



# A2B MD K T Srinivasa Raja at Kasuva



K T Srinivasa Raja releasing Sevalaya's student magazine *Vidiyal*.

From L to R: Sevalaya Murali, Bhuvaneswari Muralidharan, K T Srinivasa Raja and S Anandhi

Christmas and Quality Month were celebrated on 25 Dec 2025 at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre.

K T Srinivasa Raja, Managing Director, Adyar Ananda Bhavan Sweets India Pvt Ltd, was the Chief Guest. He was accompanied by his wife, S Anandhi.

In his address, K T Srinivasa Raja shared his journey from a farming family and the

hardships he faced during childhood. He said Sevalaya felt like a heavenly place and appreciated the service rendered by its Founder, V Muralidharan, whom he described as an embodiment of the three great leaders who inspired Sevalaya. He attributed his success to hard work and his parents' blessings and assured continued support to Sevalaya. He also advised students to stay focus on their

## Sevalaya's 100<sup>th</sup> Award

Sevalaya Murali received the "Manidha Neya Maamani" award from *Thiruvaavaduthurai Aadheenam*, a spiritual institution that has been functioning since the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The award was presented by Srilasri Ambalavaana Desika Paramacharya Swamigal, the 24<sup>th</sup> Guru Maha Sannidhaanam, on 17 Jan 2026 during the Guru Pooja celebrations held at *Thiruvaavaduthurai Aadheenam* in Mayiladuthurai district.



goals, care for their physical and mental health, respect their parents, value themselves and work together.

Anandhi, in her speech, said that service to humanity is service to God and expressed her happiness in being associated with Sevalaya. She appreciated the supportive environment provided to the children and wished Sevalaya continued growth in its service activities.

As part of Quality Month celebrations, competitions such as quiz, photography, poster making, slogan writing and Kaizen presentations were held on the theme "Quality for All, By All." A total of 115 staff members participated. Three winners from each competition were honoured by the Chief Guest. Training and evaluation certificates were also presented to Sevalaya's internal auditors.

The monthly manuscript magazine '*Vidiyal*', prepared by students under the guidance of teachers, was released during the event.

The programme also featured colourful cultural performances by students. The venue was festively decorated, and joy filled the hall with the arrival of Santa Claus. The celebration concluded with the cutting and distribution of a special Christmas cake prepared by Sevalaya's Community College bakery unit.

# IISc visit inspiring children's dreams



102 underprivileged students from four Sevalaya After-School Study Centres in Ejipura, Jugannahalli, Lingarajapuram, and Srirampura, Bengaluru, visited the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, on 9 Jan 2026. The one-day trip aimed to inspire the children to pursue careers in science and technology.

The visit was organised by Ganesan Rajaram, President, IISc Alumni Association, Dr Rajasekar, Vice President, IISc Alumni Association, Chennai Chapter and Bangaruswamy, Member, IISc Alumni Association.

The students explored departments

including Aerospace Engineering, Inorganic and Physical Chemistry, and the Supercomputer Education and Research Centre.

They were accompanied by Dr A Madhusudhan Babu, Principal/Secretary of Little Flower High School, Sevalaya Murali and six Sevalaya teachers and staff.

The children eagerly observed exhibits, asked questions about airplanes, rockets, and electronic gadgets, and watched live demonstrations of aircraft models and a quad-propeller drone. Dr Govindarajan, senior faculty at IISc, conducted an interactive session on supercomputers,

which the students participated enthusiastically.

Food, snacks, and refreshments were provided by the IISc Alumni Association throughout the day.

When asked about their future ambitions, many students confidently named role models like Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, Sundar Pichai, and Sevalaya Murali. Teachers said it was a memorable day that would inspire the children to pursue STEM careers, aim for institutions like IISc, and even aspire to win the Nobel Prize.

The visit ended with a stop at the statue of J N Tata, founder of IISc, who established the institute after a conversation with Swami Vivekananda to encourage scientific thinking among Indian youth, an inspiration that aligns with Sevalaya's mission.

Sevalaya Murali, an alumnus of IISc, recently won the Distinguished Alumnus Award presented by IISc, Bengaluru for outstanding contribution to social service. During the award ceremony, he requested Prof Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc to support visits by underprivileged children from Sevalaya's tuition centres to IISc. The visit followed the Director's instant agreement.

## Christmas celebrations

Kasuva, Tiruvallur



Christmas was celebrated joyfully at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre. Oommen Thomas, Athletics Coach, Indian Railways, was the Chief Guest.

