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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..... 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
- Published in Bhavan's Journal, Sep.'93.

It is our pleasure to celebrate the Birth Centenary year of our First Patron-in-Chief Bharat Ratna Late Shri C.Subramaniam who had guided, encouraged and supported us in all our endeavours to such an extent that we are today recognised as one of the Best Organizations involved in the welfare of physically challenged in India. We are striving hard to bring to shape all his dreams to make India the best place to live in the world where peace and happiness prevail always.

Our First Patron-in-Chief

P. GEETHA JEEVAN
MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE



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Date...**15.09.2009**.....

MESSAGE

Really, I have great pleasure in extending greetings on the occasion of the publication of Annual Report by Amar Seva Sangam, a reputed Charitable Society which devoted itself for the upliftment to rural poor and handicapped. It is highlighted that the institution is tirelessly doing service to the home children, special school children and spinal chord injured persons for more than quarter century.

I wholeheartedly wish that the Annual Report would definitely attain its objects and would be a mirror of achievements through the ages.



(P.GEETHA JEEVAN)

To

**Thiru. S. Sankara Raman,
Hony. Secretary,
"Amar Seva Sangam",
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Tirunelveli district.**

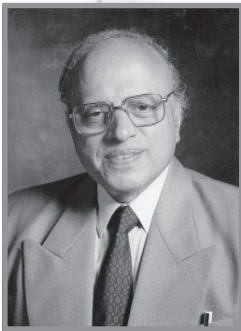
Message

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6th September 2009



Our Patron-in-Chief

Amar Seva Sangam has rendered 28 years of dedicated and meaningful service to give a life of hope and cheer to the handicapped and differentially abled children. Amar Seva Sangam has become the flagship of our movement to help the handicapped. We are indebted to Puja Ramakrishnanji, President and Shri Sankara Ramanji, Honorary Secretary and all their colleagues for becoming the very embodiment of meaningful action to change for the better the destiny of the handicapped.

M S Swaminathan

Message

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



I am delighted that you are publishing the annual report for Amar Seva Sangham. From a small school for children it has grown as a Spinal injuries service for Southern India. You must consolidate your good work and keep up the high Standards. Our students are best friends. Keep a record of the children & their progress in Life. With dedication of the team of selfless workers it will continue to grow.

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

Preface



Preparing an Annual Report, is an interesting and challenging exercise; as the activities of the Sangam, various events for the year which are a feather in our cap and our humble contributions to the welfare of the physically challenged and the society; all have to be precisely given under the Annual Report which would also include the financial details of the year under review.



Amar Seva Sangam which was started in 1981 got into a development mode and started rehabilitation activities for poor disabled children from 1991 with just eight children in a small room. Handi-Care International (HCI), Canada came to our help immediately and now we are helping more than 4000 poor physically challenged people every year. HCI has been a source of great support and inspiration in the last 17 years by way of donations and sponsorships. As always all our projects and endeavours have been fully supported and backed by individual donors, corporates, trusts and philanthropists both in India and abroad.

The Projects that began in the previous years such as Centre for Special School, Hostel for physically challenged youth both boys and girls continued to progress as per schedule, and we are confident that it would be inaugurated during 2009-10.

We humbly place on record the various Awards and Recognitions that have been received by us during the year.

We continued to enthusiastically participate in the Mumbai Marathon, Diary Project and other fundraising activities both in India and abroad taken up by our donors which has helped us in not only mobilizing funds, but also Amar Seva Sangam is now a name force to be reckoned to many as a centre which has taken up the cause of physically challenged in a holistic manner.

All our efforts and moments of pride has been possible only due to the continuing support and blessings of well wishers, donors and Institutions who have always been with Amar Seva Sangam. We continue to look forward to the support of one and all.

S. Sankara Raman

Honorary Secretary

S. Ramakrishnan

Founder President

Our

VISION

It is our vision to establish a Valley for the Disabled, whereby physically/mentally challenged persons live in a pro-active society where equality prevails irrespective of physical, mental or other challenged with the rest of the society. It is a futuristic vision whereby Amar Seva Sangam plays the role of an enabling agent to get the physically/mentally challenged “equality of status, equality in opportunities and equality in access”. It is a society where people are identified as differentially abled.

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.

QUALITY POLICY

Amar Seva Sangam is committed to satisfy physically challenged service users by empowering them to have an equal participation in the society. This is achieved by providing them the appropriate rehabilitation services of excellent Quality and continuously improving the same.

Focus area to achieve the above are:

1. Work closely with society, various NGOs and governmental organizations.
 - a. To enhance awareness on the need and means of empowerment.
 - b. To enhance the service facilities in the organization for rehabilitation to cope up with various challenges of all disabilities.
2. Make the organization as a “System driven one” by ensuring effective implementation and maintenance of Quality Management System and continuously improving the same.
3. Improving the quality of rehabilitation services by enhancing the competence of the human resource personnel in the organization.

Live to Serve



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This year Amar Seva Sangam has entered its 28th year of glorious service and we have great pleasure in presenting the activities during the year 2008-2009.

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

1.1. Bhagwan Mahaveer AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation, Chennai, Award for **Excellence IN HUMAN ENDEAVOUR IN THE SPHERE OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE** was received from Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil by Shri. S. Sankara Raman, Hony. Secretary on **19th May 2008** at a glittering function at Rashtrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi. The award included a citation and a cash award for Rupees Five Lakhs. This was in recognition of Amar Seva Sangam's continuous social service for the welfare of the physically challenged (Cover Photo).

1.2. Aum Pranava Ashram Award

On **25th May 2008**, our Founder President Shri S. Ramakrishnan was presented the "**Sevai Nayagan Award**" by Om Pranava Ashram, Courtallam for his outstanding performance in the field of welfare activities.

1.3. Alumni Club of Sri Paramakalyani College - Award

Shri S. Ramakrishnan, Founder President on **12th August 2008** was conferred the "**Outstanding Achiever Award**" for his social service to the disabled sector by the Alumni Club of Sri Paramakalyani College, Alwarkurichi.

1.4. The National Trust - Best Organization Award

The National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities, under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, in recognition of outstanding achievements made and excellent standards set by Amar Seva Sangam conferred the Award for the Best Association of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2007-08, on **12th September 2008** at New Delhi. The Award was received by Hon. Secretary Shri. S. Sankara Raman from Smt. Meira Kumar, Honourable Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi and the Chairperson Smt. Poonam Natarajan of National Trust, New Delhi.



1.5. NASEOH Award for Outstanding Achievements

National Society for Equal Opportunities for the Handicapped (NASEOH), Mumbai, India on 9th December 2008 conferred the **Late Shri.Kailashpat Singhania Award** for the year **2008** to Shri.Sankara Raman, Hony.Secretary, Amar Seva Sangam in recognition of his **Outstanding Achievements** The Award carried a rotating trophy and cash award of Rs.25,000/-.

1.6. G.R.Nataraj Iyer Centenary Celebration

The Honorary Secretary Shri.S.Sankara Raman participated in the G.R.Nataraj Iyer Centenary Celebration organized by G.R.Nataraj Iyer Trust at Chennai and received a cash award of Rs.25,000/- At the function while being blessed by His Holiness Dayandana Swaraswati, the Honorary Secretary invited him for the inauguration of Center for Special Education Building. His Holiness has given consent to inaugurate and the date has been fixed for May 8th 2009 after mutual consultations.

1.7. Hamsadhwani Foundation Award for Excellence

“Hamsadhwani R.Ramachandran Award for Excellence” was presented by Former Chief Election Commissioner of India Shri.T.S.Krishnamurthy to Shri.S.Sankara Raman, Hony. Secretary, Amar Seva Sangam in Chennai on 1st January 2009. The award carried a citation and a cash prize of Rs.10,000/

2. Friends know no frontiers

2.1. The Dream Project – Centre for Special Education



The primary aim of this initiative is to build a centre for special education and train qualified educators for children and youth with developmental disabilities. The facilities and training that were existing did not meet the needs of an increasing number of children with moderate to severe developmental challenges and as a result staff are limited in their ability to help children reach their full potential.

The over reaching goal of this project is to change the focus of the program from a day care centre to a special education school by securing necessary additional training, facilities and equipment. Within this greater goal, other priorities include improved integration into the mainstream school system, improved networking with existing job training programmes and increased community and Parental involvement.

Early intervention and Parental training are important components of rehabilitation. In order to provide the best possible early intervention, the programme is targeted towards the educational needs of young children. Over time, the programme is intended to provide job skills training and to integrate with the existing vocational training for youth with physical disabilities at Amar Seva Sangam.

Another important initiative is to offer a more structured support and training programme for the parents of children at the centre.

This support will help parents better understand their child's needs and allow them to participate more fully in their education. This programme will be modeled after an existing parental support system offered in the Village Based Rehabilitation centres at Amar Seva Sangam. It will be funded through other operational funding sources, but will make use of new facilities, resources and additional expertise of trained staff.

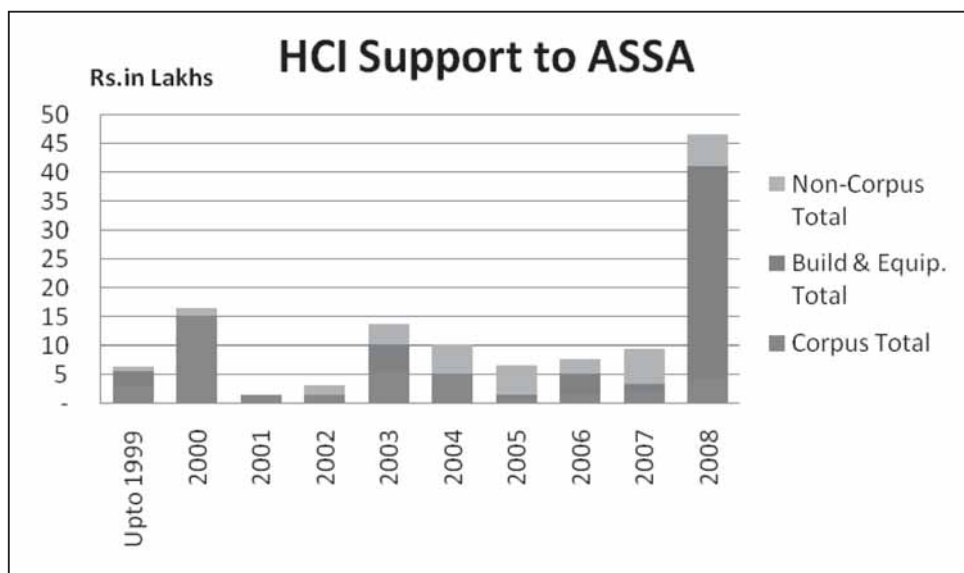


When the project was originally conceived in 2006, the estimated cost was Rs.25 lakhs. Handi-Care International, Canada who have always supported Amar Seva Sangam from 1993 through sponsorship programme, feeding programmes, endowments and other valuable assistance both for the children and the Sangam in the form of generators were approached for the funds

As the cost escalated from Rs.25 lakh to Rs.52 lakh due to cost increase in cement, steel, construction materials, etc **Handicare International, Canada President Smt.Sulochana Krishnamurthy and her team of supportive Directors and her daughter-in-law Smt.Kavitha Dinesh** organized fundraising programmes and the Indian community in Canada donated Rs.42 lakh for the project in 2008.

