

Live to Serve



Regn. No. TSI/16/1981

AMAR SEVA SANGAM



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MOMENTS OF PRIDE



Consulate General of Japan inspection visit for sanctioning GGP Grant



Lighting the Lamp at the Inauguration function of Advanced IT Training Centre by Hon'ble Speaker of Govt. of Tamilnadu Assembly Thiru R. Avudaiyappan



The loss of both limbs has not barred our youth boy from entertaining the audience with captivating dance.



Our Executive Committee Member Dr.S.Sumathi is giving certificates for Soft Skill Training to Physically Challenged Students at the Valedictory function organised by MIME & VRC of Govt. of India



A delightful dancing programme by our physically challenged Home boys



Enchanting performance by the children of our Special School

Our Mission

AMAR SEVA SANGAM's mission is to empower the disabled citizens by establishing a 'Valley for the Disabled' as a Rehabilitation and Development Centre for the region and developing models for self-help initiatives by integrating the disabled individuals with the society for improved living conditions in the village.

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About Us

I would like to share with you a rare experience provided by a “HUMAN WONDER” who, despite total paralysis of his whole body, has remained undaunted for the last ten years and more, and had striven to help the active, inspiring social service.

In 1981, When he was only 27 years and a desperate cripple of six years, who had to be helped by others around him for every little movement of any of his limbs, He had the courage of conviction, injected and inspired by his mentor Dr.Amar Singh, and dared to establish a service organisation and christened it as “AMAR SEVA SANGAM” by way of paying his humble but sincere gratitude and tribute to the Doctor who has helped him out of the jaws of death.....



Our first Patron-in-Chief Bharat Ratna
Late Shri C.Subramaniam.

I could well see for myself how this Ramakrishnan, even as he is progressing with faith and determination in his endeavors, is ever more dedicating himself to the upliftment of the poor and the disabled so that they may lead their lives without being a burden on others!

Interestingly, another crippled young man, Sankara Raman, Chartered Accountant with a sizeable practice of his own in Madras who happened to visit Ayikudy in January 1992, out of curiosity to see for himself what Ramakrishnan was doing there, lost no time in bidding good-bye to his lucrative auditing practice and settled down in Ayikudy to help and work with Ramakrishnan. Together they are striving to build Amar Seva Sangam in the true spirit of service to humanity.

May I also hope that Ramakrishnan and Sankara Raman will go on and on undaunted with the good and noble task of inspiring us with their own dedication and selfless service!

- A benediction from Bharat Ratna Late Shri C.Subramaniam, our first Patron-in-Chief
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14th August 2008

Our Patron-in-Chief



Message

Amar Seva Sangam under the inspiring leadership of its founder President Shri S Ramakrishnan has become the pride of our nation. Shri Ramakrishnan and Shri Sankara Raman are national icons for their untiring efforts to bring hope and cheer in the lives of the disabled. I wish Amar Seva Sangam continued success.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. S. Swaminathan'.

M S Swaminathan

Message from



19th August 2008

Air Marshal (Retd) - Amarjit Singh Chahal, AVASM VSM, MS FRACS (Australia) & Director General - ISIC, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

It gives me great pleasure to wish Shri Rama Krishna and his team at Amar Seva Sangam, its more progress and achievements, in years to come. During my visit to this unique institution at Ayakudy, Tamilnadu, South India in April 2008, I was impressed with the team spirit with which the organisation is running. School for Children has about 1000 students & will soon have a college to cater for higher education in this area. The Sangam has been recognised as a center for Rehabilitation for Paraplegics who can get treatment at a nominal cost. Local specialists have helped to establish a Spinal cord Injuries Center with an operation theatre to provide high quality treatment in Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation.

As a specialist in Spinal Surgery & Rehabilitation, it makes me feel proud of Ramakrishna and Shankar Raman who have set up a fine Institution in India. Doctors, Therapists from Western Countries spend months to learn simple rehabilitation methods.

Armed forces In India set up a beautiful Paraplegic Center at Kirkee, Pune, adjoining SCI CENTER at Military hospital Kirkee.

Sir George Bedbrook who visited Paraplegic Home Kirkee in 1982, suggested that India needs many such centres. It is creditable to Ramakrishna to establish the wonderful Ashram for Paraplegics with generous help from the people of South India and the Government of Tamilnadu.

CNN gave an award to the Ashram in 2007. This is International recognition to the Ashram. I wish Godspeed to continue the excellent work in a difficult area of Rehabilitation.

With Best wishes to all the Staff and Inmates at the Ashram.

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This year Amar Seva Sangam has entered its 27th year of glorious service and we have immense pleasure in presenting the activities that the year 2007-2008 witnessed.

The endeavours of Amar Seva Sangam, during these eventful 26 years, have been recognized by many as the best Institution / Individual in the service of the disabled.

CNN Heroes 2007 award

Cable News Network (CNN) Inc., New York created an award to recognize individuals who devoted their lives to helping others. From around 7000 nominations submitted by viewers in 80 countries, 18 finalists were selected and from this finalists group, Mr.S.Ramakrishnan, Founder President, Amar Seva Sangam was selected for **CNN Heroes 2007** award in December 2007.

MAJOR EVENTS IN 2007-2008

1. Inauguration of advanced IT training centre

The rapid advancement in information technology has created a wide range of opportunities for the youths with disabled. Infosys Foundation, Microsoft and Cognizant Foundation have helped Amar Seva Sangam develop a state-of-the-art IT training center. The Rs 4-million project will help tap the potential of young adults with disabilities. The centre will initially offer training in:

- *e-accounting and professional courses like CPT classes for CA
- *bachelor's and master's degree courses in computer applications with IGNOU
- *programming languages like dot-Net, VB, C++
- *BPO training and creative animations.



Inauguration of advanced IT Training Centre
by Hon'ble Union Minister
Smt. Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan.

2. Silver Jubilee Function

Amar Seva Sangam, which was set up 25 years ago by the Founder President in a thatched shed, has overcome many obstacles to champion the cause of the persons with disabilities.



Dignitaries on the Dias at
Silver Jubilee Function

The silver jubilee function started off with a rally led by physically challenged people on 9th September 2007. The organization achieved important milestones during the Silver Jubilee celebrations.

The Silver Jubilee Function was attended by the Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Smt. Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan, The State Minister for Social Welfare, Smt. Poongothai Aladi Aruna, the Speaker Sri. R.Avudaiyappan, the Tenkasi M.P. Sri.M.Appadurai, the MLAs, Sri. V.Karuppasamy Pandian

and Sri. S.Peter Alphonse. A host of other VIPs also participated in the function.

3. ISO 9001-2000 for Amar Seva Sangam

By obtaining ISO recognition, Amar Seva Sangam has emerged as a highly credible and professionally managed NGO in the global economy. The organization follows the necessary guidelines to benchmark its practices against international standards. The Hony. Secretary led a team of 20 Section Heads in documentation, process mapping, developing key performance indicators and implementing various systems for the control and monitoring of the resources and processes.

The final audit was conducted during the end of July 2007 and the certificate was obtained on August 18th 2007 and officially released on 9th September 2007. The Regional Sales Manager, BSI Management System, presented the certificate to the Hony. Secretary in the presence of visiting dignitaries.

4. MoU Signed with Govt.of Japan

An MoU was signed on 25th July 2007 by Hony. Secretary Mr.S.Sankara Raman with the Consul General of Japan, Chennai in the presence of Founder President Sri S.Ramakrishnan of Amar Seva Sangam for the Grant worth US \$85000 as a part of the Japanese Government's assistance for Grass roots Projects (GGP) Scheme. This is for providing infrastructural support for voluntary organizations. By using this grant, Amar Seva Sangam hopes to expand the available facilities for women with disabilities. Amar Seva Sangam will set up a Hostel for Physically Challenged Girls that will accommodate 50 girls and a common dining hall with a capacity for 125.

5. Foundation Stone Laid - Hostel for Physically Challenged Girls aided by Govt. of Japan.

The foundation stone of the Hostel for the youth girls trainees with disabilities was laid by HH Swami Mukthanandaji, Ananda Ashram, Kanchagodu on 23-8-07 in the presence of HH Swami Akilananda and Shri Rajagopalan, Ramakrishna Mutt, Courtallam and Shri Sachidev Kumar and Dr.Shunmugakumar, Chennai.

6. Tamilnadu State Social Welfare Board for Handicapped persons

Sri.S.Ramakrishnan, Founder President, Amar Seva Sangam has been nominated as a Member, representing Persons with Mental Retardation, by the Government of Tamilnadu, vide order dated 24th April 2007.

7. 10th Anniversary Day Function of the Sangamam on 9th October 2007

The successful completion of 10 years, a laudable landmark of the "Sangamam" School for special children was celebrated in a simple but grand manner, on **9th October 2007** in the presence of visiting Dignitaries and Special Children. It was a day for rededication for selfless service in future.



Distribution of prize to the special school child at the function

8. Foundation Stone Laying Function of Kitchen

The grand function of laying foundation stone for the Kitchen in our campus was celebrated at 8.30 a.m. on 24th February 2008.

His Holiness Swami Sankaranandaji of Sarada Womens College laid the foundation stone.

9. Payment Gateway

The newly hosted Payment Gateway facility in our revamped website is designed to be <https://amarseva.org/>, resulting in the following overriding advantages.

- ❖ Simple and direct;
- ❖ Effective and fast;
- ❖ Capable of accepting credit cards facilities and
- ❖ Updated with Currency Exchange Rates on daily basis.

10. Visit of Air Marshal Amarjit Singh Chahal

Air Marshal Amarjit Singh Chahal (Retd).AVSM, VSM, Director General, ISIC, New Delhi was the Doctor Surgeon who treated initially our Founder President, Sri.S.Ramakrishnan, on whose honour our Sangam is named after. After many years, he and his family members visited Sangam on 25.03.2008 and it was a learning experience for Sangam's residents from such an exalted V.I.P. who took part in many events.

