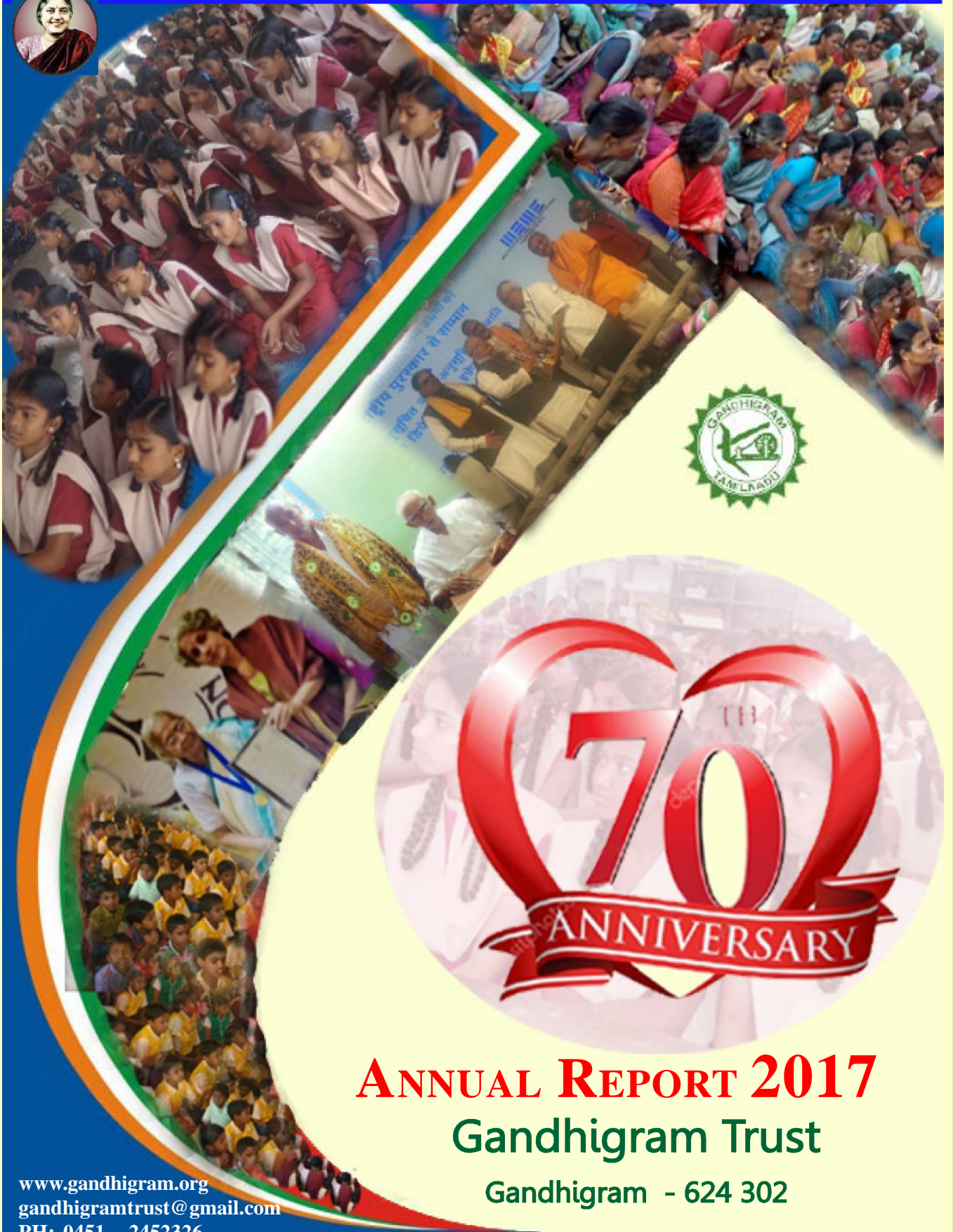


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VOICES OF FOUNDERS

Children's Home a little Institution is, for many of us, what is dearest and nearest to our hearts in Gandhigram. It is full of little



children of all ages, from a month or two to 10 or 10 years. Many of them have come to us because there was no one else to care for

them. It was started on the very day Gandhigram was formally inaugurated on 07.10.1947. The object is to take care of foundlings, orphans and other destitute children and to provide them with hostel facilities and education. To begin with, there were only three little ones.

As my women coworkers and I settled deeper in to the work of Kasturba Trust in Tamilnadu, the poignant problem of widows, deserted wives and adult women in unhappy situations faced by them. That was the genesis in January 1949 of the Sevikashram which is our Institute of Adult Education for women. Admitted women remain with us from one to four years by which time they appear for the ESLC Public Examination and are then diverted into Basic Teachers Training or Training as Midwives and nurses.

In the begining we have tried hard to live, work and learn together as one integrated community, bound by common ideals, aspirations, discipline and programmes of Constructive Work. We have never given the slightest quarter to caste and communal differences in Gandhigram Community.

- Dr. T. S. Soundram

Prayer is not a mechanical process. When prayer comes from the Depth of our spirit then it never fails to give us the moral strength. Character is the foundation of personality. Character will show on the face, echo in what we speak and reveal in all our



actions. Kindness will always pay high dividends. Let us spread kindness and reap the responses. Demand discipline and hard work.

But do so with genuine kindness in your heart. You will then never draw a blank. There is really nothing to be afraid of in this world except "fear" itself. Be fearless in thought; be fearless in words; be fearless in action. This opens the road to true freedom.

To combine kindness with firmness is the art of leadership based on comradeship. Leadership without comradeship will fail. Do not be satisfied with good Intentions and ideas. These are utterly useless unless you practice them. Truth, Beauty, Goodness, these must also be practiced – Otherwise you betray them.

Effort with most of us is Sporadic. Our intention is good but our effort is not sustained. Sustained effort alone can give us and Victory worth the name. If higher education will not go out of the class rooms to help the people, a day will come when the people will care little for such education and may even turn against it.

- Dr. G. Ramachandran

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REMEMBERING SEVENTY YEARS

A small but viable seed was embedded 70 years ago in the fertile Sirumalai slopes on 7th October 1947 to serve the needy with health, education, employment and empowerment. The vision was essentially to reach the rural poor and among them specifically targeting women and children.

The visionaries, Dr.Soundram and DR.G. Ramachandran with a bunch of committed men and women with faith in purposeful and peaceful revolution on Gandhian lines started workings. They were blessed by Mahatma Gandhi himself to reach and serve the poor in the part of Independent India just after India attaining political freedom from the British. The visionaries with a missionary goal and with the message of Mahatma Gandhi “Success Attains Where Truth Reigns”. Subsequently his message became our motto both in sprit and service.

Years rolled by and the institution has grown to the present day at added empowerment to reach the objectives of the institution.

During the years we interacted and worked responded with equal goal to have economic freedom to families and hamlets of our people of concern. We are fortunate to have many organizations both Governmental and Non-governmental, national and international, donors and other agencies who supported our efforts and many leaders blessed and guided us.

We remember on this Memorable Day all the well-wishers for their guidance and support for through out the year. We hope to have their continued support and guidance in future.

