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Dear Friends,

One more academic year has passed and our kids have done us proud by their great performance— 100% pass results in 12th grade. (10th grade results are expected in a week's time). They are not just pass cases also – 22 out of 117 who appeared for the exam, scored above 1000 out of 1200 marks. Such achievements become more significant as all the children are first generation school goers and many of them are orphans and destitute, children of single parents, children from broken families etc. Also this achievement is repeated year after year!

As our results are always very good and there is no fee charged as it is open only for orphan, destitute and poor children, uniforms, books, note books, all stationery, pick up and drop for young children are all given free of cost, there is always too much pressure on us to increase the numbers every year. We are making careful selection and our intake has been 250 to 300 net additions every year. We are expecting to grow to strength of 1750 from the current strength of 1500 this year.

Of course, to run a school with nearly 1750 kids, without any financial support from the government, needs a big support from public. Contributions are welcome – Rs 1000 per child to start the academic year – to buy two sets of uniforms, note books, pens, etc. or Rs 6000 to support a child for one full year or Rs 80,000 to create an endowment, which will support one child's education for ever.

All such donation will qualify for 100% tax exemption, in India. Please send us cheque or cash, or do a direct transfer to our back account – details of which are given on our website www.sevalaya.org.

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, have helped the children to show this kind of performance.

Apart from education, finding jobs, like parents, we also make arrangements for our orphan children to get married and get settled in life. Like typical Indian parents, our role never ends in supporting our kids! On 23rd of May, one such girl, who was found abandoned on Thiruvallur railway station at the age of 4, got married to Mr.A.Vijay Senthil, a software engineer. The couple is happily married now and we thank all our donors who supported the wedding by their contributions, who came in person and who offered their best wishes.

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

**Thanks & Regards
Murali**



Hon'ble Minister for Environment Mr. B.V.Ramanaa, Hon. MLA Mr. NSAR Manimaran and Union Chairman Puttur Chandrasekaran at Sevalaya's daughter Selvi's wedding with Mr. A.Vijayasenthil



**S.Praveenkumar
(1086)**



**G.Jothilakshmi
(1084)**

Public Relations

Mr.V.Muralidharan was the chief guest in the annual function of Sri Ram Ram Seva Sangam in Tambaram, near Chennai and distributed the free uniforms and books provided by the sangam to 125 underprivileged children.

Bharathi Team

The highlight of this month is the XII Standard Board Exam Results when Sevalaya once again secured 100% pass results. The school topper S.Praveen Kumar scored 1086 followed by G. Jothilakshmi who scored 1084. The third place is shared by J. Jansi and D. Aravind, both of them scoring 1071. 117 students appeared for the exams and 22 students have scored over 1000 out of 1200 marks. The students have once again proved that however disadvantageous the family situation is, given proper facilities they can achieve success. Sevalaya thanks all the donors, well wishers and supporters for helping the organization to provide support to the underprivileged children thus bringing about a change in their lives.

Tours

Sevalaya Staff and their families, a group of 85 people went on an annual picnic to VGP family entertainment park on 01/05/2012. They spent the whole day enjoying the rides and the beach- a welcome break from the sweltering heat.

Staff Training

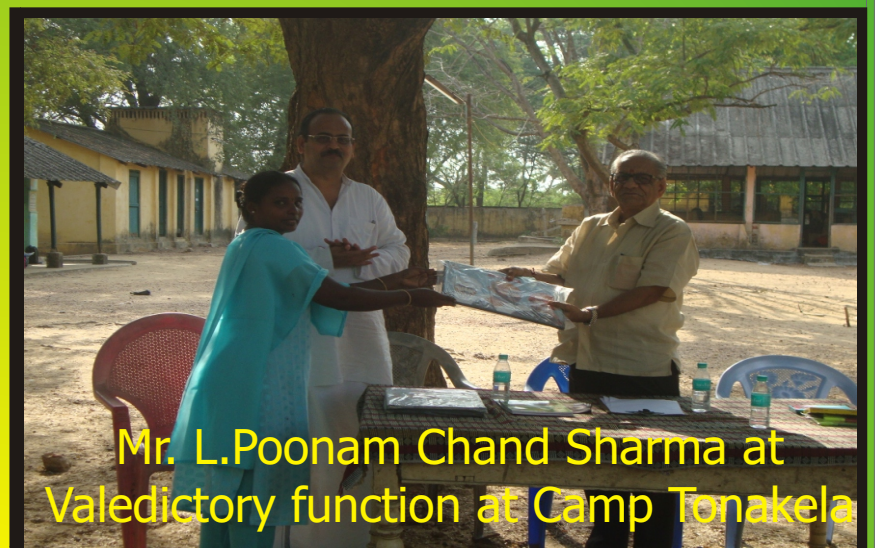
Mrs N. Annapurna and Mrs. B.Nirmala attended the final module of the Education For Leadership programme at Kodaikanal conducted by Kuruvilla Jacob Memorial Education Trust from 08/05/2012 to 13/05/2012. The highly interactive session dealt with the various aspects of institutional leadership –learning organization, total quality management, tools in TQC, HR management, Finance management, Office management etc.



