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## Apollo Tyres' Digital Literacy drive in Kanchipuram



Prithvi Raj, Senior Specialist Sustainability & CSR (TN & AP) of Apollo Tyres was the Chief Guest at the prize distribution function for the winners of the World Literacy Day competitions held at ADW High school, Chennakuppam, Kanchipuram on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022.

Apollo Tyres Foundation has sponsored a Digital Literacy initiative in Kanchipuram, with Sevalaya as its implementation partner. Apollo Tyres donated 60 computers to 6 Government schools and Sevalaya will run the program with computer teachers to benefit

over 2,000 school students.

Earlier, on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, on the occasion of World Literacy Day, a number of competitions including painting, drama, book reviews, and quiz were conducted. Over 100 students from 6 schools took part in the competitions. Volunteers from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur (RGNIYD) supported for conducting the competitions.

Distributing prizes to the winners of the competitions, Prithvi Raj in his address said, "Technical ability is considered valuable in the modern world. In partnership with Sevalaya, we are offering this programme with the intention of the students understanding basic computer concepts."

## Sevalaya's 4<sup>th</sup> Old Age Home opened at Zamin Endathur, Chengalpet District



*The new old age home can accommodate 20 elders*

Sevalaya's Janaki Ammal Vijayaraghavachariar Memorial Senior Citizens Home was inaugurated at Zamin Endathur on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Built on 2,000 sq.ft of land donated by D V Sridharan, a long-time donor, the old age home has become a reality with financial support from Dr Kalpalatha Radhakrishnan,

Dr V Manoharan, A V Ganesan and Nikhil Johri.

In her address, Dr Kalpalatha Radhakrishnan, former lecturer at Madras University, expressed her joy at being a part of this Old Age Home and thanked her husband for his full support

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## Sevalaya's students perform on Delhi stage



At a function organised by National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi to celebrate the 153<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Sevalaya was invited to present a cultural programme on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022.

Team Sevalaya started off by zeroing in on the number of participants and staff and booking their to and for tickets.

A preliminary brain storming of the BGV team head, school Head and members of the management gave a rough shape to the contents of the programme and the cultural team head came up with

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for the contribution. She named one of the blocks after her grandparents. Dr V Manoharan, Ph.D Retd. Professor at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Puducherry named one of the blocks after his parents.

Sevalaya Murali, Founder & Managing Trustee said that the centre would accommodate 10 gents and 10 ladies.

The existing centres at Kasuva, Thanjavur and Dharmapuri accommodate 180 elders.



*Donor Kalaplatha Radhakrishnan and her husband inaugurating the block sponsored by them. Also in the pic: From L to R Bhuvaneswari Muralidharan, Sevalaya Murali, A A Kingston*



*Dr V Manoharan inaugurating the block sponsored by him. Also in the pic: His friend S Rajamanickam*



*Sevalaya Murali inaugurating the new Old Age Home Zamin Endathur*

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the plan for the dances. The initial script was written, reviewed, changes made to make it more attractive and rehearsals started.

The real challenge was getting just 11 children and 3 staff don the different roles, making quick changes in dress but it slowly improved. Children too had useful suggestions to share.

The next was transcribing the entire script into Hindi as people in the Capital would not understand Tamil. Now everyone had to work in sync with the Hindi script. In between were the quarterly exams and the children and staff juggled with revision, answering exams and practicing in between. The script had to be recorded and a volunteer was roped in to give the male voice. Dr J Gokulakrishnan, Head

of the health department sportingly tondured his head to give more authenticity to his role of Gandhi. Dresses were stitched by the craft department to ensure quick changes and the team left for Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022. For all the children it was the first long train trip and they were excited.

Sevalaya's kitchen team cooked large quantities of food and maintenance department made all logistics for transport to the railway station.

The journey was enjoyed by all and when the team landed at Delhi everyone was eager to do their best. They were asked to sing bhajans at the interfaith prayer organized on the eve of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 and the team gave their best in the presence of Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, grand daughter of Gandhiji and Rajaji.

The next day the team got ready on time and presented their best in the presence of Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator, India and Katrina Kivi, Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia.

