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'Holistic Village Development as Envisioned by Mahatma Gandhiji'

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Dr. T.S. Soundram in her early age



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Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu

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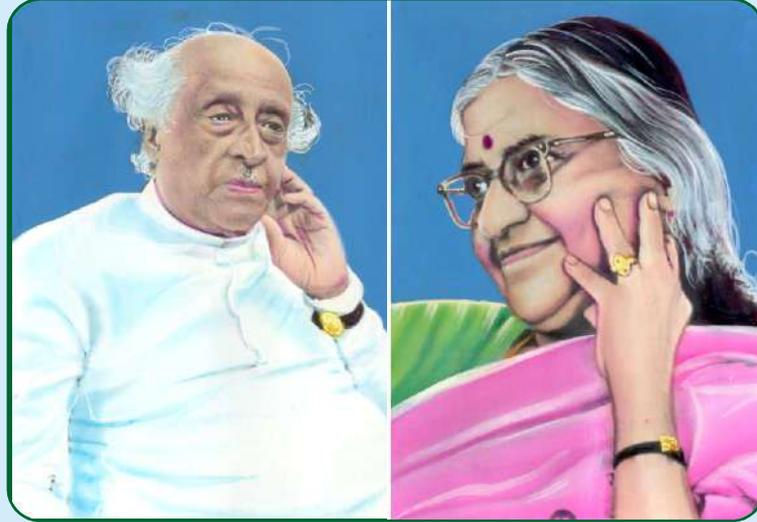


“Success Attends Where Truth Reigns”

- Gandhiji's Message on the inauguration of Gandhigram on 7th Oct. 1947



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FOREWORD

“Change for progress” means making changes that lead to improvement and advancement, rather than just change for its own sake. While change is inevitable and can be a neutral alteration of the current state, progress specifically involves beneficial or positive change that moves towards a desirable goal or situation. To achieve change for progress, individuals and organizations must be willing to adapt, embrace the process, and direct efforts toward a better future. In other words, change is the act of becoming different or altering something, while progress is the successful change that brings about gradual betterment. Change can sometimes be random or directionless, initiated by a desire to escape a negative situation. Progress, however, is always directed, aiming for a specific goal or an improved state.

Gandhigram founded on 7th October, 1947 has now completed its 78th year of committed social service and been stepping in to 79th year of its existence. When we came to this site where to community now stands, 78 years ago, it was just an empty, open and barren land with not even a tree or a brick on it. Today it is a lovely and smiling campus, nestling in the shadows of Sirumali Hills and several hundreds of trees now wave their heads in the brilliant sun shine.

The practice of reminding any group that all change may not be progress, but all progress is the result of change when introducing a new program has a positive effect. The idea communicates clearly that while there is no guarantee this new program will work, there is a possibility of improvement. On the other hand, if we don't try something new, there is no possibility of improvement or progress. This understanding creates an environment where people rally and take the approach: Let's give it our best shot and see if we can make something positive happen.



Gandhigram represents the efforts of a band of dedicated workers under the leadership of Dr. T. S. Soundram, our beloved Amma and Dr. G. Ramachandran, fondly called Mama to put into practice the Gandhian constructive programmes with such modifications, otherwise 'Changes for Progress'. Even though Gandhigram has grown and expanded beyond all our expectations, we have endeavoured to keep alive the original inspiration which came from Gandhiji, Founders and their successors - Padmashri V. Padmanabhan, Shri V. Krishnamoorthy, Chotta Anna, Vasanji Anna, Dr. Kousalya Devi, Shri. M. R. Rajagopalan and Shri. K. Shivakumar.

At this time for 'Changes for Progress', we remember all those who lifted up Gandhigram to this height. We have always had the supporting of and encircling warmth of our friends, well-wishers, donors, CSR funding agencies, the governments, our staff, workers and village communities who liberally extended us encouragement, goodwill, guidance and support, which we fervently cherish as our durable assets.



Dr. Shibu Shankaran

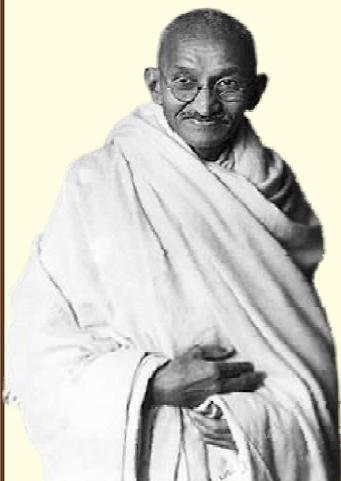
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“God created man to work for his food and said that those who ate without work were thieves. Bodily sustenance should come from bodily labour, and intellectual labour is necessary for the culture of the mind. Division of labour there will necessarily be, but it will be a division into various species of bodily labour and not a division into intellectual labour to be confined to one class and bodily labour confined to another class. Hence, you must teach the people to labour with their hands and realize the dignity of work.”

“The earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed”.

“The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our fore fathers, but on loan from our children. So, we have to handover to them at least”.

1. HEALTH and MEDICAL CARE

(Health Initiative and Health Care Services)

Kasturba Hospital:

As we continue our journey towards quality and patient safety, Kasturba Hospital has successfully completed the NABH renewal process, including the onsite assessment on 9th November 2024 and was awarded the accreditation certificate on 17th April 2025. This reaffirms our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of healthcare delivery.

Health Camps :

Kasturba Hospital conducted a comprehensive Health Check-up Programme for the staff of Dhan Foundation in May and June 2025. A total of 159 staff members benefited from this initiative, receiving thorough health assessments and medical guidance from our amplified team of doctors and nurses.

In collaboration with the Chinnalapatti Town Panchayat, a special medical camp was organised in July 2025 for staff and sanitary workers, led by Dr. Gandhimathinathan and Dr. Manickam. This reflected the hospital's commitment to extending healthcare services to the community.



Annual Patient Footfall :

This year, Kasturba Hospital has served 55,270 out-patients and 4,506 in-patients, conducted 956 deliveries (455 normal and 501 LSCS), performed 368 family planning procedures, 680 major and 387 minor operations, and fitted 309 artificial limbs. Rehabilitation and diagnostics also performed well with 2,000 physiotherapy sessions, 1,366 X-rays, 2,870 ECGs, 7,915 scans, and 1,199 echo cardiograms.

