



GRAMA SEVA SANGAM

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Silver Jubilee Souvenir

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சமூக நலம் பேணும் கிராம சேவா சங்கத்திற்கு,

கால் நூற்றாண்டு காலமாய் கணக்கிலடங்கா சேவைகளை செய்து கொண்டிருக்கும் உங்களின் சங்கச் செயல்பாடுகளை கண்டும் கேட்டும் என் உள்ளம் மகிழ்கின்றது.

அன்ன சத்திரம் ஆயிரம் கட்டுவதைவிட ஆலயம் பதினாயிரம் நிறுவுவதைவிட உயர்ந்தது ஓர் ஏழைக்கு எழுத்தறிவிப்பது. ஆனால் நீங்களோ 1500 குழந்தைகளுக்கு புத்தகப்பை, பாடப்புத்தகங்கள், எழுது பொருட்கள், சீருடைகள் வழங்கி சிறப்பு செய்திருக்கிறீர்கள். இடை நின்ற குழந்தைகளுக்கு கல்வி வழங்கி எழுத்தறிவிக்கும் இறைவனாக, ஆன்மாவின் கதவை திறக்கும் சங்கமாக மாறியிருப்பது மட்டற்ற மகிழ்ச்சி தருகிறது.

பாடப்புத்தகங்களை தடவ வேண்டிய பிஞ்சுவிரல்கள் பட்டாசு தொழிற்சாலைகளில் பாஸ்பரஸ் தடவிக்கொண்டிருக்கும் அவலநிலை மாற, பூவின் தலையில் இருக்கும் பூமியின் பாரத்தை இறக்கி வைத்து, குழந்தை தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு முறைசாராக கல்வி வழங்கி, பள்ளியில் சேர்த்து தமிழகத்தின் தக்கைகளாக மாற இருந்தவர்களை தமிழகத்தின் தூண்களாக மாற்றி, அட்சயபாத்திரமாய் உங்கள் சங்கம் செயல்படுவது விழியை உயர்த்தி வியக்க வைக்கிறது.

காடு களைத்து கழனி திருத்தி மேடு பள்ளங்களை சமன் செய்து நெற்றி வியர்வையை நிலத்தில் பாய்ச்சி உழுது பயிர் செய்யும் விவசாயி பொழுது விடியும் வரை அழுதுகொண்டிருக்கும் நிலை மாற, உங்கள் சங்கம் மேற்கொண்டிருக்கும் முயற்சி பூமிக்கு தாரை வார்க்கும் நில நீர் மேம்பாட்டுத்திட்டம் வசந்தத்தின் வாசலில் வண்ணமயமானதொரு எதிர் காலத்தை தமிழகத்திற்குக் காட்டுகிறது.

உங்கள் சங்கத்தின் வெள்ளிவிழா வெற்றி விழாவாக சிறக்கவும், இன்னும் பொன்விழா வைரவிழா கண்டு என்றும் இச்சமுதாயத்தின் பழுது பார்க்கும் செயலை செய்யும் சங்கமாக விளங்கி பல்லாண்டு காலம் வாழ என் மனப்பந்தலில் பூத்த மல்லிகை மலர்களால் வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

என்றும் அன்புடன் வாழ்த்தும்,

டாக்டர்.பு.செ. அர்ச்சனா கல்யாணி, இ.வ.ப.,



**NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**



I am happy to learn that Grama Seva Sangam (GSS), Illupur Taluk, Pudukottai district is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year. On this historical occasion, I congratulate GSS for achieving this milestone. It is heartening to note that for all these years, GSS has been sensitising, mobilizing and organising village communities in rural area in conserving and enriching human and natural resources. I appreciate GSS efforts in not only enrolling children below 5 years of marginalized communities in Schools but also for providing them the minimum requirements like uniform, reading and writing material which has won recognition from local administration. I wish that GSS efforts to improve the lives of rural people will meet with more success in coming years.

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Chief General Manager NABARD,
Tamil Nadu Regional Office , Chennai

ஆரவாரமில்லா... அயராத உழைப்பு....
எளிமை இன்முகம் ச(சு)த்தமான புன்னகை....
நெடுந்தூர சமூகப் பயணத்தில்....
இவர் தாண்டிய தடைக்கற்கள்....
இவரது வெற்றியின் பழக்கற்கள்....

கிராமசேவா சங்கத்தின் 25வது ஆண்டு வெள்ளிவிழாவில் அதன் செயலாளர் மதிப்புமிகு MR.பழனிச்சாமி அவர்கள் டாக்டர் பட்டம் பெற்றமைக்கும் சமூகப்பணியில் சீகரம் தொடவும் மனதார வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

நெகிழ்வுடன்
பேராசிரியர் தங்க. ரவிசங்கர்
உதவிப் பேராசிரியர்
அருள்மிகு பழனியாண்டவர் கலை மற்றும் பண்பாட்டுக் கல்லூரி,
பழனி.



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சேவை பல செய்திட்ட மேதை

ஒருவர் இளமையில் சூழல் காரணமாக போதிய கல்வியறிவு பெறாமல் இருக்கலாம்; பின்னாளில் அதற்காக வருந்தலாம். ஆனால் அனுபவ அறிவைப் பயன்படுத்தியும், கேள்வி நூனத்தைக் கொண்டும், சமூக சேவையை தனது தோளின் மீது சுமந்தும், பள்ளிப்படிப்பை பாதியில் விட்ட சூழ்நிலைகளுக்காக உழைத்து நடமாடும் கர்மவீரராக திகழ்பவர் டாக்டர்.M.R.பழனிச்சாமி

ஆரம்ப கால கட்டத்தில் அன்னாரது சொந்த ஊரான கிளிக்குடியில் “இளைஞர் நற்பணி மன்றத்தை” தொடங்கி, அதனை இந்திய அரசு நேரு யுவகேந்திராவோடு இணைந்து பல்வேறு சமூக மேம்பாட்டுப் பணிகளை மெல்ல மெல்ல செய்து தனது தன்னலமில்லா தொண்டாலும், ஓய்வில்லா உழைப்பாலும் உயர்ந்த உத்தமர்.

