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## SBI Donates School Bus to Sevalaya Safe ride now for primary school children



P. S. Prakash Rao, Chief General Manager, SBI, Chennai Circle, flagged off the new bus

India's largest bank, State Bank of India (SBI), as part of their Social responsibility activities, has donated a 50 seater school bus worth 20 lakhs, at the 27th Annual Day celebrations of Sevalaya. This much needed donation will help the primary and pre primary school children in the age group of 3 to 8 to travel to school in safety and comfort compared to the crowded public transport and the 2 KM walk to the school from the nearest bus stop.

Chief Guest P.S.Prakash Rao, Chief General Manager of SBI, Chennai Circle, presided over the 27th Annual day function by lighting the lamp and releasing the 27th Annual Report. He flagged off the School bus donated by SBI, much to the delight of the younger ones.

Speaking on the occasion, he said true to its name, Sevalaya was a temple of service and he was honored to be present at the 27th Annual Day celebrations. He also appreciated the values Sevalaya inculcates in its students. "A visit to Sevalaya is a great experience and gives one the feeling of connecting to one's roots", he added. He added that State Bank of India was planning to launch SBI

Foundation which he hoped would have a continuous engagement with Sevalaya. State Bank of India, as a responsible Corporate Citizen earmarks 2% of its Profit every year for its CSR activities. As per the stipulations of CSR law Rs 250 crores would be available for charity by State Bank of India.

During 2014-15, SBI spent Rs.116 crore on various CSR activities across the Country. SBI, Chennai Circle is a committed forerunner in the Country in CSR activities.

V. Premji, RM, RBO III, SBI, Chennai said that Sevalaya does a yeomen service to the society in providing quality education free of cost to orphan, poor, destitute rural children. SBI believes good education is the only way to help the underprivileged to come up in life. Impressed by the service of Sevalaya in this area SBI decided to support the organisation.

Prizes were awarded to toppers in Stds X and XII on the occasion. Long service Awards were also presented to the staff completing 5, 10 and 15 years of service in Sevalaya. Vidiyal, a manuscript magazine prepared by the children was also released. Gifts were also presented to select villagers and the residents of Old Age Home who willingly and actively involved themselves in the activities of the organization.

The 2015 Annual Report can be downloaded at <http://sevalaya.org/reports/annual-reports/>

This Annual Report also was conceived and created in-house



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# Joy of giving: *the way of life*

Dear Friends,

Somewhere in the early 90s Manu Kapila joined TCS and I met him in one of TCS offices in Chennai. I don't remember how the meeting happened; we were not working together in same project or building etc., but someone must have told him about Sevalaya, so he introduced himself and asked me all details about what Sevalaya does. I invited him to come to the campus and see the work. He readily agreed and the same weekend we were on our bikes to reach Sevalaya.

He collected our pamphlets and made a small donation and promised to bring more friends to support us. Next weekend, I was surprised to see Manu again in Sevalaya, this time with five new friends. They were all his project mates and Manu was explaining to them all about Sevalaya, I was just standing there and watching. This continued for many weeks, with every week, we had more and more Manu's friends visiting Sevalaya and becoming donors. He talked to all such visitors and made them commit for a monthly donation, he used to go around and collect from everyone

and come and hand it over to me. This continued when he moved to TCS UK and then to HCL UK.

Whenever I visited UK on my TCS official visits, I used to spend the weekend with Manu. I will go and stay with him and inform all friends to come over to Manu's house to meet me. On all such days, his house will be turned into a mini Sevalaya office. People will be coming one after the other, right from 9 in the morning till very late in the night. Ms. Sheena Kapila would tirelessly bring coffee, Tea, snacks etc. to all visitors, throughout the day. When we decide to call it a day and go to bed, Manu will come to me with a big smile and ask "So, how was the collection today?". He will sit with me and sort out the cheques and cash, the donor addresses, email ids and phone nos and say that receipts should go to all immediately on reaching India.

He arranged couple of fund raising events in UK. He used to visit Chennai atleast once in two months and every time, he will make it a point to find time to visit Sevalaya campus. He was very keen to see the development in the area

of Sevalaya product sales, so that we don't depend on donation collection all the time. His last visit to India was in Feb 2015 and he came to the campus and showed us some models of candle holders made of wood and said that such craft items can be sold during Diwali time. He promised to come back and connect us to the markets in north India where such Diwali lamps will sell.

