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Inclusive Development

The expression inclusive development has become part of the vocabulary in recent times. Economists and politicians all over the world talk about inclusive development.

This idea evolved in the 1970s as a reaction to the social exclusion of a large group of unemployed people in the industrialized nations of Western Europe who could not participate in the normal activities of the society. Since then the concept of inclusion has gradually crossed the European borders and reached the developing nations of the world with the efforts of the United Nations agencies by the nineties.

Thanks to the founders Dr. T.S. Soundram and Dr. G. Ramachandran Gandhigram has been engaged in inclusive development since its inception in 1947. Our main activities cover the fields of Social Welfare, Health and Hygiene, Education and Employment Generation.

Some 1240 SHGs have been formed by us since 1990s and they are grouped in 37 Federations. Apart from microcredit, some 3000 SHG women have become individual entrepreneurs. There are 56 Joint ventures of SHGs in different trades. SHGs of women are managing distribution of water supply in many village Panchayats. They are also engaged in solid and liquid waste management in many villages.

Under a project titled Scheme of Funds for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) 700 artisans engaged in collection, cultivation, semi processing and marketing of herbal plants and herbal based finished products have benefitted financially. They have learnt how to collect plants in a scientific manner without destroying the nature. The project was successfully implemented in four blocks under Dindigul and Theni District and completed in March 2012.

Presently we are involved in the rehabilitative work for the differently abled in Kadayam block of Tirunelveli District with the support of TdHNL (a funding agency from Netherland). In addition similar activity is being carried out in Nilakottai block of Dindigul District with funds provided by the State Government under PudhuVazhvuThittam.

We are hopeful of continuing our service to the economically challenged section of the population in the villages we serve.

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ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY GANDHIGRAM TRUST

Gandhigram Trust has grown into a cluster of institutions focusing on Social welfare, Education, Health, Income generation activities and Knowledge management services. From a macro perspective, all our interventions encompass the significance of ahimsa, local traditions, appropriate technology and self-reliance, evolving a paradigm of co-existence between humanity and nature.

SOCIAL WELFARE: Protection, Care and Empowerment of the Vulnerable

Gandhigram Trust addresses the social needs and issues of women and children through its inclusive approach.

Home away from Home

Sowbhagya Illam at Gandhigram was started with one child under its care and now it has 184 children (boys 50 & girls 134) aged 3-18 years. Avvai Ashram at Sivasailam, presently houses 61 children. Conducive environment is created in the home to fulfill the potentialities of the children by providing shelter, love, encouragement and opportunities. Apart from providing accommodation and food, value based education, life skills are imparted in their daily life.

Sugavanam a home for the aged houses 13 elders, where in accommodation, food, health care and recreation services are provided to them.

Education, Vocational Training and Rehabilitation activities

All the children of Sowbhagya Illam who appeared for both X and XII std. public examinations have passed the examinations. Selvi.K.Isakkiyammal, studying 9th std. bagged the Mean Merit Scholarship from Central Government, for a period of three years.

60 Children from Sowbhagya Illam are regularly attending the on line learning programme which is improving their English and computer learning facilitated by Ann Foundation. As a part of vocational training and making the children self-reliant, tailoring courses have been started. 30 children are learning Bharatha Natiyam and 20 children are learning Carnatic music. 25 children participated in the personality development camp at Vivekananda Kendra. Arts and crafts workshops are being conducted to aid in diversifying the skills of children.
EDUCATION: Access to Quality Education

Gandhigram Trust provides quality education to students from socio-economically deprived section, especially girls and the differently-abled through its institutions starting from pre-KG to Higher Secondary Level and a Teacher Education College.

Appropriate Educational Institutions

Gandhigram Trust manages 10 Creches Day care centres in the rural villages, fostering to the needs of women. Play way methods of learning are being imparted to the children along with providing nutritional supplements. Dr. T.S. SoundramVidyalaya, an experimental English medium school provides pre-primary and primary education. Extra-curricular activities like drawing, paintings, poetry writing and singing are encouraged.