Addressing the students, he shared that his success in life was due to his teacher's guidance and his prayers. He advised students to pray daily, focus on their studies and work towards success. He said Christmas is celebrated to mark the birth of God and reminded everyone that to feel godliness in our hearts,

we must think good, do good and share with others.

The auditorium was festively decorated, and the arrival of Santa Claus brought great excitement among the children. Students presented lively cultural performances. Cakes prepared at Sevalaya's bakery unit run by underprivileged youth were distributed to all the children.

Ambattur, Chennai



Dr Amalorpava Rani, Women's Wing National President, Social Justice Human Rights Organisation, SJLEO & HCRP was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College.

Dharmapuri



Pastor S Manoharan, Zion Reformed Church, Nallampalli was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's VT Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens' Home.

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#### Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram



T Josephine Sheela, Correspondent, South Indian Institute of Paramedical Science & Technology, Chengalpattu was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College.

#### Zamin Endathur, Chengalpattu



G J Prabhakaran, President, Chengalpattu District, Vanigar Sangangalin Peramaippu, Madhuranthagam and Saji Nisha, JP Mess Restaurant, Madhuranthagam were the Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Janaki Ammal Vijayaraghavachariar Memorial Senior Citizens' Home.

#### Thanjavur



Fr S Celestine, Parish Priest, St Anne's Church, St Anne's Youth Forum, Thanjavur was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Free Senior Citizens' Home.

#### Pattinapakkam, Chennai



Dr Vidya R Sridhar, Senior Manager, Food Designer, Amway Global Service India Pvt. Ltd. was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Gayathri Memorial Vocational Training Centre.

## Project Corner



The Play and Learn Hub, sponsored by Lakshmi Devnath, was inaugurated online on 2 Dec 2025 at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre, with Sukanya Venkatachalam as Chief Guest. The hub offers toys and STEM learning materials, benefiting thousands of underprivileged children.

Project Cost: ₹2.1 lakhs

Watch the Impact:

<https://youtu.be/7k7Ry158niE?si=hWAGtdMQ1Zzh3hw>

## New Year celebrations

#### Kasuva, Tiruvallur



J Shaik Madhar, Proprietor, Seeman Tex and Readymades, Thiruniravur, was the Chief Guest at the New Year celebrations held on 1 Jan 2026 at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre.

The Chief Guest wished everyone a happy New Year and presented new clothes to 15 elders and children. Students added colour to the event with engaging cultural performances. He had earlier sponsored new clothes for children and elders during Deepavali, continued the same gesture this New Year as well, treating them like members of his own family.

#### Thanjavur



G Murugesan, Proprietor, Ramanas Orchestra, was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Free Senior Citizens' Home.

#### Dharmapuri



Sathish Kumar Raja, President, P Tamilselvan, Secretary and V Prakash, State coordinator of My Dharmapuri NGO attended as Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens' Home.

## National farmers day



Ten volunteers from the Youth Red Cross of The New College, Royapettah, visited Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre on 23 Dec 2025 to observe National Farmers Day. The students helped create circular garden beds and applied organic fertiliser, gaining hands-on experience in organic farming. K Senthilnathan, Agriculture Teacher, Sevalaya, interacted with the students and explained Sevalaya's sustainable farming practices followed on the campus.



# 1200+ youth participate at Bhogi rallies

Ambattur, Chennai



A Sankarapandian presenting a painting of the Mahatma drawn by a Sevalaya student to R Frank D Ruban, ACP, Ambattur.

From L to R: A Sankarapandian, Sevalaya Murali, and R Frank D Ruban.

Sevalaya organised its Annual Smokeless Bhogi Rally on 12 Jan 2026 at Ambattur to create awareness about the harm caused to the environment by burning waste during the Bhogi festival.

More than 900 students, teachers and officials from Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School, Kasuva, P K Government Girls Higher Secondary School and Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Ambattur, took part in the rally and spread the message of a clean and green environment.

R Frank D Ruban, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Ambattur Range, R Mohan, Proprietor, K G R Apparel Exports and S P P Selvakumar, Principal, Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation Higher Secondary School, were the Chief Guests and flagged off the rally. R Frank D Ruban spoke about following Pollution Control Board rules, the harmful effects of smoke, and urged students to practise and promote Smokeless Bhogi at home and in their surroundings.

Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram



Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College, Uthiramerur, organised a Smokeless Bhogi Awareness Rally on 12 Jan 2026 to highlight the dangers of burning plastic and other

Sevalaya Murali said that Sevalaya has been conducting Smokeless Bhogi rallies across Tamil Nadu for over 20 years to spread awareness on the dangers of burning waste. He also advised students to march in an orderly manner without disturbing traffic.

Students marched with great enthusiasm from Rakki Cinemas to Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation Higher Secondary School, covering a distance of 1.5 km. They carried banners and raised slogans such as "Smokeless Bhogi – The One Who Celebrates it is a Yogi" and "Don't Burn Plastic – Don't invite Death", highlighting the ill effects of smoke and plastic pollution.

At the end of the rally, refreshments and water bottles were provided to all participants, sponsored by R Mohan, Aram Porul Foundation, Sethu Bhaskara Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Balaji Shopping Centre, Thiruninravur Vanigar Sangam and Praiseen Bakery.

## Tribute to R S Nallaperumal



Sevalaya pays heartfelt tribute to R S Nallaperumal, Educational Master, who passed away on 10 Jan 2026, remembering his deep commitment and unwavering faith in the power of education.

Prayer meetings were held at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre and at the Chellamma Bharathi Learning Centre, Kadayan. His sons Sailappan and Vallinayagam, and daughter Uma along with relatives, participated in the prayers. Teachers shared memories of R S Nallaperumal, recalling his unique way of teaching and the values he instilled in everyone around him.

By donating his house at Ravanasmudram, Tenkasi district, for Sevalaya's Community College, he created a lasting space for learning for rural youth. More than a supporter, he was a mentor and guiding force for many teachers.

Known for his experiential teaching methods and his philosophy, "Seeing is believing. Feeling is learning," he continued teaching till his last day, including online sessions. His legacy lives on through the teachers, students, and institutions he helped shape.

May his soul attain sadgati.

Headmistress of the local girls' school, joined the event. About 30 college students, 80 school students, and 7 staff members participated in the rally carrying placards promoting an eco-friendly Bhogi.



V Radhakrishnan, DSP, Uthiramerur, flagging of the rally.



Sevalaya Nilgiris held its Annual Smokeless Bhogi Rally on 12 Jan 2026. The rally began at the Gudalur Municipal Office and concluded at the Bus Stand.

In his address, Commissioner Sakthivel highlighted the need for a Smokeless Bhogi to safeguard children, elders, and the sick. Chairperson Parimala urged the public to avoid using plastics during *Pongal* celebrations.

Over 100 participants including doctors and staff from Sevalaya Nilgiris' Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, students from Sevalaya's Community College and the Government Plantation Workers ITI, along with

sanitation workers joined the rally, spreading awareness about protecting the environment.



*M Sakthivel, Municipal Commissioner, and S Parimala, Chairperson of Gudalur Municipality, flagging off the rally.*

## Dharmapuri

Sevalaya organised a Smokeless Bhogi Rally on 13 Jan 2026 in Dharmapuri to raise awareness about the harmful effects of burning waste during Bhogi celebrations. The rally, flagged off by T S Latha, Inspector of Police, Adhiyaman Kottai Police Station, started at Sevalaya's V T Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens' Home in Errapatti Village and ended at Thozhilmayyam, Dharmapuri. 150 students from Sri Krishna Paramedical College, Dharmapuri participated. Participants carried placards urging the public to avoid burning plastics, tyres, and other harmful materials.



*S Latha handing over the tree sapling to the public.*

## 40 rural students placed at RuralShores

Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyan Community College, Uthiramerur, has successfully placed 40 students from rural backgrounds in RuralShores Business Services Pvt. Ltd., earning a monthly salary ranging from ₹12,000 – ₹15,000. These students, many from families of wage labourers and agricultural workers, including school dropouts, Std XII and degree students, now have stable jobs, steady income, and opportunities for growth.

Earlier, the students received free computer training at the college,

supported by the Guru Krupa Foundation. On 31 Dec 2025, 25 students went on an industrial visit to RuralShores, where the team explained the company's work processes, rules, and career opportunities. Yogesh Kumar, Central Manager, appreciated Sevalaya's training efforts and emphasised the importance of English proficiency, praising the weekly English classes conducted by the college.

The visit offered hands-on industry exposure, motivating students to apply their skills and connect education with career opportunities for rural youth.



