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Empowering the Rural People



Gandhigram Trust

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Vision:
Holistic Village Development as
Envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi



Mission:
Enhancement of socio-economic status of village community through interventions in Health, Education, Social Welfare, Livelihood and Extension services including R & D on appropriate technologies

FOREWORD

Empowering the Rural People

Gandhiji's concept of development namely *Sarvodaya* through *Antyodaya*, implying the welfare of all through the weakest of the society holds great value for ever. The plans for the economic development of our country should make a beginning from the bottom of the pyramid, rather than from the top, with the people who have been left behind or swept aside.

Gandhigram Trust uses this paradigm of development which is based on Gandhian principles including Sarvodaya, Antyodaya, co-operation, collective endeavour, trusteeship and decentralisation with primary importance to community welfare and villages.

Empowerment of the marginalized is necessary for sustainable development. Gandhigram Trust empowers the rural masses by providing access to quality Education, Healthcare, Social Welfare measures, Training in Income Generation and Knowledge Management. Gandhigram Trust has launched special training programmes to make college students, women and rural youth employable through Red-ACE, Redington Academy for Career Education and UNNATI skill training centre in and around Gandhigram and Sivasailam. Smart classrooms have also been instituted by Redington at Avvai Ashram, Sowbhagya Illam and at Lakshmi College of Education.

The main emphasis of projects on health is health interventions - providing curative services health and relief camps through Kasturba Hospital (KH). Women's health status is given due consideration with focus on adopting holistic approach to reproductive health. Besides this, KH has an Artificial Limb Research Centre through which it renders services to the rural people who have lost their legs. The hospital also imparts a fifty day training programme for young rural women to help them serve the aged people at the geriatric centre, where the trend is on its rise nowadays.

Focus is on capacity building which involves vocational training, training for income generation activities and utilization of locally available resources. Focus is also on the formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) that are linked with banks and encouraged to initiate income generation activities. We feel happy to share that Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust has bagged the national award for the Best Khadi Institution in the Southern Zone for the year 2014-15 by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for its creative ventures in village industries and thereby in rural employment. We are also happy to inform that Shri S. Rangasamy, our Weaver for more than 30 years has been selected for Best Khadi Weaver Award for 2013-2014 in the Southern Zone.

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, Gandhigram Trust has undertaken the task of facilitating construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs) in five blocks in Dindigul district this year. It provides revolving funds (free of interest) to the people in need for construction of IHHLs, conducts training sessions at villages and creates awareness to adopt sustainable sanitation practices and facilities among rural people. Steps are also being taken to create a model for solid waste management in Gandhigram.

We take every effort to create tools and resources to empower the rural people and we are thankful to every single person, institution, funding agency, donor, government departments who had given us moral and financial support throughout this journey of empowerment.

We rededicate ourselves in the mission of empowering rural people.

Dr. R. Kousalya Devi

Life Trustee

M.R. Rajagopalan

Managing Trustee

K.Shivakumar

Secretary

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1. ABOUT GANDHIGRAM TRUST

With the vision of 'Holistic village development as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi' the Gandhigram Trust began its operation in the year 1947 with the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi by his ardent disciples Dr. T.S. Soundram and Dr. G. Ramachandran. Village development denotes overall development of rural areas with a view to improve the quality of life of the rural people. It encompasses development of agriculture and its allied activities, cottage and small scale industries, traditional crafts, creation of socio-economic infrastructure, proper use of rural manpower and improvement in community services and facilities.

To attain this holistic village development Gandhigram Trust empowers the rural people by providing quality education, physical and social welfare measures, and knowledge and skills required for income generation. Thus we have five dimensions of activities to realize the vision of the Founders. Thus,

- Ø Empowering the rural people through quality education from Kindergarten level to higher secondary school level is taken care by the educational institutions at Gandhigram and at Sivasailam. There is also a college of education which prepares enlightened teachers to work in rural schools.
- Ø The Kasturba Hospital empowers the rural people by providing them not only holistic and quality health care services but also knowledge of various communicable diseases and their preventive measures through street plays and other cultural programmes.
- Ø Through Sowbhagya Illam at Gandhigram and Dr.Soundram Illam at Sivasailam Social welfare measures of child protection and development of vulnerable children are being carried out. Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School imparts education and life skills to school dropout girls, widows, divorces and destitute women.
- Ø By utilizing the local resources and training for income generation, the Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust provides employment to the village people around Gandhigram which also arrests their migration to towns. The Lakshmi Seva Sangham (LSS) empowers women economically by providing employment in collecting, cleaning and processing of herbs used in the production of Siddha and Ayurvedic medicines. Through Dr. Soundram Trust employment to rural people is given through its Publication Division and Natural Dyes Research and Training Centre.
- Ø Providing access to finance is a form of empowerment of the vulnerable groups. The extension wing of Gandhigram Trust acts as a liaison between banks and village people through their self help groups to avail for engaging themselves in income generating activities like making of sandal garland, instant sambirani, wax toys, preparation of snacks etc., Training is also imparted to them to acquire necessary skills. Through Swachh Bharat Mission project so far 15465. Individual household toilets have been constructed and revolving fund-interest free loans are arranged for the needy people in five blocks of Dindigul district.

2. SECTORWISE REPORT

2.1. Social Welfare

Sowbhagya Illam:

This home was started in the year 1947 by Dr. Soundram Amma and Dr. G.Ramachandran Mama, 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 five children who appeared for the 12th Public exam passed and have joined various colleges for Higher Education. Out of nine children seven children passed the 10th Public exam. Selvi R. Priyadharshini has scored the highest mark, 443/500. The major important events of this year are:

- ❖ To make the children aware of their rights, the home management committee meeting was held on 23.10.2015 at Sowbhagya Illam. Mr.B.Sathya Narayanan, District Child Protection Officer explained how to strengthen the Bala Sabha and train children for home management. As per his suggestion Child Rights and Children’s Social Responsibilities were made known to the children by Dr. R.Uma and Dr.T.Krishnammal of Lakshmi College of Education on the eve of Children’s Day.
- ❖ Ample opportunities were given to the children to know their potentials through many competitions conducted by Queen City Rotary Club, Dindigul, PSNA College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul and Lakshmi College of Education on various occasions.
- ❖ No classroom is better than a playground. A talent search programme was conducted in fond memory of Shri. V. Krishnamoorthy (fondly called as V.K. Anna), one of the founder members of Gandhigram Trust. ‘Play, Learn and Grow together” is the motto with which the whole event was organised. Eight schools in and around Gandhigram came together on 22-12.2015 to participate in the programme. Games, Greeting card making, drawing, singing and mimicking not only brought out the hidden talents among the children but also developed self-confidence, sportsmanship, discipline and unity by taking part in those events. Thambithottam Hr. Sec. School bagged the “V.K. Anna Memorial Trophy 2015 ” and Devangar Girls’ High School got the Runners-up.



V.K. Anna Memorial Trophy competitions

- ❖ To impart computer skills to the children of Sowbhagya Illam “E-bay Foundation Corporate Advised Funded at Silicon Valley Community Foundation” has instituted a Computer Literacy Project at a cost of Rs.6.6 lakhs. Through this project 67 children will be benefitted.
- ❖ The children are also being trained in tailoring, embroidery, screen printing and in arts and crafts to make use of their leisure time in a more productive way. The Redington Company at Chennai funded for a Smart Class at Sowbhagya Illam to make learning more joyful.



Books for joyful reading

- ❖ As a part of Legal Awareness Campaign organized by District Legal Service Authority, the Principal District Judge R. Poornima interacted with girl students of Sowbhagya Illam said that education would give self-confidence to girls. Girls should have a burning desire to achieve their goals which forms the basis for reaching the top positions in their career and life, she said. Sessions Judge, Brundha Kesavachari and additional Sub-Judge A. Deepa motivated the girl children to fight against all odds and overcome the barriers in life.



Smt. Mridula Ramesh Interacting with the Children of Sowbhagya Illam

- ❖ A three day awareness camp on environment was held to make the children aware of the importance of clean environment and about various diseases that are caused due to unhealthy environment. 50 children around Gandhigram along with Sowbhagya Illam children participated in the camp. To instill a spirit

of growing trees and to create green environment all the children were given tree saplings.

Avvai Ashram at Sivasailam - Dr.Soundram Illam

Avvai Ashram which was set up in a beautiful landscape at Sivasailam houses 52 children. All the seven children who appeared for the 10th Public Exam successfully got through it. Selvi Preethi and Selvi Mariammal went for a 50 day training programme at Bangalore and got employment at TATA website. The other important events of Soundram Illam this year are listed below.

- ❖ To safeguard the inmates of Avvai Ashram and Santhi High School for hearing Impaired, at Sivasailam from water and mosquito borne diseases such as malaria, chickun gunya, dengue, Aves flu, etc., an awareness programme was arranged.
- ❖ Under the auspicious of AKKAM TRUST summer camps are being organized every year for the inmates of Avvai Ashram and Santhi School. This year the camp was organized from 29th April to 2nd May 2016. Thirty six children studying 5th to 12th participated in the

camp. Programmes in memory training and producing wealth from waste were conducted.

- ❖ 43 children from villages around Sivasailam participated in the computer training classes conducted by Redington from 24.05.2016 to 31-05-2016. 68 children are attending the evening classes from the month of June. Special Classes are also being conducted for the +1, +2 children on their parent's request.



Producing wealth from waste



Special classes for the slow achievers

- ❖ Redington has also extended its financial support by donating Rs. 10 lakhs for training in various vocations like screen printing, book binding, hand made paper making, embroidery works, computer works etc., as well as for starting up production centres for rural women. Through the RAISE Programme 10th, 12th and under graduate students are given training in communication and life skills, values,

basic computer skills and tally. Through the READ (Redington Employability and Academy for Development) programme both the under graduates and post graduates are given a training for two months in communication and life skills, values, basic computer skills, resume writing and skills needed to face an interview. Both the programmes are completely free for the participants with working lunch and refreshment. After the completion of these programmes the participants are also well placed in suitable organizations. So far 73 students have completed and 155 students are undergoing these programmes.

