

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Devashrayam Charitable Society welcomes all our members to the 28th 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.

In the Annual General Body meeting held on 24/07/2023 the following team of office bearers took charge for the year 2023-24

President	Mr. Manoj C S
Vice President	Mrs. Beena Govind
Secretary	Mr. M N Govind
Joint Secretary	Mr. A Sasi Kumar
Treasurer	Mrs. Archana Subhash

THE YEAR THAT WAS

This year marked our 28th year of service to the poor, needy and the helpless in the society. Devashrayam continued as LLC for the 3rd year in a row. A local level committee (LLC) is instituted by the National Trust for the welfare of persons With Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual disability and Multiple Disabilities. The activities conducted as LLC are given as Annexure 1.

Two significant activities this year were the inauguration of the Sensory room and the inauguration of our newly renovated 1st floor named Samudra Hall. The inauguration of our Sensory room was done by the MD of Rubfila International, Mr Krishnakumar. Venerable Swami Nandathmajananda of the Ramakrishna Mission inaugurated Samudra Hall. Many executives from Cochin Shipyard (Shri. PN Sampathkumar, Head CSR, Cochin Shipyard, Mr. Yoosaf, Manager CSR, Mr. Sasindran (Manager CSR) along with Mr. Suresh Hariharan, Co-ordinating editor Malayala Manoramma, Mr. Sherif Sooja, District Social Justice Officer and Deputy collector Mr. Alfred were present on this occasion.

We were blessed by the visit of Dayabai in July '24 for our Annual day celebration.

We are extremely grateful for the whole hearted support and over-whelming participation of so many people in our activities. It gives us motivation to continue fulfilling our mission.

Our students won accolades and prizes in many competitions. Please refer to the List of events for details.

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 mid-day 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 **1st project** of ours Society and very soon support from several well-wishers started pouring in. What started as a small beginning (i.e. meals to 100 patients a day in the 1st year) has assumed fairly large proportions, and now more than **350 patients** receive their mid-day meal through us. This service continues uninterruptedly on all the 365 days for the past 28 years and approximately **100,000 patients** benefit every year. Despite the soaring prices of essential commodities, the residents in and around Palakkad town contribute around 2400 kgs of rice needed for this project. Our members go on a rice collection drive every 3rd Sunday of the month and we are grateful for the generosity of the donors, in particular, Lions Club Chandranagar (50 kgs), Dhoni Church (40 kgs), a well-wisher from Chandranagar colony (40 kgs), CA Suresh Babu (75 kgs), S.K Stores (10kgs), Vijayapuram Colony (10kgs), Bhadradeepam Apartment (25kgs). Our team goes to ITI Colony, Kadamkode, Akshara nagar, Kunnathurmedu, Shanti colony, Bhadradeepam apartments, Anjali Gardens, Ayodhya Nagar, Mercy college, Puthur, Chandranagar colony, Valiapadam, Sekharipuram, Victoria college. 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.11,85,221/-**

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.

In 2023-24, 54 developmentally challenged students attended the rehabilitation center. They participate in regular morning exercises, classroom sessions, art, crafts 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 and candles.

Our Khadi Unit set up by the Khadi Village Industries Board in 2002 functions very efficiently under the supervision of our trained staff Mrs. Sheena. They do a good job of spinning khadi threads and earning salaries through the Khadi board.

The sale of phenyl, liquid soap, agarbathi and other items produced by students fetched a good income, just as in the previous years. These are the sales figures: Phenyl 4119 Nos, Liquid soap 8095 nos, Agarbathi 626 Nos, Handwash soap 115 nos and File 205 Nos. Earnings **Rs.5,58,753/-**

We supply liquid soap in bulk quantities to the following organisations: Instrumentation Ltd, Govt Dist Hospital Palakkad, Khadi Board Akathethara, Khadi Board Thrissur, IT Dept Palakkad, LIC Branch 1, Twon Square Club, ITI Employees co-operative society, PHC Melamuri, Krishna Coffee, BPL, Akshara school Chandranagar, Saphala Clinic Kallepully, Nila Nagar, Darshana Apartments.