In a nutshell, with the support of the Indian community in Canada, Handi-Care International has managed to raise and disburse nearly Rs.1.2 Crore to Amar Seva Sangam in the past 17 years. HCI has disbursed an average of Rs.5 lakh (total of Rs.80 lakh) for 16 years from 1992 to 2007. 2008 was an exceptional year, where the people of Canada opened up their hearts and wallets to donate Rs.42 lakh to build the “Centre for Special Education”. HCI has sponsored 80 children with endowments. Since 2004, HCI has sponsored 25 children / youth for their higher education / Vocational training, every year. HCI has created endowments for almost 200 days of “Kamadhenu” feedings, thus far.

HCI has been amply rewarded by the children of Amar Seva Sangam, who continuously show progress in all respects. Many children have improved significantly in their physical rehabilitation. Almost every child has completed high school education. Most of the disabled youth that HCI has sponsored for higher education, have successfully completed and are finding gainful employment.



The project could not have been completed without the valuable financial help of **Rs.10 lakh extended by M/s.SWISS India Trust, Chennai** who came forward and contributed for two classrooms.

In view of this timely help the project which was commenced in October 2008 will surely be completed in May 2009.

2.2. Paadhai Trust

With the view to funding specific ongoing Village Based Rehabilitation programme, PAADHAI Trust, Bangalore have projected and identified donors in Switzerland / France. A contribution of Rs. 3.71 lakh has been received for the Sambavarvadakarai area which will extend a helping hand to development of

Parents' association and PMRC activities of SHGs such as economic, federation and training, awareness creation, education, social wellbeing, medical rehabilitation.

With their support 28 (26) Self Help Groups and 210 PDs (Persons with disabilities) have been rehabilitated (115). 10 special children got special education(5); 1 disabled children got school admission(2); 3 surgeries performed(2); 5 staff were imparted continued training(17) and through this 15 mental ill patients(18), 24 epileptic persons and their families got medical rehabilitation and support(31). The savings in the groups was Rs. Rs.3.76 lakhs (Rs. 2.08 lakhs); the loans advanced to members Rs.1.43lakhs (Rs.0.94 lakhs) and the return on investments was 37%. (35%) The number of persons with disabilities who got vocational training were 2 (6) and 2 got self employed(1) (Previous years figures are in brackets) We thank Paathai Trust and look forward their continued support



3. Major Events

3.1. Kanchi Paramacharya Peetarohana Shatabdi Block

Kanchi Paramacharya Peetarohana Shatabdi Block—Spinal Cord Injured Post Acute Care Centre was inaugurated on 30th May 2008 by His Holiness Jayendra Saraswathi Swamigal of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Sankara Mutt. The Swamiji blessed the Sangam on the occasion. The newly inaugurated centre will go a long way to help mitigate the hardships of the disabled.



3.2. Inauguration Sri.T.N.Natarajan Memorial Hall

Class Rooms donated by M/s. Nandalala Seva Samithi Trust, Chennai and Sri.T.N.Natarajan Memorial Hall donated by Shri S.M.Uzair to Sivasaraswathi Vidyalaya Middle School, Amar Seva Sangam were both inaugurated by Sri.S.M.Uzair, Managing Director, Hotel Woodlands, Hong Kong on 10th June 2008.

At the same function Smt.Gita Sankaran, Director of Handi-Care International, Canada handed over Sponsorship Funds for physically challenged children and youth trainees of Amar Seva Sangam, besides agreement for the building fund for "Centre for Special Education".

3.3. Donating Computers and Dining Table by State Bank of India



A grand function was held at the Sangam premises on 2nd November 2008 when Shri.J.Chandrasekaran, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Chennai Circle donated Computers and Dining Tables for the benefit of the physically challenged youth trainees, to improve their livelihood. The special keynote address was delivered by Founder President Shri S.Ramakrishnan. The Cultural Programme presented at the function was well appreciated by all the guests.





3.4. GCTians Programme

This is a unique programme whereby Ex GCTians, Coimbatore along with their family members organized their get-together at Tenkasi and Ayikudy in November 2008 / March 2009 by involving both Amar Seva Sangam and "Vetrikarantal" physically challenged SHGs. The Programme was an exclusive event wherein both the organizers and the participants enjoyed the new experience. The GCTians not only gave away prizes to the winners of the various competitions but also with view to

motivate the inmates pledged to devote more time at the Sangam besides helping by donating both in cash and in kind. They have also assured that such get-togethers would take place on a yearly basis.

3.5. Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for Centre for Special Education

The Foundation Stone for the Centre for Special Education (known as Sangamam School) was laid by Shri.P.Kannappan, I.P.S., D.I.G. of Police, Tirunelveli Range on 16th September 2008. The Function was presided over by Dr.R.Kousalya Devi, Managing Trustee, Gandhigram Trust. Commander Ajay Singh, INS Kattabomman, Vijayanarayanam also present at the function.



3.6. Inauguration of Parents Managed Respite (PMR) Centre



Due to the innovative and continued efforts of our Village Based Rehabilitation field Office in V.K.Pudur, a PMR centre was inaugurated on 20th November 2008 by Dr.K.Murugiah, Mahalakshmi Nursing Home, Surandai. The highlight of the centre is that there were about 20 Mentally Challenged children staying in their respective houses. On 20th November 2008 the parents came together and were instrumental for starting the Centre. M/s. Gomathy Thanga Maligai, Surandai has agreed to pay the monthly rent of the Centre. Shri.Selvam, Proprietor, Sumathi Mobiles has kindly agreed to supply required

consumables for the Centre.

The Special Education provided at the Centre will be of great benefit to the affected children.

3.7. Sangamam School 11th Anniversary Function

The 11th Anniversary function of Sangamam School for Special Children was conducted on 13th October 2008. The participants of the cultural programme are the Special Children of the Sangamam School. The success of the programme is due to the hard work made by the children themselves besides the continuous and untiring efforts of the teachers in moulding the children to be as natural as possible as also motivating and encouraging the special children's parents also to involve and participate in the progress of the children. This also indicates the level of development and helps in analyzing and adopting new strategies for more effective improvement in the children.



Dr.S.Sumathi, Executive Committee Member welcomed the gathering which was presided over by Shri.T.Manohar, District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer, Tirunelveli.

3.8. May Day Celebrations

May Day was celebrated on a grand scale at the Sangam premises wherein the function was presided over by Mr.Chockalingam, Representative, Vestas Wind Technology Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. The Chief Guest was Mr.M.Ramdoss, Senior Regional Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Tirunelveli. The keynote address was delivered by Mr.K.Prasanth, Provident Fund Officer, O/o. Labour Provident Fund Office, Tirunelveli. The function was attended by the staff and family members of the Sangam.

3.9. School Annual Day, Sports Day and Literary Club Valedictory Celebrations

All the above events took place on 10th February 2009 which was presided over by Chief Guest Mr.K.Vincent Baskar, District Elementary Educational Officer, Tirunelveli. The keynote address was delivered by Smt.P.Mary Hebsibha, Additional Elementary Educational Officer, Sencottai. The students also took part in a gala cultural programme.

3.10. Sixth State Level Sports Meet of Physically Challenged Persons

Six years in succession, once again our Home children and Youth trainees totaling 28 participated in the State Level Sports Meet for physically challenged persons held on 28th February 2009 conducted by Tamilnadu Handicapped Federation Charitable Trust, Chennai. We again won the Championship, Citations and Shield by scoring excellent points and winning 49 prizes.



4. Other Highlights

4.1. KR Block Expansion

The ground floor of the Guesthouse known as the Shri K.Ramasamy (KR) Block was constructed and inaugurated in the year 1999. The donors have once again come forward and contributed for the expansion by construction of the first floor of the Block. The work is in progress.

4.2. Donation of land:

Smt.Saroja Srikandan has kindly donated her family land property in Melapavoor village.

4.3 Hindu Mission Hospital, Tambaram

As in the previous years, Hindu Mission Hospital, Tambaram, Chennai continues to help our boys and girls in carrying out surgeries, fixing of Artificial Limbs and other services, besides their stay is free of cost. During the year 2008-09, seven physically challenged persons benefitted out of this scheme. We are grateful to Shri D K Srinivasan, Honorary Secretary, the Team of Doctors and staff of the Hospital for their humanitarian support which is continuously extended to us.



Before Surgery

Master Marimuthu

Master Marimuthu (8) who by birth had deformities on both his feet, walked by using the lateral surface of his feet. This created lot of discomfort to him while walking on uneven surfaces. After this successful operation we are happy to put on record the fact that today he moves around like any other normal child including attending to school.



After Surgery

Our Activities

5. Institution Based Rehabilitation

5.1 Rehabilitation

5.1.1. Home

The children of the Home aged between Five to Twelve years 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	
		2007-08	2008-09
1	Residential Care Students at the beginning	48	48
1.2	Children Promoted to Village Based Rehabilitation	14	8
1.3	New entrants	17	9
1.4	Discharged	03	4
Total	Under Residential Care at the end of the year	48	45

Sl. No. 1.2 & 1.4 have been transferred to "Village Based Rehabilitation Programme" or discharged continue to receive extensive support from Sangam.



Mohamed Anush

Master Mohamed Anush (7) does not look his age in view of congenital deformity which has reduced his height besides deforming his fingers and legs. However, he is highly talented, and in view of the motivation given to him at the Home he can eat without any aid, writes well besides being an excellent dancer. He is well versed in reciting slokas. Seeing his progress his parents are elated besides he is an excellent motivator for other Home children and their parents.

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

The students of our Sangamam School are special children who are brought to the Sangam every day by providing them transport facilities. During their stay in the Centre, they are trained in daily living activities, behavioral science, self-care, learning capacity by familiarizing them with the reading / writing and speech besides vocational skills. They are also given physiotherapy. They are also provided with nutritious food besides their medical requirement lunch, milk and biscuits in addition to taking care of their health care requirements.

Particulars of children	Boys		Girls		Total	
	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09
No. of Mental Retarded children	22	26	18	21	40	47
Children with Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation	10	11	07	07	17	18
Total	32	37	25	28	57	65

5.1.3. Orthotics Centre

The Orthotics centre manufactures, repairs, and services calipers of not only our inmates but for anyone who may approach the centre with their specific needs. The unique feature of the Orthotics centre is that all work is done free of cost.

Sl. No.	Appliances	Consultation offered		Appliances made		Appliances repaired	
		07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09	07-08	08-09
1.	Prosthesis	0	0	0	0	45	44
2.	Long Caliper	11	40	0	35	66	151
3.	Long Caliper with knee joint	39	27	9	30	195	220
4.	Extended Caliper	01	05	41	02	71	89
5.	Extended caliper with knee joint	02	02	01	01	90	76
6.	Seat Caliper	03	10	02	06	48	69
7.	Seat Caliper with knee joint	04	10	02	07	74	53
8.	Knee cage	31	37	28	36	17	30
9.	Sandals	15	05	17	05	204	141
10.	Walking Aids	38	27	44	29	208	303
11.	Short caliper	26	34	24	36	50	56
12.	Others	85	107	83	102	149	254
Total		255	304	251	289	1217	1486

5.1.4. Medical Testing Unit (MTU)

This unit was conceived and started with Japanese aid in 1998. This being the nerve centre is well used by the families of the challenged persons. In view of the importance and popularity of this centre we have created a separate unit for newborn babies who may need physiotherapy attention right from the early stages. This centre offers more modern approach with many items like soft mattresses, mirrors, specific playing materials for the children and new rehabilitation techniques. All the facilities extended to the users are free of cost.