தான் கடந்து வந்த பாதையை மறவாமல் நன்றி உணர்வோடு திரும்பிப்பார்த்து நேருயுவகேந்திராவின் அன்றைய மாவட்ட இளைஞர் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு.சென்.பெருமாள் அவர்களின் வழிகாட்டுதலின்படி “கிராம சேவா சங்கத்தை” நிறுவி இன்று ஆல விருட்சமாக வளர்ந்திருக்கின்றார். அதன் மூலம் தன் சேவைப் பணிகளை விரிவுபடுத்தி மக்களுக்காக அயராது உழைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றார்.

“கழனியிலே கால்பதிக்கும் விவசாயி
கல்லாமை இல்லாமையாக்கும் சேவையாளி
கால்களிலே செருப்பில்லா நடையாளி
சாதனைகள் செய்திட்ட படைப்பாளி
சமூக மேம்பாட்டுக்கு போராடும் போராளி
துன்பம் கண்டு துவளாதவர் பழனிச்சாமி”

அடிமட்டத்தில் இருந்த இவருக்கு: இவரது சேவைக்கு கிடைத்திட்ட மாபெரும் வெற்றிப்பரிசு டாக்டர் பட்டம்! உங்கள் தன்னலமற்ற சேவை பலருக்கு பாடமாகட்டும்!

வாழ்த்துக்களுடன்



K.சதாசிவம்


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மாவட்ட இளைஞர் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்,
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(திறன் மேம்பாடு, தொழில் முனைவோர், இளைஞர்
நலம் மற்றும் விளையாட்டு அமைச்சகம்)
புதுக்கோட்டை, திருச்சி, தஞ்சை

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I feel really proud and honoured for having this opportunity to wish Grama Seva Sangam (GSS), Kilikkudi while it is celebrating it's 25th Anniversary. For the past 8 years our Department has been collaborating with GSS in implementing Watershed Project in Illuppur and Kulathur Taluks of Pudukkottai District. Through their planned and strategic works more cultivable fallow land has become cultivable lands. Their sincere and committed service to the agrarian community has brought forth tangible results which are work appreciating. Once again I take this opportunity to wish GSS to continue their services in still more successful manner in the years to come, benefiting the farming community.




Project Officer/Joint Director of Agriculture
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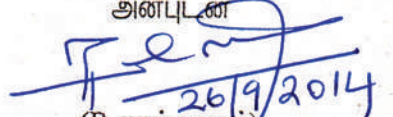
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R.ராஜ்குமார்

திட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்

கிராம சேவா சங்கத்தில் வெள்ளி விழா என்பது எனக்கு மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சியான செய்தி. கிராம சேவா சங்கத்தின் நிறுவனர் திரு.M.R.பழனிச்சாமியுடன் பல வருடங்கள் நெருங்கி பழகும் வாய்ப்பு எனக்கு கிடைத்தது. அவருடைய நிறுவனத்தின் பல்வேறு நிகழ்வுகளில் நான் சிறப்பு அழைப்பாளராக, கருத்தாளராக, கருத்து தாள்கள் தயாரிப்பாளராக, பயிற்சியாளராக பங்கேற்றுள்ளேன். ஒரு நிகழ்ச்சி என்றால் இப்படியல்லவோ நடத்த வேண்டும் என்று மூக்கின் மேல் விரலை வைக்கும் அளவிற்கு நிகழ்ச்சிகளை நடத்துவார். இவர் நடத்திய குழந்தைத் தொழிலாளர்களுக்கான சிறப்புப்பள்ளிகள் மிகச் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. அனேக குழந்தைகள் பயன்பெற்றனர். குழந்தைகளுக்கு எழுது பொருட்கள், நோட்டு புத்தகங்கள், சீருடைகள் என பல உதவிகளை தாராளமாக வழங்கினார். கிராம சேவா சங்கத்தின் நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் பங்கேற்று பல மாணவர்களுக்கு உதவிகளை வழங்கும் வாய்ப்பு எனக்கும் பல முறைகள் கிடைத்தது. இவருடைய செயல்பாடுகள் கிளிக்குடி கிராமத்தை வெளி உலகிற்கு அறிமுகப்படுத்தியுள்ளது. சமூகப்பணி மட்டுமல்லாது விருந்தோம்பலுக்கும் இலக்கணமானவர் திரு.பழனிச்சாமி என்றால் மிகையாகாது. M.R.பழனிச்சாமியின் செயல்பாடுகளை அங்கீகரித்து Academy of Universal Global Peace, Doctor of Social work என்று முனைவர் பட்டம் வழங்கியிருப்பது இவருடைய சமூக சேவைக்கு கிடைத்த அங்கீகாரமாகும். கிராம சேவா சங்கத்தின் செயல்பாடுகள் பல்வேறு கிராம மக்களின் வாழ்வாதாரத்தை உயர்த்தியுள்ளது. இவருடைய சேவைகள் மேலும் தொடர எனது உள்ளப்பூர்வமான வாழ்த்துக்கள்!



அன்புடன்

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(R.ராஜ்குமார்)

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I remember Grama seva sangam's office in 1992 with four bamboo poles with a thatched roof and two workers. Its elevation to the present status is because of its undrestanding about the round really, commitment,hardworking,and sincerity. I wish them success in all their future endeavors.

“With regards,
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Really, it is my great pleasure to congratulate the founder of GSS Dr. MR.Palanichamy who has been honored with doctorate for his yeo – men service and also extend my heartfelt greetings to the silver jublee function.