Thanks to donor support, the children could visit some of the important tourist spots in Delhi before boarding the train to



*Chennai on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.*

An enjoyable, educative trip for all and good visibility in the Capital for Sevalaya.

Sevalaya thanks A Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi for inviting Sevalaya children, providing an opportunity to them to display their talents in the presence of August audience.





# Distinguished Alumni Award 2022



Sevalaya Murali was felicitated and conferred with distinguished alumni award by Minister I Periyakaruppan at the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary function of The New College, Chennai, on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Former Union Minister G K Vasan and other distinguished guests and alumni were also present.

Sevalaya Murali was a student of The New College from 1977 to 1981.

## Award for excellence

Probus club of Chennai presented an Award to Sevalaya, in recognition of its services to elders.

The award was presented by T S Tirumurti, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York and Rtn Jayashree Sridharan, President, Rotary Club of Madras.

Sevalaya Murali, Founder & Managing Trustee of Sevalaya received the award at a function held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



## Music Lovers' gift to Sevalaya



Music lovers Chennai, a trust who produce live Hindi music shows, contributed the collection from the show to Sevalaya on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The hit songs to showcase the moods and memories of the versatile singer Kishore Kumar were sung by talented singers with a full live orchestra at Music Academy.

Speaking at the occasion, Bhuvaneshwari Muralidharan, honorary correspondent of Sevalaya, profusely thanked the

organisers for giving opportunity to talk about Sevalaya, and briefly explained the activities to the appreciative audience.

It was a delightful evening of high energy rendition of popular songs of Kishore Kumar.

Krishnan Ramani, Director Appaswamy Real Estates and Dr Iyyappan, Kauvery Hospitals handed over the cheques to Bhuvaneshwari Muralidharan.

## Rotary club outing



Rotary Diwali Team, as part of their Diwali celebrations, organized a trip to VGP for 151 children of Sevalaya Home on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The children had fun at the various rides and games.





## Moovarnam (Tricolour) Honouring the freedom fighters



As a part of India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations a *Bharathanatyam* programme *Moovarnam* (Tricolour) was staged at the auditorium at Chettinad Vidyashram School, MRC Nagar Chennai.

Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, was the Chief Guest for the event held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The dance programme was produced

and choreographed by Dhakshayani Ramachandran, a noted Bharatanatyam dancer.

19 dance students of Sevalaya performed in this mega production, in which 100 students from various dance schools participated. The event was organised by Samskar Bharathi, Tamilnadu. Film Director Priyadharshan, and Dance Master Kala, were the Special Guests.

## Sevalaya teams and athletes win District, headed for State competition



Sevalaya's Under 19 boys and girls hand ball teams and the Under 19 basketball girls team are Champions at the Thiruvallur Revenue District Athletics Competition 2022-2023.

### Athletics Medal Winners

Event	Name	Category	Medal
Pole Vault	Akshaya S	U 19 Girls	Gold
Discuss Throw	Pavithra M	U19 Girls	Silver
Hurdles – 110 Mts & 400 Mts	Aadhikesavan	U 19 Boys	Bronze
Pole Vault	Palraj	U 17 Boys	Bronze

The Under 19 basketball boys team came runners up.

The three champion teams and the gold and silver medallists (Akshaya and Pavithra) will compete at the Tamilnadu state competitions.



## Elders day



Shan Ramanathan, Mayor of Thanjavur was the Chief Guest for the World Elders Day and Navarathri celebrations at Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Senior Citizens Home at Thanjavur, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

The Chief Guest interacted with the elders and distributed sweets to them.



35 volunteers from DG Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam, visited the old age home at Kasuva centre, to celebrate World Elders Day. They interacted with the elders and entertained them by dancing and singing.

Some enthusiastic elders joined the students in dancing and had a wonderful time. The students distributed snacks and also donated tumblers.

## Basic Life Support Training

25 students from Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar community college attended the Basic Life Support Training conducted by the Apollo Foundation.

The topics covered included first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The participants received a certificate and a first aid manual.