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
2006	663	19900
2007	512	21438
2008	566	22530

5.1.5. SPINAL CORD INJURED POST-ACUTE CARE CENTRE

During the year 2007-08, the Kanchi Paramacharya Peetarohana Shatabdi Block Spinal Cord Injured Post-Acute Care Centre was inaugurated which looks after patients post surgery for Spinal Cord Injured from all over India based on criteria and norms laid down by the centre.

Year	Total no. of inmates	Discharged
2007-08	Eight	Three
2008-09	Fifteen	Seven

Based on the improvement of any patient, during his stay at the centre, Vocational Training is also imparted. Follow-up of discharged patients is also undertaken at the centre and based on our work and experience we are striving hard to get recognition for this centre as one of the best maintained spinal cord injured Post-Acute Care Centre in the South. The main aim of the centre is to inculcate a sense of confidence in the patient that notwithstanding the fact that he may not be fully cured he returns back to some sort of near normalcy such that he will be able to look after himself either on his own or with assistance. A multi-gym, an essential facility for treatment at this centre to strengthen muscle was procured during the year.

P.Jayaganesh, who is now 33 years old, had an accident at the age of 22 at a sports event. Due to his poverty and lack of proper care taken, his neck injury became so acute that his hands became numb, there was tightness in his legs and he could not move without any assistance. Last year he was admitted at our centre and was given medical rehabilitation.

Now in his present condition he is able to look after himself as far as his daily needs are concerned and he is now moving around with caliper and crutches. He has also successfully completed the certificate course in computers at our Vocational Training Centre.



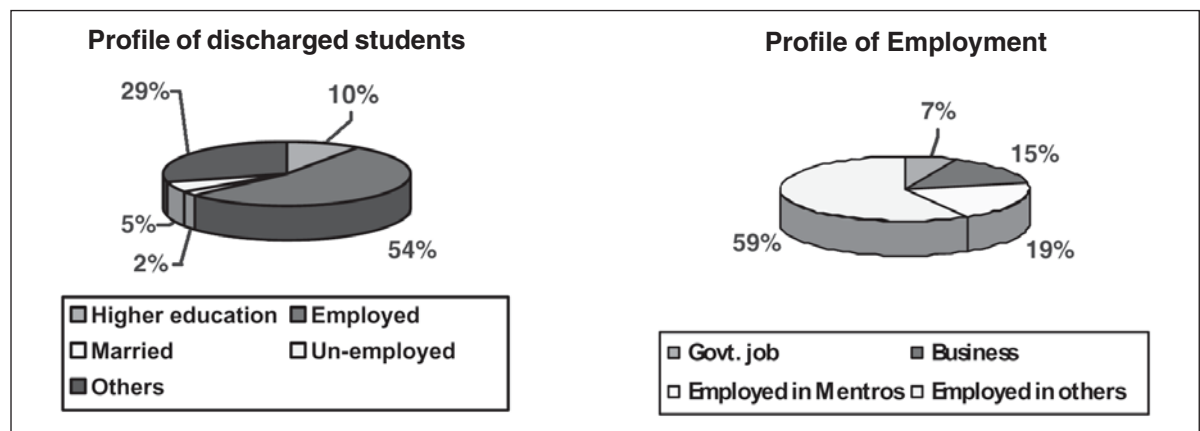
5.1.6. Hostel

Hostel occupancy

Year	DYTS	PAC	Guardianship	OJT	Total
2006-07	86	8	9	14	117
2007-08	55	0	3	7	65
2008-09	41	2	4	9	56

(DYTs¹, PAC², Guardianship, OJT³)

Over the years, 134 students were discharged out of whom 72 have been employed (54%). 13 students have been given higher education (10%).



People the status of discharged Disabled Youth Trainees is male – 60, female – 74. Year on year, there is a decrease in the occupancy rate of the Hostel strength; this is due to a large number of hostel inmates gradually move on and proceed for regular jobs outside. The placements are encouraging.

¹ Disabled Youth Trainees

² Post-Acute-Care Centre

³ On Job Trainees

5.1.7. SSA-IED (Sarva Shiksha Abiyan)

This is 10 years scheme promoted and encouraged by the Central Government for the welfare of both normal as well as physically / mentally challenged people. The entire logistics is to be done through well recognized NGOs. Amar Seva Sangam, being a well established NGO in the field of disabled sector, has been entrusted with running this scheme. Under this scheme we have been allocated seven Blocks of Tirunelveli District.



5.1.7.1. Distribution of Aids & Appliances

1.	Walkers	14
2.	Ortho Appliances (Callipers, Crutches and splints)	57
3.	Corrective Boots	58 pairs
4.	Spectacles	236
5.	CP Walker	1
6.	Tricycles / wheelchairs	36
7.	Eye surgeries	2
8.	National Identity Cards issued by District Disabled Rehabilitation Office, Tirunelveli.	220
9.	Scholarships to Special Children (below 8 th standard) issued through District Disabled Rehabilitation Office, Tirunelveli	625
10.	Maintenance grant for severe disabled children	12

Recognition	Diploma Level Teachers (Nos)	B. Ed. Teachers (Nos)	BPT	Total
Teachers recognized by RCI working in SSA-IED	13	1	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	29	27	15	13	110	86	79	59	233	185
2	Kadayam	21	18	36	27	74	65	99	46	230	156
3	Kadayanallur	45	44	27	24	143	71	79	59	294	198
4	Keelapavoor	16	11	20	15	140	87	101	66	277	179
5	Shencottah	15	14	14	12	122	72	77	64	228	162
6	Tenkasi	15	14	18	16	98	65	65	49	196	144
7	Vasudevanallur	33	33	40	27	203	101	83	65	359	226
Total		174	161	170	134	890	547	583	408	1817	1250

Key: I - Identified, E - Enrolled in Schools

5.1.7.2. Day Care Centres opened

Day Care Centres have been opened in five out of the seven blocks - Tenkasi, Shencottah, Kadayanallur, Alankulam and Vasudevanallur

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

Government of India has newly formulated the above programme which is meant for ensuring all Aids and appliances, scholarships, etc donated by Government to reach the grass-root levels. Under this scheme, Multi-Rehabilitation Workers (MRWs) which is an NGO, functions under each Block. There are Community Based Rehabilitation Workers (CBRWs) taking the programme to rural levels. Amar Seva Sangam has been nominated for operating six blocks covering 6 MRWs and 132 CBRWs. Adequate training was provided both to MRWs and CBRWs.

Maintenance grant are provided through this scheme for Persons with Mental Retardation / Cerebral Palsy.

Service details / service users for the year 2008-09

S.No	service details	service users
1.	Social Welfare Board Card for Persons with disabilities	1626
2.	Scholarship to disabled students	90
3.	Free bus pass issued	123
4.	Muscular dystrophy maintenance grant	27
5.	Severe disability maintenance grant	120
6.	Mentally retardation maintenance grant	436
7.	Tricycles & wheel chairs provided	206
8.	Bank loan granted	14
9.	Free Notebooks distributed	354
10.	Nirmaya Health Insurance cover provided	443
11.	Guardianship certificate issued for mentally challenged persons	230
12.	Marriage grant for disabled persons	6
13.	Hearing Aid for disabled persons	1
14.	Caliper and crutches for disabled persons	2
15.	Limbs provided for disabled persons	18
Total Beneficiaries		3696

5.1.9. Tamilnadu Vazhndhu Kaatuvom Project

During the year, Amar Seva Sangam was appointed Block Disability Facilitating Agency for the above project which is run by the Government of Tamilnadu, Department of Rural Development & Local Administration with the assistance of the World Bank. It is being promoted with a view to reduce poverty of the very poor, disabled and vulnerable people and tribal communities. The overall goal of this project is to reduce rural poverty focusing on the poorest of the poor through support for productive activities and investments, using the community-driven Development approach.

Amar Seva Sangam has been selected as an implementing agency in view of the vast experience that we have in upliftment of physically challenged and vulnerable people from all walks of life both urban and rural besides wide exposure in Village Based Rehabilitation programme. Two Blocks have been assigned to us with a total of 46 Gram Panchayats and we are applying a cluster approach for effective results.

Sl. No.	Services rendered	Physically challenged beneficiaries	Vulnerable beneficiaries	Total beneficiaries
1.	Disability assessment camp	46	-	46
2.	National ID cards	1196	-	1196
3.	Aids and appliances	23	-	23
4.	Self-help groups	123	-	123
5.	Beneficiaries identified	2673	1819	4492
6.	Vocational skill training	182	-	182
7.	Individual assistance for livelihoods	336	362	698
8.	Old Age Pension	605	-	605

5.1.10. Rehabilitation Centre

Based on the Institution Based Rehabilitation activities, the following community support services were offered

Particulars	07-08	08-09	Particulars	07-08	08-09
IDENTITY Cards issued	430 ⁴	310	Disabled who got free Note-Books	160	354
SCHOLARSHIP to Disabled Students	19	90	Disabled who received School Fees	34	42
Free BUS-PASS Facility	30	123	Patients who attended the polio and other camps	120	94
Train CONCESSION PASS Facility	56	49	Surgeries done	07	7
Persons who got MAINTENANCE GRANT	38	436	Persons who received medicines and tablets	39	32
Students who received Vocational Training	114	101	Persons who received physiotherapy	312	565
Students who received Artificial Limbs	21	06	Persons treated at Govt. Hospital, Tirunelveli	3	1
No. of persons who received FFE scholarship	18	14	Tuition students	9	9
Tri-cycles & Wheel Chairs issued	27	206	Persons given counseling	137	128
Persons who got BANK LOAN with subsidy	11	14	Disabled children who received prizes in sports	72	103
Persons who participated in State, District level Sports	45	24	Disabled who received School Uniforms	34	41
Camps conducted (Polio, C.P & M.R, Eye camps)	3	3	Tricycles / Wheelchairs Maintenance	47	45
Calipers and Crutches issued	252	289	Job placement given	68	45
			G. Total	1786	3131

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

5.2. Vocational Trainings

5.1.2. Tailoring /Toys / Paintings etc.,

The tailoring section was established on 6.7.1999 at Ann Fischer Vocational Training Centre with only four physically challenged students. Prior to 2006, it was only a tailoring training centre. During the last three years, the section has undertaken job works for school uniforms, company staff uniforms etc. This section has empowered five youth both normal and physically challenged by giving them employment. Besides this, four physically challenged persons have now become full-fledged tailors as a consequence of the training imparted to them by the tailoring section.

Over the years, the tailoring section has grown from strength to strength and every year orders for uniforms from various schools and industries keep pouring in. We are also proud to state that our own staff uniforms are also stitched at the tailoring unit.

We are always grateful to M/s. V.V.Minerals, Tisayanvilai, Tirunelveli who have continuously placed their staff uniform / staff school children uniform orders with our tailoring section. During the year under review, orders for the staff uniforms (600 dresses) pertaining to one plant of the factory valued at Rs.2.13 lakh has already been received and executed.