11. Advanced Soft Skill and Computer Accounting Training programme for Physically Challenged Youth by VRC and Ministry of MME, Chennai



Soft Skill and Computer Training Certificate issued at Valedictory function by Dr.Amarjit Singh Chahal

Advanced Soft Skill and Computer Accounting Training Programme for the Physically Challenged was conducted on Friday, 28th March 2008, organized by the Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for the Handicapped, Guindy, Chennai and Micro Small Medium Enterprises (DI) Chennai and Air Marshal Amajit Singh Chahal was the Chief Guest. His address was very informative, thought provoking and useful. Key note address was delivered by Dr.T.Santhanam, Deputy Director, Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for the Handicapped, Guindy, Chennai. Special address was by Sri.B.Packiarajan, Asst.Director, Micro Small Medium Enterprise, Chennai. The Presidential address was delivered by Dr.Y.S.Rajan, Principal Advisor, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) New Delhi. The programme was attended by 50 youth trainees of Sangam.

12. Bharatnatyam programme for fundraising in Canada - June 9, 2007

Handicare International, a Canadian Charity House, and Kala Mandir, an Indian dance school, organized a fundraising for Amar Seva Sangam in Philip T. Hall, Victoria University, Toronto. The Bharatnatyam artist, Kavita Krishna enthralled the audience (of 180) with a captivating rendition entitled Karuna (compassion). Dr. Sydney Sparling, a local physician and Director of Kala Mandir, presented the programme. Rs.1.2 lakh was so raised and deployed for training the Special Education Teachers of Sagamam School for Special Children.

13. State Bank of India (SBI) donation for Support of Equipments for Advanced Information Technology Training Centre and the Dinning Hall for the physically challenged

State Bank of India has been very gracious enough to grant **Rs.4,98,425** for purchase of computers and servers for the Advance Information Technology Training Centre for Software Development Training purposes. The grant also includes furniture for the Barrier-free Dining Hall under construction. This is the fourth grant that we are receiving from SBI.

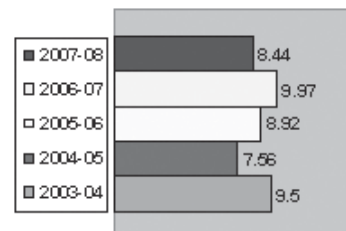
14. Fifth State Level Sports Meet of Physically Challenged Persons

Physically Challenged Home children and Youth trainees from Amar Seva Sangam took part in the Sports Meet at Chennai on 22nd February 2008. For the fifth year in succession, they received the Championship, citation and the shield by scoring 161 points.



15. Mumbai Marathon

1.1. As a measure to raise funds we participated for the fifth consecutive time in Mumbai Marathon held on **21st January 2008**. While several volunteers ran for our cause, Mr.S.Sankara Raman, Secretary also participated in the wheelchair run. Recognition was given by M/s. GiveIndia to Mrs.Ramani Sankara Raman who participated in the programme. The chart given shows the amount realized through Marathon, year-wise.



Marathon donations (INR in lakhs)

1.2. In addition to organizing Mumbai Marathon annually, **M/s.GiveIndia**, Mumbai in alliance with M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd., also arrange regularly online transfers of donation to Sangam.

16. KANCHI PARAMACHARYA PEETAROHANA SHATABDI BLOCK SPINAL CORD INJURED POST-ACUTE CARE CENTRE

Apart from taking care of the polio affected physically challenged children and youth and mentally challenged children, Amar Seva Sangam is also engaged in rehabilitating the Spinal Cord Injured. Towards this Shri V.Shankar of Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Peetarohana Shatabdi Mahotsav Trust, Sion, Mumbai donated a magnanimous amount of Rs.35 lakhs for completing the construction and providing of necessary amenities in this building. This building was completed on time and slated for inauguration by His Holiness Sri Jeyendra Saraswathi Swamigal. In the meanwhile, the Spinal Cord Injured patients after their surgery have intensive care and undergo rehabilitation programmes continuously. The Post Acute Care of Spinal Cord Injured Patients is a continuous process. Moreover, they have to be trained in self-help.

Presently Spinal Cord Injured ward has 8 inmates. The ward is spacious and disabled friendly. Separate rooms are provided for comfortable stay and treatment of Spinal Cord Injured free of cost wherever found deserving. We are striving hard to get recognition for this ward as one of the best maintained Spinal Cord Injured Post Acute Care Centre in the South. The centre offers scope for future expansion to hospital services in a modest way since it has adequate facilities for performing orthopedic and general surgeries also. We sincerely thank all those who have extended wholehearted cooperation in the execution of this project within a short period.



Ramesh, 32 years old, married, has two children. He was earning his daily wages. He fell down from a Palm tree in January 2007, resulting in non-functioning below hip. He needed support even for his nature calls. He was admitted in Amar Seva Sangam in June 2007. Now he is fully rehabilitated and independent for his daily activities and can walk with support of a walker.

Our Activities

1. Institution Based Rehabilitation

1.1. Rehabilitation

1.1.1. Home

All the children are provided with free shelter, food, clothing, transportation, physiotherapy and medical attendance, mobility appliances and education either in the Sangam's Nursery / Middle Schools or Schools outside our campus for higher education. They are also provided with special coaching classes.

Sl. No.	Stages	No. of Children	
		2006-07	2007-08
1	Residential Care Students at the beginning	59	48
1.2	Children Promoted to Village Based Rehabilitation	20	14
1.3	New entrants	16	17
1.4	Discharged	07	03
Total	Under Residential Care at the end of the year	48	48

Sl. No. 1.2 & 1.4 under 2007-08 have been transferred to "Village Based Rehabilitation Programme" who continue to receive extension supports from Sangam.

Participants from Amar Seva Sangam took part in the drawing competition organized by very Special Arts, New Delhi.

1.1.2. "Sangamam" School for Special Children (Day-Care Centre)

These special children are brought to Sangam everyday in our vans and dropped in the evening. They are trained in daily living activities, behavior, self-care, reading & writing and also in vocational skills such as drawing, handicrafts etc. They are given physiotherapy and also provided with lunch, milk and biscuits in addition to taking care of their medical requirements.



Special School children undergoing training

Particulars of children	Boys		Girls		Total	
	06-07	07-08	06-07	07-08	06-07	07-08
No. of Mental Retarded children	19	22	13	18	32	40
Children with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation	09	10	03	07	12	17
Total	28	32	16	25	44	57

1.1.3. Caliper Workshop

The centre produces caliper for free distribution to needy persons.

Sl. No.	Appliances	Consultation Offered		Appliances Delivered		Appliances Repaired	
		06-07	07-08	06-07	07-08	06-07	07-08
1.	Prosthesis	-	-	-	-	39	45
2.	Long Caliper	12	11	16	-	79	66
3.	Long Caliper with knee joint	43	39	39	9	269	195
4.	Extended Caliper	3	01	-	41	61	71
5.	Extended caliper with knee joint	2	02	-	01	124	90
6.	Seat Caliper	3	03	2	02	36	48
7.	Seat Caliper with knee joint	-	04	-	02	35	74
8.	Knee cage	11	31	12	28	18	17
9.	Sandals	13	15	13	17	291	204
10.	Walking Aids	48	38	46	44	311	208
11.	Short caliper	20	26	22	24	43	50
12.	Others	80	85	96	83	162	149
Total		235	255	246	252	1468	1217

1.1.4. Medical Testing Unit (MTU)

This part of work was conceived and started with the aid of Japanese Grant in 1998. Initially we did not have much sophistication and this was functioning at the Home for the challenged children before moving into the new premises. As we found the response very encouraging and highly useful for the families faced with challenged persons, this centre became our nerve center. This centre offers more modern approach with many items like soft mattresses, mirrors, specific playing materials for the children and new rehabilitation techniques.



Child Developmental Care

The results obtained are highly encouraging as can be seen from the progress made by the physically challenged persons.

Medical Testing Unit Services – Year-wise

Year	No. of Patients	No. of Service attended
2004	366	9737
2005	450	14082
2006	663	19900
2007	512	21438
Grand Total since inception	1991	65157

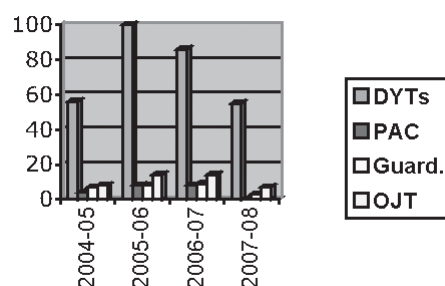
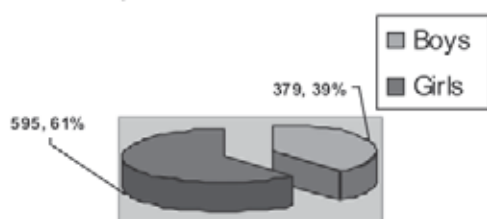
1. Ortho Medical Camp was conducted by Dr.Sathyanarayanan from Meenakshi Mission Hospital Madurai on 18.9.07
2. An artificial limb camp was conducted on 17th July and 18th July 2007. 21 beneficiaries received artificial limbs from Hindu Mission Hospital, Tambaram.
3. A surgery camp was conducted on 28.11.07. Five from Institution Based Rehabilitation and two from Village Based Rehabilitation underwent surgical corrections in Hindu Mission Hospital, Tambaram.

