

## Sevalaya now in Madhuranthakam 10<sup>th</sup> Community college; 4<sup>th</sup> own premises

Sevalaya's Gayathri Narayanan memorial community college was inaugurated on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at Zamin Endathur village in Madhuranthakam by P C Krishnan, General Manager, Petrofac Engineering Services India Pvt Ltd. This is Sevalaya's fourth own premises after Kasuva, Thanjavur and Thirunelveli.

The land of 5 grounds at Zamin Endathur was donated by D V Sridharan, a longstanding donor of Sevalaya, to construct a community college in memory of his niece Gayathri Narayanan.

Petrofac agreed to sponsor the project worth ₹ 60 lacs, including the 2,400 sq.ft building. Petrofac has been supporters of Sevalaya for the last three years. They have sponsored a Sports fitness centre and a part of old age home building at Thanjavur.

At the function, D V Sridharan recalled the passion his niece Gayathri had for



L to R: Rekha Rangarajan, Director, Data Patterns, T S Narayanan, father of Gayathri Narayanan, P C Krishnan, GM Petrofac and P Prasanna, VP, Corporate Relations, Sevalaya.

teaching. She had worked as a teacher for few years.

The Chief Guest P C Krishnan expressed happiness in his organisation's continuing association with Sevalaya and promised partnership with Sevalaya for future projects. R Sathiyamurthy, HOD & Asst General Manager – CMMS, Petrofac

and T S Narayanan father of Gayathri Narayanan offered their felicitations.

Tree plantation was done in the premises by the guests. In the function, rolling shield was given to Sevalaya's Uthiramerur centre for adapting 5S – the Japanese work Culture which is followed at Sevalaya effectively.

## Their flying dream comes true!



Five Sevalaya children were among this group that boarded the flight.

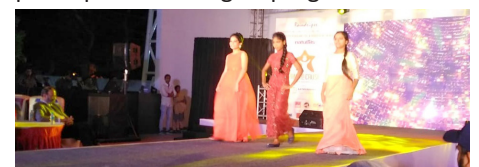
Five students from Sevalaya were among the lucky 25 underprivileged who got a chance to fly from Chennai to Coimbatore on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

This was a part of Raindropss initiative 'Vanamae Ellai' sponsored by VGP Ulaga

Tamil Sangam and co sponsored by Park institutions. The children visited Park institution, Isha Ashram and attended a concert by A R Reihana, sister of the music legend A R Rahman at Coimbatore.

They also participated in Naturals 'Ramp

for a cause', a Raindropss initiative powered by Sathyabhama Institute of Science and Technology on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 at Paneer Mahal, VGP Golden beach. Attired in fashionable new dresses, and trained, they walked the ramp. 60 hostelites from Sevalaya participated in the gala programme.



"I have looked up to others when they were flying. Now when I was flying, others were looking up!

**P Devan, XII-C**

"I felt like a bird".

**M Muthukumar, XII-C**

# Joy of giving: *the way of life*

Dear Friends,

The month of November saw Sevalaya venturing into new activities and new areas.

In 1988, when Sevalaya started functioning, we were housed in a rented place. It had no power connection and there were no proper roads to reach the place. We used to travel by bi-cycles as no other vehicle can go inside the village.

There were only two staff members, one to take care of cooking and the other one to meet the donors. Five children were residing in our home.

Then in 1990, we bought a small piece of land and constructed our own hut. Slowly funds were raised and one by one more buildings were constructed and more land was bought and more beneficiaries got added.

What we see today as the Kasuva village campus, with school, hostels, medical centre, gaushala, community college, science centre, sports centre and organic farm has taken 32 years to grow.

In the meanwhile, one of our board members, K Muthuramakrishnan came forward to donate a piece of land in Thanjavur.

We constructed an old age home there, with the help of Petrofac.

Another donor, R S Nallaperumal, donated his ancestral house in Ravanasamudaram, in Tirunelveli district. We are running a community college, with the help of Lionbridge Technologies and Hyundai Transys Lear Automotive India Private Limited.

Following this, another donor, D V Sridharan, donated a piece of land in Zamin Endathur village, in Madhuranthakam.

When we told him that the extent of land may not be enough to start an institution, he helped us to buy the adjacent piece of land also. Recently we started a community college there, with the help of Petrofac.