In view of the excellent workmanship and time bound delivery we are assured that for the year 2009-'10 we will be getting orders of all their plants.

This vocational centre also functions as a handicrafts hub which makes toys, artificial jewellery, painting on fabric, ceramic, sarees, glass, stone and other allied activities. The centre is always upgrading its quality, bringing out innovative designs such that the items are always in good demand.

This centre also prepares all the mementos the Sangam presents to various visitors besides taking orders of the visitors who are impressed by the work and place orders.

Details of Trainees

Sl. No.	Section	2007-08		2008-09	
		NPC ⁵	PC ⁶	NPC	PC
1.	Tailoring	24	12	33	06
2.	Hand Work	11	8	-	06
Total		35	20	33	12

5.2.2. Note Book Making

We regularly receive orders for notebooks from M/s.V.V.Minerals, Tisayanvilai, as also from various other schools. This year we have also received orders from Sri Ram Social Welfare Trust, Chennai.

Particulars	2007-08	2008-09
No. of Note Books Manufactured (Incl. job work)	3,36,524	3,07,320
No. of Books bound during the year	3585	3118

⁵Non-Physically Challenged

⁶Physically Challenged

5.2.3. Two Wheeler Section

As a result of the work undertaken in-house by our two wheeler service section, the Sangam has been in a position to save substantial amount.

Sl. No.	Section	Apr-08 (Rs.)	May-08 (Rs.)	Jun-08 (Rs.)	Jul-08 (Rs.)	Aug-08 (Rs.)	Sep-08 (Rs.)	Oct-08 (Rs.)	Nov-08 (Rs.)	Dec-08 (Rs.)	Jan-09 (Rs.)	Feb-09 (Rs.)	Mar -09 (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)
1.	RHC	226	115	40	185	320	856	140	187	420		527.50	279	3295.50
2.	Hostel		72	75	45	152		195.50	82			475	316	1412.50
3.	Home				100				151.50	349			79	679.50
4.	Office													
5.	Personal	130	500				500		170			250	330	1880
6.	Canteen													
7.	Campus													
8.	Spastic													
Total Income		356	687	115	330	472	1356	335.50	590.50	769	-	1252.50	1004	7267.50

5.2.4. Typewriting Centre

Subject	August – 2008						February 2009					
	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	3	1	3	-	14	3	-	-	-	-	14	3
Tamil Lower	-	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
English Higher	4	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total	7	3	6	2	17	3	-	-	-	-	17	3



August and February are the months when exams are conducted. Since computers are the order of the day, the enrolment for the typewriting centre (manual) is on the decline; however students still make use of our facilities to familiarize themselves with the keyboard. Now since Govt. of Tamilnadu has permitted students to appear for typewriting examination after completing 8th class of schooling, we hope that more enrolment will take place in the months to come.

5.2.5. Computer Centre

The Sri.Sathya Sai Computer Training Centre was established on 26.12.1995 which is affiliated to Tamil Nadu Polytechnic (Autonomous), Madurai. The first computer class commenced with four physically challenged students. The systems were increased, and new courses introduced and as on date a total of **917** normal students and **433** physically challenged students have completed their training successfully at our computer centre. The centre also provides placement opportunities for students in nearby areas. Job training is also being given to the physically challenged youth trainees for 6 months.



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	19	8
Microsoft Office	53	10
Summer Course	51	40
Tally	4	13
'C' Programming	1	0
PGDCA	3	1
DBA	3	1
Grand Total	134	73

5.3 Education

5.3.1. Middle & Nursery Schools

The Nursery School has been established ever since the Sangam was established in the year 1981. The middle School was established in 1991. In spite of new schools mushrooming in this region, our school continues to hold its special position as is evidenced by the increase in enrollments year to year, as a consequence of its integrated approach and barrier-free environment.



Particulars	2007-2008			2008-09		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Middle School						
Strength at the beginning	243	205	448	295	251	546
Admission	52	48	100	69	53	122
Withdrawals	0	2	2	28	24	52
Middle School Strength at the end	295	251	546	336	280	616
Nursery School						
Strength at the beginning	121	120	241	131	110	233
Admission	84	63	147	67	65	132
Withdrawals	74	73	147	75	39	114
Nursery School Strength at the end	131	110	241	123	136	251
Physically challenged students strength out of the above						
Middle School	23	12	35	32	22	54
Nursery School	3	2	5	2	2	4
Total	26	14	40	34	24	58

5.3.2. Sivasankari Public Library

Though the membership has comedown – 150 (2007-08), 113 (2008-'09), we continue to cater to the students and the public as is observed from the increase in the number of persons who utilised our Library – 5400 (2007-08), 8000 (2008-'09).

1.	Books in the library	1057
2.	Membership	113
3.	No. of persons utilized our library	8000

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

Ever since 2000, we have been a Special Study Centre for IGNOU catering to the needs of students in this southern region. Our centre is well equipped with state of the art facilities.

STUDENTS STRENGTH

Sl.No.	Course Name	PC	NPC	Total
1	BCA IV Semester	0	1	1
2	BCA V Semester	0	5	5
3	BCA VI Semester	0	1	1
5	MCA III Semester	0	10	10
6	MCA IV Semester	0	1	1
7	MCA V Semester	1	11	12
8	MCA VI Semester	0	5	5
9	B.Com II Year	0	4	4
10	B.Com III Year	1	9	10
11	B.A – III Year	0	1	1
12	MA - HINDI	0	1	1
Total		2	49	51
COMPLETED STUDENTS				
1	BCA III Year	2	8	10
2	B.Com III Year	5	11	16
Total		7	19	26

Ms.K.Vellaiammal (23) who hails from a poor family came to Amar Seva Sangam in 2006. At that time she could only move around by crawling. As a result of the initiative of the Sangam, she was successfully operated in 2007. She is now able to move around in crutches and her mobility is good. She came here after completing 12th standard and today after passing out as B.Com student from our INGOU Special Study Centre besides completing computer vocational course, she hopes to pursue a MBA course shortly. In order to equip her well she is now undergoing on the job training at Amar Seva Sangam's administration office



5.3.4. Alagappa University Study Centre

In view of the recognition gained by us by having IGNOU Special Study Centre at our campus, Alagappa University also envisaged interest for setting up its Study Centre. In this connection, MoU between Alagappa University and Amar Seva Sangam was signed on 22nd August 2008.

The enrolment position for the year 2008-09 is as under:

Sl.No.	Course name	PC	NPC	Total
1	B.A English	1	3	4
2	B.Sc Mathematics	1	3	4
3	BCA	3	0	3
4	M.Com	1	0	1
5	MBA	0	5	5
6	B.Com	6	5	11
7	B.Sc Physiology	1	1	2
8	M.A English	0	1	1
9	Bachelor of Literature in Tamil	1	8	9
10	M.A Tamil	0	1	1
Total		14	27	41

5.3.5. Advanced Information Technology Training Centre



Since we conduct classes for Indira Gandhi National Open University and Alagappa University classes, it was found necessary to have a state-of-the-art Advanced Information Technology Training Centre. Infosys, Microsoft and Cognizant have helped Amar Seva Sangam to develop such a centre at the campus with well equipped 18 LCD monitors, air-conditioners, stand by power and lastly barrier-free facilities for the students to make the best and optimum use of the centre. At present high demand courses like BCA, MCA, PGDCA, Dot-net, VB, C++, Photoshop etc are being

conducted at the centre by well qualified and experienced professionals.

It is noteworthy to mention that the facilities at the centre are being fully utilized by conducting e-accounting and professional courses like CPT classes for CA on week ends by professionals from Chennai.

6. Village Based Rehabilitation Initiatives (VBRI)

The Village Based Rehabilitation Initiative was conceived in 2000 as an innovative project for participation of persons with disabilities from 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 which 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

N.Mariappan, 32 years who is suffering from Myopathy, has all along been diffident in view of his physical setback. Though he had a petty shop there was virtually no growth in his business. As a result of hard work put in by our VBRI staff who enrolled him in a SHG group whereby he could raise a loan and today his business is flourishing. He is ever grateful to Amar Seva Sangam and at the same time shares his experiences and creates awareness as to the facilities available to the differently abled. He also regularly undergoes physiotherapy treatment as part of medical rehabilitation.



of women education, savings and credit management and also in members participation in SHGs. Definitely the trend is very encouraging and the outlook very 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, Kadayanallur, 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.

There is a need for expanding Amar Seva Sangam activities to Community Level SHG Programmes inclusive of Persons with Disabilities and the existing VBRI programme has matured to go to the

next level of inclusive group formations for Income generating Micro credit programmes. This needs aggressive approach in forming Self Help Groups and introducing Micro Credits at mass level by which the volumes will percolate income to group, federation, cluster and sponsoring organization levels. Though the major thrust is on federation, six aspects are being given maximum importance viz., SHG management, livelihood, information & advocacy, micro financing, office administration and rehabilitation. This will blossom into a movement which will achieve the dream and vision of Amar Seva Sangam to create a model "Valley for the Disabled".

While the efforts for the success of Village Based Rehabilitation Initiatives are with Amar Seva Sangam, the funding is extended both by M/s.Caritas India, New Delhi and M/s.PAADHAI Trust, Bangalore besides contributions by the Sangam.

Various indicators of Village Based Rehabilitation (VBR) Programme

S.No	Key Indicators	Methodology	Upto March – 08		Current Year	
Key Indicator for Group						
1	Membership	No.of Members in SHGs / No.of Face sheets	1125 / 2777	41%	1219 / 3016	40 %
2	Members in SHGs	No.of Members / No. of SHGs	1125 / 101	11 Avg.	1219 / 106	11 Avg.
3	Meetings	No.of Meetings / No. of SHGs	1156 / 101	11 Avg.	975 / 106	9.1 Avg.
4	Attendance	Total Attendance / No. of Members	900 / 1125	80%	962 /1219	79 %
5	Leadership in Groups	No.of Leaders / No. of SHGs	295 / 101	3 Avg.	306 /106	3 Avg.
6	Leaders in Members	No.of leaders / No. of Members	295 / 1125	26%	306/1219	25%
Key Indicators for Women Participation						
7	Women Membership	No.of Women members / No.of members	422 / 1125	38%	475 /1219	39%
8	Women members in Leadership	No.of Women Leaders / No.of Leaders	113 / 292	39%	109/306	36%
9	Women Presidents in SHGs	No.of SHGs where Women are president / Total No.of SHGs	37 / 101	37%	48 / 106	45 %
Key Indicators for Education						
10	Illiteracy	No.of illiterate children / No.of children age 6 – 16 Years	72 / 431	17%	90/480	19%
11	Illiteracy in PCs	No.of illiterate PCs / No.of Physically Challenged	693 / 2777	25%	752/3016	25%
Economic Indicators						
12	Savings and Credits among SHGs	No.of SHGs in credits and savings / Total No.of SHGs	95 / 101	94%	101 / 106	95 %
13	Bank Linkages	No.of SHGs with Bank Account / Total No.of SHGs	74 / 101	70%	84 / 106	79 %-
14	Total money Saved	Total Amount of Money Saved	Rs. 7.87 Lakhs	-	Rs. 11.04 Lakhs	-

15	Loans availed	Total Amount of Loan Outstanding	Rs. 3.65 Lakhs	-	Rs. 4.60 Lakhs	-
16	Money rotation (It should be closer to 100%)	Total Amount of Loan Outstanding / total amount of money saved and bank loan	-	46%	-	42%
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	-	65%	-	81%
18	Savings per membership	Total amount of savings / Total No. of members	Rs. 7.87 Lakhs / 2777	Rs.664 Avg.	Rs. 11.04 Lakhs / 2777	Rs.939 Avg.

