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Sevalaya Murali wins Best Social Worker Award of TN Government Citation appreciates his services for welfare of women, children and senior citizens



Sevalaya Murali receiving Best Social Worker award from Dr J Jayalithaa, Chief Minister, Tamilnadu at Fort St. George during Independence Day Celebrations

V Muralidharan, Founder & Managing Trustee, Sevalaya, received the prestigious 'Best social worker award for Women's welfare' from Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Dr J Jayalithaa, during the Independence Day function at Fort St. George, on 15th August, 2016. The citation says "V Muralidharan founded the organization Sevalaya in Thiruvallur district and has been serving the society for the past 28 years.

He founded Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharthiyar Higher Secondary school and provided free education to 2000 rural poor children every year. The school

provides quality education to the children below poverty line. 50 girls who have completed their school education in this school are supported by the organization to pursue higher studies in Engineering. Sevalaya sponsors the educational expenses of these girls.

Through this organization Muralidharan

"It is a proud moment for all of us at Sevalaya. With the blessings of Mahakavi Bharathi, Mahatma Gandhi, and Swami Vivekananda, Sevalaya has been serving the needy for the past 28 years and receiving many awards and recognitions. To get an award at the state level from the hands of the Chief Minister is a humbling experience. I am happy to receive this award on behalf of all the trustees, advisors, staff, children and senior citizens."

Sevalaya Murali

Women's empowerment : some highlights

- Over 1000 underprivileged girl children are receiving free education from PreKG to Std XII
- Over 400 girls sponsored for MBBS, BE, Nursing and other courses
- Jobs created for over 1500 girls through training in tailoring, beautician and data entry
- 90 out of 160 Sevalaya staff are women

works for rural development and has organised free medical camps in 40 villages. He also runs free homes for destitute children and senior citizens.

Tamilnadu Government's Best Social Worker Award (Women's Welfare) is presented to Shri V Muralidharan in appreciation of his services for the welfare of women, children and senior citizens."

Sevalaya in initiative for protection of street children

At a programme held at Kamarajar Arangam, on 16th August 2016 'Children for Children', Honourable Union Minister for Women and Child development Maneka Gandhi, Sevalaya agreed to partner with Dayaa Foundation's Abhayam project, to work together for the welfare of the street children, to address the menace of victimization of street children.

400 children from Sevalaya School wore T shirts with captive messages to



save infants and young children from the cradle snatchers and predators. V Muralidharan said, "it was sad to see infants being kidnapped and used for begging, child trafficking and other illegal activities. Since they do not have a voice,

Left to Right: John Wroe, (CEO, Street Children United, UK), Latha Rajinikanth (Founder, Daya Foundation), N Ram (Chairman, Kasthuri & Sons Ltd.), Maneka Gandhi, (Honourable Union Minister for Women and Child development) and V Muralidharan (Founder & Managing Trustee, Sevalaya)

we decided a novel way to address this issue by asking children to raise their voice and fight for their rights."

Joy of giving: the way of life

When children grow up and start standing on their own legs, it is perfectly normal in India that they start supporting their parents. But for an organization like Sevalaya to produce alumni who can stand on their own legs and also support Sevalaya, it is a success story. Whatever love and affection an organization can give, can never replace what parents give. The bonding to parents can never be equated to the bonding alumni can have towards the organization. How many of us go back to our *alma mater* and give back?

Ashok Shankar was born in a poor agriculture coolie family in a village near Sevalaya. His parents didn't have the means to send him to school and educate him. But for the timely intervention of Sevalaya, Ashok would have ended up as a child labour. He appeared for both 10th and 12th grade exam from Sevalaya School and scored high marks. He stood second in the school in 12th grade scoring 1098 out of 1200. He was moved by his Maths teacher, who in spite of being sick,

came to school and took classes so that his students didn't suffer. Such dedication from his teacher motivated him to aim high and he scored 199 out of 200 in Maths. His good score enabled him to get an engineering seat in Anna University in merit list. He studied electronics and communication engineering.

Sevalaya teaches its students values through the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda, Mahakavi Bharthi and Mahatma Gandhi. Ashok was deeply attracted towards Swami Vivekananda and started reading more about him from Sevalaya's library. He understood the power of meditation and he says that helped him in developing a good memory.