Enhancement of Infrastructure :

To strengthen patients-care, the hospital has added modern equipment including LED phototherapy units, an auto lumino analyser, a vacuum extractor, a transport incubator, and other critical devices such as HFNC, a ventilator with humidifier, a transport ventilator, an ambulance stretcher, and a birthing bed-with key contributions from Mistral Solutions Pvt. Ltd. These additions have enhanced the overall quality and safety of our services.

Key Milestones :

An important achievement is that this year Kasturba Hospital has received approval from the Government of Tamil Nadu to implement the Dr. Muthulakshmi *Maternity Benefit Scheme* from August 2025 onwards. Through this initiative, 84 antenatal mothers have already been supported, ensuring greater access to maternal healthcare and financial assistance during pregnancy.

2. EDUCATION and LEARNING IMPACT

Dr. T.S. Soundram Vidhyalaya :

The School has a total of 220 students, comprising 125 boys and 95 girls. In addition to the regular academic curriculum, strong emphasis is placed on holistic development through initiatives in sports, music, computer education, and structured library reading sessions to build student competencies. Students actively participate in various competitions such as letter writing, essay writing, and drawing. The faculty members received comprehensive DOT curriculum training conducted in Virudhunagar and Rajapalayam, to enhance instructional quality. Mrs. Uma Ramesh and Senior Advisors from TVS-Lakshmi Vidhya Sang (LVS) visit our school every fortnight to monitor academic activities and provide valuable guidance to improve the student's learning outcomes. Further, the team engage with the school through regular onsite guidance visits.



Gandhigram Primary School :

For the academic year of 2025–2026, Gandhigram Primary School has a total enrolment of 114 students, comprising 77 boys and 67 girls. The school was shifted to a new building in the Thambithottam Higher Secondary School campus on April 30, 2025.

As part of statewide academic assessments, the Government of Tamil Nadu conducted the State Level Achievement Survey for students in Classes 3 and 5. In line with professional development, our teachers underwent online training in the Learning Management System (LMS) from 19.12.2024 to 10.01.2025.



Students actively participate in various sports activities and are encouraged to engage in educational and skill development programs. Student Selvan. Logeswaran won first prize at the zonal level and second prize at the district level in the Clay Sculpture Competition organized by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Monthly parent-teacher meetings are held regularly, where parents actively participate and engage with teachers to support their

children's academic progress. Selvi K.S. Neela, Secretary regularly visits the School to monitor academic activities. She provides guidance to teachers to help ensure the delivery of quality education to the students.

Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School :

The current student strength of Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School is 239. During the academic year 2024–2025, the school recorded an impressive pass percentage of 95% in Class 12th standard, 91% in Class 11th standard, and 84% in Class 10th standard.

In recognition of academic excellence, the District Social Welfare Officer honoured the top scorers in Classes 10th std. and 12th std. Mr. Saravanan, the District Collector of Dindigul, also appreciated their achievements and presented certificates, medals, and shields to the meritorious students. As a part of co-curricular activities, students from Classes 6th std. to 9th std. participated in the International Science Day celebrations organized by Gandhigram Rural Institute.

Ms. Carolin Selvarani, the newly appointed District Social Welfare Officer, visited Gandhigram Trust. During her visit, she held discussion with Dr. G. Pankajam, Managing Trustee and interacted with the students. She also visited the school, observing various vocational and skill development units, including typewriting, tailoring, basket making and fine arts.

Ms. Vennila from Velicham Trust conducted a special psychology session to enhance the mental wellness of teachers. Additionally, the TVS Curriculum Team, Ms. Uma



Ramesh, Ms. Selvi Santhosh and Ms. Seethalakshmi visited the school regularly and provided valuable guidance to improve infrastructure, campus cleanliness, and overall educational standards.

The parents' meeting was conducted on 16th July 2025, during which school headmistress and teachers interacted with the parents of newly admitted students. The rules and regulations of the school were explained in detail and moreover, the importance of parental involvement in their children's education was emphasized. Parents were actively encouraged to guide their children in adhering to school rules, fostering discipline and a supportive learning environment.

Thambithottam Higher Secondary School :

During the 2024–2025 academic year, students of Classes 10th std and 12th std achieved favourable academic results, securing pass percentages of 67% and 88% respectively. The total student strength of the school stands at 625.

Students have actively participated in various co-curricular competitions, including Urumi, Keyboard, Classical Music, and Clay Modelling. The school proudly secured first prizes in both the Urumi and Keyboard events, with the winners advancing to the state-level competitions.

An awareness programme was organized by the Dindigul Superintendent of Police Office, specifically for the Class 12th std boys. The session focused on anti-drug awareness, self-discipline and personal hygiene management. In addition, daily assembly sessions continue to reinforce the importance of saying no to drug.



Significant infrastructural improvements were made this year, including the construction of a compound wall, a bore well for the boys toilet, and the installation of a borewell with supporting infrastructure. Alumni support for the school has also been notable. In

1997 batch alumni generously donated steel benches and desks and provided a new school name board. The District Collector of Dindigul, in the presence of Dr. G. Pankajam, Managing Trustee of Gandhigram Trust, distributed deworming tablets to the students.

Lakshmi College of Education :

The second-year B.Ed. students of Lakshmi College of Education actively participated in a training program for the National Assessment Survey (NAS), organized by DIET, Oddanchatram, from November 22 to 27, 2024. During the survey, they were involved in field data collection across various schools in Dindigul district on December 3rd and 4th, 2024.

Lakshmi College of Education, in collaboration with Vivekananda College organized a one-day training programme on 15th March 2025, focusing on the structural and spiritual dimensions of classical and native temples. Students from our institution have also actively took part in various other events and initiatives, including *Ennum Eluthum*, awareness programmes on sexual harassment and international conferences.

In addition to this, students showcased their talents at the *Ghan Kumph Knowledge Conclave* conducted by Pondicherry University. In recognition of his outstanding performance, Mr. Prabhu Doss, a second-year student, secured first place in the South India-level speech competition, receiving both a cash award and a medal.

Furthermore, our college served as one of the examination centres for the Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University (TNTEU) B.Ed. and M.Ed. degree examinations, accommodating around 600 candidates between March 24 and April 9, 2025.



Dr. S. Manickam, Paediatrician, Kasturba Hospital along with his team, conducted a one-day First Aid awareness programme for B. Ed students on 10th July 2025. As part of the event, students from NCERT also presented a drama to enhance the learning experience.

3. SOCIAL WELFARE

Sowbhagya Illam :

A total of 97 children are currently residing and pursuing their education at the home. Tutors continue to provide academic support to both primary and higher secondary level students. In the 2024–2025 public examinations, all candidates have successfully passed — four girls from 12th standard, three students from 11th standard and three students from 10th standard.

