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## **FOREWORD**

### **Improving Rural Sanitation**

*Gandhiji says ‘Village sanitation, domestic cleanliness, personal hygiene and health care have the first place and also full scope, the underlying idea being that this done there can be no disease’. With this ideal Gandhigram Trust has focused on building Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHL) in Athoor, Nilakottai, Batalagundu, Reddiyarchatram and Vaamadurai blocks from April 2014 onwards. As of now 881 villages in these five blocks of Dindigul district have been covered.*

*Gandhigram Trust has provided both financial assistance and technical support in the construction of 3176 latrines and construction of 2576 latrines is in progress. With the help of ARGHYM, Bangalore, revolving funds and interest free loans have been provided to villagers for the construction of IHHL. The project team has conducted awareness campaigns in villages for latrine construction and training programmes were organized and conducted to selected community persons of IHHL, ThooimaiKavalars, PRIs, MGNREGA site workers and school organizers to promote clean village for solid waste management with the support of block officials.*

*A Handbook on ‘Construction of Low Cost IHHL in Swatchh Bharat Mission’ was published by Gandhigram Trust to guide those who are in need of constructing Low cost high efficient toilets.*

*Under Nirmal Bharat Abiyan Project, to make village people aware of the importance of IHHLs and to impart knowledge about spreading of various diseases due to open air defecation, World Toilet Day was celebrated in villages. A seminar was also conducted on ‘The role of Women in Village Sanitation’ in which Panchayat Presidents, Members and Self Help Group women participated.*

*Rural sanitation in India has a long way to go. In this regard, Gandhigram Trust takes pride in expediting the process of constructing IHHLs at low cost in villages so that by 2019 India could achieve the target of zero open air defecation.*

*Kasturba Hospital has received State Award from the Ministry of Health, Tamilnadu for achieving the highest number of sterilizations for the years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 among the voluntary organizations.*

*Redington (India) through its Foundation for CSR @ Redington is rendering services to Avvai Ashram of Gandhigram Trust, Sivasailam by introducing Smart Learning Centre, Smart Resource Centre and Evening Tuition Centre. It has also donated a van for children’s use.*

*We place our heartfelt thanks to all the Community members, Government departments, Donors and Funding Agencies and all other stakeholders for their financial and voluntary support and guidance they have extended in facilitating our work towards improving Village Sanitation.*

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## 1. ABOUT GANDHIGRAM TRUST

Gram Swaraj is that every village should be its own republic, “independent of its neighbours for its own vital wants and yet interdependent for many others in which dependence is necessary,” according to Gandhi, writing in 1942. Each village should be basically self-reliant, making provision for all necessities of life - food, clothing, clean water, sanitation, housing, education and so on, including government and self-defence, and all socially useful amenities required by a community. Perceiving such thoughts Dr. T. S. Soundram and Dr. G. Ramachandran set forth to make Swaraj a mission and Gandhigram evolved on October 7, 1947. Today we can lay claim to a vibrant ethos, concrete activities and a conviction that Swaraj is aspirable.

Since 1947, Gandhiji’s message to Gandhigram ‘Success attends where Truth reigns’ has been the impelling spirit guiding our efforts towards enabling people to achieve their potentialities. In the true spirit of Swaraj Gandhigram emphasizes local tradition, self-help and non-violence and its mission structures around

- ❖ Providing affordable access to essential services such as health, education etc.,
- ❖ Co-create knowledge and skills with local communities leveraging their traditional strengths and make these applicable to their lives.
- ❖ Generate employment and livelihood opportunities with a stress on self management.

With this mission, the Gandhigram Trust engages around five critical components of Social Welfare, Education, Health, Income Generation and Knowledge Management to attain the Vision of Holistic Development of Villages as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi.

## 2. SECTORWISE REPORT

### 2.1. Social Welfare

***Sowbhagya Illam:*** This home was started in the year 1947 by Dr.Soundram Amma and Mama Dr. G.Ramachandran, with one child under its care and now it has 196 children. The vision of the home is ‘To provide Care, Protection and Empowerment to the vulnerable children’. Here, every child is provided with ample opportunities to express his/her talents in a very conducive atmosphere of love and care. All the twelve children who appeared for the 12<sup>th</sup> Public exam passed and have joined various colleges for Higher Education. The Major events of this year are

- ❖ **Education for the 3Hs:** Education should be for the all round development of children -engaging their Head, Heart and Hands. To ensure this care is taken in Sowbhagya Illam to train the students to excel not only in academic aspect but also in fine arts and crafts. An Art and Craft workshop was conducted on 29-09-2014 and the children learned new skills to express their creative ideas.

During the summer vacation various workshops on creative craft works were conducted for the children according to their interest.



*Pot Painting*



*Embroidary Work*

- Pot Painting - 20 children
- Paper Quilling - 40 children
- Embroidery work - 20 children

The children participated in these workshops with zeal and created many beautiful crafts that were appreciated by all.

- ❖ **Catching the KKID Trophy:** 20 Children of Sowbhagya Illam participated in the KKID Trophy held at Karl Kubel Institute for Development of Education, Coimbatore between 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2014 and won the overall Trophy. It is noteworthy that the children earned 250 points and won this trophy. About 315 Children from 17 organizations of different States and Districts, participated.
- ❖ **V.K.Anna Memorial Trophy:** Shri. V. Krishnamoorthy Anna Memorial Trophy events were held on 12.01.2015 at Gandhigram Trust. 160 students from six schools around Gandhigram participated in all the programmes- Language skill, Art & crafts and sports events. Thambithottam Higher Secondary School won the overall championship for boys and Devangar Girls' Higher Secondary School won the overall championship for girls.
- ❖ **Read to Lead :** The reading habit is well nurtured in the children through a well equipped library. They also visited the book exhibition at Dindigul and Madurai and bought many books for the library.
- ❖ **Love Nature :** To create Environmental awareness many competitions were organized by Queen City Rotary Club. The children were also taken to Vaigai Dam and Thirumalaikeni for a Jolly ride.

### Selvi. P. Divya, Sowbhagya Illam speaks about online classes



Hi, my name is Divya studying 9<sup>th</sup> standard. Before attending the online classes my English language was very poor. After attending the online classes I have improved a lot. I can now read and speak English well. My vocabulary has developed. Since we have speaking, reading and writing practice through the online classes, it is now easier for me to score good marks in the English language paper. I now know correct spelling for many words which I usually spell wrong. And one more point, I can now operate computer as well. By attending this class, I realized the value of time and thus learnt punctuality as I should not keep my online teachers waiting online for me. Thanks to the elders for having arranged these classes for us. I take this opportunity to thank my online teachers too.

**Avvai Ashram at Sivasailam - Dr.Soundram Illam:** This Ashram which is set up in a beautiful landscape at Sivasailam houses 52 children. The important events of Soundram Illam this year are listed below.

- ❖ **Improving skills smartly by Redington:** The Foundation for CSR @ Redington has selected Avvai Ashram at Sivasailam Gandhigram Trust as one of the Centres in Tamil Nadu for implementing their activities. They have established a “**Smart Learning Centre**” on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015. To create



Smart Learning Centre at Avvai Ashram



Shri.S. Sankararaman in the Foundation Function of Boys Hostel Building

employability for rural graduates and sixty students from nearby colleges and villages around Sivasailam have joined the course. A “**Smart Resource Centre**” has also been setup through which English is to the students of Santhi School for Hearing Impaired though they are exempted English from their curriculum. An “**Evening Tuition Centre**” was started with the help of Redington which provides tuition teachers. Apart from our own students, forty students from outside are also benefited through this centre.

- ❖ **LIC's support for a new boys hostel building:** Thanks to the Golden Jubilee Foundation of LIC which offered a hostel building to the tune of Rs.24.75 lakhs for the boys of Avvai Ashram. The stone foundation function was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Shri M. Ulaganathan, Senior Divisional Manager participated and started the construction work in the presence of Shri S. Sankararaman, Correspondent and Ms. Srirangam, Secretary of Avvai Ashram.

- ❖ All the children who appeared for the S.S.L.C and +2 examinations in the year 2014-2015 have passed. Children are being given extra care in developing skills in drawing, music, dance and in Hindi.
- ❖ A tour to Trivendrum was arranged and it was a memorable experience to all the children.

## 2.2. EDUCATION

The Table 2.2 shows the strength of students in the various educational units of Gandhigram Trust.

Table 2.2

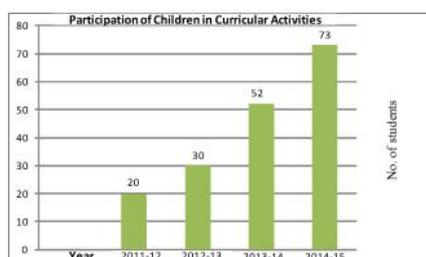
S.No	Educational Units	No.ofStudents
1.	Creches: Day Care Centres	200
2.	Gandhigram Primary School	285
3.	Dr.T.S.SoundramVidyalaya Nursery and Primary School	198
4.	Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Sec. School	180
5.	Santhi School for the Hearing Impaired	93
6.	Thambithottam Higher Secondary school	968
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**Creches:** There are eight crèches fostering the needs of the young children in villages. Children in the crèches are taken care in such a way that their parents leave them happily in the trusted hands of the staff. The children here learn through play way methods.

