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Union Minister visits Chellamma Bharathi learning centre



Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal garlanding the statue of Mahakavi Bharathiyar at Sevalaya's Chellamma Bharathi Learning Centre, Kadayam. From L to R: Ananthan Ayyasamy, Sridhar Vembu and Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.

On 4 Mar 2026, Honourable Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge)

for Law & Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, visited

Sevalaya's Chellamma Bharathi Learning Centre in Kadayam, where he paid tributes to the lifesize statue of the illustrious couple, Mahakavi Bharathiyar and Chellamma Bharathi.

Sridhar Vembu, Chief Scientist and Co-founder of Zoho Corporation and K S Kalyani Sivagaminathan, Retd Head Master and a long time supporter of Sevalaya were present on the occasion.

Kadayam is the birthplace of Bharathiyar's wife Chellamma. In 2022, Sevalaya reconstructed the Kadayam branch library and installed a life-size statue of the Chellamma-Bharathi couple there. Sevalaya has been celebrating Bharathiyar's birthday and the wedding anniversary of the Chellamma-Bharathi couple every year at Kadayam.

UNIPRES inaugurates ₹50 lakh rural projects



From L to R: CA Chantibau Bezawada, Masahiro Omiya, Yasuhiro Suzuki, Sevalaya Murali and V S G Vasanthkumar

Unipres India Private Limited launched several rural development projects in Vadakupattu village, Kundrathur Block, Kancheepuram district.

These projects costing around ₹50 lakhs were sponsored by Unipres India as part of its CSR initiatives with Sevalaya as the implementation partner.

The inauguration of the facilities, which include 40 solar lights, 3 bus shelters, the planting of 1,500 saplings, and the restoration of a 7,000 sq. ft. pond, took place on 25 Feb 2026.

Yasuhiro Suzuki, Managing Director, Unipres India, V S G Nandhini Metha Vasanthkumar, President, Vadakupattu

Panchayat, Masahiro Omiya, Vice President, Unipres India and CA Chantibabu Bezawada, DGM - Finance, HR & Admin, Unipres India, were the Chief Guests.

Yasuhiro Suzuki appreciated Sevalaya for successfully implementing the project. He also said that Unipres will continue to support community development and plans to take up more CSR initiatives in the future, focusing on environment protection and empowering future generations.

The solar lights have been installed near an ancient Shiva temple in the village, along the agricultural fields, and around the restored pond, enhancing the safety of villagers after nightfall. Unipres India had also sponsored furniture and sports equipment for the Panchayat Union Primary School in Vadakupattu.

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Three bus stands have been inaugurated in Vadakupattu village: Perumal Kovil Bus Stop, SIPCOT Road Stop, and Amman Kovil Bus Stop.



A pond at Vadakupattu village has been renovated, covering 7,000 sq. ft., with a storage capacity of 1,982,176 litres.



Chief guests inaugurating 40 solar street lights of 150-watt capacity, installed to illuminate the streets of Vadakupattu village.

AGS Health plant 7,000 saplings across India

AGS Health, in partnership with Sevalaya, planted saplings across Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Tirupati and Vellore in February and March 2026 as part of its CSR initiatives, promoting environmental sustainability and community participation.

Hyderabad



A total of 1,000 saplings were planted at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Rangareddy (HCU Campus), Hyderabad on 5 Mar 2026.

R Nagabhushanam, Assistant Commissioner (Retd.), NLI - Ranga Reddy, D Vijaya Baskar, Principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Sevalaya Murali, Bhuvaneshwari Muralidharan, Honorary Correspondent, Sevalaya, and Kala Rao, Executive Committee Member, Sevalaya, inaugurated the event. 65 students and staff participated in the plantation drive.

Nagabhushanam appreciated the initiative, noting that the plantation of guava, jackfruit, and Kondrai (Golden Shower) saplings would benefit the school.