He did well in Anna University and completed the course with good score. He got his first job in Lionbridge technologies. As his family was waiting for him to start earning, he had to first support his family. He was making small contributions to Sevalaya and taking

active part in Alumni association. After a year, he got an offer from Cognizant Technology Solutions (CTS) and joined there recently. When he got his first salary, he donated the entire amount to Sevalaya. His donation will be used to create a new "green cover" near the dining hall – a green roof consisting of creepers which will also yield vegetables. Part of his donation will also support a child's education.

Once a beneficiary, and now a donor! Ashok is talking to many of his classmates, Sevalaya alumni, Anna university alumni and his colleagues, in fact to everyone he meets, about helping Sevalaya. He has set an example for other alumni to follow.

People ask me if Sevalaya is self sufficient, sustainable. If we produce such alumni, yes, we are.

Thanks & Regards

Murali

Corporate volunteers cheer up Sevalaya campus



BNY Mellon volunteers teaching rhymes for young ones



L&T Infotech volunteers painting pictures in classrooms



GE volunteers creating digital catalogues for library books



SCOPE volunteers helping students for the Science Exhibition

with rhymes, storytelling sessions, and, quiz competitions. The volunteers amused the children with jokes. The children expressed their joy very vocally when they saw their newly painted classrooms with various designs and patterns. Some volunteers assisted in cataloguing and digitizing the library

books. They also assisted in creating models and assisting children with internet searches for topics to be covered in the upcoming science exhibition, where many schools participated. The volunteers also played games with the children, which was icing on the cake.

Sevalaya campus was brimming with volunteer activity in July and August. A host of corporate volunteers, from BNY Mellon, L &T Infotech, GE and SCOPE International carried out a range of activities in the primary and secondary school. The children were entertained

Corporate institution	No.of volunteers	Activity
BNY Mellon	35	Rhymes, painting classrooms
L&T Infotech	8	Painting classrooms
GE	6	Cataloguing and digitizing library books
SCOPE International	12	Assisted the children for the Exhibition, (assisting in internet searches, and demonstration)

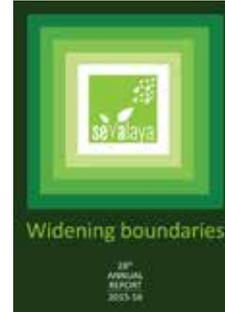
One heart, many faces – joyous Annual day celebrations at campus



Left to Right: E Ramamoorthy, Deputy Inspector Schools, Thiruvallur; A Aruldass, panchayat President, Pakkam; A Selvakumari, District Councillor, Thiruvallur; Putlur R Chandrasekar, Chairman, Thiruvallur; Sirunium P Balaraman, MLA, Ponneri Constituency; Dr P Venugopal, MP, Thiruvallur; T A Elumalai, MLA, Poonamallee Constituency; Sevalaya Murali; V Lillypushparani, DEO, Thiruvallur

Sevalaya's 28th Annual report was released at a colourful function at the campus on 20th August 2016. The campus wore a festive look as all the staff, students, senior citizens and villagers participated with gaiety. In keeping with Sevalaya's tradition, the students

danced to Viduthalai, viduthalai, a song by Bharathiyar, Vaishnava Janato, a favourite hymn of Mahatma Gandhi and a song based on Swami Vivekananda's motto – Strength is life, weakness is death. Honourable Member of Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly from Poonamallee



Sevalaya's 2015-16 Annual Report was conceptualised and designed in-house

<http://sevalaya.org/reports/annual-reports/>

T A Elumalai presided over the function and Honourable Member of Parliament from Thiruvallur Dr P Venugopal released the Annual report. Dr Venugopal exhorted the students to make use of the opportunities presented to them, and excel in life. The function was attended by the The District Educational Officer, V Lillypushparani, and a host of local dignitaries. The function also commemorated the services of staff who had completed five or more years of service, by presenting them gold coins. In addition, senior citizens and local citizens were also recognized for their services

'Electrifying' Science Exhibition at Sevalaya



The importance of electricity for day to day living was highlighted with live models, by the students from eight schools (including Sevalaya) and community college. Sevalaya conducts these exhibitions every year to bring awareness about science to the nearby



schools. It is open to all. It was fascinating to hear the students animatedly explain the history of electricity, types of electricity, and ways of generating and distributing electricity. The students also explained renewable

and non-renewable sources of electricity, and, most importantly how to deal with electricity safely.

Mukund Padmanabhan, Editor of The Hindu was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the exhibition. He was amazed that such a host of activities happening in remote village.