Thus Madhuranthakam becomes the fourth own campus of Sevalaya. Apart from this, there are many other rented locations where Sevalaya is functioning and serving different type of beneficiaries.

Also in November, we started medical services in Eragaram village, in Kumbakonam. This is sponsored by Sankari Sastha trust and Anbu Hospital,

Kumbakonam. Hundreds of villagers queued up to meet the doctors. Three specialists attended to the villagers whole day and distributed medicines free of cost.

Adding Madhuranthakam and Kumbakonam to Sevalaya map was made possible by the respective donors.

More donors are coming forward now to invite Sevalaya to start centres in various places. There are offers in Madurai, Pudhucherry and Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh. Once we identify the activities that can be taken up by Sevalaya in these areas, we will be ready to start the work soon in the new locations.

The faith donor community has on Sevalaya, makes us feel more responsible. Along with donation of money, now donors have started donating land and buildings. We will surely live up to the expectation of donors.

Thanks and Regards

Sevalaya Murali

## Sevalaya Murali honoured



*Sevalaya Muralidharan with Dr Srinath, Actor, Producer and Vice President of Kannada TV Channel, Udaya TV, Prof M K Surappa, Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai, and Kannada Sangha office bearers.*

Sevalaya Muralidharan was honoured for his service to the community at Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations held in Kannada Sangha School on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

He received this award from Dr Srinath, Actor, Producer and Vice President of Kannada television channel Udaya

TV, Prof M K Surappa, Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai and Honorary Professor, Department of Materials Engineering, IISC Bengaluru.

The Sangha also felicitated 5 others from various fields such as Literature, Hotel industry, Medicine, Art and Youth Talent.

## Experiential learning

Sevalaya with the support of Asian Paints has launched Project Vidya - Experiential Learning at Panchayat Union Primary Schools at Kandhur Village and Kandhur Mettu Colony in Kanchipuram district.

This project worth ₹ 3.5 lacs is being implemented to make learning an enjoyable experience, thus improving students' academic performance. This scheme will benefit 79 students.



*P Prasanna, VP Corporate Relations, Sevalaya, honouring Chief Guest Deepak Rodriguez, Manager-EHS, Asian Paints Pvt limited.*



# The joy of volunteering

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7 volunteers from Standard Chartered Bank accompanied by 2 volunteers from Standard Chartered Global business service (SCGBS) visited the campus.

They launched into the new experience of cutting vegetables. The potatoes, tomatoes, carrots and turnip they chopped went into the *kuruma* that accompanied *chappathis* for that day's dinner.

They went round the campus and spent time in the bakery unit. One of the volunteers, Frederic Serpoul of France, who is a basketball player, played with Sevalaya's basketball team.

Todd Wiener, who is the Technical Accountant, Standard Chartered Bank was impressed by how the entire



Senior officials from Standard Chartered volunteering at Sevalaya's kitchen.

organization was functioning in a structured way. He confessed that he

didn't expect such process adherence in an NGO.

## Bankers teach some banking



Volunteers from Standard Chartered Global Business Service giving awareness of banking services.

A banking awareness session was conducted by 11 volunteers from Standard Chartered Global Business Services for 70 students of Std XI, XII and 35 parents on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Kasuva. A detailed explanation of the working of the banking sector, safe use of the cheque books and pass book,

functioning of ATM and importance of maintaining secrecy of pin number was given. They were also told about the loans available from banks and the means to avail them. The advantages of insurance schemes introduced by the Government and credit and debit cards were also explained.

## SRM University students visit Sevalaya



On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, 7 students from final year Science and Humanities

Department of SRM University visited Sevalaya's Kasuva campus. They planted 15 coconut saplings near the Gaupooja stage, sieved 5 kg of vermicompost and spent time with elders. They played games and sang songs with the elders.

It was an amazing experience for all of us. This is the first time I went to an old age home. Spent some quality time with them. It really felt good to see their happy faces.

**Asha, SRM University**

## Children's Sports Carnival

Children's Day celebrations for the 300 tiny tots of Sevalaya started on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the carnival organized by SCGBS at the Kasuva campus. Overnight the school grounds had been transformed into a magical fairy land with interesting rides for kids and stalls with games such as Ring me, knock down the pyramids and rifle shooting.