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88 students have registered for different programmes offered by Dr. Soundram Community College, which imparts alternative system of education, aiming to empower individuals through appropriate skill development leading to gainful employment in collaboration with the local industry and community.

National Assessment and Accreditation Council has reaccredited Lakshmi college of education with B grade.
**Academic Excellence**

- Master. M. Rajaram of XII standard from Thambithottam Higher Secondary School secured State first rank in Indian Culture (180/200). He was honoured by a cash award Rs.10,000/- by the District Collector, Dindigul.

- Master. K. Veerakumar of XII standard from Thambithottam Higher Secondary School secured the highest mark 1157/1200.

- Selvi. P. Vaitheeswari of Kasturba Sevikashram scored 1067/1200 marks in the higher secondary examination. All the students who appeared for higher secondary examination from Kasturba Sevikashram have passed.


- Selvi. V. Swathi got centum in Social Studies.

- Five students were selected from Thambithottam Higher Secondary School to the National Talent Search Examination for National Means cum Merit scholarship.

- Thambithottam Higher Secondary School has secured 96% of result both in X and XII standard in the public examination held on March 2012.

**Talent Transformations**

- Selvi. Santhiya, a student of Kasturba Sevikashram Special Higher Secondary School secured 1st prize in the District Slogan Competition conducted by Dindigul Education Department in the celebration of World AIDS Day.

- Three students of Sevikashram received prizes from the District Collector, Dindigul for their participation in drawing and essay competitions organized for in the Celebrations of World Consumers Day.

- A science exhibition was organized on 06.09.2012 to inculcate scientific temper among our students.

- 12 students of Sevikashram have completed Certificate course on Computer Applications Examination conducted by Dr. Soundram – IGNOU Community College.
• The Biological Science B.Ed., trainees of Lakshmi College of Education won the overall championship shield at Bio-Fest competitions on 11.02.12 organised by Gandhigram Rural Institute. The Home Science B.Ed., trainees won individual prizes at Home-Fest competitions on 11.02.12 organised by Gandhigram Rural Institute.

**Teaching Learning Technologies**

The students of Diploma in Health Assistant from Dr. Soundram - IGNOU Community College attended a special lecture on Psychology by Dr. Vijayarengan. The students participated in the Polio Camps held at Perumalkovilpatti, Chettiapatti and other nearby villages of Gandhigram. The students of Certificate in Herbal medicine Siddha went to an exposure visit to Kolli Hills, Kaviraj pharmacy and Siddhashram.

**Inculcating Scientific Temper**

The Young Scientist award and the District first prize were given to our children with special needs (hearing impaired) from **Santhi School for the hearing impaired.** Selvan.Ilavarasan, Selvan. SeikeMohamad and Selvi.Saraswathi studying IX standard participated in National Children’s Science Congress and presented their research work on soil testing and the study of suitable cultivable plants in and around Sivasailam, with the assistance from their guide teacher Ms.Sathy Madhavi.

Science exhibition was organized at Gandhigram Primary School to commemorate National Science Day on 28.2.2012. The students prepared models for display and demonstrated experiments.

A training camp was organized for Santhi School students to develop Young Scientists by INSPIRE of M.S. University in the Santhi School, Sivasailam.

The National Mathematics year 2012 was celebrated at Lakshmi College of Education on 26.04.2012 where students from nearby colleges participated and won prizes.

**Excellence in Sports**

The students of Santhi School participated in the sports for the differently abled children held at Anna Stadium, Palayankottai on 6.1.2012. Nine boys and four girls participated in the various events and bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. 15 boys of Santhi School participated in the sports camp conducted at V.K.Puram. Selvan U.ESakki Durai secured 1st Prize in running race.
Selvan, T. Sethuraman from Dr. T.S. SoundaramVidyalaya, participated in the District Scatting Competition conducted at Erode and bagged gold and silver medals.

The students of Thambithottam Higher Secondary School proved their excellence by holding District winnership in Super Senior Girls ball badminton and District runnership in senior girls ball badminton.