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வணக்கம்
இதோ வாழ்த்துச் செய்தி

அன்பின் வழி நின்று
ஆர்வம் மிகக் கொண்டு
இன்முகம் தோன்று நானும்
தொண்டுக்கு முந்திச் செல்லும்
தூய நல் பழனிச்சாமி
சேவைகள் சிறக்க நானும்
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புதுக்கோட்டை மாவட்டம் இலுப்பூர் வட்டம் கிளிக்குடி என்ற குக்கிராமத்தில் இயக்குனர், செயல்நீரர் MR.பழனிச்சாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில் இயங்கி வரும் கிராம சேவா சங்கம் நல்ல பல நற்பணிகளை ஆற்றி வருகின்றது.

முறைசாரா கல்வி மாணவர்களுக்கான புத்தகங்கள், இளம்பெண்கள் தங்கள் சொந்தகாலில் நின்று உழைத்து முன்னேற பல தொழிற்பயிற்சி பட்டரைகள், இளைஞர்களுக்கான பயிற்சி பட்டரைகள், விழிப்புணர்வு முகாம்கள், மாலை நேர கல்வி மையங்கள், கல்வி வல்லுநர்களை வரவழைத்து ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு புத்தகப்பயிற்சி, கிராம நூலகம் போன்றவற்றை மிகச் சிறப்பாக நடத்தி அதில் மிகப் பெரிய வெற்றியைக் கண்டிருக்கிறது. மாற்றங்கள் காண சமுதாயத்தில் நண்பர் திரு. MR.பழனிச்சாமியைப் போல தன்னலம் கருதாது உழைக்க கூடிய ஆற்றல் உள்ளவர்கள் நாட்டுக்கு தேவை. அவரின் கடின உழைப்பால் வெற்றிக்கண்ட கிராம சேவா சங்கம் மலர் வெளியிடுவதில் மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி பழனிச்சாமி அவர்கள் என்றும் உழைத்து வெற்றியடைய என்னுடைய பாராட்டுதல்கள்.

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Gratitude...!



Kilikkudi Grama Seva Sangam is highly proud of celebrating its silver jubilee in the year 2014. Indeed, we are very happy to bring out a sovenier on this memorable occasion. Well known persons who have been extending their kind co-operation for the successful growth and development of this organization have contributed their valuable services for the publication of this souvenir too. We would like to record our thanks to the editorial team comprises Mr.P. Karunakaran, consultant, Mr.C. Balaiah, M.A., M.Ed., M.Phill., senior lecturer (Rtd) DIET, pudukkottai and Dr. Lakshmikandan M.A., P.hD., in this regard. Once again, We would like to thank one and all for their continued co-operation. We pray that this organization will grow and serve the society with the blessings of the God and the well-wishers.



Dr. MR.Palanichamy
Secratary / Director
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An empowered rural community should be evolved in terms of social, economical and educational status in Tamilnadu State.

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1. Creating an access to disadvantaged rural children to education
2. Creating an access to rural community to income resources
3. Promoting sustainable agriculture practise to ensure sustainable income to the rural Farmers.
4. To promote Biodiversity in the rural environment.



Introduction

The celebrity on whom this souvenir has been brought forth is the Grama Seva Sangam (GSS), functioning at Kilikkudi village, a remote place near Kudumiyanmalai in Pudukkottai District. It is situated towards the western Direction at a distance of 30 kilometers from the District Head Quarters. It must be proudly recorded on this memorable occasion that

this organization has won many laurels from all sources ever since its inception for its vital role of molding the society. The golden rule of the Sangam is 'Service Rendered to People is Service Rendered to the God'.

The Origin

It should be stated here that there is an underlying truth behind the origin of this organization. It was started in the year 1988 at first by Mr. M.R. Palanichamy, an ordinary person in the rural area. As a young boy hailing from a poor family in that small village Kilikkudi, he was deprived of his basic education due to his family circumstances. This was an unfortunate disappointment to him in his early life. This misfortune kindled his enthusiasm and inspiration which lead him to do something good for the rural poor and the backward mass. Later on, it became his unquenchable thirst that the depravity occurred to him in those days should not be the fate of other poor children too in that area. He had given a concrete shape to his thought at first in the year 1980 with the support of some like minded friends and oneness in spirit. Some how, they thought that illiteracy was the root cause for all human sufferings. Their well-meant effort helped many poor children to have an access to their basic education.

Later, in the year 1988 there originated a legally registered society in the name of Grama Seva Sangam with 11 members hailing from the same rural background. Their ultimate aim was to promote the socio-economic conditions of the community and its educational opportunities.

Initiative Programme

As the next step, a school was started in the year 1991 in Karambakkudi village in Pudukkottai district to cater to the educational needs of the local children in and around the village. 50 children were educated in the school. In the same village Sacred Grove development project was implemented by GSS through the support of Ministry of Environment in the early 1990s. It was the first notable rural service programme of the GSS which rendered its maximum service. But the Sangam was badly in need of financial support at that time.

Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)

The RSWR, Indiana, USA had kindly come forward to extend a small financial grant to GSS in the year 2000. Thus the RSWR rightfully empowered the poor women to make their own decisions to improve their own lives and the well being of their families and their communities.





The CPR Foundation

Further, some environmental related activities were implemented with the support of CPR Foundation in the year 1995, in order to create awareness among the agrarian community in and around Karambakkudi. Following this, three awareness and educational programmes were conducted so as to benefit the backward community which involved in agricultural works. Those programmes had undoubtedly increased their productivity in agriculture which was the main source of income to them. While things were proceeding in this way,

We are highly dutiful to register here our gratitude to Mr. Kannan, the Indian Representative of RSWR who witnessed our works and created link for this funder to receive the grant without which we would have been in great trouble to carry out the programme successfully. The special efforts of Mr. G.V. Gopinath and V. Ramani, Project Consultants of GSS for the proper and successful implementation of the initiative programmes should always be remembered by us. It should be noted here that their valuable suggestions and efforts had helped us in a great deal for whom we are always grateful in this regard.

Nehru Yuva Kendra, Pudukkottai

NYK, Pudukkottai had kindly and timely extended an invitation to GSS to start an Adult Education Centre at Kilikkudi. As per this project, an Adult Education School was started in Kilikkudi village in the year 1995. During the following years, GSS had strengthened itself in its infrastructural capacities which attracted the Government Departments and other Donors in Abroad to create partnership with GSS.



