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## Dear Friends,

This is results time in India. The 12<sup>th</sup> standard and the 10<sup>th</sup> standard results were out this month. Sevalaya children did very well as usual, but we missed the 100% mark this time. Out of the 80 children who appeared for the 12<sup>th</sup> standard exams, 79 cleared it; one girl failed in one subject, maths. Similarly, in the 10<sup>th</sup> standard exams, out of the 66 children who appeared for the exams, 65 cleared it; one boy failed in one subject, social science. We came so close to the usual 100% mark, but didn't get there this time. 98% results are not bad, but when we are used to 100%, we feel a bit low. We are planning to apply for revaluation of the papers for these two children, as we are confident that they would have passed.

In the agriculture stream in the 12<sup>th</sup> standard, we maintained 100% results for the fourth year in a row. Also this year we had introduced a pure science group – this group also got 100% results. Only in the computer science group one student could not clear the exams. The top rankers did very well this time. The 12<sup>th</sup> standard topper, Uma Maheswari, daughter of daily wage labourers, got 1097 out of 1200 (91.4%) and in core subjects she has secured 581 out of 600 (96.8%). In the 10<sup>th</sup> standard, Revathy from very poor background, has scored 464 out of 500 (92.8%). Detailed mark analysis is given in the next two pages. Most of the children who appeared for these state level exams are first generation school

goers and all of them are from very poor rural background.

This is the time we have to congratulate not only the students, but all the staff members, who put in a lot of extra efforts to make sure the children understand the subjects and do well in the exams. Many teachers stay on the campus and help the children on a 24 X 7 basis. Even teachers who have families living outside the campus, stayed back very late, sometimes stayed over night to help the children. The office staff, the hostel staff - were all working towards one single goal, to see that all children clear the exams. The cook had to stay late and prepare extra dinners and coffees etc., but he was there, all the time, like any other teaching staff. The old age home grand mas and grand pas were extending the moral support and praying for the children's welfare. The local temple in Pakkam had special poojas, before the start of the exam. It was a real community effort.

Ofcourse all this was possible only with the donation flow continuing through out the year. All the donors who contributed for the uniforms, note books and all other educational materials and also towards teachers salary can feel very happy as the amount has been put to good use. We have got the best return on investment.

Thanks & Regards  
**Murali**

### Valedictory Function of free summer course on Computer education and spoken English



#### Events

Vyakthi Vikas Kendra Thiruninravur conducted H.H Sri Sri Ravishankarji's Art of Living Youth Leadership Training Programme at Sevalaya from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The Programme was conducted by Master. Kamalakkannan. 150 students from all over Tamil Nadu (including 24 Sevalaya students) had participated.

The Valedictory Function of free summer course on Computer education and spoken English for the rural youth was held on 31/05/2008. Certificates were distributed to the participants by Mr. S.Ramaprasad, Deputy Director of Agriculture and Personal Asst. to Dist. Collector, Thiruvallur.

#### Events in which Sevalaya participated

Mr. V.Muralidharan, Founder and Managing Trustee addressed a donors' meet in Ipswich, UK, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

Mr. Adrian Cottington (AXA UK) presented a cheque for 3000 pounds to Mr.V.Muralidharan, Founder and Managing Trustee Sevalaya, in AXA centre, Bristol UK, in a small function to celebrate the partnership, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The partnership started two years ago and AXA IT UK is supporting 60 children in Sevalaya.

Mr.T.S.Venkataramani, Hon. Corodinator, addressed a group of students in The American international school on 21<sup>st</sup> May. On that occasion, a cheque for Rs 70,000 was presented to Sevalaya.

Mr. Ramesh, Inspector, Thiruninravur Police Station and Ms. M. Muthumani, Advocate, High Court, Madras sponsored entry tickets for 50

### 'Personality Development Programme' at Jai Gopal Garodia School,, Tambaram



children of Sevalaya Home for Jadugar Anand's Magic Show at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008.

Rotract Club of Akash, Tambaram conducted a 3 day 'Personality Development Programme' at Jai Gopal Garodia School, Tambaram from 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 to 25<sup>th</sup> May 2008. 52 students & 4 staff from Sevalaya participated.

Mr. V.Muralidharan, Founder & Managing Trustee of Sevalaya addressed a donors meet at HCL Technology, Ambattur on 30/05/2008. A power point presentation on Sevalaya's activities & growth was made on the occasion.

#### Sports

K.Chitra, VIII std. student participated in Summer Athletic Coaching Camp conducted by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu at Thiruvallur from 1st May 2008 to 15th May 2008.