**Assured Opportunities for Quality Education**

Gandhigram Trust introduced India Literacy Project from July 2011 to enhance quality of education in rural areas, backward, remote and needy schools in Kalakkadu block in Tirunelveli District. The project concentrated on life coping skills for children, organized parent teachers meetings, training programmes for staff and education support to differently abled children. Supplementary education centres were also started in the villages.

The project is extended in the second year covering 1688 students from 14 schools from 11 villages would be benefited through the financial support from ILP, USA. Life Skills Education training module was developed by Dr.V. Dakshinamurthy, Management consultant.

**HEALTH CARE SERVICES:**

**Holistic and Quality Health Care Services at Affordable Cost**

Kasturba Hospital which was started as a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre has grown into a well equipped 300 bedded General Hospital. The hospital provides a wide spectrum of Obstetric, Gynaecology and Paediatric services. Holistic and quality rural health services are provided at low cost.

**Professionally Managed and Technology Updated Health Support Services**

- 143 persons have benefitted through the Artificial Limb (Jaipur Foot) Research Centre of Kasturba Hospital
- 8 children have been given foster care through the Child Adoption Centre
- Twenty five Senior Citizens in the Geriatric Ward of the hospital get old age care.
- Twenty three students are presently pursuing Diploma in Health Assistant Course.
- Aravind Eye Vision Centre at Kasturba Hospital helps the rural people with eye problems. Preliminary investigations are done at the centre and simple eye problems are diagnosed and treated.
- Awareness camps on tuberculosis, were conducted at Ambathurai, Perumalkovilpatti and Chinnalapatti.
- Health camps and medical check-ups are regularly carried out, monitoring the health status of children at all the units of Gandhigram.

### Community users 2011 - 2012

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**RURAL INDUSTRIES AND VOCATION:**

**Employment Generation Through Traditional Industries**

Gandhigram Khadi & Village Industries Public Charitable Trust is one of the pioneers in developing village industrial units in villages spread over the Districts of Dindigul, Karur, Madurai, Sivagangai, Triunelveli and Theni, providing support to 1000 families. It has over the years created village industries, set-up many industries, had facilitated research and development on specific village products. Trainings are being imparted to rural entrepreneurs for setting up village industrial units.
Production and Sales Details

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<td>Khadi Production</td>
<td>37.78</td>
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<td>Village Industries Production</td>
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Revitalizing Khadi and Village Industries

Khadi and Village Industries Commission sanctioned financial Assistance for the developmental activities like Ready wrap unit, Work shed scheme and Bakery Unit.

- Ready wrap unit is constructed at T.Subbulapuram at the cost of Rs.5 lakhs to enhance Khadi production.
- Rs.45,000/- per person has been sanctioned to five Khadi weavers to construct Industrial units at Keezhpavoor and Idaikkal
- A new Bakery unit was constructed at the cost of Rs.5 lakhs. This will render employment opportunities to 50 persons.

Production and Distribution of Siddha and Ayurvedic Medicines

Lakshmi Seva Sangham (LSS), stepped in its 35th year of service of promoting siddha, ayurvedic medicines and providing income generation to people in nearby villages. Lakshmi Seva Sangham has grown to manufacture around 273 varieties of products, keeping its core principles intact.

2011 -12 Sales: 145.00 lakhs

Lakshmi Seva Sangham (LSS) has launched cent percent natural face cream Kunkumathi Lepam which contains skin friendly natural ingredients.

As a part of improving quality status, a one day orientation programme was organized by L.S.S. Dr. Sathya Rajeswaran, Research Officer, Siddha Central Research Institute, Arumbakkam, Chennai, Doctors and other team members participated in the programme and prepared action plan implementation.
Successful Completion of SFURTI Project

SFURTI, the “Scheme of Funds for Regeneration of Traditional Industries” (SFURTI) is an innovative Cluster Development Programme introduced by the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India, entrusting KVIC as a nodal agency. The Ministry has sanctioned a project to Lakshmi Seva Sangham (LSS) through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (K&VIC), Mumbai at a cost of 87 lakhs under SFURTI with the aim for the development of cluster based Siddha and Ayurvedic industries, of which 8.5 lakhs is our (LSS) contribution. Through this scheme 665 families got their livelihoods through income generation activities like collection of herbal plants, cultivation, semi-processing and marketing of end products. This scheme was implemented in Athoor, Nilakottai, Kodaikanal blocks of Dindigul district and Andipatti block of Theni District. Forty four groups involving 665 artisans who are involved in collection, cultivation, semi processing and marketing of medicinal plants.