Life skills training sessions were conducted by the District Welfare Officer and Counsellors to enhance the children’s personal development. To promote reading habits, children are encouraged to visit the library and read books every Saturday. Students from 9th to 12th standard also participated in an online career guidance programme organized by the Miracle Foundation.



The children have actively taken part in various district- and state-level competitions. Notably, three girls participated in a district level music and keyboard competition, securing the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Moreover, the children received training in traditional and creative arts such as Parai drumming, puppetry, Silambam (a traditional martial art), creative skills, Warli, moral painting and Mehendi art were facilitated

by the Educational Centre.

As per the instructions of the District Collector, a special camp was organized at Sowbhagya Illam by various government departments for issuing community certificates and birth certificates. The camp was coordinated by the Athoor Tahsildar, the Government Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Athoor, the Revenue Inspector and the Village Administrative Officer (VAO). On 10-08-2025, a Chief Minister’s Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme Camp was conducted at Sowbhagya Illam. A total of 98 children from 9 child care units benefited from the camp. We extend our sincere thanks to the District Child Protection Officer and their team for their support and efforts.

Avvai Ashram Residential Home & Santhi Hr. Sec. School for Hearing Impaired at Sivasailam :

Under the Gandhigram Trust, Avvai Ashram in Tenkasi District, operates the following four key institutions:

1. Children’s Home
2. Santhi School for Hearing-Impaired Children
3. Dr. Soundram School
4. Kasturba Crèche

In addition, an Evening Coaching Centre has been running to support students from the surrounding villages. Collectively, these initiatives benefit a total of 365 children through various educational and developmental programs.

◆ **Academic Achievements (2024–2025 Public Examinations)**

◆ **Children’s Home:** 18 students appeared for the 10th, 11th, and 12th public examinations and achieved a 100% pass rate.

◆ **Santhi School for Hearing-Impaired Children:** 26 students appeared for the 10th, 11th, and 12th standards. The 10th grade had a 72% pass rate, while the 11th and 12th grades achieved a 100% pass rate.

◆ **Evening Coaching Centre:** 29 students from the surrounding villages appeared for public examinations in the 10th, 11th, and 12th standards, all securing a 100% pass result.

◆ **The Friends Charitable Trust,** Tirunelveli, in collaboration with Karunai Kathir Trust and the Rice Merchants Association, awarded shields and certificates to students from both Avvai Ashram and Santhi School who secured the top three ranks in the recent public examinations for grades 10, 11, and 12. Shri Ramakrishnan, Mayor of Tirunelveli Corporation, personally presented the appreciation certificates to the students.

◆ **Skill Development and Guidance Programmes**

◆ **Skill Training:** Children from the Children’s Home participated in a 60-day skill training programme organized by Evergreen ITI, commencing on 24th November 2024.

◆ **Career Guidance :** A specialized career guidance programme was organized for hearing-impaired children, facilitated by District Employment Officer Mr. Marutha Boopathy. Additionally, 19 children from the Children’s Home attended a career guidance session at Vels Vidhyalaya School, organized by VAMA Trust.

◆ **Co-curricular Development Activities**

◆ A summer camp focussing on traditional games, arts and culture was held on 5th May by Kalaivani Kalvi Maiyam, with 28 children from the Children’s Home and 7 children from Sowbhagya Illam, Gandhigram Trust participating in the programme.

◆ **Community Outreach**

Physiotherapy camps were conducted in Ambasamuthiram, Kadayam and surrounding Sivasailam villages, benefiting over 1,200 individuals through accessible and essential healthcare services.



4. EMPLOYMENT / INCOME GENERATION

Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust :

The Khadi Trust has made significant efforts to strengthen the Khadi and Village Industries. It actively participated in “The Fabric of Freedom, The Language of Fashion India” event held at the International Centre, New Delhi, from 18th to 23rd October 2024. The Trust also took part in the Gandhi Jayanthi Expo at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai, where it showcased newly developed Khadi fabric products.

The Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust continued its dedicated efforts to strengthen and expand the Khadi and Village Industries sector. The Trust actively participated in “The Fabric of Freedom – The Language of Fashion India” exhibition held at the International Centre, New Delhi, from 18th to 23rd October 2024. Additionally, the Trust showcased newly developed Khadi fabric innovations at the Gandhi Jayanthi Expo conducted at Gandhi Mandapam, Chennai. Advancing its mission through continuous innovation and diversification the Trust introduced a new Floor and Toilet Cleaner(500ml) and installed a rotary roasting drum to enhance production efficiency. Further, a range of screen-printed Khadi sarees was launched, primarily targeting students and the youth segment. The product portfolio was also strengthened with the development of new herbal soaps, including Natural Red Sandalwood with *Kacholam* Soap and *Kuppaimeni* Bath Soap.



As part of its industry–academia collaboration initiative, the Trust signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GTN Arts College, Dindigul, on 13th December 2024, to provide students with industrial exposure and promote Khadi awareness. The agreement was signed by Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust, and Dr. Saravanan, Principal, GTN Arts

College. A similar MoU was executed with SSM Arts College, Dindigul, on 7th February 2025 to strengthen Khadi-centered education and practical training. Dr. G. Pankajam, Managing Trustee, along with Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary and Sri M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer represented the Trust during these collaborations.

The Trust efficiently completed the supply and collection process for the TN-Khadi Board order valued at Rs.27 lakhs, reflecting strong operational coordination, planning and timely execution supported by effective teamwork. A noteworthy milestone during the year was achieving official trademark certification for the Gandhigram logo in April 2025, following three years of dedicated effort. This recognition marks a significant accomplishment in strengthening the Trust's brand identity and securing legal protection.



Lakshmi Seva Sangham (LSS) :

Government Supplies – Tampcol & Devasthanams

LSS successfully participated in the Tamil Nadu e-tender for supplying Siddha and Ayurveda medicines to the Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM) wing through Tampcol in January and March 2025,. We supplied 15 types of medicines valued at Rs.75.32 lakhs during this period.

Capacity Building Initiatives

- A session on labelling requirements for packaging was organized in coordination with the FSSAI on 2nd September 2024.



- On 26th October 2024, a training on workplace well-being was conducted by Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation, Madurai and organized by Mental Health Care Project, Kasturba Hospital.

● An awareness programme on Pharmacovigilance was held in association with the peripheral unit of the Pharmacovigilance Department. Ten employees participated in the FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification) programme on 9th July 2025.