### Primary School:

The children here are taught through Activity Based Learning. Now adding to the joy of children this year a smart class room has got added. Children love to learn through multimedia content in this smart class. There is more interaction and enthusiasm in children through this effort. Thanks to the donors Sri Anantha Narayanan and Dr Vijay Anand.

Apart from quality education, the school imparts value education and Yoga to the children. The children are encouraged to take part in co-curricular activities and this year more number of students participated than last year in the competitions held on various important days such as Children's Day, National Science Day, World Environment Day, Kamarajar Day and Bharathiar Day.



Participation of Primary School Children in co-curricular activities



Children doing Yoga at TSSVPNS

### **Dr. T.S. Soundram Vidyalaya Primary and Nursery School (TSSVPNS):**

This experimental English medium school provides pre-primary and primary education to 198 children. Apart from academic orientation, the children are given good exposure to physical, health and value education. The salient features of the year are

- ❖ The school implemented RTE Act and admitted eight students under this Act.
- ❖ The children have a study circle through which they improve their skills in reading, listening and communication.
- ❖ As a part of field visit the children were brought to the Artificial Limb Research Centre at Kasturba Hospital.
- ❖ Yoga classes are conducted daily to the children to improve their concentration.
- ❖ Students from Christ Church University, Canterbury, England visited the school and interacted with the children

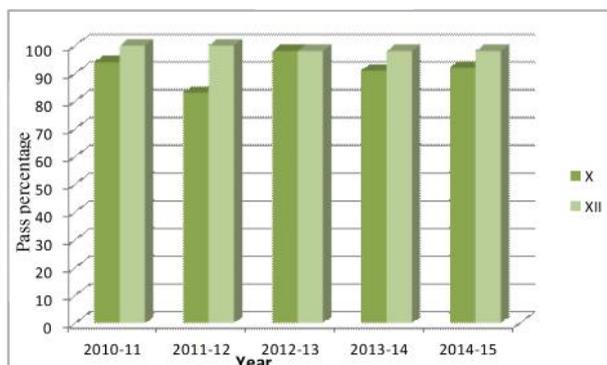
#### **'My Thaatha – My Role Model'**



I am Mohananandhini studying V std in Gandhigram Primary School. I enjoy studying through activity based learning here. The Formative Assessment method has made us improve our skills in drawing, dance, drama, music etc., I got first prize in the music competition held on Bharathiar Memorial day. I cannot forget this in my life. We are all happy to exhibit our project works in the class room. Since my third standard I am studying Thalir Thiran Lessons and one of the lesson is 'Who is your Role Model?'. That lesson made me think and then onwards my Thaatha had become my role model. He is a Lawyer and he loves me a lot. I will argue for the poor people like him. I have developed good skills and habits such as observation, tolerance, service mindedness etc., through Thalir Thiran project. I thank my teachers who individually take care of each student.

### **Kasturba Sevikashram:**

Dr. Soundaram envisioning the needs of dropout girls who were above 16 years, widows and women abandoned by their husbands started this special school. The school comes under the purview of Social Welfare department of Tamil Nadu Government. The school with its good infrastructure facilities and dedicated teachers take care of the all round development of the students and infuse in them a sense of confidence to come up in their life. The academic performance of the students for the past five years is given in the chart 2.2.1.



The highlights of Sevikashram in the year 2014-15 are:

- ❖ A four day Yoga training programme was conducted for all the students by Ms. V. Krishnaveni of Coimbatore from 10.10.14 to 13.10.14.
- ❖ An excellent science exhibition was conducted by the students in which exhibits explaining science principles were prepared and exhibited. This exhibition was visited by the children of Gandhigram Primary school and Dr. T.S Soundram Vidhyalaya Nursery and Primary school.



Donation of Benches & Desks by Main Lions Club,  
Dindigul



Health Awareness programme

- ❖ A two day Life skill training programme was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
- ❖ The students participated in many competitions conducted by various organizations in and around Gandhigram and got many prizes in drawing, elocution, essay and quiz competitions.
- ❖ Out of 32 students, 31 students passed in the +2 examinations . Ms Sabitha Eswari scored 1046/1200 .
- ❖ The students went for an excursion to Rameshwaram and visited Ramanathasamy temple. They conducted Sarvodaya prayer in the memorial place of Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam and paid homage to him.
- ❖ Ms Subalatha, an engineer taught Pranic Healing and Meditation to the teachers and students.

### From Darkness to Light



I am R. Karpagakani and my native place is Sathur in Viruthunagar District. After 8<sup>th</sup> std, I discontinued my studies due to my family difficulties. I did petty jobs and earned money, though I liked to study further. My father died when I was 22 years old and I lost hope in my life. But then a woman called Muthu consoled me and guided me to go to Gandhigram. She assured me that I would get a bright future. I came to Gandhigram Sevikashram on June 1, 2004. Rajam Akka, the then Headmistress permitted me to stay.

Doing errand jobs here, I wanted to continue my study. All the teachers of Sevikashram encouraged me and I joined 9<sup>th</sup> std. I did hard work - studying as well as working in the hostel as a care taker. Now I have a list of degrees B.A, M.A, D.T.Ed and CAC. I will remember the help I got from Sevikashram throughtout my life. I am proud to say that I am working as a teacher in the same school where I studied – Sevikashram. I am very grateful to all the teachers and the Secretary who have brought light into my life.

### ***Santhi High School for Hearing Impaired:***

The school was started in the year 1956 as a middle school and has been recognized as High school in 1997. Free boarding and lodging with good medical care is given to the 93 children studying here.

- ❖ All the eight children who appeared for the SSLC Public Examination have passed.
- ❖ Special attention is given to the children for speaking, listening to lip reading, computer operating, preparing handicrafts, dancing and gymnastics.
- ❖ In the Sports Meet conducted for physically challenged at the District level on 27.11.14 the following children participated and won prizes in many events.

100m Running	- I prize	- Selvan. Karuppasamy
100m Running	- III prize	- Selvi. Ishwarya
Long Jump	- I prize	- Selvan. Sundar
200 m Running	- III prize	- Selvi. Saranya & Selvan. Mahendran
400m Running	- III prize	- Selvan. Mahendran
400m Relay	- II prize	- Selvan. Karuppasamy, Mahendran Rama Saravanan & Sundar
Shot put	- III prize	- Selvan.Agilan & Selvi. Abinaya



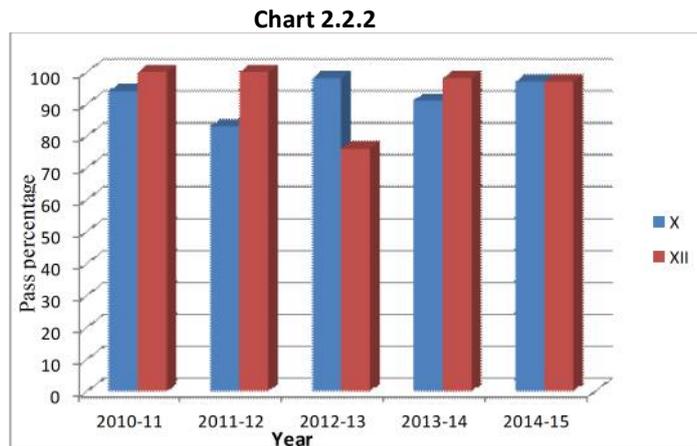
Selvan Karuppasamy receiving the prize

- ❖ Selvan. Karuppasamy got III prize at the State level Sports Meet held at Chennai.
- ❖ In the Drawing competition held among 70 schools by Vanmugil Organisation at Tirunelveli Selvan.Palpandi received the I prize and Selvan.Alagupandi received the II prize.
- ❖ To give proper medical attention to the children medical camps were conducted on various occasions in which dental and ENT sepcialists as well as general medical practitioners participated.

### ***Thambithottam Higher Secondary School (TTHSS):***

The school with its present strength of 968 students gives importance not only to cognitive development of the children but also takes care of the development of affective and psychomotor domains of the children by engaging them in various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The children

take part actively in study circles and improve their reading, listening and presentation skills. The academic performance of the school in the public exams of X and XII standards are represented in the chart 2.2.2:



A new school committee is formed with Smt. Mridula Ramesh, Director, TVS Sundaram Textiles as the Chairperson and Sri. T. Srinivasan as the Secretary.

The following are the major events of the year:

- ❖ We are proud that Selvan. N. Arun Pandian received the **Tamilnadu State Award** of Rs.20000/- for achieving II Rank at the State Level in the 10<sup>th</sup> std Public examination. He was also awarded with the Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre **INSPIRE AWARD** of Rs.5000/-



Mr.Arunpandian receiving the State Award



V.K. Anna Memorial day celebration

- ❖ Many school students visited Dr. T.S. Soundram Science Gallery.
- ❖ A one week NSS camp was conducted at Chettiapatti during which tree saplings were planted, awareness programmes on environmental cleanliness and health & hygiene were organized.
- ❖ The NSS students attended a three day camp at PSNA college of Engineering on *Personality development and Leadership Qualities* and the students of Scout and Guide attended a three day camp on *Leadership Training* at Thirumalaikeni.
- ❖ To improve the sanitation facilities five latrines were constructed for girl students worth Rs.1.25 lakhs by the donation of Alumni.

