDs), Communication Disabilities (CDs), Motor Disabilities (MDs), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), Sensory Disorders (SDs), and Specific Learning Disorders (SLDs).

Dr. Sunny Luke brings his clinical experience from the USA, adding value to this therapy center as an expert in the early diagnosis of children with NDDs *in utero* and after birth using chromosome, gene, and genome technology.

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A Special Discussion with H.E. Mar Joseph Kallarangattu, Bishop of Pala Diocese, September 2024

Delegates from Buckinghamshire University, UK, led by Dr. Leah Fox, Dean of Aviation Management Studies, accompanied by Dr. Sunny Luke, Vice Chairman of IISAC, USA, held discussions with the Bishop of Pala Diocese on developing a joint degree program in Aviation Tourism with the St. Joseph Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Pala. An agreement for the dual-country degree program was reached.





Seen in the photograph are Fr. James John, the Director of St. Joseph’s College of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Sheri Kurian, Director of St. Joseph Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Dr. Leah Fox (UK), Mr. George Abraham (UK), Mr. Prathish (UK), and Dr. Sunny Luke (USA).

Initiation of Dr. George Padanilam Center for Disability Studies and Research in SB College, Changanassery, Kerala, India, November 2024

It is the dream of Dr. George Padanilam, a successful surgeon from Ohio, USA, to establish a center for disability studies and research in his hometown, Changanassery. For this purpose, he identified SB College, one of the prestigious higher education institutions in India with a 100-year reputation, as the epicenter for translating his wish to reduce disabilities through education and research.

He identified Dr. Sunny Luke as the leader for this initiative, based on his 35 years of research and teaching experience in the USA. In a high-power meeting of administrators of SB College, including vice principals, deans, and HODs of concerned departments (Social Work, Psychology, Sociology, and English), Prof. Sunny Luke revealed the vision for this new institute with full support from Dr. George Padanilam. The proposal was accepted unanimously by this committee and is going to become a reality in June 2025. The meeting was chaired by the Principal, Fr. Reji Plathottam, supported by the Vice Principal, Fr. Teddy.



Disability Studies, being a multidisciplinary field, received full support from the other participating members of the academic departments. The meeting decided to concentrate on the following academic areas of disability studies:

- Sociology & Social Work-based Disability Studies
- Psychology-based Disability Studies
- English Literature-based Disability Studies
- Pedagogy-based Disability Studies (Special Education)
- Rehabilitation-based Disability Studies
- Queer (LGBTQIA+) and Feminism-based Studies
- Career-oriented Disability Studies

For the practical aspects, Prof. Sunny Luke suggested connecting all four major institutions disabilities under Changanassery Dioceses with SB College for providing practicum for the students.

These are:

- JIMPIRE, the therapy center (<https://jimpire.org/>)
- Asha Bhavan, a home for children with all forms of disabilities (<https://ashabhavan.charityworld.in/>)
- Alphonsa Bhavan, a home for adults with mental disease
- Chetipuzha St. Thomas Hospital, where expert doctors are available for the treatment of persons with disabilities (<https://www.st-thomashospital.com/>)

Disability is an impairment or restriction resulting from anatomical, neurological, or mental defects leading to functional limitations. They are classified into nine different groups:

1. Physical Disabilities
2. Cognitive Disabilities
3. Mental Disabilities
4. Multiple Disabilities
5. Motor Disabilities
6. Visual Disabilities
7. Hearing Disabilities
8. Learning Disabilities
9. Terminal and Debilitating Diseases

In addition to academic and practical aspects of the disabilities, the institute will concentrate on research to reduce and/or prevent disabilities.



Children with special needs from Asha Bhavan

What made Dr. George Padanilam to donate his fortunes for people suffering from Disabilities? Read his story

Introducing Dr. George Padanilam: Father of an Autistic Son and the New Therapy Center for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

Allow me to introduce my good friend, Dr. George Padanilam. He was a well-known surgeon in Ohio, USA, who has now shifted his focus to the rehabilitation, medical management, and special education of children with developmental and intellectual disabilities in Changanasherry, Kerala. He generously donated a substantial portion of his savings, his own mansion, and land in Kerala to Sneha Bhavan, managed by Fr. Punnasherry. This institution houses more than 150 children with autism and other developmental disorders.

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What prompted this successful surgeon from the USA to transition into a philanthropist and dedicate himself to the empowerment of special children in Kerala? The answer lies in his own autistic son, 'JIMMY'. He regards Jimmy as a special gift from God and believes that Jimmy came into his life for a reason. Eventually, he discovered that reason: to help children like Jimmy at Sneha Bhavan. He left his thriving practice in the USA and resettled with Jimmy and his wife in a small house near the mansion he donated for therapy and early intervention. Throughout this transformative journey, Jimmy imparted numerous life lessons to him—the unexplored world of individuals with mental challenges, the essence of love, and the purpose of life.

Dr. George Padanilam has authored several books based on his personal experiences with his autistic son. He has become a prolific writer in Malayalam after putting aside his surgical tools. His insights are on par with, if not superior to, the weekly column "Innathe Chintha Vishayam" published in the Manorama Sunday Supplement. I am delighted to share some of his reflections with those who are keen on understanding the mindset of a father, based on the unexpected lessons he learned from Jimmy.

The fruits of his charity, JIMPIRE, have materialized in the form of a cutting-edge therapy center that is now operational within his donated house. Here, hundreds of children with neurodevelopmental disabilities receive early intervention therapies, including Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Behavioral Therapy, and Special Education. For more information, please visit www.jimpire.org.

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