After he went back, he joined couple of our monthly meetings on VCON, but he was on bed as he spoke. When we asked him what is wrong, he just said "Not well". After couple of months, I spoke to him and asked him that he never felt sick for such a long time and what was going on. "Cancer, one kidney already removed" was the answer. We could not believe it, but felt as he was very young, he will recover. But when we came to know that he passed away on 9th Aug, entire Sevalaya family was shocked. We have lost a great supporter.

We pray for his family to get strength to bear this loss.

Thanks and Regards  
Murali

I knew Manu was not doing very well for the last few months. But when the end came, it was a bolt from the blue and I went numb.

Manu and I worked at TCS together and were together for a few years in the UK, though not in the same place. My first interaction with him was over 12 years ago when I visited a prospect in Scotland for the first time. Before going there, I had a call with him to discuss our approach for the meeting. He was so forthcoming and warm that I started to look forward to the visit.

During the visit, I could appreciate Manu's deep knowledge that he had of the region. While UK and Scotland were new to me at that time, I didn't feel it that way – all because of Manu.

My good friend Daniel remembers once visiting Scotland in 2001 for a client meeting when TCS moved into a new office off the back of a new contract and Manu literally threw a party for all of them on the expansion in Scotland.

He was so passionate about Scotland, it's people, culture and the building TCS in Scotland; that he would never stop



## The Manu I knew

*Thilak Iyer, Trustee*

talking about it. He used to invite all of us to meet clients there and was a terrific host.

After my first meeting, we had a number of meetings together – both with customers and internal. And always there was not a dull moment and an iota of pessimism when Manu was there.

Then we met together many years later in India and we travelled together. Even though, we met after so many years, it did not feel so. It felt as though we have been meeting every day! That was Manu.

Daniel also remembers his warmth and willingness to always help. Manu has been a mentor to many in TCS and elsewhere. Manu was there to advise many when they wanted to make a change in their careers, and acted as a mentor continuously.

He enjoyed life, but was always available to help others. Even in his last months he was enthusiastic in helping Sevalaya and even would participate in certain calls wherever he could!

Another good friend Sonal remembers his first meeting with Manu in 1995, when they travelled on Air India from Delhi to London together. After that travel, Sonal has always remembered Manu at the start of any international trip and followed his advice on how to manage time zones. A small thing, possibly, can leave a long lasting impression.

Sonal, like many others I spoke to, fondly remember how their relationships grew beyond work, and was privileged to have his trust in discussing personal topics. He had no barriers. He was so proud of his son Manan, and always talked about how well he was developing as a multi-talented sportsman.

The news of Manu passing away came as huge shock to many since all we could remember was his smiling face.

May God bless his soul and give strength to his family to tide over this irreparable loss.

# 69th Independence Day at Sevalaya



R Ravikumar (Deputy Manager, The Oriental Insurance Co Ltd, Regional Office, Chennai) hoisted the National Flag at the 69th Independence Day celebrations at Sevalaya.

In his address the Chief Guest spoke to the children about how our Independence was earned after struggles and sacrifices by our leaders and many unsung heroes of yesteryears.

A longtime donor and well-wisher of Sevalaya, R. Rangaramanujam participated in the celebrations with his family. Gokul, his grandson from USA conducted Robotics classes for the students from 5th to 12th August 2015, with VEX IQ Super Kits, which his younger sister Harini Kanna had won as a part of the finalist team Chandrabots of 2015 MOONBOTS, a Google Lunar

X-Prize Challenge. The finalists of the challenge are required to do public outreach – pass on the VEX IQ Super Kits which they have received, to a deserving institution or organization of their choice, and the family has chosen Sevalaya. Demonstration of a robot built by the students was the highlight of the day's celebrations.



Chief Guest R.Ravikumar and V. Muralidharan, during flag hoisting at Independence day

Sevalaya Alumni Association in association with The Indian Red Cross Society, Thiruvallur organized a Blood Donation Camp at Mahatma Gandhi Medical Center, a 12 bedded medical facility at Sevalaya campus. Nearly 100 people which included alumni, staff and students donated 100 units of blood.