Outreach Camps

A comprehensive medical check-up was conducted for 96 children at children's home on 6th and 7th November 2024. Medical camps were organized at MVM College on 12th March 2025 and in Palani on 25th April 2025 in collaboration with the Indian Nirman Sangh and its local SHG Federation. On 6th August 2025, a medical camp was conducted at Reaching the Unreached (RTU), G. Kallupatti.



New Drug Licenses and Product Launches

LSS has obtained new Sastric drug licenses for three Ayurvedic products on 23rd December 2024 in Kungumathi Thailam, Vanaharithra Churanam, and Ashwagandha Churanam. Further, our product line has increased through introducing the following new items to the market: Kungumathi Thailam, Madhulai Manappagu, Amukkara Churanam Mathirai+, and Karisali Mathirai.



Dr. Soundram Trust :

Dr. Soundram Trust, named after the Founder of Gandhigram Institutions (Late) Dr. Mrs. T. S. Soundram Amma, was registered under Indian Trust Act and started functioning in 2009. It started with Gandhigram Press, which was functioning under Lakshmi Seva Sangham until then. Now the Gandhigram Press, under Dr. Soundram Trust has been named as 'Publication Division'. It is very exciting to know how Gandhigram Press was started as early in 1950, with three workers and with a capital investment of Rs. 5,000/-, donated by Dr. T. S. Soundram. The amount was gifted to her by her mother, Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal, for buying some gold jewels. Amma's vision was otherwise. She envisioned providing employment to rural poor, especially to women through this unit and to fulfill the printing and stationery requirements of different departments of Gandhigram



After the establishment of Dr. Soundram Trust the management felt that there was only one unit in the Trust, bearing the name Soundram Amma. So, in the middle of 2010 two more units were merged with the Trust – i.e., Natural Dyeing Research & Training Division and Sanitary Napkin Manufacturing Division.

Natural dyes are colorants obtained from plant sources like roots, berries, bark, leaves; invertebrates; minerals; fungi; and lichens. Sourcing colours from roots, nuts, and flowers produces a vibrant palette including hues like yellow, orange, blue, red, green, brown and grey. With a rich history dating back to 1983, Gandhigram excels in producing fabric with natural dye colours and even cultivates dye plants in its campus. Gandhigram has facilitated capacity building training for stakeholders throughout Tamil Nadu and beyond. As a viable alternative to chemical dyes, natural dyes offer environmental benefits and can be organically grown. Current increasing demands for healthy and eco-friendly products have driven Gandhigram to expand and modernise the present facility at Gandhigram, this provides employment opportunities for local women.



- "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver".
- "Eat and drink in order to make bodies temples of God and to use them for the service of man" and his belief that neglected water supply is responsible for many diseases.

Dr. Soundram Trust has given employment to rural poor women and men, who are from in and around Gandhigram. The Publication Division, in addition to publishing booklets, undertakes publishing of Newsletters both in Tamil and English, catering to the needs of stationery requirements of the units of Gandhigram Trust. On the other hand, the Natural Dyes Division imparts training on the process of natural dyeing of fabrics and yarns to selected charitable NGOs and private concerns which are dealing with and interested in natural dyeing. In addition to some outside customers, this division is getting most of the job orders for natural dyeing of yarns and fabrics from Gandhigram Khadi & Village Industries Public Charitable Trust.

In the financial year ending on 31st March 2025, the Publication Division has achieved a total turnover of Rs. 10.95 lakh while the Natural Dyes Research & Training Division has earned Rs. 4.09 lakhs. In the current financial year, the turnover of Publication Division is Rs. 4.82 lakh up to Sep. 2025 and the Natural Dyes Division has earned Rs. 3.53 lakh.

5. EXTENSION / PROJECTS

VILLAGE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES :

Tailoring Training for the Tribal Women

Gandhigram Trust, in partnership with the international organization 'USHA,' launched a sewing training programme to enhance the livelihoods of tribal women. Fifteen women from Self-Help Groups in Kodaikanal area of Dindigul district were selected for this initiative with the support of Arogyagam, NGO and Srinivasan Services Trust. The programme was jointly coordinated by Mr. Vadivel, Training Head of USHA, Mrs. Ramuthai, Mrs. Bhuvaneshwari, Extension team, Gandhigram Trust, Mr. Kumanan and Mr. Rajesh from Srinivasan Services Trust and Mr. Sathasivam from Arogyagam.



The training was conducted from 4th to 12th October 2024. Mrs. Kalaiselvi, USHA trainer has provided comprehensive training on technical and non-technical aspects. At the conclusion of the programme, Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary Gandhigram Trust, distributed free tailoring machines to the participants. As a result, the trained women now earn between Rs.100 and Rs.600 per day. They have begun offering affordable sewing training to other young women in their communities, thereby expanding the impact of the initiative.



Gandhigram Trust with the task of managing Self-Help Group (SHG) in their operational regions. Ms. [Name], Extension staff and Ms. Nagavalli, leader have been playing a key role in conducting structured SHG training provided for newly recruited staff. These efforts equip the team with understanding of concepts, community engagement and field-level implementation.

Gandhigram Trust has also undertaken an evaluation of 3200 SHGs in 13 clusters. This evaluation involved assessing the overall impact on women's livelihoods and overall impact on women's livelihoods. The findings will serve as a valuable tool in guiding future interventions.

The action plan covers specific interventions, the effectiveness and sustainability of the interventions.

Environmental and Infrastructure

Initiated the environment heritage, a chain-link fence has been installed around the Chota Anna Tree, a site of significance within the Gandhigram area around the tree has been planted and regular maintenance of plants.



In support of sustainable water management, four water recharge pits have been strategically dug across the Trust's campus. These pits are designed to collect and retain rainwater during the monsoon season, thereby aiding in the natural replenishment of groundwater levels. This initiative not only supports the Trust's ecological sustainability goals but also serves as a model for effective water conservation practices in semi-arid regions.

Children's Welfare and Educational Support

The Chota Anna Family Fund (CAFF) team has facilitated the successful placement of children into the Caterpillar programme, an initiative focused on nurturing young minds through holistic education and emotional support. This program plays a crucial role in fostering a secure and enriching environment for children to grow, learn, and thrive.

In addition, CAFF has generously contributed financial support to Sowbhgaya Illam and Kasturba Sevikashram, the two key institutions under the Trust. These contributions ensure the ongoing support, daily maintenance and improved living conditions for the residents, enabling the institutions to operate more effectively.