Activities Report				
S.No	Field Activities	Upto 2007-08	2008-09	Cumulative Upto March 09
Awareness				
1	No. of Awareness Materials Developed	60	0	60
2	No. of Awareness Programmes Conducted	449	46	495
3	Disabled Participatory Programme	53	10	63
Training				
4	Leadership Training - First Level	13	0	13
5	Leadership Training - Second Level	06	0	6
6	Leadership Training - Advanced Level	50	0	50
7	Parents Training - First Level	18	1	19
8	Parents Training - Second Level	19	2	21
9	Parents Training - Advanced Level	245	23	268
Mobilizing the physically Challenged persons				
10	Face sheet	2777	239	3016
11	OP Card	1509	153	1662
12	Community Analysis	97	16	113
13	Case Studies	656	39	695
14	No. of Parents Association formed	08	2	10
15	No. of members in Parents Association	111	22	133
16	No. of Respite centres formed	05	1	6
17	No. of Children in Respite Center	87	7	94
18	Individual Counselling	36682	5975	42657
19	Family Counselling	14131	1492	15623
Service Delivery				
20	Appliances Identified	443	44	487
21	Appliances Issued	346	44	390
22	District Disabled Rehabilitation Office Schemes Beneficiaries Identified	3042	629	3671
23	District Disabled Rehabilitation Schemes Benefits Achieved	2431	615	3046
24	Persons Rehabilitated by CRWs	494	155	649
25	Surgeries done	29	8	37
26	No. of Persons attended in Doctor Camps	126	71	197
27	No. of disabled who got free Note-Books	600	136	736

28	No. of the disabled who received School Fees & Uniforms	19	21	40
29	No. of persons who received medicine and tablets	85	67	152
30	No. of persons who received physiotherapy	371	86	457
31	No. of tuition students	10	11	21
32	Marriage Grant	04	0	4
33	Polio affected who got caliper & crutches under ADIP Schemes	03	3	6
34	No. of Appliance Repaired	74	27	101
35	Providing Hearing Aids	25	0	25
36	Integrated / Inclusive Education in Primary Schools	68	2	70
37	Special Material	117	0	117
38	No. of Children introduced for early stimulation activities	79	6	85
39	Insurance benefit	05	0	5
40	Insurance Coverage	884	0	884
41	Activities of Daily Livings skills (ADLs) Development (Discharge of persons with Disabilities from CRW-I, CRW – II Therapy Care)	228	21	249
42	Persons With Disabilities Discharged for non co-operation	65	1	66
43	Development of productive skills	44	2	46
44	Screening camps for new born	77	12	89
45	No. of newborn Screened	964	202	1166
46	No. of newborn Babies identified	94	0	94
47	Resolving Issue	25	7	32
Economic Development				
48	No. of job placement given	57	3	60
49	Income Generation Support	102	3	105

Disabilities Data for four Blocks viz Tenkasi, Kadayannallur, Kizhapavoor, Shencottai (Accumulated figures for 2007-08 and 2008-09 given)

S. No	Disabilities	2007-2008			2008-2009			Cumulative upto March 09	
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	Grand	%
1	Cerebral palsy / Mentally Retarded (CP & MR)	314	232	546	37	32	69	615	20.39
2	Locomotor (LD)	1070	610	1680	65	46	111	1791	59.38
3	Hearing Impairment (HI)	108	101	209	14	5	19	228	07.55
4	Visual Impairment (VI)	83	60	143	6	6	12	155	5.13
5	Other Disabilities (OD)	118	81	199	15	13	28	227	07.52
Total		1693	1084	2777	137	102	239	3016	

People with Mental Illness (MI) Programme



P.Syed Ali, aged 24 years was normal and carrying on the business of distribution and sale of milk. Suddenly one fine day he became violent and started attacking his wife, mother etc. The neighbors were of the opinion that he should be treated by Tantrics. However, our VBR team during their routine visited Syed Ali's family and advised them of the importance of seeking immediate medical help. He was diagnosed for Schizophrenia. Since private hospital treatment is costly, our team ensured that he be admitted at the Govt. Hospital, Tirunelveli. The team not only followed-up his treatment but also paid his medical bills.

Today as a result of our programme, he is normal and we ensure that he takes his medicines regularly and now he is gainfully employed.

M/s.Vidya Sagar, Chennai have helped us immensely in the medical treatment and care of both mentally challenged / ill persons. Under this programme, twice a month, we arrange for sending the patients to Government Hospital, Tirunelveli for checkup, follow-up and required medication. There have been many success stories.

MI Programme	Male	Female	Total
MI patients identification	129	82	211
MI patients follow-up	48	41	89

7. Human Resource Development

Amar Seva Sangam is blessed with a group of committed individuals who strive their best in the services to people of the area. But for their undaunted service, Sangam would not have won so many credits, awards and laurels.

Sl. No.	2008-2009					
	Particulars	Male		Female		Total
		PC	NPC	PC	NPC	
1.	No. of staff as on 1.4.2008	32	65	13	54	164
2.	No. of staff newly recruited	7	14	2	14	37
3.	No. of Honorarium staff	-	3	-	-	3
Total		39	82	15	68	204
4.	No. of staff who left the organization	5	8	4	11	28
Staff as on date		34	74	11	57	176

7.1 Internal Staff Meetings:

- Section Meetings :26
- Sections Heads & Dept. Head Meetings :08
- Central Team Meetings :18
- Monthly VBRI All Staff Meetings :12
- VBRI Team Leaders Meetings :12
- ISO Meetings :02

7.2 Training / Workshop programmes for Personnel

With a view to increase the knowledge and sharpness skills of the staff attached to various departments of the Sangam, many training programmes and workshops both internal and external took place during the year helping the staff to carry out their duties in a more professional manner.

1. **Soft Skills Training** attended by forty one staff members on 17th/18th April 2008 at the Campus and twenty seven staff members on 22nd/23rd December 2008.
2. **Good Governance Training** attended by four staff members at Chennai on 28th/ 29th April 2008.
3. **Impact measurements of Micro Enterprises Training** on 8th/9th May 2008 at Coimbatore attended by six staff members.
4. **Zonal Technical Resource Training, Bhopal** attended by two staff members from 28th to 30th June 2008.
5. **Disabled Development Training (DDT) – Community Based Rehabilitation follow up Training** at Trichy from 21st to 26th July 2008 attended by seven members.
6. **Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Training** at Vellore attended by one staff member from 18th to 30th August 2008.
7. **Pediatric Therapy Training** at Chennai attended by one lady staff from 4th to 6th August 2008.
8. **Disabled Development Training** at Trichy attended by one staff member from 25th August to 5th September 2008.
9. **Mental Health Training** at Trichy attended by two lady staff members from 26th to 29th September 2008.
10. **ISO's 5s – House Keeping Training Awareness** attended by 54 staff members in the campus on 11th October 2008 which covered **S**orting out, **S**et in order, **S**pick & **S**pan, **S**tandardization and **S**ustain regarding Housekeeping.
11. **Disabled Development follow up Training** at Trichy attended by two staff members from 4th to 14th November 2008.
12. **Train, Trainer Training** attended by two staff members at Bangalore from 10th to 16th November 2008.
13. **Use of Information & Communication Technologies for Person with Disabilities, NIEPMD, Chennai** attended by two staff members from 26th to 29th November 2008.
14. **VOLAG Map Training** conducted by Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA) attended by one staff member from 12th November to 17th December 2008.
15. **In-house adolescent Psychology Training** conducted by the Sangam for five staff members on 27th January 2009
16. **In-house Children Psychology Training** conducted by the Sangam for 30 staff members on 27th January 2009.
17. Our Physiotherapist staff underwent a 15 day training programme on Spinal Cord Injured Rehabilitation at Christian Medical College, Vellore. His experience after the training programme would be useful in strengthening the efforts of Post Acute Care Centre unit.

8. Computerisation

Amar Seva Sangam has always given high priority to computerization. In this connection we have the following:

- 8.1. **Management Information Systems (MIS):** This is a highly advanced section which has its own software programmes covering all the activities of the Sangam under one package. The entire computer facilities both software / hardware has the complete backing and support of well wishers from Chennai who regularly come down and help us in upgrading / solving any technical problems.
- 8.2. **Data Base Management (DBMS):** This section deals with all electronic print media, correspondence and communications dealing with Amar Seva Sangam activities; besides it is the nerve centre for coordinating and compiling all information and data relating to Amar Seva Sangam programmes which normally are meant for the general public, shareholders, donors and individuals. The main objective of centralizing all computer related works has been achieved by the formation of this department. One more objective that has been achieved is compiling of all old data from books and records have now been converted to electronic media for easy retrieval.
- 8.3. **Hardware Solutions:** One of the unique features at Amar Seva Sangam is that not only the software is indigenously developed but the hardware solutions viz., maintenance of 83 computers, five server systems, two broadband services and all other activities required to run the software smoothly are taken care of.

9. Exchange Programmes

9.1. *Programme for distribution of Lightweight calipers*

A programme for distributing lightweight calipers to our inmates and staff was organized by Dr.Thangamoorthy at Kadayanallur in which Honorary Secretary Shri.S.Sankara Raman also participated. The Calipers were manufactured in house, and were presented to various beneficiaries.

9.2. *Rehab Mela at Vellore*

The Honorary Secretary participated in the Rehabilitation Mela organized by the Rehabilitation Centre of Christian Medical College, Vellore at Bahayam. The Secretary met many Spinal Injured Patients and also the Rehabilitation team members. Poojyasri Narayani Amma has offered sponsorship for the surgeries done on the disabled people of Amar Seva Sangam.

9.3. *Visits by Overseas and Indian students:-*

- ★ A four member medical students' team from Indian Health Initiatives (IHI), Canada visited our Sangam from 7th to 26th July 2008. Their visit and suggestions have added values to our service, besides they have also donated in cash and kind during their visit.
- ★ Physiotherapy students from Mc Masters University, Canada, under an agreement, were at the Sangam from 21st July to 22nd August 2008. Their presence was utilized for sharing of knowledge; improve documentation and hygiene aspects in Medical Testing Unit.
- ★ Awareness Creation and Skills Spreading – Amar Seva Sangam conducted the following:
 - Devendrar College of physiotherapy students training programme from 15th to 25th September 2008.
 - Two days training programme for Post-Acute Care Centre's caregivers and family members of the patients to enable them to take care of the patients even in their home.
 - M/s.Teaching Abroad, Sivakasi have during the last five years identified through their contacts abroad and deputed foreigners (both students and the general public) who have visited our rehabilitation centre and extended voluntary help which has helped them to gain knowledge of our working besides giving valuable inputs. Their visit has indirectly helped in projecting Amar Seva Sangam's image abroad as an advanced and highly professional organization.