## Computer course: A fitting tribute to Dr. Abdul Kalam



Edwin Newis and Gita Karunakaran of SCOPE paying tribute to Dr. Kalam

“Dr. A.P.J.Abdul Kalam would have been happy to see this and SCOPE International is proud to be a part of this service” said Edwin Newis, CEO, SCOPE International

at the inauguration of computer course at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College on 29th July 2015. The college already conducts 6 months

training course in 5 trades and 2 batches have graduated since the college commenced in the year 2014.

When Sevalaya was planning to start courses in Nursing and Computer Science, SCOPE International offered to support the running of the computer course. One of Kalam's dream had been to introduce technology in the rural areas and launching of computer course at Sevalaya's Community College would be a fitting tribute to the Great Dreamer .

35 students who have completed X and XII have enrolled themselves in the course which will provide training in MS Office, Photoshop and Tally. These students who belong to underprivileged section have opted for this course, which will improve their employability and help them get placed in good companies.

# I promise you Ma...I will never drink alcohol

This was the solemn promise the boys of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar School made to their mothers at the PutliBa Day celebrations at Sevalaya on 5th August 2015. Increasing instances of school children getting addicted to alcohol and attending schools and loitering in public places in an inebriated condition is alarming and raises serious concerns about the future of this country. In an effort to make the students understand how addiction to alcohol destroys not only the person but also the family, the society and the country Sevalaya, organised PutliBa Day.

Mahatma Gandhil left Porbander for Bombay on his way to London for Higher studies on Aug 10th 1888, but not before his mother had extracted a promise from him that he would not drink, a promise which he upheld not only during the trying years in London but also till his last breath. Mother's influence on young boys is everlasting and a promise made to the mother is one which children are bound to keep throughout their lives.

So in commemoration of the day on which young Gandhi made this promise



G.Ram Mohan administering oath to Sevalaya students

to his mother and to ensure that our children do not fall prey to the vice that is all pervading in these days, Sevalaya came up with the idea of making the students promise to their mothers that they will abstain from alcohol.

The oath was administered by G. Ram Mohan, a staunch Gandhian and Former Safety commissioner, Indian Railways, who later presented a slide show on Putliba to 350 students who were present with their mothers.

A. Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi, impressed upon

the students the sanctity of this pledge and advised them that this should not be taken as a casual repetition of words but must be adhered to in all earnestness.

P. Vimala, mother of P. Yogeswaran of VIII Std was in tears after her son held her hand and promised her that he would never drink alcohol. D. Praveen of XII Std felt that this was a novel way to make the students resist the temptation of drinking alcohol as the promise made to their mothers will serve as a watch dog.

Ram Ram Murali presented 900 copies of Avvaiyar Manimalai to the students.

## Collector's award for students' patriotic cultural item



Sevalaya team won the Award for the best Cultural Program at the Independence Day celebrations at the District Collectorate, Thiruvallur on 15th August 2015. Eight schools from the district participated in this program. K. Veera Raghava Rao, IAS, Dist. Collector, Thiruvallur presented a shield and participation certificate to Sevalaya students and congratulated them. The theme of the event was "Tricolor Flag" and the participants had to perform with the least cost resources available. Sevalaya decided to use tri color hand

fans as their inexpensive resource and presented the dance. Human wave action gave the flag flying movement.

31 students of Std IX and XI who performed the dance were trained by Nithyanandham, Physical Education Trainer, Sevalaya. Student's performance was excellent and kindled the patriotic fervor among the audience.

The theme was meant to inspire the public to do something for our country.

The ultimate message; Be proud to be an Indian.