CAFF has also undertaken the repair and creative repurposing of furniture at Soundaram Vidyalaya. These efforts, they are being restored and adapted to suit the needs of these institutions but also promotes eco-

Financial support was provided by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for Sustainable Access to Market and Resources for Mental Health Services to the local Athoor Block. This support has been extended with funding support from a grant from the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (INA-SCI Technology India Private Limited) to support the construction of additional adjacent blocks - Nilakottai and

In the last nine months, we have enrolled 178 new students. We have conducted programmes over 20 community-based adolescent awareness sessions, over 15 Mental Health awareness sessions for pregnant women and 22 awareness sessions for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Health Mission community members.



Through these programmes, we have directly reached over 3000 people. 169 cases have been referred to District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), 2 homeless mentally-ill people have been rescued and admitted to Rehabilitation facility (ECRC) at Madurai. This year we have also taken up Mental Health Awareness in the workplace. Till date, a total of 639 beneficiaries have been enrolled and treated in our project.

Early Intervention Project

Gandhigram Trust is implementing an Early Intervention Project for children with disabilities in 0–14 years of age in the Athoor Block of Dindigul District. The project is supported by **SANMINA-SCI TECHNOLOGY INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**, with funding from March 2024 to March 2025 and an extended support period from 1st April to 30th September 2025, **SANMINA Tech Services India Pvt Ltd (STSIPL)**.

The primary objective of the project is to deliver both home-based and centre-based therapy services to children. 181 children have been screened and identified. Based on the needs, the project team has been providing speech therapy, special education, Physiotherapy and occupational therapy.

Comprehensive Child Health Evaluation and Specialist Referrals

Clinical assessments for 94 children were successfully completed by a specialist clinical psychologist in Madurai. Detailed reports were shared with their parents, along with thorough explanations and guidance on the necessary follow-up actions. Additionally, general health screenings were conducted by Dr.Meenakshi Krishnan, Project Director for 108 children. Based on the findings, 33 children were referred to specialists for further evaluation, including paediatric neurology, blood tests (such as CBC and TFT), physical assessments, hearing and vision screenings, as well as cardiac, neurological and orthopaedic evaluations.

Establishment of a Child Rehabilitation Centre

A Child Rehabilitation Centre has been set up in the Kasturba Hospital campus, equipped with essential therapy tools and resources to support physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and special education. The centre is dedicated in promoting the overall development and well-being of children. It has been functioning on every Friday and Saturday, providing therapy services to approximately 10 to 15 children.



6. CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Gandhigram Cultural Committee has consistently taken proactive steps in organizing and conducting a variety of cultural and social events that reflect the values and traditions of Gandhigram. As part of these ongoing efforts, the Committee recently celebrated two meaningful occasions with enthusiasm and community participation.



The celebration of Tagore Day was held on 7th August in front of the New RCRT building, marking a moment of reflection and respect for the ideals of Rabindranath Tagore. The event commenced with a special oath-taking ceremony by the children of Dr. T.S. Soundaram Vidyalaya and Kasturba Sevikashram, where they pledged their commitment to the preservation and importance of nature.

In continuation of this theme, five Kapak tree saplings, generously donated by CAFF, were planted to symbolize the community's dedication to environmental sustainability and green living. The event was initiated in the presence of Shri M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Gandhigram Trust.

On the auspicious occasion of Krishna Jayanthi, the Gandhigram Cultural Committee organized another event in front of the Papad Unit. The celebration saw enthusiastic participation from children of Sevikashram and Sowbhgaya Illam. The program began with a soulful prayer song performed by the children of the Children's Home, setting a devotional and festive tone. This was followed by a variety of cultural performances by the children of Illam, showcasing their talents through songs, dances, and skits themed around Lord Krishna's life and values.

The highlight of the event was a traditional tree-climbing competition which saw energetic participation by the boys of the Children's Home. Additionally, the girls from Sevikashram and the Children's Home took part in a lively pot-breaking (uri adi) event. These traditional games brought an authentic festive spirit to the celebration. The winners of the competitions were awarded cash prizes by Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary of Gandhigram Trust, in recognition of their efforts and participation.



Outward filth is only a sign of the uncleanness in our minds. While people freely dirty their surroundings by littering, spitting, and openly urinating and defecating which lead to unhygienic and unsanitary neighbourhoods and cities, industries pollute the environment with waste and hazardous chemicals. The pollution of air and water, lack of personal hygiene, as well as the contamination and corruption of our minds are a major impediment to a healthy, happy, and progressive nation.

7. IMPORTANT EVENTS

Visit of Shri Manoj Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman , KVIC to Avvai Ashram :

Shri Manoj Kumar, Hon'ble Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Mumbai, visited Avvai Ashram on July 30, 2025. He was accompanied by senior officials from the Commission. He visited the Khadi weaving and tailoring units, as well as the other initiatives of the Ashram.

He also interacted with the children of the Children's Home and Santhi Higher Secondary School for hearing impaired students. Shri M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Gandhigram Trust welcomed the dignitaries, and Dr. V.Balamurugan, Deputy Correspondent of the unit, provided an overview of its various activities.

Shri Manoj Kumar elaborated on the benefits of Khadi and highlighted the campaign, themed "*Khadi for Nation and Khadi for Fashion*", promoted under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. He emphasized that modern Khadi products now cater to the preferences of the younger generation and assured the continued support of KVIC to Gandhigram Trust and Avvai Ashram.



Encouraging the children of their educational growth he wished well and urged to contribute positively to society and the nation. He distributed Khadi kits containing Khadi and Village Industries products for daily use. Furthermore, he instructed the Divisional Director of KVIC to allocate Rs.1 lakh from the Swachh Bharat Grant to support campus cleanliness activities of Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam. Shri Manoj Kumar announced his willingness to donate one month's salary towards developmental activities for the differently-abled children of Santhi School.

Mega Medical Camp at Kasturba Hospital :

A mega special medical camp was formally inaugurated with a lamp-lighting ceremony on February 21, 2025. The camp was attended by Dr. G. Pankajam, Managing Trustee, Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary, M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Dr. N. Gandhimatinathan, Chief Administrator of Kasturba hospital, Dr.N.Panchanatham, Vice Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dr. N. Jayachandran, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Vanaja, Director, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health & Family Welfare Trust, Mrs. Pradeepa Kanagaraj, Chairman of Chinnalapatti Town Panchayat.