### Interesting Initiatives at TTHSS

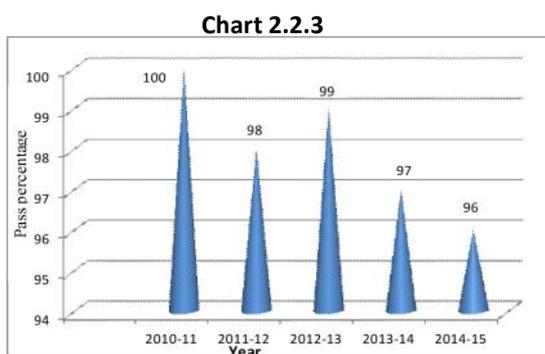


Saravanan of class X shared his happiness about the usage of Science Gallery and smart classes. Earlier his learning of science was mechanical and uninteresting but after the introduction of Science Gallery and smart classes, his attitude of learning for the sake of marks changed into deeper understanding of facts and he was inspired to do extra reading apart from text books questions. It helped him to identify his ..... become an astronaut. He strongly felt that exposure to such novel initiatives made him feel that he is no way less than the private school students and concluded saying that he had gained a lot of self-confidence and is out of his shyness. He assured that he would utilize such facilities provided to make his dream true one day.

- ❖ 17 Students participated in various competitions conducted by GTN College for students of Palani and Dindigul. Ms.Aruna Lakshmi and Mr.Vijayakumar bagged prizes in Tamil and English oratorical competitions
- ❖ Gokulraj of class VII won a prize in drawing competition conducted by Dinamalar.
- ❖ Selvi.S. Madhumitha (XI std) and Selvi. A. Madhumitha (IX std) participated in the State Level Yoga Competition and received the I and II prizes respectively.
- ❖ Selvi. S.J. Prajanna Vathana won the III prize in the Inter School Oratorical Contest held at Prism Matriculation School.

### LAKSHMI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (LCE):

With a vision of producing enlightened teachers to serve in rural schools, the college was started in the year 1967 in the name of Smt. Lakshmi Ammal, mother of Dr. T.S. Soundram. The all round development of student teachers is well taken care and they are placed immediately either in Government schools or reputed private schools. Ample opportunities are given to the students to nurture and exhibit their talents through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The chart 2.2.3 depicts the academic performance of the students for the last five years.



Academic Performance of the Students



Shri. T.N. Hariharan, District Collector addressing the students at the College day function

The important events of the year 2014-2015 are :

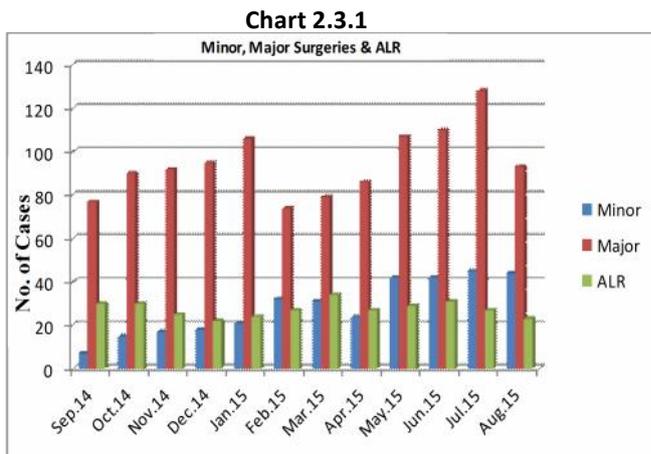
- ❖ As a part of Greening the campus the Alumni Association planted 83 tree saplings inside the campus. Apart from this, tree saplings were planted in twenty teaching practice schools as well.
- ❖ Sri Lavanam Gora, a Gandhian Leader interacted with the students about Gandhiji and Martin Luther King.
- ❖ 15 students participated in the seminar organized by Gandhigram Trust on 'Activism for Justice, Peace and Development. A five day Citizenship Training camp was held from 6 -10, Jan.2015
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- ❖ 25 students actively participated in the Sri. Jeganathanji Memorial Seminar from 7-9, Feb. 2015.
- ❖ A week long programmes of Science day celebration were held in which the student teachers exposed their scientific skills through various competitions.
- ❖ A two day workshop on ' Righteous and Compassionate Leadership – in Thirukkural way' was held on 10 & 11 March 2015.
- ❖ The College Day was celebrated on 17.4.2015 in which the District Collector Sri. T. N. Hariharan was the chief guest. He appreciated the efforts taken by Gandhigram Trust in holistic village development.
- ❖ Selvi. S. Parasakthi received the prestigious Lagumaiah Award, Annamalai Gnanasundaram Endowment Award & LCE Award for achieving the I Rank in the college.
- ❖ All the 25 students who appeared for the Campus Interview got selected in prestigious schools.

### **2.3. HEALTH**

#### ***Kasturba Hospital (KH):***

This hospital was started as a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre in 1947 by Dr.T.S.Soundram. The hospital has now grown into a well equipped 330 bedded General Hospital to meet the health needs of men, women and children. Kasturba Hospital concentrating mainly on Maternal and Child Health provides a wide spectrum of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Paediatric services. The hospital has a well established Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department which is the busiest department of the hospital. Now, the hospital is well modernized by introducing instruments like Ultrasonogram, digitalization of scanning, digitalization of lab reports, etc., Along with modernization, the traditional Ayurvedic and Siddha practices also find a new place at Kasturba Hospital now. A separate section has been opened to practice ayurvedic methods like oil bath, steam bath, Navarakizhi, pizhichal and yoga on patients by our Ayurvedic and Siddha doctors. This has a warm welcome from the patients.

The chart 2.3.1 gives the number of major & minor surgeries done during this year and also the number of Artificial Limbs fitted to the patients:



Dr. Kousalya amma receiving the Community Service Award

The special events of the hospital this Year are:

- ❖ Kasturba Hospital received Tamilnadu Government State Award from the Ministry of Health for achieving highest number of sterilizations in the years 2012-13 and 2013-14 among voluntary organizations.
- ❖ Dr.R. Kousalya Devi, was awarded the *Best Women Achiever Award* in the field of Medicine for the year 2014 on March 8, 2015, by Maruti Foundation, Madurai.
- ❖ The Voluntary Health Services (VHS) at Chennai awarded Dr.R. Kousalya Devi "*Distinguished Community Service Award – 2015*" at a function held at Chennai on 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015 for her dedicated service to the public.
- ❖ A free medical camp was conducted on 21.07.2015 to prevent bone damage in women and to find out the calcium density level of their bone at the later age. Free medicines were given to improve the calcium level. Also the blood sugar level and blood pressure for all the women were tested.
- ❖ Thirty students joined in the Multipurpose Health Workers Course in Jan. 2015.

## 2.4. INCOME GENERATION

### ***Khadi & Village Industries Public Charitable Trust***

Employment generation through Traditional Industries: Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust is one of the pioneer in developing village industries units in villages spread over the Districts of Dindigul, Karur, Madurai, Sivagangai, Triunelveli and Theni, providing support to 100 families. It has over the years created village industries, facilitated research and development on specific village products. Trainings are being imparted to rural entrepreneurs for setting up of village industries units.



Training in Banana fibre products manufacturing



Training in Reactive Dyeing

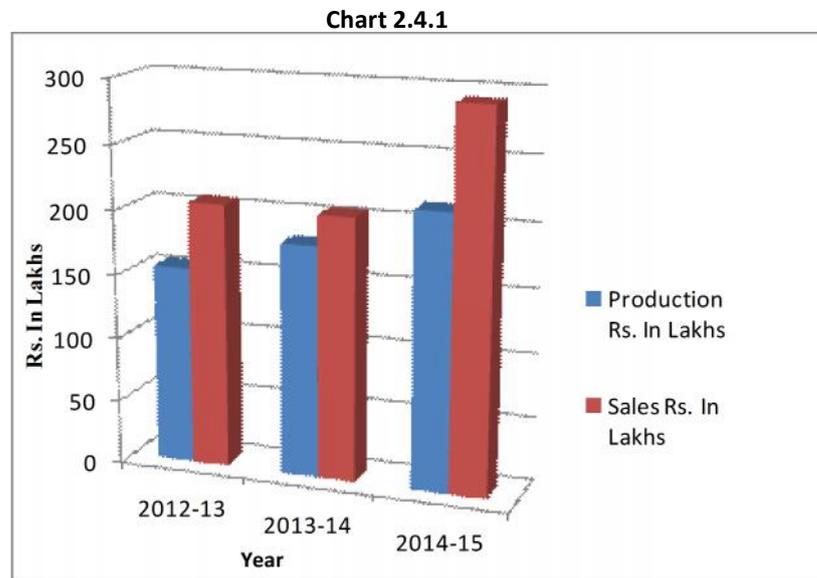
- ❖ A training in manufacturing of variety of products from banana fibres was given to 30 members from SHGs of Gandhigram Trust. A women can easily make three to five products daily which can fetch a wage of Rs.200 to Rs. 350 /-. The finished products are sent to Clean Craft Produce, Bangalore for sale.
- ❖ A three-day training in dyeing sarees, using Natural Dyes was given to seven SHG members.
- ❖ Nine SHG members were given a Five day training in Reactive Dyeing.
- ❖ This year a grant of Rs.78 lakhs was sanctioned by Khadi Commission for building renovation works, centralized computer systems, improving of Nepal pedal looms and purchasing of new pedal looms.
- ❖ The Design and Rejuvenation Committee of Khadi Trust had introduced new designs in Natural Dyes. Thanks to the efforts of Smt. Sudha Ravi, Smt. Jegada Rajappa and Smt. GitaRam for helping to bring out beautiful new designs of Khadi sarees. It is happy to indicate here that out of hundred, 69 new sarees were sold in Craft Bazar, Chennai. New designs of shirts in Khadi are also on the way to reach the market for this Deepavali.
- ❖ Under Khadi Rural Development programme 50 NMC Charkas were received from KVIC. Out of this 25 Charkas were given to existing spinners at Kethampatti at 25 numbers to 25 new spinners at Ammapettai.
- ❖ In order to enhance the computer knowledge of the employees working at various Khadi production centres and showrooms, a computer training programme was arranged. In this training, the employees were trained in the basics of computer and in the usage of Tally Software.

