# ANNUAL REPORT - 2004-2005

AMAR SEVA SANGAM

"Amar Seva Sangam's mission is to empower the disabled citizens by establishing a "Valley for the Disabled" as a Rehabilitation and Development Center for the region and to develop models for self-help initiatives by integrating the disabled individuals with the society for improved living conditions in the village".



We have completed yet another year of service in the annals of Amar Seva Sangam and we have immense pleasure in presenting the activities that the year 2004-2005 witnessed.

- 1. Our President Shri S.Ramakrishnan had the honor of receiving (1) "For the Sake of Honour" Award on 13.3.2005 from the Rotary Club of Kumbakonam and (2) "Melvin Jones Worthy Person" Award on 25.2.2005 from the Lions Club of Madras, Central.
- Our Hony. Secretary, Sri.S.Sankara Raman, was honored with an Award by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, Dr.J.Jayalithaa at the rampart of St. George Fort, Chennai after the flag hoisting on August 15<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations. He was also conferred with "For the Sake of Honour" Award by the Rotary Club of Courtallam on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2004.
- 3. His Excellency Mr.Ryuzo Kikuchi, the Consul General of Japan and the Vice Consul, Ms.Keiko Nakano visited our institution on 5.9.2004 spending more than half a day and complimented our activities. They were quite impressed and we expect substantial additional support from Govt. of Japan in the future.
- 4. Efforts are under way to bring our organization under ISO 9000 certification through the good Offices of Shri T.P.Venkataraman. We had already two sittings with our personnel explaining the merits. We expect to become soon a ISO certified organization which will bring us more recognition from Foreign.
- 5. Foundation for three more class rooms in the Middle School area was laid by Her Worshipful Saraswathi Akka of Nandalala Seva Samathi Trust on 15.6.2004.

- 6. The Chief Election Commissioner Sri.T.S.Krishnamurthy paid a visit to our campus with his son on 8.1.2005. He complimented the selfless service of the institution and its management and wished for its continuous growth.
- 7. Amar Seva Sangam celebrated World Disabled Day. There was a rally from the Sivan Kovil Maidan, Ayikudy. Dr.K.S. Subramanian, Mrs. Brinda Jeyaraman both from Chennai and Shri. Ali Akbar, Thasildar Tenkasi participated in addition to local Government and Panchayat officials. Sports Competition and cultural programmes by the children were the highlights of the programme.
- 8. On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2005 our Village Based Rehabilitation Annual Day Rally and cultural programmes were held at Tenkasi. We had the privilege of having Shri Arunachalam, Assistant Project Officer, Tamilnadu Women's Development Corporation Ltd., Tirunelveli as our Chief Guest. A brochure explaining the activities and achievements of "Vetrikarangal" during the period 2001 to 2004 was released on this occasion.
- 9. The havor played by the Tsunami has had a devastating effect in our country particularly the Southern District coastal areas. Several lakhs of people who were living in these areas lost their kith and kin besides their homes and belongings. Our offer for providing shelters and relief particularly to those physically challenged persons among them is yet to take effect. However the donors of Give India Foundation and some business organizations have entrusted us to give vocational training to about 20 disabled.
- 10.All India Radio had broadcast about the Sangam's activities on Thursdays during November '04 to January '05 at 8:00 a.m. This programme was sponsored by M/s.M.H.Jewellers, Tirunelveli. It has created a good amount of awareness among the rural people.
- 11. Our children and youths participated in the State Sports Events conducted by Tamil Nadu Physically Handicapped Federation Charitable Trust, on February 27, 2005 at Chennai and brought laurels to Amar Seva Sangam with 76 prizes and a Championship cup.
- 12. Our ardent supporter and well wisher Mr. Gerhard Fischer paid his annual visit and stayed with us for about a week during January 2005. He was apprised of the progress we had made since his last visit in 2004.

- 13. "The Week Magazine" of Malayalam Manorama Publications celebrated there Silver Jubilee by inviting the Annual Winners of "Man of the Year" in which Our Founder President Shri S.Ramakrishnan was selected for the Year 1992. On his behalf our Secretary participated in the function at Mumbai.
- 14. The GCTians-72 had contributed one class room which was inaugurated on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2004.
- 15. After a very long wait the Tenkasi Rail Station is connected with Broad-gauge facilities to Chennai and was inaugurated on September 20, 2004. The DRM, Madurai Shri B.N.Rajasekaran and the Chief Engineer S.K.Shrivatsav visited Amar Seva Sangam on that occasion. The Tenkasi Rail Station has been built disabled friendly in all aspects under the guidance of Amar Seva Sangam.

## Activities of Amar Seva Sangam

## 1.0 Institution Based Rehabilitation (IBR)

#### 1.1. Rehabilitation Services

#### 1.1.1. Home

There has not been any appreciable variation in the strength of the beneficiaries. Of the 59 children, 31 are having their higher education in outside schools. The transportation to and fro are arranged by the Sangam. They are also provided with special coaching classes at the respective schools for their betterment. All the children are provided with free shelter, food, clothing, physiotherapy and medical attendance, mobility appliances and education either in the Sangam's Nursery / Middle Schools or in schools outside our campus for higher education. We have housemothers, cooks and Ayahs for taking full care of all inmates.

SI. No.	Storios	No. of C	Children
31. NO.	Stages	2003-04	2004-05
1	Residential Care Students at the beginning	53	58
1.2	? Children Promoted to Village Based Rehabilitation	3	4
1.3	? New Children Inducted under Residential Care	8	5
1.4	? Discharged	Nil	Nil
Total	Under Residential Care at the end of the year	58	59

#### 1.1.2. School for Special Children (Day-Care Center)

The figure given hereunder includes the new admissions and discharges during the subject period. We have seven caregivers at the campus. During their stay in the Centres, the children are given milk, biscuit and lunch and medicines. They are transported to and fro from their homes. In the case of Elathur sub centre the parents themselves bring their children. In these centres the children are taught self-care, environmental matters, identification of objects and, to some extent, reading and writing. 15 children are regularly given physiotherapy.

S. No	Particulars	To	otal
3. NO	Particulars	'03-'04	'04-'05
1	CP and MR children at the Campus	31	35
2	Elathur Sub Centre	07	07
	Total	38	42

#### 1.1.3. Caliper Workshop

At present we are using mostly PVC moulded ones and are now trying to get the know-how using aircraft metal which is lighter but strong.