## BNY Mellon sponsors Robotics classes



Manisha Sawanth, Communication Manager at RobotexIndia conducted an orientation session for the 9 months Robotics course at Sevalaya's school at Kasuva centre on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022. 350 students from Stds V to XII will be attending this course, which is sponsored by BNY Mellon.

The students are divided into 3 batches. Sessions will be held on 3 days a week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each batch will have 2 sessions per week.

In the sessions conducted in October 2022, Vrushali from Robotex India explained the basics of robotics. She also introduced them to Scratch, a coding language with a simple visual interface that allows young people to create digital stories, games, and animations.

She guided them to create greeting cards for their friends using Scratch.

The students enjoyed these sessions.

## Pencilsrock Academy for Conservation Art



To commemorate the World Wildlife week 2022, Raghunath Krishna and

Brindha Raghunath from Pencilsrock Academy visited Kasuva centre on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and conducted a session on the Importance of Tiger Reserve and drawing elephants. They emphasized that all the animals depend on nature.

They explained the importance of forest and the animals living in it. They advised the students to protect nature and to save the animals. They taught students how to draw the elephants using an easy method.

## Miladi Nabi Celebrations



Thanjavur old age home celebrated Miladi Nabi on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022. In A Mohammed Masud, Lions Club of Thanjavur Kings and Proprietor, Sneham Super Market, Thanjavur was the Chief Guest and he donated ₹15,000 for Diwali celebration.

Uthiramerur celebrated Miladi Nabi on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022. N Tajuddin Ahmed Correspondent, Asian Matriculation School & President, Lions Club Charter, Salavakkam was the Chief Guest.



## Daan Utsav



Daan Utsav- the festival of giving - celebrated every year from 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 has people from all walks of life donating, their time, money or materials to support any cause of their choice.

This year during Daan Utsav, many corporates allowed Sevalaya to put up Wish trees carrying the wishes of the children. The employees picked up the wishes of Sevalaya children and fulfilled them by gifting the items they had wished.

Sevalaya thanks the following corporates for their support

- Kone Elevators
- Jouve India
- RR Donnelley
- Thermax Limited
- YES Bank
- SIFY Technologies Limited
- Indian Oil Corporation
- HSBC Bank
- Bank of America
- Inner Wheel Club of Madras Charitable Trust
- Frost & Sullivan
- Sundaram Fasteners



Ambattur celebrated Miladi Nabi on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. K Seenivasan, Senior Software Engineer, Bosh Global Software Technologies Pvt Ltd was the Chief Guest.



# Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations

## Kasuva



The Chief Guest of Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations at Kasuva centre, T S Krishnamurthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, in his address said that, "Our country was a spiritual

## Gudalur



The President of the Rotary Club of Gudalur Valley, Rtn Prakash was the Chief Guest at the Gandhi Jayanthi celebration at Samaritan Hospital, Gudalur.

and holy land because great personalities like Bharathi, Gandhi, and Vivekananda lived on this land. They aspired that the country should progress, the people should be happy, and they lived their days thinking about truth, spirituality, serving the needy. To spread these concepts, our nation needs organisation like Sevalaya."

Earlier on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, elocution competitions, quotes recitation and quiz competitions were conducted. 447 students from 22 schools across 12 districts in Tamil Nadu, participated in the online competitions.

Prizes were distributed to the winners of these competitions by the Chief Guest on this occasion.

## Thanjavur

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated in Thanjavur Old age home on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022. J Nedumaran, Commander, Retd Indian Air Force, Retd Indian Navy (NCC officer), Retd Govt Teacher & Rotary Charter Treasurer.

## Eraharam

K Ravi, M.A, B.Ed, D. Agri, Advisor, LIC of India, Kumbakonam Branch 2, Tamilnadu Agriculture officer, Aduthurai was the Chief Guest for the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations at Eraharam.

## Uthiramerur



Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated at Uthiramerur Community college on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. S Ashok kumar, Rural Welfare Officer, Grade-1 BDO Office, Uthiramerur was the Chief Guest.

## Sunguvarchatram

Sunguvarchatram Community College celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. L Kishore Kumar, President, Kalyana Mandapam Owners Association, Kancheepuram was the Chief Guest.