Mr. L. Sundaraman at Free summer computer training and Spoken English courses certificate distribution function



Organic farming Training at Thamarapakkam Village



Mr. L.Poonam Chand Sharma at Valedictory function at Camp Tonakela

Science Camp

5 students of Sevalaya's MKBHSS attended the INSPIRE Internship Science Camp organized by Department of Science and Technology Govt. of India to attract best talents in science from 21/05/2012 to 25/05/2012 at Maraimalai Nagar. The camp was coordinated by The Presidency College, Chennai.

Summer Courses

The valedictory function of the free one month computer training and Spoken English courses conducted by Sevalaya was held on 30/05/2012. Certificates were distributed to the 60 rural youth who completed the course by Mr.L. Sundaraman, Director, K.Sangamam Management Services (P) Ltd. who presided over the function.

Gandhi Team

9 Old Student's Association and Parents Association were formed in 6 villages, namely Pakkam, Pakkam Colony, Aalathur (Pallathumbur), Melakondiyar, Sivanvayal & Sembadu. Dr. Malavika's Anaemia detection camp was conducted in three villages- Aalathur, Komakkambedu and Thamarapakkam. Nutrient enriched salt and iron and folic acid capsules were distributed to the villagers.

On 18/05/2012, Sevalaya conducted a Programme on Health and Hygiene in Pallathumbur village. Nearly 30 women participated in the programme. Ms. Sangeetha from Sevalaya was the facilitator for this programme for village women.

On 20/05/2012, Sevalaya's Institute of Sustainable and Natural Farming conducted a Training Programme in Thamarapakkam highlighting the need and viability of organic farming and a demo on preparing Panchakavyam, an organic manure. Nearly 50 farmers participated in this camp.

A new tailoring institute of Sevalaya was inaugurated in Ayalur village on 28/05/2012 in the presence of Mr. Jaishankar, Union Council Member, Kilambakkam. Mr. Putlur Chandra Sekar, Union Chairman, Mr. Putlur Senthil, President, Putlur Panchayat, Smt. Gomathi Babu, President, Ayalur Panchayat were the special guests and many Panchayat members participated in the function.

On 29/05/2012, an eye camp was conducted in Sempedu village. Dr. Senthil from Pranav Foundation, Mogappair, Chennai and Sevalaya conducted the eye camp in the village. Nearly 150 villagers participated in the camp.

Vivekananda Team

Camp Tonakela

The Annual 3 day Camp at Camp Tonakela, Avadi was organized from 05/05/2012 to 07/05/2012 this year. On the first day Ms. N. Jayanthi, Trustee of Sevalaya spoke to the children on Bharathiar's life and poems followed by a quiz based on the talk. On the second day Mr. Ilayaraja, Trustee of Sevalaya had an interactive session with the children on the Life of Swami Vivekananda. Ms. Nirmala, AHM of Sevalaya spoke to the children on Gandhiji on the third day. Apart from the lectures various sports events and various competitions like singing, drama and dance competitions were conducted for the children. The children also enjoyed playing in the swimming pool in the camp site which was a welcome change from the scorching summer heat.

The valedictory function for the camp was held on 07/05/2012 in which Mr. Mahonaran, Camp Manager, Tonakela Association, Chennai and L. Poonam Chand Sharma, Venkateswara Jewellers, Avadi were the special invitees. Mr. V. Muralidharan - Founder and Managing Trustee of Sevalaya welcomed the guests.



Dr. Senthil of Pranav Foundation in eye camp in Sempedu village.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the various competitions held on the 3 days by the special guests. Mr. Dhinakaran of Sevalaya thanked the Camp Tonakela Association and the guests in his Vote of thanks.

Village students' visit to Sevalaya

65 students and 5 youth visited Sevalaya from Malliyan Perumal village near Arani on 17/05/2012. As a part of their Summer First Education Camp, they were taken on a tour of Sevalaya and after lunch Mrs. Nirmala, Assistant Head Mistress, Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Hr. Sec. School gave a lecture on Bharathi, Gandhi & Vivekananda for the visitors.

