



IISc Bengaluru confers Distinguished Alumnus Award on Sevalaya Murali



Sevalaya Murali receiving the Distinguished Alumnus Award 2025 from the hands of Prof Dr Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc, Bengaluru

The IISc Alumni Association marked its Golden Jubilee celebrations (1975–2025) with the presentation of Alumni Awards at the J N Tata Auditorium, IISc, on 20 Dec 2025.

Sevalaya Murali was conferred the Distinguished Alumnus Award, being one of eight awardees this year and among the few recognised for outstanding contributions to social service. The award was presented by Prof Dr Govindan Rangarajan, Director, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

In his acceptance speech, Sevalaya Murali expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the IISc Alumni Association, the Director

of IISc, and the Chennai Chapter of the Alumni Association. He emphasised that the honour truly belongs to the entire Sevalaya family, including its Board members and nearly 400 dedicated employees, whose collective efforts have made Sevalaya's work impactful and enduring.

Recalling his journey, Sevalaya Murali spoke about joining IISc 44 years ago, in 1981.

He shared how the institute provided the flexibility and encouragement to pursue academic excellence alongside his deep interest in social service. During this period, he began visiting the nearby

Srirampura slum, where he encountered children engaged in child labour. Through sustained efforts, these children were rescued from labour and enrolled in a Government school. As they needed support to start their education from the basics, Sevalaya Murali and a few friends volunteered to teach them every Saturday, helping them keep pace with the curriculum.

He also organised an educational visit to the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, which proved to be a turning point - igniting the children's curiosity and inspiring a genuine interest in learning.

Concluding his address, Sevalaya Murali shared that Sevalaya now runs After-School Study Centres in several locations across Karnataka, including Srirampura.

He appealed for support to organise visits to the IISc campus for underprivileged children from these centres, with the aim of inspiring them to aspire for higher education.

The Director of IISc graciously agreed to support this initiative, marking yet another step forward in nurturing young minds and expanding educational opportunities.

EXL plants 1,000 saplings and makes 3,200 seed balls in Kochi



EXL Service, Kochi, in partnership with Sevalaya, planted 1,000 saplings at St Joseph's Minor Seminary, Ernakulam on 19 Dec 2025 as part of its CSR initiatives. The drive was inaugurated by C J Shajahan, Senior Manager, EXL Service.

The drive saw the participation of 20 employees from EXL Service Kochi, 10 volunteers from the seminary, 30 NSS

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student volunteers from six colleges and Sevalaya staff members. S Sreekumar, Senior Manager, and Managers Pradeep Sukumaran and Densy David distributed certificates to the volunteers.

Employees and volunteers actively took part, making the collective effort to enhance green cover a grand success.

EXL Service, Kochi, in collaboration with Sevalaya, also made 3,200 seed balls at two of its campuses in Kochi on 17 Dec 2025 as part of its CSR activities. The

event was graced by Pamela Harrison, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, EXL Service.

Around 200 employees participated in the activity, preparing seed balls on the office premises under the guidance of Sevalaya staff. EXL Vice Presidents Parul Kataria, Nusrat Rahim, Susan Paul and Anita Rosh Peter, along with Sevalaya, coordinated the planning and execution of the drive.

The initiative aims to promote long

term afforestation and biodiversity conservation.



Sevalaya celebrates Bharathiyar Jayanthi at Kadayam, Tenkasi



Prize winners of the Bharathiyar Jayanthi Competitions with the dignitaries.

From L to R: Sevalaya Murali, T Arunachalam, Sethuramalingam, Arjun Bharathi, R Sundar, M Meenakshi Sundaram, and K S Kalyani Sivagaminathan.

Sevalaya celebrated the 144th birth anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar from 8 to 11 Dec 2025 at Kadayam, Tenkasi.

The celebrations commenced on 8 Dec with Bharathi *Thiruvizha*. Spiritual orator *Painthamizhselvi Puthugai C Bharathi*, Vikramasinghapuram Kalpavruksha Fine Arts Dance Teacher Guru Srimathi Tamilselvi Meenakshi Sundar and postgraduate Tamil teacher *Painthamizh Arasi Pa Geetha Arumugam* participated as special guests and spoke on the theme *Penmai Vaazhkendru Koothiduvomada*.