Total rehabilitation expenses for the year were **Rs.3,84,805/-**

The Section **LIST OF IMPORTANT EVENTS** gives details of events at the Centre including visits and interactions with students and teachers of various schools/colleges.

AYURBHANDHU

Our tie up with Paalana Hospital, Palakkad completed another successful year for this project. Poor patients with kidney malfunction or failure can carry on with their lives with the free dialyses support from this project. In addition, we have been sponsoring medicines up to 1000/- per month for around 40 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.3,23,300/-** this year.

AROGYA NIDHI

This is another significant project of Devashrayam. This project operates through Friends Medicals, an authorized medical shop in Palakkad. Around **50 poor patients** are given medicines free of cost on a monthly basis, on production of a doctor's prescription. This year the quantum of medical aid was **Rs.7,24,114/-**. 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. Medical insurance to the tune of Rupees Two lakh was provided to all the staff, by paying an insurance premium of **Rs.50,385/-**. We also provide education support of Rs 1500/- per annum for school going children in the family of our staff members.

LIST OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

- **2023 April 1st Saturday:** Medical camp was conducted by Meditrina Hospital Palakkad to commemorate World Autism Day.
- **2023 April 13th Thursday:** We donated 3 provision kits to The Blind Federation.
- **2023 May 1st Thursday:** New uniforms for all our students were sponsored by Dr. Beena Padmakumar
- **2023 July 1st Saturday:** Sensory room inauguration by Mr. G. Krishnakumar, MD, Rubfila International, Gents toilet inauguration by Lions Club Palakkad President Mr. Vimal Venu, Former President Mr.T. Madhu, Secretary Mr. Girikumar. Parents attended the inaugural ceremony.
- **2023 July 11th Tuesday:** Mr. Kalidas Parakkal Menon performed on electrical guitar for our students.
- **2023 July 14th Friday:** Dr. Murali Thyloth and Daya Bai visited our Centre as part of our Annual Day event.
- **2023 July 15th Saturday:** The newly constructed Samudra hall, sponsored by Cochin Shipyard was inaugurated. Lighting of lamp was by Sampoojya Swami Nandathmajananda Editor of Prabudha Keralam Thrissur, Shri P.N Sampathkumar (Head CSR, Cochin Shipyard), Mr. Suresh Hariharan Co-ordinating editor Malayala Manoramma, Mr. Yoosaf Manager CSR, Mr. Sasindran Manager CSR, Mr. Sherif Sooja District Social Justice Officer, Deputy collector Mr. Alfred were the invited dignitaries.