1.1.5. Hostel

Hostel Candidates per month W.E.F. 2000

Years	Candidate months of Boys	Candidate months of Girls	Total	% Of utilization capacity
2004-05	235	386	621	252
2005-06	478	592	1070	356
2006-07	523	574	1097	364
2007-08	379	595	974	325

Boys & Girls ratio



DYT¹, PAC², Guardianship, OJT³

Year	DYTS	PAC	Guardianship	OJT	Total
2004-05	56	4	7	8	75
2005-06	100	8	8	14	130
2006-07	86	8	9	14	117
2007-08	55	-	3	7	65

1.1.6. SSA-IED - Sarva Shiksha Abiyan

1.1.6.1 Distribution of Aids & Appliances

1.	Walkers	5
2.	Ortho Appliances (Callipers, Crutches and Shoes)	108
3.	Hearing Aids	20
4.	Spectacles	117
5.	Magnifier	12
6.	Tricycles	3
7.	Eye surgeries	5

¹ Disabled Youth Trainees

² Post-Acute-Care Centre

³ On Job Trainees

Other Support Services

1.	National Identity Cards issued by District Disabled Rehabilitation Office, Tirunelveli.	268
2.	Scholarships to Special Children (below 8 th standard) issued through District Disabled Rehabilitation Office, Tirunelveli	483
3.	Maintenance grant for severe disabled children	45

Recognition	Diploma Level Teachers (Nos)	B. Ed. Teachers (Nos)	BPT	Total
Teachers recognized by RCI working in SSA-IED	12	2	1	15

DETAILS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAMME

Sl. No.	Name of the Block	Visually Impaired		Hearing Impaired		Mentally Retarded		Locomotor Disabled		Total	
		I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E
1	Alankulam	37	34	16	15	116	78	91	66	260	193
2	Kadayam	24	21	42	32	86	69	103	59	255	181
3	Kadayanallur	50	49	35	33	160	116	70	63	315	261
4	Keelapavoor	20	15	22	17	166	96	113	84	321	212
5	Shencottah	22	22	18	17	133	84	75	58	248	181
6	Tenkasi	18	14	20	19	85	69	60	59	183	161
7	Vasudevanallur	30	30	48	29	165	105	90	78	333	242
Total		201	185	201	162	911	617	602	467	1915	1431

Key: I - Identified, E - Enrolled in Schools

1. Cross Disability Training programme to Special Teachers for five days
2. ABL (Activity Based Learning) training to Special Teachers for two days

1.1.6.2. Talking Library

Seven numbers of Tape Recorders, Cassettes and other teaching aids for the low vision and visually impaired children were distributed in the seven blocks under the Government scheme.

1.1.6.3. Purchase of equipments for Play Park

Slides, Merry-go-round and other such play equipments were purchased for the seven blocks under the Government Scheme.

1.1.6.4. Day Care Centres opened

A Day Care Centre in each of the 5 blocks - Tenkasi, Shencottah, Kadayanallur, Alankulam and Vasudevanallur - with a strength of 50 children was opened.



Respite Centre for Special children

1.1.6.5. Cross Disability Management Training

Amar Seva Sangam is coordinating and conducting training classes for with our teachers in Govt. Schools in seven Blocks of Tirunelveli District, viz., Shencottah, Vasudevanallur, Kadayanallur, Alankulam, Kadayam, Keezhapavoor and Tenkasi.

Sl. No.	Type of Activities	Total No. of Participants
1.	Vocational Training to Special children	607
2.	Life Skill Training programme to special children	622
3.	Training to Parents Teachers Association / Village Education Committee	348
4.	Block Resource Centre Teachers' Educator (BRTE)	32
5.	Summer Camp to special children	813

1.1.7. National programme of Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD)

Government of India has newly formulated a National programme with this title, mainly meant for ensuring all the Aids and appliances, scholarships, etc donated by Government to reach the grass-root levels. Under this scheme, each Multi-Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) which is an NGO, functioning under each Blocks, there are Community Based Rehabilitation Workers (CBRWs) taking the programme to rural levels. Amar Seva Sangam has been nominated for operating six blocks covering six MRWs and 132 CBRWs.

Maintenance grant is provided through this scheme for the Persons with Mentally Retarded / Cerebral Palsy. The beneficiaries' details, routed through Amar Seva Sangam, block wise are given below.

Tenkasi	34
Kadayam	47
Alankulam	29
Kadayanallur	45
Shencottai	71
Keelapavoor	83
Total	309

1.1.8. Rehabilitation Centre

Community Support Services Offered

Particulars	06-07	07-08	Particulars	06-07	07-08
IDENTITY Cards issued	2108	430 ⁴	Disabled who got free Note-Books	247	160
SCHOLARSHIP to Disabled Students	44	19	Disabled who received School Fees	48	34
Free BUS-PASS Facility	34	30	Patients who attended the polio and other camps	185	120
Train CONCESSION PASS Facility	41	56	Surgeries done	9	07
Persons who got MAINTENANCE GRANT	32	38	Persons who received medicines and tablets	35	39
Students who received Vocational Training	137	114	Persons who received physiotherapy	269	312
Students who received Artificial Limbs	15	21	Persons treated at Govt. Hospital, Tirunelveli	3	3
No. of persons who received FFE scholarship	17	18	Tuition students	11	9

⁴ Most of the physically challenged have received the Identity Cards and hence there is reduction in current year.

No. of persons who received FFE scholarship	17	18	Tuition students	11	9
Tri-cycles & Wheel Chairs issued	104	27	Persons given counseling	107	137
Persons who got BANK LOAN with subsidy	01	11	Disabled children who received prizes in sports	109	72
Persons who participated in State, District level Sports	29	45	Disabled who received School Uniforms	48	34
Camps conducted (Polio, C.P & M.R, Eye camps)	3	3	Tricycles / Wheelchairs Maintenance	13	47
Calipers and Crutches issued	240	252	Job placement given	5	68
			G. Total	3830	1786

1.1.9. Tailoring / Needle / Toys Work etc.,

This vocational centre includes assorted handicrafts works - handwork, toys making, jewellery making, pot painting, fabric painting, sarees painting, glass painting, stone works and allied training programmes. A continuous improvement initiative on designs and quality is undertaken regularly inasmuch as some of the products coming out of this section go for sale and we have started receiving orders for manufacturing. In particular, we are thankful to M/s. V.V.Minerals, Tisyanvilai, Tirunelveli for placing orders for stitching 2300 dresses with fabrics supplied by them.

Sl. No.	Section	2006-07		2007-08	
		NPC ⁵	PC ⁶	NPC	PC
1.	Tailoring	22	33	24	12
2.	Hand Work	5	30	11	8
Total		27	63	35	20

1.1.10. Note Book Making

In addition to receiving regular orders for Notebooks each year from M/s.V.V.Minerals, Tisyanvilai, we also receive orders from various other schools.

Particulars	2006-07	2007-08
No. of Note Books Manufactured	3,30,434 (including job work)	3,36,524 (Incl. job work)
No. of Books bound during the year	2739	3585
No. of students trained	4(excluding DYT's)	-

1.1.11. Two Wheeler Section

Two wheeler section by undertaking servicing of two wheelers, an amount of Rs.4197 has been saved by our Sangam.

Sl. No.	Section	Apr-07 (Rs.)	May-07 (Rs.)	Jun-07 (Rs.)	Jul-07 (Rs.)	Aug-07 (Rs.)	Sep-07 (Rs.)	Oct-07 (Rs.)	Nov-07 (Rs.)	Dec-07 (Rs.)	Jan-08 (Rs.)	Feb-08 (Rs.)	Mar-08 (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
1.	RHC	22	25	20	160	30	25	50	50	120	-	100	75	677
2.	Hostel	300	110	160	100	75	100	350	200	150	150	50	80	1825
3.	Home	10	10	60	-	10	50	0	50	50	10	-	-	260
4.	Office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

⁵ Non-Physically challenged

⁶ Physically challenged

5.	Personal	370	250	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	250	370	-	1370
6.	Canteen	-	-	-	-	25	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
7.	Campus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Spastic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		702	395	370	260	140	225	400	300	320	410	520	155	4197

1.1.12. Typewriting Centre

Subject	August – 2007						February 2008					
	New Admission		Passed out students		Strength of students studying		New Admission		Passed out students		Strength of students studying	
	PC	NPC	PC	NPC	PC	NPC	PC	NPC	PC	NPC	PC	NPC
English Lower	14	-	4	-	8	-	11	3	3	-	7	3
Tamil Lower	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
English Higher	1	2	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	-
Total	18	2	6	2	11	-	14	3	3	-	9	3

1.1.13. Computer Centre

The Sri.Sathya Sai Computer Training Centre was established on 26.12.1995, which is affiliated to Tamil Nadu Polytechnic (Autonomous), Madurai-11. The first computer class was commenced with four physically challenged students. Only 4 systems with one Novell LAN Server existed. In the beginning the computer centre was situated in the office administrative block, then it was shifted to Nippon Centre during the year 1998-99. After that the number of systems (Computer) increased and some additional new computer courses were introduced by the centre. Totally 823 normal students and 391 physically challenged students have completed their training in our computer centre so far. The centre also provides placement guidelines for the successfully completed students in nearby areas. On the Job training will also be given to the Disabled Youth Trainees for 6 months.



Advanced IT Training Centre

It is noteworthy that all the physically challenged students are given free vocational training.

The following Table shows the various courses completed and students enrolled for new courses during the year.

Name of the courses offered	Passed students during the year	Current batch strength
Desk Top Publishing	15	22
Microsoft Office	23	23
Summer Course	47	0
Tally	13	6
Multimedia & Flash	2	2
Grand Total	100	53

1.2. Education

1.2.1 Middle & Nursery Schools

Particulars	2006-2007			2007-2008		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Middle School						
Strength at the beginning	206	160	366	243	205	448
Admission	45	42	87	52	48	100
Withdrawals	41	22	63	0	2	2
Middle School Strength at the end	210	180	390	295	251	546
Nursery School						
Strength at the beginning	119	119	238	121	120	241
Admission	46	50	96	84	63	147
Withdrawals	44	49	93	74	73	147
Nursery School Strength at the end	121	120	241	131	110	241
Physically challenged students strength out of the above						
Middle School	14	14	28	23	12	35
Nursery School	2	2	4	3	2	5
Total	16	16	32	26	14	40

On January 26th 2008 M/s. Alangar Agencies, Tenkasi conducted a Fancy Dress Competition and four students participated in the contest and all the four received first and second prizes.

