

## ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

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**Devashrayam Charitable Society** welcomes all our members to the 21st Annual General Body meeting. We take this opportunity to thank all our well wishers, friends and donors for their support which helps us to reach out to countless needy people and be a ray of sunshine in their lives.

The following office bearers for 2016-17 were elected in the Annual General Body meeting held on 6 July 2016

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| President       | Mr C Ramachandran   |
| Vice President  | Mrs Beena Govind    |
| Secretary       | Mr M N Govind       |
| Joint Secretary | Mr P P Mohandas     |
| Treasurer       | Mrs Archana Subhash |

### THE YEAR THAT WAS

This year marked our 21st year of service to the poor, needy and the helpless in the society. Over the years the scope of service and the number of beneficiaries has increased as large hearted people from far and wide come to us so that we may be a channel for them in reaching out to the ones in need.

The over-whelming participation of several hundred people in our activities gives us confidence to continue on our path of fulfilling our mission.

**The highlight of the year was the inauguration a new block at our Rehabilitation Centre.**

Vision 2020, is a non-profit charity organization in Australia assisting NGOs in India by providing assistance for their infra structure projects.

We were fortunate to be referred to this organization by a well wisher. Vision 2020 immediately considered our request and after going through our proposal, gave us the go-ahead for construction of approximately 1500 square feet for our khadi unit and a general purpose room. The construction was completed in 6 months and the inaugural function was held on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016. Dr Srinivasan Nagarajan, President of Vision 2020 graced the occasion. It was the biggest event of the year for us. The function was attended by our board members, students, teachers and staff. Invited dignitaries present were Mr V S M Kasim, DySP, Mr M Muralidharan GM Malabar Cements, Smt Latha Nair, OISCA board member Mr. Vimal Venni and several invited guests. The Total cost of construction incurred was Rs 21,11960/-, of which Vision 2020 contributed Rs 13,0000/- and the remaining was borne by Devashrayam.

The khadi unit consisting of 15 students and supervised by Ms Sheena Prasad were delighted to start functioning in the new block immediately.

**Ongoing projects of Devashrayam.**

The projects undertaken by Devashrayam were the same as last year and can be classified under 4 sections:

- **Annadhanam** - **Providing free midday meal to the poor patients at Govt. District Hospital, Palakkad**
- **Ashrayam** - **Vocational rehabilitation of special needs Students**
- **Ayurbandhu** - **Financial Aid for dialysis to poor patients with renal failure**
- **Free Medical Aid** - **Medicine and financial assistance to poor patients.**

#### **ANNADHANAM**

Devashrayam was established with the intent of providing a free mid-day meal to the poor patients at Govt. District Hospital, Palakkad. This was the **1<sup>st</sup> project** of our Society and very soon support from individuals started reaching us. What started as a small beginning (ie meals to 100 patients a day in the 1<sup>st</sup> year) has assumed fairly large proportions and now almost **300 patients** receive their mid-day meal from us. This service continues uninterruptedly on all the 365 days for the past 20 years and approximately **100,000 patients** benefit every year. This number is increasing every year. In spite of the soaring prices of essential commodities, the residents in and around Palakkad town as well as the Round Table of India – 81, contribute the major chunk of rice needed for this project. We thank all the donors & well wishers who have donated in cash and kind to make this project run without interruption. The total cost incurred towards this project was **Rs 12,86,079.71/-** plus rice (more than 500 kgs per month Valued approximately Rs. 200000/p.a ) and food material donated by well wishers.

#### **ASHRAYAM**

Devashrayam provides a safe refuge and a healthy learning environment to the mentally challenged who otherwise have nowhere to turn to. The vocational rehabilitation Centre was started under the guidance of Dr. T. Murali “The Rehabilitation Man of India”, a person who has dedicated his life for the upliftment of the Mentally ill and the retarded.

At present 60 mentally challenged students attend the rehabilitation center. They participate in regular morning exercises, classroom sessions, art, craft and music lessons designed as per their capabilities. Apart from that, a few of them are involved in our ongoing projects of making phenyl, liquid soap, agarbathi, candles and paper bags. The Mushroom production unit set up with the assistance of Free Masons of Lodge Palghat – 159 generates a small income every year.