- **2023 July 24th Monday:** Staff meeting and Annual general body meeting
- **2023 August 3rd Thursday:** Sitar Recitation by Ms. Prathibha an artist with intellectual and developmental disability. She is a Bharatnatyam dancer and Sitarist who has given many performances all over India (Nish chintha - Ottapalam). Shri Sreejith M, Deputy Commissioner CGST, Mr.Sathya Murali, Mr.Shinas, Smt.Anitha (Administrative officer CGST, Mr Sunil Kumar were present. Welcome speech was given by Mr. M.N.Govind
- **2023 Aug 12th & 13th Saturday, Sunday:** Devashrayam put up a Stall at Lions School Palghat
- **2023 August 15th Tuesday:** Devashrayam students performed a dance at Lions School Palghat.
- **2023 August 17th Thursday:** 30 students & 3 staff from Vasavi Vidhyalaya visited in the morning and 49 students & 3 staff members from Prime College Erattayal in the afternoon.
- **2023 August 26th Saturday:** Onam celebration at Devashrayam with Chief Guest Mr. Unnikrishnan, Marutharoad Panchayath President. Around 95 persons were present including our members Mrs. Archana Subhash, Mrs. Beena Govind, Mr. C.S.Manoj, Mr. M.N.Govind, Mr. Vijayaraghavan and Mr. Mayankutty. We had grand programs followed by Onasadhya. Onam allowance of Rs.30000 (2500/staff) and Gifts were given to staff members.
- **2023 August 30th Wednesday:** Devashrayam students participated in DTPC Onam programme at Rappadi. Rs.10000/- donated by DTPC for their dance programme and participation. Ms. Prathiba and Mr.Hari Parakkal participated in the program.
- **2023 September 3rd Monday:** Mushroom cultivation unit started functioning.
- **2023 September 8th Friday:** SPC Unit from Govt Elapully School visited Devashrayam.
- **2023 September 15th Friday:** Free Masons Lodge Palakkad No 159 visited Devashrayam and gave Rs.150000/- as cheque for the purchase of Interactive Flat Panel on the occasion of the diamond jubilee celebration of their Lodge. M.W.Bro Mr. Aneesh Kumar Sharma Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India, Thothala Narayanan Manoharan Regional Grand Master of Southern India, Verrappan Nagappan Asst Regional Grand Master were present.
- **2023 September 16th Saturday:** Bharathmatha College Kozhijampara visited and gave Rs.3000/- . NSS Valiyapadam visited our organisation and gave Umbrellas and 50 bags to our students and sponsored lunch that day.
- **2023 September 30th Saturday:** One Wheel chair donated to Social Justice Department Palghat from Devashrayam.
- **2023 October 9th Monday:** Toothpastes, Toothbrushes and soaps given by Social Justice Dept on the occasion of Senior Citizens' day.
- **2023 October 13th Friday:** Legal Awareness Class was conducted by Adv Shanmugeswari and P.L.V Sumathi. 38 students and 21 parents attended.
- **2023 October 15th Sunday:** Free Masons Lodge Palakkad visited Devashrayam and donated Rs.1,50,000/- for smart interactive board
- **2023 November 3rd Friday:** 5 desks and 5 benches valued at Rs.40,000/- were donated by All Kerala Furniture Hirer Association Palakkad.
- **2023 November 11th Saturday:** Installation of Interactive Smart Panel. Demo class conducted for teachers and students.
- **2023 November 24th Friday:** 84 students and teachers from Bhavans Vidyalam Ottaplam visited Devashrayam and gave a donation of Rs.10000/-
- **2023 December 7th Thursday:** World Disability Day Programme was conducted at Lead College Dhoni. Our students won the following prizes:
Thalib Ibrahim – 1st prize Solo dance (boys), Saritha R - 1st prize Solo dance (girls), Abhinav Peter – 1st prize in pencil drawing and colouring, Ajay Krishnan-2nd prize in Pencil drawing, Santhosh S – 3rd prize in pencil drawing.
- **2023 December 9th Saturday:** Inaugural ceremony of Olivia Foundation. 10 students and teachers from Devashrayam attended the programme.