Ahmedabad



A plantation drive was held at Ganpat University, Kherva, Ahmedabad on 11 Mar 2026, where 1,000 saplings were planted.

Padma Shri awardee Dr Ganpat I Patel, Honorary President and Patron-In-Chief, Dr Rakesh Patel, Acting Director General, Dr Girish Patel, Executive Registrar, Dr Mahendra Sharma, Honorary Joint President and Group Pro-Chancellor, Dr Satyen Parikh, Senior Pro Vice Chancellor and Executive Dean FCA, and Dr Maurvi Vasavada, Executive Dean FFAST, graced the occasion.

Dr Rakesh Patel appreciated Sevalaya's work and assured proper care for the saplings.

Jaipur



1,000 saplings planted at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Akoda, in the Sambhar Lake area of Jaipur, on 16 Mar 2026.

Dhanraj Sharma, Director, Prayatana Sansthan, Solawata, Jaipur, inaugurated the event. Lemon, jamun, and shade tree saplings were planted.

Dr Suchita, Principal, Government Girls Senior Secondary School; Moses Palmer, VP, Projects, Sevalaya; and Gajendra Kumar Jain, AAO, Dudu Government Girls Secondary School, actively participated in the drive.

They were joined by 9 staff members and 50 students.

BNY takes 164 students to Mahabalipuram



164 students of Std XII from Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre visited the India Seashell Museum on 21 Feb 2026. Guided by 17 volunteers from BNY, the students learned about various marine species, explored rare and exotic shell collections, and gained fascinating insights into ocean biodiversity at one of the largest seashell museums in India. BNY sponsored the transportation, snacks, and lunch for the students.

EXL service plants 1,000 saplings



EXL Service, in partnership with Sevalaya, planted 1,000 saplings at Kaduvancheri, Sriperumbudur, on 23 Feb 2026 as part of its CSR initiative. Sevalaya was the implementation partner.

Freeda Jayashree and K Tina, Senior Managers, Operations, EXL Service, inaugurated the event. 21 employees from EXL Service, Chennai, along with Sevalaya staff, participated in the drive.

Speaking on the occasion, Freeda Jayashree said that the initiative would help create a greener and healthier environment, especially at a time when global warming is increasing.

Sushil Dev Sasitharan, Senior Manager, M Sreeja, Lead Assistant Manager, and Sherley Hazalina, Assistant Manager from the Human Resource Department of EXL Service, along with Gnanadinakaran Neil, AVP, Operations, Sevalaya, were present at the event.

21 employees from EXL Service, Chennai, Sevalaya staff and over 30 villagers actively participated in the plantation drive.

Fortess launches digital centres in Tirunelveli



From L to R: S Kumar, P R Krishnan, K Subramanian, Sevalaya Murali and M Natarajan

Fortess and Sevalaya inaugurated two Digital Literacy Centres in Tirunelveli on 16 Mar 2026, taking the total number of centres further across locations including Chennai, Sirkali, Thillaiyadi and Kancheepuram.

The programmes were inaugurated at Thiru Thayumana Sundaram Middle School, Sivanthipatti, and Government Higher Secondary School, Thulukkarpatti.

Fortess has sponsored the programmes, and Sevalaya is the implementation partner.

Each centre, equipped with 13 desktop computers, will provide basic computer application skills to more than 310 students from Std III to IX. S Kumar, Founder and CEO, Skylark Enterprises, Chennai, B Rajanikanth, Founder and CEO, IARM Cybersecurity Services, P R Krishnan, Secretary, Fortess and Former EVP, TCS, and K Subramanian, Former Global Head, Delivery Excellence, TCS, graced the occasion as Chief Guests.

P R Krishnan encouraged students to learn digital skills and utilise the opportunity. K Subramanian motivated

students to give their best efforts and succeed. S Kumar shared that Tirunelveli is his birthplace and encouraged the students to keep learning and make use of available opportunities.

