



Olympian V Baskaran inaugurates Basketball courts

200+ students to benefit from the new and refurbished courts



From L to R : Sevalaya Murali, Anshul Jain and Vasudevan Baskaran jointly inaugurated the basketball courts.

A new basketball court built with the support of BookMyShow and a refurbished basketball court supported by Hi 5 Youth Foundation, Mumbai, were inaugurated on 25 Apr 2026 at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre.

Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee Vasudevan Baskaran, Olympic Gold Medal-winning Captain of the Indian Hockey Team at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, was the Chief Guest.

Anshul Jain, Head, Operations, Hi 5 Youth Foundation, A Arul Venkatesh, Joint Secretary of Tamil Nadu Basketball Federation and Secretary of Tiruvallur District Basketball Federation and AV Rajkumar, Treasurer of Tiruvallur District

Basketball Federation, also participated in the programme.

The project was completed at a cost of around ₹36 lakhs and will benefit nearly 247 students from Std III to Std XII. Hi 5 Youth Foundation also provides free basketball coaching, sports equipment, and tournament exposure for Sevalaya students.

Addressing the students, Vasudevan Baskaran encouraged them to excel in both studies and sports, make use of their talents, and work hard towards success regardless of their background. He also stressed the importance of learning languages and making use of opportunities, and appreciated the

support of parents and Sevalaya in shaping students' futures. Anshul Jain and Arul Venkatesh offered their felicitations. Earlier, Sevalaya Murali, Founder and Managing Trustee, said that inviting an Olympic gold medalist like Vasudevan Baskaran would inspire students to dream big and aim for international success.

Sevalaya students have earned laurels, with a player reaching the national level and 6-7 players qualifying for inter-district matches every year.

An exhibition basketball match by Sevalaya students was held on the new court. Vasudevan Baskaran enthusiastically joined the students during the game and interacted warmly with students and parents.



Watch the Journey : <https://www.instagram.com/p/DXyOxK8ldcl/>

JK Tyre sponsors RO Plant benefitting 1,500 villagers

JK Tyre & Industries Ltd, as part of its CSR activities, established an RO water plant at Oddankaranai in Gunduperumbedu village, Sriperumbudur Block, Kancheepuram district. Sevalaya was the implementation partner.

The RO plant was inaugurated on 23 May 2026 by JS Sahayaraj, DGM - CSR & Administration, along with CSR Committee members from



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JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. Muthammal Shankar, Panchayat President of Gunduperumbedu, and Sevalaya staff members also participated in the event.

Built at a cost of ₹7.07 lakhs, the 500 LPH RO plant will benefit around 1,500 villagers from Gunduperumbedu and nearby villages including Vellarai and Kaduvancheri.

The Gunduperumbedu Panchayat will manage the operation and maintenance

of the plant. A nominal fee of ₹5 for 20 litres of water will be collected to support the long-term maintenance of the facility.

Speaking at the event, JS Sahayaraj highlighted the importance of access to clean drinking water and said the project would help prevent diseases caused by contaminated water.

He appreciated Sevalaya for effectively implementing rural development projects and expressed interest in continuing the

partnership for future initiatives.

Muthammal Shankar thanked JK Tyre and Sevalaya for the project and said the RO plant would greatly help the villagers, especially as the groundwater quality in the area is poor.

She also assured proper maintenance of the facility and requested support for additional community infrastructure in the village.

Nordex India upgrades Sevalaya facilities

With a commitment to enhancing educational facilities for underprivileged students, Nordex India Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd., donated essential equipment and supported infrastructure development at Sevalaya.

The company inaugurated Boys changing room at the playground and pharmacy block extension at the Medical Centre. During a function held on 14 May 2026, officials from Nordex India donated 20 fans, a lamination machine, two water dispensers, a photocopier, and an almira.

The total value of the project was approximately ₹16.84 lakhs.

Surender Ramasamy, Senior Manager - P&C, Paulraj Chinnish, Senior Manager - Country Security, and Mohandas, HR Manager from Nordex India, along with Chelladurai Munusamy, Executive, were the Chief Guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Mohandas said, "It is truly remarkable that Sevalaya



From L to R : Chelladurai Munusamy, Executive, Paulraj Chinnish, Senior Manager, Country Security, Surender Ramasamy, Senior Manager, P& C and Mohandas, HR Manager from Nordex India

School, which started in a small hut, has now grown into a mighty banyan tree. Sevalaya's mission is very broad, and we will continue to support it in every possible way."