- **2023 December 10th Sunday:** Swami Nandathmajanandha & Swamiji of Kaladi visited Devashrayam.
- **2023 December 12th:** Niramaya Awareness class conducted by Mr.MN Govind (LLC Convenor), Mrs. Shanly (LLC Co - ordinator) at St. Thomas School Kyradi.
- **2023 December 13th Wednesday:** Sheena teacher and 10 students attended Khadi Christmas & New year Mela at Panchayath Office Palakkad. Working coats were given by Khadi Gramodyog for our students.
- **2023 December 23rd Saturday:** Christmas celebration at Devashrayam followed by 3 days holiday.
- **2023 December 28th Wednesday:** School reopened after Christmas break.
- **2024 January 6th Saturday:** Birthday Celebration of Mr. M.N. Govind was held at the Centre. Mr. Santhosh Geever donated Rs.10000/- to Devashrayam. Staff Meeting was conducted by Mr. M.N Govind, Mr. C S Manoj, Mrs. Archana Subhash & Mrs. Beena Govind.
- **2024 January 15th Wednesday:** Swami Sadbhavanandha & Swami Yathivaranandha from Ramakrishna Mission Puramnattukara visited Devashrayam.
- **2024 January 23rd Tuesday:** Free Mason Lodge No 159 visited Devashrayam and donated Rs.1.5lakh for our projects.
- **2024 February 7th Wednesday:** Students, parents and staff went on a tour to Kochi to experience Kochi Metro & Water Metro. The group size was 67 (Students, parents, Staffs & Members). Lunch was sponsored by Mr. Sethumadhavan, Aiswarya Lottery.
- **2024 February 14th Wednesday:** Around 30 students & 5 staff from GHS Thenari school visited our Centre.
- **2024 February 15th Thursday:** Annual Assessment of students was conducted.
- **2024 February 23rd Friday:** Students & teachers from Chinmaya School, Pallavur visited our Centre.
- **2024 March 4th Monday:** Assessment report card distribution.
- **2024 March 14th Thursday:** Marine exhibition from Kochi (venue: Stadium) was attended by students, staff and 3 members. Students & staff were offered free entry by the organisers. They also sponsored ice creams for the entire group.
- **2024 March 18th Monday:** Principal and teachers from Pratheeksha Buds School Thathamangalam visited the Centre.

ENDOWMENTS

- 1.Rs 5,00,000/- received from Dr. Ramachandran in 2021
- 2.Rs.11,000/- received from Mr. Gireesh in January 2023
- 3.Rs.50000/- Smt Devakikutty Amma, Kavilpadu in 2016

The interest received from these deposits is being used for our different projects.

INTERNSHIP

1. Master of Arts in Media & Communication student Ms. Ganga R from Christ University Bangalore did her internship for 30 days (15 May 2023 to 15th June 2024)
2. Second Semester MSW students Ms. Manisha & Ms. Mary from Mercy college, Palakkad, did their internship for 24 days (15th March onwards).
3. Around 15 students from Mercy College Palakkad, did Voluntary service for one day.

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 by these Institutions and individuals.

1. Dr. Beena Padmakumar donated Rs.1,02,000/- towards sponsorship of four differently abled students for the entire year.
2. Mr Samir Mecheri Valappil Chandrasekharan gave a donation of Rs 32,000/-towards student sponsorship
3. Mr N R Veeraraghavan, Mumbai gave a donation of Rs 1,00,000/- for our different projects
4. Ms Sandhya P K donated Rs 59,000/-
5. Crystal Solar World Chathapuram donated Rs.24000/-
6. Mr. Ram Gopal donated Rs.24000/-
7. Round Table Palakkad contributed 95 kgs of rice every month and supported us with cash donations.
8. One sack of 75 kgs rice was contributed every month by Mr.CA Suresh Babu, Palakkad (approx Rs 40,000/- annually)
9. Mr Manoj Ganesh Parmesh gave donation of Rs.2,75,000/-towards Arogyanidhi project
10. Mr. Santhi Raj N Nair donated Rs.34000/- students sponsorship& Dialysis
11. Mrs. Thankam Menon gave a donation of Rs.40,000/-for student sponsorship
12. M. G. Goutham Krishna, Visram, Kunnathurmedu donated Rs.24,000/ for students' sponsorship.
13. Capt. Govind A gave a donation of Rs.68,500 /- for Noon Meal Project.
14. Dr.V.DM Namboodiri gave a donation of Rs.54,000/- towards 1 year for Noon meal
15. Justice Chettur Sankaran Nair gave donation of Rs.20000/ - (General Donation)
16. Mr. V.K Venugopal gave donation of Rs.40000/-
17. Mr. Samir Inamdar gave donation of Rs.24500/-
18. Dr. Nargis Rabiya gave donation of Rs.25000/- for students' sponsorship
19. Mr. Sethumadhavan Aiswarya Lottery gave donation of Rs.41700/- for students' sponsorship
20. Mr. Santhosh Geever gave donation of Rs.1,35,000/- as General donation
21. Mrs. Nalini Hariprasad gave donation of Rs.24000 /-for students' sponsorship
22. Mr. Mohandas gave donation of Rs.24000/-for students' sponsorship
23. Following donors contributed as follows: Mr. Sivadas C.A (Rs.18,000/-), Mr. K.Bhaskaran (Rs.18,000/), Dr. Sobha (Rs.25,000/-), Mr. K.P.Balakrishnan (Rs.18,000/-), Mr. Suresh Babu Kongot (Rs.15,500/-), Mrs. Bindu Balagopal (Rs.10000/-)