#### **Lakshmi Seva Sangam(LSS):**

The LSS has stepped into its 38th year of service of promoting Siddha and Ayurvedic medicines and provides income generation to people of near by villages. Lakshmi Seva Sangham has grown to manufacture around 273 varieties of products, keeping its core principles intact. The salient features of LSS this year are:

- ❖ Production promotion training was given to 40 Rural SHG Women of TSM Life care Pvt.Ltd., Theni.
- ❖ Dr. Naresh Pal, Dy. CEO KVIC, South Zone visited LSS and appreciated the efforts taken by the SFURTI Project.

- ❖ The LSS Doctors visit Kasturba Hospital for consultation and to give 'Panchakarma' and other Ayurvedic and Siddha treatment to out patients.
- ❖ The Aravind Eye Care Hospital conducted Eye Care Camp for the staff and workers.
- ❖ Dr. Ravikumar and Ms. Sumar of FRLHT, Bangalore trained our staff in designing scientific quality checks and identification of raw materials – herbs and leaves for preparing medicines.
- ❖ Medicines worth Rs. 77 lakhs were supplied to Tampcol, a Tamilnadu Government organization.



The production and sales is picking up under the able Chairmanship of Ms. Shobhana Ramachandran, Managing Director, Sri Chakra Tyres Ltd (TVS).

### **Low Cost, Simple treatment, Satisfied Mind**



I am G. Balakrishnan doing masonry work at Bodikaamanur, Athoor taluk. I came to know that I have Diabetes when I tested for sugar. I took Allopathic medicines on the advice of the doctor. As I was dissatisfied with the Allopathic medicines, I consulted the doctors at Lakshmi Seva Sangam and I am now taking Ayurvedic medicines for sugar control. My sugar level was 550 mg/dL in the month of May 2015 and since then, it has been decreasing steadily after the treatment by LSS doctors. The sugar level was 250 mg/dL in the month of June and in July it was 148 mg/dL. Now my sugar level is well under control and I am highly satisfied with the Ayurvedic medicines of LSS. I thank LSS and its doctors for providing quality healthcare services at low cost.

**Dr.Soundram Trust:**

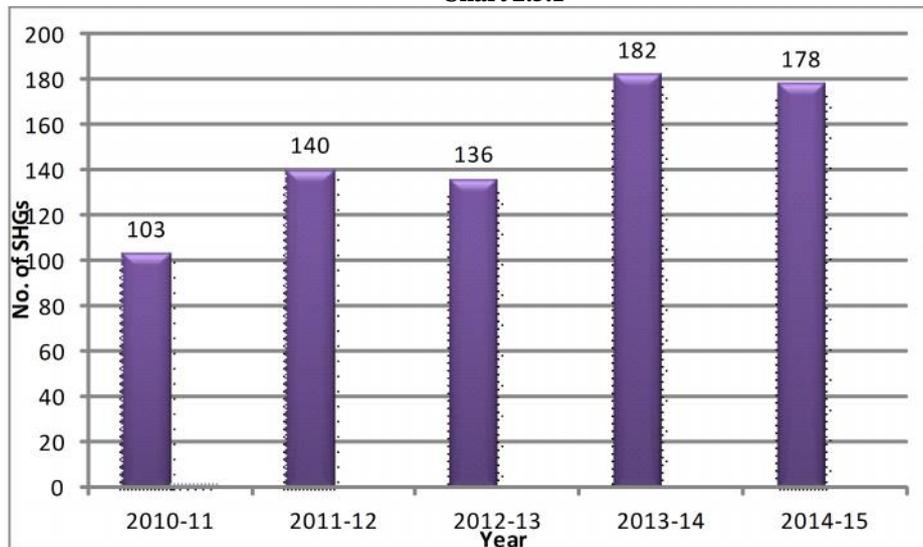
It creates employment opportunities by imparting training through economic activities without any profit motive and with an aim to serve the rural poor, especially women and children. It has a Publication Division, Natural Dyes Research and Training Centre and Sanitary Napkin. The main activities of Publication Division are printing, binding and photo copying. During the current financial year, till 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 the total turnover of this division was Rs.5.41 lakhs, Presently, the Natural Dyes Research & Training Centre is engaged in natural dyeing of yarn to Khadi & V.I.P.C. Trust. The Centre is also getting orders from M/s Shanthimali Handicraft Development Society, Thiruvannamalai, Emperor Textiles, Tirupur, Tex Worthy, Karur and Porgai Artisans Association, Sittilingi. In the current financial year, the turnover till 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015 is Rs. 68, 000/-.

**2.5. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

**2.5.1. Village Extension**

Gandhigram Trust conducts many trainings, awareness programmes and need assessment camps in various fields of extension activities. It has been recognized as a ‘Block Differently-abled Mitigation Rehabilitation Facilitating Agency’ (BDMRFA) for Athoor, Natham and Dindigul blocks. The Gandhigram Trust promotes formation of women self help groups. Many educational institutions from Tamil Nadu and Kerala send their students for internship programme in community development works.

**Chart 2.5.1**



The chart 2.5.1 shows the number of women self help groups organized during the years 2010-2015 under various schemes of Tamil Nadu Government such as Mahalir Thittam, Tamilnadu Pudhu Vaazhvu Project (TNPVP) and Tamilnadu State Rural Livelihood Mission (TNSRLM). The SHGs under the scheme are grouped into 37 Federations.

- ❖ The Tamilnadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission (TNSRLM), Dindigul awarded a Certificate to Gandhigram Trust for having rendered exemplary services for vulnerable and differently abled persons in Athoor, Dindigul and Natham blocks.
- ❖ A three day training in Papad Making was given to Vadamadurai, TNPVP SHG members.
- ❖ An one month Entrepreneurship development trainings were conducted to 69 differently abled and vulnerable women in the following activities:



Training in Cell phone service



Training in Readymade garments making

- Making of ready made garments
- Tie & Dye Technology
- Cell phone Service

- ❖ Foundation Training Programme was conducted to 59 CDFs under TNSRLM.
- ❖ A one day training on Home based Physiotherapy was conducted to 23 CDFs on 15.06.2015 at Sillukuvarpatti Cluster Office.
- ❖ Input session on positive mental health conducted on 15.07-2015 at Nilakottai Union Office
- ❖ 97 Need assessment camps were conducted in 59 Panchayats under TNSRLM.
- ❖ To integrate the farm producers a Farm Producer Organisation in Partnership with Centre for Community Development (CCD), Madurai is started in Andipatty block.
- ❖ A three day decorative wax product making training was conducted for the SHG members and Gandhigram Trust staff from 11.08.2015 to 13.08.2015.
- ❖ Eleven differently abled persons from Dindigul Block participated in the State Level Sports conducted at Chennai. They have one 13 gold 11 silver and 5 bronze medals.

### The Will and the Way



My name is Alaguthai and I am sixty five years old. I lost my husband fifteen years ago due to paralytic attack. Since then I had been living a hard life on the meager income from my small vegetable shop at Sivagnanapuram. As I needed more money for investing on the purchase of vegetables I went for daily work. I had become old and could not continue that work too. Through Gandhigram Trust's awareness programmes on Tamilnadu Government's PudhuVaazhvu Thittam I joined the group formed under Empowerment and Poverty Reduction Project. Amidst difficulties I gave money for the monthly saving scheme. I then applied for an individual loan given for the differently abled and the weaker section and got Rs 9000. Now I am again doing the vegetable business along with some groceries. I do business for Rs. 250 daily and am getting a profit of Rs. 75 to Rs.100. I am now doing my business in the open place and in the future I wish to do it in a small shop. I am happy and grateful to all those who have helped me, especially the Poverty Reduction Project of Tamil Nadu and Gandhigram Trust.