Children who won prizes in these games were given tokens to exchange for attractive gifts of their choice. The 150 SCGBS volunteers were seen happily taking their wards to the different stalls and rides, motivating and encouraging them to participate and win prizes. For the kids from the village it was truly a magical day. Mehndi and tattoos were drawn on the hands and children were given tasty snacks before they were handed back to their class teachers. They shared their excitement with their class teachers, showing the lovely gifts of toys and stationery they had got and describing the rides and games they had enjoyed.





# Lessons in compassion amidst Children's Day celebrations



*R Srinivasan, D Subbiah, Directors, Vel's Steel Tubes and Engineering Private Limited distributing fruits, biscuits to children at Thiruvallur GH.*

True to a 16-year-old practice, the residents of Sevalaya kickstarted Children's day celebrations by visiting the children's paediatric ward of Government General Hospital, Thiruvallur. They entertained the sick with dances and presented gifts of fruits, biscuits, bread, crayons and stationery, bringing a smile on the faces of the suffering children from underprivileged sections of society.

This year, Sevalaya's Community College students went to Kanchipuram GH and entertained the children with stories and gifted fruits, biscuits and bread.

The biscuits and bread were prepared by Sevalaya's Community College Bakery students at Kasuva.

The Chief Guests D Subbiah and R Srinivasan, Directors, Vels Steel Tubes and Engineering Pvt Ltd., expressed their happiness to be a part of such a purposeful function and blessed the children.

Dr Vijayalakshmi of Thiruvallur GH appreciated the gesture of Sevalaya.



*AA Kingston, VP operations, Sevalaya, presenting mementos to the Chief Guest Vanaja Muralidharan, CWC Chairperson.*

The Chief Guest at the Kanchipuram function, Dr Kalpana of Kanchipuram GH and Dr Baskar, RMO, Kanchipuram advised the parents to spend more time with their children, instilling positive thoughts and desisting the excessive use of mobiles by children.

At Sevalaya's school at Kasuva, children had an enjoyable day playing with their teachers, showcasing their innate talents in their classes and finally watching a pleasant cultural programme put up by the staff for them. The Chief Guests on the occasion were Vanaja Muralidharan, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Kanagaraj, Member CWC and Sunitha Amul, Member, CWC. Kanagaraj spoke about the rewards of hard work and said that one should never hesitate to clear one's doubts. Sunitha said that students should always share their thoughts and feelings with their family, friends and should not keep things bottled up within themselves. Vanaja told the children about the importance of creating an identity for oneself by setting clear goals. Children were given chocolates sponsored by Balaji Stores, Thiruninravur and went home happily having enjoyed the full day with their teachers and friends.



*S Mohanavalli, AVP Operations, Sevalaya, presenting memento to Dr Jeeva, Joint Director of Kanchipuram DGH, in the presence of other duty doctors from Kanchipuram GH.*

Children's day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at Sevalaya's Ambattur Community College. Akila Prabhu, CSR Programme Manager & Senior Project Management Analyst, Frost and Sullivan, was the Chief Guest and distributed prizes to the winners of the BGV competitions held in the nearby government schools earlier.

Vasugi, Head Mistress, Kallikuppam Government Elementary school, Sasikala, Social Sciences Teacher, Thirumullaivoyal Municipal High school, school children, and their parents joined

in the celebrations. Akila, a passionate environmental activist, who has been constantly taking steps to create awareness about environmental issues spoke about the importance of avoiding plastics, planting more trees and saving rain water.

She advised the students to develop reading habit. She also visited Seva shop at Ambattur and made a few purchases.



*Akila Prabhu, CSR Programme Manager, Frost and Sullivan, presenting prize to winner of BGV competition. K Srinivasan, Director of Sevalaya Community College, is on the left.*

A new dimension was added to this year's Children's Day when nearly 45 students from Sevalaya entertained the children and residents of Prestige Bella Vista on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in an unique 2 hour interactive programme.

A cultural programme of dances and drama was prepared depicting the different aspects of rural life. Dances depicting folk arts like *poi kal kuthirai*, *kavadi*, *karagaattam* in a *thiruvizha* setting and a display of *Silambattam* and traditional rural games of the state kept the audience enthralled. The audience got to participate in the games, have a try with the *silambam*, get their hands painted with henna and draw on the spot Kolams.