Balraj encouraged the students, saying, "Life is full of challenges; you must learn to face them and move forward. I too studied in a hostel and faced many difficulties. After serving in the Army and

overcoming setbacks, I am now working in this organisation. Do not lose hope because of failure. Believe in yourself and keep progressing."

Surender said, "This time, we have extended greater support than before. Even if we cannot directly do social work, we will continue to support Sevalaya. We believe the students will make good use of the materials provided.

AFEC bootcamp



26 children from various care homes and 4 students from Sevalaya participated in the AFEC Boot Camp conducted at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre on 17 May 2026.

The programme was supported by AFEC (A Future for Every Child), a US-based non-profit organisation that helps youth from care homes prepare for independent living and supports higher

education opportunities.

As part of the boot camp, Dr Aswathy Rajan, Founder - Director, Success E Learning, conducted a career guidance session for the students. The session provided valuable insights into various courses, career paths, and future opportunities, helping students make informed decisions about their higher education and careers.

Sevalaya Murali, Founder and Managing Trustee, and MT Anandan, Head, Applied Learning, also addressed the participants, providing an overview of the organisation's vision, mission, and key initiatives.

100% in Std XII & 99.3% in Std X

First-Generation underprivileged students shine

Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Higher Secondary School has achieved outstanding results in the 2025–2026 board examinations.

The Std X board exam results, released on 20 May 2026, recorded a 99.3% pass percentage. Out of 141 students who appeared for the exams, 140 students passed successfully. The toppers secured 99%, 96.4%, and 96.2% marks, respectively.

The Std XII board exam results, released on 8 May 2026, recorded a 100% pass percentage. All 164 students passed successfully. The toppers secured 95%,

93%, and 92% marks, respectively.

100% in Std XII and 99.3% in Std X - History Created with 493/500

Sevalaya students have once again upheld the tradition of academic excellence. These achievements are even more remarkable considering the difficult circumstances many students face, including financial hardships, overcrowded homes, lack of proper study space, irregular electricity supply, and health challenges. Despite these obstacles, the students displayed remarkable determination and resilience, while parents continued to believe

strongly in the power of education.

This success has been made possible through the dedicated efforts of Sevalaya's teachers, who provide continuous motivation, counselling, and special coaching to help students excel academically.

Sevalaya expresses heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors, philanthropists, and corporate sponsors whose support continues to transform the lives of underprivileged children through education.

Std XII



S Velmurugan
569/600



V Archana
557/600



B Shadhanaa
550/600

Std X



T Rashwanth
493/500



U Hashini
482/500



V Avinesh
482/500



V Gayathry
481/500

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<https://sevalaya.org/news/first-generation-underprivileged-learners-shine-in-std-x-exams/>

AI and Sports summer camp for 180+ students concludes



A 20-day free summer camp for more than 200 school students was conducted at Sevalaya's Kasuva Centre. The valedictory function was held on 6 May 2026.

R Parthiban, State President - Tamil Nadu Artists, Painters and All Workers Organisation and Proprietor - Deepan Arts and Digital Banner Printing, Thiruninravur, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Students, parents, and staff members also participated in the event.

Around 187 students attended the sports camp and participated in activities such as handball, basketball, volleyball, athletics, chess, yoga, and motivational sessions. The camp helped students improve teamwork, discipline,



confidence, and physical fitness.

A computer science camp was also conducted for 16 students from Sevalaya and nearby schools, where they learned to use AI tools for educational purposes. In addition, 20 students took part in the dance camp. Nutritious breakfast and transport facilities were provided to all participants.

The camp was conducted by teachers from the Physical Education, Computer Science, NCC, and Co-curricular departments along with coaches from

Hi 5 Youth Foundation and Sevalaya alumni.

Speaking on the occasion, Parthiban appreciated Sevalaya's growth and the



wide range of activities carried out for children, elders, and animals. He also suggested including drawing activities in future summer camps and assured his support for the initiative.