Our Khadi Unit set up by the Khadi Village Industries Board in 2002 functions very efficiently as it is ably supervised by Mrs Leela from the Khadi Board and our staff Mrs Sheena.

The sale of phenyl, liquid soap, Agarbathi and other items produced by students fetched a good income, just as in the previous years.

Total rehabilitation expenses for the year were Rs 28, 13,422/-

Details of events in which our students participated and their interactions with students and teachers of various schools/colleges that visited the Centre, are given in the **LIST OF IMPORTANT EVENTS**.

#### **AYURBHANDHU**

Our tie up with Shanthy Medical and Information centre at Balaji Hospital, Palakkad completed another successful year. Poor patients with kidney malfunction/failure are able to carry on with their lives with the free dialyses support from this project. This year brought the total number of free dialyses to more than 4400 from inception. In addition we have been sponsoring medicines worth Rs 500/- per month for around 60 patients with kidney malfunction for the last few years. We also support patients for peritoneal dialysis at the District Hospital. Our expenses towards dialysis and medicines were to the tune of **Rs 4, 82,955/-** this year.

### **AROGYA NIDHI**

This is another significant project of Devashrayam. This project operates through an authorized medical shop in Palakkad. **More than 60 poor patients** are given medicines free of cost on a monthly basis on producing prescription from doctors. This year the quantum of medical aid was **Rs. 4, 49,343/-** We are humbled to be of service to the ill and suffering multitudes. Much more needs to be done, however, as the number of people who need financial help are many and we are not able to meet the entire requirement. This year **23 patients** were given one time medical aid for treatments in the region of Rs 5000/- to Rs 10000/- each. Medical insurance to the tune of upto Rupees Two lakh was provided to all the staff and their family members, by paying an insurance premium of **Rs 106328/-**.

### **LIST OF IMPORTANT EVENTS**

**2016 April 8<sup>th</sup> Friday.** M.A. Ply Foundation & Social Service Club of LEAD College, Dhoni jointly Donated 3 pedestal fans to our Rehabilitation Centre. Palakkad DYSP Mr. M.K Sulfikar inaugurated the function. Mr. Thomas George (Chairman LEAD College of Management Dhoni), Mr. Anil Kodiyathur (M.A. Ply Foundation) and our members M N Govind, , Beena Govind, C Ramachandran, Mohandas P.P and Archana Subhash as well as all our students and teachers attended the function.

**2016 April 8<sup>th</sup> Friday.** A team from Devashrayam consisting of T.K Biju, Archana Subhash and Ranjini Venkitesh visited the organizations where “ Jeevan Rekha” Job Fair students had started working, to understand their progress at work.

**2016 April 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** Summer Vacation began for Rehabilitation Centre students and teachers.

**2016 May 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.** The centre re-opened after the summer break. The students and teachers resumed their new academic year with enthusiasm.

**2016 May 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.** M.B.A students of Dhanalakshmi College Coimbatore visited the Centre. They performed a few entertainment programs and distributed refreshments to our students.

**2016 May 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.** Haris (Devashrayam Student & Top In Town Employee) distributed refreshments to our students.

**2016 May 27<sup>th</sup> Friday.** A visit to organizations where Job Fair recruits are working was made by our President C. Ramachandran and Ranjini Teacher. The organizations visited were Age Industries – Amarjith, Sinicon Engineering – Ajai Varghese, Hydensso – Praveen Kumar, Visal, Sudheer Babu and Good Buy Soaps – Arun, Sarath.

**2016 June 17<sup>th</sup> Friday.** Visit by members of Malabar Cements Ltd. Mr.Arun Internal Auditor A.G. Office Thiruvananthapuram, Mr. Abdul Samad (Chief Engineer) Mr. Srinivasa Saravanan ( Company Secretary ) as part of their work assignment.

**2016 July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Saturday & Sunday.** The Centre participated in the exhibition “Sankalp” at Lions School Palakkad, organized by a group that supports endeavours by women and under privileged people. We kept a stall at the exhibition and were able to sell and promote the products manufactured at the Centre. The stall was manned by the teachers of Devashrayam. Our members spent time on the stalls as per their convenience during the 2 days.

**2016 July 25<sup>th</sup> Monday.** Master Soumyo Sankar S/o. Sathyanarayanan visited the rehabilitation centre and presented a Robotic Snake & Ladder created by Soumyo.