2.2. EDUCATION

The followinf table shows the strength of students in the various educational units of Gandhigram Trust.

S.No	Educational Units	No.of Students
1.	Creches: Day Care Centres	225
2.	Gandhigram Primary School	241
3.	Dr.T.S.SoundramVidyalaya Nursery and Primary School	208
4.	Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Sec. School	175
5.	Santhi School for the Hearing Impaired	82
6.	Thambithottam Higher Secondary school	943
7.	Lakshmi College of Education	94
	Total	1968

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

Gandhigram Primary School:

- ❖ The children of GPS are being taught through Activity Based Learning. Moreover the presence of one smart class room enhances more interaction and enthusiasm in children.
- ❖ A part from quality education, the school imparts value education and Yoga to the children. The children are encouraged to take part in co-curricular activities. To inculcate reading habit in children, teachers from Tamil Literary Club of Dindigul visited the Primary School of Gandhigram Trust and interacted with them on the importance of reading books other than their text books.



Sanitation Awareness Programme

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

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 are:



Study Circle Activity

- ❖ The children have study circles through which they improve their skills in reading, listening and communication.
- ❖ Yoga classes are conducted daily for the children to improve their concentration. The children participated in Yoga competitions held at GRI on June 21st, the International Yoga Day and got certificates.



Dr. T.S. Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery Primary School

Name: P.Soundarya Class: V

Our child P. Soundarya joined this school in 2009 and now she is studying in V std. She loves her school very much. She was very inattentive in her early years. But her teachers through stories, plays and games have improved her attention and now she is studying well. Her reading and writing skills are well developed by their training by providing her with story books and also handwriting note books. We are very proud of our child who is winning in many competitions. We thank the Headmistress and teachers of Dr. T. S. Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery Primary School for moulding our child in an excellent manner, cheered her parents.

- ❖ To improve the reading, listening and speaking skills of children Study Circles were conducted periodically.
- ❖ To develop the scientific knowledge, attitude and skills, science exhibition was conducted and prizes were given to the best exhibits.

KASTURBA SEVIKASHRAM:

Dr. Soundram envisioning the empowerment 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. 44 students appeared for the +2 Public Exam this year and all of them passed the examination. Selvi Aruna got the highest score of 1100, out of 1200. 30 students out of 36 passed in the 10th Public Exam. Selvi.M. Kalaivani scored 442 marks, the highest.

This year is marked with the following events:

- ❖ Selvi S. Madhumitha won the first prize in the Yoga competition conducted by TamilNadu Yoga Association at SSM College of Engineering and Technology, Dindigul.
- ❖ The slow learners of X and XII STD were given vocational guidance through *Help Kids Trust*.



Name: S. Lakshmi Std: IX

School: Kasturba Sevikashram Hr.Sec. School

My name is S. Lakshmi and I am coming from Kolinchipatti of Sivagangai District. I have five brothers and two sisters. I am the youngest. My father died when I was 14 years old. My mother reared cattle and took care of all the children. I got married when I was eighteen years old. My husband went to Gulf country after three months of our marriage and came back only after three years. Till then I was with my in-laws. On his return, for no reason they physically abused me and drove me out. Then they applied for divorce and I got divorce from him after two years. I was then working in a mushroom farm for two years where the farm owner guided me to join Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School and I joined here last year at the age of 27. At Sevikashram, I had forgotten all my worries and am very happy. All the teachers here take personal care on us and make us study well. This school is guiding me and others excellently co-students and I am proud to study in this school.

- ❖ The Aparajitha Foundation appreciating the successful implementation of the programme awarded 'Aparajitha Award' to these schools on the Thilir Thittam Day of 28th November 2015 at Thiagarajar College of Preceptors, Madurai.



HM receiving the Aparajitha Award

- ❖ Photo exhibition on rare wild life, birds and butterflies was conducted by the post graduate students of Gandhigram Rural Institute and the children visited and learned about their food and habitats.
- ❖ To be successful in life one has to know about one's strengths and weaknesses. These were made clear to the students by conducting SWOT Analysis by Dr. Iyappan and his colleagues from TamilNadu Science Forum.



Science Exhibition

- ❖ The students conducted a Science exhibition in which they exhibited various science demo project works.
- ❖ 140 students were given free Yoga training by Shri Gopinath. 90 Student participated in the International Yoga Day Celebrations at Dindigul.

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 82 children studying here.

- ❖ Special attention is given to the children for speaking, listening to lip reading, computer operating, handicrafts preparing , dancing and gymnastics.
- ❖ The students participated in the Athletics Meet for Physically Challenged on 27.10.2015 at Tirunelveli. Shri. P. Karuppasamy won the first prize in long jump and was selected for the State Level Meet. In other events such as shot put, relay, 200 m and 400 m running the children won the second and third places.
- ❖ The children celebrated the birthday of Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on 15.10.2015. They participated in the drawing and essay competitions. The RTO of Ambai, distributed the prizes to the winners.

- ❖ 13 students were given hands on Training in Book Binding, Arts and Crafts by Redington
- ❖ SSA donated Rs. 96,000/- towards the purchase of aids heads of hearing aid
- ❖ A two-day training programme in Vedic Maths was conducted by Smt. Arasi, Chennai on 26th and 27th February 2016. 56 students and part time teachers of Avvai Ashram and 10 students from Athrikala Middle School were benefitted by this programme.



Training in Vedic Maths



Celebrating World Forest Day

- ❖ The World Forest Day was celebrated at Santhi School on 21-03-2016 under the able leadership of Mr. Ilango, Forest Range Officer of Kadayam block. Tree saplings were planted in the campus and prizes were distributed to the winners of the drawing competition. The children actively

participated in the celebration and realized their role in keeping the surroundings green.

- ❖ A four day Training Programme for the Children's Care Takers was held from 02.05.2016 to 05.05.2016 at Marthoma Camp Centre, Moonaru by Patengemeinschaft, Germany.

THAMBITHOTTAM HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL (TTHSS):

The school with its present strength of 943 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 passed percentage in both 10th and 12th Public Examination is 97%. Selvi P. Anitha scored 1056 marks, highest in the +2 examination and Selvi S. Soundarya Durga scored 487 out of 500 in the 10th Public Exam.

The following are the major events:

- ❖ Selvi Keerthana of 9th std was selected for National Means Cum Merit Scholarship for four years.
- ❖ An awareness programme in Siddha and Ayurveda Medicine by the doctor's of Lakshmi Seva Sangham was held on 3rd and 4th August.

- ❖ PTA meeting was held on 03-06-2016 in which the Chairman, Smt. Mridula Ramesh motivated the teachers by giving special prizes to those teachers who have shown 100 percent results in the Public Exam.



Smt. Mridula Ramesh interacting with the students

- ❖ Through organic farming students maintain a vegetable garden in the waste lands of the school.
- ❖ Ullas Trust of Chennai gave a cash award of Rs. 1000/- each to the five toppers of VIII and IX standards.
- ❖ An Award was received from Aparajitha Foundation on 27-11-2015, the appreciable implementation of Thair Thiran Thittam, a life skill education programme.



TTHSS won the V.K. Anna Trophy

- ❖ Of the seven schools participated in the V.K. Anna Trophy competitions held on 22-12-2015 the school won the Trophy.
- ❖ In the National Science Day Competitions held on 26-02-2016 at Gandhigram Rural University, the school won 1st prize in the Senior, Junior quiz programmes and 1st prize in the English oratorical competitions.

- ❖ Scout and Guide students participated in the camp at Thirumalaikeni and got first prize in the dance competition.
- ❖ Dr. T.S. Soundram Science Gallery was visited by 125 students from other schools.

LAKSHMI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (LCE):

With a vision of bringing enlightened teachers to serve in rural schools, the college was started in 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 getting placements either in Government schools or in reputed private schools. Ample opportunities are given to the students to nurture and exhibit their talents through co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. 94 students joined the I Year of the B.Ed Course.

The important events are:

- ❖ A seminar on 'Guidance and Counseling for the Secondary School Teachers' of Gandhigram Trust and a workshop on 'Skill Upgradation of Primary Teachers' were held on 5.3.2016 at Lakshmi College of Education. Teachers of Thambithottam Higher Secondary School,

Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School, Santhi School for Hearing Impaired, Sivasailam, Gandhigram Primary School and Dr. T. S. Soundram Vidyalaya Nursery and Primary School participated.

- ❖ Dr. J. Bhoomikumar, Child Psychiatrist, Cambodia and son of renowned Gandhians Shri Jaganathanji and Mrs Krishnammal Jaganathanji, conducted a workshop at Lakshmi College of Education on 'Transformative Education.' The students had a discussion round on psychological problems of children in schools which were presented to them as case studies.



Students doing on activity in the Workshop



Teachers of Gandhigram Trust Schools in the Seminar

- ❖ Dr. N. Nammalvar, Psychiatrist, Madurai spoke on the topic 'The Psychological Issues of Adolescent Children'. Ms. R. Padmavathi, Coordinator, Thadagam Counseling and Dyslexia Learning Centre' Madurai discussed on the topic 'Learning Disabilities in School Children'.

- ❖ With the aim of developing technical skills in student-teachers of Lakshmi College of Education a smart classroom sponsored by Redington was inaugurated on 29.2.2016 by Ms. Usha Hedwig. To improve the soft skills of the student-teachers as well as the rural youth, Redington has set up a *Smart Learning Centre* at LCE and the training classes are going on from 10. 3. 2016.

- ❖ A five-day citizenship training camp was held at Sivasailam from 15.3.2016 to 19.3.2016.

- ❖ A two-day seminar on Active Learning Methodology was conducted on 22nd and 23rd August 2016 for our B. Ed students. Resource persons from Sarva Siksha Abiyan of Athoor block handled the sessions.