SI.	Appliances		ultation ered		ances /ered		ances aired
No.		03-04	04-05	03-04	04-05	03-04	04-05
1.	Prosthesis	10	0	0	0	24	41
2.	Long Caliper	5	3	5	2	275	250
3.	Long caliper with Knee Joint	7	64	7	61	212	232
4.	Extended Caliper	3	1	2	0	5	7
5.	Extended Caliper with Knee Joint	4	1	3	0	6	7
6.	Seat Caliper	2	0	2	0	6	8
7.	Seat caliper with Knee Joint	1	2	0	2	8	10
8.	Knee Cage	15	13	14	11	16	13
9.	Sandals	82	29	80	24	355	269
10.	Walking Aids	25	31	22	29	24	246
11.	Short Caliper & Splints	25	20	22	19	24	16
12.	Others	68	124	63	102	109	142
	Total	247	288	220	250	1064	1241

#### 1.1.4. Medical Testing Unit (MTU)

One of our four Physiotherapists had undergone specialized training for Neurological Disabilities Rehabilitation and learnt recent evaluation techniques. We have received a Treadmill as donation. Various therapies are given to local people also as out patients.

### 1.1.4.1. Medical Testing Unit Services - Year-wise

Years	No of Patients	No of service attended
2000	231	3293
2001	378	6451
2002	508	9325
2003	558	9100
2004	366	9737
Grant Total	2041	37906

#### 1.1.4.2. Total Out-Patients Year-wise

Year	ASSA <sup>1</sup>	VBR <sup>2</sup>	Total
2000	143	-	143
2001	281	638	919
2002	130	124	254
2003	208	180	388
2004	271	203	474

#### 1.1.5. Hostel

## 1.1.5.1. DYTS<sup>3</sup> Candidate months W.E.F. 2000

Years	Candidate moths of Boys	Candidate moths of Girls	Total	% Of utilization capacity
2000	67	42	109	36
2001	81	109	190	63
2002	114	163	277	92
2003	162	262	424	141
2004	235	386	641	252

# 1.1.5.2. New Admissions (DYTs<sup>4</sup>, PAC<sup>5</sup>, Guardianship, on Job Training) Yearwise new admission.

Year	DYTS	PAC	Guardianship	On Job Training	Total
2000	15	2	5	-	22
2001	12	-	-	-	12
2002	25	-	1	2	28
2003	22	2	1	4	29
2004	29	3	5	10	47

## 1.1.6. Community Support Services Offered:

Particulars	Last Year 03-04	This Year 04-05	Particulars	Last Year 03-04	This Year 04-05
IDENTITY Cards issued	112	163	Disabled who got free Note- Books	167	168
SCHOLARSHIP to Disabled Students	189	88	Disabled who received School Fees	47	41
Free BUS-PASS Facility	53	33	Patients who attended the polio and other camps	260	476
Train CONCESSION PASS Facility	42	76	Surgeries done	18	10
Persons who got MAINTENANCE GRANT	5		Persons who received medicines and tablets	15	20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Village Based Rehabilitation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Disabled Youth Trainees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Disabled Youth Trainees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Post-Acute-Care Centre

Particulars	Last Year 03-04	This Year 04-05	Particulars	Last Year 03-04	This Year 04-05
Students who received Vocational Training	49	116	Persons who received physiotherapy	187	271
Students who received Artificial Limbs	10	14	Persons treated at Govt. Hospital, Tirunelveli	03	1
Spectacles Provided	5		Tuition students	14	14
Cataract Surgeries done	56	50	Job placement given		9
Tri-cycles & Wheel Chairs issued	9	41	Persons given counseling	86	93
Persons who got BANK LOAN with subsidy		4	Disabled children received prizes in the sports	42	76
Persons who participated in State, District level Sports	23	40	Disabled who received School Uniforms	47	41
Camps conducted (Polio, C.P & M.R, Eye Camps)	3	5	Marriage Grant	3	
No.of OP attended in the eye camp	214	323	G. Total	1659	2173

## 1.2. Vocational Training

## 1.2.1. Spirulina

Particulars	Quantity i	n Kgs.
Particulars	2003-04	2004-05
Opening Stock of Spirulina	149.09	107.07
Spirulina Produced	589.25	175.95
Spirulina sold	631.27	269.30
Closing Stock of Spirulina	107.07	13.72

### 1.2.2. Tailoring / Needle Work etc.,

This section has performed reasonably well. The soft toys and dolls made by our trainees are having a good market. The stalls put up at Courtallam, Kannyakumari, Trichy, Vijayanarayanam, Chennai and other places have created a good publicity and there is a good potential market. We are moving ahead in this direction at the same time improving our designs and quality.

	No of Trainees						
Nature of Trade	200	3-04	2004-05				
	Non- Physically challenged	Physically challenged	Non- Physically challenged	Physically challenged			
Tailoring	38	18	40	33			
Handicrafts		32	-	38			
Total	38	50	40	71			

#### 1.2.3. Note Book Making

We have had a very good support from private Institutions and state educational department. The orders are overflowing our capacity and we had to sub-let a substantial portion of the orders to enable timely execution. It is imperative that we should augment our production capacity. We are in the process of soliciting supports

for installing modern equipments for higher output and quality products.

## Income and Expenditure Account of Note Book Making Center

Particulars	Amount in Rs.
Income from note book sales	1,040,271.25
NBM Section Expenses	823,718.75
Surplus / Deficit	216,552.50

Particulars	2003-04	2004-05
No. of Note Books Manufactured	32,721	2,58,186 (including job work)
No. of Books bound during the year	4115	5255
No. of Students trained	3	4

### 1.2.4. Two Wheeler Section

S.No.	Section	Apr- 04 (Rs.)	May- 04 (Rs.)	Jun- 04 (Rs.)	Jul-04 (Rs.)	Aug- 04 (Rs.)	Sep- 04 (Rs.)	Oct- 04 (Rs.)	Nov- 04 (Rs.)	Dec- 04 (Rs.)	Jan- 05 (Rs.)	Feb- 05 (Rs.)	Mar- 05 (Rs.)	Total
1	RHC	06	07	260	48	27	110	17	186	165	-	18	75	919
2	Hostel	24	36	123	268	869	297	605	637	78	07	128	43	3115
3	Home	88	46	07	498	986	620	240	421	388	29	210	41	3574
4	Office	24	07	135	269	137	209	18	136	83	26		17	1061
5	Personal	ı	ı	ı	-	14	-	-	02	ı	ı	-	ı	16
6	Canteen	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-
7	Campus	21	80	04		-	06	05	29		19	-	-	92
8	Spastic	07	12	04	03	-	-	04	-	39	43	-	29	141
	Total Income	170	116	533	1086	2033	1242	889	1411	753	124	356	205	8918