Dr. R. Kousalya Devi
Life Trustee

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Secretary

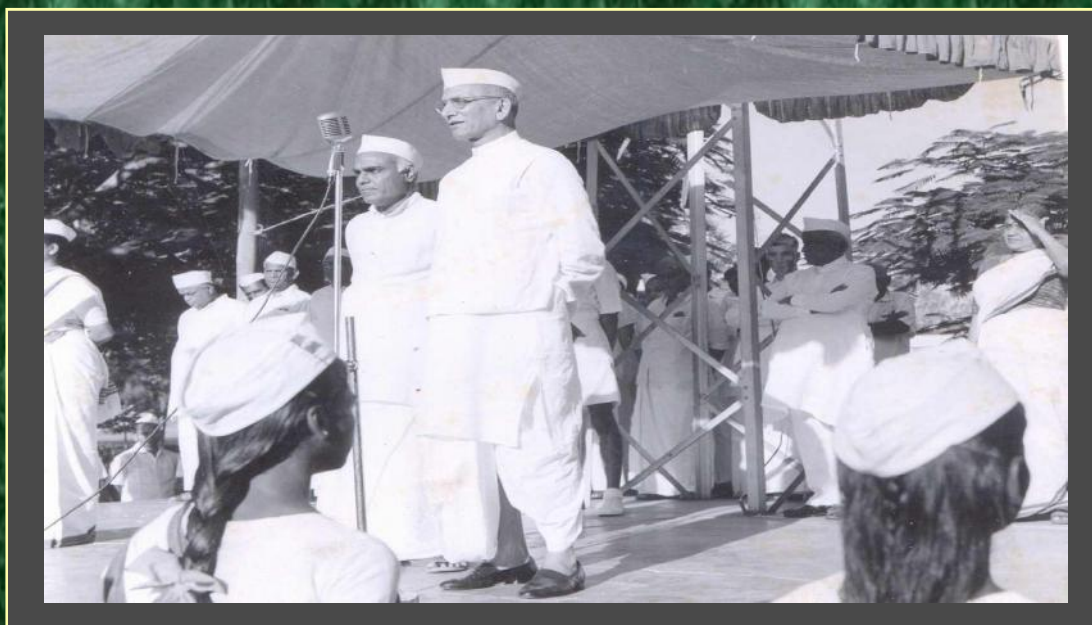
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OLD REMEMBRANCE



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1. ABOUT GANDHIGRAM TRUST

Gram Swaraj is that every village should be its own republic, “Undependent of its neighbours for its own vital wants and yet inter-dependent for many others in which dependence is necessary,” according to Gandhi, wrote in 1942. Each village should basically be 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.

The Gandhiji’s message on the day of inaguration of Gandhigram ‘Success Attends Where Truth Reigns’ has been the impelling spirit since 1947 and it is guiding our endeavours 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

2.1.1. Sowbhagya Illam: This home was started in the year 1947 by Dr.T.S. Soundram Amma and Dr. G. Ramachandran Mama with one child under its care and now it has 204 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 12th 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 these 3Hs 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 28th and 29th of July 2017. In this training the children learned stitching chudithar, pouch and other items.

❖ *Won the KKID Trophy:* Sixteen Children from Sowbhagya Illam participated in the KKID Trophy from 28.12.2016 to 30.12.2016 held at Karl Kubel Institute for child development and education at Coimbatore. They won ten prizes; Selvan Vinayagam got overall championship. The Managing Trustee, Shri M.R. Rajagopalan and the Secretary, Shri K. Shivakumar, Gandhigram Trust congratulated the children.



❖ *V.K.Anna Memorial Trophy:* The Memorial trophy created in the name of V.K.Anna was conducted for the skill development of rural school children. Mr.Sathishkumar, World Bank, Chennai mobilized funds for this programme. This year 150 students from seven schools in and around Gandhigram participated. Our children also participated and won prizes. The programme was co-ordinated by the staff members and students of Lakshmi College of Education, Gandhigram Trust.



❖ *Online Teaching:* To improve spoken English – online Teaching Programme is organized by ANN

FONDATION, U.S.A. The students from VI to XII standard are benefitted by this programme. Ann Foundation is continuing its online English teaching. It is very useful for our children in learning spoken English and computer literacy. This year the online team has included the school syllabus for 10th std.

It is very useful to score high marks in English subject. Smt.Ann Mohideen visited Sowbhagya Illam and interacted with our children and enquired about online teaching programme.

❖ *Read to Lead:* The reading habit is well nurtured in children through a well equipped library. The children visited the book exhibition at Dindigul and bought many books for the library.



I am grateful to Sowbhagya Illam



I am Ganga of Sowbhagya Illam. When I was eight years old I lost my father. My mother was one of the alma maters of Sowbhagya Illam. Concerning over my mother's pathetic situation - being a young widow Sowbhagya Illam extended its patronage on me and admitted me in the Illam in 2003. With the help of the Illam and grace of Gandhigram Trust I completed my B.Sc Maths at Gandhigram Rural Institute. I did my B.Ed at Lakshmi College of Education in 2016-17. Now I am working in a school in Oosalampatti. I am keeping my mother with me. I am ever thankful to Sowbhagya Illam and Gandhigram Trust.

2.1.2. Avvai Ashram at Sivasailam - Dr.Soundram Illam: Avvai Ashram was set up in a beautiful landscape at Sivasailam. There are 52 children. The important events of the Illam in this year are listed below.

- ❖ The upgraded Children's Library supported by the Redington Foundation, Chennai was inaugurated by its Chief Finance Officer.
- ❖ Childrens from Avvai Ashram participated in the talent exam and preliminary Hindi Exam.
- ❖ A couple of General Medical Camps were organized.
- ❖ The construction of Boys Hostel building was completed and opened by the LIC Divisional Manager on 27th February 2017.
- ❖ The capacity building programmes and special coaching for the students regularly conducted and the students from near by villages are also joining. The out reach programme is main streamed.
- ❖ An amount of Rs. 4.74 lakhs has been received from Redington Foundation towards strengthening of PMRC and Physiotherapy Centre.
- ❖ Physiotherapy Centre for differently abled with the support of Redington Foundation was inaugurated on 28th February 2017.



Avvai Ashram celebrated its 63rd Anniversary. Shri Ramakrishnan from Amar Seva Sangham delivered the special address and appreciated the activities of Avvai Ashram and Santhi School and congratulated the performance of the students.



2.2. EDUCATION

2.2.1 Creches: There are eight crèches fostering the needs of the young children in villages. They are taken care in such a way that their parents leave their children happily in the trusted hands of the creche staff. The children here learn through play way methods.

2.2.2 Gandhigram Primary School:

The students of Gandhigram Primary School are taught through Activity Based Learning. Now adding to the joy of children a smart class room has been started this year. Children love to learn through multimedia content in this smart class. There is more interaction and enthusiasm in children through this effort.



- ❖ Students were inspired to read books through GROWBY method introduced by Indian Literacy Peoject.

- ❖ Shri Ram Ramanujam is gracious enough to grant Rs. 1.33 lakhs for the maintenance and renovation of school buildings, Rs.4.69 lakhs for the construction of new washrooms and toilets and Rs. 9,500 for the purchase of books for Anganvadi.



2.2.3 Dr. T.S. Soundram Vidyalaya Primary and Nursery School:

This experimental English medium school provides pre-primary and primary education to 176 children. Apart from academic orientation, the children are given good exposure to physical, health and value education. The important events of the year are:

- ❖ To improve the reading, listening and speaking skills of children Study Circles are being conducted periodically through which they improve their skills in reading, listening and communicating.
- ❖ To develop scientific knowledge, attitude and skills, a science exhibition has been conducted.



- ❖ Reading skill has been promoted by encouraging the children to make use of the library.
- ❖ In order to promote computer knowledge among the children a new computer worth of Rs.30,000 was contributed by Gandhigram Trust.

Holistic Education in My School



I am Pushpa from Jathigowdanpatti studying 5th standard in Dr. T. S. Soundram Vidyalaya. I have been here from my primary level. I like the way of teaching in our school. Besides Yoga and Hindi are being taught in our school which is very useful for me. I used to participate in all activities conducted by the school and the trust. I have opportunities to go out of our school to visit exhibition conducted by Educational Institutions in and around Gandhigram. I am so fortunate studying in Dr. T. S. Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School.

2.2.4 Kasturba Sevikashram Special Hr.Sec.School:

Dr. Soundram envisioned the needs of dropout girls who were above 16 years, widows and women abandoned by their husbands and 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 takes care of the all round development of the students and infuse in them a sense of confidence to come up in their life.

- ❖ The Rotary Club of Queen City Dindigul conducted a camp for two days in memory of P.S.D. Chandrasekaran Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for the students of 9th and 11th Standard. Various thought provoking activities were given to the students to improve their Leadership qualities.
- ❖ Scholarships were given to five SC girl students from Canara Bank.
- ❖ Science Exhibition was organized. Dr. G. Pankajam presided over the inagural function, Smt. Thangam and Smt. N. Meenal both were alumina of sevikashram inaugurated the Exhibition.
- ❖ Shri Ramanujam donated seven Laptops and one projector to the school
- ❖ The staff and students participated in the “International Elders Day” celebrated in the District Social Welfare Office Dindigul. The students gave cultural programme.



