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Dear Friends,

Earth quake followed by Tsunami followed by volcanic eruption, followed by melt down of atomic power plant.... What did nature have against Japan? Within few minutes the beautiful beaches were converted into mass burial grounds. World's best cars, most sought after cars, were all floating in water and were swept away into deep sea. Their technological brilliance didn't stand even an outside chance against the massive waves. Ships and boats entered roads. Houses were converted into mere garbage. The fragile nature of our possessions was well demonstrated. Of course all possessions, including our body, are made up of the five basic elements and some time or other they have to go back to nature. At times, nature rushes to take back its possessions, what we have misunderstood as ours.

In the 2004 Tsunami, we had major loss of life. But Japan is used to major earth quakes and Tsunamis. They get such situations every now and then. Their buildings are earth quake resistant and they also have a good Tsunami warning system. With the help of all these technological advances, the loss of life was comparatively less. But loss of human life is not a matter of statistics.

Government of Japan and people of Japan have been extending helping hand to many under developed countries and have been sponsoring many developmental projects all over the world, including India. Sevalaya was once a recipient of such a grant to construct the old age home.

We need to help people when they are in trouble even if they have not helped us. But when we have received help from them in the past, we feel it is our duty to support them at this hour of crisis. Sevalaya sent out a condolence message to the Japanese consulate and also to all its contacts in Japan. Fortunately, none of our donors were directly affected by this calamity. We are also in the process of mobilizing support for this cause.

TAFVA, Tamilnadu Federation of Voluntary agencies, which is an umbrella organization of all the voluntary organizations in Tamilnadu is mobilizing support from all agencies, all over Tamilnadu. Sevalaya will be joining hands with them in this project. Once we have a sizable amount collected, we plan to meet the officials in Chennai Japanese consulate and handover our collections. We hope we can do this soon. We appeal to all donors of Sevalaya to support this cause and let us all together join hands and do what little we can in this hour of crisis.

Thanks & Regards

Murali

## Cognizant Foundation presents new Furniture



## Inauguration of Sevalaya's Uthiramerur Branch



## Sevalaya CD release



## Public Relations

A DVD on the activities of Sevalaya was released in a function at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore on 02/03/2011. Dr. M.B. Nirmal, Founder President, Exnora International released the DVD. The first copy of the Tamil version was received by Mr. A. Hari, a motivational speaker and the first copy of the English Version was received by Ms. Shantha, Teacher, DRBCC Higher Secondary School, Thiruvallur. To view the DVD please visit [http://www.youtube.com/view\\_play\\_list?p=E7DF217676741CAE](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=E7DF217676741CAE) The art works of Sevalaya children who participated in the art charity program with The Children's Art Village, USA was exhibited at the AT&T Gallery of Children's Art, located at the Sheldon Concert Hall and Art Galleries in St. Louis, Missouri, USA in February 2011. To watch the video in you tube please visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XudvCmQ-DMQ>



**X STD Students Visting Pakkam Sivan Temple**

Sevalaya put up a stall at Aricent Technologies as a part of International Women's Day celebrations on 08/03/2011 and 09/03/2011.

Sevalaya Muralidharan, Founder & Managing trustee, Sevalaya and G. Ilayaraja, Trustee, Sevalaya were the Chief Guests at the 3rd Annual Day Celebrations of Deepam, a Chennai based NGO on 19/03/2011.

In the NGO Coordination meeting organized by Tamilnadu Federation of Voluntary Agencies (TAFVA) and Confederation of Indian Organisation for Social Advocacy (CIOSA) Sevalaya Muralidharan spoke on getting 35 AC exemption for NGO projects.

Sevalaya Muralidharan was the Chief Guest at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual day Celebrations of Good Samaritan primary School, Thamaraiakkam on 26/03/2011.

## Leadership Training Programme



## Administration

Ms. Vijayalakshmi of Yuvashakthi spoke on "Life of Vivekananda" at Sevalaya's administrative office on 04/03/2011.

## Bharathiyar Team

## Events

On 01/03/2011, Cognizant Foundation presented new Furniture to the higher secondary school. Mr.S.Madhavan, CEO of Cognizant Foundation and Ms.Usha Rani of Cognizant foundation were the chief guests.