## Ambattur

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Ambattur centre and C Chitra, Supervisor, A I Enterprises Pvt Ltd was the Chief Guest.

## Zamin Endathur

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated at Zamin Endathur on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. J Mohan DME, Panchayat President, Thondamanallur was the Chief Guest.

# Navratri celebrations across the locations

Navratri was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022. S Viswanathan, CA, La Chatelaine School, Chief Coordinator, and T Ramakrishna Sayee - Retd. Principal were the Chief Guests. Ramakrishnan in his address told the significance of team work and explained about charity.

He urged the students to utilize the opportunity provided by Sevalaya.

They also donated bed sheets for old age home, notebooks and pens for school students and sweets worth ₹20,000 to the children.



## Kasuva

## Thirubuvana



Thirubuvana Community college celebrated Navaratri on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and Dr G Kumar MA, M.Phil, Phd., HOD & Asst Professor, Department of Economics for A Govindasamy GOVT Arts & Science College, Thindivanam was the Chief Guest.

## Uthiramerur

Uthiramerur centre celebrated Navaratri on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022, V Mala, PG Assistant, English, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Uthiramerur was the Chief Guest.

## Gudalur

Navaratri was celebrated on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Sevalaya community

college. Gnana Selvam and Priya from G M Garment were the Chief Guests.

## Sunguvarchatram



Navratri was celebrated at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College in Sunguvarchatram and Yuvaraj BL, MA, Panchayat President, Kaduvancheri was the Chief Guest.

## Zamin Endathur

Lion S Velu B.com, PGDCA, Proprietor, Sri Subham Motors, 1<sup>st</sup> ward member, Zamin Endathur was the Chief Guest for the Navratri celebrations at the Zamin Endathur centre.



## A family of donor

It is an association that began 15 years back.

M K Rangarajan heard many good things from reliable sources about Sevalaya and started supporting it occasionally. After 4 decades as a banker, in 2001 he took voluntary retirement from State Bank of India. He found that easier than having to ask for long leave to visit the US, where both his sons had settled down. In 2007, wife Kousalya retired as a teacher in PS Senior Secondary school, Mylapore.

Around 2016, the couple visited Sevalaya's Kasuva centre. They were very happy with what they saw there. The day they visited, the Annual Science Exhibition was on. "The enthusiasm that the children showed was tremendous", remembers the couple. "We cannot



solve poverty by ourself, but can do our best to support efforts such as Sevalaya's social service, especially for the benefit of children and the elders - the needy, as a whole", explains Rangarajan.

"Sevalaya is prompt with sending us the reports and keeping us informed"" notes the ex Banker.

Their sons have done well for themselves. Elder son Rajesh did his Engineering and then MBA. Rajesh lives in Dallas with his wife Charulatha and sons Harish

and Santosh. Rajesh is working with Microsoft. Second son Bharath passed out of IIT Madras, then completed his MS and MBA. He works in VM Ware. He is settled down in California with his wife Arthi and children, Varun and Varsha.

Both Rajesh and Bharath have been regular donors for several years now, celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with handsome donations and endowments to Sevalaya. Bharath plans to visit Chennai this December. A trip with his family to Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre is part of his plans. He wants to adopt one child for life.

Meanwhile Rangarajan and Kousalya live a peaceful life, in which, music is an important part. "We both love music. We attend concerts as often as we can", explains Kousalya. Both have also been associated with Global Adjustments, an ex-patriate services organisation.

Completing the picture is their regular visits to spend time with their children and grandchildren.

## Seeking success, for self and others

S Shanthi, primary school AHM, has been with Sevalaya since 2008. She is looking forward eagerly to the Std XII board exams in 2023 as the first group of children taught by her will be writing their boards then. She was with the same batch as their class teacher till they completed their 5<sup>th</sup> Std and still shares a strong bond with the children and their parents – a trait of hers that has made her one of the popular teachers at school.

A Maths teacher, Shanthi tries out different student-centric methods to help them grasp the subject well. She becomes one with her students as she interacts and plays with them and feels energetic and young in their company.