Repairs undertaken during this year

Bicycles - 18; Wheelchairs - 69; Tricycles - 113

# 1.2.5. Typing Section

Year	Particulars	No. of stud	ents trained		
		Disabled	Non-Disabled		
	17 <sup>th</sup> Batch				
	English Lower	8	3		
Aug 04	English Higher	5	-		
Aug 04	Total	13	3		
	Tamil Lower	2	-		
	Tamil Higher	1	-		
	Total	3	-		
		(13+3+3=19)			
	18 <sup>th</sup> Batch				
	English Lower+	15	5		
	English Higher	7	3		
Feb 05	Total	22	8		
	Tamil Lower	6	3		
	Tamil Higher	2	-		
	Total	8	3		
		(22+8+8	8+3=41)		

### 1.2.6. Computer Center

Name of the Course	No. of Courses started during the Year	No. of Courses completed during the Year
D.E.O	1	1
D.T.P	2	2
M.S. Office	3	3
Summer Course	1	1
Office Automation	2	2

		Completed	d Students	strength	Strength of Students Studying					
Name of	Disabled		Staff Non-			Dis	abled	Staff	Non-	
the Course	Free	Conce-	Conce	Disabl	Total Free		Conce-	Conce-	Disabl	Total
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D.E.O	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
D.T.P	11	8	0	10	29	10	7	0	2	19
M.S. Office	15	11	1	3	30	1	-	2	6	9
Summer Course	0	0	0	10	10	0	2	-	14	16
Office Automation	1	0	0	40	41	0	0	0	0	0
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Programmi						1	17	0	1	19
ng										
Photoshop						1	1	0	6	8
	Total									71

### 1.3. Education

## 1.3.1. Nursery School & Middle School

Students' Strength								
A) Middle School	2003-04				2004-05			
	В	G	Total	В	G	Total		
Strength at the beginning	230	169	399	222	173	395		
Admission	45	41	86	43	42	85		
Withdrawals	42	48	90	47	33	80		
Middle School Strength at the End	233	162	395	218	182	400		
B) Nursery School Strength	142	145	287	123	149	272		
Strength of the disabled (in the abov	e)					•		
Middle School	26	19	45	21	11	32		
Nursery School	1	1	2	1	1	2		
Total	27	20	47	22	12	34		

### 1.3.2. Sivasankari Public Library

1.	Books in the library	1057
2.	Membership	120
3.	Subscription received from old members	Rs.138.00
4.	Subscription received from New Members	Rs.120.00
5.	No.of persons utilized our library	7200
6.	Amount spent for the purchase of weekly, monthly	Rs.5816.50
	journals	

## 1.3.3. Indira Gandhi National Open University, Special Study Centre (IGNOU)

The IGNOU study center of Amar Seva Sangam has strived in enhancing the educational level of the students in the local village area to a great extent. Many women and physically challenged students are benefited through our Sangam. Few examples of the beneficiaries and their current achievements are below:-

- 1. D. Meenakshi has completed M.C.A. from our Special Study Center on December 2003. Now she is working as a school Teacher at Chrompet.
- 2. Baritha Beevi has completed M.C.A. from our Special Study Center on December 2003. Now she is working as a college lecturer at Dindigal.
- 3. J. Mythily Mattwan Kulali has completed M.C.A. (Master in Computer Application) from our Special Study Center on December 2003 and now she is working in a computer programmer.
- 4. S. Saratha has completed M.C.A. (Master in Computer Application) from our Special Study Center on December 2003. Now she is working as a computer programmer in our Sangam.
- 5. P. Kumaran has completed M.C.A. (Master in Computer Application) in our Special Study Center on December 2004. He is working as a faculty in computer center and also taking care of IGNOU at Sangam.
- 6. S.Wilson, G.Chellammal, T.Radha and V. Thangapappa who are physically challenged were offered facilities to complete BCA programme from our special study center which otherwise would not have been possible and now pursuing their higher studies at IGNOU by doing MCA.

## **Students List in Academic Year 2004-2005**

S.No	Name of the Programme	challe	ysically enged lents	Physichalle stud	Total	
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1.	MCA 5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	9	8	0	0	17
2.	MCA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	5	7	1	2	15
3.	BCA 5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	1	4	0	0	5
4.	BCA 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	1	3	1	0	5
5.	BCA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	8	14	2	0	24
6.	B.Com 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	1	1	0	0	2
7.	B.Com 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	6	12	1	6	25
8.	B.A. 1 <sup>st</sup> year	0	2	0	0	2
9.	CIC January 2005	2	0	0	0	2
10.	CWDL January 2005	7 3		0	0	10
	Total	40	54	5	8	107

## **Completed Students in the year 2004**

S.No	Name of the Programme	Non-Phy challenged	Phys challe stud	Total		
		Boys	Girls	Boys Girls		
1.	CWDL	10	4	5	1	20
2.	CIC	0	0	1	1	2
3.	MCA	5	7	0	0	12
4.	BCA	11	6	1	3	21
	Total	26	17	7	5	55

#### 1.3.4. Sarva Shiksha Abiyan – Integrated Education for the Disabled (SSA-IED) Programme

Recognition	Diploma Level Teachers (Nos)	B. Ed. Teachers (Nos)	Others	Total
Number of Teachers trained by ASSA and recognized by RCI	12	01	01 (MRSc <sup>6</sup> ,)	14

#### DETAILS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAMME

Key: I - Identified, E - Enrolled in Schools

S. No.	-		ually aired		ring aired		tally rded		motor bled	То	tal
		ı	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E
1	Alankulam	27	22	21	16	41	36	48	44	137	118
2	Kadayam	19	14	24	19	51	46	58	52	152	131
3	Kadayanallur	18	13	24	19	41	36	66	61	149	129
4	Keelapavoor	20	15	31	26	89	84	101	95	241	220
5	Shencottah	23	18	13	9	83	78	55	51	174	156
6	Tenkasi	29	24	27	21	62	57	62	57	180	159
7	Vasudevanallur	26	21	38	33	88	83	80	75	232	212
	Total	162	127	178	143	455	420	470	435	1265	1125

Under this programme sponsored by the SSA-IED we have given training to 1787 participants of Self-Help Groups, 305 teachers and have conducted four medical camps at different places with the assistance of Specialist Doctors in the respective fields (speech, ortho, psychiatrist and ENT). During these camps, mobility aids such as wheelchairs, tricycles and calipers were offered by the SSA-IED programme and distributed by us. All the expenses incurred by us are subsequently reimbursed. The policy of the Govt. is to bring more and more areas under this programme for which we are allotted seven blocks in Tirunelveli District.