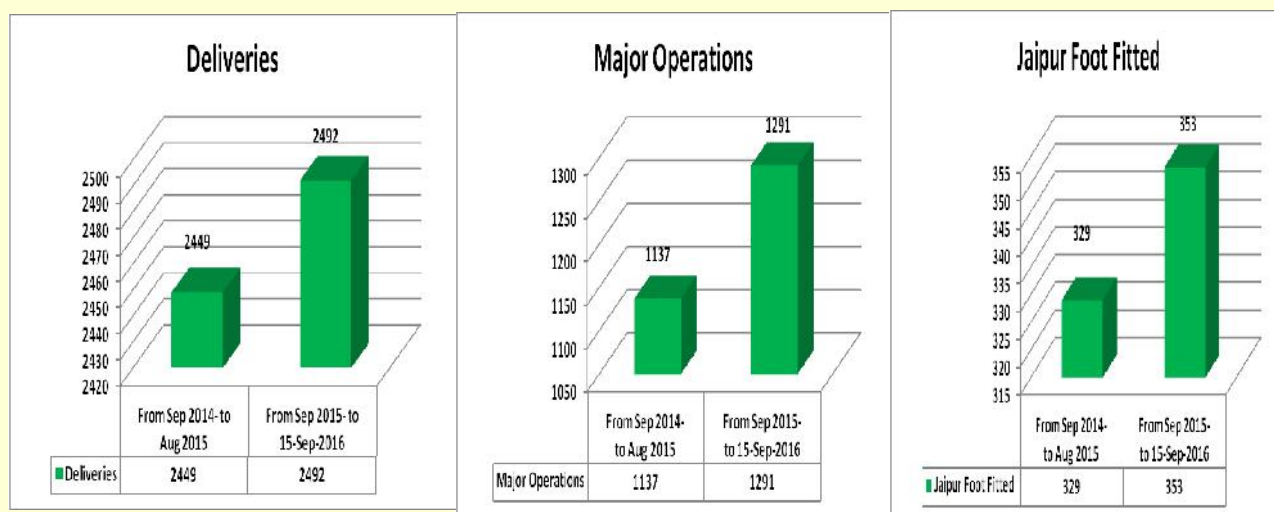
Softs Skill Training by Redington at LCE

- ❖ Mr. Paul Susheela, International Trainer conducted the workshop on *Profession, Passion & Personality* on 24.8.2016. The following points which are needed for teachers - the problem solving ability, assertiveness, interpersonal skills, work-home- balance, presentation skills, body language, dressing etiquettes, team work, out of box thinking.... were clearly imprinted in the minds of the students through video, acting and activities.

2.3. HEALTH

KASTURBA HOSPITAL (KH):

- ❖ Started in 1947 by Dr. T. S. Soundram as a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, Kasturba Hospital has now grown into a well equipped 330 bedded General Hospital to meet the health needs of men, women and children. Kasturba Hospital is concentrating mainly on Maternal and Child Health and provides a wide spectrum of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Paediatric services. The hospital has a well established Obstetrics and Gynaecology wing which is the busiest wing 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. The below given charts depict the number of Deliveries, Major Operations and Jaipur Foot Fitted in the reporting year.



The other important activities are:

- ❖ The people were made aware of the disease tuberculosis and its preventive measures through medical camps. A medical camp to create awareness about Tuberculosis through various programmes such as street play, songs, drama, etc., were held at Perumal Kovilpatti village.
- ❖ Multi Purpose Health Worker Training is being given to 60 Nursing students of TamilNadu Government.
- ❖ An awareness programme about the diseases that spread during rainy season and the way to safeguard themselves from these diseases for 200 school children of Devangar Higher Secondary School.



Name: C. Maariyayi

Age: 18 years

Village: Kalingipatti, Trichy dt

I am Maariyayi. I lost my father and mother and I am now with my brother. I was working in a Ginning factory at Vadamadurai. On April 1, 2016 I met with an accident in the mill. My both the legs were caught in a machine and hence I lost them below my knee. I came to know about Kasturba Hospital where artificial limbs are fitted to persons like me. I got admission here on 24.8.2016 and am now fitted with artificial legs. Here, they are giving good training to walk with the artificial limbs. I was of the view before, that I could not walk again. But, now I have the confidence that I can walk and do all my activities on my own. I am grateful to Kasturba hospital and its employees for helping me to walk again in this world.

2.4. INCOME GENERATION

Khadi & Village Industries Public Charitable Trust

Employment generation through Traditional Industries: Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust (KVIPCT) 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 more than 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. The Khadi production for the year 2015-16 is 176.62 lakhs and sales is 299.61 lakhs. Through villages industries the production for the year is 677.44 lakhs and sales is 926.11 lakhs.

The Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust has bagged the national award for the ***Best Khadi Institution in the Southern Zone for the year 2014-15*** awarded by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Shri. S Rangasamy of the trust has also



Shri. S. Rangasamy who was selected as the Best Khadi Weaver of the year 2013-14 by Khadi & V.I. Commission honoured by Managing Trustee and Secretary of Gandhigram Trust



been selected as the best Khadi weaver in the southern zone for the year 2013-14. "The Trust is dedicating the award to Dr Soundram, Dr G Ramachandran, Shri V Padmanabhan, Shri V Krishnamurthi, Shri Ilayalvar all Khadi workers and all other stakeholders who contributed their efforts for building the institution.

The other events conducted by K & VIPC Trust are:

- ❖ The K & VIPC Trust in order to promote the sale of Khadi took part in the Khadi exhibition organized at Tirupur from 7th to 22nd March for two weeks. Participated in Natural Dye Bazaar Exhibition in Chennai between 11th and 21st March 2016 organized by Crafts Council of India.
- ❖ To promote the sale of village industries products and medicines of Lakshmi Seva Sangham, a display was arranged at TAFE Group in Madurai on 19th March 2016.
- ❖ To make Khadi more attractive a National Level Workshop was conducted on 14th and 15th February 2016 on '*Rejuvenating Swadesi Cotton*'. Farmers, Youths, Social Workers and Gandhian Activists participated in the workshop, where the methods of producing organic cotton, creating awareness on the advantages of using it, innovative ideas of improving the life standards of all the people involved were discussed. Discussions were also held on improving the spinning methods.



Discussion on producing Organic Cotton

LAKSHMI SEVA SANGHAM(LSS):

The LSS has stepped into its 39th 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 below chart depicts the production and sale of medicines in the year 2015-2016.



The salient features of LSS are:

- ❖ Health Camps were conducted at Health Welfare Trust and for the employees of TVS Rubber Factory at Madurai on 23-01-2016 and 19-02-2016.

- ❖ LSS has got orders for variety of Ayurvedic Medicines from TAMPCOL, Government of Pondicherry and from others to the tune of Rs.20 lakhs.
- ❖ Preparation of special kits of medicines for Diabetes, Arthritis and old people are under progress.
- ❖ For the employees of Ramco Cements, Rajapalayam a medical camp was conducted on 08-11-15. Medical camps were also conducted at Velleripatti and Pudhukulam in collaboration with Health Welfare Trust, Madurai.



Processing of Aloevara



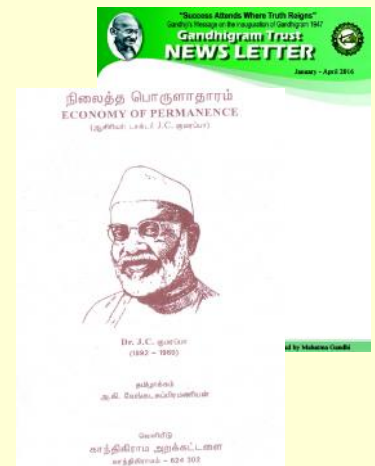
*A Visit by Dr. Anil Kumar Tripathi
Director, CIMAP to LSS*

DR. SOUNDAM TRUST:

Offset Printing, Multicolour Printing, Binding and Xerox works are undertaken by the Publication Division of Dr. Soundram Trust. During 2015-2016 the turnover was for Rs. 15.53 lakhs. Efforts are being taken to get orders from TVS Group of Educational Institutions. Two books were published on behalf of Gandhigram Trust - one was “*Nilaita Poruladhaaram*”, a Tamil translation of ‘Economy of Permanence’ by Dr. J. C. Kumarappa and “*Vazhipattu Padalgal*”, an inter religious hymn book. In addition to research, training 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. In 2015-2016 Natural Dyeing worth Rs. 2.52 lakhs for were executed.



Imparting training in Natural Dyeing



2.5. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

2.5.1. VILLAGE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Gandhigram Trust conducts training in Income Generation Activities and arranged loans to SHG Groups from Banks. At present there are 60 SHGs functioning well under Gandhigram Trust. Some of its relevant accomplishments are:

- ❖ The extension wing of Gandhigram Trust gave a training in *Toy Making*, using wax for SHG women. A unit with two women has also been started with a donation by German friends and Green Federation with a seed money of Rs. 60,000/-. Candles worth Rs. 10,000/- were produced and sold during this Karthigai Festival. Toys, Dolls, Color candles, decorative articles are also made by the unit on order.

Name : Tamilselvi
Age : 38
SHG Name : Sri Krishna Women SHG
Place : Sedapatti, Athoor Tk



Smt. N. Tamilselvi joined Sri Krishna Women SHG Group started by Gandhigram Trust in the year 2012. Her husband was working in a mill and she was a house wife till then. Her husband became ill, left the mill job and started preparing snacks items in a small scale. With a view to expand the business she joined in a SHG and got a loan of Rs. 50,000/-. She



bought two grinders, prepared dough for *Athirasam* and sold it. She also used it to prepare Athirasams for sale at her home. Under the guidance of Gandhigram Trust she got the certificate from FSSAI for the snacks items and now she is supplying these items to small outlets and also to Gandhigram showroom. She has also given employment to three rural women and she is earning Rs. 1,00,000 per year. She is educating her children in an English Medium School and also got renovated her house. Moreover, she has taken an Agricultural Farm for lease for three years and is raising paddy. She is also maintaining a small tea shop in front of her house. She gratefully acknowledges Gandhigram Trust for her success in her life. As a token of appreciation, Gandhigram Trust has awarded her the ***Best Woman Entrepreneur Award*** in the 19th V.P. Anna Memorial Day of 2016.