A Sherbin Arul, Headmaster, Government Higher Secondary School, Thulukkarpatti, P Thangam, Headmaster, Thiru Thayumana Sundaram Middle School, Sevalaya Murali, along with Sevalaya staff members, students and teachers, participated in the event. Sevalaya conducts similar Digital Literacy Programmes across multiple locations, benefiting thousands of rural underprivileged students.



Land donated for Old age home



M Saraswathi, a retired government official and former Assistant Public Prosecutor in the Judicial Department, donated 2,100 sq ft of land along with a 1,300 sq ft building to Sevalaya. The property is located in Selai village, Tiruvallur district, and was officially registered in Sevalaya's name at the Sub-Registrar Office, Tiruvallur, on 12 Mar 2026.

The land documents were handed over to Sevalaya Murali in the presence of Amarchand Jain, Executive Committee Member, A A Kingston, Vice President, Development, and S Kanchana, Head, Homes and Value Education.

Sevalaya plans to use this space to establish an old age home for destitute elders.

DTCC officials inaugurate Montessori Exhibition



The Montessori Annual Exhibition-2026 was inaugurated on 11 Mar 2026 at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre, showcasing exhibits created by students of the Montessori section of Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School.

B Sandya, Associate Director along with a team from DTCC (The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation), graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The guests viewed the exhibits, appreciated the students' explanations, and distributed sweets. Students showcased activities such as drawing, colouring, sand and

cotton pasting, writing, and matching exercises. They also presented songs, dances, and role-plays on the theme "My Dream India."

The exhibits covered concepts learned during the year, including colours, shapes, animals, fruits, vegetables, festivals, and transportation. Students also shared their ideas on India's future in education, agriculture, environment, space research, and transportation.

B Sandya appreciated the students' presentations and highlighted the effectiveness of the Montessori method in encouraging learning through creative

activities. She also expressed pride in supporting Sevalaya's initiatives and encouraged students to aim high in life.

The Chief Guest felicitated students who won competitions such as recitation of Bharathiyar's *Puthiya Aathichoodi*, *Thirukkural* recitation, and quotes of BGV (Bharathi-Gandhi-Vivekananda). Awards were also presented to students with 100% attendance and Best Student.

Sevalaya Murali acknowledged DTCC's continued support for health care initiatives for the tribal people at Gudalur. He also highlighted the importance of Montessori education in providing quality learning through interactive methods.



US donor as Chief Guest at Sports day



Sports Day was celebrated at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre on 18 Mar 2026. Seetharaman Narayanan, a US-based donor along with his sister Seetha were the Chief Guests.

He asked students about their favourite class, and they replied "Sports period." He shared his six-year association with Sevalaya and his support for sports activities. Quoting Subramania Bharati, he encouraged students to stay active. He said they are lucky to have good sports facilities and appreciated Sankarapandian sir for sharing regular updates and Murali sir for his dedication. He stressed that

both education and sports are equally important.

The major sports achievements for the year 2025-26 are given below: Zonal Level (Tiruvallur): Basketball – 6 teams of Boys and Girls secured I place (U-14, U-17, U-19); Handball – 2 teams secured I place (U-19 Boys, U-17 Girls); Volleyball – U-14 Boys secured I place, U-19 Girls secured II place; Athletics – 14 Gold, 12 Silver, 14 Bronze medals.

District Level (Tiruvallur): Basketball – 5 teams secured I place (U-14 Boys and Girls, U-17 Boys and Girls, U-19 Boys);

Handball – U-17 Girls and U-19 Boys secured I place; Volleyball – U-14 secured II place; Athletics – 3 Gold, 2 Silver, 5 Bronze medals.

All these teams represented state-level competitions. V Vasanthi, a student of Sevalaya, was selected for the Tamil Nadu Handball Team and represented the state at the national-level championship. Additionally, many students participated in private tournaments and won several accolades.

The Chief Guest distributed prizes to students from LKG to Std IX who won various competitions. A total of 1,730 students took part in the events. Gandhi House won the overall championship and received the trophy.



