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Sevalaya's News Letter - June 2011

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Dear Friends,

One more year of great performance by our students - 100% pass results in both 12th grade and 10th grade - They are not "just pass" cases. Many of them have scored above 90% and nearly one third of the class has scored above 80%. There are just one or two who have scored in the range of 50 to 60%. Such achievements assume more significance as all the children are first generation school goers and many of them are orphans and destitutes, children of single parents, children from broken families etc. Also this achievement is repeated year after year!

Thenmozhi, who stood first in the 12th grade exam, does not know her parentage. She says that she was attracted to agricultural studies, because she listened to the passionate lectures of Dr.M.B.Nirmal of Exnora on global warming and Dr.G.Nammalwar on organic farming. She decided that she should take up organic farming as her career and study organic farming and come back and work in Sevalaya's organic farms. This is proof that our children take the lectures organized in our campus very seriously and they make decisions for their life, taking a spark from such lectures.

Dilipkumar, who has scored a record 483 out of 500 (just 13 marks behind the state topper), is the son of poor agricultural daily wage earners in Kasuva village. He will continue his 11th and 12th in Sevalaya school and wants to take up computer science group, and become a software engineer. This is the influence of many software associates coming to Sevalaya and spending time with our children in the weekends. TCSers organize regular quiz competitions every month and arrange a visit to city TCS offices. HCL associates come every Saturday and take classes. Associates from Scope international, Tata teleservices, CTS, Intelinet etc. visit now and then and conduct programs. This has kindled an interest in the minds of the poor kids and they decide what to do when they grow up based on the people they meet.

Ofcourse, running a school with nearly 1500 kids, without any financial support from the government, needs a big support from public.

Sevalaya's support has been a large number of middle class donors, who are willing to contribute Rs 6000 per child per year or Rs 1000 per child per year, just to meet the initial academic year expenses. Such donations add up and we are able to meet the overall expenses. The donors get 100% tax rebate on such donations.

In addition to all this, the basic requirement is commitment from the staff. Right from the cook and the driver, all the staff members share the same level of happiness like the head master or the trustees in seeing these kids coming out with flying colors. All the extra hours the teachers spent with the kids and the tireless, repeated and enthusiastic teaching and clearing doubts in late night, have all helped the children to show this kind of performance.

We have more kids this year. Why don't you plan a visit and inspire our children?

Thanks & Regards

Murali



G.Thenmozhi-1070/1200

R.Vanitha-1052/1200

P.Adaikalasamy-1052/1200



P.Dilipkumar - 483/500

P.Indira - 481/500

R.Deepa - 481/500



K.Meena - 471/500

N.Purushothaman - 471/500

S.Gomathi - 471/500

Public Relations

On 03/05/2011, as part of summer camp organized by Udavum Ullangal for underprivileged children, Mr.V.Muralidharan was invited to speak on "Gandhian Ahimsa is the need of the hour" in T Nagar corporation girls' high school.

On 08/05/2011, Mr.V.Muralidharan was the guest of honor in the XI ducks Cricket team annual cricket meet and distributed the prizes for the winners in the cricket competition. The XI ducks cricket team presented their annual sponsorship to Sevalaya student on the occasion.

On 19/05/2011, Mr.V.Muralidharan and Mr.G.Ramesh, Trustee of Sevalaya took part in "Global autism convention" held in Bangalore. Many delegates from USA and Europe participated.

On 20/05/2011 and 21/05/2011 Puthiyathalaimurai organized a photo exhibition on "How did we get this Independence". Photo exhibits included rare photos from the Indian freedom struggle. Mr.V.Muralidharan was the guest of honor and Sevalaya children presented a colorful cultural program on freedom fighters.



Boomi Pooja for the new Girls Hostel

12th grade results:

99 children took the exam and all of them came out with flying colors. 7 of them scored above 1000 out of 1200.

RANK	Name	Marks Out Of 1200
I	G. Thenmozhi	1070
II	R. Vanitha	1052
III	P. Adaikalasamy	1027

10th grade results:

91 children took the exam and all of them came out with flying colors. 40 of them scored above 400 out of 500.

RANK	Name	Marks Out Of 500
I	P.Dilipkumar	483
II	R.Deepa	481
II	P.Indira	481
III	K.Meena	471
III	R.Purushothaman	471
III	S.Gomathi	471



"Disha Camp" at Sevalaya

Bharathiyar Team Events

Sevalaya children did us proud once again by getting 100% result in both 12th grade and 10 grade exams.