A team of seven specialists from Madurai Rajaji Government Hospital, including experts in general medicine, cardiology, radiology, maternal and child health, ENT, orthopaedics, and general surgery gave medical consultations and advice. They have also educated patients on important health issues such as uterine trauma and breast cancer. Mental health care and early intervention project team distributed awareness materials and pamphlets.

Free diagnostic services, including haemoglobin testing, blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar tests, NUB, T2D, T3D, and scans, were provided to the patients. Eye examinations were also carried out in collaboration with Madurai Aravind Eye Hospital. A total of 1200 participants benefited from the comprehensive medical services.

Women's Economic up-liftment through Traditional Skills - Sivasailam :

A skill training programme was organized on October 6, 2024, at Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam to enhance the livelihoods of rural women. The focus of the training was to introduce and promote traditional weaving as a sustainable means of income generation. Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust, outlined the structure and benefits of the weaving training programme. The training program was formally launched on the occasion of Vijayadashami, with six women from nearby villages enrolled initially. The training was scheduled to run for three months.



Mr. Pitchai, the Trainer from T. Subbulapuram region, provided an in-depth demonstration of the weaving techniques. Ms. Sirengam, Secretary of Avvai Ashram, spoke about how the weaving initiative not only supports household income but also contributes to the national economy. Dr. V.Balamurugan, Deputy Correspondent, Avvai Ashram, encouraged the women to take active roles in natural dyeing and tailoring units as well.

Transport Facilites for the students :



Students from nearby villages attend Thambithottam Higher Secondary School, managed by the Gandhigram Trust. However, limited and infrequent Government bus services often caused delays, making it difficult for students to reach school on time. To address this issue, the school's alumni generously donated a new bus worth Rs.14 lakhs, ensuring timely and reliable transportation. The bus was formally handed over in the presence of Dr.G.Pankajam, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust and M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Gandhigram Trust.

This initiative has significantly improved students' access to education by breaking transportation barriers. Mistral Solutions Pvt. Ltd. generously contributed a vehicle valued at Rs.25 lakhs to Sowbhagya Illam, significantly enhancing transportation facilities for students commuting between home and school. This initiative greatly improves student safety and supports regular and timely school attendance, reflecting a strong commitment to their well-being and education.

Besides this vehicle, Mistral Solutions have made a generous donation of Rs.20,50,000/- for the financial year 2024-25 four units of Gandhigram Trust- both educational and welfare, namely Sowbhagya Illam (Children's Home), Gandhigram Primary School, Thambithottam Higher Secondary School and Kasturba Hospital are immensely benefitted.



True education must correspond to the surrounding circumstances or it is not a healthy growth.

International Women's Day Celebration :

International Women's Day was observed globally on 8th March every year, highlights the ongoing need for societal change to ensure women's rights, equality, and empowerment. In celebrating the occasion, the Gandhigram Trust organized a function on March 15, 2025 at Dr. Soundaram Manimandapam. It was presided over by Dr. G. Pankajam, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust. Selvi. K.S.Neela, Correspondent of Sowbhgya Illam, spoke about the remarkable contributions of Dr. T.S. Soundaram Amma, founder of Gandhigram, emphasizing her tireless efforts towards uplifting women, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds through education, employment, rehabilitation and political empowerment.



Ms. Shobhana Ramachandhran, President of Lakshmi Seva Sangham and Managing Director, TVS Sri Chakra Tyres, Madurai in her special address, reflected her admiration towards Dr. Soundaram Amma's pioneering work in women's welfare. As a part of Women's Day celebration, outstanding women employees from various sectors were recognized for their best services. Mrs. Mayadevi of Lakshmi Seva Sangham and Mrs. Mahalakshmi of Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam were honoured with medals and shields for their exemplary contributions.

Hospital Day Celebration :

The Hospital Day was celebrated on 27th February, 2025. The chief guest, Dr.N.Panchanatham, Vice Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram and Dr.Vanaja, Director, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health & Family Welfare Trust, Gandhigram graced the occasion. The Vice Chancellor, in his special address emphasized the fact that Hospital Day is a momentous occasion to celebrate the dedication, compassion, and resilience of healthcare professionals who work tirelessly to heal, support, and comfort patients. It is a day to honour not only the doctors and nurses but also every staff member whose contributions keep the hospital functioning as a sanctuary of hope and healing.



Cultural events were performed by the children and staff. Through heartfelt speeches, cultural programmes, and recognition ceremonies, the Hospital Day function serves as a tribute to the spirit of service and humanity that defines the medical profession. Dr. Gandhimathinathan, Chief Administrator, Kasturba Hospital thanked the Staff, patients and well-wishers for their supports.

Audiology Evaluation Camp under EI Project :

As a part of Early Intervention project's screening initiative, over 40 children with speech and hearing impairments were identified. Due to financial and personal challenges, many parents were unable to obtain the recommended audiology and Speech evaluations from the Government Hospital in Dindigul. To address this gap, an ENT screening camp was organized on 9th November 2024 with the support of the Madras ENT Research Foundation (MERF).

A dedicated team of 12 professionals from MERF—including an ENT surgeon, nurses, audiologists and speech therapists—conducted comprehensive assessments for the identified children. Among them, seven children were diagnosed with profound hearing loss and were deemed eligible for Cochlear Implant surgery. This procedure, ideally performed before the age of six, significantly improves speech development. The children will follow the structured speech therapy. All test reports and evaluation results were provided to the respective parents for further action.



Additionally, follow-up arrangements for detailed audiology and speech evaluations were coordinated in Chennai. Three children diagnosed with conductive hearing loss were provided with hearing aids valued at 1,50,000, free of cost of the courtesy of MERF. One child was enrolled at Santhi Higher Secondary School for the Deaf and Dumb, a unit of Gandhigram Trust located in Sivasailam, Tenkasi District.

International Nurses Day :

International Nurses Day is celebrated annually on May 12 to honour Florence Nightingale's legacy. This year, the Day was observed at Kasturba Hospital on June 3, 2025. The event began with a warm welcome by Mrs. Priyadarshini, Principal of the Nursing School. A lamp-lighting ceremony was led by key dignitaries, including Ms. Shobhana Ramachandran, Managing Director of TVS Sri Chakra Tyre and Trustee of Gandhigram Trust, Dr. Prajanna, Managing Director of Aravind Eye Hospital,

Dr. Gandhimathinathan, Chief Administrator of Kasturba Hospital, Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust, Mr. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Gandhigram Trust and Nurses. Mrs. Meenakshi, Nursing Superintendent of Kasturba Hospital led the nursing pledge, and Staff Nurse Lourdes Christina shared insights on Florence Nightingale and the significance of the day.