International Women's Day celebration and Inauguration of Sevalaya's Uthiramerur Branch was held at Babu Reddy Gardens, Uthiramerur on 08/03/2011. Former Vice Chancellor of Gandhigram University - Dr. D.K.Oza, Dr. N. Baktha Reddy, Professor Emeritus, Tamilnadu MGR Medical university, Ms. Asha Priya Sridhar, Managing Director, Indiss, Mr. Loganathan, ASSCOD and Sr. Mercy of Integrated Development Trust, Uthiramerur participated as special guests. Free computer classes and tailoring classes were inaugurated for the village women at the centre. Ms. Asha Priya Sridhar handed over CDs of the e-learning software developed by Indiss which will enable the rural users to learn the basics of computer without a tutor to Sevalaya and to the Head Master of Government Primary School, Uthiramerur.

On 12/03/2011 Mr. Prasanna of The Ma Foi Foundation conducted Leadership Training Programme for thirty seven select students of Class VI, VII & VIII who displayed leadership qualities. These children were identified based on their participation in the earlier preliminary programmes conducted over a period of 3 months.

On 18/03/2011 tenth Standard students appearing for Public Examination were taken to the Pakkam Sivan Temple and a special pooja was conducted after which the hall tickets were issued to them.

## NSS Wing of Presidency College



## Mobile Library at Arunthathi Palayam



### Staff Training Program:

Mr. R. Vijayaraghavan participated in a training programme on "Fair and Free Election" at Mylapore, in which former Chief Election Commissioner of Tamil Nadu Mr. Naresh Gupta participated as Chief Guest. This programme was organized by Forum for electoral integrity.

### Sports

On 19/03/2011, 7 students participated in the regional sports meet held in AVADI Ajaya Stadium.

### Staff Book Review

On 05/03/2011, "The story of Kathar" was taken up for discussion by Mr. D. Pradap. On 12/3/2011, Ms. V. Priya spoke on the "My Life Story" written by Gandhiji. On 19/03/2011, Ms. D. Priya spoke on "Gandhiji's Autobiography." On the same day "Interesting Incidents in Great Men's Life" was taken up for discussion by Ms. Lakshmi.



### School Clubs

Mr. Selvanayagam spoke on writing poems in the Tamil club conducted on 16/03/2011. Mr. Jeevanandhan conducted a language game focusing on the reading and comprehension ability of the students in the English club on 22/03/2011. On the same day Mr. Kannan explained the "Short cuts in Mathematics" as a part of the Maths club activity. Ms. G. Jothi spoke on "Methods and steps in conducting Scientific Experiments" in the Science club on 23/02/2011.

## Gandhi Team

### Events

On 06/03/2011 A Cardio- Medical camp was conducted in association with Rotary Club of Madras at the Sevalaya campus, in which around 250 public participated and got benefitted.



On 07/03/2011 an awareness programme on "Health and Hygiene" was conducted for the school students. Mr. K. Selvam, Puliur Health Inspector participated in it as a Resource Person.

On 20/03/2011 a meeting of the "Puthiya Thalaimurai" Readers Circle, Thiruvallur District was held in Sevalaya.

### Mobile Library

Sevalaya's Mobile Library visited Arunthathi Palayam on 13/03/2011 and Karalapakkam village on 27/03/2011.

### Kottu Murasu:

On 11/03/2011, Sevalaya's Kottumurasu Troup presented a cultural programme in Pinnapattu village.

### Vivekanandar Team:

#### NSS Camps

On 04/03/2011, NSS Wing of Presidency College camped at Sevalaya from 04/03/2011 to 10/03/2011. They presented cultural programme, conducted door to door AIDS Awareness programme in Ramanathapuram Village and distributed pamphlets, undertook cleaning activities in Puliur village. In association with St. John's Ambulance Association they also organized a First Aid Training Programme for Sevalaya students.

### Senior citizens

On 17/03/2011 senior citizens of the Old Age Home were taken to Pakkam Sivan Koil for Pradosham.

### Student's book review:

On 12/03/2011 M. Arunakumari of 11<sup>th</sup> std spoke on "Science Fictions." On 19/03/2011 K. Chitra of 11<sup>th</sup> std shared her views on the story Kugan's "Nadai Pathai".

### Visit to places of worship

Boys visited Kasuva Vinayagar temple on 04/03/2011 and Ramanathapuram Vinayagar temple on 18/03/2011. On 11/03/2011 and 18/03/2011 girls visited Vinayagar temple at Kasuva.