Helping Hand



I am Nagajothi studying plus-two in in Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School. I joined in the school in VIII Std during the academic year 2013-2014. When I was pursuing VIII Std my father died of heart attack. Since my mother is a coolie my family situtation does not permit me to proceed my education. However, the correspon- dent of the school arranged help from Keithan Sathya Trust to continue my studies. Help Kids Trust also support me for the past two years. Today all that I have are given by my school. My heartfelt thanks to my school.

- ❖ The opening ceremony of P.S.D. Chandrasekaran Memorial Hall was held on 16.02.2017. The members of Rotary Club of Queen City, Dindigul handed over the building to the Life Trustee



Dr. R. Kousalya Devi, the Secretary of Kasturba Sevikashram Dr. G. Pankajam and Secretary of Gandhigram Trust Shri K. Shivakumar.

2.2.5 Santhi High School for Hearing Impaired:

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

- ❖ Students from Santhi School have participated in three District level drawing competitions conducted by Forest Department and District Science Centre at Tirunelveli.
- ❖ The Students have participated in the district level sports meet for the disables and they were selected for State Level meet.



- ❖ Training programme on International Sign Language was organized by Redington Foundation in association with V-Shesh, Chennai.
- ❖ Vocational Training Programme for the differently abled children - both Mentally Retarded and Hearing Impaired was conducted in the area of paper cover making, screen printing and machine

embroidery. Steps have been taken to start book binding and handmade paper making.

- ❖ As part of the Redington CSR programme 60hrs online “*Artha Vidhya*” is going on for the commerce graduates.

- ❖ The students attended the Science exhibition organized in Good Shepherd School and Redeemer School.
- ❖ An amount of Rs. 4.74 lakhs has been received from Redington towards strengthening of PMRC and Physiotherapy Centre.
- ❖ A grant of Rs. 2,71,750/- has been received from DDAW Officer for the academic year 2016-2017.
- ❖ 63 hearing aid apparatuses worth Rs. 5 lakhs have been donated by the Rotary International, Ambasamudram.



2.2.6 Thambithottam Higher Secondary School :

The school with its present strength of 915 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 students take part actively in study circles and improve their reading, listening and presentation skills.

Selvan N. Arun Pandian of 12th std, the topper of the academic year 2016-2017 proved that success would be the result of preparation, inspiration, hardworking and learning. He has scored 1182/1200 in the Public Examination and 472 in the NEET Exam and brought laurels to the school by getting admission in Madras Medical College, Chennai. Selvi R. Priyadharshini the topper of class 10th Std has scored 479/500. The pass percentage of 12th Std is 94% and 10th is 99%.



Selvi. M. Angayarkanni of IX was selected for merit scholarship in the State Level Talent Search Examination.

Selvi S.J. Prajana Vathana of 11th std got the first prize in the State Level recitation competition organized by Bharathi Dhasan Kavithaigal.

- ❖ Dr. Saravanan who is an alumnus donated Rs. 2,00,000 for water resource management.

2.2.7 Lakshmi College of Education

With the 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 teachers-student is well taken care of and they are placed immediately either in Government schools or reputed private schools. Ample opportunities are provided to the students to nurture and exhibit their talents through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

- ❖ V.K. Anna Memorial Trophy Competitions were held for rural children in which students from eight schools participated.
- ❖ A workshop on “Radio as a Tool for Education” by Media Research Forum, Madurai was organized.
- ❖ A two-day programme on “Education and Peace” was conducted jointly by Gandhi King Centre and Lakshmi College of Education.
- ❖ A one-day educational tour to Government Farm House at Periyakulam and to Vaigai dam was arranged for the teacher-students.



V.K. Anna Memorial Centre for Career Guidance and Counseling was inaugurated at the college premises. The dreams of V. K. Anna would come to reality only by encouraging rural students. Career Guidance, counseling, computer training and spoken English would be taught in this centre.

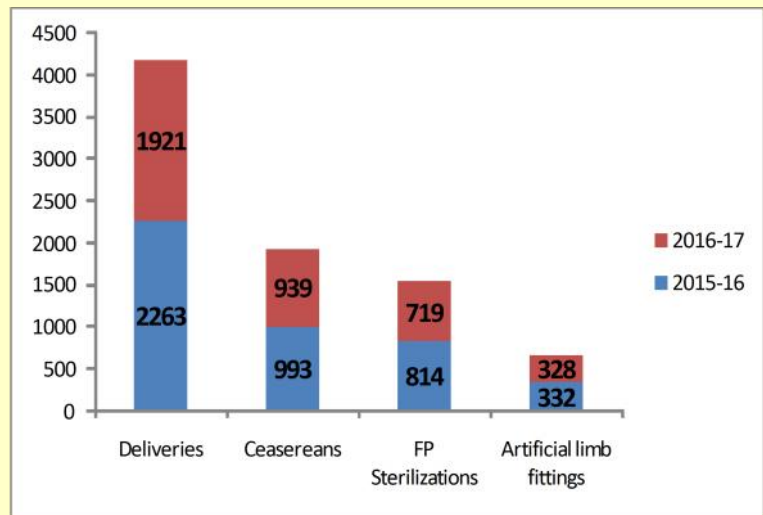
2.3. HEALTH

2.3.1 Kasturba Hospital:

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 cater the health needs of men, women and children from in and around Gandhigram. Kasturba Hospital is concentrating mainly on Maternal and Child Health and providing 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 after introducing instruments like Ultrasonogram, digitalization of scanning, digitalization of lab reports, centralized computer billing etc., Along with modernization, the traditional Ayurvedic and Siddha practices are also find a new place

at Kasturba Hospital. A separate section has been opened to practice ayurvedic treatments like oil bath, steam bath, Navarakizhi, pizhichal and yoga by our experienced Ayurvedic and Siddha doctors. This has a warm welcome from the geneal public.



- ❖ Under Anaemia Eradication Scheme about 750 children of our Balwadis, Sowbhagya Illam, Sevikashram, Avvai Ashram, Santhi School were diagnosed and benefited.
- ❖ About 68 members of ESI enrolled patients were benefited.

Mr.Chezhiyan, aged 42 is a native of Madurai. Due to vascular disease, his both limbs were amputated above the knee level, at Government Hospital, Madurai on 15th January, 2017. He was admitted in the Artificial Limb Research Centre of Kasturba Hospital for artificial limb fixing on 5th August, 2017. Artificial limbs were fixed for his both legs and was discharged on 9th September, 2017. After a month's training, he was able to walk with the help of walking frame.



- ❖ Nearly 2570 children were administered with polio drops and BCG Vaccine
- ❖ Around 925 patients were benefited through the medical camps held in 10 villages.
- ❖ About 6620 patients were diagnosed under HIV-counseling & testing project.
- ❖ Artificial Limbs has been fitted to 330 patients.
- ❖ In addition we have educated the people about dengue, anaemia, diabetes, and hypertension and created awareness of the facilities available at our hospital with modernized equipments and machinery.
- ❖ Kasturba Day was celebrated on 22nd February 2017 at Kasturba Hospital and the World Tuberculosis Day was celebrated at Thambithottam Higher Secondary School.
- ❖ Ultra sound scan machine, donated by Cognition Foundation and installed in the Hospital is fully used for scanning ANC, Echo-cardiogram and Follicular study.
- ❖ As part of Dengue fever preventive measures, the Deputy Director of Health Services,



Dindigul, Chinnalapatti Primary Health Centre, Chinnalapatti Panchayat and our ANM students jointly conducted a screening programme in our hospital premises.

- ❖ Chinnalapatti Rotary Club of Texcity and our hospital has jointly conducted a blood

donation camp at our hospital on 1st July, 2017. Six volunteers donated blood to our hospital blood bank.