**2016 July 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** 10 students and 4 teachers from VRMC U.P School Villangi visited the Centre. They brought snacks and performed programs for the students.

**2016 Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Monday.** Independence Day was celebrated at the Centre with the flag hoisting was by Mrs. Devi (Ward Member Marutharode Grama Panchayath). Mr. Subramaniyan (Ex.Ward Member Marutharode Grama Panchayath) and our President Mr C Ramachandran along with members Mr M N Govind, Mr P V Vijayaraghavan and Mr Manoj, were present for the function. Sweets were distributed to the children on this occasion.

**2016 Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** Display of Devashrayam products at Jackfruit Promotion council stall at Children’s park run by OISCA.

**2016 Sept 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.** 2 teachers and 5 students from Bhavan’s Vidyalaya Chithali visited with Onam kits ( grocery items) for students.

**2016 Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday.** 40 students 6 teachers from Bharatmatha school, Chandranagar presented cultural programs as part of Onam celebrations. The brought gifts for our students.

**2016 Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Friday.** Onam saddhya was sponsored by Gurukulam B Ed college, Alathur for our students and staff. They also presented cultural programs and gave a cash donation to the Centre.

**2016 Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Friday.** 11 1<sup>st</sup> year MSW students and 2 teachers from Mercy College Palakkad came on field visit as part of course work. They spent the whole day interacting with our students.

**2016 Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.** Visit by parents, teachers and association members of Globish Kerala Vyapari Vyavasayi Union and Govt Higher secondary school Vettathur.

**2016 Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Monday.** Mahanavmi pooja was held at the Centre and books of all students kept for prayer. It was followed by a Parent- Teachers meeting attended by our Board members.

**2016 Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** Plus 2 students and teachers from Gurukulam school Alathur visited and gave 55 school bags to our students.

**2016 Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.** Visit by GHSS Elapully student police, teachers and students. Police constable Ramadass was also present. The visiting students presented songs and dances. They gave fruits to our students.

**2016 Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** Visit by 8<sup>th</sup> Std students, Vice Principal and 4 teachers from Vasavi Vidyalaya, Thanneer pandhal, Kinasery. They brought sweets for our students.

**2016 Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** Shuttle tournament at Olavakkode railway institute was attended by our students Murali, Nasar, Balaji, Mohd Ashiq. They received a shield and participation certificates.

**2016 Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** Our teacher Sheena Prasad and students Jithin Dev and Prasad went for a one week Computer training organized by AMBA Bangalore.

**2016 Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Monday.** Mushroom shed was cleaned and made ready for next round of production.

**2016 Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday.** Representatives from BPL gave a work order (and material) and shared instructions for doing the work.

**2016 Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Monday.** Ladies Circle Palakkad conducted a colouring competition just as in the previous years. All students were given a gift hamper consisting of colouring pencils, eraser, sharpner and crayons. Sweets were given to the students.

**2016 Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** District special schools sports meet at Sabari Central school Cherpulassery was attended by our students Balaji, Murali, Praveen Kumar, Suresh, Sargunan, Mansoor, Abdul Rahiman and Nazar. They were accompanied by teachers Sunitha and Sheena as well as staff members Venugopal and Muralidharan.

**2016 Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday.** Malayalam Manoram Nallapadam group from KV Kanjikode visited us. They brought snacks, gifts and presented programs.

**2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Saturday.** World Disability Day was celebrated at Town Hall. Almost all of our students participated and got prizes. We also received 1st prize for our group dance. We have been bagging the 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the past 3 years under the able coaching of Dance sir Mr Mahesh.

**2016 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Sunday.** Our very active and talented student Shruti R got married. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> wedding function of a Devashrayam student and was attended by members, teachers, staff and some students of the Centre.

**2016 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Wednesday.** Students and teachers from Shishya school Piruvasala visited us. They presented many cultural programs and brought sweets and snacks for our students.

**2016 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Saturday.** Inauguration function for the newly constructed block was done by Mr Srinivasan Nagarajan, Chairman of Vision 2020. Other dignitaries present were Mr V S M Kasim, DySP, Mr M Muralidharan GM Malabar Cements, Smt Latha Nair, OISCA board member, Mr K V Girish Kumar B N, Project officer Khadi And Village Industries board, Devashrayam Committee members, students, teachers, staff and invited guests. It was a wonderful function for which the Centre was decorated beautifully. Lunch was sponsored by Top in Town.