Wedding Bells at Sevalaya

Sevalaya's daughter D. Selvi entered into wedlock with Mr. A. Vijaya Senthil (Associate Consultant, Polaris Solutions) on 23/05/2012. The wedding was solemnized in the presence of Honorable Minister for Environment, Mr. B. V. Ramanaa B.Sc., D. Pharm., Honorable Member of the Legislative Assembly Mr. N.S.A.R. Manimaran, Mr. Putlur. R. Chandrasekar - Chairman, Thiruvallur District Social Welfare Officer Ms. Ruth Vennila, Probationary Officer Ms. Syad Ravooof, District Councillors Ms. A. Selvakumari, Ms. Bommi and Film Artiste Ms. Revathy.

Tours

13 students from Sevalaya homes and 2 staff members went on a 2 day trip to Mysore on 25/05/2012 & 26/5/2012.



Ms. Sangeetha of Sevalaya talking about personal health & Hygiene to Women at Pallathumbur Village



Inauguration of Sevalaya, Ayalur Unit

EACH JOB IS A GIFT FROM GOD!

We have seen that a Karma Yogi works incessantly. He puts his heart and soul to any work he takes up. He is a selfless worker. For him no work is great or small. All this, we have learnt in theory. Is there any instance of a Practical Karma Yogi, out of whose life, we can take a leaf?

Recently, we came across a book entitled Gandhi Katha by Narayana Desai. Narayana Desai, you must know is the son of Mahadev Desai, Gandhiji's alter-ego. The book cited above is a record of the Katha rendered by Mr.Desai at the Ahmedabad Management Association during 2005. The English edition is a translation by Dr.Indira Nityanandam of the original in Gujarati.

An episode narrated in this work, gives an illustration of what real karma Yoga is.

Congress had a serious disagreement with the British Government at the time of the Second World War. The Viceroy had unilaterally declared that India was with the Allied Nations.At that time there was Provincial Democracy in the country, and the Congress had majority in eight states. How then could the Government make such a declaration without consulting the representatives? The stand of the Government was that as India was ruled by the British, they could make such a declaration. However, sensing the simmering discontent in the nation, the Viceroy called Gandhiji for a discussion to his summer residence at Simla. At one point during the discussions, the Viceroy said that the talks would continue in the next week, as he had to get clearance from the Authorities in London before he could make any commitments. Thus, Gandhiji, and Narayana Desai who had accompanied him, had full one week before the next series of talks would start.

Narayana Desai says, here, that he was jubilant that they had a full week to enjoy vacation in the cool climate of Simla. But to his dismay, pat came the command from Gandhiji:"Pack-up!" "Where to?" "From where we came!"-- that was Sevagram, where the heat was 118-120 degrees Farenheit! To leave the cool climate of Simla and go to Sevagram must have sounded a ridiculous idea to Narayan; but Gandhiji was firm. The trip involved would scarcely leave three days of stay in Sevagram." "What is the need to go to Sevagram just for three days?" Narayan made bold to ask. Gandhiji's reply was typical."Have you forgotten? Parachute Sastri is there?" Parachute Sastri was an earlier inmate of Sabarmati ashram. But, he had gone home. After a long time he came hesitantly to the Ashram and stood at its gate, saying that he would talk only to Gandhiji. Gandhiji came out and found that he had contracted leprosy. His family members had thrown him out. Gandhiji had a hut built for him. Every day for 45 minutes Gandhiji would massage him with his own hands. Why should he miss the chance of massaging him on the three days now available to him? Narayan was dumb-founded and had no answer. Narayan Desai concludes this episode with his own comments:

"To him the issue of what should be India's stand in the World War and on whose side we should be was of as great significance as was how not to lose the opportunity to massage the hands of the leprosy patient. To him, all jobs were of equal importance. He did understand importance-urgent, less and more! There was no doubt about that. But then why did this happen? Because he thought each job was a gift from God. As it was all God-given, he could see equal importance in everything!":

SPONSORSHIP DETAILS

SPONSORSHIP	CHILDREN HOME		OLD AGE HOME	
	Contribution(Rs)	Endowment(Rs)	Contribution(Rs)	Endowment(Rs)
FOOD				
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
Fullday food Expenses	3500	50000	2000	28000
Fullday 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	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		



Staff members with family at VGP Universal Kingdom



Sevalaya children at Mysore

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