Children of Sevalaya and the city children both enjoyed this endeavour to highlight the traditions of the state and Sevalaya children were presented mementos at the end of the programme.



*Children's day celebration at Prestige Bella Vista Apartments, Iyappanthangal.*



## Sevalaya teams, athletes, at State meet



*Sevalaya's under 14, 17 and 19 boys teams with Dr Senthil Kumar, Thiruvallur District Handball Secretary.*

In the Thiruvallur Revenue district matches, in which 12 zones participated, 3 students were selected in athletics, to compete in state level sports.

5 handball teams of different age groups from Sevalaya have qualified to play in the State level. 2 Basketball teams were runners up at these games.

R Dinesh from Std XI participated in the RDS (Republic day Sports) State athletic meet at Kongunadu engineering

college, Tholurpatti, Thottiyum, Trichy on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. He was the first among the 16 selected in the heats from 64 participants and finally won the Bronze medal in 1500mts. His victory is remarkable as he suffered from a ligament injury in his calf muscle a few months back.

Regular physiotherapy and treatment have helped him recover and do well in this event.

## Sadhaya Thiruvizha

S Kanchana, Value Education Head, Sevalaya, was one of the speakers at the "Sadhaya Thiruvizha" at Pampaipadaiyur village, Kumbakonam on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The celebrations held to commemorate King Rajaraja Cholan's 1026<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary had eminent speakers from different spheres. The king, during his lifetime, had taken notable efforts for the upliftment of the poor and so Sevalaya's presence seemed appropriate as this organisation has been striving for the same cause since 1988. Kanchana, in her speech, brought to the fore the king's philanthropic and spiritual efforts to uplift his subjects.



*Kanchana, Head of Sevalaya's Value education, at Sadhaya Thiruvizha.*

## Certificate distribution



*Mohan C, HR, PPG Asian Paints, presented certificates to Sunguvarchatram CC students.*

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019, certificate distribution for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> batch of both Computer & Tailoring trades were held at Sevalaya's Community college in Sunguvarchatram. PPG Asian Paints HR, Mohan C was the Chief Guest, who was accompanied by his colleagues Jayavel and Saravanan.

"Never be idle. Either join in a job or start a business on your own. Don't waste time. Time once gone can never be regained", advised the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest distributed the certificates to 30 students of Computer trade and 35 students of Tailoring trade for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> batches respectively.

## Supporters since 2000

Pasam Train Friends group came to Sevalaya on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to spend a day with the hostel children conducting games and having a jolly time with the children. This group of friends have been coming regularly since the past 19 years with their families. They sponsor the lunch for the children, organise games and give gifts to all the children. They also motivated the children through their speeches. This group of friends used to travel together by train to work but are now retired. Earlier their children would play with the hostelites. Their children are now settled in various places but the group continues its annual visits.



*Members of "PASAM Train Friends" conducting games for Hostelites.*

## Sagely advice



*Motivation session for students by Muralidharanji.*

A motivational session for 350 students of std X, XI & XII was held at Kasuva Campus on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 by Muralidharanji. This session highlighted methods to help students score good marks in the Public Exam.

The students were told that they should develop the habit of getting up early in the morning and learning. They should avoid usage of mobile phones, watching cricket, cinema and spending time with friends for the next three months.

He emphasized that "Hard work is not important but smart work is most important". He also stressed about the importance of mother, father and guru in one's life and said that they should be obeyed and respected.



## I see God in my service in Sevalaya

Valli Karthiga, Center Incharge at Sevalaya's Ravanasamudram Community College, has been with Sevalaya for about an year and has endeared herself to all with her devotion to her work and good management skills.

A post graduate in Computer applications, she had always dreamt of becoming a teacher. She remembers how as a young child she would drape a towel as a sari and teach friends and relatives. Later in College when she started going out for NSS activities, she experienced the joy of serving and participated in many NSS and NCC activities.

She was initially appointed as the tuition teacher in the centre but when the computer centre was started, she was given the job of computer instructor at



the centre. In the short span of a year she has seen nearly 50 students completing the course with many of them taking up jobs in near by areas.