At each one of the seven blocks the SSA-IED has established fully equipped Resource Centre.

## 2.0 Village Based Rehabilitation

#### **Community Indicators**

Particulars	03-04	04-05
Total SHGs	73	75
Total Members	750	761
Total No. of parents association formed	4	8
Total No. of members in parents association	36	75
Respite Centers	04	4
Children in Respite Centers	35	35
Total No. of SHGs under Savings & Credit	43	56
Total Value of internal lending (Fund Float as on 31 <sup>st</sup> March of respective year)	Rs. 79,250	Rs. 1,25,952

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Master of Rehabilitation Science

# **Activity Indicators**

ACTIVITIES	03-04	04-05	ACTIVITIES	03-04	04-05
Sanga Materials Developed	20	2	Individual Counseling	278	1430
Awareness Materials Developed	14	1	Family Counseling	278	878
Awareness Programmes Conducted	95	26	Providing Hearing Aids	4	22
DPP <sup>7</sup> Programme	6	5	Integrated / Inclusive Education in Primary Schools (Normal School)	17	6
Leadership Training - First Level	1	4	No. of persons discharged after full physiotherapy treatment	151	44
Leadership Training - Second Level	-	2	PD Discharged for non co- operation	19	4
Leadership Training - Advanced Level	7	7	Development of productive skills	27	6
Parents Training - First Level	-	4	Income Generation Support	21	10
Parents Training - Second Level	-	4	Screening camp for new born	14	14
Parents Training -Advanced Level	22	51	No. of New born Screened	50	227
Face sheet	237	645	Vidya Sagar Visit	6	6
OP <sup>8</sup> Card	131	200	Placement	5	8
Community Analysis	18	7	Special Material	17	10
Case Studies	64	95	Resolving Issue	3	1
Appliances Identified	116	70	Children introduced for early stimulation activities	33	22
Appliances Issued	90	64	AMP Sanmar Insurance benefit received	3	3
DDRO <sup>9</sup> Schemes Beneficiaries Identified	212	300	Surgeries done	-	18
DDRO Schemes Benefits Achieved	153	275	No. of persons attended in Doctor camps	-	200
Persons under care by CRW I	113	112	No. of persons who received medicine and tablets	-	23
Persons under care by CRW II	130	135	No. of tuition students	-	8
MI Person identified	65	89	MI Person under treatment	45	65

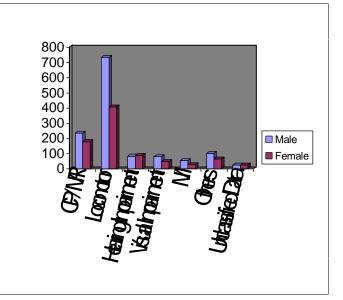
 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Disabled Participatory Programmes
 <sup>8</sup> Out Patients
 <sup>9</sup> District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer

## **Key Indicators**

S.No	Key Indicators	As on March 05
1.	No. of Members in SHGs / No. of Face Sheets	761 / 2158 (35%)
2.	No. of members / No. of SHGs	761 / 75 (10.1467)
3.	No. of Actual Meeting / No. of required meetings	2418 / 2700 (90%)
4.	No. of Leaders / No. of SHGs	204 / 75 (2.72)
5.	No. of Leaders / No. of members	204 / 761 (27%)
6.	No. of women members / No. of members	260 / 761 (34%)
7.	No. of Women leaders / No. of Leaders	70 / 204 (34%)
	No. of SHGs where Women are President / Total No. of	15 / 75 (20%)
8.	SHGs	
9.	No. of School Going girls children / No. of girl children	111 / 322 (34%)
10.	No. of illiterate children / No. of children below age 16	39 / 322 (12%)
11.	No. of illiterate PDs / No. of Face Sheet	571 / 2158 (26%)
12.	Total Amount of Money saved	2,24,113
13.	Total No. of Loan Outstanding	1,25,952
	Total Amount of Loan outstanding / total amount of	1,25,952 / 2,24,113
14.	money saved and bank loan	(56%)
15.	Total monthly savings / Total No. of members	8,794 / 644 (13.655)

#### Census data

S.	Disabilities	As o	n 31 <sup>st</sup> M 2005	arch
No Disabilities		Male	Female	total
1.	CP / MR	235	180	415
2.	Locomotor	734	409	1143
3.	Hearing Impairment	83	89	172
4.	Visual Impairment	80	48	128
5.	MI	54	27	81
6.	Other Disability	102	66	168
7.	Unclassified Data	26	25	51
	Total	1314	844	2158



# 3.0 Empowerment

- 3.1. New Respite Center at S.V. Karai Center was inaugurated by Shri. V.P.Murthy, President of S.V. Karai Town Panchayat.
- 3.2. Scholarship distribution under DDRO Scheme was given 81 students on 31-03-2005.

## 4.0 Training Programmes

During this year we have given training to 416 disabled persons in the four Blocks to detect, intervene and prevent childbirths with disabilities. The expenses were borne by the Australian High Commission.