International Women's day celebrated

Kasuva, Tiruvallur



From L to R: R Vijaya, Sujatha Perumal, Martha Elizabeth Gruber, Evie Melvin Grace, Anusuya Rao, Gita Gopal, Archana Abigail, Saraswathi, Sindhu, Kanchana Sadagopan.

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8 Mar 2026 at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre. Gita Gopal, Co-founder and President of A Future for Every Child, and Anusuya Rao, Executive Director, were the Chief Guests. Advocate Saraswathi, along with Eve, Martha and Archana - volunteers from England, Scotland, and Canada also took part in the event.

A Future for Every Child (AFEC) works to support the education and career development of youth leaving Child Care Institutions and partners with Sevalaya to implement this initiative across Tamil Nadu.

Speaking on the occasion, Anusuya Rao highlighted that women have faced many challenges in history, including social restrictions and discrimination, and stressed the need to protect women's rights and ensure equality.

In her address, Gita Gopal shared a personal story about her father, who treated his daughters equally and

supported her education despite criticism. She said that sometimes one person's belief is enough to help someone succeed. She encouraged the students to dream big, work hard, and believe in themselves, appreciating their courage in overcoming challenges at a young age.

Advocate Saraswathi encouraged students to believe in themselves and work towards their goals. Volunteer Archana shared that women in her country are achieving success in many fields and expressed her ambition to succeed as well. Eve and Martha stated that women today are progressing in all fields and can achieve anything that men can.

On the occasion, the monthly handwritten magazine 'Vidiyal', prepared by students with the guidance of teachers, was released. Students also watched a video on 'Mindset Motivation'.

Earlier, P Sujatha, Head, ERP, Sevalaya, spoke about the poems of Subramania

Bharati that celebrate womanhood. She also highlighted AFEC's support in shaping the future of young girls through Sevalaya and explained various activities of the organisation.

Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram

Women's Day and Graduation Day was celebrated at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College.

T Surehka, Manager, Administration, SNP Heavy Engineering Pvt Ltd, Kunnavakkam, and L K Divya, HR & Admin Manager, SNP Heavy Engineering Pvt Ltd, Kunnavakkam, were the Chief Guests,

A total of 90 students participated in the event along with staff members, students presented various cultural performances including speeches, songs, dances, poetry, and storytelling on the theme of Women's Day. Certificates were awarded to 51 students across three vocational streams - 20 in tailoring, 24 in computer applications, and 7 in beautician training.

All graduates have been successfully placed in reputed organisations such as Young Brand Apparels Pvt. Ltd., RK Garments, Vijay Garments, Rural Shores Development, Madhan Supermarket, Velu Infotech, Priya Makeover, and Kalaivani Ladies Beauty Parlour. Notably, several students from the tailoring and beautician courses have also established their own ventures.



Thanjavur



Gayathri Sathish, Proprietor, Gayuz Bridal Studio and Academy, District Secretary - Thanjavur, Indian Make-Up Artists Federation and Member, Rotary Club of Thanjavur Kundhavai was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Free Senior Citizens' Home.

Ambattur, Chennai



Lakshmi Nagappan, Trustee, MR Omayal Achi MR Arunachalam Trust and V Tamilarasi, Former, HOD - Electrical Engineering, Murgappa Polytechnic College, Avadi were the Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College.

Dharmapuri



Dr P Neela, Founder, Bodhizen Academy, Dharmapuri, was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's VT Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens' Home.

20 Rural students visit IISc Bengaluru



20 underprivileged students of Stds VIII and IX from Sevalaya school visited the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, for the Open House on 7 Mar 2026.

The visit was organised to inspire students from rural and underprivileged

backgrounds to pursue careers in science and technology.

They were accompanied by three Sevalaya staff members and Sevalaya Murali, Founder & Managing Trustee and an IISc alumnus.