### "Bharatham + Bharathi"

A Classical Dance Presentation by

**Kala Pradarshini**

**Kalaimamani Parvathi Ravi**

**Ghantasala & Disciples**

Chief Guest

**Puja Shree Swami Omkaranandha**

Guest of Honor

**Sri Rajkumar Bharathi**

(Great Grandson of Mahakavi Bharathi)

**Venue :** Narada Gana Sabha Main Hall, Sath Guru Gnananada Hall, TTK Road, Chennai-18.

**Date & Time :** 29th Sep 2015, 6 pm to 9 pm

**Contact :**

N. Ravi at 9444620289 / 044 - 24950204

**Online Booking :**

<http://in.bookmyshow.com/chennai/events/kala-pradarshini-classical-dance-program/ET00032950>

# A 7-year partnership with Guru Krupa Foundation

It was sometime during mid 2008 that Sevalaya had a visitor- Mukund Padmanabhan from USA to our Kasuva campus. After a tour of the campus, Mukund, who was very much impressed by the transparency of the management process and the professionalism of the organization offered support through **Guru Krupa Foundation (GKF)**, a private incorporated in New York State of which he is the President. And since then, as the cliché goes.... there is no looking back.

The purpose of GKF is to fund charitable causes in the Foundation field of education, Social and Religious /cultural.

to Higher Secondary, the strength of the school swelled and in the year 2009 -2010, there were 1400 underprivileged children studying in the school. The school building had reached its optimum capacity and there was an urgent need to have a separate Primary school block to accommodate the ever rising demand to admit more children from more and more villages around Kasuva, where Sevalaya is located.

GKF again came to our aid with their generous contribution initially for the construction of a classroom at the pre primary section in the financial year

taking children on tours and educational trips. GKF again stepped in with their valuable donation for a bigger school bus with a seating capacity of 60, in the year 2011-2012.

## Solar street lamps

Situated in a rural area, power cuts were the rule of the day at Sevalaya and this affected the functioning of the organization, where activity starts at 4:30 AM with the feeding and milking of cows at gaushala, Yoga Schedule for children, cooking, etc and ends at 11:30 PM after study hour / dinner from 6: 45 to 8:30 PM and post dinner study hour for Higher class students.

Taking recourse to alternate source of energy was considered and tapping the solar energy was the best option we had. Here again, GKF pitched in and funded setting up of solar street lamps on the campus in the year 2012-2013.

## Library furniture, Book, Note books and Uniforms

Sevalaya runs a free general library and reading room for the beneficiaries and the villagers. The library has a collection of over 15000 books. As the activities expanded, it was decided to set up separate libraries for the staff with focus on subject books and motivational books and for the primary school kids with a large collection of colourful children's books, encyclopedia, comics etc.,

Sevalaya also provides notebooks every year to all the school children free of cost. In the year 2013-2014, GKF funded the furniture of the libraries, purchase of additional books for the libraries and notebooks for all the school children. The children were thrilled to receive superior quality notebooks with the logo of Sevalaya and GKF printed brightly on the cover. GKF continued funding the notebooks in the year 2014-15. For the year 2015-2016, GKF has sponsored uniforms for all the school children of Sevalaya.

The meeting point of the principles of Sevalaya and GKF is to help those who are less fortunate than oneself and support causes related to the acquisition of knowledge (both materialistic and non-materialistic) and we hope the mutually enriching partnership of Sevalaya and GKF will flourish in the years to come.



And in accordance with it the has been a consistent and reliable source of support for various educational initiatives of Sevalaya.

## Teachers' Salary

One of the major activities of Sevalaya is the Mahakavi Bharathiyar School, which provides quality education free of cost to nearly 2000 rural poor children which includes 150 orphan, destitute children at Sevalaya Homes. Salary to the Teaching staff has always been a major component of the total expenses of the organization. Nearly 85% of the a month's salary expense for teachers was funded by GKF in the financial year 2008 - 2009.

## Building Construction

Sevalaya School started out as a Primary school in 1991 with a strength of 25 children. With the passage of years and expansion of activities in terms of opening up High School and upgradation

2009-2010, followed by sponsoring the construction of the entire second floor of the new Primary school building in the financial year 2010-2011.