2.4. INCOME GENERATION

2.4.1 Khadi & Village Industries Public Charitable Trust

Employment Generation through Traditional Industries: Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust is one of the pioneers in developing village industry units in villages spread over the Districts of Dindigul, Karur, Madurai, Sivagangai, Triunelveli and Theni, providing support to 100 families. Over the years it has 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. The Khadi Production for the year 2016-2017 was Rs. 168.89 Lakhs and the sales was Rs. 225.83 Lakhs. Similarly the production of Village Industry products for the year was Rs. 633.15 lakhs and the sales was Rs. 776.58 lakhs.



With the support of NID Ahmedabad and NIFT Chennai the Trust has introduced 20 new designs in Khadi shirting fabrics and seven new designs in Khadi Sarees to attract the younger generation. Smt. Gita Ram, Managing Trustee, Smt. Sudha Ravi and Smt. Jagada Rajappa, Design Development Committee members have actively toiled for developing the designs. The new

designed sarees and chudithars made for the younger generation reached the market. They are welcome by the youngsters.

2.4.2 Lakshmi Seva Sangham (LSS):

The LSS has stepped into its 40th year of dedication in the promotion of Siddha and Ayurvedic medicines and provides income generation to the downtrodden in near by villages. Lakshmi Seva

Sangham has grown and managed to manufacture around 273 varieties of medicines, keeping its core principles intact. The notable events of this year are:

- ❖ Medical Camps were conducted in Srivilliputhur and Sholavandan organized by Ramanathapuram District Sarvodaya Sangh and Vivekanda College, Sholavandan respectively.



- ❖ Participated in the Exhibition held at CODISSIA, Coimbatore organized by Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Chennai.

2.4.3 Dr. Soundram Trust

Mini Offset Printing, Multi colour Printing, Binding and photocopying are undertaken by the Publication Division of Dr. Soundram Trust. During 2016-2017 the turnover was for Rs. 11.13 lakhs. Madurai TVS School, Community College and Arockia Welfare Trust gave orders to Dr. Soundram Trust Press. We are continuously getting orders from Gandhigram Rural Institute Library for binding old books. In addition to training, research programmes are also conducted by Natural Dyes Research



& Training Centre, another unit of Dr. Soundram Trust. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Thanga Naturals, Thirupur. Dyeing job works are also got from Khadi Trust, Cooperatives and from private dyeing institutions. In 2016-2017 Natural Dyeing jobs worth Rs. 2.34 lakhs were executed. The Wheels India (P) Ltd, Chennai has contributed Rs. Five lakhs towards developing Indigo Vat dyeing process.



SEVEN DANGERS TO HUMAN VIRTUE

1. Wealth without work
2. Pleasure without conscience
3. Knowledge without character
4. Business without ethics
5. Science without humanity
6. Religion without sacrifice
7. Politics without principle

2.5. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

2.5.1. Village Extension Wing:

Gandhigram Trust has conducted many trainings, awareness programmes and need assessment camps in various fields of extension activities. At present about 63 Women SHGs are functioning under Gandhigram Trust. On the recommendations of Gandhigram Trust loans for Rs. 22 lakhs were distributed to six groups from the Nationalized Banks. The repayment was Rs. 6,63,750/-.

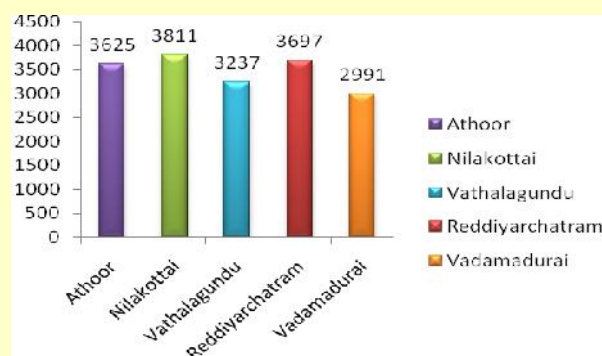
- ❖ Three production units i.e. 1. Sandal Garland Unit. 2. Compressed Sambirani and Candle Unit and. 3. Groundnut purphy Unit have been started and functioning well. In Sandal Garland Unit two full time employees are engaged and five rural women get part time employment. Two women get full time employment in computer sambirani unit and in groundnut purphy unit one woman got fulltime employment and four got part time employment.
- ❖ Eight women deputed by a voluntary agency were trained in papad making and 15 women were trained in sandal garland making.
- ❖ Gandhigram Trust initiated Agriculture and herbal processing company with the help of NABARD at T. Subbulapuram in Aundipatti taluk. The Farmers are the share holders of the company. In order to increase the income shops were opened to sell the produces
- ❖ A tailoring unit was started and six rural woman got trained in the unit. They are earning Rs.1500/- per month under part time employment.
- ❖ Neem oil extraction unit run by an SHG which has been stopped its production for more than three years has been brought into functioning.



I am Meharaj Begam from Annamalaiyar Mills, Dindigul. I joined in the Sandal Garland making unit in 2016 run by Gandhigram Trust through a Self Help Group. It helped me for my bread and betterment of my family. This year I received the best enterpreneur award on the 20th Memorial Day of V.P. Anna. All credit goes to Gandhigram Trust.

2.5.2. Swachh Bharath Mission Project

With the financial support of Arghyam, Bengaluru Gandhigram Trust is facilitating “Swachh Bharath Mission” project in five selected blocks of Dindigul district-Athoor, Nilakottai, Vathalagundu, Reddiyarchatram and Vadamadurai with the guidance of block and district administrations since 2014. The main objective is to facilitate and create awareness on sanitation and its related causes to the community through different approaches, including Community Led Total sanitation (CLTS) to construct individual household toilets, school



and Anganwadi toilets, group toilets and Sanitary complexes by encouraging them to use Individual Household Laterines (IHHLs) and maintenance of such toilets.

Shri Manohar, Senior Programme Manager, Arghyam discussed and gave feedback about the project activities to Shri K. Shivakumar, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust.

3. IMPORTANT EVENTS

3.1 Planning for Celebrations of 70th Year

We have crossed 70 fruitful years in putting into practice the vision of the founders and gratefully acknowledge the contribution and support extended by all wellwishers, donors and many other stakeholders. We owe the present status and structures of Gandhigram to the millions of people for their financial support and more for their involvement and guiding us in building Gandhigram.

The following are the gist of ideas;

- ❖ To create and develop a model village as per the vision
- ❖ To Search the roots and planning for the future.
- ❖ To Identify the senior staff members/weavers and other workers who contributed for the growth and recognize them either collectively or individually depending upon their mobility.
- ❖ Documentation of 70 years of experience.



3.2. *Dreaming and working together - 150th year of Mahatma Gandhiji*

Ekta Parishad and Gandhigram Trust along with other Gandhian institutions are jointly planning to take up many activities to celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji. It gives us great opportunity to work for creating a non violent economic model with non violent freedom,



non – violent consumption, non violent distribution of goods and services for the world. Globally there is great enthusiasm and interest to explore the idea of non violent economy. The transition movement in Europe is basically inspired by the concept of non violent economy.

A pre-planning programme of 150th Birth Anniversary of Gandhiji was held at Gandhigram. The function started with invocation. Shri. K.Shivakumar, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust welcomed the gathering and requested everyone to contribute their views regarding the celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji.

Smt. Krishnammal Jegannathan initiated the sharing session with her experiences. She said that Gandhiji without having any idea of freedom to India he went to south Africa for his earnings. But challenges made him to fight for the nation. The country has many challenges. It is our prime duty to dedicate ourselves with determination and work for the country to go in the path of Gandhiji.



Gandhigram Trust has initiated and conducted a preliminary meeting on Sanitation 9th August 2017 at Dr.Soundram Manimandapam. Shri. P. V. Rajagopal of Ekta Parishad Chaired the session. Mr. Veeramani, State level Swachh Bharath Mission Trainer presented the introduction note about the different stages of sanitation activities implemented at Central and State Government level since 1985, Community Rural Sanitation Project, Total Sanitation Project, Nirmal Bharath Abhiyan and later converted in to Swachh Bharath Mission (SBM), declared by Shri. Modi, Prime Minister of India.

Shri. K. Sivakumar, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust, remembered Quit India Movement of 75th year, and as per the Government plan it is being celebrated on SANKALP –SE SIDDHI. All the participants took Oath.