Shanthi had joined the school as a Secondary grade teacher but has since then completed her BSc in Maths, B.Ed and is now doing a BLit, Tamil, with Sevalaya's financial support offered to employees. She learnt the self improvement *manthra* from her mother



Govindhammal, who worked hard to build a strong, financially stable base for her large family of 8. Shanthi was the 5<sup>th</sup> daughter and has 5 sisters. Her father, an employee in the Thiruttani Murugan temple, and mother, like all rural parents, wanted to get their daughters married off early. Shanti's 4 elder sisters got married immediately after completing Std X. However Shanthi had always wanted to study and come up in life. She would work hard, completing the house chores and then sit with her books. She would participate in speech competitions at school and walk away with prizes. A neighbour, a Tamil teacher in a Government school, would help her prepare for the competitions.

When she cleared her Std X boards with more than 80% marks - the highest in the neighbourhood, this neighbour

persuaded Govindhammal to send Shanthi for higher secondary studies, and to stop looking for a match. Shanthi's married sisters were in support. When Shanthi did equally well in Std XII, Govindhammal got her admitted for secondary school training and put her in a hostel.

After two short teaching stints, Shanthi joined Sevalaya. She watches motivational videos, reads books, attends training sessions and book reviews in earnest, to improve herself.

She seeks honest feedback and higher responsibilities. She wants to be recognised as one of the best employees here. She has gained in confidence, takes decisions.

Shanthi earnestly helps her students identify their skills and talents and by sending them for further coaching. She takes interesting videos of children's activities to motivate them. She takes pains to ensure a colourful, interactive environment and props, creating a healthy learning atmosphere in her class.

Shanthi's family, her husband Karmegam and sisters have stood by her. Shanthi wants to help her sisters' children come up in life. Her only regret is that her mother, her role model, is not alive to see her doing well and helping others to do well.



# Ayudha Pooja & Saraswati Pooja celebrations

## Kasuva



Saraswati Pooja and Ayudha Pooja were celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Kasuva centre. G Natarajan, Chief Financial Officer, Philip Morris, a long-time donor was the Chief Guest.

Addressing the students, the Chief Guest said, "Everyone should have a purpose. Truth, determination and hard work are very important to achieve that goal. I teach these three to my children. You should also follow them in your life"

Rishabh Natarajan, son of G Natarajan expressed his happiness to be part of the program.

## Mambakkam



Ayudha pooja and Saraswati pooja was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Sevalaya Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community college and Raju, Panchayat secretary, Mambakkam, was the Chief Guest.

## Eraharam

Eraharam evening tuition centre celebrated Saraswati pooja on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022. R Rajkumar, MBA was the Chief Guest.

## Uthiramerur

Ayudha pooja and Saraswati pooja was celebrated in Uthiramerur community college and M R Vijayakrishnan, General Manager of Vijay Garments Ltd was the Chief Guest.

## Thirubuvana

Thirubhuvanai centre celebrated Ayudha pooja and Saraswati pooja on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022. G Dhipshika, Tablet designer and coating developer, Micro Labs Ltd was the Chief Guest.

## Thanjavur



Thanjavur old age home celebrated Ayudha pooja and Saraswati pooja on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, Udayasurya, Village Administrative Officer, Puliyanthoppu Panchayat, Thanjavur was the Chief Guest.

## Gudalur

Saraswati pooja was celebrated at Gudalur Mahakavi Bharathiyar community college and Joy Krishnan Mani, Proprietor, Topps Bakery, Gudalur was the Chief Guest.

## Ambattur



Saraswati pooja was celebrated in Ambattur Sevalaya Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community college on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022. S Chengalvarayan, Principal Designer, The New Indian Express was the Chief Guest.

## Zamin Endathur

Ayudha pooja and Saraswati pooja was celebrated in Zamin endathur Community college and SS Sakthivel BPT., MIAP, Consultant Physiotherapist, Kadapakkam was the Chief Guest.

# Vallalar's 200th birth anniversary celebrations

## Kasuva



Vallalar's 200<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary was celebrated at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The Chief Guest L Subramani, Managing Director, Vallalar Arul Nilayam, Thiruvallur district, in his address expressed his gratitude to Sevalaya for inviting him to celebrate Vallalar Jayanthi.