Another feature of the exhibition was the Audio/Video presentation about organ donation. The staff of Sevalaya made a 20 minute presentation about organ donation. The exhibition lasted for four days from 13th to 16th August, 2016.

Salaam to Kalam – a tribute to Dr A P J Abdul Kalam

Raindropss, a Chennai based youth organisation in association with Sathyabama University - Chennai supported by House of Kalam & Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International Foundation organized a programme Salaam to Kalam. Aim High | Dream High | Fly High, to give a memorable experience to a few children of various orphanages. 5 children from Sevalaya Home, S Sharmila, A Sathya, M Karthick, M Balamurugan, and R Dhinesh were flown from Chennai to Madurai, and subsequently by bus to Memorial of Dr Kalam and House of Kalam to pay their tribute, on his 1st death anniversary on 27th July 2016.

Sevalaya children participated in a

function where Union Ministers Venkaiah Naidu and Manohar Parrikar laid the Foundation Stone for Dr APJ Abdul Kalam National Memorial at Peikarumbu, his burial site in Rameswaram Island.

After the function the children were taken to Pamban Bridge and they flew back from Madurai to Chennai on 28th July 2016.

M Karthick, Std VIII said "It was a scintillating experience for all of us. We were thrilled when we entered the flight. My friends did not believe when I told them about my flight travel. I am very happy that I could go to the birth place of the great leader who is my inspiration."



WeKare Society (Capgemini CSR) and Sevalaya restore livelihood to 100 Irula women



29th July 2016, saw WeKare and Sevalaya team up to brighten the lives of 100 Irula women in Gummidipoondi and Ponneri talukas, about 80Km from Chennai, by distributing sewing machines to them. The livelihoods of these women were thrown out of gear, after the floods and they were struggling to find their feet. Siddhamma, President of the Bharathi trust and an active proponent of women's development reached out to Sevalaya and informed us of their plight. Sevalaya approached WeKare (Capgemini CSR), who readily came forward to sponsor the project. The Irula community had lost everything in the floods and was stranded economically and emotionally.

Distributing the machines to the

women, Allen Gilbert, Vice President, Capgemini (WeKare lead- a CSR initiative of Capgemini), expressed his happiness and lauded the efforts of Sevalaya in serving the underprivileged sections of the society.

Kanniappan Subramanian (Associate Director, ICRES Service Delivery head - Capgemini (WeKare) said that Sevalaya and Capgemini are only facilitators on this initiative. He advised the beneficiaries, to consider this as a beginning, to work, earn their livelihood and become self reliant, which will prove to be a long term solution.

J Prabhakaran, Ennangalin Sangamam, in his address made clear that this

community was affected even before floods, economically. Therefore, the youth in the community should ponder over this, educate themselves, get settled honorably and become entrepreneurs to earn their pride of place.

Siddhamma who has been toiling to serve this community, participated in the event and said she is very much thankful to M/s WeKare (Capgemini) for their generous help and Sevalaya for its consistent initiatives in addressing Irular communities' issues. She added that the womenfolk should change their mindset, educate themselves, and come up in their lives by improving their economic status.

Devi from Nemmalur, said she was forlorn when her sewing machine was destroyed in the floods. She could not travel afar, as she had to take care of her family, in the absence of her husband. She is trained to stitch clothes and is confident the machine will help her enormously in getting back to earning a livelihood to support her family.

Venkataramana from Palavada village, feels very happy that she can be employed on her own after getting the sewing machine, as this will help her eke out a living for herself. She thanked both the parties for taking care of her needs.

8 medals at VKP Sports Meet

On 29th and 30th July, 2016, a variety of sports events were conducted at the VKP Sports Programme at Velammal Sports Focus School, Ponneri. The events covered sports like handball, volleyball and track and field events.

More than 2500 students participated in the events from 25 schools. 55 students represented Sevalaya at the event. Sevalaya team were the winners at Handball, runners up at Volley Ball and reached semifinal level at Basket ball competitions.

In the track and field events, 600 students participated from 20 schools. Out of the 15 students of Sevalaya who participated in track and field events, 8 students won medals at various events.