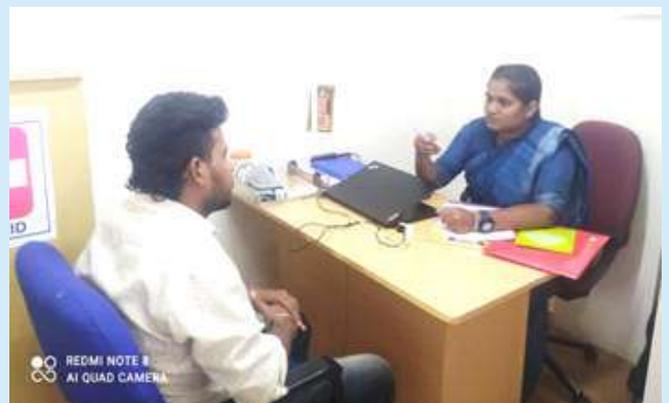
Ms. Shobhana Ramachandhran and Dr. Prajanna presented mementos to the nurses and praised their dedication. In her special address, Ms. Shobhana Ramachandhran highlighted the nurses' compassion and ethical service. Dr. Prajanna in his address emphasized the vital role of nursing, advocating for equitable healthcare and teamwork to restore the Dr. Gandhimathinathan reiterated that nurses are the hospital's backbone and stressed collaboration for future growth.hospital's former excellence.

The Independence Day Celebration was held on 15th August 2025. The event was honoured by Dr. N. Panjanatham, Vice Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary, and Mr. M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Gandhigram Trust. The event was marked by patriotic fervour, cultural programmes, and reaffirmation of our collective commitment to the ideals of freedom and service.

Empowering Employees Mental Health under MH Project :

On May 30, 2025, the Mental Health Care Project team conducted an awareness programme at Bella - Hygienic Care Pvt. Ltd. and engaged with staff at Jasmine Industries in Ambathurai. Dr. Meenakshi Krishnan, Project Director, highlighted the importance of mental health, especially in underserved areas, and explained disorders like Schizophrenia and Bipolar Disorder in simple terms. She also emphasized the WHO's definition of health, which includes mental and social well-being.

Mrs. Dhivya Priya, Social Worker discussed the signs of depression and anxiety and their effects on daily life. Participants engaged with educational materials and completed screening questionnaires. Mrs. Sumathra, Counsellor spoke on adolescent mental health and the role of counselling. She urged parents to balance care with discipline, raised concerns about issues like mobile phone addiction and substance abuse and stressed the need for proper guidance.



About 110 participants attended the programme. Following the session at Bella, five employees underwent mental health evaluations. Two were referred for medication, two for de-addiction treatment at a Government Hospital. One participant was referred for counselling due to family issues. Bella's management appreciated the team's quick response and has committed to prioritizing employee mental health. They plan to present the findings at an upcoming leadership meeting.

An Inspiring Arangetram of Sowbhagya Illam Children :

On 28th June 2025, five talented girls from Sowbhagya Illam (Children's Home) performed their **Bharatanatyam Arangetram** at Dr. T.S. Soundram Manimandapam. They have dedicated themselves in learning the art for the past five years and delivered an impressive performance.

Arangetram was presided over by Dr. G. Pankajam, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust. Mr. B. Sathyanarayanan, Dindigul District Child Protection Officer, the chief guest graced the occasion. Ms. Uma Ramesh, Curriculum Head from TVS, gave a felicitation address and commended the children's dedication and extended her heartfelt blessings. The children also received warm wishes and encouragement from Dr. Shibu Shankaran, Secretary and Sri M.G. SivaSubraManian, Treasurer, Gandhigram Trust. Our well-wishers and generous donors, Mr. K. Ananthanarayanan & Mrs. Vishalatchi Ananthanarayanan and

These girls are now aspire to pursue dance as a profession. With continued guidance and opportunities, they have the potential to become Bharatanatyam teachers. There is also scope for them to secure Government positions as dance instructors in schools or to establish their own dance centres in the future.



8. OUR WELL-WISHERS AND DONORS

We thank, appreciate and recognize the donors, well-wishers and philanthropists whole heartedly for their generous support in strengthening the vision and mission of founders. We wish that this help continues to support Gandhigram in the years to come to achieve the goal of Holistic Village Development, envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi and our Founders.

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Conclusion:

Our esteemed Institution tirelessly takes a step ahead towards the realm of knowledge, and glorious future of the whole domain of Gandhigram. At this juncture we register our gratitude for all the donors and well-wishers who have constantly contributed and shouldered with us for the growth of Gandhigram.

9. GANDHIGRAM TRUST IN NEWS

இந்து தமிழ் திசை

சிவசைலம் ஆவ்வை ஆசிரமம் 71-வது ஆண்டு விழா

புதுச்சேரி
கனடா, அமெரிக்கா, லண்டன் உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு நாடுகளில் இருந்து 71-வது ஆண்டு விழா 2 நாட்கள் நடைபெற்றது. விழாவின் மூலம் சிவசைலம் ஆசிரமத்தின் செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்து உலகளாவிய அளவில் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், சிவசைலம் ஆசிரமத்தின் செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்து உலகளாவிய அளவில் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், சிவசைலம் ஆசிரமத்தின் செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்து உலகளாவிய அளவில் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.

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சிவசைலத்தில் இயற்கை முகாம் நடந்தது. சிவசைலம் ஆசிரமத்தின் கதர் ஆணைய தலைவர் கண்காணார்பாடல் செய்தார். கதர் தொழிலாளர்களின் கலந்துகொள்ளும் விழா, கதர் தொழிலாளர்களின் கலந்துகொள்ளும் விழா, கதர் தொழிலாளர்களின் கலந்துகொள்ளும் விழா.



Khadi Yatra - from Gandhigram to Chinnalapatti on 17.10.2025

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

SUNDARAM & SRINIVASAN
Chartered Accountants

No. 23, First Floor,
First Street, Visalakshipuram,
Madurai - 625 014, India

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF GANDHIGRAM TRUST,
GANDHIGRAM - 624302**

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of M/s. GANDHIGRAM TRUST, GANDHIGRAM - 624302 ("the Trust"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025, Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policy and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state affairs of the Trust as at 31st March 2025 and its Surplus for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and the disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal financial control relevant to the Trust's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Trust in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India as applicable. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Management is also responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We report that:

- (a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

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- (b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Trust so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- (c) The Balance Sheet and the Income & Expenditure account dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.