Sl.No.	Country Represented	No. of persons
1.	United States of America	3
2.	Germany	3
3.	Netherlands	1
4.	Canada	1
5.	France	1

All the Representatives were ladies.

10. Management Programmes

As a follow-up of the observation made in the Annual Report 2007-08, the Sangam is happy to state that CA / ICWA / CS and other professional course training is being imparted to aspiring candidates in the nearby areas. This has added to both the revenue of the Sangam as well as boosted the good will.

11. Advocacy

11.1 Amar Seva Sangam has been a premier organization which has always kept the physically challenged communities interest upper most in its mind. Down the years the organization has been instrumental in initiating Barrier-Free Environment facilities at Tirunelveli new bus station, Nellaiappar Kovil, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi Railway stations. We have also put forth valuable suggestions to make ICF passenger railway coaches more user friendly for the physically challenged.

11.2 As a contribution, the Honorary Secretary has donated a piece of land opposite to the Sangam wherein a Barrier-Free Bus Stop has been constructed by the State Government for the use of public.

11.3 World Physically Challenged Day Celebration.

World Physically Challenged Day was celebrated on 4th January 2009 by Physically challenged children, youth trainees, special children of Sangamam School, Teachers and students of Sivasaraswathi Vidyalaya, Staff and Management and, Verthikarantal Self Help Groups of physically challenged from Shencottah, Kadayannallur, Keelapavoor and Tenkasi Blocks of Amar Seva Sangam. On this occasion, a cultural programme by the physically challenged children & youths was presented and a public meeting was also organized.



An Awareness Rally was presided over by Shri.N.Shanmuganathan, Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi. The chief guest was Shri.T.Manohar, District Disabled Rehabilitation Officer, Tirunelveli. Shri.S.K.T.B.Kamaraj, Union Chairman, Keelapavoor Block presided over the function.

12. Networking of NGOs

12.1 Asian Conference on Diagnosis of Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) Programme

The first Asian Conference on DMD was held on Feb 28th / March 1st 2009 at Bangalore. The Honorary Secretary, Executive Committee Member Dr.S.Sumathi, Physiotherapists Mr.R.Saravanan & Mr.A.Ramasubramanian and Mrs.Ramani Sankara Raman participated as official delegates. Dr.Mathew John was also invited to attend as a non-official participant. The programme was organized by United Parents Projects Muscular Dystrophy, Mumbai, Health Care Global Foundation, Mumbai and NIMHANS, Bangalore. The workshop was very informative as it dealt with the latest technique for rehabilitation and physiotherapy to persons with muscular dystrophy. It also focused on the latest development in the field of research for rehabilitation and cure of persons with muscular dystrophy. Several eminent Doctors and Research Scholars from various part of the world participated and gave lectures and demonstrated about the latest developments for the benefit of the DMD patients and their parents who were present at the programme.

12.2 M/s.Caritas India, New Delhi through Community Based Rehabilitation Forum (CBRF), Bangalore continued to extend financial help for our Village Based Rehabilitation activities.

12.3 M/s.ADD India, Bangalore fully support us in imparting training, exposure visits etc to all the staff and members who are associated with and work for the Village Based Rehabilitation activities.

12.4 M/s.Vidyasagar, Chennai are the main benefactors in providing all help to the mentally challenged / ill persons who approach the Sangam.

12.5 M/s.Krishna Yoga Mandiram, Chennai impart YOGA lessons / techniques to special children, physically challenged Home children and youth trainees.

12.6 Freedom Trust



Dr.R.Sundar, Managing Trustee of Freedom Trust who is also the visiting doctor from Chennai to our Sangam was magnanimous in conducting a mass camp on 21st September 2008 at which wheelchairs, tricycles and other appliances were donated to the needy who are covered under our various rehabilitation schemes.

12.7 Gandhigram Trust, Dindigul is a conglomeration of several benevolent and service units which extends their help and cooperation to us in many ways for our betterment. They hold meeting with us, organize visits and give valuable inputs which have all helped us to carry out our service in a more satisfying and rewarding manner.

13. Major donations and Fundraising programmes

13.1 The following major donations have been received during the year 2008-09

- ▶ ***M/s. Handi-Care International***, Canada, one of our regular and biggest donors has donated Rs.46.52 lakh towards sponsorship and building fund.
- ▶ ***M/s.SWISS India Trust***, Chennai who have always been a regular donor, donated Rs.10 lakh towards building fund.
- ▶ ***Govt. of India*** during the year have extended a sum of Rs.6.10 lakh as maintenance grant.
- ▶ ***M/s.Bhagwan Mahveer Foundation***, Chennai extended a cash donation of Rs.5 lakh along with the award.
- ▶ ***M/s. PAADHAI Trust***, Bangalore mobilized donations to the tune of Rs.3.71 lakh towards sponsoring a village under our Village Based Rehabilitation activities.
- ▶ ***M/s. Give India***, Mumbai has collected donations to the tune of Rs.3,35,738 for various ongoing schemes initiated by the Sangam. They are also valuable source for online donations to the Sangam through their website **www.giveindia.org**
- ▶ ***M/s.Caritas India***, New Delhi donated a sum of Rs.2.77 lakh towards Village Based Rehabilitation activities.
- ▶ ***M/s.Goldman Sachs and Company***, USA donated a sum of Rs.2.28 lakh towards Annual Corporate Patron contribution.
- ▶ ***M/s.EXCEL Corporation Care***, Mumbai contributed a sum of Rs.2.16 lakh for Village Based Rehabilitation activities.
- ▶ ***Mr.M.S.Parthasarathy***, Chennai has donated a sum of Rs.2 lakh for the building fund.
- ▶ ***Dr.D.Veeraraghavan***, Chennai has donated a sum of Rs.2 lakh for Sangam's welfare activities.
- ▶ ***M/s. Sankara Pipes Limited***, Bangalore as an Annual Corporate Patron donated a sum of Rs.1.95 lakh.
- ▶ ***Mr.C.Thirumalai Velu***, Bangalore donated a sum of Rs.1.75 lakh as an Annual Corporate Patron.
- ▶ ***M/s.ASHA FOR EDUCATION***, USA donated Rs.1.50 lakh towards Sangam's Institution Care activities.

- ▶ **M/s.Gomathy Subramaniam Trust**, Bangalore donated Rs.1.50 lakh as an Annual Corporate Patron.
- ▶ **M/s.Employees of Penguin Apparels Private Ltd.**, Madurai have collected and donated a sum of Rs.1.24 lakh for various welfare activities of the Sangam.
- ▶ **Mr.V.R.Lakshmi Narayanan**, IG of Police, Chennai, **Mr.R.G.Nair**, Trivandrum, **Mrs.Lakshmi Ramabadrn**, Coimbatore, **M/s.G.S.Foundation**, Madurai, **Mr.N.Pradip Kumar**, Singapore, **Mrs.Andria Azevedo** and friends, Canada, **Mr.V.S.Cowsagi**, Mumbai, **M/s.G.R.Thangamaligai**, Chennai, **Mr.B.Kalyanasundaram**, Chennai, **Mr.&Mrs.R.Ravichandran**, Chennai, **Mr.S.Natarajan**, Chennai, **Dr.DIG Vijay Singh**, Sweeden, **M/s.Galaxy Surfactants Ltd.**, Navi Mumbai, **M/s.Dynamic Computer Services**, Chennai, **Mr.N.P.Mani**, Coimbatore, **M/s.Suchel Enterprises**, Coimbatore, **Mr.K.Sundaram Properties & Travels Pvt. Ltd.**, Mumbai have donated **Rs.One Lakh each** for our various rehabilitation services.

13.2 Area-wise distribution of donation

(Rupees in lakh)

FOR THE YEAR 2008-09 AREA-WISE DISTRIBUTION OF DONATION IS AS FOLLOWS				
REGION	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS - THIS YEAR 2007-08	THIS YEAR 2007-08 (RS. IN LAKHS)	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS - THIS YEAR 2008-09	THIS YEAR 2008-09 (RS. IN LAKHS)
FOREIGN	118	61.41	118	61.41
OTHER STATES	554	50.81	595	48.51
GOVT. GRANT	1	5.56	1	6.10
TAMIL NADU	1936	73.87	1802	75.25
LOCAL	539	14.84	622	21.69
TOTAL	3148	200.93	3138	212.96

13.3 The donor support base

DONOR SUPPORT BASE OF AMAR SEVA SANGAM IS AS FOLLOWS				
DONATION RANGE	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS 2007-08	RUPEES IN LAKHS 2007-08	TOTAL NO. OF DONORS 2008-09	RUPEES IN LAKHS 2008-09
RS. 1 - 100	324	0.23	286	0.21
RS. 101 - 499	273	0.62	269	0.63
RS. 500 - 999	613	3.33	633	3.66
RS. 1000 - 4999	1331	22.61	1321	22.98
RS. 5000 - 9999	299	16.86	300	16.87
RS. 10000 - 99999	266	48.08	296	54.38
RS. 100000 & ABOVE	42	109.20	33	114.23
TOTAL	3148	200.93	3138	212.96

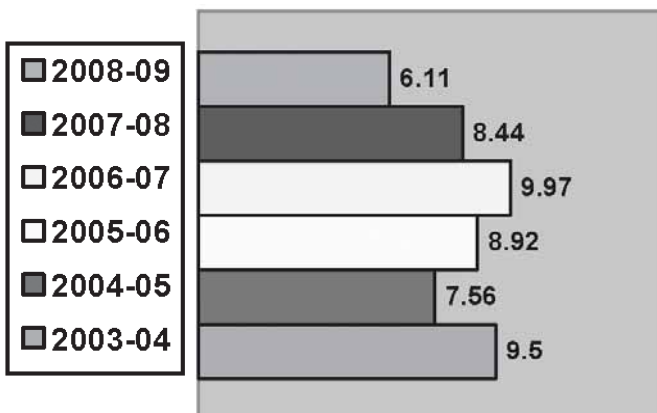
We also thank donors who have contributed towards bringing out the Annual Report.

13.4 Mumbai Marathon 2009

The Mumbai Marathon an yearly event held in the month of January is a source of fundraising for us. As in the previous years Mr.S.Sankara Raman, Honorary Secretary took part in the wheelchair event, while Mrs.Ramani Sankara Raman and Joint Secretary Mr.A.Ramasubramanian participated in the Dream Run. This is the Sangam's 6th continuous year of participation in the Marathon. A sum of Rs.6.11 lakh was raised during the event.

It is observed that the funds raised during the Marathon this year has been comparatively less than in the previous years. The main reasons for the decline in the amount raised are because of Global slowdown and also due to two major donors who together normally contribute about Rs.6 lakh are now supporting projects in Maharashtra only.

The organizers M/s. United Way, Mumbai who organised the Marathon of 2009 will also be instrumental in helping us get funds for our various schemes from many donors.