Above: G Kavitha overcomes 'hurdles' to finish first at VKP meet

Right: The successful Sevalaya team

Name	Event	Prize
G Kavitha	200 Mts	I
G Kavitha	100 Mts	II
D Keerthana	100 Mts	II
D Keerthana	Long Jump	II
D Keerthana	200 Mts	III
R Swetha	Shot-put	II
R Punitha	400 Mts	III
D Keerthana R Punitha R Swetha V Kruthika	4x100 Mts relay	III



Resolute anti-alcohol pledge by Sevalaya students

500 students of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher secondary School and Community College, held their mothers hands and took a solemn pledge that they will never drink alcohol in their life at the Putli Ba day organized by Sevalaya on 5th August 2016, at its campus in Kasuva village, Thiruvallur District.

In August 1888, Mahatma Gandhi got permission from his mother Putli Ba to go to England for higher studies, only after he promised her that he would not touch wine, women and meat and he strictly adhered to these promises in the face of many temptations while he was abroad.

When G Ram Mohan, Former Railway Safety Commissioner, a staunch Gandhian and a long time well wisher of Sevalaya shared this suggestion with Muralidharan and Sevalaya started organizing Putli Ba Day at school since 2015.

K R A Narasiah, a prolific writer and Dr S Swaminathan, Retd Professor of IIT and a Heritage enthusiast were the special guests on the occasion this year. The oath, in Tamil was administered by G Ram Mohan.

It was a very emotional moment for the mothers present, when their teenage



Emotional scenes at the campus on Putli Ba day, when the boys held their mothers hands and took a solemn pledge not to touch alcohol in their lives

sons held their hands and promised that they would never drink alcohol. All the students were wearing T Shirts carrying the message "I Promise that I will never drink Alcohol" presented by G Ram Mohan.

Prof Swaminathan in his address declared that this initiative by Sevalaya assumes significance in the present day context and is highly laudable.

Writer Narasiah declared that a silent revolution has taken place today and exhorted the students to take the promise made to their mothers very seriously and adhere to it strictly.

Students of Sevalaya presented a cultural programme based on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. Sweets and snacks were distributed to the mothers at the end of the function.

Festivities mark 70th Independence day



S Thomson, Manager, Public affairs and commission, Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd taking the pledge

The day began with the flag hoisting by S Thomson, Manager, Public affairs and commission at Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverage Company, who encouraged the children to follow the footsteps of the three inspirational leaders whose teachings guide the school, and create a path for themselves. He also touched upon the value of education for the future.

Coca-Cola also distributed 75 blankets to



Cultural programme by the students

the students residing at the hostel.

This programme was followed by a blood donation program arranged by the Sevalaya Alumni Association and Indian Red Cross, Thiruvallur. 38 pints of blood were donated by the Alumni and staff. The numbers of blood donors have been going up regularly over the years. Sports events for staff capped the festivities with a good number of staff participating in handball, cricket and four corners.

SPL teams rendezvous at Yelagiri



27th July 2016, saw the heads of all SPLs in two buses head to Yelagiri. Each quarter, Sevalaya conducts a meeting to discuss the happenings and chart out the course of action for the forthcoming quarter. Yelagiri was chosen as the venue to discuss its activities for the first quarter of 2016-2017. Yelagiri was chosen just to have a change of scene and create a sense of bonhomie among the various teams. The drive was fun-filled and a few advisors and volunteers joined in. The main thrust of the meet was the shift from discussing the past to discussing current issues and cooperation between teams. It has set the tone and clearly the focus is now more on accomplishment and joining hands rather than procrastination.

From Absolute poverty to Tremendous Ability

R Devi

Not often do we come across people who come from impoverished families, yet find hope in life, gather strength, collect the broken pieces of themselves and prove worthy of living. In Sevalaya, we find many such children who have grown successfully and inspired others to a great extent. One such person is Devi who is the daughter of migrant construction labourers. Joining police forces has been her dream ever since childhood.

Devi's parents worked for daily wages as construction labourers. They used to live in the construction site where they worked and their children stayed along with them in the same place. To make ends meet, they toiled and moiled every day. Due to this struggle and unsettled lifestyle, they had great difficulty in sending their children to school. Their life changed drastically when a Good Samaritan suggested Sevalaya and their services to the underprivileged. They reached out to Sevalaya, explained their difficulties and were desperate in giving good education to their children



for the betterment of their future. As a result of this Devi and her sister Selvi were admitted in Sevalaya. Devi was put into Std III. She was quiet, determined and a hard-working girl with a flair for mathematics. She passed class X with 80% scoring 100 in Mathematics. She chose bio maths and passed Std XII with 77% marks. She got a free seat in Murugappa polytechnic college through Sevalaya and did her diploma in Computers. This helped her get employed

in a leading BPO.