### Disabled –but not in Mind

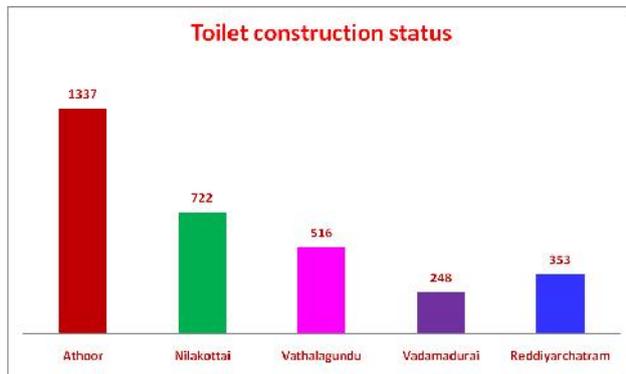


I am Thirumalairaja and my native place is Lakshmiapuram, Kullichettiapatti, Dinigul Dt. I have two sisters and one younger brother. I am now doing DMLT course. I am physically handicapped. Since my birth my right leg is impaired. Though my mother refused me joining the Puthuvaazhvu Project, at the same time my father insisted me to join it. I am interested in swimming. Through Ms. Anandhi Akka working in Puthuvaazhvu Project, I participated in the sports meet for physically challenged held at Chennai and got 1 gold and three silver medals in swimming. I participated in the sports meet held at Indore and got fourth place. Hence, I have got an individual loan of Rs13000 (without interest) for rearing cows. I have so far paid ten dues towards my loan. I again got four gold medals for swimming in the competitions held at Chennai. I wish to become a Lab Technician and I pray to god that my ambition to be fulfilled. Thanks to the TNPVP facilitators of Dindigul Block for recognizing my talents.

## 2.5.2. Research and Documentation

### a) Aiming at Open Defecation Free Villages - Nirmal Bharath Abhiyan-Sanitation Project funded by Arghyam, Bangalore:

Gandhigram Trust is facilitating and providing financial and technical support for constructing Individual household Latrines (IHHL) in Athoor, Nilakottai and Vathalagundu. At present Gandhigram



Trust is extending its service to two new blocks - Reddiyarchatram and Vadamadurai for construction of individual toilets. As of now we have covered 867 villages in five blocks of Dindigul district.

The project team and Women Cluster Facilitators collected the applications for IHHL construction and helped in getting the work orders from the Village Panchayats. Trainings were conducted to various stakeholders like PRIs, Community persons, NREGA site workers, School organizers and Thooimaikavalars in Athoor, Nilakottai Vathalagundu, Vadamadurai and Reddiyarchatram blocks. The main aim of the trainings is to promote clean village through construction of IHHL, proper disposal of solid and liquid waste management in the villages with the support of block officials.

## **Training in Data Collection using Technology**

Training in data collection through mobile phones was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 for the project field workers and Gandhigram project workers under Nirmal Bharath Abhiyan project funded by ARGHYAM. Training was given in collecting data regarding the beneficiaries constructing toilets and in uploading the data using mobile phones. Mr.Srikanda Prasanna and Mr.Amrish Abijith Patel, Software Engineers of ARGHYM conducted this training efficiently. Smart Phones were also given to the field workers by ARGHYAM, Bangalore.



Training in Data Collection using mobile phone

### **I am blind but alert**



I am Thangamuthu living in Noothalpuram in Nilakaottai Taluk. I have two brothers and sisters. I am blind by birth and my parents' efforts paid no fruits in rectifying my defect. Once I had attempted to commit suicide even as I had to depend on my mother to fulfill my each and every need and especially when I have to attend Nature's call in the open air. I am 26 years old and I felt ashamed to do that daily. This made us realize the importance of a toilet in our house. My parents did not know the details of whom to approach for getting government subsidy or how to construct it etc. Through the awareness programme conducted by Gandhigram Trust in our village we came to know about these details. Now, with the help of Gandhigram Trust we have constructed a toilet at a cost of Rs.30,000 in our house. I am now using the toilet without anybody's help and all the members in our family use it. I thank the Gandhigram Trust for instilling hope in me by rendering their services.

## **b. Eco Friendly Bag Production Project**

In order to focus alternate to plastic bags, the Environment and Forest Department has sanctioned Rs.5 Lakhs to Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam, for the creation of two demonstration units - a hand made paper unit and a cloth bag unit. Out of this 5 lakhs, 2.40 lakhs is meant for machineries, 1 lakh for training in cloth bag production, 0.25 lakh for printing and Rs.1.35 lakhs towards accessories for training and contingencies. A five month training programme in cloth bag production for sixty women was completed. Twenty women are engaged in bag production work. The environment and forest department has given an order for Rs. 2 lakhs for the production of cloth bags. This unit is also utilized for the production of readymade garments as well.

### 3. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR

#### ***World Toilet Day Celebration***

Under Nirmal Bharath Abhiyan project the world Toilet Day was celebrated at Michaelpalayam, Nilakottai. In this programme the importance of individual House Hold Latrines, the effect of open air defecation in polluting land, water and air, and various diseases due to this pollution were highlighted. The Assistant Director of District Village Development Shri.Kalidasan and District Project coordinator Shri. Ramanithi were the chief guests.



Celebrating World Toilet Day



Solar Lights to Meenakshioothu people

#### ***Lighting through Solar Lights***

Meenakshioothu, is a hilly place in Athoor Taluk. There are about thirty houses in this village and they did not have electricity. Women and children had under gone hardships to do their routine activities in nights. Realizing the difficulties of these people, Gandhigram Trust arranged to get twenty seven solar lights from National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) at a subsidized rate through Dr.Ramesh working at NIRD and distributed these lights to the villagers. Within a period of ten days of distributing these lights to the people, the Government gave electricity to this village. The people of Meenakshioothu thanked Gandhigram Trust for their initiative of bringing light to their lives.

#### ***Global Protection in Gandhian way***

In today's world of Economic crisis it is essential to produce village development models in a Gandhian way. The Multi National Companies establish industries in villages and they loot not only the wealth of village but also degrade the natural resources there and thereby affecting the health of people. Investment and profit is their main objective and they do not follow Gandhian way of development in their activities. This was discussed by Shri.P.V.Rajagopal, President of Sarvodaya movement at Gandhigram on 07.03.2015. He insisted on simple living, self sufficiency and Gandhian Economics for the development of a village model and to follow the Talisman given by Gandhi for taking decisions and also to manufacture products by the masses instead of mass manufacturing.



Shri.P.V.Rajagopal interacting with the employees of Gandhigram Trust



Shri. Jeyaram addressing the villagers during water and sanitation week celebrations

### ***National Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Week Celebrations***

On the eve of World Water Day on March 22<sup>nd</sup> Gandhigram Trust conducted a week long celebrations at various villages – Kuthukadu, Kurumbapatti, Vannampatti, Kottaipatti, J.Oothupatti and Samiyarpatti from 16-03-2015 to 22-03-2015. Shri. Vasimalai of Dhan Foundation and Dr. Ravindran, Trustee, Gandhigram Trust participated in these programmes and shared their views on the role of beneficiaries in the construction of House Hold Toilets and usage of drinking water. Shri. Jeyaram, Gandhigram Panchayat President addressed the villagers of samiyarpatti and insisted on using



Smt.Jhabvala awarding the Fellowship to Ms.Premalatha



Celebration of sanitation week at Vannampatti

economically the available water as the ground water level is decreasing. Shri.V.Shivakumar presided over the valedictory function at Samiyarpatti village.

### ***A Seminar on the Role of Women in Village Sanitation***

In memory of Sri.D.K.Oza's mother Savithri Oza a seminar was organized on 22-01-2015 under Nirmal Bharath Abhiyan project in which rural women and women students participated. The rural women not only emphasized the urgent need for Environmental Sanitation but also indicated the Road Map to attain the same. Padmashri Smt. Renana Jhabavala, Chancellor of GRI who presided over the conference exhorted that the rural women and girls to "Believe in Themselves", and gave the slogan "WE CAN DO IT". The participants of the Conference responded warmly to Smt. Jhabavala's speech. At the end, the first year student of GRI, Selvi Premalatha was awarded a certificate of "Fellowship of Gandhi – King Centre" by Smt. Jhabavala.

## ***Celebration of Sarvodaya Day***

The second anniversary of Sarvodaya Leader Sri. Jagannathanji was observed meaningfully by organizing seminars on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 2015 followed by Sarvodaya workers' conference on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. at Gandhigram. The themes of the seminars were

- Land, Livelihood and people's Movement
- Environment and community development
- Prohibition and women Empowerment

Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan, Dr.J. Bhoomikumar, Shri, P.V.Rajagopal, Shri. Lavanam, Shri. K.M. Natarajan, Shri. M.P. Gurusamy, Dr. Markandan, Shri. Pathamuthu and many other National and International Gandhian and Sarvodaya Leaders participated in the seminar and revisited the philosophies of Gandhi and Vinoba on the above themes. The students of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Lakshmi College of Education and from other colleges in Dindigul District participated in the seminar.