The Chief Guest felicitated the students who participated in the camp. K G R Mohan, donor of Sevalaya, sponsored prizes for the chess competition winners.

Students from the dance camp also presented colourful cultural performances.



25,000+ Tribals treated with DTCC's support

Since April 2023, Sevalaya, with the support of DTCC (The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation), has been bringing essential healthcare services closer to tribal communities in the Nilgiris District.

Through 388 medical camps conducted across 67 villages, more than 25,000 people have received care, including 9,000+ men and 16,000+ women. For many in these remote hamlets, these camps are not just medical check-ups, but their only access to timely healthcare.

Reaching areas such as Ezhumuram, Alloor/Kodamoola, Kalampuzha, Bennai, Koravayal, Chalivayal, Chelukkadi, Puliamparai, Chembalatti, Keniyam

Vayal, Vattikolly, Nadugani, Odakolly, Maanimoola, Glanvance, Puzhampatti, Arottuparai, Gandhi Nagar, Seaforth, Choondi, Barwood, 3 Division, Kottamedu, and Chemundi, the initiative



has ensured that distance and terrain do not become barriers to care.

Beyond numbers, this initiative has brought relief, reassurance, and dignity to communities that often remain underserved. The trust built through consistent outreach reflects the true impact of accessible healthcare.

The medical camps and mobile medical van were supported and sponsored by DTCC.

Watch the impact created:

<https://youtu.be/nvN7Bgr1tag?si=qLPnYdMRMBUFieyd>

Value education camp at Melseithalai

A 3-day Value Education Camp was conducted at Sevalaya's VRAP Centre, the 29th centre at Melseithalai village in Thoothukudi District from 27 to 29 Apr 2026. More than 30 students from Melseithalai, Keelseithalai, and Athanur villages participated in the camp.

The camp included yoga and exercise sessions, personal hygiene awareness, good habits training, motivational interactions, fun games, sports events, quiz competitions, team-building movie screenings. Students also attended inspiring sessions on the lives and values of Bharathiyar, Mahatma Gandhi, and Vivekananda.

As part of the camp, the students visited Ettayapuram, the birthplace of Mahakavi Bharathiyar, to learn about his life and patriotism. An inspirational session by G Maran, Naturopathy Doctor and a laughter yoga session were also conducted for the students.



The camp was both educational and entertaining, helping students learn cleanliness, discipline, patriotism, healthy living, communication skills, and team spirit. Dance practices, competitions, and motivational movies kept the students actively engaged throughout the three days.

Students were provided with organic food and healthy millet-based meals during the camp.

The valedictory function was graced by Thangavel Swamy, donor of the land and building at Melseithalai village to Sevalaya, along with Sevalaya Murali, Founder and Managing Trustee and Bhuvaneshwari Muralidharan, Honorary Correspondent, Sevalaya.

Certificates were distributed to all participating students and prizes were awarded to the winners of various competitions.



Celebrating Workers' day

Kasuva, Tiruvallur



TC Kothandan, Proprietor of Akshayaa Hyper Market, Thiruninravur, and Vignesh Iyer, Program Head of Hi 5 Youth Foundation, were the Chief Guests.

Addressing the gathering, TC Kothandan highlighted the importance of education and encouraged students to work hard and progress in life. Sasi motivated the students and staff to stay determined, learn from failures, and work towards uplifting society.

Vignesh Iyer spoke about the positive

impact of basketball training introduced through the Hi 5 Youth Foundation at Sevalaya and said that sports help students develop discipline, confidence, and teamwork. TK Sasi, Son of TC Kothandan also took part in the event.

Thanjavur

Mr. R Nehru Dassan (M.A), State Medicals Group and Mrs. Anitha Nehru Dassan were the Chief Guests at Sevalaya's Gandhi Ashram Krishnan Memorial Free Senior Citizens' Home.



Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram



D Gangai Amaran, Senior Manager - HR, Pearl Global Industries Ltd, Madhuranthagam, was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's Mahakavi Bharathiyar Community College.

Dharmapuri

C Sivanandham, Founder, Anbin Karangal Charitable Trust, Dharmapuri was the Chief Guest at Sevalaya's VT Shanthi Memorial Senior Citizens' Home.