- ❖ The Gandhigram Trust in collaboration with Bangalore Fibre Industry gave a training to 50 rural woman in banana fibre basket making from 01-02-2015 to 07-02-2015. Of these, 10 woman from Kamalapuram have a tie-up with the fibre industry and they are producing baskets for a wage of Rs. 40 for smaller one and Rs. 80 for bigger one.

- ❖ Each woman can make five small baskets and three big baskets per day, they say. The Fibre Industry places orders to these SHGs from 500 to 15000 baskets. Each woman can get a monthly income of Rs. 8000 to Rs. 12000. These rural women thank the Gandhigram Trust and the Bangalore Fibre Industry for showing a brighter part for their life.



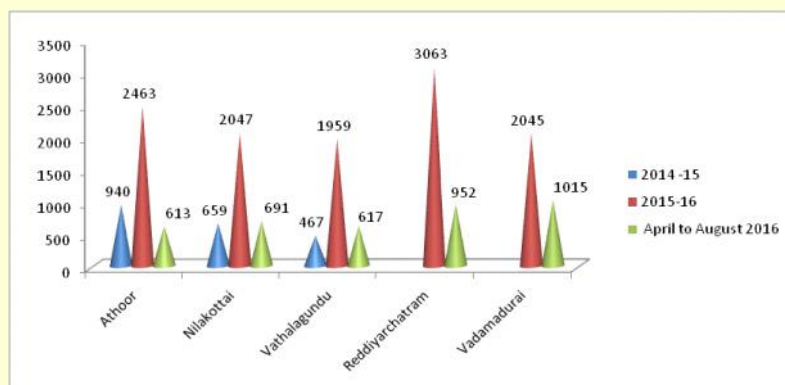
Fibre Baskets in the making

- ❖ In addition to the SHGs' work, a company constituting the farmers and herbal producers is organized and functioning at T. Subbulapuram area with the assistance of NABARD. So far 578 farmers are enrolled as members by paying a membership fee of Rs. 1000/- to the company. The company's turnover during the half year is Rs. 10, 35, 393. Their activity includes procurement, value addition and sales, etc., The farmers of this area are benefitted by selling their produce for fair price and gain some technical knowledge as well.

2.5.2. RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION:

Under the SBM project Gandhigram project team has facilitated to construct 1565 Individual House Hold Latrines (IHHLs) in Athoor, Nilakottai, Batlagundu, Vadamadurai and Reddiyarchatram blocks of Dindigul district. Gandhigram Trust has facilitated the block officials for achieving 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) in 16 Panchayats of the above five blocks. The usage of toilets is 62% to 85%. The below given table shows the number of IHHLs built by Gandhigram Trust.

S.No	Name of the Block	2014 -15	2015-16	April to August 2016
1	Athoor	940	2463	613
2	Nilakottai	659	2047	691
3	Vathalagundu	467	1959	617
4	Reddiyarchatram	--	3063	952
5	Vadamadurai	--	2045	1015
	Total	2066	11577	3888



This chart shows the number of IHHLs built in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16

- ❖ To create awareness on Solid Waste Management the Heads and the Secretaries of Panchayats, Social and Project Workers under **SBM** project of Gandhigram Trust were taken for a field trip to Hand-in-Hand NGO at Kancheepuram. They visited the Solid Waste Management Projects at Mudichur and Mamallapuram and learnt about the processes and procedures of segregating the bio-degradable and non-degradable solid wastes and about its recycling. The production of vermi compost and biogas production from solid wastes were also observed by the participants.



Meeting on Solid Waste Management



Ms. Komuthu Mutal and Ms. Vinith visiting Gandhigram

- ❖ Mr. Vijaya Gowda, SBM consultant, IEC from the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, New Delhi has visited Pithalaipatti and Akkaraipatti Panchayats of Athoor block on 21st September 2016. Ms. Komuthu Mutal and Mr. Vinith, Additional Directors (Training), Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, SBM visited N. Panjampatti, Alamarathupatti and Gandhigram Panchayats on 22nd September 2016. They discussed with the Panchayat Presidents, ward members, school teachers, Anganwadi staff, Health workers, VPRC members, CPs and Gandhigram staff about the IHHL construction and difficulties. They were very happy and encouraged the motivators for creating more ODF Panchayats in Dindigul District.

3. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

CELEBRATING THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY



A meeting on Nirmal Bharat Abhian

- ❖ **The 68th Anniversary** of Gandhigram and **146th Gandhi Jayanti** day celebrations began on 2nd October, 2015. On 3rd October 2015, the second day of the week long celebrations was organized by the Trust at K. Pudukottai village in Reddiarchatram Block. The theme of the meeting was about *Nirmal Bharat Abhian* Project taken up by the Gandhigram Trust.

- ❖ On 4th October 2015, Gandhi Jayanti was organized Gandhigram Rural Institute at Ulagampatti village and the theme of the meeting was *Propagating Gandhian Values Among Children*. The chief guest of the function Shri N.P.N. Khaja Mohideen, an Industrialist, Dindigul in his special address elaborated about the Gandhian ways which would be the

need of the hour. Sri. Sheik Dawood, President, Red Cross Society, Dindigul in his special address narrated that the British Government had won battles through violence but they could not succeed anything before the invisible weapon – Non-violence, envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi for which Gandhigram stands majestically for over the past 68 years.

- ❖ On 5th October 2015, the fourth day programmes was organized by GIRH & FWT at Velampatti village, near Kosavapatti PHC. The Director i/c of GIRH&FWT Dr. Seethalakshmi emphasized that love, love and love alone would bring triumph which would alone bring victory, as shown by Gandhiji throughout his life.
- ❖ On 6th October 2015 a women's meet was arranged by the Extension Wing of Gandhigram Trust and the theme of the meeting was 'Welfare Assistance to the Physically Challenged and their Livelihood Development'.
- ❖ On 7th October 9.30 am the workers meet was arranged at Dr. T. S. Soundram Mani Mandapam. Shri. Lakshmikanthan Bharathi participated and emphasized that Gandhian values have to be followed by all staff. Shri D.K. Oza, Former Vice Chancellor also encouraged the staff for adopting Gandhian principles. Ms. Renana Jhabwala, Chancellor, GRI in her presidential address exhorted the importance and values of volunteerism and



Sr. Anastasia receiving Dr. A. K. Tharian Award

gave examples of volunteerism from her own institution SEWA. Shri Lakshmikanthan Bharathi was awarded the prestigious 'Keithan Sathya Award' in recognition of his Gandhian constructive work and Peace. Sr. Anastasia, Jeevan Jyothi Hospices, Theni, was awarded the prestigious 'Dr. A.K. Tharian Award' in recognition of her outstanding service in caring the HIV/AIDS patients in Theni District, in the 68th Anniversary Day meeting held at 4 pm.

SMT. SAVITHIRI KESHAVALAL OZA WORKSHOP ON 'PEACE, JUSTICE & WOMEN'

A Workshop on 'Peace, Justice & Women' was held on 19 and 20 January, 2016 at KVK Hall. The students from Gandhigram Rural Institute, Lakshmi College of Education and GIRH&FWT participated in the workshop. Dr. S. Natarajan, VC, Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) presided over the inaugural function. Sri Subash Razdan and Shri. Antony Thaliath from Gandhi Foundation at Atlanta USA were the chief guests. Shri D. K. Oza, Former VC of GRI and a Retired IAS

officer and present Chairman of Gandhi - King Centre at Gandhigram, and Dr G.Pankajam Former VC of GRI and member of the advisory committee of Gandhi - King Centre felicitated the programme. The students discussed on the role of women to bring out Peace and Justice in the society. Sri Subash Razdan and Shri Antony Thaliath from Gandhi Foundation, USA remembered the contributions of Gandhi and King in establishing Peace and Justice in their respective community. They also announced a fellowship for the best student working towards Peace and Justice every year.



Dr. D. K. Oza addressing the participants

SARVODAYA DAY CELEBRATIONS

As a part of Sarvodaya day programmes a seminar on 'Challenges in present education through the lens of Gandhi' was organized on 11th February 2016 in memory of Shri Jaganathanji, a prominent Sarvodaya leader. The students of Lakshmi College of Education, Tata Dhan Academy, Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust and Gandhigram Rural Institute participated in the seminar. Dr. G. Pankajam, Former VC, GRI discussed on the topic 'Learning by Doing- Activity based Education- A Vision of Mahatma Gandhi'. There was an interview with Mr. T. Kannan and Dr. Nithya about their child's Home Schooling.



Participants spreading of Coconut fibres

Ms. Jennifer Ladd, Educationist, USA, gave a special address on 'Education: Becoming a citizen of the Planet'. There was a group discussion and interaction on the theme of the seminar which was presented in the afternoon session. In the evening Shramdhan at Workers Home (*Oozhiaragam*) was done by all the participants. The importance of retaining moisture in the soil by spreading coconut fibres near the trees was explained. All the participants covered the trees' shadow umbrella with coconut fibres at Workers Home (*Oozhiaragam*) Gandhigram. Padmashri Krishnammal Jagannathan distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. Boomikumar, Dr. Sathya and the members of LAFTI co-ordinated the three day programme.

SEMINAR ON 'INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR RURAL INDUSTRIES'



RuTAG Seminar

A seminar on "Innovative Technologies for Rural Industries" was conducted by Gandhigram Trust through Rural Technology Application Group (RuTAG) Chennai, functioning under the Department of Science and Technology. Representatives from various NGOs, teachers and students from various ITI's participated in the seminar and shared their views and inventions.