## Bus

Poor children from nearly 40 villages around Kasuva study in the school run by Sevalaya. The bus services in these rural parts are limited and connect only the main roads. The last stretch of 1 Km from the main road to Sevalaya campus has to be covered by foot only. Travel by congested public bus and a walk of nearly a km will tire out the students especially the young primary school kids at the start of the school day itself. Hence Sevalaya provides free transport facility for primary school students. Sevalaya had a school bus which could accommodate only 30 children. As the number of students increased, the need for a bigger bus to accommodate more children was felt. Moreover, the bus was also used for

## Montessori Parents meeting

On 7th August 2015, Montessori trainers Mari and Sheeba from Nishkam Trust interacted with the parents of the kids at the Montessori section of our primary school. They explained the advantages of learning by Montessori methodology. The parents got an opportunity to see how their children are educated in Montessori methods. The parents were also informed about ways & methods they could adopt at home to develop their children and identify the in born qualities of their children. This would help to reinforce the teachings given in school and help in laying strong foundations of learning. Totally 170 parents participated in the meeting.



## Kuruville Jacob training

S. Sumathi and B.Rajeswari were participants at the "I can make a Difference" Programme, which is a Kuruville Jacob initiative. 22 candidates participated in this programme designed for middle and high school teachers to enable them to take a relook at their role.

The participants received certificates at the Twelfth annual function of Kuruville Jacob initiative on 3rd August 2015, from the Chief Guest Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi.



Dhanashree Page, India CSR Coordinator, Caggemini, Mumbai visited Sevalaya on 5th August 2015.

My congratulations for the improvement of the News letter both in terms of appearance and contents.

Incidentally the contents have always been good and informative. In recent times quality of the paper and print and photographs have improved.

Surely your news letter can serve as a model for NGOs involved in similar activities.

Best wishes to the entire Sevalaya family.

M.R.Rajagopalan  
Managing Trustee  
Gandhi Gram Trust

## Hostel children on TERI exposure trip



E. Ramya, S. Kousalya, R. Ramya and J.Priya at the Mysuru Zoo

4 students of Sevalaya went on a 4 day trip to B R Hills in Karnataka and Zoological Garden and National museum in Mysuru. The trip was organised by TERI (The Environment Resource Institute) as a part of the Climate EduXchange Programme in which 5 schools from Chennai participated. The aim of the trip is to create an awareness among the students to preserve our natural resources and to be kind the other living creatures and protect the environment.

## 60 students for Dakshinachitra visit



On Saturday, 1st August 2015, children of Std V of Sevalaya's Primary school visited Dakshinachitra Museum at Muttukadu, Chennai. The Museum preserves, promotes and presents the rich cultural heritage of South India through curreted permanent exhibits and a variety of public programming. The children enjoyed the Magic Show, puppetry, Therukkoothu and also went around the traditional homes from different regions of South India that have been relocated at Dakshi-

nachitra. Students also tried their hands at simple art and craft activities like pot making, painting etc. They enjoyed playing in the park and the tasty lunch.

Nithyasree of V Std is all excited about her trip to Dakshinachitra. "We came to know more about the various types of traditional houses from different regions like Chettinadu, Kerala etc., We also had fun making clay pots, painting etc., An unforgettable experience" she declares.

## Dental camp



Dental camp sponsored by Rotary Club of Thiruvallur was held on 09th August 2015 for the hostel students. Totally 119 students were screened out of which 60 were boys and 59 were girls. Scaling was recommended for 7 students and filling was advised for 6 students. General instruction on Dental hygiene was given for all the students.

## Eye camp



Sevalaya's Mahatma Gandhi medical Centre arranged 3 eye camps in association with SCOPE International at Pakkam, Vengal and Ayathur on 5th, 12th and 21st August 2015. Doctors from Sankara Nethraya screened the villages and performed free cataract surgeries. Free spectacles were also distributed to 110 villagers.

## Veterinary camp



Veterinary camp organized by TVS and Rotary club of Thiruvallur was held on 08th August 2015. Villagers from the nearby villages brought their cattle to the camp for check up. Totally 78 livestock were screened. Preventive Injections for common disease among livestock were administered. Tonic and deworming tablets were also provided.

## Small income, large heart



V Ravi, 61 years, a native of Kumbakonam lives in a 10x10 room at Mylapore taking care of his 86 year old mother. A cook by profession, he came across an advertisement of Sevalaya 3 years ago and has been contributing to the organization since then. "Educating the poor destitute children and creating better opportunities for them to come up in life... This is what appealed to me about Sevalaya." says Ravi. He sets aside a part of whatever he earns per day and donates it to Sevalaya. Ravi has also offered to provide training to the cooks at Sevalaya.