Self Help Group Members		No. of Trainees
1.	V.K.Pudur	49
2.	S.V.Karai	69
3.	Kadayanallur	117
4.	Keezhapavur	181
	Total	416

#### 4.1. Other Trainings

- 4.1.1. Irrigation Management Training held on 9-3-05 for three days. 25 members participated.
- 4.1.2. Amar Seva Sangam conducted two training classes on 7th and 8th March 2005 for the Special Teachers under the SSA IED programme in the seven blocks allotted to us.
- 4.1.3. 10 students from Devendirar College of Physiotherapy, Tirunelveli underwent Training from 22-03-05 to 28-03-05 in our MTU.
- 4.1.4. Village Based Community workers attended the Community Mental Health Training held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2004 conducted by Vldya Sagar.
- 4.1.5. VBR Team Leaders attended the Project Coordinator training on 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2004 conducted by ADD India, Trichy.
- 4.1.6. Physiotherapist and Special Educator attended the NRO<sup>10</sup> Training conducted by APD<sup>11</sup>, Bangalore from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004
- 4.1.7. VBR staff attended the Special Education course for CP/MR/VI/HI Programme conducted by Vidyasagar, Chennai from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2005
- 4.1.8. Secretary attended a workshop on Human Resource Development organized by NIMH, Secundrabad from 26<sup>th</sup> May 2004 to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

## 5.0 Advocacy

5.1. We have purchased a Qualis vehicle and have incorporated modifications to increase the head room, providing a portable metallic ramp for pushing in and out the wheel chair with the user, anchoring and strapping arrangements for the safety of the user. This can also accommodate four to five additional passengers and care givers with foldable seating arrangements. The modifications were got done by Mr. Ferdrick, a mechanical Engineer, Mumbai.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Neurological Re Organization

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Association for Persons with Disabilities

- 5.2. Registration of Parents Association promoted by Amar Seva Sangam under Local Level Committee under the National Trust Act.
- 5.3. Amar Seva Sangam participated in the World Disabled Day programme organized by ADD India for all the networking partners at Trichy on 11.12.04. Our Secretary participated in the exhibition and also as a special speaker in the public gallery.
- 5.4. Secretary was a special invitee to the World Disabled Day programme organized by SDET an organization working in Krishnankovil area on 09-12-04.
- 5.5. The Secretary of the Sangam participated in the World Disabled Day workshop in Karur and inaugurated the human chain to highlight the solidarity of the Persons with Disabilities. He also brought to the notice of the public the enormous potential of the Human Resources that are available from the physically challenged sections of the community. This programme was organized by LEAD, an NGO working in the field of community development in the area.
- 5.6. Mahalir Thittam Women Development Corporation of Tamil Nadu has come forward to register the Self Help Groups being promoted by Amar Seva Sangam.
- 5.7. Hindustan Lever has offered to tie up with their marketing network through our Vettrikarangal SHGs. Steps are being taken to implement this.
- 5.8. Amar Seva Sangam was invited to participate in the Tamil Nadu Poverty Reduction programme that is being implemented on experimental basis in few villages in Tamil Nadu. The inclusion of disability in the overall programme was a welcome step in the right direction by the policy makers of the State. The Secretary of Amar Seva Sangam represented and gave a presentation on "Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Village Planning Committees" and "In the execution of the various schemes" under the project. It is hoped that the project will take off and the issues of the physically challenged are properly addressed and adequately represented in the programme.
- 5.9. The Local Level Committee under the National Trust Act in the District has been formed under the Chairpersonship of the District Collector Shri Atul Anand I.A.S. Amar Seva Sangam is one of the Institutional Members of the Committee.
- 5.10. The Secretary attended the National Seminar on "Innovations in CBR" organized by CBR Forum, Bangalore from 12<sup>th</sup> March 2005 to 14<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

### 6.0 Human Resource Development

As usual the staff Annual Day was celebrated in a grand manner in the month of May. A new organization setup with new gradation of staff and their emoluments, privileges etc was introduced. The children, members of staff made holiday trips tour.

#### 7.0 Exchange Programmes

- 7.1. Shree Paramakalyani College, Alwarkuruchi conducted a 10 days NSS programme from 21-01-05 to 30-01-05.
- 7.2. The Disabled Youth Trainees and home children of our Sangam had opened a stall in the Navy Day function celebrated by INS Kattabomman, Tirunelveli. A good number of handicrafts made by our Disabled Youth Trainees were sold in the stall. We got the "Best Stall" Award from the INS Kattabomman, Tirunelveli.

- 7.3. NSS students from the National Engineering College, Kovilpatti had conducted a Social Service camp during 5<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> February in our premises. The programme was inaugurated by our Secretary.
- 7.4. On 09-02-05 we conducted a Medical Camp at the MTU with the able guidance of our Dr. Sundaravelayutham and in the presence of the students from National Engineering College, Kovilpatti. 125 patients were examined in this Camp.
- 7.5. Handi-Care-International, Canada, India Health Initiative, Canada, and Teaching Abroad, UK have been deputing their volunteers to our Sangam and we had the privilege of the following volunteers helping us for which we place our sincere gratitude:
  - 1. Mr. Dinesh, Mr. Azad, Ms. Akila and Ms. Lisa from India Health Initiative, Canada
  - 2. Ms. Rebacca Jackson, Ms. Karolina and Mrs. Pamela Jenner, London from Teaching Abroad, UK
  - 3. Mr. Rajan from Handi-Care-International, Canada

Both our school children and Disabled Youth Trainees (DYTs) were greatly benefited by their coaching classes extending 2 - 4 months. Though these Teaching staff stayed in our campus as our guests, these persons and their organization have been kind enough to contribute their donations.

- 7.6. Secretary attended the Sivasailam Gandhigram Advisory Board meetings and the Gandhigram Financial Committee Meeting. The Secretary also attended the Evaluation programme of ADD India at Trichy from 21 February to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2005
- 7.7. Muscular Dystrophy is a different kind of disability which affects the muscle cells due to genetic disorder. There are several types of Muscular Dystrophy ranging from very severe and fatal type which kills the affected persons in very young ages to moderate to mild types where the loss of physical ability will be gradual and such persons leading much longer life. Such Persons with Disabilities will be mostly wheelchair bound needing fulltime care-giver and escort supports for their day-today activities. The problems faced by such disabled persons are manifold with their own self management becoming more and more expensive and non availability of proper caregiver and escorts. The Medical aspects of the Muscular Dystrophy, the various problems faced by them, their parents and families and other issues were discussed in the Annual Get-together of Indian Association for Muscular Dystrophy being organized by Ms.Sanjana Goyal and her two brothers all of whom are affected by Muscular Dystrophy and are wheelchair users. The programme was held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at Secundrabad.
- 7.8. The Secretary also inaugurated a modern facility for Senior Citizens called "Caring for Older Adults" by Medicos Help of Bangalore on 13.3.2005

## 8.0 NGOs Networking

- 8.1. The Meenakshi Mission Hospital, Madurai has volunteered free corrective cleft-lip surgeries for seven children recommended by us from our area.
- 8.2. The Mahalakshmi Hospital, Surandai offered 2 corrective surgeries and free medical treatment to our children as in-patients whenever the sickness is beyond the control of Sangam.
- 8.3. The Hindu Mission Hospital, Chennai as usual extended their assistance in performing corrective surgery to 9 orthopaedically disabled persons from our Sangam and the VBR area. The hospital was generous in waiving all the charges except the cost of medicines. They have also provided artificial limbs for the needy. Shri.D.K.Srinivasan, Hon. Secretary of the Hospital visited Sangam with his family.