For **Sundaram & Srinivasan**
Chartered Accountants
ICAI Firm registration no. 004207S


K S Rajagopalan
Partner
ICAI Membership no. 023919
Place : **Madurai**
Date : **20.09.2025**
ICAI UDIN :



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Gandhigram Trust, Gandhigram
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

(In Rupees)

Particulars	Note	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Funds			
Funds	3	37,16,88,381	36,49,80,056
Reserves and surplus	4	-	-
		37,16,88,381	36,49,80,056
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	5	34,63,027	26,01,095
Other current liabilities	6	1,00,20,032	76,28,014
		1,34,83,059	1,02,29,109
Total		38,51,71,440	37,52,09,165
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	10,57,24,353	10,48,40,172
Non-current investments	8	2,525	2,525
Other non-current assets	9	9,38,63,368	4,27,40,227
		19,95,90,246	14,75,82,924
Current assets			
Inventories	10	47,41,167	40,70,594
Trade receivables	11	35,14,317	36,56,740
Cash and bank balances	12	90,19,909	1,01,25,321
Other Bank balances	12	14,79,79,614	17,32,80,959
Loans and Advances	13	36,60,794	50,98,005
Other current assets	14	1,66,65,393	3,13,94,622
		18,55,81,194	22,76,26,241
Total		38,51,71,440	37,52,09,165

Brief about the Entity 1
 Summary of significant accounting policies 2
 The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

For Gandhigram Trust

As per our report of even date
For Sundaram & Srinivasan
 Chartered Accountants
 Firm Registration No. : 004207S


Dr. G. Pankajam
 Managing Trustee


Dr. Shibu Shankaran
 Secretary


K.S. Rajagopalan
 Partner

Membership No:- 23919

Date : 20.09.2025
 Place : Gandhigram



Date : 20.09.2025
 Place : Madurai

Gandhigram Trust, Gandhigram
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2025

(In Rupees)

Particulars	Note	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
I Income from Activities	15	24,77,99,057	23,54,96,068
II Other Income	16	2,81,89,590	1,85,10,844
III Total Income (I+II)		27,59,88,647	25,40,06,912
IV Expenses:			
Purchase of stock in trade	17	1,68,75,460	1,67,23,769
Changes in inventories of stock-in trade	18	(6,70,573)	64,380
Employee benefits expense	19	16,04,65,176	15,14,88,393
Depreciation and amortization expense	20	1,32,31,800	1,32,28,529
Other expenses	21	7,78,70,002	5,79,36,720
Total expenses		26,77,71,865	23,94,41,791
V Surplus/(Deficit) before tax (III-IV)		82,16,782	1,45,65,121
VI Tax expense:			
Current tax		-	-
Deferred tax		-	-
VII Surplus/(Deficit) for the year (V-VI)		82,16,782	1,45,65,121

For Gandhigram Trust

As per our report of even date
For Sundaram & Srinivasan
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 Partner
 Membership No:- 23919

Date : 20.09.2025
 Place: Gandhigram

Date: 20.09.2025
 Place: Madurai



11. COMPLIANCE REPORT

IDENTITY

- + We are registered as a Trust under Indian Trust Act
- + Trust Deed is available
- + Sec. 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 valid for AY 2022-23 to AY-2026-27 vide Order No: AAATG4768ME20164 dt.31.12.2021 and with exemption under 80(G) valid for AY 2022-23 to AY 2026-2027 vide order No. URN. No-AAATG 4768MF 20212 dt. 31.12.2021.
- + We are registered under FCRA Act 2010 vide No. 0300087412021 dt. 29.05.2023 (FCRA Regn. No. 075940007). The renewed certificate is valid for a period of five years with effect from 01.10.2023.
- + Website www.gandhigram.org

NAME AND ADDRESS OF MAIN BANKERS :

- i) Canara Bank, Gandhigram – 624 302
- ii) State Bank of India, Ambathurai – 624 302.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AUDITOR :

M/s Sundaram & Srinivasan, Chartered Accountants,
No. 23, First Floor, First Street, Visalakshipuram, Madurai – 624 014.

- + The Board meets four times during the financial year.
- + The Minutes of the Board meeting are documented and circulated.
- + A Board rotation policy exists and is practiced.
- + The Board approves programmes, budgets, annual activity reports and audited financial statements.
- + The Board ensures the organization's compliance with laws & regulations.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY:

- + No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid to any Board Member, except remuneration to staff representative.

The following reimbursements have been made to Board Members:

- + Travelling expenses to attend Board Meetings : NIL
- + Total cost of international travels : NIL

HEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION:

- + Managing Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer : Honorary

LAKSHMI SEVA SHANGAM Managing Committee Members

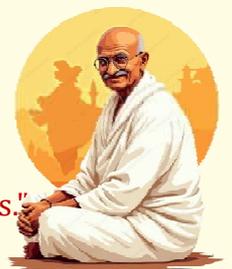
1 .	Ms. Shobhana Ramachandhran	President
2 .	Dr. G. Pankajam	Secretary
3 .	Shri. M.G. SivaSubraManian	Treasure
4 .	Shri. S.N. Karmegam	r Member
5 .	Shri. S. Venkatanarayanan	Member
6 .	Shri. N. Muthuvelayutham	Member
7 .	Dr. V. Ganapathy	Member
8 .	Dr. C. Pradeeph	Member
9 .	Mrs. M. Neela	Member
10.	Mrs. S. Maya	Member

Dr. SOUNDRAM TRUST Executive Committee Members

1 .	Dr. G. Pankajam	Managing Trustee
2 .	Dr. Shibu Shankaran	Secretary
3 .	Shri. M.G. SivaSubraManian	Treasurer
4 .	Mrs. Gita Ram	Member Member
5.	Ms. Shobhana Ramachandhran	

Gandhiji was a firm believer in the proverb "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," and was aware that lack of hygiene and sanitation were a menace which were not only responsible for various diseases and epidemics, but also was giving rise to social evils such as untouchability and discrimination.

Gandhi ji had said, "Outward filth is only a sign of the uncleanness in our minds." While people freely dirty their surroundings by littering, spitting, and openly urinating and defecating which lead to unhygienic and unsanitary neighbourhoods and cities, industries pollute the environment with waste and hazardous chemicals. The pollution of air and water, lack of personal hygiene, as well as the contamination and corruption of our minds are a major impediment to a healthy, happy, and progressive nation.



Dr. Soundram with National Leaders