# Do or Die!

All India Congress committee that met at Bombay on August 7, 1942 passed the momentous "Quit India" resolution. The resolution was categorical that the Congress would extend its support to the allies in the war only if India was granted total independence and not otherwise. Free India would assure all her great resources in the struggle for freedom and against the aggression of Nazism, fascism and imperialism. . The committee resolved to sanction, for the vindication of the inalienable right to freedom and independence, the starting of a mass struggle on non violent lines on the widest possible scale.

Immediately following the resolution, Gandhiji was arrested and was confined in the Aga Khan palace at Poona. Gandhiji wrote to the Viceroy stating that the summary rejection of the demand had plunged the nation and the Government into confusion. He emphasized that the protection of freedom of China and Russia was the common cause of the Government and the people of India. If the response of the Government to Congress was hasty repression, the only inference could be that it was not so much the allied cause that weighed with the British Government, as the unexpressed determination to cling to the possession of India as an indispensable part of imperial policy.

During the period, with all the leaders in jail, people took law in to their own hand, which was responded to by the Government by ruthless action. More than 150 police stations were attacked, besides other government buildings. Over 30 members of the police force were killed, and a few other officials soldiers. On the other side, even according to government figures, 900 civilians were killed and several injured. The unarmed and leaderless mobs faced the police and military firing on 538 occasions, and whipping sentences were inflicted on as many occasions.

The collective fine on villagers amounted to Rs.90 Lakhs which was promptly realized. Over 60000 persons were arrested. Winston Churchill roared, "I have not become the King's first minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire."

The Viceroy accused Gandhiji of hypocrisy and alleged that the entire violence unleashed by the people was premeditated and engineered by the Congress led by Gandhiji. Gandhiji refused to accept responsibility. In the face of mindless violence by the Government and the absence of leadership, the people reacted in fury. He said, "The Government goaded the people to the point of madness. They started leonine violence in the shape of arrests." He added that if he could not get soothing balm from the government for his pain, he must resort to the law prescribed for Satyagrahis, namely a fast according to capacity. He proposed to go on a fast for 21 days starting from 9<sup>th</sup> February 1943. The fast would be ended sooner by the Government giving needed relief. The Viceroy did not relent and said that the responsibility for the "consequences" of the fast must rest on him (Gandhiji) alone. The Government was in fact afraid to face the consequences if something should happen to Gandhiji during incarceration. Therefore, they offered to set him at liberty temporarily during the duration of the fast. Gandhiji rejected the offer, and said that if he was freed, he would survey the situation de novo and decide what he should do. He did not want to get released under false pretences. The Government issued a statement attributing motives to Gandhiji and implying that he was threatening to go on fast just to get unconditional release. This and other imputations pained Gandhiji and he went ahead with his fast at the age of 74. During the fast, Gandhiji's condition was going from bad to worse and it was reported that the Government had stocked enough sandalwood to cremate him! Much to their dismay, Gandhiji and the Nation survived the ordeal. On March, 3, as scheduled he broke his fast to the singing of Vaishnava Janato!

It was the same Gandhi-in Chaura Chaura, and now, in Quit India, taking seemingly contradictory stands. But in both the situations it was TRUTH that guided him!

## SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

SPONSORSHIP	CHILDREN HOME	OLD AGE HOME	Other Sponsorship	Contribution(Rs)	Endowments(Rs)
FOOD	Contribution(Rs)	Endowments(Rs)	Contribution(Rs)	Endowments(Rs)	
Milk(One Time)	500	7000	200	3200	
Breakfast(one day)	1000	14000	500	7000	
Lunch/Dinner	2000	28000	1000	14000	
Lunch/Dinner with sweet or fruit	2500	35000	1250	20000	
Full day food Expenses	3500	50000	2000	28000	
Full day food Expenses with sweet or fruit	5000	70000	3000	42000	
			Residential Expenses for one Child/one child/one Grandpa/year	6000	80000
			Maintenance of One Cow/year	6000	80000
			Education Expenses for one Child/year	6000	80000
			Salary for one staff per month	5000	850000
			Funeral Expenses for one Grandpa/one Grandma	5000	70000
			Cultural Expenses for one child/one Grandpa/one Grandma	1000	14000
			Medical Expenses for one child/one Grandpa/one Grandma	500	7000
			Camps and Tours, Temple Visit for one child/one Grandpa/one Grandma	500	7000
			Sports Expenses for one child per year	500	7000
			Educational Aids	1000	14000
			Educational Kits	1000	14000
			Higher Education	20000	300000
			Professional Higher Education	50000	700000
			Workshop/Training/for one Staff	2000	28000



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