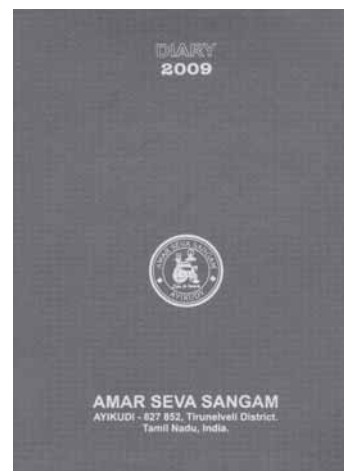
13.5 Diary Project 2008-09

Amongst the various fundraising projects, our diary project which was introduced in 2001 is a novel way to mobilize funds since we are promoting it as a souvenir diary and not just as a diary, besides increasing the fold of well-wishers during every New Year. Under this, high quality diaries are purchased by us and we incorporate our one page insertion besides printing advertisement materials of corporate well wishers. These souvenir diaries are brought out by charging nominal charges to corporates. Besides this, many of our donors request us to insert their advertisement as also incorporate their corporate logo on the cover of the diary. This normally is for bulk orders. It has been evaluated that under this scheme, Amar Seva Sangam's name reaches approximately 10000 people who have the potential to become Amar Seva Sangam's well wishers. It is noteworthy that this fundraising programme is a big success due to the hard and relentless work put



Sale of Diary

in by the Public Relations Souvenir Diary department. During the year 2008-09, we could raise a sum of Rs.9.35 lakh under this fundraising programme. It is observed that year on year, the income under this head has shown a remarkable increase. The donors of the souvenir diaries are entitled to income tax exemption as per the relevant section of the income tax act.



Souvenir Diary

14. Finance

14.1 Income and Expenditure for last three years.

INCOME / RECEIPTS	2008-09	2007-08	2006-2007
Self Generated (fees/ subscriptions/ interest/ community contributions etc)	10144728	8111190	7011846
Donations from individuals (Donations within India and outside)	9380550	8785296	7391302
Grants from Indian sources (trusts/ Govt/ companies/ foundations)	8710997	6865274	6430396
Grants from International sources (under FCRA)	6193734	6140807	1746269
Total Receipts	34430009	29902567	22579813
EXPENDITURE / PAYMENTS			
Capital items purchased for the organization			
<i>Gross Value</i>	498925	6089465	1996603
<i>Capital Work in Progress</i>	8779661	208280	1476008
<i>Investments</i>	1669564	5294525	3713168
<i>Working Capital</i>	239208	-578886	-3344783
Capital items purchased for beneficiaries	196575	286827	1442779
Revenue			
Salaries and benefits	5816011	4329451	4358526
Staff training	191602	101402	100732
Staff travel	236960	196154	170553
Office support expenses (rent/ repairs/ telephone/ etc)	858042	777381	750084
Communication (correspondence/ newsletters/Annual Reports/ brochures/ appeals/ website/ etc)	296086	181870	184453
Consultants' fees (audit/ legal/ programme)	40312	39000	3594
Grants/ donations given to other organizations as part of programme	NA	NA	NA
Other programme expenses (Rehabilitation & Empowerment Prog. Exp.)	11769438	12349987	11111308
Other Non-programme Expenses	3837625	627111	616788
Total Payments	34430009	29902567	22579813

14.2 Dates list on which we have submitted our financial returns to the following departments

Particulars	2008-09	2007-2008	2006-2007
Income Tax	30-10-2008	29-10-2007	10-10-2006
Registrar of Societies/ Trusts/ Charity Commissioner / Companies	21-09-2008	03-10-2007	20-10-2006
FCRA	20-09-2008	17-09-2007	03.10.2006
Auditors Name	M/S. M. SRINIVASAN & ASSOCIATES Chartered Accountants		
Location	No.5, 9 th Floor, B Wing, Parson Manere, 602, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 006.		

14.3 Staff salary distribution

Slab of gross salary (in Rs) plus benefits paid to staff	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	106	79	185
5,000 – 10,000	8	1	9
10,000 – 25,000	-	-	-
25,000 – 50,000	-	-	-
50,000 – 1,00,000	-	-	-
Greater than 1,00,000	-	-	-
TOTAL	114	80	194

Total annual payments made to consultants (In Rs)	Number of consultants
Less than 5000	2
5,000 – 10,000	1
10,000 – 25,000	Nil
25,000 – 50,000	Nil
50,000 – 1,00,000	Nil
Total	3

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

Head of the Organization : Rs. 0 per annum

Highest paid : Rs. 95,602 per annum

Lowest paid : Rs. 13,679 per annum

14.5 Staff International travel (in the year 2008-2009)

There was no International Travel undertaken by the Staff & Management

14.6 Total Cost of National Travel by Staff / Volunteers on behalf of organization for 2008-2009:

Rs. 27,373 (Staff & Volunteers)

14.7 Annual Gross Remuneration paid to members of our Statutory Governing Body by this organization

The members of the Statutory Governing Body received no Remuneration

14.8 Amount reimbursed (in Rs.) to All Board Members in the financial year 2008-2009 for the following items.

1.	International Travel	Rs. Nil
2.	Domestic Travel	Rs.209588 (President & Secretary – Tour Exp.)
3.	Local Conveyance	Rs. Nil
4.	Entertainment Expenses	Rs. Nil
5.	Others	Rs. Nil

14.9 Board Meetings:

Dates of Board Meetings	Number of members attended / Strength of Board as on date
02.06.2008 (EC Meeting)	7/8
18.08.2008 (EC Meeting)	8/8
21.09.2008 (GB Meeting)	14/27
05.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	5/7
06.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	6/7
08.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	7/7
09.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	6/7
10.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	5/7
11.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	6/7
12.03.2009 (EC Meeting)	6/7

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31-03-2009

	31.03.2009 (Rs. In Lakhs)	31.03.2008 (Rs. In Lakhs)	% of Change
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Sir Ratan Tata Corpus	121.15	118.94	1.86
Amar Seva Matching Corpus	57.16	56.14	1.82
General Corpus	337.60	197.39	71.03
Feeding Corpus	144.03	136.86	5.23
Building & Equipment Corpus	276.14	321.40	-14.08
TOTAL	936.08	830.73	
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	186.47	197.33	-5.50
Capital Work in Progress	114.48	26.68	329.08
Investments	425.59	408.89	4.08
Net Working Capital	72.10	69.87	3.19
Accumulated Deficits	137.44	127.96	7.40
TOTAL	936.08	830.73	
ABRIDGED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2009			
	31.03.2009 (Rs. In Lakhs)	31.03.2008 (Rs. In Lakhs)	% of Change
INCOME			
Donation	105.38	99.12	6.32
CBR FORUM Grant	2.77	3.24	-14.54
Central Govt. Grant from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	6.10	4.05	50.38
SSA IED Project	12.36	12.47	-0.87
NPRPD Project Income	9.18	6.96	31.82
Mahalir Thittam Project Income	1.36	0.36	282.71
VKP Project Income	0.37	-	-
Other Receipts	68.38	47.79	43.09
Interest Received	33.07	26.01	27.16
TOTAL	238.96	199.99	
EXPENSES			
Rehabilitation Centre Expenses	46.49	41.58	11.83
Home Expenses	12.88	10.33	24.65
Sangamam School	8.47	6.59	28.53
School & IGNOU	18.12	12.88	40.73
Vocational training Expenses	32.81	24.99	31.31
Medical Testing Unit	11.19	11.50	-2.62
Spinal cord injury post acute care centre	7.54	4.86	54.97
Caliper Expenses	2.12	1.52	40.03
Village Based Rehabilitation	10.70	8.33	28.46
SSA-IED Project	13.18	13.20	-0.15
Delivery of Services & Infrastructure	40.96	29.92	36.92
Public Communication & Administration Expenses	23.33	18.19	28.28
Surplus / Deficit before Depreciation	11.15	16.12	30.82
Depreciation	20.22	18.51	9.25
Surplus / Deficit	-9.07	-2.39	279.82
TOTAL	238.96	199.99	

ABRIDGED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2008 TO 31.03.2009

SOURCES OF FUNDS	31.03.2009	31.03.2008	% of Change
Corpus	8.10	8.08	0.27
Building Corpus	2.40	5.15	(53.40)
Kamadhenu Corpus	9.84	11.08	(11.19)
ASSA General Corpus	2.41	1.94	24.68
Building Corpus - 80 G	65.27	46.02	41.84
General Corpus 80 G	0.12	1.05	(88.76)
35 AC Corpus	-	-	-
Amudhasurabhi Corpus	4.79	2.76	73.42
Land Corpus	-	-	-
Dhanvanthri 80G Corpus	1.54	1.52	1.34
Shirividya 80 G Corpus	0.53	3.02	(82.42)
Equip. 80 G Corpus	2.50	8.76	(71.39)
Life Patron Corpus	3.80	4.46	(14.76)
Corporate Life Patron Corpus	4.00	4.70	(14.89)
Special Corpus	-	0.01	(100.00)
GIVE Grant Corpus	0.03	0.50	(94.02)
Donation	105.38	99.12	6.32
CBR FORUM Grant	2.77	3.24	(14.54)
Govt. Of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment - Maintenance Grant	6.10	4.05	50.38
SSA IED Project	12.36	12.47	(0.87)
NPRPD Project Income	9.18	6.96	31.82
Mahalir Thittam Project Income	1.36	0.36	282.71
VKP Project Income	0.37	-	-
Other Receipts	68.38	47.79	43.09
Interest Income	33.07	26.01	27.16
	344.30	299.03	15.14
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Gross Block	6.95	63.76	(89.09)
Capital Work in Progress	87.80	2.08	4,115.32
Investments	16.70	52.95	(68.47)
Working Capital Increase / Decrease	2.39	(5.79)	(141.32)
Rehabilitation Centre Expenses	46.49	29.17	59.39
Home Expenses	12.88	10.33	24.65
School for Special Children	8.47	6.59	28.53
School & IGNOU	18.12	12.88	40.73
Vocational Training Expenses	32.81	24.99	31.31
Medical Testing Unit	11.19	11.50	(2.62)
Spinal cord injury post acute care centre exps.	7.54	4.86	54.97
Caliper Expenses	2.12	1.52	40.03
Village Based Rehabilitation	10.70	8.33	28.46
SSA - IED Project	13.18	13.20	(0.15)
Delivery of Services & Infrastructure	40.96	50.39	(18.71)
Public Communication & Administration	23.33	10.12	130.48
Perior Period Items Adjusted	0.25	1.70	(85.37)
Depreciation Write back	2.41	0.45	431.75
	344.30	299.03	15.14

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **AMAR SEVA SANGAM, SULOCHANA GARDENS, 7-4-104 B, TENKASI ROAD, AYIKUDY – 627 852 (herein after called Trust)** as at **31st March 2009** and also the attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust committee. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

1. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit.
2. In our opinion, proper books of accounts as required by the Trust Act and Rules there under and Bye Law of the Trust have been kept by the Trust which give all information required by the Act and in the manner so required.
3. The Balance Sheet and the Income & Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts of the Trust.
4. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to explanation given to us, the said accounts give all the information required by the Trust Act, and Rules therein in the manner so required and give a true and fair view subject to point no in the notes to accounts:

i. In the case of Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the Trust as at **31st March 2009**.

ii. In the case of Income and Expenditure Account of the excess of expenditure over income (Deficit) of the Trust for the year ended on that date.