Popular TV newsreader S Rathna, Bharathi enthusiasts Shobhana Ramesh, Kumari Sezhiyan and Santhi from Vanavil Cultural Centre, Chennai, Sethuramalingam, Head, Kadayam Readers' Circle, and members of the public participated in the celebrations.

On 10 Dec a musical programme titled *Bharathi Paadalum Soozhalum* was held. *Nadaswaram* artistes Jayabalan and Jayababu, along with vocalist M Iyyappan, rendered Bharathiyar songs. Retired Headmaster and Bharathi enthusiast

K S Kalyani Sivagaminathan, explained the background and circumstances under which the songs were composed. *Nalnoolakar* Meenakshi Sundaram, Librarian, Kadayam Branch Library, presided over the function, while retired teacher R Gopal, Kadayam, coordinated the programme. Prior to the event, the guests paid floral tributes to the statue of the Bharathi–Chellamma couple.

Arjun Bharathi, great-grandson of Bharathiyar, R Sundar, nephew of Chellamma, Sethuramalingam, Head, Kadayam Readers' Circle, and members of the public participated in the programme.

On 11 Dec T Arunachalam, Retired Executive Officer, Town Panchayat and President, Kadayam Bharathi Lions Club, presided over the programme. Arjun Bharathi, great-grandson of Bharathiyar, and R Sundar, Chellamma's nephew, graced the occasion as Chief Guests. The dignitaries garlanded and paid respects to the statue of the Bharathi–Chellamma couple prior to the event.

During the function, Arunachalam appreciated Sevalaya's efforts in preserving Bharathiyar's legacy, while Sethuramalingam, Head, Kadayam Readers' Circle, highlighted Sevalaya's service to underprivileged communities. Arjun Bharathi spoke on the depth and layered meanings in Bharathiyar's poems and rendered a few lines. R Sundar shared his experiences of visiting Kadayam and recalled an incident from Bharathiyar's life, reflecting the poet's spiritual and cultural influence.

Cultural performances, including dance and yoga demonstrations set to Bharathiyar's songs, were presented by students of Sevalaya's *Kalanilayam*.

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From L to R: Guru Srimathi Tamilselvi Meenakshi Sundar, Painthamizhselvi Puthugai C Bharathi and Painthamizh Arasi Pa Geetha Arumugam.



From L to R: Santhi, S Rathna, Shobhana Ramesh and Kumari Sezhiyan.

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In the run-up to the celebrations, Sevalaya conducted competitions for school and college students across Tamil Nadu.

Around 1,500 students from 11 districts and 150 schools and colleges participated.

Certificates were presented to 28 prize winners, and the cash awards were credited directly to the students' bank accounts. Certificates were also awarded to *Kalanilayam* students who

performed during the celebrations.

Kadayam holds special significance as the birthplace of Bharathiyar's wife Chellamma.

In 2022, Sevalaya renovated the Kadayam Branch Library and installed a life-size statue of the Chellamma–Bharathi couple.

Sevalaya continues to celebrate Bharathiyar's birth anniversary and the Chellamma–Bharathi wedding anniversary every year at Kadayam.



Students of Sevalaya's Kalanilayam presented dance performances based on Bharathiyar's songs.

Play and Learn Hub Inaugurated



A Play and Learn Hub was inaugurated at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre on 2 Dec 2025.

Lakshmi Devnath, scholar and writer, sponsored the establishment of the hub and inaugurated it through video conferencing. Sukanya Venkatachalam, social worker and former General Manager, Chennai Willingdon Corporate

Foundation, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Established at a cost of ₹2.1 lakhs, the hub houses a wide range of toys including soft toys, building blocks and STEM education toys. Located in the Montessori Hall of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School, the hub will

benefit thousands of underprivileged children.

In her address, Lakshmi Devnath referred to Mahakavi Bharathi's lines "Koodi Vilaiyaadu Paapa" and Swami Vivekananda's thoughts, highlighting the importance of creating the right environment for children's mental growth. She said the Play and Learn Hub would help children develop sharing, caring, creativity, problem solving, honesty and focus.

Sukanya Venkatachalam said she was happy to see Sevalaya grow from a small school into an institution educating over 2,000 children, appreciating the organisation's consistent standards over the years.