3.3 Dr. Soundram Amma Book Released

The re-edited and re-designed biography of Dr. T. S. Soundram, namely “Aram Valartha Amma”, originally written by Dr. P. S. Chandrababu was released on 15th March 2017, in a colourful



function which was coincided with the centenary functions of Shri. V. K. Anna. Dr. S. Kokila Thangasamy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Chennai, has chaired the function. He established an endowment in his name to propagate the values and dedicated services of Dr. T. S. Soundram among students and villagers. He also added that Dr. Soundram was the best role model for selfless services.

3.4 Community Library (Room To Read)

Dr. D. K. Oza, Former Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram Rural Institute has donated a sum of Rs. 60,000/- for setting up of Community Library i.e Room to Read for the benefit of staff and students of Gandhigram as also for the village people around Gandhigram in future. It is planned to collect used books from the Public, Teachers, Professors and the Employees of Gandhigram Trust.

3.5 Waterman of India visits Gandhigram

The popular and well known 'Waterman of India' Mr. Rajendra Singh has visited Gandhigram on 24th April 2017. Shri. Rajendra Singh shared his experiences and thoughts on the present water scenario among and representative of voluntary agencies and press reporters. He stressed the need



for a water literacy programme for the people of Tamil nadu. He compared his own experience in Gandhigram during his visit here some 13 years ago when the surroundings were reflected with a surplus of water and it is pained him to know the present drought status.

3.6 Centenary Celebration of Shri. V. Krishnamurthy

Shri V.Krishnamurthy was an architect of College of Rural Higher Education and an ardent Gandhian Rural Reconstructive worker. His centenary year celebration was inaugurated in a solemn and simple function at Dr.T.S.Soundram Manimandapam on 19.01.2017 in the presence of veteran Gandhians, Sarvodaya leaders, Constructive Workers, the Associates and the Co workers of Shri V.Krishnamurthy. Shri K.M.Natarajan, Chairman, Sarvodaya Ilakkia Pannai, Madurai, Dr.M.P.Gurusamy, Secretary, Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai, Shri P.K.K.Sampath, Vice-President, Theni District Sarvodaya Mandal, Dr. B.S.Nagarajan, an associate of Shri V.Krishnamurthy and Dr.N.Narayanasamy, Professor, Gandhigram Rural Institute a student of V.K. Anna felicitated and recollected the golden memories of Shri V.K. Anna.



3.7 Proto Type Charka Handed over for Exhibition

Shri. Chandramouli, Member, Khadi and Villagae Industries Commission (KVIC) South Zone visited Gandhigram Khadi Units and shared the new marketing strategies adopted by KVIC and

extended his support for planning new strategies. He has indicated that the KVIC has been arranging for a permanent Charka Exhibition in New Delhi. We have handed over a proto type Charka, designed by Shri. Yegambarananthan and an old model Charka for placing in the Exhibition.



of 3.8 Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha Team Visited Gandhigram

Shri G.V. Krishna Rao, Shri K. Deenabandhu and team members from Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha visited Gandhigram and shared their views with the staff members of the Educational Institution.



They assured that they would select a ‘*prasarak*’ who would rotationally visit and handle classes in Thambithottam, Sevikashram and Sowbhagya Illam initially. They would create a Museum with photographs of Gandhiji’s visits to Chennai and the activities of the growth Hindi Prachar Sabha. They 3.6 wanted a Charka from Gandhigram to keep in the museum and it was handed over to them.

3.9 Celebrating the 69th Anniversary

The 69th Anniversary of Gandhigram Trust was celebrated from 02.10.2016 to 07.10.2016. Dr. M.P. Gurusamy, in his presidential address insisted that the implementation of the Gandhian values would be the need of the hour. Shri N. Krishnamoorthy praised the activities of Gandhigram Trust and narrated that the Gandhian values would give youngsters a right answer.

Dr. M. P. Gurusamy received the prestigious ‘**Keithan Sathya Memorial Award**’ on behalf



Gandhi Museum, Madurai. This award was given in recognition of its devotion and commitment in the propagation of Gandhian ideology.

Similarly Leonard Hospital, Batlagundu was given “**Dr.A.K.Tharien Memorial Award**” in recognition of its health services for rural mass, particularly for downtrodden and helpless in the community.

3.10 Training the future teachers

The Redington team frequently visited Lakshmi College of Education where Redington Foundation has a Smart Learning Centre for imparting Employability Skill Training to the unemployed youths. In addition the future teachers are benefitted with the communicative English and Soft Skill training. The team interacted with the students and shared their experiences.



Redington also launched a new training programme at Gandhigram campus in association with Kasturba Hospital of Gandhigram Trust. The 50 days programme named “*Bed Side Assistant (BSA)*” is useful for jobseekers and the interested unemployed girls. They would be trained in nursing care at



Kasturba Hospital and they would serve as a home nursing assistant for needy people in cities. Spoken English and communication skill will be given along with this programme. Shri Muthukumarasamy, Redington Secretary, Mr. Clinton Almeida, Chief Information Officer, Mr. Jayaraman, Vice-President, Treasurer attended the inaugural function. Mr. Murugan SLC leader of Redington Foundation

organized the programme. Dr. Seethalakshmi, Board member of Gandhigram Trust elaborated the planning efforts and thanked them.

India Literacy Project is partnering with Google Earth to work on Social Science Education contents. As per TN Samacheer Kalvi syllabus the VII Std social science is already developed and available in online. As partner of ILP, Gandhigram Trust is invited to work through their teachers and B.Ed. students of Lakshmi College of Education for creating social science contents for VI, VIII, IX



and X std. This will be a milestone in creating online contents with open source available online for facilitating better learning for students. We are thankful for the support of ILP and also Sri. Ram Ramanujam for financial support to Kasturba Sevikashram, Primary School and Thambithottam Higher Secondary School.

3.11 International Indigenous People's Day

Gandhigram Trust and Ekta Parishad jointly organized an International Indigenous People's Day with relevance to Gandhi on 9th August 2017 at Dr.Soundram Manimandapam. Shri. P.V. Rajagopal Founder of Ekta Parishad in his special address on Mahatma Gandhi and Tribal, spoke that we people have obsessed with consumerism which would not be a good example for sustainable development. We have exploited the nature too much whereas the tribals have been leading a simple life and preserve the nature and environment as envisioned by Gandhi. He also remembered that the sustainability believed to be the Gandhian philosophy and core values of Tribal life i.e.

- ❖Organic farming
- ❖Simple life
- ❖Less consumption of nature
- ❖Living with environment



3.12 Sarvodaya Day

Gandhigram Trust organized Sarvodaya Day jointly with the Sarvodaya Team - Padmashri Krishnammal Jagannathan and Shri K. M. Natarajan. It is coinciding with Shri Jagannathanji's Anniversary. Smt. Krishnammal Jagannathan and Shri K. M. Natarajan and others shared the ideals of Gandhian approach that would cause rural development, strives to reconstruct village republics on the lines of non-violence, self- governed and self-sufficient. They also felt that apart from creating a



new socio-economic order, it endeavours to transform man; otherwise the changes in the socio-economic order would be short-lived. The Sarvodaya team has arranged a seminar on 11th February, 2017. The students of Tata - Dhan Academy, Lakshmi College of Education, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Sarvodaya leaders and Villagers

participated and presented papers on Natural water resources and climatic changes in the present scenario.

3.13 Central Core Committee

The Central Core Committee is arranging frequent meetings of its members. In addition it takes care of conducting Board Meetings and other important events. The committee also takes part in the celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhiji's and would select a model village for the implementation of Holistic approach as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi.

3.14 Gandhigram Cultural Committee

The Gandhigram Cultural Committee plans programmes every month and arranges for the celebrations of National Days, the birth days of National Leaders and all religious functions. It also organizes shramadhan twice in a year involving all the employees of Gandhigram. It arranges Pournami dinner once in three months for the children of Sowbaghya Illam sponsored by units of Gandhigram Trust, alternatively.