### Placement Summary:

- **Students Placed: 40 (Computer Trade)**
- **Company: RuralShores Business Services Pvt. Ltd.**
- **Salary: ₹12,000 – ₹15,000 per month**
- **Sponsor: Guru Krupa Foundation**



# Gold Medal in Teaching – Palanisamy

Palanisamy was born in 1978 at Elakurichi, Ariyalur district. Coming from a humble farming family, he is the first graduate in his family. His father, Govindaswamy, is a farmer, and his mother, Veerammal, supported the family through various odd jobs. He has four sisters. His wife, Nithya, is an Assistant Professor of Physics at Vel Tech, and they are blessed with two daughters, studying in Stds IX and XI.

He studied up to Std X at Periyamarai Government School and completed XI and XII at Ammapalayam, Perambalur district. He then completed B Sc Physics at Government College, Ariyalur and M Sc Physics at National College, Tiruchirappalli. He later completed B Ed in Chennai, securing Distinction and a Gold Medal.

In 2003, Palanisamy joined Sevalaya, when the institution had around 600 students and had just introduced Std XI. He felt deeply connected to Sevalaya's mission of providing free, value-based



education to children.

He is known for his strong commitment to students, especially those facing difficulties. One such student is Rahul, an orphan who studied up to Std X at Sevalaya and later joined another school. Rahul did not clear Physics in Std XII, so Sevalaya supported him in applying for the supplementary examination. Palanisamy provided continuous academic support by explaining concepts during lunch breaks, conducting regular tests, planning his studies, and guiding him closely for nearly two and a half months. With this dedicated guidance, Rahul successfully passed the examination. Today, he is well settled, reflecting the impact of this selfless and consistent support.

After a brief break in 2010, Palanisamy rejoined Sevalaya in 2017 with renewed dedication. He actively promotes quality education and standardisation through his involvement with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Representing Sevalaya,

he participated in a four day training programme conducted by Bureau of Indian Standards.

Under his guidance, 50 students from Stds IX, X, and XI actively participated in BIS quizzes and awareness programmes. His students have achieved remarkable success, winning 2 National-level prizes and 5 State-level prizes, including top awards at both State and National levels.

Palanisamy believes in selfless service and takes great pride in the safe and nurturing environment at Sevalaya, an opinion strongly shared by parents. He dreams that one day, Sevalaya alumni ("Aalam Vizhuthugal") will take responsibility for nurturing and sustaining Sevalaya.



*G. Palanisamy receiving the "Manak Veer Award" under the Academic Category from BIS on behalf of Sevalaya, in recognition of Sevalaya's contribution to promoting quality and standards, during the World Standards Day celebrations on 14 Oct 2025.*

## New lab inaugurated at Sevalaya Nilgiris



From L to R: Bhuvaneswari Muralidharan, Sevalaya Murali, Sridharan Mahadevan with his wife.

Pongal was celebrated on 7 Jan 2026 at Sevalaya Nilgiris' Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in Gudalur. Sridharan Mahadevan, a donor from the USA, and his wife attended as Chief Guests.

During the event, the Chief Guest inaugurated a new lab building at the hospital, built with his support at a cost

of ₹43.5 lakhs. The lab, equipped with modern medical tools, will improve diagnostic services and help thousands of patients from Gudalur and nearby tribal villages every month.

The Pongal celebration included the traditional cooking of Pongal. The Chief Guest also spent time with hospital staff,

Community College students, and tribal community members, who joined in traditional attire with great enthusiasm.

Sridharan Mahadevan spoke about the importance of accessible healthcare in remote areas and praised Sevalaya's work in providing free, quality services to underserved communities. He also expressed interest in supporting Sevalaya's future projects.

Sevalaya Murali welcomed everyone and shared the organisation's history. He spoke about Sevalaya's commitment to helping underprivileged and tribal communities through healthcare, education, and community development. He also highlighted future plans, including improving medical facilities and creating more skill-building opportunities for local youth.

# Pongal celebration

Kasuva, Tiruvallur



G S Saravana Kumar, Branch Manager, State Bank of India - Thiruninravur, and Lt Col S Ramesh Kumar (Retd.), Indian Army, with his wife Punitha- family members of Sevalaya's late supporter Venkatesha Mudhaliyar from Puliur village, graced the occasion as Chief Guests.

Students, dressed in traditional clothes, took part in the *Pongal* preparation. Everyone chanted "*Pongalo Pongal*" in unison as the *Pongal* pot boiled over. Students delivered song, dance and Silambam performances and celebrated the day with enthusiasm.