Child Labour Schools



As a next venture, the Child Labour Project Society, Pudukkottai, came forward to extend its support to GSS to run two special schools for Child Labourers in Kulathur Taluk in the year 1996. The Kinder Missions Werk, Germany had granted some worth mentioning funds to GSS on this occasion to support some components of the projects. This fund was properly utilized to distribute school uniform dresses to the children. Based on the better performances and achievements of GSS carried out so far in this way, the aforesaid society had allocated another three special schools in favour of GSS.

That programme covered 200 poor working children who were deprived of school education and rescued by us. The programme was successfully implemented for three years up to 1999. The dedication and commitment of GSS achieved cent percent child labour



Mr.J.Joseph Anantharaj



Mr.R.Anbalagan

0 eradication in its working areas and won a number of merit certificates and 'Best NGO Award in the District' among the 18 competitors and other NGOs. One of the worth mentioning award was the Best NGO Award presented by the then Hon'ble Minister of

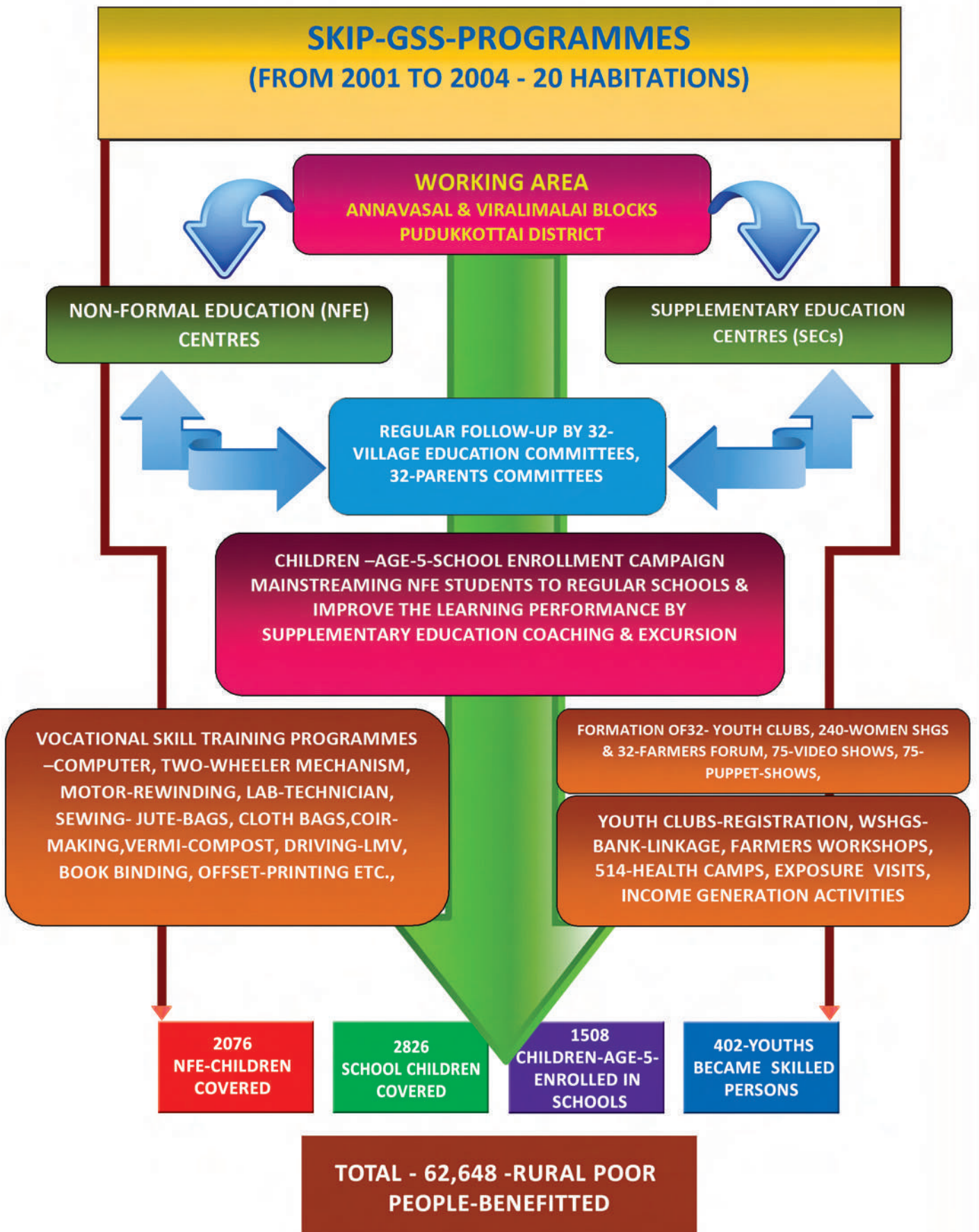
Labour, Mr. Rehman Khan, Govt. of Tamil Nadu in the presence of the Pudukkottai District Collector on the occasion of a special function organized by the District Administration in the year 1999. Here it is the duty of our GSS to thankfully remember the dedicated services and supports of Mr. Joseph Ananda Raj, Project Director, Mr. Gopinath, Project Coordinator and Mr. Anbalagan and Mr. Marimuthu, Field Officers, District Child Labour Project Society.

SKIP-Switzerland

While all the programmes of GSS were going on beneficially to the rural community in a smooth way, a Child Labour Eradication Proposal was submitted by us to a foreign agency and this proposal had been duly accepted and readily approved by the Foreign Donor SKIP-Switzerland considering the valuable credits earned by our organization in the previous years. This financial assistance was allocated to implement the project entitled “Education and Rehabilitation of Working Children in the Interior Villages of Annavasal and Viralimalai Blocks of Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu”, during the years from 2001 to 2004. This project was drafted properly by our project expert Mr. Gopinath, who rendered an yeomen service for the growth and development of our GSS. After studying this valuable project proposal in a deep way, our Country Representative for the SKIP, Mrs. Sherly Mathew and the Project Director of SKIP for India programmes, Mrs. Francoise Genode, Switzerland had given their valuable guidance and technical support to GSS for the effective and efficient implementation of the project. The total project period was 4 years. As our GSS wished to make use of this golden opportunity in a proper way, it decided to run 15 Child Labour Schools and 15 Supplementary Education Centres in selected 15 villages of Viralimalai and Annavasal Blocks in Pudukkottai District so that the educational needs of the area might be considerably fulfilled.