Success Story



B. Muthumani whose photo is on the left side, was a student in our school for all the eight years, from 1 to standard 8. He has brought enormous laurels not only to him, his parents and his family members but also for our Institution inasmuch as he scored 486/500 in the State Board 10th **Final Exam and stood 3rd in the District.**

In addition to B. Muthumani, five students - R. Veerapandian, M. Sankaramurugan, V. Sabari Ganesh, E. Mariappan and E. Siva - have scored more than 400/500 in State Board 10th **final exam.**

1.2.2. Sivasankari Public Library

1.	Books in the library	1057
2.	Membership	150
3.	No. of persons utilized our library	5400

1.2.3 Indira Gandhi National Open University, Special Study Centre (IGNOU)

C. Venkatesh hailing from Tenkasi is from a middle class family, joined MCA in IGNOU in our Special Study Center **2535-D**. He has completed his course successfully and now he has joined as Programmer in a reputed concern **SELLA SYNERGY INDIA LTD** at Chennai. It is very rare for a person with rural background to compete and become successful in IT World.



Success Story

Students List of Academic Year 2007 - 2008

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	NPC	PC	Total
1.	BCA I Year	6	0	6
2.	BCA II Year	8	2	10
3.	MCA I Year	6	1	7
4.	MCA II Year	5	0	5
5.	MCA III Year	10	0	10
6.	B.Com I Year	10	1	11
7.	B.Com II Year	9	5	14
Total		54	9	63

Completed students in the year 2007

Sl. No	Name of the Programme	NPC	PC	Total
1.	BCA III Year	8	2	10
2.	B.Com III Year	15	4	19
Total		23	6	29

2. Village Based Rehabilitation Initiatives (VBRI)



Success Story
K.Iyappan had been affected by cerebral palsy from the birth. His parents were very worried because of his inability to stand alone. 5 - 6 years back, he came under the rehabilitation programmes of Amar Seva Sangam. As a result of the various inputs, today, he is able to stand alone, become a leading member of the "Vetrikarantal" Self-Help Group brainchild of Amar Seva Sangam. He has since obtained requisite loans and runs a shop, fetching him almost Rs.50/- a day. His parents are greatly relieved to see Iyappan standing on his own feet.

The Village Based Rehabilitation Initiative, conceived as an innovative project for participation of persons with disabilities in all walks of life providing opportunities and challenges without discrimination or favour, provision of adequate support systems to neutralize their physical conditions and making them equal citizens is now gaining further momentum. As there are more and more stories of success, there are also equal amount of challenges particularly in the field of women education, savings and credit management and also in members participation in SHGs. Definitely the trend is very encouraging and the outlook positive.

Mobilizing basic requirements amongst persons with disabilities in villages, creation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), fulfillment of basic rehabilitation needs, assisting the groups for getting Governmental supports, helping them for educational and economical benefits, protecting cerebral palsy / mentally challenged persons, supporting them for handling their legal rights and further developing the groups into federations are some of the vitally important and focused objectives of Village Based Rehabilitation Initiatives Programmes.

Four Blocks in Tirunelveli District – Tenkasi, Kadayannallur, Keezhapavoor and Shencottah (about 330 villages) are covered under the purview of the VBRI programme. As an ongoing programme of Leadership Development, elections in the normal democratic manner was facilitated and conducted in the four blocks by Sangam. Leaders have been selected who are in the process of administering and managing Block Level and District Level Federation.

People with Mental Illness Programme



Parameshwari
(Before Treatment)

Success Story

N.Parameshwari was deaf and dumb. Very unfortunately she was even subjected to physical assault, resulting in mental illness. She was even chained and kept in a closed room. In these circumstances, a few goodhearted persons from various sources, including Amar Seva Sangam contacted her and brought to Amar Seva Sangam before five years. Today she has been totally rehabilitated and lives peacefully.



Parameshwari
(After Treatment)

Amar Seva Sangam – Various indicators of the Programme

S. No	Key Indicators	Methodology	Upto March - 07		Current year (March - 08)	
Key Indicator for Group						
1	Membership	No. of members in SHGs ⁷ / No. of Face Sheets ⁸	990/2496	40%	1125 / 2777	41%
2	Members in SHGs	No. of members / No. of SHGs	990/93	11 avg.	1125 / 101	11 avg.
3	Meetings	No. of Meetings / No. of SHGs	1204/93	13 avg.	1156 / 101	11 avg.
4	Attendance	Total Attendance / No. of Members	742/990	82%	900 / 1125	80%
5	Leadership in Groups	No. of Leaders / No. of SHGs	243/93	3 avg.	295 / 101	3 avg.
6	Leaders in members	No. of Leaders / No. of members	243/990	25%	295 / 1125	26%
Key Indicators for Women Participation						
7	Women membership	No. of women members / No. of members	359/990	36%	422 / 1125	38%
8	Women members in leadership	No. of Women leaders / No. of Leaders	74/243	30%	113 / 292	39%
9	Women Presidents in SHGs	No. of SHGs where Women are President / Total No. of SHGs	25/93	27%	37 / 101	37%

⁷ Self Help Groups

⁸ Face sheet is the first information on Identifying a person with Disability documented in a detailed format

Key Indicators for Education

10	Illiteracy	No. of illiterate children / No. of children age 6 - 16 years	66/314	21%	72 / 431	17%
11	Illiteracy in PDs	No. of illiterate PDs ⁹ / No. of Face Sheets	639/2496	26%	693 / 2777	25%

Economic Indicators

12	Savings and Credits among SHGs	No. of SHGs in credits and savings / Total No. of SHGs	84/93	90%	95 / 101	94%
13	Bank linkages	No. of SHGs with Bank Account / Total No. of SHGs	55/93	59%	74 / 101	70%
14	Total money saved	Total Amount of Money saved	Rs.553828	-	Rs.787111.50	-
15	Loans availed	Total amount of Loan Outstanding	Rs.304066	-	Rs.365208	-
16	Money rotation (It should be closer to 100%)	Total Amount of Loan outstanding / total amount of money saved and bank loan	Rs.304066 / 553828	55%	Rs.365208 / 787111.50	46%
17	Long overdue loans (preferably should be less than 25%)	Total amount of loan outstanding which is more than 3 months old (Exclude business loan) / Total amount of loan outstanding	Rs.175996 / 304066	58%	Rs.237008 / 365208	65%
18	Savings per membership	Total amount of savings / Total No. of members	Rs.553828/ 990	559 avg.	Rs.689301/ 1037	664 avg.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

S.No	Field Activities	Upto 2006-07	2007-08	Cumulative upto March 08
Awareness				
1.	No.of Awareness Materials Developed	57	3	60
2.	No.of Awareness Programmes Conducted	405	44	449
3.	Disabled Participatory Programme	47	6	53
Training				
4.	Leadership Training - First Level	13	-	13
5.	Leadership Training - Second Level	6	-	6
6.	Leadership Training - Advanced Level	38	12	50
7.	Parents Training - First Level	18	-	18
8.	Parents Training - Second Level	19	-	19
9.	Parents Training –Advanced Level	175	70	245

⁹ Persons with Disabilities

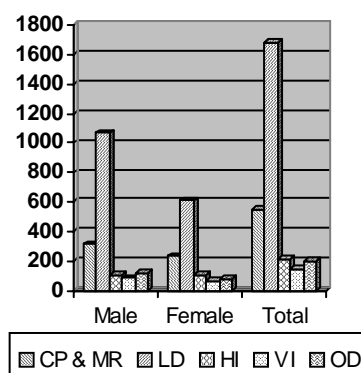
S.No	Field Activities	Upto 2006-07	2007-08	Cumulative upto March 08
Mobilizing the Physically Challenged Persons				
10.	Face sheet	2441	336	2777
11.	OP Card	1356	153	1509
12.	Community Analysis	88	9	97
13.	Case Studies	604	52	656
14.	No. of Parents Association formed	8	-	8
15.	No. of Members in Parents Association	100	11	111
16.	No. of Respite Centre formed	5	-	5
17.	No. of Children in Respite Centre	76	11	87
18.	Individual Counselling	32052	4630	36682
19.	Family Counselling	12992	1139	14131
Service Delivery				
20.	Appliances Identified	403	40	443
21.	Appliances Issued	295	51	346
22.	District Disabled Rehabilitation Office Schemes Beneficiaries Identified	2270	772	3042
23.	District Disabled Rehabilitation Office Schemes Benefits Achieved	1749	682	2431
24.	Persons under care by CRW I	185	64	249
25.	Persons under care by CRW II	190	55	245
26.	Surgeries done	27	2	29
27.	No. of Persons attended in Doctor Camps	63	63	126
28.	No. of disabled who got free Note-Books	326	274	600
29.	No. of the disabled who received School Fees & Uniforms*	19	11	19
30.	No. of persons who received medicine and tablets*	85	37	85
31.	No. of persons who received physiotherapy	314	57	371
32.	No. of tuition students*	10	9	10
33.	Marriage Grant	1	3	4
34.	Polio affected who got caliper & crutches under ADIP Schemes	3	-	3
35.	No. of Appliance Repaired*	74	31	74
36.	Providing Hearing Aids	25	-	25
37.	Integrated / Inclusive Education in Primary Schools	62	6	68
38.	Special Material	91	26	117
39.	No. of Children introduced for early stimulation activities	74	5	79
40.	Insurance benefit	5	-	5
41.	Insurance Coverage	884	-	884

• As on 31st March of every year

S.No	Field Activities	Upto 2006-07	2007-08	Cumulative upto March 08
42.	Activities of Daily Livings skills Development (ADLs) (Discharge of Persons with Disabilities from CRW-I, CRW-II Therapy care)	198	30	228
43.	Persons with Disabilities discharged for non co-operation	55	10	65
44.	Development of productive skills	40	4	44
45.	Screening camp for newborn camp	64	13	77
46.	No of Newborn screened	636	328	964
47.	No. of Newborn Babies Identified	74	20	94
48.	Resolving issues	15	10	25
Economic Development				
49.	No. of job placement given	40	17	57
50.	Income Generation Support	95	7	102

Data (Accumulate figures for 2006-07 and 2007-08 given)

Sl. No.	Disabilities	2006-07			2007-08		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1.	Cerebral Palsy/ Mentally Retarded (CP & MR)	281	200	481	314	232	546
2.	Locomotor (LD)	954	557	1511	1070	610	1680
3.	Hearing Impairment (HI)	96	91	187	108	101	209
4.	Visual Impairment (VI)	76	56	132	83	60	143
5.	Other Disabilities (OD)	111	74	185	118	81	199
Total		1518	978	2496	1693	1084	2777



3. Human Resource Development

Sl. No	Particulars	2007-2008					
		Male		Female		Total	
		PC	NPC	PC	NPC		
1.	No. of staff as on 1.4.2007	32	66	13	51	162	*
2.	No. of staff newly recruited	5	10	3	18	36	*
3.	No. of Honorarium staff	0	4	0	0	4	
Total		37	80	16	69	202	
4.	No. of staff who left the organization	5	15	3	15	38	
Staff as on date		32	65	13	54	164	

*Personnel on contract basis included.