### ***Enhancing work culture: Rejuvenating and Rededicating ourselves to the Core Values of Gandhiji, Vinobha and Founders***

Shri Krishnamoorthiji of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari led three interesting sessions at Gandhigram on 21.02.2015 . He interacted with the employees of Gandhigram Trust where he stressed



Shri Krishnamoorthiji addressing the teachers at LCE



Shri Krishnamoorthiji addressing the employees of Gandhigram Trust

the need for self-motivation to achieve the core values. He also stressed the importance of work culture which was built by the founders and to maintain that without any dilution to obtain the desired results. He then shared his views on Education with teachers of Gandhigram Trust along with the students of Lakshmi College of Education. He stressed that instead of giving only the information about the subject, the students should be exposed to various avenues for learning on their own. He was of the opinion that it is the responsibility of the teacher to motivate the students to attend the classes and create an interest towards the subject. In the evening he shared stories with the children, the importance of prayer in day to day life and also insisted on adopting the three magic traits Self-control, Generosity and Kindness.

## ***Celebration of Women's Day***

Mahatma Gandhi's great concern over women's issues was the theme of the women's day function held at Annai Soundram Arangam on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2015. Gandhi always insisted that women must march shoulder to shoulder with men in the campaign for freedom. He also emphasized that the rights of women have to grow and develop fully in their own minds and spirit. Three excellent documentaries on



women issues were screened. Many issues, such as women's Education, Feticide of Girl Child, Dowry System and Caste Divides concerning women were discussed among the members of self help group, Lakshmi College of Education (LCE) and GRI students. A debate was also conducted by LCE students. It was appreciative that all the student teachers took a vow that neither they give dowry nor they receive it.

## **4. COMMUNITY CORPORATE RELATIONSHIP**

We are very much thankful for the generous support rendered by many individuals and institutions for their philanthropy, funds and fellowship supporting the community corporate relationships.

- ❖ Cognizant Foundation, Chennai for a generous donation of Rs.19.11 lakhs for installing ULTRASONOGRAPHY MACHINE at Kasturba Hospital.
- ❖ The TVS organization for the renovation works at Soundram Illam, Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam.
- ❖ Foundation for CSR at Redington for establishing a *Smart Learning Centre, Smart Resource Centre and Evening Tuition Centre* at Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam and also for donating a 17 seated Eicher van.
- ❖ *Golden Jubilee Foundation* of LIC for donating a sum of Rs.24.75 lakhs towards building a hostel for boys at Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam.
- ❖ *Shri. Stephen and friends*, Dindigul donated an Incinerator for Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam.
- ❖ *Dr.Sridevi*, RV Dental College, Bangalore donated Rs.1,50,000 for tiles work at the Boys' Hostel in Santhi School, Sivasailam.
- ❖ *Sri.Ganeshbabu*, Liberty Match Co (P) Ltd, Kovilpatti has renovated the Kitchen and dining hall and donated a motor for Santhi School.
- ❖ To conduct V.K. Anna Trophy every year *Mr.S.Sathish and friends* World Bank, Chennai has created an Endowment fund of Rs. 4,32,438/-

- ❖ Dr. *Vijay Anand*, Chinnalapatti has donated Rs. 25,000/- to Gandhigram Primary School.
- ❖ *M/s. Raaj Milk* for supplying 20 litres of milk daily to Sowbhagya Illam since 2012.
- ❖ Dr.Pankajam Sankaran Pandian through Silicon Valley Foundation, USA has donated Rs.9,55,500/- towards building hostel for boys at Sowbhagya Illam, Gandhigram.
- ❖ Mr.D.K. *Oza* donated Rs.50,000/- to Sowbhagya Illam, Gandhigram.
- ❖ Ms. *Kanaga Narayanamoorthy* has instituted Dr. Soundram Family Endowment Fund of Rs.40,000 for Dr.T.S. Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School, Gandhigram.
- ❖ Dr.G. *Pankajam*, Associate Secretary of Gandhigram Trust has donated Rs.25,000/- as Endowment fund to encourage the children of Dr.T.S.Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School for curricular and co-curricular activities.
- ❖ Shri *Aachaal Krishnamoorthi*, Chennai has donated Rs. 10, 000/- to Dr.T.S.Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School.
- ❖ Mrs. *Jaya Santhanam* has donated Rs. 10,000/- to Dr.T.S.Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School, Gandhigram.
- ❖ Sri. *Ananthanarayanan* has donated Rs. 30,000/- to Gandhigram Primary School.
- ❖ Shri.*K.R.Vijayan* and Family for contracting a new building for Kasturba crèche, Sivasailam.
- ❖ Dr.T. *Savadamuthu*, Alumni of Lakshmi College of Education has donated Rs.25,000/- towards construction of college building.
- ❖ *Main Lions Club*, Dindigul has donated five sets of Benches and desks to Kasturba Sevikaashram Hr. Sec. School, Gandhigram.
- ❖ The *Teachers of Primary School*, Gandhigram have donated Rs.52,000/- towards school development activities.

## 5. GANDHIGRAM ON NEWS

Dindigul, June 22, 2015

Updated: June 22, 2015 05:38 IST

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### Gandhigram Trust to implement sanitation programme in more unions

With Gandhigram Trust successfully implementing a project on sanitation in three blocks in the district, the District Rural Development Agency has offered it two more blocks – Vadamadurai and Reddiyarchatram – for implementation of total sanitation programme. In an official communication, DRDA Project Director (in-charge) K. Kavitha said that the trust and block development officers of these two blocks would take care of distributing revolving fund for construction of toilets, conducting training sessions at villages and creating awareness of cleanliness and importance of toilets among rural people. The trust would also coordinate with block-level panchayats to achieve cent per cent sanitary facilities and make them model blocks in the district, she added. Developing training modules for building capacity of sanitation messengers at block levels, organising training programmes for field staff, motivating women and utilising their services as cluster facilitators, imparting training to them to know their roles and responsibilities, would be its prime task, said K. Shiva Kumar, trust secretary. The trust had been implementing the total sanitation programme in Athoor, Nilakottai and Batlagundu, comprising 62 village panchyats, with funds offered by a Bangalore-based organisation. It had been distributing revolving funds for construction of individual toilets, organising meetings with rural people, self-help groups and women groups to motivate individuals to construct toilets.

### Training manual

The trust had also released a training manual for field workers, explaining their role. Guidelines have been given in the manual for easy implementation of the programme, he added.

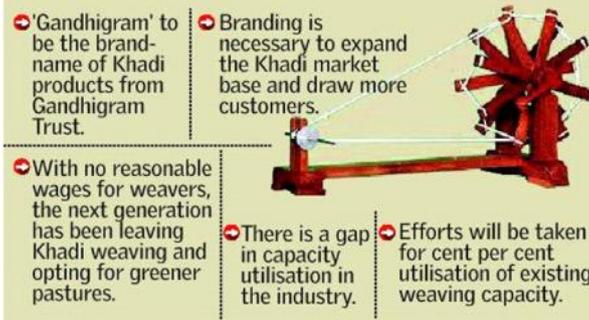
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DINDIGUL, August 8, 2015

Updated: August 8, 2015 05:37 IST

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### KHADI FOR GEN NEXT



◉ 'Gandhigram' to be the brand-name of Khadi products from Gandhigram Trust.

◉ Branding is necessary to expand the Khadi market base and draw more customers.

◉ With no reasonable wages for weavers, the next generation has been leaving Khadi weaving and opting for greener pastures.

◉ There is a gap in capacity utilisation in the industry.

◉ Efforts will be taken for cent per cent utilisation of existing weaving capacity.

### Designer shirts to be launched in Gandhigram

The Khadi production wing of Gandhigram Trust plans to celebrate Khadi Day on October 2, on the lines of National Handloom Day, to promote Khadi products among people, especially the youth. On that day this year, during Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations at Gandhigram, it plans to introduce 10 patterns of Khadi shirts in three styles to suit the present fashion trends. The Trust has appointed designers for the purpose. "Creating big demand for Khadi will not only fulfil capacity utilisation but also help weavers get work throughout the year and retain the next generation in Khadi production," said Gita Ram, Managing Trustee of Khadi Trust, after a meeting at Gandhigram on Thursday. "KVIC and other organisations will be roped in to promote Khadi on a large scale. Meanwhile, existing Khadi weavers in villages will be identified and trained to produce high quality Khadi and modernise weaving system to increase production in a short time. Cooperation of weavers is essential in this connection," said Sudha Ravi of Craft Council of India. Khadi quality and its comfort and suitability will be propagated to draw more customers. 'Gandhigram' will be the brand name for all Khadi and other products of Gandhigram Trust. "Khadi, which played key role in freedom the movement, symbolised high values, freedom, self-reliance, self-confidence and values. These values are essential for the present generation," said consultant Suguna Swamy. "The Trust will take the lead in propagating Khadi products roping in several Khadi related organisations," said secretary K. Shiva Kumar.



## 6. AUDITORS' REPORT

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### AUDITORS' REPORT

To

The Trustees of Gandhigram Trust,  
Gandhigram - 624 302,  
Dindigul District.

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Gandhigram Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015, and also the Income and Expenditure Account of the Trust for the year ended on the date annexed thereto and report that:

- a) The Accounts of all the Institution of the Trust has been consolidated.
- b) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
- c) In our opinion, proper books of Accounts as required by law have been kept by the Trust so far as appears from our examination of the books.
- d) The Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said account together with schedules and notes thereon give the information required by the Trust Act, in the manner so required and give a true and fair view:

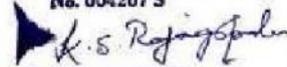
- (i) In the case of the Balance Sheet of the State of affairs of the Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015;
- (ii) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account of the Excess of Expenditure over Income of the Trust as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.