He elaborated on Vallalar history for the students. He spoke about how Vallalar preached the concept of *Jeevakarunyam* (Compassion for all living beings) and he strictly adhered to the principle. He urged students to pursue it at a young age, as it will benefit their lives. He also spoke about Vallalar Gnana Sabai and *Anayaa Adupu* established in 1867 to serve and feed the community.

Vallalar Arul Nilayam sponsors dinner for

Sevalaya students and the senior citizens on Pournami (the full moon day) every month.

## Pattinapakkam



Vallalar's 200<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, Saraswati Pooja and Ayudha Pooja were celebrated on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Pattinapakkam centre. E Rajeswari, Inspector of Police and Guna, Sub

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# Thillaiyadi Valliamma - (4)

(Source: "Agony of Valliamma" by Aziz Hassim)

Valliamma was going to school along with her companion Nagappan. She was saying to him: "We cannot lose control. Our people are dying in jail.

Their children are dying in their decaying houses because there is no one to take care of them. It has to stop. I will stop them. Later today we must go to Tamil Benefit Society and arrange to feed the hungry and the starving. Over the next few days, if our schooling has to suffer, so be it!"

As she was talking, she noticed that some old man was being beaten up. Then ensued an episode, which has been narrated as below:

"Valliamma was sprinting across the road, her face furious. "Hey, You!" she shouted long before she reached the scene. "Leave him alone. He is old and weak. Stop! Now! You big bully!"

Then followed an argument between Valliamma and the Cop. The cop threatened that he would throw all the Indians in to jail, till they rot like rats. Valliamma stepped in between the policeman and the bleeding old man, protecting him with her body. And,

then, a miraculous change seemed to overcome her. She appeared to grow taller, menacing, projecting an authority that transformed her in to a fearsome adversary. **தோமிழைப்பார் முன் நின்றிடும் கார் கொடும் துர்க்கை அணையவள் தாய்!** (Before Wicked men, She is Durga, the Destroyer!)

"Shatham Prati Satyam" she pronounced, so softly that the officer had to lean forward to hear her. Her first two fingers of each hand were extended and pointing at the man's face, her upper body leaning forward, she said, "The Truth shall let us free."

It was at that moment, when he leaned forward to hear what she was saying, that the thug looked in to the girl's eyes for the first time. He froze. An unknown fear coarsed through him immobilizing him. Some thing, some searing power, emanating from her chilled him to his core and he involuntarily shivered. What he saw in the girl's eyes was his own death.

Go back to your hide and leave decent people alone." Valliamma repeated in the same soft and unthreatening voice, "Move!"

The brow beaten ruffian shuddered, then started to tremble. He took a backward step, and then another, began to retreat and then then turned around and fled across the road.

Now, Valliamma turned to attend to the old man and asked him what happened to make the ruffian beat him. The man's name was Amod. He was being beaten because he could not give the amount demanded of him. He was living in gutters, as his house was taken away and all his possessions were thrown out. All the family members were driven in to the streets. His family was with his brother who himself was living in a ghetto. He was jobless.

She took him to the Tamil Benefit Society which would feed him and give him a bed to sleep.

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Inspector of Police E5 Police Station, Foreshore Estate were the Chief Guests.

**Uthiramerur**



Uthiramerur celebrated Vallalar day on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and Thanikachalam, Samarasa Suddha Sanmarga Sangam Venkode was the Chief Guest.

**Gudalur**

Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar community college celebrated Vallalar's 200<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Gudalur, Naganathan, Teacher, Government Higher Secondary School was the Chief Guest.

He was overwhelmed by the services rendered by Sevalaya and assured to sponsor 4 sewing machines to the community college students.

**Ambattur**

Vallalar's 200<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary was celebrated in Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community college at Ambattur on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and

S Sudhakar Doctor, Acupuncture Varma clinic was the Chief Guest.

**Zamin Endathur**

Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community college, Zamin Endathur celebrated Vallalar Day on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

I Vel, BT Assistant, Muthumalla middle school, Sirunallur was the Chief Guest.

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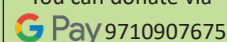
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