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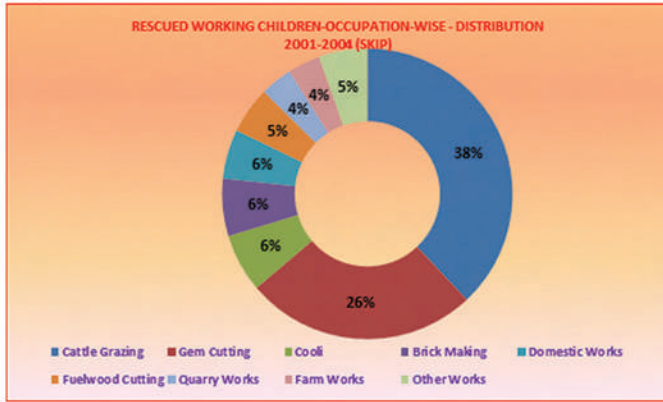
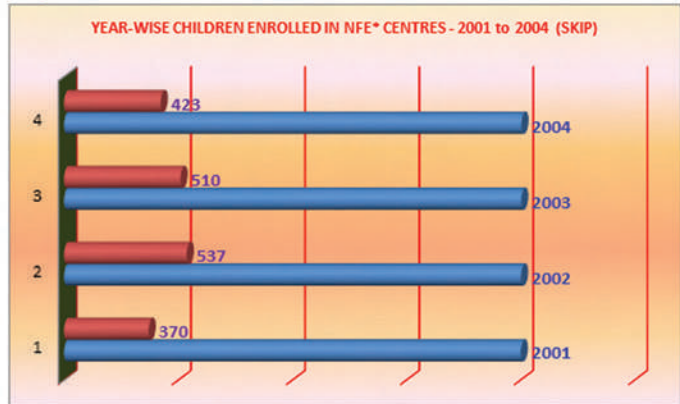


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* - NFE- Non Formal Education

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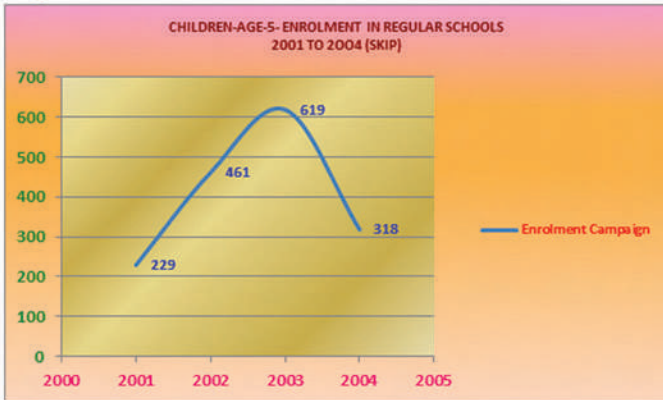


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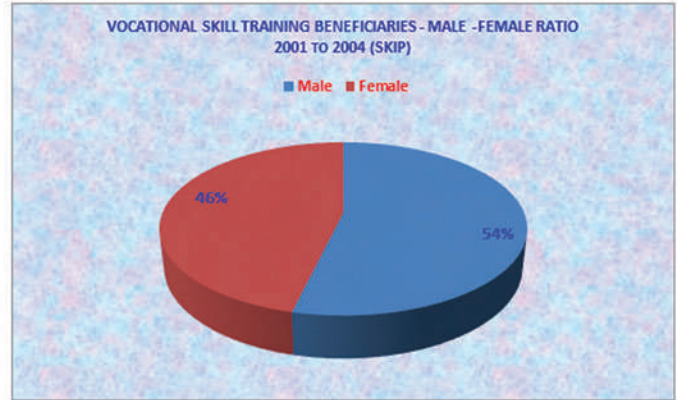


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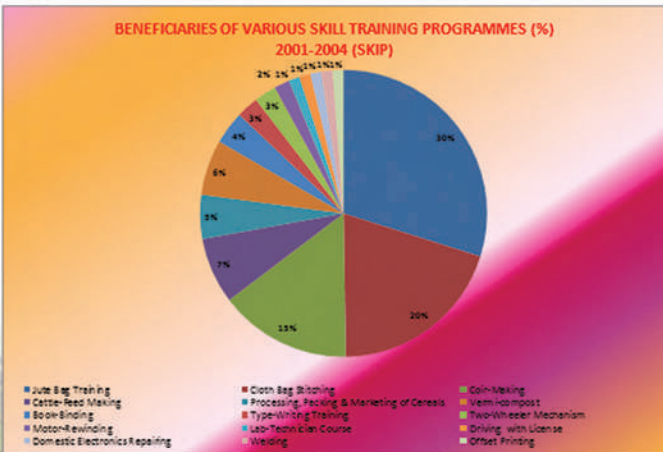
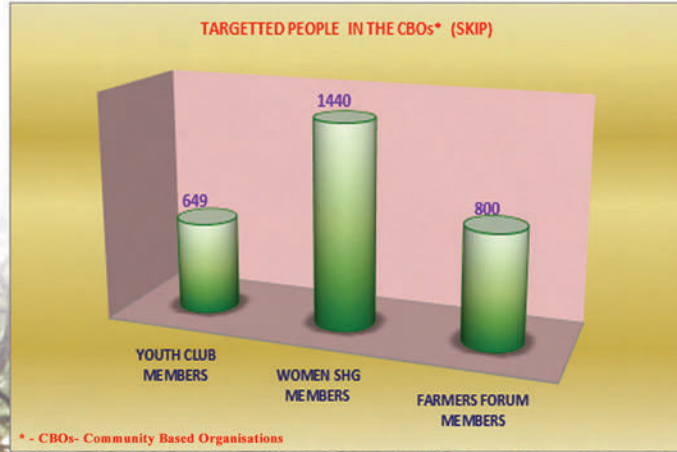