Dr Sreemathi Seshadrinathan: A lifetime of paediatric cardiac surgeries

Meet Dr Sreemathi, who has devoted her life for her pet cause: surgery to cure heart ailments of children. At 83 years of age, she has passionate plans to expand the good work.

Starting with MS(General Surgery) in 1972, the following decade and more saw Dr Sreemathi absorbed in her passion and earning specialised qualifications: MS (Gen. Surg), FRCS, MCh(CTS), MAMS (Gen. Surg.), MNAMS (CTS), FIMSA and in 2008, she was conferred Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

After joining the Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Madras



Medical College in 1988, Dr Sreemathi retired as Head of Department of Paediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery In 2002. 6,500 malnourished children with cardiac diseases were operated. Funding was

from State and Central Governments, World Bank and Government of Japan (JAICA). After retirement she started the SOCAN project (Solution for Cardiac Afflicted Needy).

She had conducted over 130 camps and screened around 15,000 children of Chennai's Corporation schools. In 2002, she started Needy Little Hearts and later in 2011, Hearts for Hearts (H4H) Public Charitable Trust for multisource funding including Public-Private Partnership, which has done over 500 cardiac surgeries on poor children. Last year alone, 52 paediatric cardiac surgeries were performed, by raising Rs 1 crore donations.

Excerpts from a conversation:

The Sevalaya experience:

“The medical camp at Sevalaya last year was a refreshing experience. Over 2 days, we screened over 1,700 Sevalaya children. All the children are in good health. There is no malnutrition, though many are from poor families. It is clear that they are getting nutrition support. In shaping citizens of the future, Sevalaya is doing a marvellous job. A major contribution to the success of the camp was the Sevalaya team - the arrangements, the discipline, the coordination, the invisible thread that ran through...”

The reward:

“I love what I do. I love the challenge of cardiac surgeries which are dangerous and complex. Yet, the difference it makes for a child is immense. That's how I was drawn to Paediatric Cardiac Surgery.

We are not God. Yet, the joy when we see the emotions of the parent seeing the child back to normal is indescribable”.

Wish:

“I want to work beyond Tamil Nadu and especially with the tribal community which is denied any such facility”.

Message for society:

“There is no sensitivity about children with heart ailments. Awareness is low. The Fear Factor rules. What will happen to the child? Who will care for them when they grow up? The fact is, with surgery, 90% can become normal, do quite well in life. They should be given equal opportunities in family life and career. They are normal and become successful as CAs, engineers, doctors, nurses and home makers.

Donating for retrieving young lives is no charity. It is just empathy. It is fulfilment of our constitutional responsibility: Article 21 that assigns an inalienable right to human life and to live with dignity”.

Serving with Smile - Dr Purushothaman



Dr Purushothaman is an energetic young doctor serving at Sevalaya Hospital in Gudalur. He was born in Cuddalore and completed his schooling up to Std XII at Lakshmi Chordia Memorial Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

His father, Nainar, is a farmer, and his mother, Pushpa, is a homemaker who also supports farming activities. He also has a brother, Desigan, who works as a marine engineer.

From a young age, he actively participated in oratorical and essay competitions. During his school days itself, he decided that he wanted to become a doctor. He worked hard for the NEET examination but was unable to secure a seat. He later pursued his MBBS at Orenburg State Medical University, where he completed six years of medical education along with internship training.

After returning to India, he prepared for the Foreign Medical Graduate

Examination (FMGE), a mandatory licensure examination for Indian students who complete medical studies abroad. While waiting for his results, he worked as a Duty Medical Officer (DMO) in a multispeciality hospital. He also served as an intern at the Government Hospital in Nagapattinam. On 27 Mar 2024, he received certification as a registered doctor under the Tamil Nadu Medical Council.

He came to know about Sevalaya Nilgiris through his friends and soon joined the hospital service.

Speaking about his experience, Dr Purushothaman says, "When I started my career here, it was a totally different experience. Many tribal people were very reserved. Slowly I understood that they need more care, patience, and kind treatment. If we speak to them happily, they will come to the hospital without fear."

His caring nature and friendly approach helped him connect closely with the local community. He recalls one patient who came with severe health complications due to diabetes and injuries. "We treated him regularly and now his health has improved by nearly 90%. Seeing such recovery gives me real happiness," he shared.