During the visit, Bangaruswamy from the IISc Alumni Association guided the students through departments such as Electrical, Mechanical, Aerospace Engineering, and Physics. The students showed great interest by actively observing the exhibits and asking questions about the models and technologies on display.

Lunch was arranged by Ganesan Rajaram, President of the IISc Alumni Association, while breakfast, accommodation, and dinner were arranged by Dr A Madhusudhan Babu of Little Flower High School, Bengaluru.

The students also visited the statue of J N Tata, founder of IISc, which was established to promote scientific thinking among Indian youth, inspired by the vision of Swami Vivekananda. The entire travel expense for the trip was sponsored by Murthy Gudipati, an IISc alumnus and a Senior Scientist at NASA, USA.

National science day

National Science Day was celebrated on 3 Mar 2026 at Sevalaya's Kasuva centre. C B Santhosh Kumar, Principal of Sudharsanam Vidyaashram, Thiruverkadu, was the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C V Raman in 1928. He added that Sir C V Raman was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930 and was the first person from Tamil Nadu to receive this honour. He stressed the importance of scientific progress and said that we should celebrate the achievements of Indian scientists. He encouraged students to ask questions like "why" and "how", as such thinking leads to great discoveries. He also said



that India is moving forward in the field of science.

He shared his experience of studying in a government school and thanked his teachers for his success. He appreciated Sevalaya's service since 1988 and wished students success in their upcoming board exams.

Seven Sevalaya students who won prizes

at State and National level competitions conducted by BIS were honoured. Science competitions were also organised earlier, with 338 students participating, and Komakkambedu Government School won the overall trophy. Prizes were also given to winners of weekly Science Club activities. The event was supported by P Meera, Sevalaya's donor and volunteer.

TCS employee conducts virtual yoga



Harikrishnan Munisamy from Tata Consultancy Services is conducting online yoga sessions for senior citizens at Sevalaya centres across Tamil Nadu.

More than 60 elders from Zamin Endathur, Dharmapuri, Thanjavur, and Kasuva are taking part in these sessions. The yoga classes help improve their physical health, flexibility, balance, and mental well-being.

The sessions include simple yoga poses, stretching, and breathing exercises that are easy for senior citizens to follow. These regular sessions have helped improve their overall health and emotional well-being.

The programme has been running since September 2025 and is held every Tuesday and Thursday.

Industrial exposure for CC students



25 tailoring students from Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College, Uthiramerur, visited Pearl Global Industries Limited, a garment manufacturing company, on 14 Mar 2026. During the visit, students learned about cutting, stitching, fusing, and packing processes. The HR team also explained the overall operations of the industry. Notably, five students have been placed in the company.

20 students from the Beautician trade course visited "Priya Makeover" beauty studio in Uthiramerur on 19 Mar 2026.

B Priya and B Praveena Babu, beauty experts, explained makeup techniques and procedures in detail. They also explained the Glutathione Hydra Facial and shared information about advanced courses in the beauty field. They motivated the students and guided them for their future careers.

The trade courses are sponsored by Guru Krupa Foundation.

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Alumni's support



K Jagadeesh, Advocate, Madras High Court, and S Sivaraman, a final-year LLB student, both alumni of Sevalaya, donated stationery items including pens, pencils, calculators, and other essential materials to the hostel students of Std X and XII at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School, Kasuva Centre, on 24 Feb 2026. This marks the fifth consecutive year of Jagadeesh's contribution, supporting students as they prepare for their board examinations (2025–2026).

U-18 Volleyball team wins II prize

44 students studying II & III year in B Sc Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics, Ethiraj College for Women, along with 3 faculty members, visited Sevalaya's Kasuva centre on 23 Feb 2026.

The college students conducted interactive and educational sessions on nutrition and healthy habits. They used puppet shows, models, charts, flash cards, and other creative methods to explain the importance of a balanced diet

and good health. 500+ students from Std IV, V, VI and VII participated.