REMEMBERING KASTURBA GANDHI:

On the eve of Kasturba Gandhi Memorial day many programmes were organized. On 21st February a meeting was arranged for the village women at N. Panjampatti . The Panchayat president spoke on the role of Kasturba Gandhi in the life of Gandhiji. She briefed about the role of present village women in uplifting their society and how Gandhigram Trust is extending its services for this cause. Ms. R. Baby, Project Officer, Women Welfare in her special address briefed about the various government schemes for women welfare and motivated the girl children to become women entrepreneurs. The best achievers in the public examinations of Kasturba Sevikashram were awarded with prizes by Ms. R. Baby and Dr. R. Kousalyadevi.



Receiving the Best Achiever Award

111TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF AMMA:



Dr. T. G. Vinay District Collector is seen on Amma's Birthday

The community members of Gandhigram rededicated themselves to follow the vision envisaged by Dr. T. S. Soundram Amma on her 111th Birthday celebrated on August 18. Dr. T. G. Vinay, IAS, the new Collector of Dindigul District participated and delivered an excellent special address about Amma and the activities of Gandhigram. He is very positive and assured us to extend his support for joint programmes in health and other related activities.

GREEN GANDHIGRAM

As a part of our commitment to SWACHH BHARAT MISSION, we have initiated a programme for Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) which will focus on scientific solid and liquid waste management systems for overall cleanliness in all our Gandhigram Units including Sivasailam. Since Gandhigram Panchayat is not selected under SBM this year we are using the financial support of Arghyam and also from the community and other sources. This is one model which we are developing under SLWM. We have developed another model and extended this programme to AD Colony Ramarajapuram and Metur villages in G.Thummalapatti Panchayats both are covered under SLWM. Our main focus in this model will be to work with the government in revitalizing the sanitation activities and conducting capacity building programmes. We have distributed sanitation materials such as gloves, masks and foot-wears to the Thooimai Kavalars to be used while collecting and segregating the wastes. Gandhigram Trustees thankful to Arghyam, Bangalore for the financial support extended for this endeavour.



Solid and Liquid Waste Management initiatives at Gandhigram

CENTRAL CORE COMMITTEE

The Central Core Committee is arranging frequent meetings of Core Group Members. In addition it takes care of conducting Board Meetings and other important events of Gandhigram Trust such as Amma Day, Kasturba Day, Gandhi Jeyanthi and Gandhigram Anniversary.

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.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY (ROOM TO READ)

Dr. D. K. Oza, the Former VC of Gandhigram Rural Institute has donated a sum of Rs. 60,000/- for setting up of Community Library 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.

4. COMMUNITY CORPORATE RELATIONSHIP

We are grateful for all the donors / philanthropists / Corporate houses / other NGOs and others who have supported us financially and also extended their support by gifts and in kind.

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- ❖ *Mr.Kaushik Gandhi*
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- ❖ *Dr.Abinav and his daughter*
- ❖ *Dr. D. K. Oza*
- ❖ *Mrs. Subbulakshmi, Chennai*
- ❖ *Smt. D. Devi, Dindigul*
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காந்திகிராம கதர் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனத்துக்கு தென்னிந்திய அளவில் சிறந்த விருது

திண்டுக்கல், செப். 11: தென்னிந்திய அளவில் சிறந்த காத்நிறுவனமாக, திண்டுக்கல் அறக்கட்டளை காந்திகிராம கதர் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனம் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. மத்திய சிறு தொழில்கள் அமைச்சகத்தின் சீழ்செயல்பட்டு வரும் கதர் மற்றும் கிராமக் கைத் தொழில்கள் ஆணையத்தின் சார்பில், சிறந்த காத் உற்பத்தி நிறுவனம் மற்றும் நெசவாளர்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டு, விருது வழங்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அதன்படி, 2014, 2015 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான விருது

ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது. அதில், தென்னிந்திய அளவில் கதர் உற்பத்தியில் சிறந்த நிறுவனமாக, காந்திகிராம கதர் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனம் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. அதேபோல், சிறந்த நெசவாளராக காந்திகிராம கதர் அறக்கட்டளையில் பணிபுரிந்து வரும் எஸ். ரங்கசாமி தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளார். இது குறித்து, காந்திகிராம அறக்கட்டளையின் செயலர் கே. சிவக்குமார், காத் அறக்கட்டளையின் செயலர் எம்.

ஆர். ராஜகோபாலன் ஆகியோர் கூட்டாகத் தெரிவித்தது: தென்னிந்திய அளவில் சுமார் 400-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட கதர் உற்பத்தி சங்கங்கள் செயல்பட்டு வருகின்றன. தூய்மையான கதர் உற்பத்தி, நெசவாளர்கள் நலன் ஆகியவற்றின் அடிப்படையில், சிறந்த காத் நிறுவனம் தேர்வு செய்யப்படுகிறது. 2014-15 ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான விருதுக்கு, காந்திகிராம கதர் அறக்கட்டளை நிறுவனம் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது.

இதே நிறுவனத்தில் 30 ஆண்டுகளாகப் பணிபுரியும் நெசவாளர் எஸ். ரங்கசாமிக்கும் விருது கிடைத்துள்ளது. மேலும், 10 ஆண்டுகள் இடைவேளிக்கப்பின் கதர் அறக்கட்டளைக்கு விருது கிடைத்துள்ளதால், இரட்டிப்பு மகிழ்ச்சி ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது. இந்த விருது மேலும் சிறப்பாகப் பணிபுரிய உணக்கமாக அமையும் எனத் தெரிவித்தனர். பிரதமர் தலைமையில் நடைபெறும் விழாவில், வெள்ளிக் கோடையம் மற்றும் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கப்படும் என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

Khadi unit wins national award

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: The national award for best khadi institution for south zone for 2014-15 has been given to the Gandhigram Khadi and Village Industries Public Charitable Trust, a unit of Gandhigram Trust, by Khadi Village and Industries Commission, for its efforts in promoting and modernising Khadi products and generating rural employment. S. Ranganathan, weaver of Khadi Trust, who has been recognised as the best weaver, will get the national award for 2013-14.

Trust secretary V. Siva Kumar said the unit dedicated this award to the founders, spinners, weavers, all other stakeholders who contributed their efforts.

"To modernise Khadi products, we have

brought designers from the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, to train weavers to make products that meet the taste of young generation.

They had visited our khadi units in Tirunelveli, Idakkal and Sankarankovil to chalk out a modernisation plan. The new designers will stay in the unit and train the weavers on modern designs and weaving.

"Besides producing traditional dhotis and shirting material, we have started making designer shirts and chudidhars and other ready made items. Already natural dyed saris, muslin saris and different varieties of cotton khadi shirts are a great hit throughout the country," he said.

"This modernisation will not only promote

and propagate values of khadi products among young generation, but also ensure better livelihood opportunities for rural artisans, including weavers and spinners," said Gita Ram and Sudha Ravi, who offered innovative ideas of design and modernisation for khadi products.

"We have planned to rope in youngsters to this profession to introduce more innovative designs. SHG members have also been encouraged to set up ancillary units like tailoring units to support manufacturing of khadi ready made items," said Trust former secretary M.R. Rajagopalan, who had served three decades for the development of the khadi unit. The trust provides direct and indirect employment to 2000 families.

Shampoo production modernised at Gandhigram Trust unit

Production capacity increased from 10 tonnes to 20 tonnes



Herbal shampoo being manufactured in Gandhigram Trust near Dindigul on Thursday. PHOTO: K. KARTHIKEYAN

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: Gandhigram Khadi and VIPC Trust, an ISO-certified manufacturing company functioning under Gandhigram Trust, had modernised its shampoo production to improve quality and expand its market base, said K. Shiva Kumar, secretary, Gandhigram Trust.

Talking to media persons here on Thursday, he said that the unit had invested Rs. 10 lakh for modernising its plant to improve production and quality of the product.

Erection of modernising plant enhanced quality, helped maintain uniform colour and increase production also.

Similarly, production capacity too had been

increased from 10 tonnes to 20 tonnes, he added.

The unit had also planned to automate the entire production process from preparation to mixing and filling to labelling and packing.

Such modernisation was necessary to tap highly potential shampoo market and expand market base.

The total sales of aloe vera shampoo and herbal shampoo was Rs. 3.05 crore in 2014-15 and it rose to Rs. 3.28 crore in 2015-16.

About 51.7 per cent of the total sale revenue came through sale of 170 ml containers and share of 500 ml bottle was 45.58 per cent.

Sale of 110 ml container was 3.25 per cent. Sachet sale was picking up well in rural mar-

ket. At present, the unit had successfully tapped shampoo and soap market in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

"We want to modernise the plant on the basis of demand and supply. Rapid modernisation will speed up production, but scale down work force. The main aim of the unit is to create more jobs to rural women. We want to ensure that modernisation does not affect job creation," he also added.

Own lab
The unit had its own lab to test the quality of products.

To ensure high quality, the unit utilised services of external labs in cities, he added.

Unique muslin saris of Gandhigram all set to get a makeover this Diwali

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Dindigul: With the demand for Gandhigram's muslin saris, which were much sought after by the likes of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, going up, the khadi wing of the Gandhigram trust is planning to come up with new designs for Diwali this year.

According to the managing trustee of Gandhigram, Geetha Ram, the trust has decided to add value to the saris by bringing them out in different designs and has sought the help of National Institute of Design for the purpose.

In a recently held exhibition in Chennai, the muslin saris sold like hotcakes with Rs 2 lakh coming out of the sale. There are also plans to sell them through outlets like FabIndia.

Manager of khadi trust, C. Krishnasamy said the saris are in great demand in the peripherals around Gandhigram itself and it is



At Gandhigram Trust, a recently held exhibition in Dindigul, the muslin saris sold like hot cakes with Rs 2 lakh coming out of the sale.

increasing. Till now it used to be just formal designs, but now, a special design and development committee has been formed which it would come up with designs that would be suitable for the urban market.

Secretary of Gandhigram trust, K. Shivakumar said they earned Rs 30 lakh annually from the sale of these saris which are of high quality. The cotton belongs to a variety of seim that

grows only in specific altitudes and takes a rural female weaver a minimum of three days to hand weave one sari, for which she gets paid between Rs 300 and Rs 600. These saris which are suitable for all seasons, can last for up to 15 to 20 years, he said.