## 9.0 Fund Raising Programmes

- 9.1. Mrs.Meena Subbiah, Handi-Care international, Canada visited our organization and encouraged our efforts. As usual Handi-Care International has been our main donor and have contributed Rs.10,29,568 during the year '04-'05 under various scheme.
- 9.2. Harmony Orchestra, a set of young and enthusiastic volunteers celebrated their Seventh Annual Day by organizing a music programme at Chennai introducing Amar Seva Sangam and its activities to a large number of public on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2004
- 9.3. "Give Online" conducted partners meeting at Chennai on 24-11-2004 and our Secretary Mr.S. Sankara Raman attended the meeting.
- 9.4. The Diary 2005 project generated an amount of Rs.6 lakhs nett.
- 9.5. Mumbai Marathon The Secretary was allowed to run in the Wheelchair this year for 3.4 kms. Mrs. Ramani Sankararaman also participated for 7 kms. Mr. Rajesh Kumar of Reliance Ltd., and several staff members of Standard Chartered Bank, Mumbai ran for Amar Seva Sangam. Totally about Rs.3 lakhs were raised net of expenses. Tsunami has affected the supports of many well wishers.
- 9.6. Through the good offices of Mr.Seshasayee, Chairman and Managing Director of Ashok Leyland we have been favoured with a Bajaj Tempo Traveller from M/s. Bajaj Tempo Limited, Pune an associate of Bajaj Group, at a token cost of Re. one. This vehicle has a wider body and we are exploring the possibilities of modifying it to suit for wheel chair travelers. Unlike the Qualis, we propose to provide a mechanical lift for the wheel chair with its users for accessibility.
- 9.7. Mr.Sethuraman of Transworld Corporation, Mumbai who have been helping us every year in no small way, visited our organization on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2004. Ms.Charu Sankar, a Singer of Canada visited the organization with the purpose of raising funds through a Music programme for Amar Seva Sangam at Canada through Handi-Care International, Canada.
- 9.8. Book by "Tula" Subramaniam of Hydrabad:

Shri. "Tula" Subramaniam of Hydrabad visited the Sangam. He is brining out a book on Astrology for which we have given a foreword. In this book he is incorporating particulars about our institution and an appeal to help Fund Raising.

#### 9.9. Area-wise distribution of donation

FOR THE YEAR 2004-05						
ARE	EA-WISE DISTRIBUTION	N OF DONATION IS AS	FOLLOWS			
REGION	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS- THIS YEAR 2004-05	REPEES IN LAKHS				
FOREIGN	75	25.54	74	23.42		
OTHER STATES	584	24.64	499	32.88		
GOVT. GRANT	1	2.59	1	4.86		
TAMIL NADU	1567	44.52	1559	45.30		
LOCAL	484	6.44	485	7.15		
TOTAL	2711	103.73	2618	113.61		

# 9.10. The donor support base

For The Year 2004-05					
	Donor Support Base of	f Amar Seva Sangam is	s as follows		
Donation Range	Total No.Of Donors-Last Year (2003-04)	Amount In Lakhs (Last Year 2003- 04)	Total No. Of Donors-This Year 2004-05	Rupees In Lakhs	
RS. 1 - 100	382	0.26	344	0.23	
RS. 101 - 499	344	0.81	286	0.66	
RS. 500 - 999	497	2.69	515	2.77	
RS. 1000 - 4999	912	14.75	1062	17.69	
RS. 5000 - 9999	188	10.45	185	10.11	
RS. 10000 - 99999	157	23.76	206	34.74	
RS. 100000 & ABOVE	18	42.86	20	47.43	
TOTAL	2,498	95.58	2,618	113.61	

# 10.0 Finance

# 10.1. Income and Expenditure for last three years.

INCOME / RECEIPTS	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003
Self Generated (fees/ subscriptions/ interest/ community contributions etc)	4962869	5044493	3782815
<b>Donations</b> from individuals ( <i>Donations within India and outside</i> )	Individuals are includ	led in the following su	ummary
Grants from Indian sources (trusts/ govt/ companies/ foundations)	10082639	8032207	7371496
Grants from International sources (under FCRA)	2342400	2553655	2495191
Depreciation Fund	1367039	1372640	1314446
Total Receipts	18754947	17002995	14963948
EXPENDITURE / PAYMENTS			
Capital items purchased for the organization			
Gross Value of Assets Purchased	2538028	2573728	1925821
Capital Work in Progress	-965885	-471169	394418
Investments	1662543	3776077	2353789
Working Capital	1936163	-678051	613730
Capital items purchased for beneficiaries	All the above repres Physically Challenge those covered und programme.	ed both inside the	Sangam and also
Non Capital Expenditure			
Salaries and benefits	3902037	3176276	3146319
Staff training	36497	48386	40279
Staff travel	202828	81210	118112
Office support expenses (rent/ repairs, telephone/ etc)	424447	329352	284210
Communication (correspondence, newsletters/Annual Reports/ brochures, appeals/ website/ etc)		92809	91417

Total Payments	18754947	17002995	14963948
Other Non-programme Expenses	561414	595995	429495
Other programme expenses (Rehabilitation & Empowerment Prog. Exp.)	6899297	6102712	4238668
Grants/ donations given to other organizations as part of programme	N/A	N/A	N/A
Depreciation	1419885	1372640	1314446
Consultants' fees (audit/ legal/ programme)	1442	3030	13244

# 10.2 Dates' list on which we have submitted our financial returns to the following departments

Particulars	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003
Income Tax	29-10-2004	29-09-2003	28-11-2002
Registrar of Societies/ Trusts/ Charity Commissioner / Companies	20-10-2004	30-09-2003	31-10-2002
FCRA	26-10-2004	29-09-2003	25-11-2002
Auditors Name	M/S. M. SRINIVASAN & ASSOCIATES, Chartered Accountants		
Location	Chennai-600 006.		