◆ Staff Annual Day (HRD)

Staff Annual Day was celebrated on - May 8th 2007. Mr.Sundararaju IOB Regional Manager, Tirunelveli, Mr.Eswararaj, Alangar Agency, Tenkasi, Mr.Selvaraj, Manager, IOB, Ayikudy, Mr.Aswinkumar, M/s. Vestas, Chennai participated.

3.1. Internal Staff Meetings:

❖ Section Meetings	:	23
❖ Sections Heads & Dept. Head Meetings	:	5
❖ Central Team Meetings	:	21
❖ All Staff Meetings	:	2
❖ Monthly VBRI All Staff Meetings	:	8
❖ VBRI Team Leaders Meetings	:	5
❖ ISO Meetings	:	5

3.2 Training / Workshop programmes for Personnel

- ❖ Ortho Physio Conference for two days at Coimbatore on 13/14 April 2007 attended by P.Ramasubramanian.
- ❖ Federation Management Training at M/s.Karl Kübel Institute for Development Education (KKID), Coimbatore attended by P.R.Murugan, M.Perumal and P.Palaniappan on 21/22 May 2007.
- ❖ Orientation programme on Deaf and Blindness training attended by L.Mahalakshmi and K.Subbulakshmi on 13-8-2007.
- ❖ National trust training for two days at Chennai attended by M.Suresh Kumar and Pauldurai on 30-6-2007 and 1-7-2007
- ❖ Programme Coordinator training, Trichy attended by P.Manickam from 21-5-2007 to 30-5-2007.

3.3 Disabled Development Training (DDT)

- ❖ Disabled Development Training (DDT) at Trichy attended by P.Selvakumar, V.Murugiah, P.Manickam, V.Ankappan from 25-6-2007 to 30-6-2007.
- ❖ DDT Training (1st Phase) at Trichy attended by R.Anandam from 16-8-2007 to 27-8-2007.
- ❖ DDT Training (2nd Phase) at Trichy attended by R.Anandam from 13-10-2007 to 23-10-2007.
- ❖ DDT Training (3rd Phase) at Trichy attended by R.Anandam from 3-1-2008 to 12-1-2008
- ❖ DDT Training (4th phase) at Trichy attended by R.Anandam from 9-3-2008 to 15-3-2008.
- ❖ Technical Training for Painting at Tirunelveli was attended by R.Varalakshmi from 30-6-2007 to 3-7-2007.
- ❖ UN-Convention Right of Persons with Disabilities training at Chennai attended by M.Perumal, R.Saravanan on 7-7-2007.
- ❖ ISO 9001:2000 Auditor Training attended by Section Heads and Dept. Heads on 4/5 June 2007.
- ❖ Statutory requirements of Community Based Organizations Training for two days at Coimbatore, M/s.KKID from 8/9 June 2007 attended by P.Palaniappan, P.Manickam, P.Selvaraj, P.R.Murugan, M.Perumal.
- ❖ Emergency Exit and Fire Rescue Demonstration training attended by Section Heads and Dept. Heads on 13-7-2007.
- ❖ Human Rights training for two days at Chennai on 18/19 August 2007 attended by M.Srinivasan, P.P.Mariappan, P.Palaniappan, V.Angappan, V.Lakshmanan and V.Murugaiah.
- ❖ Enterprise Development Workshop Training attended by S.Ramarajan and our student Mohamed Ali from 27-8-2007 to 29-8-2007.

- ❖ Training on Trainers Training attended by V.Murugaiah at Tirunelveli from 17-9-2007 to 20-9-2007.
- ❖ Basics of Disability Management training was attended by 27 staff members in campus.
- ❖ Sangam rules and policy training attended by 22 new staff members in campus.
- ❖ Disability Rights (National & International) attended by 27 staff member in campus.
- ❖ Office Secretaryship training attended by 20 staff members at M/s.KKID, Coimbatore on 28/29 February 2008.
- ❖ Soft Skills and NGO Management Skills programme attended by 8 staff members in campus.
- ❖ Staff motivation training attended by 29 staff members in campus conducted by Mr.Devaraj, Psychologist.
- ❖ Mental Health Programme at Trichy attended by Ramarajan from 16-11-07 to 22-11-07.
- ❖ R.Uthandakalai attended Feedback workshop at Chennai conducted by M/s.Give India, Mumbai on 22-1-2008.
- ❖ R.Uthandakalai and M.Perumal attended Making of Annual Report training at M/s.KKID, Coimbatore on 26/27 February 2008.
- ❖ Disabled women employment survey attended by R.Anandam at Trichy on 1-3-2008
- ❖ Visual documentation was attended by S.Wilson and S.Premkumar at KKID, Coimbatore from 3-3-2008 to 5-3-2008
- ❖ Usage of Computer Applications –Word, Excel, and the Accounting Packages created by Amar Seva Sangam attended by 12 staff members in campus.

4. Management Programmes

Training on CA / ICWA / CS and other Professional courses in Amar Seva Sangam:-

Training institute for such professional courses do not exist in Tirunelveli District and its nearby areas. The new global Indian economy has opened up new opportunities for young Professionals pursuing their career in Accountancy, Auditing, Cost Accounting, Management Accounting and Corporate Secretaryship. For filling the gap in this area Amar Seva Sangam can start such trainings which if carried out with high quality will bring not only revenue but also good name for the organization. Similar trainings can be started in places like Chennai under the flagship of Amar Seva Sangam, which will not only earn goodwill for the Sangam but also high revenue will be netted.

5. Advocacy

Barrier Free Environment seminar at Chennai:

- 5.1. Barrier Free Environment seminar at Chennai was attended by the Secretary.
- 5.2. World Disabled Day on ADD India attended by Secretary at Chennai on 20th & 21st December 2007.
- 5.3. INS Kattabomman Programme attended by Disabled Youth Trainees, and children stall at INS Kattabomman also attend by Secretary on 8th December 2007.
- 5.4 Zonal Technical Resource training (for SHG members) at New Delhi attended by M.Sureshkumar and Pauldurai from 9-8-2007 to 16-8-2007.

5.5. World Disabled Day Celebration

Amar Seva Sangam jointly with “Vetrikaranga” Self Help Group of Shencottah, Kadayanallur, Kizhapavoor and Tenkasi of Tirunelveli District organized “World Disabled Day” celebration at Shencottah on 14th December 2007. An Awareness Rally followed by public Meeting and Cultural programmes by the physically challenged children and youth formed part of the function. Sri.S.Ramakrishnan Founder President welcomed the participants and Sri.S.Sankara Raman, Hony.Secretary specially highlighted the assistance that can be offered by Governmental Agencies. Shri.T.Manohar, District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer presided over the function and responded very favorably to the pressing needs. All the dignitaries paid encomiums on the achievements of the Sangam.



World Disabled Day Rally

5.6. Tirunelveli District census survey

The entire census of physically challenged persons was digitized by Amar Seva Sangam, involving data entry of more than 40,000 records including classification, analysis and reports.

5.7. Soothing words from Government of India

2007-2008 started with a smile on the faces of the physically challenged. The Finance Minister in his Budget speech, had proposed to support the creation of about ONE lakh jobs every year for such persons with a salary limit of Rs 25,000 a month. He had proposed to encourage companies in the organized sector to provide regular employment to the physically challenged by rewarding an employer once the physically challenged person is enrolled under EPF and ESI schemes. The government would reimburse the employer's contributions to the EPF and ESI for the first 3 years.

6. Exchange Programmes

- 6.1. A Vocational Needs Assessment Camp for the physically challenged was conducted jointly with Vocational Rehabilitation Centre, Guindy, Chennai at our premises on 6th December and 7th December 2007. A wide spectrum of physically challenged persons numbering 515 drawn from Tenkasi, Kadayanallur, Shencottah and Kizhapavoor in Tirunelveli District took part in the workshop.
- 6.2. During 20th July 2007 and 8th August 2007 Mr. Ms.Suneet Sekhon - Medical student, Mr.David Wang - Medical students, Ms.Kelly Sward - OT student, Mr.Reza Eshayhian - Medical student, Ms.Sarah Unwin - Nursing student visited from Indian Health Initiatives (IHI), Canada.
- 6.3. Ms.Teena, Speech Language Pathologist from Germany visited during 4th March 2008 from Teaching Aboard.

7. Networking of NGOs

7.1. Awareness Programme on Muscular Dystrophy at Chile (Himachal Pradesh)

The Hony. Secretary Mr.S.Sankara Raman participated in a three-day workshop by Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy at Chile from 13th July to 15th July. More than 240 affected persons from all over the country participated. Several Doctors, Experts, Parents and siblings also attended in the workshop. The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh participated in the valedictory function.

7.2. Seminar

A one day seminar, coordinated by Dr.Radhabai was conducted on 13th December 2007, mainly to focus on the responsibilities of Banks for the economic rehabilitation of handicapped persons. Assorted bank officials from Tenkasi, Kadayanallur, Shencottah and Kizhapavoor in Tirunelveli Dist. participated in the Seminar.