## MSW students from two City colleges visit Sevalaya



Visitors from Madras School of Social Work, Chennai

Students of MSW are required to make an observation visit to a Rural NGO, as a part of their curriculum to get a practical knowledge of the life conditions of the rural poor and the efforts of NGOs to make a positive change in their lives.

MSW students from two city colleges made such observation visits to Sevalaya in August 2015.



Visitors from R.K.M Vivekananda College, Chennai

First year students from Madras School of Social Work visited Sevalaya on 11th August accompanied by Dr.J.Lakshmi, Department of Social Work and 1st year

MSW students of R.K.M Vivekananda College, Chennai visited Sevalaya on 20th August 15. S. Paramesvaran, Head, Department of Social Work, Vivekananda College accompanied them.

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# Experiments in Education

While at Durban, in and around 1897, Gandhiji made an experiment with the education of his children, significant, but controversial.

He did not wish to send the children to regular schools as the education imparted there was in the medium, or perhaps incorrect Tamil or Hindi. He made his own sporadic teaching, but that was irregular, and he could not get a suitable Gujarati teacher. Through an English governess, they got some learning, but that did not satisfy Gandhiji. Three of his children have never been at a public school, though they did get some regular schooling in an improvised school which he started for of Satyagrahi parents in South Africa.

Let us hear in Gandhiji's own words, about his experiments, observations and the conclusions.

"These experiments were inadequate. I could not devote to the children all the time I had wanted to give them. My

inability to give them enough attention and other unavoidable causes prevented me from providing the literary education I had desired, and all my sons have had complaints to make against me in this matter. Whenever they come across an M.A or a B.A, or even a matriculate, they seem to feel the handicap of a want of school education.

Nevertheless, I am of the opinion that, if I had insisted on their being educated somehow at public schools, they would have been deprived of the training that can be had only at the school of experience, or from constant contact with the parents. I should never have been free, as I am today, from anxiety on their score, and the artificial education that they could have had in England or South Africa, torn from me, would never have taught them the simplicity and the spirit of service that they show in their lives today...

The ultimate result of my experiments

lies in the womb of the future. My object in discussing this subject here is that a student of history of civilization may have some measure of the difference between the disciplined home education and school education and also the effect produced on children through changes introduced by parents in their lives..... to show the lengths to which a votary of truth is driven by his experiments with truth, as also to show the votary of liberty how many are the sacrifices demanded by that stern goddess... Where a choice has to be made between liberty and learning who will not say that the former has to be preferred a thousand times to the latter?

The youths whom I called out in 1920 from those citadels of slavery-their schools and colleges-and whom I advised that it was far better to break stones for the sake of liberty than to go in for a literary education in the chains of slaves will probably be able now to trace my advice to its source."

## Robotics training class for Sevalaya students

Sevalaya students step into a new unexplored world of infinite possibilities Thanks to the REFC (Robotic Education and Competition Foundation) and well wishers of Sevalaya a new door has been opened with a potential to unleash the raw creativity of the youngsters here.

The world of Robotics.

The MOONBOTS competition is an international online competition that challenges students from 8 to 17 years old to form a team to design, create and programme their own robots

The finalists of the 2015 MOONBOTS, a Google Lunar X-Prize Challenge are required to do public outreach – pass on the VEX IQ Super Kits which they have received, to a deserving institution or organization of their choice and Sevalaya was chosen by one of the finalist teams –CHANDRABOTS whose members are Ananth, Harini Kanna, Saketh Karri and Shyam Pillai .



Harini's grandfather Rangaramanujam is a long time donor and well wisher of Sevalaya and his family members are also following his philanthropic footsteps. Harini's brother Gokul, also from USA conducted a week long training session for 30 students about the different parts of robots like Brain, Sound detector, Bumper, Touch LED Sensors, Cables, Smart Motor and then he gave a training on building Robots with a VEX kit.

Sharing his experience, Gokul was all praises for the enthusiasm of the students. His aim was to promote creativity and critical thinking and he was much impressed by the students who are highly motivated, in his opinion.

Sevalaya students built their first robot and gave a demo of the same at the Independence Day Celebrations.

A new kind of freedom indeed! A chance to enter a hither to unknown world of infinite possibilities.

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