According to him, serving people is the biggest satisfaction in life. He strongly believes that people should trust the treatment provided at the hospital and continue seeking proper medical care. "Even if I am not here tomorrow, I want people to continue believing in the hospital and come without hesitation," he says.

Apart from medicine, his favourite hobbies are volleyball and chess. His parents are proud of his achievements, especially his father, who often says, "Education is the most meaningful thing in life."



Montessori Convocation day

On 13 Apr 2026, Sevalaya celebrated its Montessori Convocation Ceremony (2025–2026) at the Kasuva Centre, marking the graduation of 150 young students from Montessori to Std I.

Dressed in adorable convocation gowns, the children proudly posed for photographs, bringing joy to parents and teachers alike.

Sevalaya expressed its heartfelt gratitude to the corporate partners and individual donors who have continuously supported Montessori education:

- *Page Pierre Foundation and individual donors – Construction of the Montessori Hall
- *Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Frost & Sullivan, Sevalaya USA, and individual donors – Educational sponsorships

- *Asian Paints, BorgWarner, and DTCC – Montessori learning materials and toys
- *Haworth, MCX, Software AG, Amrutanjan, and INDO-MIM Limited – Smart boards
- *Fives and INDO-MIM Limited – RO plant
- *Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital – Essential items for the play area



250 BNY volunteers craft 500 paper bags



BNY volunteers participated in an interactive eco-friendly paper bag making session, showcasing teamwork and creativity.

With the support of Sevalaya's craft teachers P Abhirami and S Kaveri, 250 volunteers crafted 500 paper bags.

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Mahadev Desai - 32

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

The Hindalga jail in Belgaum proved to be a testing ordeal for Mahadev. He was prevented from writing letters in Gujarati, as the jail authorities did not know the language. The cell in which he was kept was meant for punishment by solitary confinement. Since the criminal prisoner who was his cellmate did not know any other language except Kanarese, Mahadev could not converse with him. Of course, even with that prisoner he had established a pleasant relationship, but there was hardly any conversation.

Relatives were allowed interviews in jail, but Belgaum was so far away from Sabarmati that Durgaben and Narayan could meet him only twice during the entire term. When Mahadev was released in May 1934, he was barely 42 years old, but his face had really changed. Signs of old age were clearly visible. The few hairs on his head had turned grey. His jaw sagged on account of some teeth having fallen off. The wrinkles on his forehead had deepened.

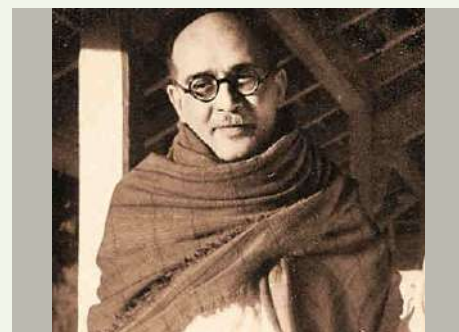
In this jail, it was the Gita which

sustained him. He started translating Gandhiji's Anasakthi – Yoga, but while doing that, he found it necessary to add some notes. Along with the actual translation, he added his own notes, but at the same time he added a whole chapter titled, 'My submission', which was like a preface of the whole book and which was longer than the main text. In this preface he had made a comparative study of the thoughts of a number of other scholars. As he could not get the books of most of these other scholars, he quoted their opinions from his memory. When these opinions were later compared with the original books, very few changes were necessary. After his release from jail, he gave his manuscript to Gandhiji to read through. He wanted to send the manuscript to the publisher only after Gandhiji gave his consent. But Gandhiji could not look through the manuscript for a very long time due to his various preoccupations. Ultimately, he completed the work nearly after four years after Mahadev's death, that is in August 1946. In his characteristically short preface he said, "Every page is

evidence of his (Mahadev's) scholarship and exhaustive study of all that he could lay his hands on regarding the Bhagavad Gita."

According to the opinion of a number of Indian and foreign scholars, Mahadev's 'Gita according to Gandhi' was the most important contribution next to his diaries. One commentator said, "I wanted to understand the foundation of Gandhi. I got that from the Gita given by Mahadev. I have read that book nine times, and every time I have found something to fascinate me."

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