7.3. The Hindu Mission Hospital

The Hindu Mission Hospital, Tambaram, Chennai, has been helping our boys and girls by carrying out surgeries and fixing of Artificial Limbs on individuals, free of cost as in previous years. Seven service users of Amar Seva Sangam were benefitted during the year. We are grateful to Shri D K Srinivasan, Hony Secretary, the Team of Doctors and staff of the Hospital for their humanitarian support.

Success Story

K. Mariappan, aged 20 years, was severely affected by cerebral palsy from birth. While joining Amar Seva Sangam, he had enormous difficulty for walking even with a stick. After surgery he has developed an attitude for self employment. He has independent mobility with accessory aids.

K. Mariappan



Before Surgery



After Surgery

8. General

The Secretary visited Susee Infosys BPO centre at Madurai. He visited Madurai for Flag Hoisting on 15-8-07 and also 40 members of the company visited Amar Seva Sangam. The prospects of getting BPO work is being worked out.

8.1. Media coverage

1. Cable News Network (CNN) Inc., New York, gave a coverage and telecasted on 30.11.2008.
2. Channel News Asia (CNA TV), Mediacorp News, Singapore - Documentary titled "Asians of the Year-2007" which has been telecasted on 21.1.2008
3. DNA a local daily in Mumbai gave a coverage.
4. SIRC - ICAI¹⁰ news letter - Sep 2007 issue
5. Kizhakku Vaasal monthly magazine published on Jan/Feb 2008.

8.2. Foundation For Excellence (FFE), INC, Mumbai

This is yet another philanthropic activity monitored and coordinated by Amar Seva Sangam. 39 financially backward but luminous students studying in different higher secondary schools, colleges and polytechnics including professional colleges are awarded financial assistance, obtained from Foundation For Excellence, Mumbai.

For the successful operation of this scheme three illustrious facilitators - Mr.L.Jambu, Trichy, Mr.T.Srinivasan, MEL Systems, Chennai and Mrs.Sugunalatha Lakshman, Tenkasi - scrutinise all applications and recommend to Foundation for Excellence, Mumbai for payment of scholarships.

¹⁰ Southern India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

Year	No. of Students		Amount support to PC	Amount support to NPC	Total Amount
	PC	PC			
2001-02	13	07	22,170	24,660	46,830
2002-03	09	11	18,380	39,240	57,620
2003-04	04	10	11,120	42,200	53,320
2004-05	04	10	11,309	77,140	88,449
2005-06	02	12	4,902	1,46,961	1,51,863
2006-07	02	12	25,867	1,69,901	1,95,768
2007-08	01	17	10,203	2,20,683	2,30,886
Total	35	79	1,03,951	7,20,785	8,24,736

8.3. All India Radio Programme

The Honorary Secretary Mr.S.Sankara Raman participated in a question / answer programme on 11th September 2007 as part of the Anandha Poongatrae Programme, conducted by AIR, Tirunelveli.

8.4. Wheelchairs - Donated by State Bank of Trivancore (SBT)

SBT donated 25 wheelchairs to physically challenged persons attached to Institution Based Rehabilitation and Village Based Rehabilitation.

9. Fund Raising Programmes

9.1. Major Donors

- ◆ During this year we have received a grant of \$ 85700 from the **Consulate General of Japan**, Chennai for newly constructed building of Hostel for physically challenged girls and Barrier-free dining hall-cum-kitchen for inmates of Amar Seva Sangam.
- ◆ **M/s. Handicare International**, Canada contributed **Rs. 9.48 lakhs** for activities in connection with the education of special children, physically challenged youth trainees and Home children.
- ◆ **M/s. Vitrag Foundation**, Mumbai have contributed **Rs. 6 lakhs** activities in connection with the Village Based Rehabilitation activities.
- ◆ During this year we have received a grant of **Rs. 5.56 lakhs** from **Government of India**, New Delhi towards the welfare activities of physically challenged Home children.
- ◆ **M/s. State Bank of India**, Chennai contributed **Rs. 4.98 lakhs** towards the purchase of Server, Computers and UPs for Advanced Information Technology Training Centre and Specially Designed Dining Tables for the physically challenged in the newly coming up barrier free Dining Hall.
- ◆ During this year we have received a grant of **Rs. 4.23 lakhs** from **M/s. Give Inda**, Mumbai for our welfare activities.
- ◆ **M/s. Channel News Network, (CNN)**, New York- USA have contributed **Rs.3.87 lakhs** for our welfare activities.
- ◆ **M/s.Caritas India**, New Delhi contributed **Rs.3.24 lakhs** for activities in connection with the Community Based Rehabilitation services.
- ◆ **M/s.BLA Coke Pvt Ltd.**, Mumbai have donated **Rs.3 lakhs** for our rehabilitation activities.
- ◆ **Mrs.A.K.Batth**, United Kingdom, has donated **Rs.2.30 lakhs** towards our day-to-day welfare activities.

- ◆ **M/s. Heart and Hand for the Handicapped**, USA contributed **Rs.2.01 lakhs** for activities in connection with the education of special children.
- ◆ **M/s. A.R.R.Charitable Trust**, Chennai donated **Rs.2 lakhs** towards the purchase furniture equipments for Advanced Information Technology Training Centre.
- ◆ **Mr. M.S.Parthasarathy**, Chennai contributed **Rs.2 lakhs** towards our Barrier-Free-Dining Hall and Kitchen building project.
- ◆ **M/s. GKR Foundation**, Chennai donated **Rs.1.80 lakhs** towards medical treatment for our Spinal Cord Injured Centre patients.
- ◆ **Mr.C. Thirumalai Velu**, Bangalore contributed **Rs.1.75 lakhs** for our building project of Barrier-Free-Dining Hall and Kitchen for service users of physically challenged.
- ◆ **M/s. The Thirupugal Anbargal**, Trivandrum, Kerala donated **Rs.1.12 lakhs** towards our rehabilitation services.
- ◆ **M/s.Penguin Apparels (P) Ltd.**, Madurai contributed **Rs.1.04 lakhs** for our various rehabilitation activities.
- ◆ **Ms.Kannammal Panchapakesan**-Mumbai, **M/s.Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.**-Chennai, **M/s.Salzer Electronics Ltd.**-Coimbatore, **Mr.S.Sundara Raman**-Chennai, **Mrs.Vasantha Venkataraman**-Pune, **Mr.V.S. Cowlagi**-Mumbai, **Mr.B.Kalyanasundaram**-Chennai, **M/s.Sivaswamy Memorial Charitable Trust**-Mumbai, **Mr.V.S.Ramakrishnan** - Chennai, **Mr.N.P.Mani** - Coimbatore, **Mr.K.R.V.Ramani** - Chennai, **M/s.Suchel Enterprises** - Coimbatore, **M/s.Padma & LT. Gen. N.R.** - Bangalore, **M/s.Dynamic Computer Services** - Chennai, **M/s.Sankara Pipes India Ltd.** - Bangalore, **Mr.V.Chidambaram** - Tirunelveli have donated **Rs.1 lakh each** for our various rehabilitation services.

9.2 Area-wise distribution of donation.

Rs. in Lakhs

FOR THE YEAR 2007-08 AREA-WISE DISTRIBUTION OF DONATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS				
REGION	TOTAL NO.OF DONORS LAST YEAR 2006-07	LAST YEAR 2006-07 (RS. IN LAKHS)	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS - THIS YEAR 2007-08	THIS YEAR 2007-08 (RS. IN LAKHS)
FOREIGN	52	17.46	118	61.41
OTHER STATES	606	40.76	554	50.81
GOVT. GRANT	1	5.39	1	5.56
TAMIL NADU	1687	52.17	1936	73.87
LOCAL	559	13.07	539	14.84
TOTAL	2905	128.85	3148	200.93

9.3 The donor support base

DONOR SUPPORT BASE OF AMAR SEAVA SANGAM IS AS FOLLOWS				
DONATION RANGE	TOTAL NO.OF DONORS 2006-07	RUPEES IN LAKHS 2006-07	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS 2007-08	RUPEES IN LAKHS 2007-08
RS. 1 - 100	324	0.22	324	0.23
RS. 101 - 499	279	0.66	273	0.62
RS. 500 - 999	589	3.19	613	3.33
RS. 1000 - 4999	1199	20.47	1331	22.61
RS. 5000 - 9999	254	13.75	299	16.86
RS. 10000 - 99999	239	39.87	266	48.08
RS. 100000 & ABOVE	21	50.69	42	109.20
TOTAL	2905	128.85	3148	200.93

10. Finance

10.1. Income and Expenditure for last three years

INCOME / RECEIPTS	2007-08	2006-2007	2005-2006
Self Generated (fees/ subscriptions/ interest/ community contributions etc)	8111190	7011846	5999847
Donations from individuals (Donations within India and outside)	Individuals are included in the following summary		
Grants from Indian sources (trusts/ Govt/ companies/ foundations)	15650570	13821698	17146727
Grants from International sources (under FCRA)	6140807	1746269	3530043
Total Receipts	29902567	22579813	26676617
EXPENDITURE / PAYMENTS			
Capital items purchased for the organization			
Gross Value	6089465	1996603	1167986
Capital Work in Progress	208280	1476008	826837
Investments	5294525	3713168	4504074
Working Capital	-578886	-3344783	3724504
Capital items purchased for beneficiaries	286827	1442779	207434
Revenue			
Salaries and benefits	4329451	4358526	4402688
Staff training	101402	100732	17500
Staff travel	196154	170553	177796
Office support expenses (rent/ repairs/ telephone/ etc)	777381	750084	682144
Communication (correspondence/ newsletters/Annual Reports/ brochures/ appeals/ website/ etc)	181870	184453	101469
Consultants' fees (audit/ legal/ programme)	39000	3594	7147
Grants/ donations given to other organizations as part of programme	NA	NA	NA
Other programme expenses (Rehabilitation & Empowerment Prog. Exp.)	12349987	11111308	10263095
Other Non-programme Expenses	627111	616788	593943
Total Payments	29902567	22579813	26676617

10.2 DATES' list on which you have submitted our financial returns to the following departments

Particulars	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006
Income Tax	29-10-2007	10-10-2006	25-10-2005
Registrar of Societies/ Trusts/ Charity Commissioner / Companies	03-10-2007	20-10-2006	29-09-2005
FCRA	17-09-2007	03.10.2006	20-08-2005
Auditors Name	M/S. M. SRINIVASAN & ASSOCIATES Chartered Accountants No.5, 9 th Floor, B Wing, Parson Manere, 602, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 006.		
Location			

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	107	86	193
5,000 – 10,000	5	-	5
10,000 – 25,000	-	-	-
25,000 – 50,000	-	-	-
50,000 – 1,00,000	-	-	-
Greater than 1,00,000	-	-	-
TOTAL	112	86	198

10.4 Staff remuneration (Gross annual salary + benefits) in Rupees

Head of the Organization:	Rs. <u>0</u>	per annum
Highest paid:	Rs. <u>86,304</u>	per annum
Lowest paid:	Rs. <u>12,426</u>	per annum

10.5. Staff International travel (in the year 2007-2008)

There was no International Travel undertaken by the Staff & Management

10.6. Annual Gross Remuneration paid to members of our 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 2007-2008 for the following items.