Conclusion

We conclude this report with regarding our heartfelt thanks to all the committee members, Government Departments, Donors, Funding Agencies and all other stakeholders for their financial and voluntary support and guidance extended in facilitating our goal towards 'Living with the Vision' of our Founders.

Khadi must empower rural women, build economy, says activist

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Madurai: The charkha with which khadi is weaved is a symbol of purity and could empower rural women and also help them build the rural economy in a big way, said activist Krishnammal Jagannathan while launching the newly-designed khadi sarees of Gandhigram trust on Thursday.

Speaking at the 70th anniversary celebration of the trust, she said that Gandhigram should endeavour to empower rural women through its activities following the Gandhian ideology. Khadi was something that could

empower an entire family, she said.

P V Rajagopal, chairman Ekta Parishad, said khadi stood for simplicity and that it sat well on the shoulders of both the poor and the rich who adorned it. It went a long way in poverty alleviation, he said. Another speaker, K M Natarajan, said that the revival of hand spinning and weaving would make the largest contribution to the economic and moral regeneration of India.

Gandhigram supported 250 artisans and the newly-designed saris and churidhars were aimed at attracting the younger generation,



PROMOTING KHADI: Activist Krishnammal Jagannathan launched the newly-designed khadi saris of Gandhigram trust on its anniversary on Thursday

said K Shivakumar, secretary of Gandhigram Trust. He said the trust provided emp-

loyment opportunities to artisans through the production of khadi around Gand-

higram in Dindigul district as well as Vickramasingapuram and also others places in Tirunelveli district.

The trust had engaged new designers who studied the attitude of the people while designing the new varieties of sarees and churidhars. Gita Ram, managing trustee, and Jagada Rajappa were instrumental in bringing about the new designs. Men's shirts were also being designed with different collars to attract college students. They were specialising in natural dyes and the cloth was being presented in a hue of colours. This could go a long way in enhancing

the sale of khadi products and subsequently the livelihood of the weaver, he said.

Gandhigram Trust has also taken the initiative to coordinate with like-minded Gandhians to plan for celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The speakers called for steps to bridge the gap between the poor and the rich which was rising sharply as western model of development was being followed at all levels. Dr Markandan, former vice-chancellor of Gandhigram rural institute, said that there was a need to spread the values of Gandhiji in villages.

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மருத்துவம், சுதந்திரப் போராட்ட வீரங்களை

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தமிழகத்தின் தலைசிறந்த மருத்துவர்களில் ஒருவரும் சுதந்திரப் போராட்ட வீரர்களையும் சமூக சீர்திருத்தவாதியுமான டி.எஸ்.சவுந்தரம் (T.S.Soundaram) பிறந்த தினம் இன்று (ஆகஸ்ட் 18). அவரைப் பற்றிய அரிய முத்துக்கள் பத்து:

- திருநெல்வேலியில் பிறந்தார் (1904). தந்தை, தென்னிந்தியாவின் பிரபலமான டி.வி.எஸ்.ஜயங்கார் & சன்ஸ் தொழிலகத்தின் நிறுவனர். பள்ளிப் படிப்பு முடிந்த உடனே இவருக்கு 14 வயதில் திருமணம் நடைபெற்றது. மருத்துவரான இவரது கணவர் ஒருசில ஆண்டுகளிலேயே மறைந்தார். தொடர்ந்து படிக்கும்படி தாய்கள் மகளைப் பெற்றோர் ஊக்குவித்தனர்.
- தில்லியில் உள்ள லேடி ஹார்மன் மருத்துவக் கல்லூரியில் பயின்றார். அப்போது தன் தேர்ப்பிள்ளை நாயர் மூலமாக மகாத்மா காந்தியைச் சந்தித்தார். 32-வது வயதில் 1936-ல் மருத்துவத்தில் பட்டம் பெற்றார். அதன்பிறகு முழு மூச்சாக சுதந்திரப் போராட்டத்தில் ஈடுபட்டார். ஹரிஜன் இயக்கத்தில் இணைந்தார்.
- அவர்களது முன்னேற்றத்துக்காகப் போராடி வந்த கிராமச்சந்திரனைச் சந்தித்தார். இருவரும் திருமணம் செய்துகொள்ள முடிவெடுத்தனர். இதற்கு இவரின் குடும்பத்தினர் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளவில்லை. இவர்கள் இருவரும் ஓராண்டு காலம் ஒருவரை ஒருவர் சந்திக்காமல் இருந்து அதன்பின்னாலும் இதே உறுதியுடன் இருந்தால், திருமணம் செய்துகொள்ளலாம் என காந்திஜி அறிவுறுத்தினார். அதன்படி நடந்துகொண்டனர்.
- காந்திஜியின் ஆசிரியரான கிராமச்சந்திரனைத் திருமணம் செய்துகொண்டனர். காந்திஜி இவரை கஸ்தூரிபாய் காந்தி தேசிய நிறைவு அறக்கட்டளையின் தென்னிந்தியப் பிரதிநிதியாக நியமித்தார்.
- சென்னை திரும்பிய பின், மருத்துவ தொழிலில் ஈடுபட்டார். காந்திஜியின் அறிவுரைப்படி, பிள்ளையார் கிராமப் பகுதி ஏழைகளின் முன்னேற்றத்துக்காக காந்திஜி கிராம அமைப்பு ஒன்றை ஆரம்பித்தார். 1947-ல் திண்டுக்கல் அருகேயுள்ள சின்னாளப்பட்டியில் கஸ்தூரிபாய் மருத்துவமனையைத் தொடங்கினார். இவர் ஆரம்பித்த காந்திஜி கிராம அறக்கட்டளை, 1976-ல் தன்னாட்சி அந்தஸ்து பெற்ற காந்தி கிராம பல்கலைக்கழகமாக உயர்ந்தது.
- மதராஸ் மாகாண சட்டமன்றத்துக்கு 1952, 1957-ம் ஆண்டு களில் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டார். 1952-ல் நாடாளுமன்ற உறுப்பினரானார். மத்திய கல்வி துணை அமைச்சராக நியமிக்கப்பட்டார். சிந்தச் சந்தப்படுத்தினார் இந்நியா முழுவதும் கட்டாய இலவச ஆரம்பக்கல்வியை அறிமுகம் செய்தார். இவரது சமூக சேவைகளுக்காக 1962-ல் இவருக்கு பத்மபூஷன் விருது வழங்கப்பட்டது.
- ஏழைகள், நலிவற்ற மக்கள், பெண்கள், பிற்படுத்தப்பட்டவர்கள் ஆகியோரின் நலனை குறித்தே சிந்தித்து வந்தார். கல்வி, கௌரவம், பெண்கள் முன்னேற்றம், வேலைவாய்ப்பு உள்ளிட்ட களங்களில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க வளர்ச்சியை எடுத்தார்.
- ஐந்து குழந்தைகளைத் தந்தெடுத்தது, படிக்க வைத்து நல்வாழ்க்கையை அமைத்துக் கொடுத்தார். மூன்றே மூன்று செட்டைக் கூடாது - ஒன்று அணிந்துகொள்ள, மற்றொன்று மாற்றித் துணி, இன்னொன்று மூலைப்படுத்திகள் - வாழ்ந்துவந்தவர்.
- தனது தாய், பாக்டர் முத்துலட்சுமி ரெட்டி, காந்திஜி ஆசிரிய மூலமும் தன் குருவாக வரித்துக்கொண்டவர். செல்வச் செழிப்பான குடும்பத்தில் பிறந்திருந்தாலும், இவரால் ஏழைகளோடு தன்னைச் சேர்ப்பதாக அடையாளப்படுத்திக் கொள்ள முடிந்தது.
- 'சமூகநாயகம்' என அனைவராலும் நேசத்துடன் போற்றப்பட்டவர். பொதுவானதில் தன்னைமற்ற செயல்பாடுகளுடன் முன்னுதாரணமாக வாழ்ந்து வழிகாட்டிய மாதரசி டி.எஸ்.சவுந்தரம். 1984-ம் ஆண்டு, தனது 80-வது வயதில் மறைந்தார். 2005-ல் இந்திய அரசு இவரது நினைவாக அஞ்சல்தலை வெளியிட்டது.