She does not limit herself to her teaching job but goes all out, to help in all other activities of Sevalaya. Her excellent administration skills came to the fore when Bharathiyar's wedding anniversary was organised as a grand function by Sevalaya after 122 years on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Kadayam and the BGV day was celebrated in September. Within a short period she was able to motivate 22 schools to participate in the same and

helped in the organisation of a grand function in the presence of the District Collector. She was awarded the Best Women of the Year on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 by St Thomas Mary Trust, Kadayam.

"I got a job in Sevalaya even before I completed my MCA. I get immense satisfaction and happiness in this job. None of my friends have got such a challenging, interesting job. My passion is teaching and I thank God for blessing me with an opportunity to serve in a place like Sevalaya. I see God in the form of my service at Sevalaya" says Valli with a twinkle in her eye.

## Driver's daughter, Today a Data Entry Operator

Saranya and her two siblings were born in a very poor family in a village called Puzhuthivakkam near Uthiramerur. Three years back, when she was 18, she lost her parents. Orphaned and literally on the street, not knowing what to do next, where to go, how to survive, she learnt about Sevalaya through one of her friends. Her father who was a driver had managed to make her daughter a B.A. Tamil graduate. She joined Sevalaya in June 2018 for a 3 months Computer course.

She was very involved and learnt with full concentration. Her tireless hard work and the fire that she has to support her family made her complete the course successfully. That paved way for her employment as a Data entry operator in Rural Shores Company.



Sharing her views about Sevalaya, she spoke with smile and tears, "I cannot forget Sevalaya in my lifetime. The staff at Sevalaya extended their helping hand and lifted me up. Karpagam mam who was a pillar of moral support is a memorable person in my life. I recollect the advice of Abdul Nazeer Sir who guided me and cared for me throughout at Sevalaya, and finally Sabira mam a confident booster to me.

My elder sister works as an operator and my younger brother too works in a nearby factory. I was able to help my brother do his ITI course because of the job I got through Sevalaya. Now too I am

looking forward to conduct my sister's marriage and settle her. Every day I talk about Sevalaya at least to 2 or 3 persons. I want more students to be benefitted by Sevalaya. When I lost both my parents I never imagined that I will live a worthy life like this. I will help Sevalaya in future. Sevalaya is not a part of my life, but heart of my life".

She finally concluded, "The only pain I presently bear is that my father, an ordinary driver who struggled to bring up his 3 children, is not amidst us when his children stand in a good position in the society."



## Industrial Motivational Campaign



A two days Industrial motivation campaign on Entrepreneurship was conducted at Sevalaya's Kasuva campus on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 for 110 students from Sevalaya's Community Colleges at Kasuva, Vadanallur and Sunguvarchathram.

Kiran Dev Satuluri, Assistant Director, Micro Small & Medium Enterprises – Development Institute, Chennai, was the Chief Guest of the program. S Chandra Kumar Assistant Project Officer, Tamilnadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Manivannan General Manager, District Industries Centre, S Shanti District Manager, Tamilnadu Adi Dravidar Housing Development Corporation and M Hebsur Rahman, Lead Development Manager

were the other guests at the sessions.

The various steps involved in the starting of an enterprise were explained to the students. S Chandra Kumar held a specific session for women entrepreneurs while S Shanti conducted a session for SC/ ST entrepreneurs. Q & A interaction was handled by M Hebsur Rahman. The students came to know about the most popular and prominent schemes. A separate session was done on banking and the availability of loans. The two days programme was an interesting and informative one and gave a clear outlook about business opportunities. The interactive sessions clarified many doubts about setting up a business.

## DAV children offer to volunteer



*L N Anupriya, Volunteering coordinator, Sevalaya addressing 250 girls of DAV boys school, Gopalapuram about Sevalaya's activities.*

Sevalaya is selected to be part of a volunteering project of DAV group of Schools along with ivolunteer. The project is to send 1000 boys and girls, who will be completing Std X in March 2020 from 6 branches of DAV, for volunteering in various NGOs for 40 hours, in the month of April and May.