Place : MADURAI.

Date : 16.09.2015



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Notes forming part of Auditors' Report for the year ending 31.3.2015.

1. The accounts are maintained primarily on cash system. Government grants receivable and the expenditure against the Grants are accounted on Mercantile Basis.
2. Depreciation of Rs.74,00,798.30 has been provided for the year. Depreciation for the year has been provided at the rates and on the basis prescribed by the Income-Tax Act.

Place : MADURAI.

Date : 16.09.2015

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## 7. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

### CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-2015

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM					
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2015					
2013-2014	RECEIPTS	2014-2015	2013-2014	PAYMENTS	2014-2015
Rs.Ps		Rs.Ps	Rs.Ps		Rs.Ps
	<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>			<b>INSTITUTIONAL EXPENSES</b> <small>(Salary, Scholarship &amp; Stipend, Gratuity, Honorarium)</small>	
14,344.90	Cash on Hand	3,57,246.55	2,87,27,657.03	Educational	3,87,09,063.00
1,43,95,421.46	Cash at Bank	1,13,27,991.03	96,00,297.52	Children welfare	1,23,93,093.75
			3,45,77,073.00	Medical relief	3,87,23,123.00
	<b>GRANT RECEIVED</b>			<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b> <small>(Printing, postage, printing, periodical, suit fees, BB)</small>	
2,80,17,398.00	Educational	3,70,11,068.00		Educational	4,99,848.70
62,01,080.00	Children welfare	1,05,35,420.00	4,87,213.50	Children welfare	14,87,873.70
59,63,033.00	Medical relief	12,47,944.00	12,03,878.50	Medical relief	22,72,452.00
14,23,339.00	Project relief of poor	26,87,824.00	19,43,180.00		
	<b>DONATIONS</b>			<b>PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE</b> <small>(Medical form work, food &amp; maintenance, etc.)</small>	
33,193.00	Educational	5,79,198.00	8,39,717.00	Educational	8,02,010.00
1,14,80,190.16	Children welfare	1,64,08,259.17	76,57,953.10	Children welfare	78,14,356.50
5,54,507.00	Medical relief	23,20,119.00	1,85,63,991.00	Medical relief	1,69,19,918.00
10,73,513.00	35 AC corpus fund Donation	13,75,114.50	32,73,740.50	Intervention of project relief to poor	39,09,505.56
	<b>DEPARTMENT INCOMES</b> <small>(Grant collection, examination fees, computer fees &amp; other collection)</small>			<b>MAINTENANCE EXPENSES</b> <small>(Building, Machinery, vehicles, Agriculture)</small>	
23,77,533.00	Educational	24,55,398.00	6,19,547.50	Educational	3,32,424.00
13,28,909.00	Children welfare	21,63,980.50	13,72,357.00	Children welfare	13,13,340.00
4,94,27,663.00	Medical relief	5,32,93,853.00	25,18,728.00	Medical relief	21,32,729.00
	<b>OTHER INCOMES</b>			<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b> <small>(Misc. Inc, Anniversary &amp; other ext)</small>	
17,86,633.01	Educational ✓	13,79,765.00 ✓	12,72,273.19 ✓	Educational ✓	4,51,609.50
38,40,413.50	Children welfare ✓	52,17,344.36 ✓	51,37,857.50 ✓	Children welfare ✓	57,80,591.26
24,36,363.00	Medical relief ✓	59,24,622.00 ✓	17,42,630.00 ✓	Medical relief ✓	92,35,478.26
	<b>INTEREST ON INVESTMENT</b>			<b>ASSET AND BUILDINGS</b> <small>(Including Equipment, Machinery, Furniture, Books, Vehicles, Computers)</small>	
2,80,452.00	Educational ✓	93,697.00 ✓		Educational ✓	7,35,559.00
28,57,888.00	Children welfare ✓	36,19,645.00 ✓	1,94,685.00 ✓	Children welfare ✓	47,10,659.00
25,77,853.00	Medical relief ✓	28,73,269.00 ✓	31,66,282.00 ✓	Medical relief ✓	43,42,945.00
	<b>INCOME FROM PROPERTY</b> ✓			<b>DEPOSITS</b>	
5,98,330.00	Educational ✓	4,53,684.00 ✓	51,273.00 ✓	Electricity Deposit ✓	18,830.00
28,12,708.00	Children welfare ✓	29,20,588.00 ✓	14,80,000.00 ✓	Fixed Deposit ✓	44,92,992.00
2,58,326.00	Medical Relief ✓	3,21,592.00 ✓	96,000.00 ✓	Library Deposit - Refund ✓	1,00,000.00
			3,23,950.00 ✓	Security deposit Refund ✓	5,65,620.00
	<b>DEPOSITS</b>			<b>ENDOWMENT &amp; OTHER INVESTMENTS</b> ✓	
25,17,000.00	Fixed Deposit ✓	17,00,638.00 ✓	46,98,560.00 ✓	Endowment fund investments ✓	42,07,759.00
1,00,000.00	Library Deposit ✓	1,00,000.00 ✓	10,53,500.00 ✓	35 AC corpus fund investments ✓	13,20,000.00
70,000.00	Security deposit from inmates	1,74,500.00 ✓			
	<b>ENDOWMENT AND OTHER FUND</b> ✓			<b>LOANS AND ADVANCES</b> ✓	
1,25,000.00	Building fund receipt ✓	0.00 ✓	2,03,96,201.56 ✓	Loans and Advances ✓	1,74,94,015.25
21,04,262.00	Endowment Fund receipt ✓	13,80,923.00 ✓	3,19,584.00 ✓	PF Remittance ✓	2,56,613.00
			3,64,578.00 ✓	Tax Deducted at Source ✓	2,64,431.00
2,03,69,822.00	Loans and Advances ✓	2,56,08,403.00 ✓			
3,07,393.00	PF Recovery ✓	28,710.00 ✓			
2,39,040.00	Tax Deducted at Source ✓	3,766.00 ✓			
				<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	
			3,57,246.55	Cash on Hand	40,537.45
			1,13,27,991.03	Cash at Bank	1,22,50,754.38
16,64,46,888.23	<b>TOTAL</b>	19,51,78,548.61	16,64,46,888.23	<b>TOTAL</b>	19,51,78,548.61

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**CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-15**

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM					
CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2015					
2013-2014	EXPENDITURE	2014-2015	2013-2014	INCOME	2014-2015
Rs.Ps.		Rs.Ps.	Rs.Ps.		Rs.Ps.
	<b>INSTITUTIONAL EXPENSES</b>		3,84,93,317.00	<b>GRANT RECEIVED</b>	4,96,84,992.00
	SALARY, SCHOLARSHIPS & STIPEND		33,97,887.00	Less: Grant for 2013-2014	45,16,069.00
2,87,33,186.00	Educational	3,88,01,832.00		Add: Receivable 2014-2015	83,17,360.00
79,12,579.60	Children welfare	1,26,49,711.75	67,03,591.00	Add: Project Grant received	28,37,824.00
3,45,77,072.00	Medical relief	3,87,23,123.00	14,26,936.00	Less: capital items transferred to capital fund	1,15,98,094.00
			88,12,287.00		4,47,76,013.00
			3,44,18,673.00		
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>			<b>DONATIONS</b>	
	(Travelling, postage, printing, general, audit, audit fees)			Educational	5,79,193.00
4,87,198.50	Educational	5,02,053.50	33,193.00	Children welfare	1,46,97,209.17
11,91,484.50	Children welfare	14,99,099.50	1,10,71,860.46	Medical relief	23,20,119.00
19,43,180.00	Medical relief	22,72,452.00	5,54,597.00		
	<b>PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>INTEREST ON INVESTMENT</b>	
	(foot & maintenance, rural work project)			Educational	93,697.00
8,39,717.00	Educational	8,02,010.00	2,80,452.00	Children welfare	36,10,289.00
56,22,794.00	Children welfare	65,46,242.50	28,48,532.00	Medical relief	28,73,269.00
1,85,68,991.00	Medical relief	1,69,28,018.00	25,77,853.00		
32,75,740.50	Intervention of project relief of poor	39,09,505.56		<b>INCOME FROM PROPERTY</b>	
				Educational	4,59,684.00
	<b>MAINTENANCE EXPENSES</b>			Children welfare	29,20,588.00
	(building, Machinery vehicles, Agri maintenance)			Medical relief	8,21,592.00
6,31,784.50	Educational	8,34,269.00	5,68,930.00	Educational	58,96,593.00
13,50,418.00	Children welfare	18,33,759.00	28,12,708.00	Children welfare	21,58,980.50
25,18,728.00	Medical relief	21,30,739.00	2,58,323.00	Medical relief	5,32,99,853.00
71,16,151.60	Educational	5,46,709.60	23,45,095.20	<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	
1,29,06,005.00	Children welfare	69,51,489.26	19,11,895.00	Educational	13,24,506.00
	Medical relief	1,29,39,382.26	4,94,27,663.00	Children welfare	52,56,652.86
				Medical relief	54,78,622.00
	<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
10,28,068.21	Educational	9,85,603.00	16,31,952.31	17,03,904.00	CLOSING STOCK (Kasturba Hospital)
29,53,801.80	Children welfare	30,78,711.30	48,98,932.50	1,20,54,758.33	Excess of Expenditure over income
35,99,515.00	Medical relief	33,36,287.00	58,32,220.00		1,02,09,800.70
13,63,31,547.30	<b>TOTAL</b>	15,52,76,216.29	19,63,91,547.30	<b>TOTAL</b>	15,52,76,216.23