Place : Ayikudy
Date : 31-08-2009

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

Sd/- xxx
N.Kishore
Partner - 25789

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

1. Significant Accounting policies

a) Trust Overview:

Amar Seva Sangam was incorporated in the year 1981 as a Charitable Trust registered under Tamilnadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 vide certificate no TSI 16/1981 a model center catering to all the needs of the disabled.

b) Basis of preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared and presented under the historical cost convention on the accrual basis of accounting and comply with the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India to the extent applicable. The financial statements are presented in Indian rupees.

c) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities on the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Any revision to accounting estimates is recognised prospectively in current and future periods.

d) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are carried at cost of acquisition less accumulated depreciation. The cost of fixed assets includes freight, duties, taxes and other incidental expenses relating to acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on the written down method as per the provisions of Income tax Act 1961.

e) Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value..

Cost comprises purchase price and all incidental expenses incurred in bringing the inventory to its present location and condition. The method of determination of cost is as follows:

- ▶ finished goods - at landed cost on a first in first out method
- ▶ Stores and spares - at landed cost on a first in first out method

f) Retirement benefits

Contributions payable to the recognized provident fund, which is a defined contribution scheme, are charged to the profit and loss account.

Gratuity and leave encashment costs, which are not under defined benefit schemes, are and no provision accrued in the books.

g) Revenue recognition

Donations are accounted on cash basis . earmarked and specific donations are accounted appropriately in the books and the same is utilised for the purpose for which it is received. The funds received on account of non earmarked/general will be used as per the discretion of the Trustees.

Interest on deployment of surplus funds is recognized using the time proportionate method based on underlying interest rates and the same is taken to specific earmarked funds. Wherever mandated by the donor..In all other cases it is taken to revenue.

Interest Income recognized in the books separately and disclosed as Income separately for non earmarked funds.

h) Foreign exchange transactions

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the respective transaction.

i) Provisions and contingent liabilities

The Company recognizes a provision when there is a present obligation as a result of a past event that probably requires an outflow of resources and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. A disclosure for a contingent liability is made when there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may, but probably will not, require an outflow of resources. Where there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure is made.

Provisions for onerous contracts, i.e. contracts where the expected unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it, are recognized when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle a present obligation as a result of an obligating event, based on a reliable estimate of such obligation.

j) Investment

The Investments are recorded in the books at cost and fixed Deposits at the end of each year include accrued Interest in case of deposits deployed under Reinvestment plan.

2. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

		31 March 2009 in Rs	31 March 2008 in Rs
I.	Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account (net of advances) and not provided for	840,804	
II.	Contingent liabilities: a) Bank Guarantee given	118,062	118,062

3. Previous years' figures have been regrouped/ reclassified wherever necessary to conform to the current year's presentation.

15. General

15.1 Foundation For Excellence (FFE), INC, Mumbai – from 2001

This is yet another philanthropic activity monitored and coordinated by Amar Seva Sangam. 14 financially backward but outstanding students studying in different higher secondary schools, colleges and polytechnics including professional colleges are awarded financial assistance, extended by Foundation For Excellence, Mumbai.

15.2 Media coverage

Our services are recognized through the media in the form of newspapers clippings, TV coverage and articles in magazines and books. The media coverage has been in Tamil, English and even Hindi. News about Sangam's activities and awards have appeared regularly both in newspapers and magazines during the month of February, July and December 2008, January and February 2009. We have been covered extensively by Jaya TV, Sun TV, Kalaignar TV, Zee TV and Pothigai. All India Radio (AIR) have aired about the Sangam activities.

15.3 ISO 9001-2000 certificate

By following the necessary guidelines to benchmark its practices against International Standards, Amar Seva Sangam continues to enjoy the certification based as a highly credible and professionally managed NGO not only in India but also abroad.

15.4 Disaster Management

In today's complex world, Disaster Management plays a very valuable role and it is the endeavour of the Central Government / State that all organizations should have a Disaster Management Plan in place. In this connection Amar Seva Sangam will be working out a Disaster Management Plan for the organization before March 31, 2010.

16. Future proposals and projects

- 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

17. Our Major Challenges

Our challenge is maintaining high level of fund raising to sustain our projects. It is all the more challenging in a continuously increasing service user base, and very steep increase in our cost in an environment of high inflation which has multiplier effect on the cost of our activities. Finding a sustainable resourcing model is a big challenge.

A separate company is being formed for Development of Software as a special vehicle for generating income. Similar such special funding vehicles are being considered through the medium of Micro Finance, Training and Production Centres which can feed regular income to the Sangam.

Capacity Building and Communication Skill training, particularly in the areas of Section Management by the respective heads, and to make the activities to run based on systems is also a daunting challenge.

With sincere, planned and dedicated efforts with the blessings of God, we plan to work as a team and achieve our goal of sustainability both in terms of funding as well as systems and human resource development over a period of time.

Conclusion

An Annual Report of service organization like Amar Seva Sangam can never be complete without placing on record our sincere thanks, appreciation and support we have continuously been receiving from Patron-in-Chief Dr.M.S.Swaminathan, Patrons Shri N.Vaghul and Shri S.V.Mony, Executive Committee Members, General Body Members, Advisory Board Members, Past Ex-Officio Chairman, Statutory Auditors, Legal Advisors, Consultants, Doctors, Volunteers, Well-Wishers and donors both in India and Abroad. A special thanks to M/s. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Thoothukudi and M/s.G.R.Thangamaligai Jewellers, Chennai who have consistently for many years supported us in bringing out the Annual Report. Lastly, but not the least, our heartfelt thanks to the hardworking staff whose continued efforts help us to run the organization. We pray for all the good souls who are with us always.

Thanking you

“Serve the Lord, he will help you.

Serve yourself, God will leave you.

Serve God and his creation, God then is in a trance”

Yours in Lord's Seva

S.Sankara Raman
Honorary Secretary

Place : Ayikudy
Date : 13.9.2009

S.Ramakrishnan
Founder President



- இன்று, என் மனைவி, மகள் பிரியா, இரண்டு பேரன் பேத்திகள் ஆகியோருடன் அமர்சேவா சங்கத்தை கண்ணுறும் பேரைப் பெற்றேன். 1993 முதல் இந்த சேவா சங்கத்துடன் எனக்கு நெருக்கமான தொடர்பு உண்டு. இயலாத குழந்தைகளை பெற்றோர்களென பராமரித்து தொழிற்கல்வி புகட்டி, வாழ்வில் சுதந்தர மனிதர்களாக வாழ்வதற்கு வழிகாட்டும் கலங்கரை விளக்காக அமைந்திருப்பது போற்றத்தகுரியதாகும். திருராமகிருஷ்ணன், திரு.சங்கரராமன் மற்றும் அவர்கள் குடும்பத்தினர், இம்முயற்சியில் தங்களை அர்ப்பணித்துக் கொண்டு தவமாக பணி செய்து கொண்டிருப்பதற்கு மனித சமுதாயம் நன்றி பகர கடமைப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இங்கு பயிலும் குழந்தைகள் உள்பட அனைவருக்கும் என் பாராட்டுக்கள், **R.வேலு, நடுவணரசின் தொடர் வண்டித்துறை இணை அமைச்சர், புது டெல்லி.**

- I am overwhelmed by my visit to Amar Seva Sangam. The all pervading spirit of indomitable courage and positive energy, in the face of adversity, is truly inspiring. We in SBI are proud to be associated with Amar Seva Sangam and, in a small measure, contribute to the effectiveness of the wonderful work being done by them. - **J.Chandrasekaran, CGM, SBI, Chennai.**

- I am amazed by the noble work rendered by Amar Seva Sangam. I pray to the almighty to provide guidance and strength to the disabled community for years to come. - **K.R.Lakshmi Narayanan, AGM, SBI, Chennai**

- It is a great pleasure for me to come over and go around the campus. It is an yeoman service rendered by 'Amar Seva Sangam'. No words to express my all appreciation. I pray God for his blessings for an excellent growth in future our service to the really needy people in our around the area. - **M.Ramalingam, Managing Director, M/s. Dharani Sugars, Vasudevanallur.**

- It is indeed privilege and great honour to visit Amar Seva Sangam. The quality of the staff and the service rendered to all segment of society especially the under privileged is phenomenal. We wish all the very best and success in its future endeavour. We will be happy to be part of the activities in future. - **R.Vijayakumar, VSM, Executive Director, MMA, Chennai.**

- Deeply moved by the commitment of Mr.Sankara Raman at Amar Seva Sangam. There is no parallel. All the best. - **Prasanth.K, Regional PF Commissioner, Tirunelveli**

- May God give strength & courage to Shri Ramakrishnan, Sankara Raman & all administrative staff for the wonderful service to the humanity, which is service to God Himself. God Bless them – **S.M.Uzair, Kayalpatnam.**

My visit was for a few short days and at that time I was amazed at the enthusiasm and joy of everyone and in particular how the children and staff welcomed me - **Geetha Sankaran – Director, Handi-Care International, Canada**

- Amar Seva Sangam in true sense "Amar Sangam of Seva Bhaav". This visit was a very humbling experience. I salute the courage, commitment and positive energy of people who run this organization. - **Cmdr S R Kapoor, INS Kattaboman**

- மனித உள்ளங்களின் அற்புத சேவையில் உயர்ந்து நிற்கும் இந்த சங்கத்தின் பணி சிறக்க விழையும். **P.கண்ணப்பன், டி.ஐ.ஐ, திருநெல்வேலி.**

- Ever since, every trip we made has always been filled with wonderful memories. I'll always remember the look of happiness & the loud cheers in the theatre as the Sangam children saw themselves on the big screen. If not anything else, this happiness & cheer is a huge achievement for me as a Director. I even believe that there is a lot to learn in life from the children in Amar Seva Sangam. Many thanks to Amar Seva Sangam for giving me this achievement. – **Madhumita – Film Director, Chennai.**



Amar Seva Sangam Staff Day
Function 2008



Hony. Secretary, recipient of Shri Kailashpat
Singhania Award for Outstanding disabled male,
addressing the gathering



Siva Saraswathi Vidhyalaya
School Day function



Sangamam Special School
11th Annual Day Celebration



Siva saraswathi Vidyalaya High School
Independence Day Celebration



2008 World Disabled Day Rally



Disabled Youth Trainee
Students of Sangam



Distribution of Wheel chairs, Tri-cycles & appliances by
Dr. Sundar, Freedom Trust, Chennai



NLC Cultural Group



Special children of Sangam

Moments of

PRIDE

DONATION OPTIONS

Sl.No.	SPONSOR SCHEMES*	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Sponsor a child (1/4 th Portion) - (per month)	300
2.	Sponsorship to train a disabled youth for six months	9,000
3.	Sponsorship of Spinal Injured undergoing Post-Acute Care - (per month)	12,000
4.	Sponsorship of Professional Education of a Disabled Student - (per annum)	60,000
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
7.	Sponsorship of a Mentally ill person undergoing Rehabilitation - (per month)	500
8.	Sponsorship of Maintenance of Wheelchairs and Tricycles - (per appliance)	500
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

** Eligible for 100% deduction u/s 35 AC. *Eligible for limited deduction u/s 80G of IT Act.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile / Phone : _____

I herewith enclose a Cheque / DD for Rs. _____ bearing no. _____

Dated _____ on _____ (Name of the Bank) towards Scheme

Serial No.

(Date & occasion, wherever applicable may please be given)

Signature

We also welcome Donations in kind.