Sevalaya was one of the 6 NGOs selected to attend a initial, exploratory

meeting with the Correspondent and the Principals of these schools. On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019, the representatives from various NGOs made a presentation of their activities to nearly 500 students. From Sevalaya V Muralidharan and L N Anupriya did the presentation to the students, to give them an idea about the opportunities for volunteering at Sevalaya.

## Medical Camp



*The Sevalaya and Anbu Hospital teams at the Eragaram medical camp.*

A free medical camp was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Eragaram village near Kumbakonam by Sevalaya in association with Anbu hospital. The team of Ortho, DGO & General physicians from Anbu hospital offered free health checkup, BP/Sugar test and free medicines. Around 115 villagers were benefitted. This camp will be conducted on a monthly basis and soon a medical centre will come up here.

The project is supported by Eragaram Sankari Sastha Trust

## They got talent!

24 students from Sevalaya's Children's homes participated in the 27<sup>th</sup> Rotary Neeta Talent contest for children held at Kamaraj Memorial Hall by Rotary Club of Madras T Nagar and Neeta Memorial Charitable Trust on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Orphans and differently abled children from 50 NGOs participated in this programme.

Sevalaya children presented 2 group dances and 1 skit in their allotted time of 10 minutes. Sevalaya students won the overall 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in this event.

3 students participated in the drawing competition. Bhooopathi of Std IX bagged the first prize among 50 participants.



*Overall 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at 27<sup>th</sup> Rotary Neeta Talent Contest.*

# A review of the grievances : The Transvaal and other colonies

As in Natal, in the other Colonies also anti-Indian prejudice had begun to grow even before 1880. Except in the Cape Colony, the general opinion was that as labourers, the Indians were all right, but the immigration of free Indians was purely a disadvantage to South Africa. The irony was that when Transvaal became a British colony, the Indians could not get even the minimum support they were receiving from the British Agent when Transvaal was independent. .

During Lord Morley's tenure of the office of the Secretary of State for India, members of a deputation on behalf of the Indians met him. He declared that the Imperial Government could not exercise any control over self-governing dominions. They could not dictate but only could plead, argue, and may be press for the application of their principles. He also assured the deputation that he would do all he could by negotiations.

Let us now see what sort of treatment was meted out to Indians who first entered the Transvaal in 1881.

The late Sheth Abubakar opened a

shop in Pretoria and purchased land in one of its principal streets. Other traders followed in his wake. Jealous of their great success, European traders commenced an anti-Indian campaign in the newspapers, and submitted petitions to the Parliament, praying that Indians should be expelled and their trade stopped. Here are some statements they made in their petitions: "These Indians have no sense of human decency. They suffer from loathsome diseases. They consider every woman as their prey. They believe that women have no souls." These four sentences contain four lies.

Little did the Indian traders know what a sinister and unjust movement was being carried on against them. They did not read newspapers. The newspaper campaign and the petitions had the desired effect, and a bill was introduced into the Parliament.

The leading Indians were taken aback when they came to know how events had shaped themselves.

They went to see President Kruger. As a person who had been tutored in Old

Testament right from childhood, he said candidly, "You are the descendants of Ishmael and therefore from your very birth bound to slave for the descendants of Esau. As the descendants of Esau we cannot admit you to rights placing you on equality with ourselves. You must rest content with what rights we grant to you."

In terms of the Law 3 of 1885, every Indian settling in the Republic for the purpose of carrying on trade was required to register at a cost of twenty-five pounds and Indians could not hold an inch of land or enjoy the rights of citizenship. There was a treaty between the Boers and the British known as the London Convention Article XIV of the Treaty which secured the rights of British subjects. The British Government objected to the Law as being in contravention of that article. The Boers urged in reply that the British Government had previously given their consent.

**to be continued...**

## Career guidance session



K Rajalakshmi IT consultant, Tata Consultancy Services, conducted a very useful session for students of Std XI on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019. She presented all the possible career options for the students of the different groups. She explained

about the various diploma, and graduate courses, fee structures, when and how to apply for the same, eligibility criteria etc. She covered all kinds of colleges - Government and Private in and around Chennai.

## Alert on Sex Abuse

Aaytha Siragugal, an NGO, which conducts awareness sessions on child sex abuse, conducted a session for all the children of Std IV on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Sevalaya has signed an MOU with this organization to conduct 3 sessions each for all students from Std I to V.



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