- ராஜசுந்தரி சிவலிங்கம்

Call to implement PESA Act in letter and spirit

'Empower tribal people to have access to resources, rights'

STAFF REPORTER
DINDIGUL

The Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act should be implemented by the southern States in letter and spirit to empower tribal people to have access to resources and rights, said P.V. Rajagopal, Chairman, Ekta Parishad.

Addressing tribal people at a function to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous People's celebrations (Adivasi Day) on Gandhigram Trust premises at Gandhigram near here on Wednesday, he said even Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu did not implement the act properly.

The PESA assumed immense importance for tribal communities as it would protect them from displacement and alienation of land. Ultimately, tribal people would be empowered for development of their community.

They would have rights to take decisions on minor forest produces and minor minerals.

Outsiders would be prevented from buying lands under the PESA zone. It would prevent fraudulent land acquisitions also, he pointed out.



Tribal people performing a cultural programme to mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous People at Gandhigram Trust at Gandhigram near Dindigul on Wednesday.

• PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN.

When estate owners came to Odisha to buy lands in tribal areas, tribal people pointed out that it was under PESA zone.

The Apex Court too supported their stand and prevented the industrialists from buying their land. But, 16 years had passed and PESA had not been implemented in these States effectively.

Governors should exercise their power to protect the rights of the tribal people, he appealed.

The simple lifestyle of tribal people and their limited use of natural resources should be adopted by everyone to protect the globe. Everyone in the world should accept Adivasis as global gurus and follow them. We should adopt their lifestyle instead of dumping our lifestyle on them, said Mr. Rajagopal.

Later, Paliyar tribes from Kadugudhadi on lower Palni hill performed a folk dance highlighting their traditional lifestyle.

5. 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 31st March, 2017, 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 Institutions 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 appear 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 accounts 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 31st March, 2017;
- (ii) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account the Excess of Income over Expenditure of the Trust as at 31st March, 2017.

Place : MADURAI.

Date : 19.09.2017



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GANDHIGRAM TRUST, GANDHIGRAM. Notes forming part of Auditors' Report for the year ending 31.3.2017.

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.95,51,969.85/- 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 : 19.09.2017



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6. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-2017

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM		
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017		
2015-2016	RECEIPTS	2016-2017
Amount		Amount
	Opening Balance	
40,537.45	Cash	44,614.70
12,376,665.98	Bank	16,086,047.47
52,711,781.00	Grant	54,985,985.00
34,780,298.00	Education	34,258,534.00
13,286,593.00	Welfare	14,626,354.00
1,276,413.00	Medical Relief	2,925,372.00
3,368,477.00	Project Grant	3,175,725.00
74,898,214.28	Department Income	78,712,596.00
2,596,026.00	Education	3,708,446.00
2,843,652.00	Welfare	3,652,421.00
69,458,536.28	Medical Relief	71,351,729.00
16,641,360.61	Donations	18,882,270.28
490,916.00	Education	347,008.00
14,260,695.61	Welfare	17,150,917.28
606,749.00	Medical Relief	1,384,345.00
1,283,000.00	35 Corpus Fund	
4,911,504.00	Income From Property	5,685,865.00
422,796.00	Education	564,791.00
3,618,703.00	Welfare	4,101,409.00
870,005.00	Medical Relief	1,019,665.00
6,657,583.71	Interest From Investments	6,866,854.96
157,006.00	Education	121,962.00
3,951,404.71	Welfare	4,161,061.96
2,549,173.00	Medical Relief	2,583,831.00
4,513,025.95	Other Income	4,825,531.51
728,917.00	Education	1,256,027.50
2,864,740.16	Welfare	2,267,401.54
919,368.79	Medical Relief	1,302,102.47
4,189,673.00	Investment	1,111,436.00
17,805,265.40	Current Liabilities & Advances	16,803,027.31
287,839.00	Statutory dues Payable	591,708.00
195,033,450.38	Total	204,595,936.23

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM		
2015-2016	PAYMENTS	2016-2017
Amount		Amount
35,412,769.60	Dept / Programe Expenses	38,903,245.67
701,792.00	Education	2,250,460.25
11,700,832.60	Welfare	13,682,427.42
20,293,614.00	Medical Relief	20,007,020.00
2,716,531.00	Project Programme Expenses	2,963,338.00
94,304,217.85	Insitutional Expenses	100,723,407.00
35,740,123.00	Education	35,166,684.00
15,899,982.85	Welfare	16,543,228.00
42,664,112.00	Medical Relief	49,013,495.00
9,794,774.25	Administrative Expenses	8,458,503.25
766,765.75	Education	852,393.25
3,190,240.50	Welfare	2,730,744.00
5,837,768.00	Medical Relief	4,875,366.00
4,629,791.00	Repairs and Maintenance	4,803,421.87
559,886.00	Education	488,518.00
1,857,579.00	Welfare	2,344,473.87
2,212,326.00	Medical Relief	1,970,430.00
2,799,802.69	Other Expenses	2,714,734.81
320,820.00	Education	329,327.50
2,369,686.69	Welfare	2,313,466.06
109,296.00	Medical Relief	71,941.25
5,233,527.00	Additional Fixed Assets	6,745,081.50
197,070.00	Education	970,358.00
4,409,684.00	Welfare	4,252,802.50
626,773.00	Medical Relief	1,521,921.00
11,671,443.00	Investment	6,410,067.00
14,712,259.82	Current Assest & Advances	15,983,778.37
344,203.00	Statutory dues Paid	372,125.20
	Closing Balance	
44,614.70	Cash	56,794.03
16,086,047.47	Bank	19,424,777.53
195,033,450.38	Total	204,595,936.23

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-2017

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM		
CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2017		
2015-2016	INCOME	2016-2017
Amount		Amount
57,398,252.00	Grant	60,669,485.07
34,780,298.00	Education	34,258,534.00
14,309,908.00	Welfare	18,503,093.07
4,939,569.00	Medical Relief	4,732,133.00
3,368,477.00	Project Grant	3,175,725.00
74,898,214.28	Department Income	78,643,146.00
2,596,026.00	Education	3,703,446.00
2,843,652.00	Welfare	3,652,421.00
69,458,536.28	Medical Relief	71,287,279.00
11,995,595.11	Donations	17,574,587.78
58,946.00	Education	147,008.00
11,329,900.11	Welfare	16,043,234.78
606,749.00	Medical Relief	1,384,345.00
4,911,504.00	Income From Property	5,688,222.00
422,796.00	Education	564,791.00
3,618,703.00	Welfare	4,103,766.00
870,005.00	Medical Relief	1,019,665.00
6,657,583.71	Interest From Investments	6,921,532.96
157,006.00	Education	121,962.00
3,951,404.71	Welfare	4,215,739.96
2,549,173.00	Medical Relief	2,583,831.00
4,601,715.95	Other Income	4,039,179.97
728,917.00	Education	1,256,027.50
3,062,726.16	Welfare	1,481,050.00
810,072.79	Medical Relief	1,302,102.47
1,974,494.19	Closing Stock [Kasturba Hospital]	3,455,083.00
162,437,359.24	Total	176,991,236.78

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM		
2015-2016	EXPENDITURE	2016-2017
Amount		Amount
35,500,967.88	Dept / Programe Expenses	39,451,775.67
701,792.00	Education	2,250,460.25
11,700,832.60	Welfare	14,230,957.42
20,381,812.28	Medical Relief	20,007,020.00
2,716,531.00	Project Programme Expenses	2,963,338.00
94,081,658.85	Insitutional Expenses	100,629,117.00
35,734,266.00	Education	35,072,394.00
15,683,280.85	Welfare	16,543,228.00
42,664,112.00	Medical Relief	49,013,495.00
9,747,186.25	Administrative Expenses	8,481,229.25
764,558.75	Education	852,393.25
3,144,859.50	Welfare	2,730,169.00
5,837,768.00	Medical Relief	4,908,667.00
4,634,936.00	Repairs and Maintenance	4,840,808.87
565,031.00	Education	488,518.00
1,857,579.00	Welfare	2,377,751.87
2,212,326.00	Medical Relief	1,974,539.00
4,486,667.69	Other Expenses	3,837,486.78
320,826.00	Education	329,327.50
2,369,686.69	Welfare	1,447,632.84
1,796,355.00	Medical Relief	2,060,526.44
7,087,561.50	Depreciation	9,551,969.85
848,470.00	Education	961,837.00
3,090,570.50	Welfare	5,434,459.85
3,148,521.00	Medical Relief	3,155,673.00
6,898,181.07	Excess Income over Expenditure	10,188,849.36
162,437,359.24	Total	176,991,236.78