Earlier, Sevalaya Murali, recalled the support of Chennai Willingdon Corporate Foundation for the construction of its school building.

147th birth anniversary of Rajaji celebrated



Rajaji Jayanthi was celebrated on 2 Dec 2025 at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre, marking the 147th birth anniversary of C Rajagopalachari, the last Governor-General of India and former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

V S V Ramanan, Former Editor, Kalki

Tamil Magazine, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and inaugurated the event by garlanding a picture of Rajaji.

In his address, Ramanan highlighted Rajaji's contributions to Indian history, his dedication to Mahatma Gandhi, his visionary outlook, and his commitment

to truth, social justice, and personal freedom. He also noted Rajaji's efforts to secure temple entry for all sections of the society and encouraged students to work hard and uphold Rajaji's ideals.

As part of the celebrations, competitions were held for school students in Tiruvallur district, with 374 students participating. The Chief Guest felicitated 20 winners.

Sevalaya Murali in his speech said that Sevalaya not only celebrates Mahakavi Bharathiyar, Mahatma Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda, but also other leaders associated with them. These programmes aim to inspire the younger generation with their ideals.

Digital Literacy day celebration



Apollo Tyres sponsored a Digital Literacy Programme for six Government schools in Oragadam and nearby areas, with Sevalaya as the implementation partner.

To mark Digital Computer Literacy Day 2025, competitions including drawing, painting, quizzes, and oratorical contests on computers were conducted.

Over 250 students participated, and 150 winners received prizes at a function held on 17 Dec 2025 at Adhi Dravidar High School, Chennakuppam. B Leafen, CSR Coordinator, Apollo Tyres, was the Chief Guest and distributed the awards.

Headmasters, staff, parents, and students expressed their gratitude to Apollo Tyres and Sevalaya for promoting computer literacy among young learners.



Bharathi Ula (Procession) Festival - 2025



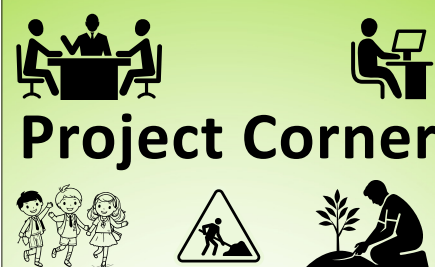
The *Bharathi Ula* (Procession) festival was held at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre on 4 Dec 2025.

The event was organised by the *Urattha Sinthanai* Readers Writers Association and *Nam Urattha Sinthanai*, a Tamil monthly magazine, which have been promoting the life and ideals of Mahakavi Bharathiyar among the younger generation through *Bharathi Ula* programmes conducted in various towns.

The programme commenced with song and dance performances based on Bharathiyar's works. A seminar titled

Bharatha Nadu Parukkellam Thilakam was conducted, in which students spoke on Bharathiyar's thoughts and ideals.

Active participants were presented with the book *Irandu Vari Kaaviyam*, signed by Tamil writer *Pattukottai Prabhakar*. Tamil teachers who trained the students were honoured, and prizes were distributed to all participating students. K Kaviya was selected as the best speaker and was awarded ₹1,000 along with a special prize. She will participate in the final competition scheduled to be held in February 2026.



KONE India, through its CSR partnership with Sevalaya, is supporting an integrated rural development approach that provides healthcare, safe drinking water, sanitation, education, skill development, and community infrastructure in villages.

These combined interventions are creating self-reliant communities and improving quality of life by fostering dignity, opportunity, and hope.

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Dr N Panchapakesan, Founder of Chennai Sai Sankara Matrimonials Group, graced the programme as Chief Guest. In his address, he encouraged students to make good use of the educational opportunities provided by Sevalaya, uphold strong values, and contribute positively to society. He also rendered Bharathiyar songs and motivated students to develop interest in the Tamil language and literature.

Udayam Ram, General Secretary of *Urattha Sinthanai Sangam*, welcomed the gathering. Joint Secretary and poet Ko Subramanian spoke briefly on Bharathiyar and appreciated Sevalaya Murali for the installation of a statue of the illustrious couple Chellamma - Bharathi at Kadayam, the birthplace of Bharathiyar's wife Chellamma.