Having a great passion for sports and physical activities, Devi had taken part in several sports activities and won several prizes. Her dream and perseverance to become a police officer became stronger with every passing day. She filled the required forms from the Central Reserve Police Force and vigorously practiced for the physical fitness tests. She appeared for the tests in the year 2011 but wasn't able to get a merit seat. But she never gave up. She persistently tried again and finally got through in the year 2013. Initially she was posted in Delhi and is now in Jaipur. She now earns a decent salary in her desired and chosen field. Devi who once was a shy girl with not enough communication skills can now speak three languages, Tamil, English and Hindi.

"But for Sevalaya, my dreams would have never come true and I would have ended up being another migrant labourer like my parents. All that I am today I owe it to Sevalaya. Studying in Sevalaya has been a great growing experience for me. The habit of greeting everyone which I learnt from Sevalaya has stood me in good stead wherever I go. I will be more than happy to guide my juniors who aspire for a career like mine", says ambitious Devi, brimming with self-confidence.

From Kick boxer to spokesman for the children

V Vijayakumar

"My nature is such that I need to be in the thick of action – whether it is boxing or working. I cannot remain idle for even a short time", says Vijaykumar, Executive, Donor relations. "I was an amateur kick boxer and had grand plans to make it my career, when an unexpected accident in the ring put paid to all the dreams." He has jumped an average of 3 jobs each year, after his B.Com graduation in 2011. The reason: Lack of job satisfaction. "Most of the jobs are monotonous", he says. "After a while I lose interest." Vijay has a variety of experience – Administrative jobs in both Front office, back office at MNCs, courier companies, Banks, you name it, he's worked at these places, anywhere from three months to 9 months. At every job, he felt as though the primary goal of each company was to earn profit at other's expense, and the owner of the company was too money



minded. He had posted his resume in the major job portals and it was by chance that he came across the advertisement Sevalaya had placed in Mylapore times seeking an Admin Assistant at their city office. He applied in person in October 2015, and was offered the job immediately.

Vijay is very vocal in admitting that his initial reaction to the job profile was not too enthusiastic. His perceptions changed when he visited the campus for the first time, a month later. He says. "I saw for myself the work that was happening at the campus for the children and that changed my perception of Sevalaya. I no longer feel like an Admin assistant, but an

ambassador for Sevalaya, when I go out and speak to prospective donors, saying with pride the work we do."

To sum up, he says, "I feel like we are part of a big family, each playing a role for the sake of the children at the campus. I know I can approach anyone in the city office or campus for anything, anytime. The staff is extremely cooperative and I can see that there is full involvement". "My aim is to meet more people and inform them about Sevalaya."



Sponsorship of education for 152 children by CAMS for the year 2016-2017. Sevalaya Murali receiving the cheque on the behalf of Sevalaya

Sevalaya's family trip to Thiruvannamalai



Sevalaya staff and family went on a one day outing to Thiruvannamalai, on 3rd July 2016. The bus drive to the temple town was punctuated with songs and the children had a joyous time. Swami Sirippanada (Sampath), our long time donor and well wisher, and a regular visitor to Thiruvannamalai, accompanied us on the trip and explained about the sanctity of Thiruvannamalai, and showed the places where Shri Ramana and his mother lived, as well as the cave where he meditated. The weather

gods were kind and it was cloudy and pleasant throughout the day. After the trekking and a welcome lunch break, the staff visited the Ashram of Yogi Ramsuratkumar. The highlight of the trip was the session with Swami Sirippananda who gave a few tips about life and laughter. The simple yoga postures coupled with laughter had the children in splits and the elders also enjoyed the session thoroughly. Sirippananda mentioned that laughter therapy is as good as three days of restful sleep, prevent and cures various diseases.

N Ravichandran, DR officer said "The visit was well organized and my family enjoyed it. They had a nice time meeting the families of other staff members. As for me, my legs felt as though they were recharged with all the walking and mountain climbing."

Pathway to gainful employment, thanks to internship



Sevalaya interns getting hands on training at Technocrat lab

Technocrat Engineers, an SME, based in Alapakkam near Porur, has been assisting students of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community college for a couple of years now. They have given employment to 7 community college students, over the past year, and, beginning August 2016, have now given a comprehensive internship package of boarding, lodging and stipend to 5 students. These students are given hands on training in AC repair and maintenance.