Each sari is made up of 30 'chittams' of cotton, with each 'chittam' comprising a spindle of 10g of swincotton. Priced between Rs 1,500 to 2,700, it goes up when natural

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dyes are used. Shivakumar added.

Varadharaj, 85, is one of the oldest weavers who has managed the products. Now, youngsters are coming forward to take up weaving, according to Varadharaj. There are 16 weavers in Gandhigram and five others in Kodungayakkannattal near Nilakkottai who spin these saris.

Earlier, national leaders like Indira Gandhi and Pratibha Patil used to patronise these saris which are soft and very comfortable to wear. The upcoming designs will help take them to the international level.

Gandhigram Trust starts solid waste management programme

Biodegradable waste to be converted into manure

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: Even as the district administration excluded Gandhigram panchayat from Clean India campaign, Gandhigram Trust has taken an initiative to create a model for solid waste management on its campus and staff quarters at Gandhigram in Athoor block, AD Colony at Ramarajapuram panchayat in Nilakottai block and Mettur village at G. Thummalapatti panchayat in Battalagundu block.

It is also engaged in capacity building exercise in two villages. Launching the programme on its campus at Gandhigram on evening, the trust distributed two dustbins to all houses at the staff quarters and nearby areas to segregate biodegradable and non-biodegradable wastes at source.

Briefing about the project, trust secretary K. Shiva Kumar said that Gandhigram panchayat was not included in Swachh Bharat programme



CLEAN MISSION: K. Shiva Kumar, secretary, Gandhigram Trust, giving a dustbin to a beneficiary at Gandhigram near Dindigul on Wednesday evening. — PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN

in the district.

The panchayat too did not have adequate funds for implementing the programme. So the trust had taken the initiative to motivate the com-

munity to segregate waste and dispose it safely.

The biodegradable waste collected at the staff quarters would be used for making manure and non-biodegradable

wastes would be sent to the trust's recycling plant manned by self-help groups.

Two SHGs had been engaged for executing and monitoring the programme. Nec-

essary equipment and materials such as crowbars, iron basins, containers, baskets, shoes, masks and rubber gloves were given to workers.

Compost yard

A compost yard and a shed were established on its campus to process waste.

The trust was also engaged in capacity building by motivating communities at AD Colony and Mettur to adopt sustainable sanitation practices and facilities through awareness creation and health education, Mr. Shiva Kumar said.

Two dustbins would be given to each of the 600 households at these places. All materials and equipment would also be given to the workforce.

The trust had advised the panchayats to use plastic waste to lay rural roads, he noted.

Gandhigram panchayat had agreed to dig a collection pit to dump organic waste and prepare manure, he added.

Federation to offer free legal aid to rural women soon

Gandhigram Trust will guide SHG women to run the institution

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: Federation for Peace and Justice for Women, a micro-level institution offering free legal aid and support to rural women, will be set up at Gandhigram shortly. Gandhigram Trust will act a catalyst to self-help group women to establish and run the federation, according to K. Shiva Kumar, Trust secretary.

Talking to *The Hindu* here on Thursday, Mr. Shiva Kumar said that the trust would offer a place on the trust campus for the SHG women to set up the federation. "We will facilitate them by offering legal aid and other required services. Once they identify the village of operation, they will shift the federation office to the village," he added.

The federation would also act as a platform for rural women to discuss about women-related issues at vil-



NEW DAWN: Rural women taking part in a workshop on 'Peace, Justice and Women' held at Gandhigram Trust at Gandhigram near Dindigul on Thursday. — PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN

lages and help women come out of family and social disputes.

A curriculum would also be drafted on peace and justice to be introduced in academic courses at colleges and schools. The draft would be sent to the University Grants Commission (UGC) and to

National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for further action.

Gandhi King Centre would float a fortnightly e-journal on peace issues to propagate ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. to bring peace and justice in society, he added.

Narrating the pathetic condition of her village, Kamalapuram, SHG member T. Mary Aijtha said that liquor sale was at its peak in the village. Liquor was sold even in petty shops at four places. Her team fought with drinkers and liquor sellers and managed to close the shops. But they opened after a few weeks, she claimed.

Another SHG member, S. Asalai of Gandhigram, said that she fought for a Dalit woman who was abandoned by an officer in the rank of Assistant Educational Officer, and made him live with her after making their wedding legal. The woman could not even get community certificate for her son as the officer suppressed all evidences, she said. The new federation would strengthen the hands of the women SHG members in the struggle over women issues, they added.

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: Gandhigram Trust has banned use of plastic materials and paper and plastic cups in the offices, showrooms and hospital premises under its control. To supply alternative material to plastic items, the trust has planned to set up a tailoring unit with the help of self-help groups to manufacture bags.

These decisions were taken at a special meeting held on the trust premises on Tuesday. Officials in all the departments in the trust and its ancillary units were advised not to use paper and plastic cups at meetings, seminars and related functions. Additional tumblers would be bought for use at the meetings and seminars. The canteens had been advised to follow the decision

strictly, said K. Sivakumar, trust secretary.

"We have successfully implemented the ban on our Sivasaalam campus in Tirunelveli district," he noted.

Shopkeepers, tenants of houses, and those running the canteens and bakeries on the trust campus had also been advised to avoid plastic and other such materials. A massive awareness programme would be conducted to enlighten stakeholders, students, visitors to the hospital and others to follow the ban to maintain clean surroundings.

A committee, comprising representatives of all the units and stakeholders, would be formed to monitor the effectiveness of the ban, he added.

The trust had also roped in Gandhigram panchayat ad-

ministration for this massive exercise. The panchayat would help the trust in collection and safe disposal of waste and garbage. The panchayat administration had been asked to arrange drinking water facilities to Sowbhagya Children's Home and Kasturba Sevikaashram. Efforts were also on to cover all the organisations of the trust under Cauvery Combined Drinking Water Project to meet the growing drinking water needs.

The children's home would soon start an alumni association. A road map was laid to make Thambithottam Higher Secondary School a green campus. More trees would be planted on both sides of the road leading to the school and small gardens created on the campus, Mr. Sivakumar added.

Chance for rural students to acquire soft skills, English fluency

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: From now on, students of government high and higher secondary schools at several villages around Gandhigram will have an opportunity to improve English speaking skills with the help of language teachers in the US as Gandhigram Trust, in association with eBay Foundation and Silicon Valley Community Foundation, launched a computer literacy and communication skill development project on Wednesday.

To implement the project, the trust has invested Rs. 60 lakh for installing electronic equipment, including computers, colour monitors, printers, an LCD projector and a display screen, and other necessary infrastructure to enable students to attend online courses from the US at its



EXPANDING HORIZON: Students from villages undergoing computer training at the children's home in Gandhigram near Dindigul on Wednesday. — PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN

Illam. Two instructors were also appointed at the centre to take offline courses to the inmates.

K. Siva Kumar, trust secretary, said that computer literacy

and enhancing skills of the students. Initially, the centre would impart technical skills to the students at the home. They would be trained in MS Office, Excel Sheet and Photoshop. It would be a

"After promoting soft skills, we have planned to impart training in hardware to these students in the next phase. These students would become employable after completing schooling. They can opt for higher education or go for job immediately. This is part of our Integrated Child Protection Scheme," said Mr. Siva Kumar.

While learning computer operation, these students would also take part in communication skill classes. Language teachers in the US would take classes online to these children during weekends to enhance their communication skills. These children could interact with US teachers through two-way sessions. Students of all schools in villages adopted by the trust could make use of this centre to upgrade their skills, he added.

Desi cotton procurement centre to be established

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: The Gandhigram Trust plans to start a cotton procurement and sales centre, a first for the State. Among other efforts, it plans to revive 'karunkanni', a cotton variety getting extinct. It will convert cotton into value-added products, including naturally-dyed yarn, and sell it to other khadi units for cloth production. It has roped in traditional farmers in Athoor and Reddychairam blocks in Dindigul district to raise this variety. Similar efforts are on to revive 23 traditional cotton varieties throughout the country.

These points were highlighted at a workshop on Revival of desi cotton and contemporary khadi held at Gandhigram near here on Monday. Trust secretary K. Siva Kumar said that the



Workshop on revival of 'desi' cotton under way in Gandhigram near Dindigul on Monday. — PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN

cloth and bed sheets.

The natural dying unit would use cotton to make naturally-dyed yarn to tap emerging markets. Seeds would be supplied to farmers and the unit would act as a

cent of cotton produced in the country before Independence was of traditional variety. The British, who tried to kill native varieties, and introduce foreign varieties could convert just three per cent of

input costs for traditional varieties were very less than compared to those from Egypt and the US, he added.

Other varieties

Krishna Prasad of Sahaja Samrudha, a people's movement in Karnataka, said that 23 traditional varieties, especially Bengal Desi, Pundur, Kaala cotton, Wagadhi, Karunganni, Jayadhar and Pandrapura, were being raised in the country for the past 1,000 years. Efforts were under way to revive these varieties. All Indian varieties had been grown as inter-crop to chana, coriander, chillies, pulses, tomato and onion, he said.

Traditional cotton grower Visvasam of Vellore said that 500 acres of karunkanni variety had been raised in Reddychairam and Athoor blocks. Owing to lack of mar-

any farmer other crops, could be this variety. Karunkanni Kovilpatti only, he

காந்திகிராமத்தில் 'ஸ்மார்ட் கிளாஸ்'

காந்திகிராமம், மார்ச் 9-

காந்திகிராம அறக்கட்டளையின் சார்பில் லட்சுமி கல்வியியல் கல்லூரி மற்றும் சவுபாக் கிளாஸ் இல்லக் குழந்தைகளுக்காக கணினி மூலம் கல்வி கற்க உதவும் நுண்ணறிவு வகுப்பறை (ஸ்மார்ட் கிளாஸ்) அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டது.