During the programme, Sevalaya Headmistress R Vijaya and teacher S Mariyammal were honoured with Teaching Excellence Awards by *Urattha Sinthanai* and Panchapakesan for their dedicated service. They donated the prize money of ₹10,000 in total to Sevalaya.

National Mathematics day celebrated



The birth anniversary of the renowned mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan, is celebrated as National Mathematics Day every year.

This year K Balaskandan, Manager, Hyundai Motor India and Treasurer, Tiruvallur District Chess Association, was the Chief Guest for the function on 20 Dec 2025 at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest briefly spoke on the importance of intuition and practice in learning Mathematics and encouraged students to approach the subject through understanding rather than rote learning.

As part of the celebrations, Sevalaya had earlier conducted a Mathematics Talent Examination for students across

South India. A total of 1,200 students from 155 schools in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana participated in the examination. The Chief Guest felicitated 37 students who excelled in the examination with trophies.

C P Perumal, Headmaster, S V Vidya Nikethan, Nagari, who encouraged student participation from his school over the past two years, also attended the programme. He motivated students to overcome their fear of Mathematics and make use of the opportunities provided by Sevalaya.

R Vijaya Head Education, Sevalaya, spoke about Sevalaya's decade-long celebration of Ramanujan's birthday and its various charitable activities.

Kalanilayam students visit freedom fighters' birthplaces

Sevalaya organised a one-day educational tour for 10 students of Sevalaya's *Kalanilayam* to Ettayapuram, Ottapidaram and Panchalankurichi in Thoothukudi district on 7 Dec 2025.

The tour covered locations associated with the icons of freedom struggle like Mahakavi Bharathiyar, V O Chidambaranar and Veerapandiya Kattabomman. The students visited Bharathiyar's birthplace in Ettayapuram, Bharathi *Mani Mandapam* and the Ettayapuram Palace. They also participated in the inauguration of Bharathiyar's statue installed by Vanavil Cultural Centre at the Ettayapuram Palace and paid their respects by garlanding the statue. At the Bharathi *Mani Mandapam*, students viewed Bharathiyar's rare photographs and copy of the original manuscript of some of his poems.

At Ottapidaram, the students visited the statue of V O Chidambaranar and an exhibition depicting his life and contributions. They later travelled to Panchalankurichi, where they visited the exhibition on the fort and life of Veerapandiya Kattabomman and viewed the remains of the historic fort.

At each location, Sevalaya supporter and Bharathi enthusiast K S Kalyani Sivagaminathan, Retired Head Master, explained the lives and contributions of the freedom fighters, to the students.

Sevalaya Murali, Bhuvaneswari Muralidharan, Honorary Correspondent, and staff from Sevalaya's Kadayam and Ravanasamudram centres accompanied the students.

Sevalaya organised the entire trip, including food and refreshments. The

tour was conducted as announced earlier for students who regularly attend art classes, fulfilling the organisation's commitment.



Trip to Museum and ISKCON temple



BNY volunteers organised two special outings for Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre.

On 9 Dec 2025, 117 Std III students visited the India Seashell Museum in Mahabalipuram. Guided by 28 volunteers, the children explored rare shell collections, learned about sea creatures, and enjoyed the Dinosaur Museum and the Ghost Room.

On 11 Dec 2025, 15 BNY volunteers took

25 senior citizens on a trip to the ISKCON Temple and an ECR beach, providing them with a refreshing spiritual and recreational experience.

Food was provided, and both trips were fully sponsored by BNY.

Teaching with Love - S Kavitha

S Kavitha hails from Pakkam, neighbouring the Sevalaya school. She pursued a B A in History from Hindu College and graduated in 1999.

She is proficient in Tamil, English, and Hindi. Early in her career, she worked as a teacher at a nearby school, teaching all subjects up to Std V for one year.

In December 2000, Kavitha learned about a vacancy for the position of a teacher in the Sevalaya school. She applied for the post and got selected. She joined as a teacher for Stds I–V, handling all subjects. She served for a long period until 2008. She got married on 11 Feb 2008 and was relieved from service after her marriage. During this time, she was deeply inspired by the values of Mahakavi Bharathiyar and Swami Vivekananda, which strengthened her commitment to service. She experienced Sevalaya as a family and learned to understand and share



the pain and challenges of the children. Meanwhile, she completed her M A in History. With strong support from her husband, R Logeshwaran, she pursued B Ed at Rangaswamy College, Thirumulaivayil, during 2008–2009, securing 82%, despite facing several challenges. Her husband provided continuous financial and moral support during this period.