1.	International Travel	Rs. Nil
2.	Domestic Travel	Rs.1,62,622 (<i>President & Secretary – Tour Exp.</i>)
3.	Local Conveyance	Rs. Nil
4.	Entertainment Expenses	Rs. Nil
5.	Others	Rs. Nil

10.8 Minutes of Board Meetings:

Dates of Board Meetings	Number of members attended / Strength of Board as on date	Minutes documented and circulated
10.04.2007 (EC Meeting)	8/8	Yes
15.04.2007 (EC Meeting)	8/8	
19.08.2007 (EC Meeting)	8/8	
23.09.2007 (AG Meeting)	13/27	
30.09.2007 (EC Meeting)	6/8	
02.10.2007 (EC Meeting)	6/8	
12.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	8/8	
13.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	8/8	
14.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	8/8	
15.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
16.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
17.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
18.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
19.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
20.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
21.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
22.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
23.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	
26.03.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8	

The total assets of the Sangam have gone up to **Rs.831 Lakhs** from **Rs.732 Lakhs**. The Abridged Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure for the year 2007-08 are given below.

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31-03-2008

	31.03.2008 (Rs. in Lakhs)	31.03.2007 (Rs. in Lakhs)	% of Change
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Sir Ratan Tata Corpus	118.94	116.75	1.88
Amar Seva Matching Corpus	56.14	55.13	1.83
General Corpus	197.39	125.73	57.00
Feeding Corpus	136.86	118.43	15.56
Building & Equipment Corpus	321.41	315.66	1.82
TOTAL	830.73	731.7	
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	197.33	151.62	30.15
Capital Work in Progress	26.68	24.6	8.46
Investments	408.89	355.95	14.87
Net Working Capital	69.87	75.66	-7.65
Accumulated Deficits	127.96	123.87	3.30
TOTAL	830.73	731.7	
ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2008			
INCOME			
Donation	99.12	69.31	43.01
Central Govt. Grant from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	4.05	10.95	-63.01
CBR FORUM Grant	3.24	2.81	15.30
SSA IED Project	12.47	16.98	-26.56
Interest Received	26.01	17.45	49.05
Other Receipts	55.11	52.67	4.63
TOTAL	199.99	170.17	
EXPENSES			
Rehabilitation Centre Expenses	29.17	21.19	37.66
Home Expenses	10.33	10.77	-4.09
Sangamam School	6.59	5.52	19.38
School & IGNOU	12.88	11.36	13.38
Vocational training Expenses	24.99	24	4.13
Medical Testing Unit	11.5	14.35	-19.86
Spinal cord injury post acute care centre	4.86	-	-
Caliper Expenses	1.52	1.35	12.59
Village Based Rehabilitation	8.33	9.25	-9.95
SSA-IED Project	13.2	19.09	-30.85
Delivery of Services & Infrastructure	50.39	42.8	17.73
Public Communication & Administration Expenses	10.12	13.28	-23.80
Surplus / Deficit before Depreciation	16.12	-2.79	477.78
Depreciation	18.51	14.6	26.78
Surplus / Deficit	-2.39	-17.39	-113.74
TOTAL	199.99	170.17	

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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 **31st March 2008** and the relative Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date and report that:

1. 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 so far as appears from our examination of such books.
3. The Balance Sheet dealt with by this report are 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:
 - i. the balance sheet, of the state of affairs of the society as at **31st March 2008**.
 - ii. the Income and Expenditure statement, the excess of expenditure over income (Deficit), for the year ended with **31st March, 2008**.

Place : **Ayikudy**
Date : **19.8.2008**

for **M. SRINIVASAN & ASSOCIATES**
Chartered Accountants.

Sd/- xxx
R. Mohan
Partner - M. No. 22460

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

1. Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of preparation of financial statement

The accounts are prepared on historical cost convention and complies with the mandatory accounting standards issued by the institute on Chartered Accounts of India.

Accounting Policies not specifically referred to otherwise be consistent and in consonance with generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Fixed Assets and Depreciation

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.

Depreciation is provided on written down value method in accordance with the rates prescribed in the income Tax Act, 1961.

C. Inventories

The Inventories are valued at cost or net realizable value whichever is lower.

D. Revenue Recognition

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.

E. Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions in Foreign Currency are accounted at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of realization.

F. Contingent Liabilities:

Bank Guarantee issued by the Sangam: Rs.1,08,273

G. Previous year's figures have been regrouped, recasted wherever necessary to confirm to this year's classification.

Conclusion

We take this opportunity to thank our Patron-in-Chief Dr.M.S.Swaminathan for his valuable support and guidance and all our other Patrons who are standing as pillars of support for our organization. We also thank our Respected Collector of the District Shri.G.Prakash, IAS who is the Ex-Officio 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.

Thanking you.

Yours in Lord's Seva

S.Sankara Raman

Honorary Secretary

S.Ramakrishnan

Founder President

Place : Ayikudy

Date : 21.9.2008

What they say...

- ❖ “மாற்றுத்திறன் உடையோரின் வாழ்க்கை மேம்பாட்டுக்காக, கல்வி, பயிற்சி, மருத்துவம், வேலைவாய்ப்பு ஆகிய துறைகளில் அமர் சேவா சங்கம் ஆற்றிவரும் பணியைப் பாராட்ட எனக்கு வார்த்தைகள் போதவில்லை. தன்குடும்பம், தனது வாழ்க்கை என்று மனித உணர்வுகள் சுருங்கிக்கொண்டு வரும் இக்காலகட்டத்தில் தங்களது வாழ்வையே மாற்றுத்திறனுடையோரின் உயர்வுக்காகப் பணியாற்றும் திரு.சங்கரராமன் மற்றும் திரு.ராமகிருஷ்ணன் அவர்களுக்கும் இவர் இருவரின் கண் அசைவைப் புரிந்து கொண்டு செயல்படும் ஏனைய உறுப்பினர்கள், அலுவலர்கள், பயிற்சியாளர்கள், ஆசிரிய பெருமக்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் எனது வாழ்த்துக்களும், பாராட்டுக்களும்”- **Smt. Subbulakshmi Jegadeesan**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- ❖ “அமர் சேவா சங்கத்தின் செயல்பாடுகள் வியக்கத்தக்கவை! பாராட்டுக்கள்! உங்கள் சங்கம் இன்னும் பல கிராமங்களில் பரவ வேண்டும்!”. – மாண்புமிகு பூங்கோதை ஆலடி அருணா, சமூகநலத்துறை அமைச்சர், தமிழ்நாடு அரசு.
- ❖ “Amar Seva Sangam: a wonderful place of coming true of: “எண்ணிய எண்ணியாங்கு எய்துக”. The cultural programme by the “tiny tots” & grown up children was remarkable. It was a great assertion of human spirit. Beyond this imparting of contemporarily relevant economical, technical skills are great steps. “உழைக்கவும் தெரியும் உயரவும் தெரியும்”. This is a great line. Make the students to believe that they should not just survive but rise, rise, rise. May Mother help” – **Dr. Y.S.Rajan**, Principal Advisor, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) New Delhi.
- ❖ “Amar Seva Sangam is a wonderful rehabilitation centre in the heartland of India under Ramakrishnan and Sankara Raman in countrywide open area and not in a big city. Wish them every success for years to come”. – **Dr. Amarjit Singh Chahal**, New Delhi.
- ❖ “விழும் போது விதையாக விழுவோம், எழும்போது மலையாக எழுவோம் - என்ற வாக்கினை நிறைவேற்றிக் காட்டிய திரு.ராமகிருஷ்ணன் அவர்களுக்கும், அமர் சேவா சங்கத்தின் செயலாளர் திரு.சங்கரராமன் அவர்களுக்கும் வெள்ளி விழா வாழ்த்துக்கள்;”. – மா.சித்திரேசன், முதன்மை மேலாளர், இந்தியன் ஓவர்சீஸ் வங்கி, திருநெல்வேலி.
- ❖ “தனி ஒரு நபராகவும், உடற்கூறுகள் பாதிக்கப்பட்டிருந்தாலும், உள்ளம் பாதிக்கப்படவில்லை என்ற உயர்ந்த தன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் நின்று, இன்று 25 ஆண்டுகளை நிறைவு செய்து, உலகின் மிகச்சிறந்த நிறுவனமாக “அமர் சேவா சங்கம்;” திகழும் வண்ணம், திருவாளர்கள் ராமகிருஷ்ணன், சங்கரராமன் ஆகியோர் நிர்வாகம் செய்துள்ளனர். இவர்களின் தொண்டுள்ளம் தொடர்ந்து சேவை செய்வது போல், நாமும் ஏதேனும் இந்த சமூகத்திற்கு சேவை செய்ய வேண்டும் என்ற உந்துதல் என்னுள்ளத்தில் தோன்றுகின்றது”. வாழ்க இந்நிறுவனம்! வளர்க இவர்தம் தொண்டு! – கோ.சீனிவாசன், மாவட்ட வருவாய் அலுவலர், திருநெல்வேலி.
- ❖ “I am proud to be associated with Amar Seva Sangam. Their work inspire me. Congratulations” – **Vikas Goswami**, MicroSoft, Chennai.
- ❖ I have no words to express my heartfelt wishes to this Amar Seva family. It is today, I learnt my lesson of confidence and generosity. It is only good to serve the humanity. I take this as a great opportunity of life time achievement. We the Cognizant Family wishes you from the very heart – **Mariya Anitha**, Cognizant Foundation.
- ❖ Today I had the rarest opportunity to visit Amar Seva Sangam and met Sri.Sankara Raman, Secretary of the Sangam. I am happy that Sri.Sankara Raman is a Chartered Accountant and fully devoted for a noble cause. Amar Seva Sangam is doing a great service to the physically challenged individuals and trying to give support for them for self employment. The activities in the rehabilitation center are very impressive. I am happy that Sangam is running CPT classes for CA Students. I wish the Sangam all the best. – **K.S.Madhava Murthi**, Chairman, SIRC of ICAI, Chennai.