Three Common Facility Centers (CFCs) have been formed under SFURTI. Under “Product Development and Design Intervention, a new logo with the caption Health in Trusted Hands was developed. As part of the Marketing Promotional Assistance, LSS has participated nearly 90 exhibitions organized by KVIC, Government, Siddha and Ayurveda Colleges all over India. The SHGs have been trained in Sales (GSRs) and involved for the participation. Workshops and training programmes were conducted under Capacity Building Measures in Dindigul and Theni districts to trace out the artisans working in this field and scientific way of collection. A collection-kit consisting of collection bag, spade and sickle were distributed to the traditional plant collectors. Exposure visits were also arranged for the beneficiaries. Linkage and revolving funds of Rs 50.04 lakhs have been arranged from the bankers for working capital. The average daily income of the artisans is increased into from Rs. 50/- to Rs.150/-.

The SFURTI project was completed on 31st March 2012. A final review was carried out by Smt. K.P. Lalithamaney, Director of KVIC Divisional Office, along with the Madurai Officers, community users and officials of Gandhigram. The wing taken care of the activities like arrangement of bank loans, group and individual activities of the members in collection, cultivation of herbal plants, repayment of the loan, savings, monthly meetings and other need and time based activities. Though the project has come to an end, Gandhigram Trust is planning to maintain the SHGs and GSRs as a part of our strategy of working in the villages.

Research, Development and Propagation Activities of Dr. Soundram Trust

Dr. Soundram Trust aims to provide relief to the poor and welfare of the economically and socially disadvantaged or needy women, children and others, at the same time undertaking activities employing them without any profit motive. The Trust houses Publication Division (Gandhigram Press), Natural Dyes Research and Training Centre and Sanitary Napkin Research and Training Centre.
Gandhigram Press, the Publication Division caters to the needs of Gandhigram community members and outsiders towards photocopying, DTP, laser printout, binding and offset printing.

During the year of 2011-12 the printing press has earned a sum of Rs.11.25 lakhs. It has also sold publications worth Rs.43,000/-. A new Digital Printer/Copier/Scanner purchased and installed in the printing press is aiding in the multi colour printouts like Invitations, Certificates, i.e., Citations, Folders, Brochures, Pamphlets, Visiting Cards, Advertisement Notices, Labels etc.

Natural Dyes Research and Training Centre is executing dyeing of fabrics and yarns to Khadi & VIPC Trust. It is also supplying Khadi cloth made from organic cotton and dyed in Natural Dyes for Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi, Mishan Design Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore, M/s GVD Textiles, Coimbatore. A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Dr.Soundram Trust and G.V.D Textiles for research in Natural Dyes for making Natural Dyed fabric from Mill yarn. Trainings on extraction of Natural Dyes were imparted to a team of five persons from Sikkim, facilitated by ATREE – Bangalore. As three Phase power supply has been obtained the operation of Hydro extractor, washing machine and water softner donated by M/s. Sundaram Finance of TVS are functioning satisfactorily reducing the drudgery of workers. The erection and commissioning of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) of 5000 litres capacity is completed and the discharged and treated effluent water is being used for nurturing of dye yielding and other plants.

Sanitary Napkin Research & Training Centre provides trainings for the Rural women in the production of napkin from different parts of our country. During the year 2011-12 the centre has produced Rs.1.75 lakhs worth napkin and distributed to a sum of Rs.1.68 Lakhs. In the current year, from April to August 2012 the production is Rs.59,848/- and the distribution is Rs.1,18,031/-. The centre has supplied Rs.77,500/-worth sanitary napkins to Social Welfare Department, Dindigul.