**2016 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Thursday.** Handball training at Jyothi Nilayam, Muttikulangara was attended by students Aiswarya, Sheena, Suresh, Prameesh and Praveen Kr who were accompanied by Sunitha teacher. All our students were selected for the district competition.

**2016 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Thursday.** Staff from HDFC bank Chandranagar visited our Centre to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas Cake for all.

**2016 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Friday.** A one day outing was organized for all students to Thrissur zoo, Annakotta and Snehatheeram beach. Two buses left the Centre at 7 am and returned at 7 pm with a happy group of students, teachers, staff and member Archana Subhash

**2016 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Saturday.** Centre closed for X mas vacation.

**2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Monday.** Centre re-opened after vacation. A few well wishers from Tharekkad visited with a New Year cake as greetings.

**2017 4<sup>th</sup> Jan Wednesday.** Smt Prema who introduced Vision 2020 to the Centre visited with her son. They brought a cake for students.

**2017 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Thursday.** Owner of Bake Fort accompanied by staff brought cake to celebrate the New Year at the Centre.

4 MSW students from Amrita University started field work as part of their course. The work duration was from Jan to April.

**2017 26<sup>th</sup> Jan Thursday.** Republic day was celebrated at the Centre. Marutharode Panchayat Pres Smt Rajalakshmi, ward member Smt Devi, former ward member Sri Subramaniam. President C Ramachandran along with members T Lakshmanan and Archana Subhash were present on the occasion. Sweets and payasam were served to all present. Children performed cultural programs.

**2017 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Saturday.** A Meeting was held with parents to discuss current issues like change of uniform, regular attendance, behavior of students etc. Dr Anandi our visiting Psychologist and all the teachers as well as board members Govind M N, Beena Govind, Mohandas P P and Manoj C S participated in the meeting.

**2017 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Tuesday.** Representatives from AMBA visited the Centre to monitor the progress after computer training imparted to our teacher and students in Dec. Computer classes are being held for all students as per their directives.

**2017 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Thursday.** Our students Suresh, Prameesh, Sumathy and Sheena attended the State level Handball tournament at Thiruvilla. They were accompanied by Sunitha teacher and staff Venugopal as well as Sumathy's mother. Palakkad district won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the tournament.

**2017 16<sup>th</sup> March Thursday.** Power lifting tournament at Jyothi Nilayam, Muttikulangara was attended by 7 students. They received participation certificates.

**2017 1<sup>st</sup> April Saturday.** A Picnic was arranged to Malampuzha Garden for our students. Principal, teachers and staff joined in it and everyone had a great time.

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Friday.** The centre closed for summer vacation.

### **HELP TO NGO'S AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS**

- Donation of Rs 12,000/- to Chirakukal, Palakkad- as support to the old age home for the destitute.
- Donation of Rs 48,000/- to Margadeepthi Charitable trust for organizing medical camps.
- Donation of Rs 24,000/- to Aashrayam, Rural Development Society, Kollengode for educational projects.
- Donation of Rs. 6,000/- to Malampuzha Block Panchayath Community Day Care Centre, Marutharode, Palakkad.

### **INTERNSHIP**

Four MSW Students from Amrita University, Coimbatore have done their Field work from January 2017 to April 2017 at Devashrayam as a part of their course.

### **SPECIAL DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Devashrayam acknowledges and appreciates the support provided by all our well-wishers, sponsors and friends. Without the help and support of these good hearted people, Devashrayam would not have been able to reach out to so many people. We express our sincere gratitude to all who extended help and prayers in times of need.