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2017

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM			
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2017			
2015-2016	LIABILITIES	Note	2016-2017
Amount			Amount
136,904,143.29	Capital Fund	1	140,346,564.64
66,093,967.00	Endowment Fund		66,979,480.00
20,927,359.23	General Fund	2	29,962,502.61
618,830.00	Other Fund	3	372,830.00
978,219.90	Reserve & Building & Corpus Fund	4	4,570,178.10
14,018,137.50	35 AC Corpus Fund		14,018,137.50
1,020,000.00	Gandhigram Life time workers Endowment fund		1,020,000.00
100,000.00	Dr.T.S.Soundram Women & Child Development Endowment Fund		100,000.00
486,349.00	Statutory dues & Others payable	5	790,902.00
43,188,494.87	Loans and advances	6	31,313,242.05
284,335,500.79	TOTAL		289,473,836.90

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM			
2015-2016	ASSETS	Note	2016-2017
Amount			Amount
1,131,804.10	Land	7	1,131,804.10
49,627,175.90	Building	8	49,589,658.10
6,273,878.86	Equipments	9	5,762,238.80
11,609,840.00	Furniture	10	10,534,593.00
1,523,139.00	Plant and Machinery	11	2,142,987.81
2,660,354.00	Vehicles	12	2,257,556.00
436,984.00	Fencing		414,908.00
246,592.00	Computers	13	452,905.80
247,831.00	Library books		172,368.90
117,401.00	Vessels		184,981.00
68,366,314.00	Endowment fund Investments	14	69,334,076.00
100,000.00	Dr.T.S.Soundram Women & Child Development Endowment Fund		100,000.00
870,000.00	Gandhigram Life Time workers Endowment fund		870,000.00
14,016,140.00	35 AC Corpus Fund Investment	15	14,016,140.00
23,284,047.70	Grant Income Receivable	16	28,355,142.77
301,732.15	Electricity, Cooking Gas & Other deposit	17	436,531.15
5,087,791.00	Fixed Deposit	18	9,400,866.00
1,787,597.00	Tax deducted at source		2,033,575.20
43,211,476.88	General fund	2	42,440,702.86
35,330,245.84	Loans and advances	6	26,906,146.85
	CLOSING BALANCE:-		
44,614.70	Cash on hand		56,794.03
16,084,049.97	Cash at Bank	19	19,422,780.03
1,997.50	35 AC Corpus Fund Bank balance		1,997.50
1,974,494.19	Closing Stock [kasturba Hospital]	20	3,455,083.00
284,335,500.79	TOTAL		289,473,836.90

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7. COMPLIANCE REPORT

IDENTITY

- ❖ We are registered as a Trust under Indian Trust Act, 1961
- ❖ Trust Deed is available
- ❖ We are registered under section 12A(a) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 vide no. 135 dt. 13.07.1976 and with exemption under section 80(G) valid for assessment year 2011-12 and subsequent years vide order no. C.No: 102/128/CIT-II/1976-77 dt. 15.09.2010 and under section 35 AC valid upto the financial year 2016-17.
- ❖ We are registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 vide No: 030002166016 dt.05.05.2016. Our Registration No: 075940007. This renewed certificate is valid for a period of five years with effect from 01.11.2016

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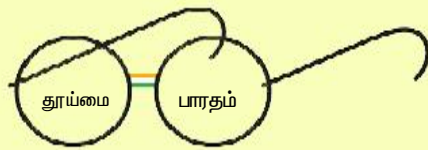
Name and address of main Banker : Canara Bank, Gandhigram – 624 302 and
State Bank of India, Ambathurai – 624 302

Name and address of the Auditors : 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) : **NIL**
- ❖ Total cost of international travels : **NIL**
- ❖ Head of the organization
Managing Trustee, Secretary, Associate Secretary
Treasurer and Other Office Bearers : **Honorary**



"If rural reconstruction were not to include rural sanitation, our villages would remain the muck-heaps that they are today. Village sanitation is a vital part of village life and is as difficult as it is important. It needs

a heroic efforts to eradicate age-long insanitation. The village worker who is ignorant of the science of village sanitation, who is not a successful scavenger, cannot fit himself for village service.

(Harijan, 18-8-1940)

REMINISCE OF MY JOURNEY WITH FOUNDER OF GANDHIGRAM

Gandhigram Trust was started in October 1947. However before this many Gandhian constructive works have been accomplished in many parts of Tamil Nadu and elsewhere. Amma Dr. Soundaram lived with



Gandhiji when she was a medical student. Dr. Sushila Nayer and Dr. Soundram were among the first women medical graduates in India and Amma was first introduced to Gandhiji by Dr. Sushila Nayer. After her marriage with Dr. Ramachandran she intensified her work based on Gandhian Principles. The development of young widows was very dear to her as she herself was widowed in her young age. When she started to improve the life of the young widows, there was the lot of challenges. She traveled all over Tamil Nadu. I was with her in her travel constantly. It was a search for finding the young

widows and bringing them to Gandhigram to change their lives. Before they come to Gandhigram the young widows experienced very hard life. They were made to sit in a corner at home, ostracized and treated very badly. So this issue touched the heart of Amma which became her life mission and also the seed for the beginning for Gandhigram. I was fortunate to take part in this noble mission to transform the lives of destitute women as well as be with Amma while founding Gandhigram. We went to many places to meet young widows, counsel and convince them on the importance of education and brought them to Gandhigram. In those days Gandhigram was a barren land and there were only a few buildings. First we had to clear the bushes and thorns, to make the ambience livable. This created interest among the young widows for a bright future, as many of them were from villages interested in agricultural work. They were not interested to learn through books; instead they wanted to spend the time in agricultural field and kitchen. This is a challenging opportunity for me to be with them and educate the whole group. I participated in all the works of Dr. Soundram who was determined to bring light into lives of widows. Most of the time, I used to stay with them to teach elementary knowledge on reading and writing. This was a good opportunity to get jobs, as reading and writing up to 4th standard made them eligible to join nursing courses. The First batch was 52 young widows trained by me got the unique opportunity to do nurse training at Madurai Government Hospital, then known as Erskine Hospital. It was an interesting and challenging experience for me to live with them and help them to transform their lives through education. Since the inception of Gandhigram, many people's lives had been transformed by the efforts of Dr. Soundram my mentor and founder of Gandhigram.

Promoting the poor young widows and giving them new lives was one component of the constructive work that was initiated when Gandhigram was founded, as the widows were condemned by the society. Reflecting the urgent needs of the society and Gandhi's vision of constructive program to energize the villages many programs were started when Gandhigram was founded. Khadi and Village Industries and Rural hygiene to promote toilets were given high priority. Many young people joined the trainings offered by Gandhigram to learn weaving spinning bee-keeping and such rural industry oriented programs. What started as a humble beginning has grown to be a beacon in Tamil Nadu, bringing great transformation change in the lives of downtrodden in the society. We began by working with young widows, most marginalized in the community bringing can say it is a great revolutionary change. Amma's compassion extended to other sections of society such as women, children and in response hospitals and educational institutions were established. I was blessed to be under Amma's guidance and care who remains to be an inspiration for me till today.

- Padmashri Krishnammal Jegannathan

GANDHIJI'S TALISMAN

MORE RELEVANT TODAY, AS SOLUTION FOR ALL OUR PROBLEM



“I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test :

Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man whom you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. Will he gain anything by it ? Will it restore him to a control over his own life and destiny ? In other words, will it lead to Swaraj for the hungry and spiritually starving millions ?

Then you will find your doubts and your self melting away.”

M K Gandhi