சென்னையில் உள்ள 'ரெடிங்டன் பவுண்டேஷன்' நிறுவனத்தின் மூலம் தமிழகத்தில் பல்வேறு பகுதிகளில் உள்ள பள்ளி, கல்லூரிகளில் நுண்ணறிவு வகுப்பறைகள் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இதில் டிஜிட்டல் போர்டு, ஒளி, ஒலிக்

கற்பிக்கும் ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு கம்ப்யூட்டர் சார்ந்த தொழில்நுட்ப திறன்களும் மேம்பட வாய்ப்புக்கள் உண்டு.

இதுகுறித்த பயிற்சி கையேடுகளை கொண்டு மாணவர்களுக்கு கற்பிக்கப்படுகிறது. காந்திகிராம பல்கலை சார்பில் லட்சுமி கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியில் 'ஸ்மார்ட் கிளாஸ்' அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டது. காந்திகிராம அறக்கட்டளைச் செயலாளர் சிவக்குமார் கூறியதாவது: மாணவர்களிடையே திறன்களை வளர்ப்பது ஆசிரியர்களின் கடமை. அதனை வழங்கக்கூடிய வசதிகள் ஸ்மார்ட் கிளாஸ்

"Education will give girls self-confidence"

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: Burning desire to achieve the goal is the basis for women reaching top positions in their career and life, according to Principal District Judge R. Poornima.

Interacting with girl students at Sowbagiya Illam at Gandhigram near here on Tuesday as part of legal awareness campaign organised by District Legal Service Authority, she said that education would give girls self-confidence. Girls should believe that they would achieve in life, she advised.

Quoting from Bharatiya's works, she said that students should love their studies, work and their ambition to achieve.

In her special address, Mahila Court Session Judge Brundha Kesavachari said that economic independence was necessary for women. Education would ensure it and financial capacity would give confidence. Law had given protection to woman at all stages. "Women should not lose self-confidence under any circumstances because it is very vital to fight



Principal District Judge R. Poornima interacting with inmates of Sowbagiya Illam at Gandhigram near Dindigul on Tuesday. — PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN

"Students should love their studies, work and their ambition to achieve"

against odds and overcome barriers," she added.

Additional Sub-Judge A. Deepa said that education would give adequate protection to women. Treatment of women as equals

would scale down crimes in society.

Judicial Magistrate K. Kavitha stated the education would change the life of women. District Legal Service Authority Secretary and Principal Sub-Judge K. Karunanidhi spoke.

Later, Ms. Poornima delivered a guest lecture at the International Women's Day celebrations organised by women lawyers in the city.

Smart classroom established at college of education

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: The students at Lakshmi College of Education, a unit of Gandhigram Trust, will learn modern teaching methodologies in a hi-tech manner as the college has set up a smart classroom. The smart classroom has a digital board attached to computers, multi-media projector and specially designed software to enable teachers to impart high quality education to the students.

Inaugurating the classroom here recently, Gandhigram Trust secretary K. Sivakumar said that computers and other equipment needed for smart



The newly established smart classroom at Lakshmi College of Education, a unit of Gandhigram Trust, near Dindigul. — PHOTO: G. KARTHIKEYAN

Special training for college students

STAFF REPORTER

DINDIGUL: Gandhigram Trust has launched a special training programme to make college students employable and offer them jobs after training.

To begin with, the inmates of Sowbagiya Illam would undergo training in front office management, sales and as office assistance for 50 days, according to trust secretary K. Shiva Kumar.

Rural women

Addressing a meeting held at this connection here on Saturday, he said that emphasis was given to rural women in order to empower them. UNNATI Skill Training Centre would train them from Monday.

Similarly, young women in rural areas around Gandhigram would be trained by Kasturba Hospital to serve in it.

After 50 days of training, they would help aged people at the geriatric centre of the

In the first batch, 13 candidates were placed in private firms

hospital.

Skill development

The trust, in association with Red-ACE, Redington Academy for Career Education, had conducted a skill development programme for 30 rural unemployed graduates at Sivasailam in Tirunelveli district last month.

Young graduates in and around Sivasailam, mostly from vulnerable sections, were trained in soft skills such as business communications, front office management and personality development.

In the first batch, 13 candidates were placed in private firms and others were waiting for call letters.

With the success of the first batch at Sivasailam, the trust had extended the train-

ing programme to rural students in Dindigul district. The second batch Red-ACE programme would commence in Dindigul on Monday, he added.

Meanwhile, Redington Foundation, in association with the Trust, had planned to set up Redington Smart Learning Centres at colleges across the State.

Instead of training students, it would train faculty members of colleges under "Train the Trainer" programme at Lakshmi College of Education at Gandhigram.

After training, the faculty members would become certified trainers of the Foundation to impart skill development training to final year students in colleges.

The final year students would be trained throughout the year along with regular courses so that all the students would be covered. Each training session would not have more than 15 trainees and not less than 10, he added.

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 31st March, 2016, and also the Income and Expenditure Account of the Trust for the year ended on the date annexed thereto and report that:

- The Accounts of all the Institution of the Trust has been consolidated.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- In the case of the Balance Sheet of the State of affairs of the Trust as at 31st March, 2016;
- In the case of Income and Expenditure Account the Excess of Income over Expenditure of the Trust as at 31st March, 2016.

Place : MADURAI.

Date : 03.09.2016.



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Notes forming part of Auditors' Report for the year ending 31.3.2016.

- The accounts are maintained primarily on cash system. Government grants receivable and the expenditure against the Grants are accounted on Mercantile Basis.
- Depreciation of Rs.70,87,562 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.

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Date : 03.09.2016



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7. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-2016

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016					
2014-2015	RECEIPTS	2015-2016	2014-2015	PAYMENTS	2015-2016
Rs. Ps		Rs. Ps	Rs. Ps		Rs. Ps
	OPENING BALANCE			INSTITUTIONAL EXPENSES [Salary, Scholarships & Stipend, Gratuity, Honorarium]	
3,67,246.55	Cash on Hand	40,537.45	3,87,99,953.00	Educational	3,57,40,123.00
1,13,27,991.03	Cash at Bank	1,23,76,665.98	1,23,93,098.75	Children welfare	1,58,99,982.85
			3,87,23,123.00	Medical relief	4,26,64,112.00
	GRANT RECEIVED			ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES [Travelling, postage, printing, periodical, audit fees, EB]	
3,79,11,068.00	Educational	3,47,80,298.00	4,99,848.50	Educational	7,66,765.75
1,05,35,420.00	Children welfare	1,32,86,593.00	14,87,873.50	Children welfare	31,90,240.50
12,47,944.00	Medical relief	12,76,413.00	22,72,452.00	Medical relief	58,37,768.00
28,87,824.00	Projects relief of poor	33,68,477.00			
	DONATIONS			PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE [Medical, Rural work, food & maintenance, project]	
5,79,193.00	Educational	4,90,916.00	8,02,010.00	Educational	7,01,792.00
1,64,08,259.17	Children welfare	1,42,60,695.61	78,14,358.50	Children welfare	1,17,00,832.60
23,20,119.00	Medical relief	6,06,749.00	1,69,19,918.00	Medical relief	2,02,93,614.00
13,75,114.50	35Ac corpus fund Donation	12,83,000.00	39,09,505.56	Intervention of project relief to poor	27,16,531.00
	DEPARTMENT INCOMES [patient collection, exam, tuition fees computer fees & other]			MAINTENANCE EXPENSES [Building, Machinery, vehicle, etc.]	
24,55,398.00	Educational	25,96,026.00	8,39,434.00	Educational	5,59,886.00
21,58,980.50	Children welfare	28,43,652.00	18,16,840.00	Children welfare	18,57,579.00
5,32,99,853.00	Medical relief	6,94,58,536.28	21,30,739.00	Medical relief	22,12,326.00
	OTHER INCOMES			OTHER EXPENSES [Misc, Tax, Anniversary & other exp]	
13,79,755.00	Educational	7,28,917.00	4,51,609.60	Educational	3,20,820.00
52,17,344.86	Children welfare	28,64,740.16	57,80,591.26	Children welfare	23,69,686.69
59,24,622.00	Medical relief	9,19,368.79	92,35,478.26	Medical relief	1,09,296.00
	INTEREST ON INVESTMENT			ASSET AND BUILDINGS [Building, Equipment & Machinery, furniture, Books, Vehicles, Computers]	
93,697.00	Educational	1,57,006.00	7,36,559.00	Educational	1,97,070.00
36,19,645.00	Children welfare	39,51,404.71	47,10,659.00	Children welfare	44,09,684.00
28,73,269.00	Medical relief	25,49,173.00	48,42,945.00	Medical relief	6,26,773.00
	INCOME FROM PROPERTY			DEPOSITS	
4,59,684.00	Educational	4,22,796.00	18,830.00	Electricity Deposit	14,160.00
29,20,588.00	Children welfare	36,18,703.00	44,92,992.00	Fixed Deposit	21,89,703.00
8,71,502.00	Medical Relief	8,70,005.00	1,00,000.00	Library Deposit - Refund	1,00,000.00
	DEPOSITS		5,65,620.00	Security deposit Refund	1,93,000.00
17,00,639.00	Fixed Deposit	9,01,118.00		ENDOWMENT & OTHER INVESTMENTS	
1,00,000.00	Library Deposit	95,000.00		Endowment fund investments	81,23,623.00
1,74,500.00	Security deposit from inmates	2,80,500.00		35 AC corpus fund investments	13,58,117.00
	ENDOWMENT AND OTHER FUND			Loans and Advances	1,44,05,099.82
13,80,923.00	Endowment Fund receipt	41,89,673.00	42,07,759.00	PF Remittance	12,630.00
2,56,05,403.00	Loans and Advances	1,65,28,647.40	1,74,94,015.25	Tax Deducted at Source	3,31,573.00
28,710.00	PF Recovery	2,85,712.00	2,56,613.00		
3,766.00	Tax Deducted at Source	2,127.00	2,64,431.00	CLOSING BALANCE:	
			40,537.45	Cash on Hand	44,614.70
			1,22,50,754.98	Cash at Bank	1,60,86,047.47
19,51,78,548.61	TOTAL	19,50,33,450.38	19,51,78,548.61	TOTAL	19,50,33,450.38