Coming from a family with two elder brothers, her main interest has always been education, especially English-medium learning, and she aspired to study literature. Between 2008 and 2023, she actively participated in bhajan activities and took care of children.

Later, she again joined Sevalaya after an interview with Sevalaya Murali where she found him to be her greatest inspiration.

She finds great happiness in teaching and strongly believes that “good thoughts manifest into reality.” Aspiring to work as an English teacher, she continuously improved her vocabulary and language skills with the support of her friends. Today, she trains students of Std VII and X on a daily basis.

Despite personal challenges, including her mother’s illness, she received strong emotional support from T S Venkataramani, Honourary coordinator, Sevalaya. She feels fulfilled and happy in her current role.

She shares a special bond with her students, including K L Moumitha (Std X) and Soumithra (Std VIII), and deeply values the love and respect she receives from children at Sevalaya. She motivates students by sharing stories of great personalities such as Ratan Tata and Dr A J Abdul Kalam, and wishes for every child’s happiness and growth.

In addition to teaching, she actively supports the Children’s Parliament, nurturing discipline and leadership qualities. She patiently listens to students’ problems and supports them beyond academics. In her personal time, she enjoys singing Rama Namam, reading books, and continuously improving her English language skills.

Handball: Sevalaya student makes State team



V Vasanthi, a student of Sevalaya, has been selected for the Tamil Nadu Handball Team at the SGFI State-level trials held in Coimbatore on 1 Dec 2025.

She will represent Tamil Nadu at the National Handball Championship in Himachal Pradesh in the second week of January 2026.

Among 72 participants, Vasanthi secured her place on the State team with an impressive performance. This marks her fourth State-level selection:

once in Netball (2022), twice in Netball and Handball (2024), and now in Handball (2025).



Sevalaya student wins 1st prize in National quiz



R S Moganapriya, a Std X student of Sevalaya’s Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School, Kasuva Centre, won 1 prize in a national-level online quiz conducted by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on 28 Nov 2025.

She received a cash award of ₹10,000. A total of 9,867 students from across India participated in the quiz.

50 students placed after Free skill training



On 13 Dec 2025, 80 students trained in tailoring, basic computer skills, and beautician trades received their course completion certificates, coinciding with the celebration of Mahakavi Bharathiyar Jayanthi.

K Anbarasu, HR & Admin Manager, and E Murugan, Admin Executive from Innovative Healthcare (India) Pvt. Ltd., Madhuranthagam, were the Chief Guests and distributed the certificates.

Among the students, 50 secured

placements at Rural Shores Pvt. Ltd., Brighter Information Systems, Triumph Garments, Madhan Supermarket, and RK Industries. Additionally, two beautician trainees, S Mala and S Saranya, have started their own ventures: Mokshita Beauty Parlour and Sri Sai Boutique and Parlour.

The programme was made possible with the support of Guru Krupa Foundation, which sponsors the trade courses and operational expenses.

Arun Vijay presents awards to students



The Rotary Club of Madras T Nagar conducted the 33rd Rota Talent Competition, celebrating the talents of

children in two categories: Abled and Differently Abled.

14 students from Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre, participated in dance, singing, and drawing events. Sevalaya won the runners-up award, presented by actor Arun Vijay.

Over 700 students from 46 schools in the Differently Abled category and 9 schools in the Abled category showcased their skills across various events.

Saveetha's spirit of Service



50 students from Saveetha Engineering College visited Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre, on 28 Nov 2025 as part of their community impact programme.

They helped remove weeds from the banana plantation and cleared dry grass around the hostel, contributing to a cleaner and greener campus.

Special Prize in Carol Singing



A group of 11 students from Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre, won the Special Prize in the Inter-School Carol Singing Competition-Voice of Angels Season 1, organised by Kaligi Ranganathan Montford Vidhyashram, Ayanavaram, on 6 Dec 2025.

A total of 270 students from 26 schools participated in the event.