#### 10.3 Staff Salary Distribution:

Slab of gross salary (in Rs) plus benefits paid to staff	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	98	68	166
5,000 – 10,000	1	=	1
10,000 – 25,000			
25,000 – 50,000			
50,000 – 1,00,000			
Greater than 1,00,000			
TOTAL	99	68	167

#### 10.4 Staff remuneration [Gross annual salary + benefits] in Rupees

Head of the Organization:
Highest paid:
Rs. Nil per annum
Rs. 67,000 /- per annum
Rs. 8,580 /- per annum

#### 10.5 Staff International Travel (in the year 2004 - 2005).

There was no International Travel undertaken by the Staff & Management.

# 10.6 Annual Gross Remuneration paid to members of your Statutory Governing Body by this organization

The Members of the Statutory Governing Body received no Remuneration

# 10.7 Amount reimbursed (in Rs.) to All Board members in the financial year 2004-2005 for the following items:

1	International Travel	Rs. Nil	
2	Domestic Travel	Rs. 1,86,351 /-	(President & Secretary – Tour Exp.)
3	Local Conveyance	Rs. Nil	
4	Entertainment Expenses	Rs. Nil	
5	Others	Rs. Nil	

### 10.8 Minutes of Board Meetings:

Dates of Board Meetings	No. of Board Meetings attended / Strength of Board as on date	Minutes documented and circulated
18-04-2004 (EC Meeting)	10 / 10	Minutes documented
04-09-2004 (EC Meeting)	8 / 10	and circulated
16-09-2004 (EC Meeting)	7 / 10	
18-09-2004 (EC Meeting)	6 / 10	
26-09-2004 (General Body Meeting)	18 / 30 (Present = 13, Proxy = 5)	
25-01-2005 (EC Meeting)	7 / 10	

The total assets of the Sangam have gone up to Rs.**581 Lakhs** from 537 lakhs. The Abridged Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure for the year 2004-05 are given below:

## ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 - 03 - 2005

	31.03.2004	31.03.2005	%
	(Rs. In Lakhs)	(Rs. In Lakhs)	70
SOURCES OF FUNDS	•		
Sir Ratan Tata Corpus	111.95	114.00	19.61
Amar Seva Matching Corpus	53.02	53.84	9.26
General Corpus	68.65	92.43	15.90
Feeding Corpus	82.34	93.18	16.03
Building & Equipment Corpus	221.42	227.77	39.19
TOTAL	537.38	581.22	
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	118.76	130.46	22.45
Capital Working Progress	11.23	1.57	0.27
Investments	257.15	273.78	47.10
Net Working Capital	52.50	71.86	12.36
Accumulated Deficits	97.74	103.55	17.82
TOTAL	537.38	581.22	
ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE	ACCOUNT FOR TH	HE YEAR ENDED 3	1-03-2005
INCOME			
Donation	57.07	65.83	50.62
Central Govt. Grant from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	2.59	4.86	3.74
CBR FORUM Grant	2.61	2.35	1.80
World Bank Aided Project	3.62	-	-
SSA IED Project	6.84	7.37	5.67
Interest Received	18.50	13.69	10.53
Other Receipts	24.90	35.94	27.64
TOTAL	116.14	130.03	
EXPENSES			
Rehabilitation Centre Expenses	13.73	16.18	12.02
Home Expenses	8.71	9.40	6.98
School for Special Children	3.50	4.74	3.52
School & IGNOU	7.47	8.95	6.65
Vocational training Expenses	10.61	14.22	10.56
Medical Testing Unit	5.68	10.06	7.47
Caliper Expenses	0.83	1.19	0.88
Village Based Rehabilitation	5.67	7.97	5.92
ICDS-WBA III Programme	3.15	-	-
AUSAID ID Programme	0.46	0.44	0.33
SSA-IED Project	6.84	7.29	5.42

	31.03.2004	31.03.2005	%
	(Rs. In Lakhs)	(Rs. In Lakhs)	/0
Masters Trainers of AWW's Training	0.48	-	-
ISIC Care Giver Training Programme	0.11	-	-
Delivery of Services & Infrastructure	28.28	32.64	24.25
Public Communication & Administration Expenses	8.59	7.32	5.44
Surplus / Deficit before Depreciation	12.04	9.62	
Depreciation	13.73	14.20	10.55
Surplus / Deficit	(1.69)	(4.58)	-
TOTAL	116.14	130.03	

#### **Notes on Accounts:**

#### 1. Significant Accounting Policies

- a. The accounts are prepared on historical cost convention and comply with the mandatory accounting standards issued by the institute of Chartered Accountants of India.
- Accounting Policies not specifically referred to otherwise be consistent and in consonance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- c. Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition or construction including directly attributable cost of bringing the asset to its working condition for intended use.
- d. Depreciation is provided on written down value method in accordance with the rates prescribed in the income Tax Act. 1961.
- e. Video show CD's are written off over a period of 2 years.
- f. The Inventories are valued at cost or net realizable value whichever is lower.
- g. All income and expenditure items having a material bearing on the Financial Statements are recognized on accrual basis excluding Government-Grants, which are accounted on cash basis.
- h. Transactions in Foreign Currency are accounted at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of realization.
- i. Bank Guarantee issued by the Sangam: Rs. 80,000
- j. Previous year's figures have been regrouped, recoasted wherever necessary to conform to this year's classification.

## M.SRINIVASAN & ASSOCIATES

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#### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of AMAR SEVA SANGAM, SULOCHANA GARDENS, 7-4-104 B, TENKASI ROAD, AUIKUDY – 627 852 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and report that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- 2. In our opinion, proper books of accounts as required by law have been kept by the society as far as appears from our examination of such books.
- 3. The Balance Sheet dealt with by this report is in agreement with the books of accounts.
- 4. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanations given to us, the said accounts together with notes thereon give a true and fair view in the case of:
  - The balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the society as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.
  - The Income and Expenditure statement, the excess of expenditure over income (Deficit), for the year ended with 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2005.

Place : Ayikudy for M.Srinivasan & Associates Chartered Accountants.