Mr.S.Mani Inaugurating Computer Course



At the Global Autism Convention

From 05/05/2011 to 09/05/2011, Ma Foi foundation held the annual "Disha Camp" at Sevalaya. Nearly 100 underprivileged children participated. Ms. Latha Pandiarajan, Trustee of Ma Foi foundation took part in the camp.

From 23/05/2011 to 28/05/2011, Single teacher schools held their training programme at Sevalaya campus. This training programme was attended by 60 teachers from various villages in Thiruvallur district.



Photo Exhibition On Independence Struggle

Gandhi Team

Events

Sevalaya runs free computer and spoken English classes for village underprivileged youth during summer, every year. This year the classes were inaugurated by Mr.S.Mani, Senior Vice President, Corporate social responsibility, Orchid Pharma on 01/05/2011.

The valedictory function was held on 28/05/2011 and Dr.Swaminathan Jose, Principal, Loyola ICAM College of Technology, was the chief guest. Certificates were distributed to the candidates who successfully completed the one month long intense computer and English course.



Dr.Swaminathan Jose Distributing Certificates

Vivekananda Team

Events

The construction of a new girls' hostel, sponsored by Page Pierre foundation, Switzerland was started on 11/05/2011. The Boomi puja, traditional ground breaking ceremony was conducted on that day. This hostel building will be built in accordance with the new JJ act, and will serve as a model building. This is built as there is demand for more and more girl destitute children to join Sevalaya hostel, as this institution is seen as safe home for such girls.

Camp Tonekela association, Avadi played the host for 30 children from Sevalaya who went on a three day summer camp from on 19/05/2011 to 21/05/2011. The children were very happy to play under the big trees in the camp site and they enjoyed their games, songs, plays and food. On the final day Mr.Ratanji of Venkateswara Jewellers of Avadi was the chief guest and distributed prizes to the winners in the various competitions.



Single teacher schools training programme



XI ducks cricket prize distribution

Gandhiji's Fasts - XX
When Gandhiji dissuaded a fast...

We saw that Gandhiji declined to undergo a fast at the behest of someone else when his inner voice did not command him to fast. This was in the context of the proposed vivisection of the country. What was his reaction when a few others under the dictates of their "conscience" proposed to fast on the same issue? Here is an interesting episode.

It was a young Maharashtrian couple who approached Gandhiji. They said that their "inner voice" directed them to fight against the division of India. They decided to go on an indefinite fast unless the decision to split the country was withdrawn. They wanted to fast in Gandhiji's camp and requested him for a place to stay. Gandhiji was then residing in a Sweepers' colony .Hence he told them that he was himself staying as somebody's guest and therefore could not provide the hospitality sought. Nevertheless, the couple arrived at the spot, pitched a tent opposite to the Sweepers' colony and started their fast. In the prayer gathering, Gandhiji addressed them and stated that they did not know the science of public fasts. So far as he knew, the fast was wholly unjustified and wrong. It could produce no effect on him much less on others. He advised the couple to withdraw from the false step. His advice to them was not to divide themselves from their Muslim brethren and sisters but to regard themselves as one. He believed that if this advice was followed by all the inhabitants of the Indian Union, Pakistan would then be wholly inoperative. If the hearts of the Non-Muslims were sound, the physical partition could not produce any ill-effect.

He therefore invited to direct their energy in the constructive channel as suggested by him. He was conscious that time was running against them, but what was important was their faith which was on trial.

Interestingly, the couple turned the table against him and said that they could not disobey the dictates of their conscience. In the next day's address Gandhiji said that all possessed a conscience but it was not fully awakened in all. A thief could not claim to be following his conscience when he committed a theft. Could the maddened Hindu and Muslim mob claim to be acting according to the dictates of their conscience when they killed each other and butchered innocent children? He said, "I know more about the science of fasting in India than anyone else .Practically all who go on fast, follow my advice. In my opinion, the couple is wrong in persisting with the fast." He requested them to give it up. They were young and inexperienced. Gandhiji appealed to them to listen to one, grown old in the knowledge and the technique of fasting. He was of the view that their conscience was in slumber. There was no use of learning scriptures parrot-like. Man could live according to them only if he had digested what he had read. Only then would his conscience be really awakened. Gandhiji's appeal went into their hearts and they broke their fast taking some fruits and milk in the night. They also thanked him and wrote to him that they would henceforth engage themselves in constructive activity as advised by him.

This and the earlier episodes give us an insight in to the Science of Satyagraha Fast as enunciated by Gandhiji. We have three more important fasts undertaken by him almost toward the end of his life.

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

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



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