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* - CBOs- Community Based Organisations



Govt High School - Kodumbalur

With a careful planning and sincere implementation of this project, various vocational skill training programmes such as Jute Bag making, Cloth Bags Manufacturing, Motor-Rewinding, Two-Wheeler Mechanism, Lab Technician, Book Binding, Light Motor Vehicle Driving, Computer DTP-Training programmes, Coir-Making, Pickle Preparing and Domestic Electronics, Off-set Printing etc., were conducted to create an employment access to the rural community. Moreover, our GSS donated School Bags, Text Books and remitted School Fees to the children of Non-Formal Education and Supplementary Education Centres in order to encourage children to go to schools regularly without any hindrance.



Other Programmes Supported by the SKIP:

1. A Model Self-Enterprise-Coir production Unit was started at Kallukkattupatti village in Rajalipatti Panchayat in order to create an access to a regular income for the people concerned.



2. Eye Camps and General Health Camps were jointly organized with the support of the Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai and Siddha Health Camps were conducted and the camps distributed free medicines to the local villagers.

3. Leadership and Personality Development Training programmes for the rural Youth Groups and Women Self-Help Groups were conducted.



4. Training programmes on Record Maintenance and Induction Training programmes for the NFE* and SEC** Animators were also conducted.

5. Curriculum Development and Course Design for Non-Formal Education were prepared and valuable source books were also published.



* Non Formal Education ** Supplementary Education Center

Educational Development materials through the support of SKIP:

It was our notable credit that we could identify an experts group of teacher educators namely; Mr. G. Krishnamurthy and Mr. C. Balaiah from DIET, Pudukkottai, Mr. K. Sadhasivam, Teacher Educator, DPEP, Mr. A. Kumaran, Head Master and Mrs. Aru. Ponnalagu, Teacher Educator, DPEP, Mr. Bala Natarajan, Retd. Head Master and Mrs. S. Therase Pushpam, Head Mistress. We thankfully acknowledge the valuable services rendered by these subject specialists and experts. They helped us to bring out various subject materials and Resource Books with their hard and continued efforts and services. Our organization was highly fortunate enough to utilize the long services of these potential people in the Education Department.

The SKIP Programmes were successfully implemented through the support of more than 50 staff in the field. They were a Project Coordinator, an Asst. Coordinator, an Accountant, and a Computer Operator and 4 Cluster Coordinators. We should also remember the services of Mr. Gopalakrishnan, External Resource Person for giving the Human Resource and Personality Development Training and Mr. Muniraj, Expert of the OOPP Model Training programme, Bangalore. The other supporting groups were three Vocational



Mr. S. Bala Natarajan



Mr. C. Balaiah



Mr. G. Kirushnamoorthy

Trainers from Coimbatore, one Technical Person from the Regional Jute Training Centre, Coimbatore, Nonformal Education and Supplementary Education centre Teacher Training Experts from Pudukkottai, the local Government Authorities such as the Revenue Development Officer, the Superintendent of Police, the DSP, the BDOs, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors of Police Department and School Education Authorities. We should also make a mention of some other technical supporting groups such as



Mr.K.Sadhasivam

National Agriculture Board for Agriculture and Rural Development- Assistant General Manager, Banking authorities, IOB-Lead Development Manager, Pudukkottai, STAMIN, Kudumiyanmalai for arranging training programmes in their premises and facilitating other residential hostels, guest houses for our guests and visitors. We are grateful to the Chief Educational Officer, Pudukkottai, Asst. Educational Officers of Annavasal and Viralimalai Blocks and the local people, farmers, women and youths of the project areas for their valuable support and guidance.

It might be a great default on the part of our GSS if we neglect a worth mentioning fact here. All the children enrolled under this NFE scheme in this area and the students enrolled under the Supplementary Education programmes were not given even a single chance to visit the neighboring places in and around this centre in their early life. But programme offered many golden opportunities to these unfortunate children to visit so many worthy places and tourism centres. With the support of the SKIP programme, these children were brought to various notable places such as Kotralam, Thiruchendur, Kanyakumari, Thekkadi, Rameswaram, Ottapidaram, Madurai, Vaigai Dam in Tamil Nadu and Thirupathi in Andra Pradesh every year. These children were highly benefited by these Exposure visit programmes. They could earn very good educational and social awareness through these exposure visits.



Mrs.Aru.Ponnalagu

Actually the SKIP Project was planned for 9 years. The project was implemented by our GSS with a grand success continuously. Various meritorious programmes were implemented year by year for four years until 2004. But due to their administrative reasons they had to left India half way. Seeing our successful implementation of the project, SKIP authorities recommended us to the Huarralde Foundation, Spain, an another notable Foreign Funding Agency to extend their funding assistance in favour of our continuous services.

Haurralde Foundation-Spain

Thus the fortune smiled on us again in our path. The Spanish Organisation namely, Haurralde Foundation rose to the occasion and they came forward to support us in the year 2006. They supported 13 Child Labour Schools to run again and thus those schools worked in order to reduce the number of school drop outs in the area. They funded for the following programmes in the subsequent years:

1. Programme of distributing School Bags, Note Books and Stationeries to the children.
2. Programme of distributing school uniforms
3. Programme of Sponsorship to the regular school children hailing from Poor families
4. Income generating programmes

In addition to these programmes, 12 rural deserving girls were identified from the villages to be trained and serve as nurses with thus sufficient qualifications. Most of the girls were employed in government and they are also taking care of the medical needs of their respective villages.