Student wins State-Level speech at Bharathi Ula



Gift of sight for elders



The Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Tamil Nadu, under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) scheme, conducted a free cataract surgery camp.

Under this scheme, 7 residents from Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Free Old Age Home, Thanjavur,

and 4 residents from Sevalaya's VT Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens Home, Dharmapuri, benefitted.

All examinations, spectacles, and surgeries were provided completely free of cost with the support of Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital.



The *Uratha Sinthanai* Readers Writers' Association, in collaboration with the Visu Educational Trust and *Nam Uratha Sinthanai* magazine, hosted the 11th Edition of Bharathi Ula 2025 at the Anna Centenary Library on 22 Feb 2026.

The event's highlight was the speech competition, where K Kaviya of Std VIII, from Sevalaya's Kasuva centre won the best prize. She was awarded a cash prize of ₹4,500 on stage by S P Muthuraman, Indian film director.

Kaviya captivated the audience with her speech on the topic _

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Mahadev Desai - 31

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

Recognizing that unity is a prerequisite for winning freedom, Gandhiji consistently tried to achieve that unity even while in jail. He gave prime importance to the removal of untouchability.

The British rulers became restless when they saw the awakening in the country. They issued instructions restricting everything including interviews. Gandhiji was annoyed at this and sent a stiff letter protesting against this prohibition. His contention was that there should have been freedom to meet and correspond with people regarding removal of untouchability for which the Yerawada Pact was signed.

Mahadev presented in brief the method of Satyagraha for temple entry of Harijans as explained to him by Gandhiji. "Either get the temples opened or get them boycotted; when no one goes there they would get tired."

In a discussion with Mahadev during the period, Gandhiji clarified his views on Satyagraha. "Satyagraha can never be for gaining power. It is to keep power unsullied, to use power wisely..non violence can never be used for violence."

Satyagraha must be aimed at a specific thing, which means, not to attain

power but to prove specific principles. A weak administration cannot last in face of it; it will break down, and so, the administration will automatically improve. And yet, we must remain aloof when the question of the introduction of power in the administration arises. We must enjoy ourselves by giving up! We must vote, we may use the power of giving vote, but too to elect Rama in the election between Rama and Ravana. Even Rama will be practicing violence to the extent to which he rules. Ours must be a Satyagraha Contingent which would exist to keep power on its proper course."

Gandhiji felt that the torch of consecutive fasts must be kept alight. He also wanted to know how many persons from the Ashram were ready for such a penance. He also wanted the Ashram to pass through a stiffer test than usual. It was decided to keep the Ashram children in the Harijan Girls' Hostel managed by Anasuyaben. The task of leaving the children at the hostel fell to Mahadev's lot. Mahadev has described it thus:-"My eyes became moist when I was leaving them. Anasuyaben also wept a lot and bowed down to me."

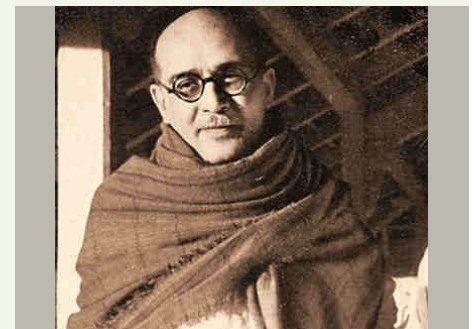
Vanmala Desai, one of the children, has given a touching description.

"Bapu entrusted Mahadev kaka with the

task of taking us to the hostel... We did not know anything about the future. We had no idea when we would meet again. Our parents were weeping. We were also weeping. But Mahadev kaka was sobbing uncontrollably. It was pathetic to separate small children from the parents. For Mahadev kaka who had a soft and tender heart, it was just unbearable.

On reaching Anasuyaben's place, at the time of parting, we clung to Mahadev kaka and would not leave him. He hardened his heart and left us there and returned. Next morning Bapuji and all the Ashramites were arrested. So we did not have a chance to meet them."

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