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NO.004207 S
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CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-03-16

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM					
CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016					
2014-2015	EXPENDITURE	2015-2016	2014-2015	INCOME	2015-2016
Rs. Ps		Rs. Ps	Rs. Ps		Rs. Ps
	INSTITUTIONAL EXPENSES [Salary, Scholarships & Stipend, Gratuity, Honorarium]		4,96,84,992.00	GRANT RECEIVED	4,93,43,304.00
3,88,01,832.00	Educational	3,57,34,266.00	45,16,069.00	Less: Grant for 2014-2015	51,55,788.00
1,26,49,711.75	Children welfare	1,56,83,280.85	83,17,360.00	Add: Receivable 2015-2016	98,42,259.00
3,87,23,123.00	Medical relief	4,26,64,112.00	28,87,824.00	Add: Project Grant received	33,68,477.00
			1,15,98,094.00	Less: capital items transferred to capital fund	0.00
			4,47,76,013.00		5,73,98,252.00
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES [Travelling postage printing periodical, audit fees, EB]			DONATIONS	
5,02,055.50	Educational	7,64,558.75	5,79,193.00	Educational	58,946.00
14,99,099.50	Children welfare	31,44,859.50	1,46,97,209.17	Children welfare	1,13,29,900.11
22,72,452.00	Medical relief	58,37,768.00	23,20,119.00	Medical relief	6,06,749.00
	PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE [Medical, Rural work, food & maintenance project]			INTEREST ON INVESTMENT	
8,02,010.00	Educational	7,01,792.00	93,697.00	Educational	1,57,006.00
65,46,242.50	Children welfare	1,17,00,832.60	36,10,289.00	Children welfare	39,51,404.71
1,69,28,018.00	Medical relief	2,03,81,812.28	28,73,269.00	Medical relief	25,49,173.00
39,09,505.56	Intervention of project relief of poor	27,16,531.00			
	MAINTENANCE EXPENSES [building, Machinery, vehicle, etc.]			INCOME FROM PROPERTY	
8,34,289.00	Educational	5,65,031.00	4,59,684.00	Educational	4,22,796.00
18,38,759.00	Children welfare	18,57,579.00	29,20,588.00	Children welfare	36,18,703.00
21,30,739.00	Medical relief	22,12,326.00	8,21,592.00	Medical relief	8,70,005.00
	OTHER EXPENSES [Misc, Tax, Anniversary & other exp]			DEPARTMENT INCOMES [patient collection, exam, tuition fees computer fees & others]	
5,46,709.60	Educational	3,20,826.00	25,96,593.00	Educational	25,96,026.00
69,51,489.26	Children welfare	23,69,686.69	21,58,980.50	Children welfare	28,43,652.00
1,29,39,382.26	Medical relief	17,96,355.00	5,32,99,853.00	Medical relief	6,94,58,536.28
	DEPRECIATION			OTHER INCOME	
9,85,800.00	Educational	8,48,470.00	13,24,506.00	Educational	7,28,917.00
30,78,711.30	Children welfare	30,90,570.50	52,58,852.86	Children welfare	30,62,726.16
33,36,287.00	Medical relief	31,48,521.00	54,79,622.00	Medical relief	8,10,072.79
			17,96,355.00	CLOSING STOCK [Kasturba Hospital]	19,74,494.19
	Excess of income over expenditure	68,98,181.07	1,02,09,800.70	Excess of Expenditure over income	
15,52,76,216.23	TOTAL	16,24,37,359.24	15,52,76,216.23	TOTAL	16,24,37,359.24


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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-03-2016

GANDHIGRAM TRUST - GANDHIGRAM						
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2016						
Sch	AMOUNT	LIABILITIES	AMOUNT	Sch	AMOUNT	ASSETS
	31.03.2015		31.03.2016		31.03.2015	
	Rs. Ps		Rs. Ps		Rs. Ps	
A	13,60,35,184.79	Capital Fund	13,69,04,143.29	G	11,31,804.10	Land
	6,29,93,412.00	Endowment Fund	6,60,93,967.00	H	5,14,47,270.90	Building
B	1,53,19,287.43	General Fund	2,09,27,359.23	I	65,97,640.86	Equipments
C	2,27,830.00	Other Fund	6,18,830.00	J	1,13,02,339.50	Furniture
D	10,18,219.90	Reserve Fund & Building & Corpus Fund	9,78,219.90	K	17,39,782.00	Plant and Machinery
	1,27,35,137.50	35 AC Corpus Fund	1,40,18,137.50	L	24,64,907.00	Vehicles
					4,61,513.00	Fencing
					1,34,265.00	Computers
				M	2,64,086.00	Library books
	10,20,000.00	Endowment fund for Life time workers Endowment fund	10,20,000.00		1,24,005.00	Vessels
	1,00,000.00	Dr.T.S.Soundram Women & Child Development Endowment Fund	1,00,000.00	N	6,40,19,562.00	Endowment fund Investments
					1,00,000.00	Dr.T.S.Soundram Women & Child Development Endowment Fund
					8,70,000.00	Gandhigram Life Time workers Endowment fund
				O	1,26,58,023.00	35 AC Corpus Fund Investment
E	4,52,045.00	Expenses payable	4,86,349.00	P	46,26,500.70	Grant Income receivable
	22,472.00	Audit fees payable	0.00	Q	2,88,072.15	Electricity deposit & Cooking Gas deposit
				R	41,05,287.00	Fixed Deposit
					15,90,827.00	Tax deducted at source
F	3,30,83,983.99	Loans and advances	4,31,88,494.87	B	4,37,21,868.43	General fund
				F	4,11,46,260.54	Loans and advances
						<u>CLOSING BALANCE:-</u>
					40,537.45	Cash on hand
				S	1,22,99,551.48	Cash at Bank
					77,114.50	35 AC Corpus Fund Bank balance
				T	17,96,355.00	Closing Stock [kasturba Hospital]
	26,30,07,572.61	TOTAL	28,43,35,500.79		26,30,07,572.61	TOTAL
						28,43,35,500.79


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8. COMPLIANCE REPORT

IDENTITY

- ❖ We are registered as a Trust under Indian Trust Act
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ We are registered under FCRA 1976 (FCRA Reg. No. 07594007)

Visitors are welcome to visit our Website www.gandhigram.org

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. 7,925/-**
- ❖ Total cost of international travels : **Rs. ---**

Staff remuneration (gross yearly + benefits) in rupees

Head of the organization: (including honorarium)

Highest paid Full Time regular staff : **Rs. 1,49,663/-** per month

Lowest paid Full Time regular staff : **Rs. 2,420/-** per month

Slab of gross salary (in Rs.) plus benefits paid to staff (per month)	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	10	71	81
5,001 – 10,000	33	141	174
10,001 – 15, 000	14	28	42
15,001 – 20, 000	7	16	23
20, 001 – 1,00,000	26	49	75
Greater than 1,00,000	1	1	2
Total	91	306	397

GANDHIGRAM TRUST**GANDHIGRAM KHADI AND VIPC TRUST****MEMBER OF BOARD TRUSTEES**

Dr. R. Kousalya Devi	Life Trustee
Shri. M. R. Rajagopalan	Managing Trustee
Shri. K. Shivakumar	Secretary
Dr. G. Pankajam	Associate Secretary
Shri. S. Sankara Raman	Treasurer
Padmashri Krishnammal Jagannathan	Trustee
Sister. Mythili	Trustee
Shri. K. M. Natarajan	Trustee
Smt. Gita Ram	Trustee
Ms. Shobhana Ramachandran	Trustee
Smt. Sudha Ravi	Trustee
Dr. G. Natchiar	Trustee
The Vice Chancellor, GRI	Ex-Officio Trustee
The Director, GIRH & FWT	Ex-Officio Trustee
Dr. V. Balamurugan	Trustee

LAKSHMI SEVA SANGHAM**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Ms. Shobhana Ramachandran	President
Dr. R. Kousalya Devi	Advisor
Shri. M. R. Rajagopalan	Advisor
Shri. K. Shivakumar	Vice President
Dr. G. Pankajam	Secretary
Shri. S. N. Karmegam	Associate Secretary
	Cum Treasurer
Shri. N. Muthuvelayutham	Member
Shri. M. G. Sivasubramaian	Member
Shri. S. Venkatanarayanan	Member
Dr. V. Ganapathy	Member
The Registrar, GRI	Ex-Officio Member
The Director, GIRH&FWT	Ex-Officio Member
Dr. A. Rohini	Member
Smt. K. S. Mary	Member
Smt. P. Chinnaponnu	Member

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Smt. Jageda Rajappa	Trustee
Shri. R. Veluchamy	Trustee
Smt. Rajeswari	Trustee
Smt. K. V Jayashree	Trustee
Smt. P. Sumathi	Trustee
Smt. K. Kavitha	Trustee
Dr. Sreerangarajan	Trustee
Smt. Sathyavathy	Trustee

DR. SOUNDHAM TRUST**MEMBER OF BOARD TRUSTEES**

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Shri. M. R. Rajagopalan	Managing Trustee
Shri. K. Shivakumar	Secretary
Shri. S. Sankararaman	Treasurer
Smt. Gita Ram	Trustee
Ms. K. S. Neela	Trustee
Shri. S. Murugesan	Trustee
Smt. R. Revathy	Trustee
Smt. N. Ramuthai	Trustee
Shri. J. Ananda Gandhi	Trustee
The Vice-chancellor, GRI	Ex-Officio Trustee
The Director, GIRH&FWT	Ex-Officio Trustee
Smt. S. Asalai	Trustee
Smt. S. Saraswathi	Trustee

Gandhigram Khadi & VIPC Trust has been awarded
Best Khadi Institution in the South Zone for the year 2014-15



Shri Rengasamy was selected as the Best Weaver in the South Zone in 2013