Raja M Sriraam, CEO of Technocrat



Sevalaya interns standing with Raja M Sriraam, the owner of Technocrat Engineers

Engineers has designed and executed a number of AC projects in Chennai and down south. He has been in the industry for more than 25 years.

The students are elated that they get an opportunity to learn the trade. With the proliferation of ACs in Chennai and its surrounds, the students are very hopeful of learning the trade and be gainfully employed at the earliest. We salute Raja M Sriraam for the opportunity given to our community college students.

Reader's Right

"I have received August 2016 issue of Sevalaya's 'Love all, Serve all' with thanks. All the articles were very interesting. Not only the articles, but also other information about the performance of the Sevalaya students were also heart touching. The most important article, 'Joy of giving: the way of life, is important not only in its content, but about the timing of publishing the article. Nowadays, the social media is going beyond the limit. Even very big leaders, public life leaders and politicians are not spared. This way, it is spoiling the whole atmosphere of Tamilnadu. Your article is a timely one. Thank you".

C Muthusamy, Palayamkottai

Training in Juvenile Justice



On 28th June 2016, a training session on Juvenile Justice Act, was conducted by P Senthil, District Child protection officer, and K Shanmugavelayutham, Convener, TN forces, at District collectorate office. The training was on "Child rights and Posco". They also spoke about rules of handling the juveniles effectively and the need to have constant counselling to resolve issues. K Shanmugavelayutham spoke about protecting children from sexual offences. He also touched upon the requirements for a good old age home. 80 participants from various NGOs participated in the event. G Krishnaswamy, Sevalaya said, "Through this training I clearly understood about Juvenile Justice Act and the repercussions if the rules are not properly followed."

With best compliments

"Better is to educate an underprivileged child"

-MahaKavi Bharathi

"The soul of India lives in its villages"

-Mahatma Gandhi

"God comes in the form of Roti for a hungry man"

-Swami Vivekananda

Well wisher

Fasting as a Penance

Experience showed Gandhiji how very difficult it was to bring up and educate boys and girls in the right way. He narrates his experience in his autobiography. We reproduce an extract from the said chapter.

“If I was to be their real teacher and guardian, I must touch their hearts, I must share their joys and sorrows, I must help them to solve the problems that faced them, and must take along the right channel the surging aspirations of their youth.

Once when I was in Johannesburg I received tidings of the moral fall of two of the inmates of the Ashram. News of an apparent failure or reverse of the Satyagraha would not have shocked me, but this news came upon me as a thunderbolt. The same day I took the train for Phoenix.

During the journey, my duty seemed clear to me. I felt that the guardian or

the teacher was responsible, to some extent at least, for the lapse of his ward or the pupil. So my responsibility for the incident in question became clear to me as daylight.. I felt that the only way the guilty parties could be made to realise my distress and the depth of their own fall would be for me to do some penance. So I imposed upon myself a fast for seven days and a vow to have only one meal a day for a period of four months and a half. I felt greatly relieved, for the decision meant a heavy load off my mind. The anger against the guilty parties subsided and gave place to the purest pity for them. Thus considerably eased, I reached Phoenix. I made further investigation and acquainted myself with some more details I needed to know.

My penance pained everybody, but it cleared the atmosphere. Everyone came to realize what a terrible thing it was to be sinful, and the bond that bound me to the boys and girls became stronger

and truer. A circumstance arising out of this incident compelled me, a little while after, to go into a fast for fourteen days, the results of which exceeded even my expectations.

It is not my purpose to make out from these incidents that it is the duty of a teacher to resort to fasting whenever there is a delinquency on the part of his pupils. I hold, however, that some occasions do call for this drastic remedy. But it requires clearness of vision and spiritual fitness. Where there is no true love between the teacher and the pupil, where the pupil's delinquency has not touched the very being of the teacher and where the pupil has no respect for the teacher, fasting is out of place and may even be harmful. Though there is thus room for doubting the propriety of fasting in such cases, there is no question about the teacher's responsibility for the errors of his pupil.

You are invited to a rendering of Bharathiyar songs

“Jothi Migu Nava Kavithai”

by
Dr Nithyasree Mahadevan
& Party

Chief Guest

Pujya Shree Swami Omkarananda

Guest of Honour

Sri Niranjana Bharathi
(Great Great Grandson of Mahakavi Bharathi)



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