#### Study Circle

Mr. S.Jayakumar shared with the staff and children about what he read in the 12th & 14<sup>th</sup> Chapters of in the study circle meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008.

### Art of Living - Youth Leadership Training Programme



**Toppers in Higher Secondary Level**



**S.Uma Maheshwari**  
1097/1200



**R.Ramachandran**  
1082/1200



**S.Surya**  
1062/1200

**Toppers in Computer Science Group**



**R.Santhana Priya**  
1002/1200



**R.Yamuna Rani**  
993/1200



**M.Sudhakar**  
938/1200

**Toppers in Bio-Mathematics Group**



**R.Ramachandran**  
1082/1200



**S.Nadhiya**  
1000/1200



**S.Deebha**  
980/1200

**Toppers in Agricultural Group**



**S.Uma Maheshwari**  
1097/1200



**S.Surya**  
1062/1200



**D.Saranya**  
1012/1200

**Toppers in SSLC Level**



**S.Revathy**  
464/500



**D.Praveena**  
461/500



**G.Ganapathy**  
447/500



# The Unknown Gandhi

Gandhiji was in London for about four months in the year 1909 to plead the cause of South African Indians with the British Government. His mission was not however successful. Just before his arrival an Indian named Madhanlal Dinghra shot dead a British official Sir Curzon Wylie and gallantly courted death sentence. His act was appreciated and admired by many a patriotic Indian. Gandhiji found that gradually the cult of violence and terrorism was gaining ground and was very much concerned with the developments. As regards Madhanlal Dinghra and his act, his view was, "Those who believe that India has gained by Dhingra's act and other similar acts in India make a serious mistake. Dhingra was a patriot, but his love was blind. He gave his body in a wrong way; its result can only be mischievous."

During this period V.V.S.Iyer, Savarkar and a doctor from Tiruchy, Dr.T.S.S.Rajan were in London. They made no secret of their sympathy for violent acts. Their view was that The British should be shocked and demoralized by killing of a few officials, and then, the Indians should carry on with a guerilla war in which there may be loss of say one and half lakhs of Indian lives but India gaining freedom was certain. (This T.S.S.Rajan later turned out to be a strong votary of non violence and took a leading part in the Vedaranyam Satyagraha).

They had heard about Gandhiji's activities in South Africa and were very much impressed by his patriotism. They thought that he should be converted to their view point and therefore invited him to be the chief guest for the Deepavali Day celebrations at India House. Gandhiji very strongly put forth his views in favor of non violence as the only right means to Swaraj, to an audience, a large section of whom favored armed revolt. His views on the subject, later found place in his monumental work "Hind Swaraj" which is still considered the fundamental document on Gandhian Ideology.

There is a lighter side to this narration. Knowing that Gandhiji was in London, the trio tried to locate

him in various costly Hotels where generally the Indian visitors stay, but in vain. He was ultimately found to stay in a remote place at the modest residence of a small time hotelier. The condition he put for his attending the function was that the "dinner" following the function should be strictly vegetarian, and the preparations should be made by the hosts, and not ordered with any hotels. A long order though it was to prepare food for over hundred guests, the trio agreed as they were keen that Gandhiji should be with them. Gandhiji said they need not take the trouble of picking him up, and he would be there promptly for the event.

On the day of the function, October 16, 1909, six members of the club formed the "kitchen Brigade". They were having a tough time making preparations of the various items. As Providence would have it a lean and hungry looking man suddenly descended on the scene and went about briskly in business. He was cleaning the vessels, making perfectly round rotis ready to be cooked. He was doing all odd jobs ordered about, unhesitatingly and cheerfully. The Kitchen Brigade were talking to themselves, "The fellow must have been starving for quite a few days; we must feed him sumptuously at the end of the function." The cooking part over, they noticed that the time was up for the function to start. "Gandhiji is known to be punctual; why has he not come?" they were pacing the floor, and looking out anxiously at the entrance. Suddenly to their consternation, they saw the "lean and hungry man" briskly walking and occupying the chief guest's seat. "Surely, he is mad" they concluded, and rushed to pull him away before anything untoward happened. Just at that moment entered Savarkar, offering his hands to the intruder, "I am sorry, Mr. Gandhi, as I was away on urgent business, I could not make it to receive you." It took a few moments for the Kitchen Brigade to realize that the helper in the kitchen was none other than Gandhiji. They profusely apologized to him.

Gandhiji was all smiles.

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