## Pattinapakkam, Chennai

Uma Baskaran, Counselling Psychologist, Corporate Trainer, POSH Enabler, Motivational Speaker, Former VP - Axis Bank and Indumathy Madhavan, Volunteer Quality Controller for Kalvi40 were the Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Gayathri Memorial Vocational Training Centre.



## Thanjavur

S Sooriyamoorthy, Chief Probation Superintendent (Retd.), Prison Department and S Sarala were the Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Free Senior Citizens' Home.

In his speech, Saravana Kumar said, "Students should focus on their studies, do well in life and be happy everyday just like today". He presented flower pots that he had brought as gifts to Sevalaya.

S Ramesh Kumar advised students to be the best in studies as well as discipline to succeed in life.



## Zamin Endathur, Chengalpattu



P S Sridharan, Principal and S Bhama, Correspondent from Adhiparasakthi Nursery and Primary School, L Endathur were the Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Janaki Ammal Vijayaraghavachariar Memorial Senior Citizens' Home, Zamin Endathur. The children shared festive moments with the senior residents and expressed their love by donating provisions and kitchen vessels to the centre.



# Dharmapuri Collector leads tree plantation



A tree plantation programme was held at Kariamangalam, Dharmapuri, on 27 Dec 2025 by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department along with Neer Indri *Amayathu Ulagu Arakattalai*. Senior citizens from Sevalaya's VT Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens Home participated in the event. R Sadheesh, IAS, District Collector of Dharmapuri, inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling and interacted with the senior citizens, who expressed their happiness and gratitude.



## Sevalaya alumnus cracks TNPSC



D Surya, a 2018 alumnus of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyan Higher Secondary School, Kasuva Centre, has secured a government job as a Typist in the Secretariat. He was selected under the Human Resource Management Department through the TNPSC competitive exam. Sevalaya supported him with free TNPSC coaching, provided by well-wisher S Natarajan from Kadayan, which helped him achieve this success.

# Mahadev Desai - 29

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

On the suggestion of Gandhiji, Mahadev read the poem 'Saket' by Maithili Charan Gupta. He was fascinated by the book, which he described as an incomparable charming work. There were some exchanges between Mahadev and Gandhiji in the book. Mahadev's opinion was that the 9<sup>th</sup> canto of Saket effectively portraying Urmila's pain of separation from Laxman – her husband- was an imitation of Sanskrit poets, while Gandhiji said the subject of the poem was,

"Rama, your life itself is a poem,

That life can possibly make everyone a poet"

Gandhiji commented in one of his letters that Mahadev continued learning French and Urdu even in jail. While discussing languages, Gandhiji and Mahadev vied with each other in their insistence on the correct spellings and on the efforts to understand the origin of words.

Here is an interesting passage by Mahadev.

He asked while writing a letter to Mira Behn, 'what is the spelling of inexhaustible' Is there an 'h' in it or not?

I have written with an 'h'. I also became doubtful, referred to the dictionary wherein 'h' is mentioned. Then he said, 'examine the root of the word, which will clarify it.' The root itself started with an 'h' 'haus' – to draw. Bapu said, 'there are some other such words wherein the 'h' is not there. I said 'exonerate'. Bapu said 'No; it is not. There is an 'h' in it. I said 'it is certainly not there. The root is 'onus'. Bapu said 'The root is 'honour'. I said 'We can bet on it, and I am sure to win.' We referred to the dictionary and I won. The next word was 'inexorable'. He was happy and said 'we learn a lot by knowing the Latin origin of words.

Mahadev states that Gandhiji's replies to queries, in his letters, were noted for their gravity and conciseness. He cites a few examples which remind us of the "Yakshaprasna"

What is the essence of life?

Selflessness

What is the highest ideal?

To rise above the passions

Who is a man?

Only one who has his body under control

Who could be said to be in bondage?

One who believes in 'I'

What is liberation?

Freedom from likes and dislikes

What is hell?

Untruth

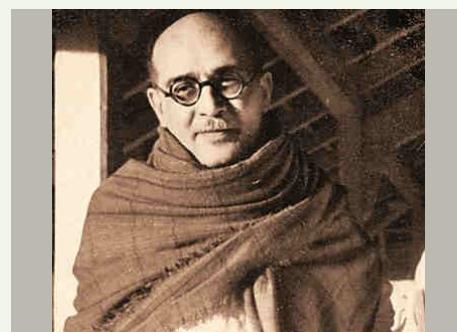
What brings about liberation?

Non-violence

Which is the main gate of hell?

Untruthful conduct

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