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. South Indian Bank, Chandranagar, Palakkad, Ac No. 0558073000000368. (Exclusively for Foreign Contributions under FCRA act of 1976)
3. SBI, Marutharode Branch, Palakkad Current A/c No. 33957556465

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

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DETAILS OF BOARD OF MEMBERS 2022-23

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Cost of International travel
C S Manoj	56	M	President	Central Govt Unit employee	0
Beena Govind	56	F	Vice President	Journalist	0
M N Govind	61	M	Secretary	Business	0
A Sasikumar	61	M	Joint Secretary	Rtd from Public sector (BPL)	0
Archana Subhash	57	F	Treasurer	Psychologist	0
Mayankutty	70	M	Executive Member	Social worker	0

Lalitha Gowrisankar	75	F	Executive-Member	Social worker	0
Mohandas P P	74	M	Executive-Member	Social worker	0
Ramaswamy VN	71	M	Executive-Member	Social worker	0
P V Vijayaraghavan	76	M	Executive-Member	Social Worker	0
Lakshmanan T	86	M	Executive Member	Agriculturist	0
Biju T K	56	M	Member	Special Educator, N R H M, Palakkad	0
Dr.Vamanamoorthi	83	M	Member	Retired from Kerala Government Health Department	0

Staff details

Gender	Paid Full Time	Paid Part Time	Paid Consultants	Unpaid Volunteers
Female	7		-	-
Male	6	3	-	-

Annexure 1

LOCAL LEVEL COMMITTEE REPORT:

DEVASHRAYAM CHARITABLE SOCIETY AS NGO MEMBER (Registered with National Trust Act)

A local level committee u/s 13 of the National Trust for the welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual disability and Multiple Disabilities Act 1999. Devashrayam Rehabilitation Centre is an NGO Member since October 2019 in the State of Kerala.

About Legal Guardianship and Niramaya Health Insurance:

- * LLC conducted legal guardianship hearing and property hearing for every month from April '23- March '24.
- * Niramaya Health Insurance Scheme is for Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. From 2019 onwards till March 2024, 2378 health insurance cards were generated In Palakkad under Devashrayam Charitable society, as registered organization.
- * Under Section 14 of the National Trust Act, the Local Level Committee headed by the District Collector is empowered to appoint guardians for persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities. It also Provides mechanism for monitoring and protecting their interests including their properties. One Hundred and Nineteen(119) legal guardianship certificates were granted to the persons under the National Trust Act 1999 through the Local Level Committee, Palakkad
- * Ten house visits and property visits were conducted by LLC for protecting the rights and welfare of the beneficiaries.

Awareness Class:

- Awareness class of Legal guardianship and Niramaya Insurance Scheme conducted at St.Thomas Special School Palakkad.
- Awareness class of Legal guardianship and Niramaya Insurance Scheme conducted at Pratheeksha Special School Palakkad.
- A help desk was organized regarding Niramaya health insurance and Legal guardianship at Lead college, Malampuzha in connection with World Disability Day celebration 'Unarvu 2022' on Dec 2nd.

Orientation Program:

- Participated in one day Zonal level workshop for LLC at Trivandrum conference hall on 12th Sep 2023 regarding uniform system of hearing.