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## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2015

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM						
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.3.2015						
Sch	AMOUNT	LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	Sch	AMOUNT	ASSETS
	31.03.2014		31.03.2015		31.03.2014	
					Rs.Ps	
1	12,43,00,636.79	Capital Fund	13,60,35,184.79	7	11,31,804.10	Land
	5,97,89,488.00	Endowment Fund	6,29,53,412.00	8	4,90,22,363.40	Building
3	1,49,50,402.46	General Fund	1,53,19,287.43	11	4,83,797.00	Fencing
2	3,46,666.00	Other Fund	2,27,830.00		67,45,221.86	Equipments
4	10,88,215.90	Reserve Fund & Duilding & Corpus Fund	10,18,219.90	9	96,93,390.92	Furniture
	1,13,62,404.00	35 AC Corpus Fund	1,27,35,137.50	12	16,14,466.00	Plant and Machinery
	10,20,000.00	Endowment fund for Life time workers Endowment fund	10,20,000.00	10	29,06,522.25	Vehicles
	1,00,000.00	Dr.T.Soundram Women & Child Development Endowment Fund	1,00,000.00	11	1,99,405.00	Computers
				18	3,08,881.23	Library books
					44,757.30	Vessels
					6,02,90,002.00	Endowment fund Investments
					1,00,000.00	Dr.T.S.Soundram Women & Child Development Endowment Fund
					8,70,000.00	Gandhigram Life Time workers
5	3,04,815.00	Expenses payable	4,52,045.00	13	1,13,38,023.00	35 AC Corpus Fund Investment
	22,472.00	Audit fees payable	22,472.00	14	34,57,835.70	Grant Income receivable
6	2,72,27,393.04	Loans and advances	3,30,83,983.99	15	2,69,742.15	Electricity deposit & Cooking Gas deposit
				16	28,39,347.00	Fixed Deposit
					15,50,479.00	Tax deducted at source
					5,70,40,492.56	General fund
				6	3,69,32,445.54	Loans and advances
						<b>CLOSING BALANCE:-</b>
					3,67,246.55	Cash on Hand
				17	1,14,20,957.03	Cash at Bank
					24,331.00	35 AC Corpus Fund Bank balance
					17,03,904.00	Closing Stock (Kaster Hospital)
	24,04,42,407.19	<b>TOTAL</b>	26,30,07,572.51			<b>TOTAL</b>
						26,30,07,572.61

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## 8. COMPLIANCE REPORT

### IDENTITY

- ❖ We are registered as a Trust under Indian Trust Act, 1961
- ❖ Trust Deed is available on request
- ❖ We are registered under Sec. 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and with exemption under 80(G) valid for assessment years 2011-12 and subsequent years, and under Sec 35AC valid up to 2014
- ❖ We are registered under FCRA 1976 (FCRA Reg. No. 07594007)

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**Name and address of main Banker :** Canara Bank, Gandhigram – 624 302 and  
State Bank of India, Ambathurai – 624 302

**Name and address of the Auditor :** Sri. K.S. Narayanasamy  
M/S Sundaram & Srinivasan, Chartered Accountants  
Old No. 111, New No. 249, P.T.Rajan Road,  
Madurai 625 014

- ❖ The Board meets four times during the financial year. 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 and regulations.

### Accountability and transparency

- ❖ No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid to any Board Member
- ❖ The following reimbursement have been made to Board Members
- ❖ Travelling expenses (to attend Board meetings) : **Rs.5380/-**
- ❖ Total cost of international travels : **Rs. NIL**

### Staff remuneration (gross yearly + benefits) in rupees

Head of the organization: (including honorarium) Honorary

Highest paid Full Time regular staff **Rs. 86560** per month

Lowest paid Full Time regular staff **Rs. 2000** per month

Slab of gross salary (in Rs.) plus benefits paid to staff (per month)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	30	90	120
5,001 – 10,000	50	120	170
10,001 – 15, 000	14	22	36
15,001 – 20, 000	8	12	20
20, 001 – 1,00,000	20	60	80
Greater than 1,00,000	0	0	0

### Audit Committee

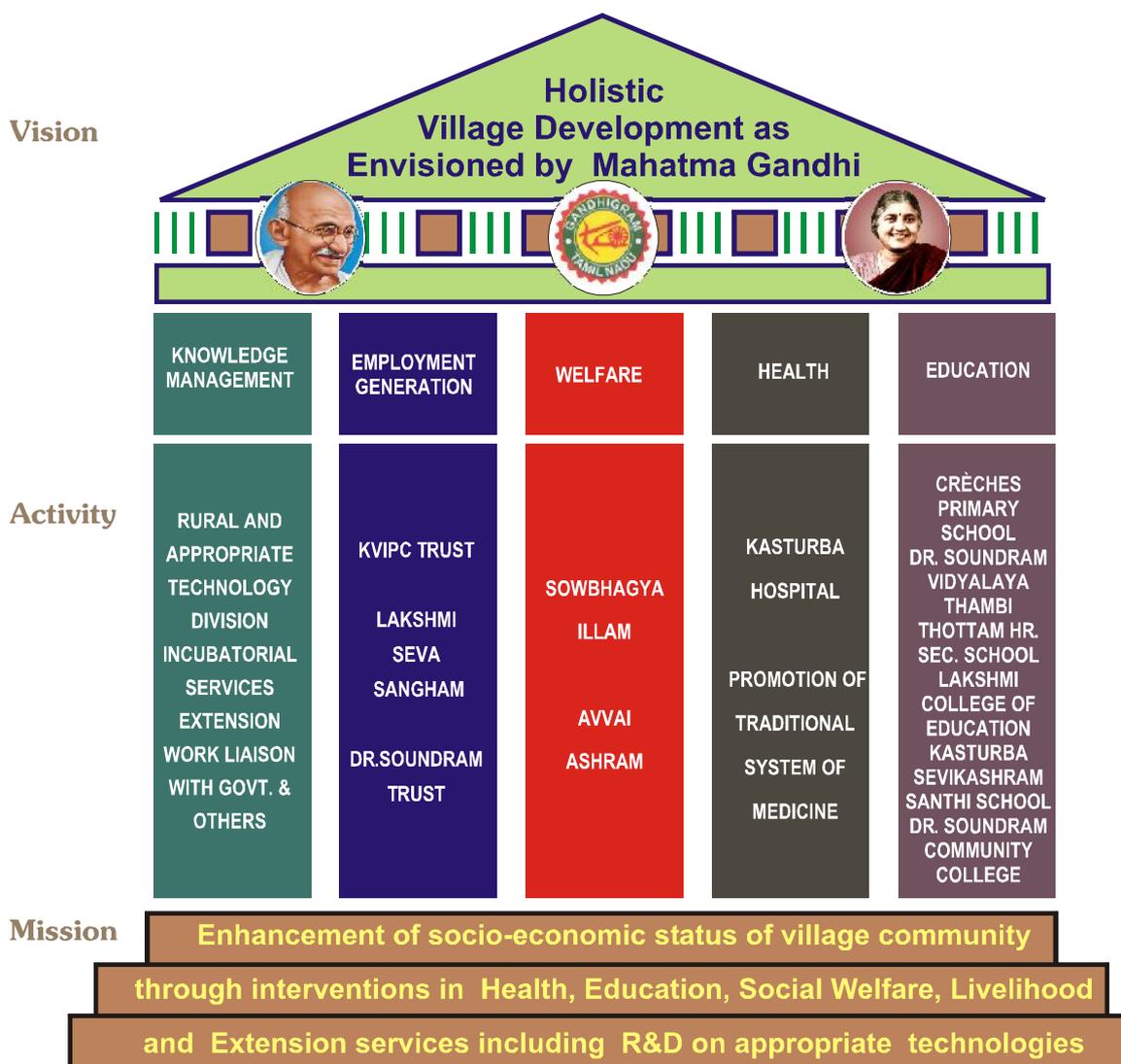
1. Shri V.C. Nadarajan Chairperson
2. Shri Sankararaman
3. Dr. R. Uma
4. Shri K. Shivakumar
5. M/s Sundaram & Srinivasan, Madurai
6. Shri N. Srinivasan, Chartered Accountant
7. CVS Manian & Co., Madurai

### Finance Committee

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3. Dr. Parangowda
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6. Shri K. Shivakumar
7. Dr. G. Pankajam
8. Shri S. Sankararaman
9. Selvi. K.S. Neela
10. Dr. V. Balamurugan

### Central Core Committee

Dr. V. Balamurugan, Shri J. Ananda Gandhi, Shri P. Rajkumar - Co-ordinators  
Two representatives from each unit





**Gandhigram Trust has obtained approval under Section 80 (G) vide  
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