**A few acknowledgments are given below for the large support extended to us.**

1. Mr Padmakumar K, MD Malabar Cements, Palakkad for supporting us with a total of Rs 16,70,000/- for our different projects during the year.
2. Vision 2020, Australia gave a donation of Rs 13,00,000/- for construction of new block.
3. A H Foundation (run by Mr Sidheeq Ahamad, MD ERAM group) gave a donation of Rs 5,30,000/-
4. K S N Impax (board member Mr Lakshmanan's daughter's organization) gave a donation of Rs 1,30,000/-
5. Col Satheesan, our board member gave a donation of Rs 1,00,000/-
6. Mr N V Veeraraghavan (Swathi Investment, Mumbai) gave a donation of Rs 1,00,000/-
7. Give India Foundation gave a donation of Rs 84,570/-
8. Ms Anjana Shashidharan & Sequoia Capital gave a donation of Rs 60,000/- combined
9. Mr Sathya Narayanan, Dubai gave a donation of Rs 30,000/-
10. Ms K R Lakshmi, Palakkad gave a donation of Rs 25,000/-
11. Mr Sankara Narayanan, Mumbai gave a donation of Rs 25,000/-
12. Mr Rajesh Menon, Palakkad gave a donation of Rs 25,000/-
13. Ms Kavitha Saju, Ernakulam gave a donation of Rs 25,000/-
14. Lions Club Palakkad gave a donation of Rs 25,000/-
15. Round Table Palakkad contributes 100 kgs of rice every month and supports us with rice and cash donations.
16. One sack of rice (75 kgs) is contributed every month from Mr Suresh Babu, Palakkad.

### **Identity**

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- Devashrayam Charitable Society is registered as a society under the Society Registration Act of 1860 (Reg. No. 209/96, dated 17-07-1996 with the sub register office, Palakkad) [Registration renewed on 13-03-2012]
- Devashrayam Rehabilitation Center for the Mentally Challenged is registered with the Directorate of Social Welfare Trivandrum (Reg. No. 0141, dated 03-12-2005)
- Donations to Devashrayam Charitable Society is exempt under Section 80 G of Income tax Act of 1961, vide order No. CIT. TCR/TECH/80 G- 42/ 2006-07, dated 02-08-2007.
- Devashrayam Charitable Society is registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 Registration number is 05289009, dated, 05/05/2010. Returns for the year submitted on 23-09-2012

**Name, address and account number of banks**

1. Union Bank of India, Chandranagar, Palakkad,  
SB Ac. No. 339602010097002.
2. Union Bank of India, Chandranagar, Palakkad,  
SB Ac No. 339120100091426. (Exclusively for Foreign Contributions under FCRA act of 1976)
3. State Bank of Travancore, Chandranagar, Palakkad,  
SB Ac. No. 67034554129
4. ICICI Bank, Palakkad, (Exclusively for Give India donations)  
SB Ac No. 026201001166
5. HDFC Bank, Chandranagar, Palakkad  
SB-Institution Ac No. 01171450000087
6. SBI, Marutharode Branch, Palakkad  
SB A/c No.33393848038

***DEVASHRAYAM BOARD PLACES ON RECORD OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO MR K V VENKITARAMAN FOR COMPLETING THE AUDIT AS A SERVICE TO OUR NGO. WE ARE INDEBTED TO HIM AND HIS STAFF FOR THIS GESTURE.***

***NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE AUDITOR***

**Mr.K.V.Venkitaraman,**  
Chartered Accountant  
Noorani Post, Palakkad-678004



## DETAILS OF BOARD OF MEMBERS 2016-17

| Name                | Age | Sex | Position on Board | Occupation                      | Cost of International travel |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| C.Ramachandran      | 78  | M   | President         | Rtd. PSU employee               | 0                            |
| M N Govind          | 55  | M   | Secretary         | Business                        | 0                            |
| Archana Subhash     | 50  | F   | Treasurer         | Management teacher & Counsellor | 0                            |
| Beena Govind        | 49  | F   | Vice President    | Journalist                      | 0                            |
| Lalitha Gowrisankar | 70  | F   | Executive-Member  | Social worker                   | 0                            |
| Manoj C.S.          | 49  | M   | Executive-Member  | PSU Employee                    | 0                            |
| Mohandas P P        | 69  | M   | Executive-Member  | Social worker                   | 0                            |
| RamaswamyV N        | 55  | M   | Executive-Member  | Social worker                   | 0                            |
| P V Vijayaraghavan  | 70  | M   | Executive-Member  | Social Worker                   | 0                            |
| Lakshmanan T        | 78  | M   | Executive Member  | Agriculturist                   |                              |

### Staff details

| Gender | Paid Full Time | Paid Part Time | Paid Consultants | Unpaid Volunteers |
|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Female | 10             | 1              | -                | -                 |
| Male   | 6              | 3              | -                | 1                 |