GSS in Gujarat



Our GSS was given a rare opportunity to prolong its meritorious service in another state also. When this programme was going on successfully in Tamil Nadu, the Haurralde Foundation came forward to support us to implement their project in Gujarat which was not able to be implemented by their partner in Gujarat. There they funded to GSS for the child sponsorship programme and educational programme for mentally challenged children for two years. We implemented these programmes successfully and it was one more feather on our cap. We should thankfully remember the support of Ms. Patricia, Director of Haurralde foundation and the volunteers from Spain, who visited our Service Centre in Gujarat in order to guide and evaluate our project implementation. Another notable person who helped and supported for the grand success of this project was Mr. P. Karunakaran. His selfless services and sincere efforts which moulded us should be recorded honestly and promptly. So, it is our gain that we extended our successful horizon towards the regions of other state also.



ACT India Network

In the way back of 2008, GSS evolved a state level network of NGOs who were addressing Global warming. More than 30 NGOs

joined in the Network. In the respective districts programmes relating to Global warming were implemented. The main focus of the Network was to sensitise the people about Global warming and educating about how to reduce carbon. The FEE forest Fund Organisation, Denmark, supported our network members to implement programmes in their respective regions. In collaboration with the National Social Service units in schools in Tamilnadu and Tamilnadu pollution control board, we conducted various educational and awareness creation programmes. For three years the Network functioned in a strong and speedy manner and latter, it was resolved to dissolve the network so that each NGO might work in their respective region independently.



Mr. D. Uthirakkumaran, I.A.S.,
Collector of Pudukkottai (2007-2008)



Watershed Programme



It is our great misfortune nowadays that we are getting only less rainfall every year. Due to this natural failure of monsoon, the productivity is also getting reduced substantially. So, it becomes our first and foremost necessity to impart technical expertise to the agrarian community in this regard so that they could adopt various methods in agricultural works according to the changing monsoons.

Our GSS had readily entered this field too and we appealed to the NABARD and the Government of Tamil Nadu to initiate

Watershed Development Project in its region. The proposal was approved and thus we had been implementing Watershed Project from 2004 onwards covering 16,304.84 hectares of land with the financial assistance of Rs. 38,429,486 and this project included the land area of the agro-horticulture. We distributed 16,126 seedlings for plantation under this project. Following this, we distributed 14,148 seedlings under Dry Land-Horticulture and Agro-Forestry Schemes. Then 40,348 seedlings also were distributed by us which benefited 360,004 farmers in our region. After a long 10 years of the successful implementation of the project, the ground water level was f

found to be increased substantially and the area of cultivation of crops was also increased. Thus it was found that productivity was also enhanced.



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The personnel who worked sincerely for the achievement of this programme were Mr. P. Sathish Rao, Mr. S. Natarajan, General Manager, Mr. V. Ravi Shankar, Mr. R. Anand and Mr. Somasundharam, Assistant General Managers from the NABARD and Mr. Adul Anand, I.A.S., Dr. B. C. Archana Kalyani, I. F. S., Mrs. R. Vasuki, I.A.S., Mr. C. Rajendran, I.A.S., and of the Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, Pudukkottai District Collector/President Thiru.S. Manokaran I.A.S, District Watershet Devolepment Agency Project Director Thiru.KM.Jajakhan B.sc(Agri),MSIT., Project Manager Thiru.V.Jayakumar B.sc (Agri), Er.Thiru.P.Kamaraj.

Various meritorious awards were issued to us vouching the successful implementation of the Watershed Project. We are very proud to mention here, that the Project is still going on successfully in Avvaiyarpatti and Amburpatti villages. We have sent a proposal for extending this programme to Mampatti village also, which will continue up to 2017.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We should always remember the sincere efforts of Mr. Gopinath, who is one of the pillars in the growth of our GSS. We have exploited his extensive potentiality in preparing the Project Proposals with accurate Financial Estimates. His perfect reviews of all GSS Project Interventions in all possible aspects must be recorded promptly in the history of GSS with so many gratitude. How has GSS grown so much and brought its services to many children, women, youth, farmers and families in our region with in a short span of time? The answer to the question is that the ideas and dreams of the people like Mr. Gopinath have been converted into action.



Mr. G.V. Gopinath



Mr. R. Rajkumar



Mr. M. Regi Mathew



Mrs. M. Muthulakshmi

Action is the single greatest reason why GSS is where it is today. We are also bound to record our gratitude to Mr. Rajkumar, coordinator of Arivoli Iyyakkam, Pudukkottai District. He provided lot of support in form of advice, technical support. In each of our programmes he actively participated and rendered his valuable advice. Another notable person was Mrs. Amuthavalli, who acted as the President of GSS from the year 2000 to 2004. She had extended her support for our growth and helped to promote the field programmes with her own interests and valuable advices. The next important person was Mrs. Paripoorana Lilli, who held the position of Treasurer of GSS from the year 2000 to 2004. We should never forget her hard works to promote GSS to its next successful steps. Then we had Mr. P. Sonaimuthu, Former Executive Committee Member, who had helped abundantly to the growth of GSS at some critical situations and he extended his financial supports through some funding agencies during the emergency needs of GSS. We should also acknowledge our thanks to Mr. Ramadoss, the Former Executive Committee Member of GSS, who had shared his valuable experiences in promoting our Community Development programmes and supporting the Organisational Development.

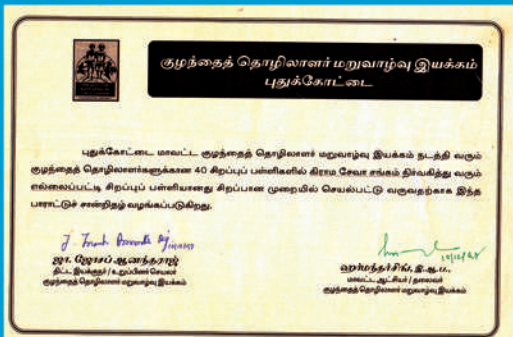
There are other Former Executive Committee Members such as Mrs. Selvi, Ms. Sarasu, Mrs. Balamani Manoharan, Mrs. Alphons Stella Mary, Mrs. Kokila, Mr. Murugesan, Mrs. Vasanthi and Mr. Shanmugam. We should never forget their kind cooperation and encouragement for the development of our organizational growth.