173rd Jayanthi of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi celebrated

Senior citizens from Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Free Old Age Home, Thanjavur, participated in the 173rd Jayanthi celebrations of Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi at Ramakrishna Math, Thanjavur, on 11 Dec 2025. They took part in the discourse, *Aarti*, and *Pushpanjali*, followed by the distribution of prasad.

Transportation for the visit was arranged by K Muthuramakrishnan, a supporter of Sevalaya and donor of the land for the Thanjavur Old Age Home. He, along with his friends Geetha and Pragath, later visited the home, interacted with the residents, and distributed petticoats, dhotis, and biscuits. Pragath appreciated the cleanliness and upkeep of the home and expressed their willingness to visit again and offer further support.



Bhoomi Pooja for RO plant



Komatsu India Private Limited has sponsored the installation of an RO plant at Panruti Village, Sriperambudur Block, Kancheepuram. The *Bhoomi Pooja* for the project was held on 16 Dec 2025.

S Kailash, AGM, HR&GA, and T Arunraj, DM, HR&GA, Komatsu India Private Limited, graced the occasion as Chief Guests. The project worth ₹8 lakhs, will set up a 1,000 LPH capacity RO plant to benefit around 3,500 villagers. Sevalaya is the implementation partner.

H Moses Palmer, VP, Projects, and N Navin Kumar, AVP, Donor Relations, Sevalaya, were present at the event.

Mahadev Desai - 28

(Source: "The Fire and the Rose" by Narayan Desai)

In the Yerawada prison, Gandhiji dictated to Mahadev 40 to 50 letters a day. They comprised responses to a wide range of issues raised by his correspondents. The letters provide insight into the mind of Gandhiji on a variety of subjects. Here are a few examples:

In one letter he said, "I had opponents in the past and have them even today. But I have never felt angry with them. I have not wished them ill even in my dreams. The result is that many opponents have become friends. No one's opposition has had any effect on me."

In a long and affectionate letter to a rural worker, he gave the basic rules for rural service:

- 1: You must settle there permanently. The one thing needful is infinite patience with self-confidence at the root of it.
- 2: A scientific experimenter has profound confidence in himself...at the same time, he is so humble that he is never satisfied with his own work.
- 3: You should cultivate a desire to take tips even from those who are working on other lines.

To a question, "Why is there a desire to see and enjoy beauty?" his answer was, "A desire for beautiful things is natural. But there is no definite criterion for beauty. And so, I have come to the conclusion that it is not worthwhile to satisfy that desire. We must learn to perceive the inner beauty instead of a greed for external things. If we know how to do it, an easy field of beauty will open up before us."

To an Ashram girl's query, "Can one feel enthusiastic about asking for pardon for a mistake? Would it not be embarrassing? Then why do you say that one should not feel ashamed?" Gandhiji replied, "Committing a fault is a bad thing which should make you feel ashamed."

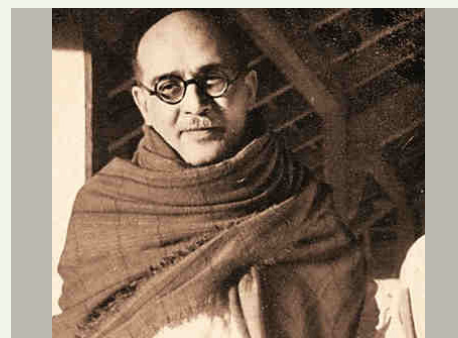
To ask for pardon for a mistake is a good deed. So why should there be embarrassment? Asking for pardon means a decision not to repeat the mistake. So, what is there to be ashamed of in such a decision?"

To a query by Bablu (Narayan Desai) when he was a child, "We listen to the Gita in the Ashram. In that, Arjuna asked a small question and Shri Krishna gave

him a long answer. We children ask you so many questions every week. Why do you give such short answers?"

Bapu replied, "There was only one Arjuna to put questions to Krishna. No wonder then that he could reply to all sorts of questions. Moreover, Krishna had spiritual knowledge. My knowledge is limited; and what a great number of Arjunas ask me questions! Try and count them. If I give a little of my knowledge to every one of them, how long will that Gita be! Arjuna put questions to Krishna on only one occasion, whereas so many Arjunas ask me questions every week..."

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