2008 மாநில ஊனமுற்றோர் விளையாட்டு போட்டி ஆய்க்குடி அமர்சேவா சங்க அணி சாம்பியன்

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A profile in courage ¹⁴⁻¹²⁻⁰⁷

Wheel-chair bound S. Ramakrishnan reveals key to success

Staff Reporter

TIRUCHI: Founder-president of Amar Seva Sangam, near Courtallam, in Tirunelveli district S. Ramakrishnan is a source of inspiration for not only differently abled boys and girls but also to some of their parents.



INSPIRATION: Sangam president S. Ramakrishnan interacting with differently-abled persons in Tiruchi on Wednesday. — PHOTO: R.M. RAJARATHINAM

PRESS
REVIEW

IT training centre for differently-abled

Tirunelveli, Sept 9: Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan inaugurated an Advanced Information Technology Training Centre at Amar Seva Sangam in Anyikudi as part of the Sangam's silver jubilee celebrations held on its premises on Sunday.

Infosys Foundation, Microsoft and Cognizant Foundation have funded the IT training centre, which has been established at the cost of Rs 40 lakh on the premises of the Amar Seva Sangam, which was started in 1991 to rehabilitate the physically and mentally challenged.

The centre will impart free training in Information Technology Enabled Service skills and how the capabilities of the differently-abled in this field. The centre will initially offer training on e-Accounting, Bachelors and Masters Degree courses in

Computer Applications with India Gandhi National Open University, computer training for professional courses like chartered accountancy, programming languages like dot-Net, VB and C++, training on business process outsourcing and training on creative animations.

Amar Seva Sangam secretary S. Sankara Raman informed that the facility was available for the non-disabled students from whom nominal fee would be collected from them.

Speaking on the occasion, Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan lauded the services of the Amar Seva Sangam for creating awareness among the public on preventing child labour with disability.

Social Welfare Minister Poongothai Alagi Aruna urged the Amar Seva Sangam administration to extend technical support to the welfare programmes



Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan speaking at the inauguration of an Advanced Information Technology Training Centre at Amar Seva Sangam in Anyikudi on Sunday

being executed by the State Government for the benefit of the differently-abled children. Assembly Speaker B. Avudaiyappan, M. Appa-

"The Hindu" - 26 July 2007 Japanese grants for NGOs

Special Correspondent

CHENNAI: The Consul-General of Japan on Wednesday provided grants worth US\$482,000 each to three Tamil Nadu non-governmental organisations (NGOs): the Namakkal-based Society for Serving Humanity; the League for Education and Development for the disabled; and the Amar Seva Sangam, an organisation run by the disabled for the disabled in Tirunelveli.



FINANCIAL BOOST: Kazuo Minagawa, Consul General of Japan (extreme left), with S. Sankara Raman, Honorary Secretary, Amar Seva Sangam, at the GGP grant contract signing ceremony in Chennai on Wednesday. A. Jirito Selvaraj, Secretary, SSH and N. Radha, Executive Director, LEAD, are in the picture. — PHOTO: R. RAGU

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Sl.No.	SPONSOR SCHEMES*	Amount (Rs.)
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5.	Sponsorship of Higher Education of a Disabled Student - (per annum)	36,000
6.	Sponsorship of Medicines for a Mentally Challenged child - (per month)	500
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FEEDING SCHEMES*		
9.	One Lunch Feeding (For children)	750
10.	One Day Feeding (For children)	2,500
11.	Kamadhenu (One time payment for feeding 12 children once a year)	2,500
PATRON SCHMES**		
12.	Annual Patron	1,000
13.	Fellow Patron	5,000
14.	Annual Corporate Patron	10,000
15.	Life Time Patron	10,000
16.	Life Time Corporate Patron	1,00,000
ENDOWMENT SCHEMES*		
17.	Sri Vidya Education Endowment	50,000
18.	Dhanvanthiri Medical Endowment	50,000
19.	Amudhasurabhi Rehabilitation Endowment	50,000
OTHER SCHEMES		
20.	Adopt 300 Villages (per annum)**	8.65 lakhs
21.	Adopt 75 Villages (per annum)**	2.16 lakhs
22.	Adopt 75 Villages (25% of expenses per annum)**	0.54 lakhs
23.	General Donations*	Any amount
24.	Buildings*	Any amount

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- » Community Centre with self-contained cottages for the disabled children, youth and staff including care-giving and recreational facilities.
- » Well equipped Training Hall
- » Gymnasium, Hydrotherapy, Study and Prayer Hall
- » Water supply project for the campus
- » Solar Lighting and Energy arrangements, Wind Mill and Non conventional energy generation units
- » Internal roads and Compound wall
- » Meditation Hall

Our aims

1. To involve the local communities in the decision making process
2. To enable persons with disabilities to become independent and assertive
3. To extend the current physical rehabilitation programme to social and economical integration
4. To establish democratic people-level institutions for proper utilization of the infrastructure created in the Sangam and make it a “Valley for the Disabled”

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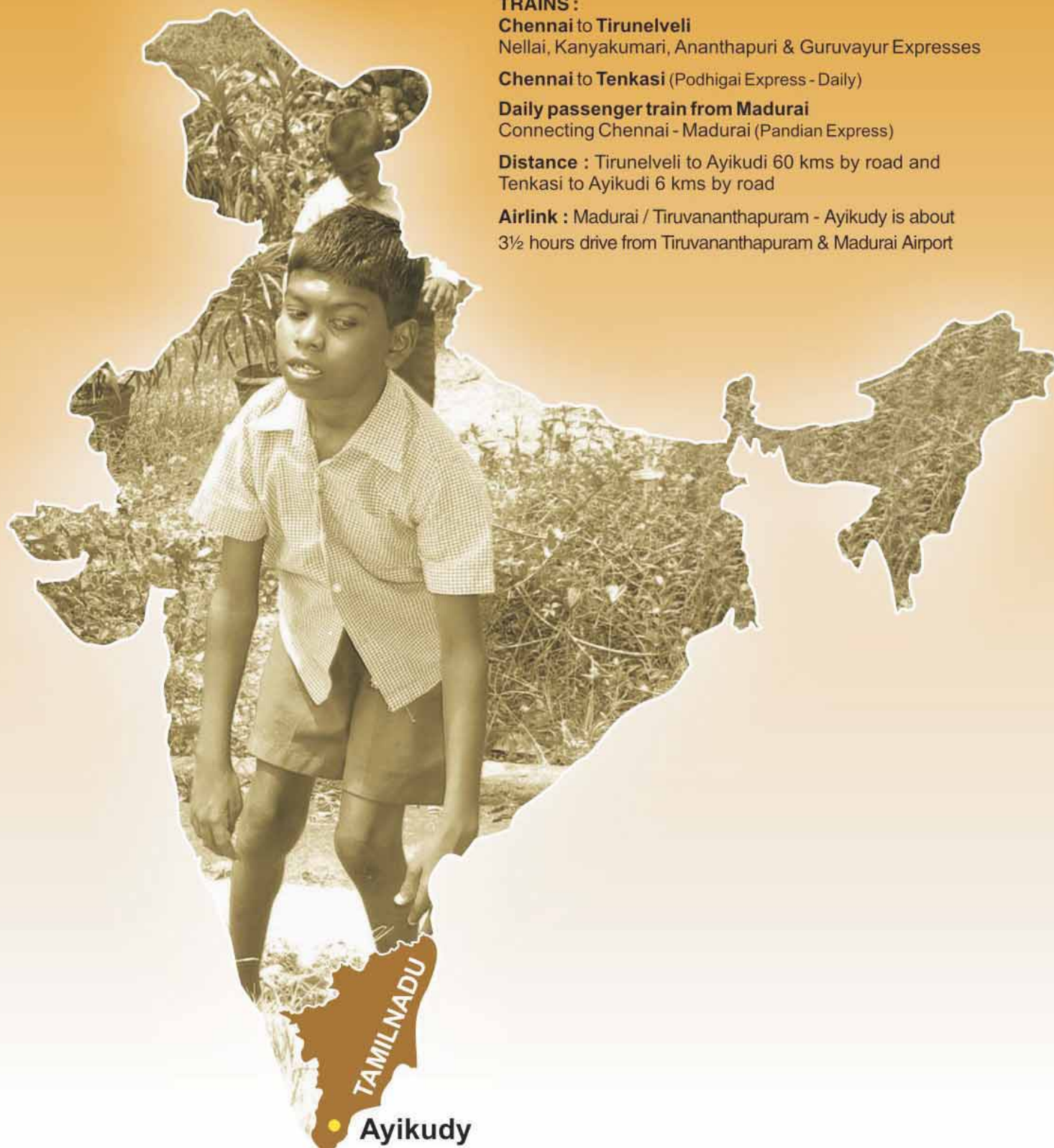
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