The Local supporting Organisations such as Kandeepam, Kilavayal, GVMMS-Pudukkottai, REGO-Pudukkottai, VISWA-Viralimalai, READ-Foundation, Annavasal and RIGHTS Organisation, Vamban should also be acknowledged by us sincerely for their moral support and suggestions for strengthening the community development programmes of GSS. The valuable services of the Board Members of GSS at present such as Mr. Regi Mathew, President, Mr. Bala Natarajan, Vice President, Mrs. A. Muthulakshmi, Treasurer, Mrs. M. Padmini, Mrs. V. Vellaiyammal and Mr. Santhakumar should also be acknowledged by us with our sincere gratitude.

The Pudukkottai District Collector & Chairman of the District Child Labour Project Society presented Certificate of Merit – for undertaking two Child Labour Special Schools.



Best NGO-Award-1996-97 for conducting the Child Labour Schools in Annavasal Block, Pudukkottai District-Presented by the District Child Labour Project Society, Pudukkottai on 28.02.1997.



Best NGO Award – Presented by Mr. Rehman Khan, the Hon'ble Minister for Labour, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 1999.





Star Achiever Award-Presented by the National Integrity Cultural Academy-'The Peaks'- Chennai on 29.11.2009.



Golden Star Millennium Award- Presented by the National Integrity Cultural Academy-'The Peaks'- Chennai-on 19.11.2011.



Rajya Rathna Award Presented by National Integrity Cultural Academy, Chennai on 10.03.2013



RAJ-TV-Akada-Vikadam-Award Presented by Raj-TV-Akada Vikatam with Pudukkottai Sponsors on 21.07.2013.



Golden Achiever Award Presented by the National Integrity Cultural Academy- 'The Peaks'- Chennai on

Raja Kalaignan Award with Gold Medal-Presented by Thamizhaga Panpattu Kazhagam, Tiruchirappalli-on 18.05.2014.



Academy of Universal Global Peace, Bangalore awarded "Doctor of Social works", on 28 June 2014

SUCCESS STORIES



Mrs. Murugayi-with her Coir-Making Unit in-2002



She is in her Expanded Unit in -2014

I am Murgayi , from kallukattupatti village in Rajalipatti Panchayat. I belong to scheduled caste from very poor family background. We had no access to income as agriculture was not having much prospects due to monsoon failure. During such time in the year 2001, GSS started one Coir making unit to create income avenue

to the village people. I took up coir making training for three months. After training I started unit with three manual coir making machines under the support of GSS. After 12 years of my effort and encouragement and support of GSS funded by SKIP, Switzerland, I have enlarged the unit with 4 automatic coir spinning machines and one coir pith cleaning machine. At present, 7 women are working in this unit. My monthly income is now Rs.25,000 to Rs. 35,000 . I am also planning to start one coir-mates making unit in future. I am happy now. I have respect in the society. Thanks a lot to GSS

I am K.Arul Jothi, of Theravur village of Pudukkottai District. After completion of my 12th standard in the school, I could not continue my further study. My future was bleak. As I don't have any skill, I could not find any job. At that time, to my rescue, GSS started one livelihood and skill training programme under the support of SKIP, Switzerland. I took up Training on two wheeler mechanism for 6 months with stipend from GSS. After taking up training, I got job in Saradha Motors as a store manager and earning Rs. 10,000 per month. Unless GSS had not helped me , my life would have been different, but now I am happy and I am always grateful to GSS and never forget their support



I am Ms. A. Sumathi (20) D/o Annamalai from the village, Malaikudipatti. I am the 3rd girl child out of total 6 girl children in my family. My father is a agricultural cooli and my mother Mrs. Rajeswari is a masonry assistant, who made a painstaking travelling every day to Trichy town from Malaikudipatti to find a labour work. Amid such family condition, Ms. Sumathi completed my Higher secondary study and unable to continue my further study due to severe financial crunch of my family and I joined as an assisstant in a Private Hospital at Trichy for more than 3 years with a salary of Rs. 6,000/- month. One day I occasionally met the project coordinator of GSS and known about the GSS sponsored free Nursing and Midwifery Assistant Training programme under the Haurralde Foundation's sponsorship programme. For my interest, I have been selected and under-gone the aforesaid training programme from Holy Family Training Institute, Fathima Nagar, ' Trichy.

GSS paid all the fees for the training. After the successful completion of the training course, I got a job as Nursing Assistant in the Government Primary Health Centre at Bodi Mettu village in Theni District. Now, I am earning Rs. 12,000/-month. I am glad too, because I am self supporting and self-reliant, reduce the pathetic condition of my family and support to my parents". As and when I come to my village I take care the medical needs of our village for free of cost. I am bound to thank GSS and Haurralde foundation, spain for their support.



"My name is Sethuraman S/o Aran. I am a poor farmer and I belong to scheduled caste. I have an area of nearly 2 Acre rain fed area and look after my paddy field. I am leading my help only with the help of the income obtained from the harvested paddy in this only field. I am totally dependent of this field

in this only field. I am totally dependent of this field only and have no other source income. The NGO, GSS, Kilikkudi approached me and told about the uses of Farm pond which harvest the rainwater in rainy season and helps to irrigate my paddy crop when irregular rainy periods. I trusted their words and they excavated a Farm pond in my field. In my earlier cultivation, I have suffered a lot of want of periodical watering for my cultivated fields. There would be no sufficient water for my crops from second and third watering. During this rainy season, the farm pond was filled and the stored water was very useful in second and third watering for my crops. If there was no water all my paddy would have been turned in to straw. I am very grateful to the people who have brought this Farm pond scheme and implemented in my field under watershed project through the support of NABARD Bank and TAWDEVA and made me live happily than ever".