: 25-07-05 Sd/-R.M

Sd/- xxx R.Mohan Partner

### 11.0 General

- 11.1.Institution Building process committee meetings were held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2005 to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at Chennai.
- 11.2. VBRI Advisory Board Meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005.
- 11.3. Donation by kind: We are overwhelmed with the generosity from Mr. Chellaiah, Peninsula Food Products and its associate for their regular contribution of rice meeting our entire monthly requirement. Milk from Suri Diary, Bread, Suji and Atta from Ramalinga Mills, Aruppukottai are being regularly received from these kindhearted people. And also English Typewriter and a Fan from Mr. M.I. Gulshath, Pavoorchatiram, Computer Mouse from Handi-Care-International, Vessels from P. Rama Subramanian, Neduvayal, Rice from Srinivasan, Chennai, Furniture, play items, bed items and lamination board from Mr. Prakash, IDBI, Chennai, School Bags from Kumaran stores, mobility appliances from Sri. Parasakthi College, Courtallam, furniture and vessels from Sundaresan, Madurai, Dress Material from
  - Mr. A. Bala Murugan, Tenkasi
  - Mr. Rajappan, courtallam
  - Dr. Kothandaramarao, Surandai,
  - R.Subramanian, Chennai,
  - Bombay stores, Tenkasi,
  - Mr. Narayanan, Chennai
  - EMAR & Sons, Kovilpatti
  - MR. Kanna, Chennai
  - Syed Residential School, Ilanji
  - Mr. Renganathan, Bangalore
  - Kumaran Ready made, Tenkasi
  - Shri. Annai Mills, Erode
  - Mrs. Shanthi, Tenkasi
  - Mr. Sankaran LIC, Tirunelveli, Town
  - Mr. P. Kalyana Sundaram, Erode
  - Mr. Chandra Sekaran, Chennai

#### Rice from

- V.T.S.R. Tenkasi
- Sudar & Co, Ayikudy,
- Shri. Ganapathy Stores, Ayikudy
- R.K. Ramamoorthy, Mukkudal
- VTS. Rahman Bhasha, Tenkasi
- 11.4.M/s. Apex Topomappers private Limited from Chennai had fully surveyed our Campus and have produced elaborate mapping with locations of various installations, boundaries etc., with topographical details.
- 11.5.Mrs. Zankana Patel, Vitrag Foundation, Mumbai visited on 11-02-05. We have since received from this foundation a grant of Rs.2,50,000/-. Mrs.Patel seems highly impressed about our activities and is engaging herself to secure support for our various projects under proposal.

- 11.6. We have acquired a land adjoining to our campus measuring about 1 acre where a cinema theatre existed. In this land we have constructed a Cowshed using CGI roofing. The existing cowshed has been modified to accommodate our drivers as rest house.
- 11.7. Important News Coverage
  - 1. Kumudam Coverage The reporting staff from this magazine took interviews and has published an article about our Sangam in their issue dated 18-03-05.
  - 2. News Report in Times of India The Bangalore edition dated 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005 carried a write up about our Secretary and Sangam.
  - 3. Frozen Thoughts, Chennai This is a widely read magazine by high intellectuals. The editor had brought out a story of Mr. S. Ramakrishnan our President and an article about our Secretary Mr. S. Sankara Raman in their issue of March 2005.
    - Several District and State level magazines bring out periodically about Sangam activities and functions.
- 11.8. The Home children of Amar Seva Sangam participated in the Thirukkural recitation programme as they used to do every year in May 2004 and won several prizes earning a good name to Amar Seva Sangam.
- 11.9. Philips India's Representative Mr.L.Ramakrishnan visited Amar Seva Sangam on 06-01-05 and they are planning to propose a joint venture with Amar Seva Sangam's Self Help Groups.
- 11.10. Mr.T.K.Rajendran IPS, IG of Police, South Zone Madurai visited the Sangam along with his wife and distributed notebooks and writing materials to our children.
- 11.11.Dr.Muthuraman, Ortho, Tenkasi celebrated his brother's wedding by distributing Caliper and equipments for the disabled persons of Amar Seva Sangam which was praiseworthy and can be emulated by others.
- 11.12. Efforts are underway to register Amar Seva Sangam Village Based Rehabilitation programme under Mahalir Thittam of the State Government. The process was started in July 2004 and has still not fructified. We are hopeful of getting the registration soon. This will benefit to the Self Help Group of disabled persons for getting the Bank linkages.
- 11.13.There are innumerable volunteers who are helping Amar Seva Sangam and their contributions are invaluable for the Sangam. Mr.&Mrs.A.Balasubramanian, Chennai, Mr.A.K.Raman, Mr.S.R.S. Mani, Bangalore, Mrs. Sudha Natarajan of Chennai and several others. The local Sai Samithi is continuing their services by conducting Bhajans every month. Such activities promote spiritual development among the children, which is a very important component in the personality development and ultimately in their empowerment. The participation of the local public in all Sangam's activities is a great reward. Apart from individuals many institutions such as local Banks, Government Departments, Collectorate, Postal Services, Electricity Board, Panchayat and local Bodies, Police Department, District Disability Rehabilitation Office, Revenue and Education Department and so on and so forth extend their maximum support towards our cause. But for their continued support and encouragement it would not have been possible for us to run the Sangam efficiently and effectively.

#### 12.0 Conclusion

We take this opportunity to thank our Patron-in-Chief Prof. M.S. Swaminathan for his valuable support and guidance and our Patrons who are standing as pillars of support for our organization. We also thank our beloved Collector of the District Shri. Atul Anand IAS who is the Chairman of our Advisory Board for his encouragement, which is a major source of our strength. We also thank the Advisory Board Members for their valuable advice and wholehearted support. The day-to-day support extended by the General Body members and the Executive Committee Members are exemplary and selfless. The honorary services of our Statutory Auditors, Consultants, Local Doctors and Volunteers deserve our special thanks and gratitude. The donors' who have contributed their might in no small measures and which is sustaining this organization merits our special appreciation and thanks. It is a feeling of joy and satisfaction that one gets on seeing such a positive and responsible support from people for a right cause and we all should be proud of being in such a public spirited society. Last but not the least is the staff of this organization who are the backbone of our activities who work without any day or time constraints. Let us pray for all the good souls who are with us.

Let us look forward the approaching Silver Jubilee Year of our Institution enables us to work with more vigour towards our mission. Thanking you.

Yours in Lord's Seva

S.Sankara Raman Secretary S.Ramakrishnan President

Date: 16.9.2005 Plate: Ayikudy