Social Audit was undertaken for the projects of Srinivasa Social Service Trust (SST). The team from Gandhigram visited the villages of Padavedu, Hosur, Tirukurungudi, Navathirupathy and Pune from 28th October to 11th of November 2011. The impact of SST’s intervention in the above mentioned villages were studied with reference to socio economic conditions, education, health, sanitation, agriculture and infrastructural facilities, by interacting with the community users and also by verifying the registers maintained by them and prepared a report. The report was presented at SST- Tirukurungudi under the leadership of Shri.K.Shivakumar, Secretary, Gandhigram Trust and Shri. V.C.Nadrajan, Management consultant.
Village extension activities are the backbone of the Gandhigram Trust. Drawing inspiration from the constructive programme of Gandhiji, we have been working for empowering rural women in socio cultural, economic and political aspects.

**Inclusive Development for the Differently Abled**

Gandhigram Trust has been recognized as a Block Differently Abled Facilitating Agency for Nilakkottai block under PudhuVazhvu project of the Government of Tamil Nadu from May 2012. Awareness generation on disability is carried out under Pudhuvaazhu project with a focus on differently abled people, types of disabilities and peoples involvement in identification of differently abled through film show, public meeting and distribution of hand bills in all twenty three panchayats. Door to door survey for identifying differently abled persons was conducted in 190 villages of entire Nilakkottai block. Sixteen special groups for differently abled are organized in Nilakkottai block.

Terre des Homes Netherland (TdH-NL) has sanctioned funds to Gandhigram Trust for the implementation of Community Based Rehabilitation Project for the differently abled persons in Kadayam block of Tirunelveli District. Thirty villages from nine panchayats are covered for Community Based Rehabilitation covering education, health and vocational training. The project provided funds for early detection and intervention, speech therapy, supply of hearing aid appliances and learning materials and infrastructure development.
Community Capacity Building

Understanding the needs of the community and to provide knowledge management to strengthen programme management, community capacity building programmes through trainings, camps, seminars and meetings are carried out.

- Organisational Development trainings were organised for 49 SHG federation leaders with the financial support from R.V.Foundation.
- Finance management, Self Help Group Management training was conducted for 145 SHGs.
- Financial Literacy classes, Awareness of Insurance schemes, Life skill education are conducted.
- Menstrual Hygiene Management to 100 girls studying in James Hr.Sec.School, Dindigul Township on 29th June 2012.
- Input session on Concept of SHG, Village Industries, Medicinal and SHG products and Concept of GSR to the BBA students of Gandhigram Rural University on 25th June & 27th August 2012.
- Micro enterprises training programme for 24 SHG members on Preparation of Areca nut leaf plates and cups was organized from 02.01.2012 to 11.02.2012 for the Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation, Project implementation unit, Dindigul.
- Training on marketing of Gandhigram products was conducted by LSS-SFURTI for 52 SHG members from 17 districts all over Tamil Nadu nominated by Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women and Pudhu Vaazhvu Project, Government of Tamil Nadu.

- A training programme for developing Gandhian Volunteers was conducted for 23 participants from Dindigul, Pudukotatai, Namakal and Trichy supported by NCRI.
- The Core Committee organized an orientation programme for the new team members of Gandhigram Family.

Gandhigram Team Capacity Building

- Smt.A.Bhuvaneswari participated in the training programme on National Rural Livelihood mission organized by Tamil Nadu women Development Corporation, from 23rd to 28th Jan. 2012 held at RIRD BhavaniSagar.
- Smt.N.Ramuthai Project co-ordinator attended a training on Project Management at New Delhi from 13th to 16th March 2012.
• Smt. P.Jeyaprabha and Smt. K.Rajalakshmi participated in the meeting on violence against women organized by EKTA Madurai on 29th and 30th May 2012.

• Smt. R.Revathy Director of Village Extension Wing participated in the conference on Standardization of Production of Sanitary Napkin conducted by MHMC and UNICEF on 8th and 9th June 2012 held at Trichy.

• Smt. M.Uma Mageshwari, Asst. Professor, Lakshmi College of Edcuation attended the refresher course from 21.08.2012 to 10.09.2012 organised by Bharthiyar University, Coimbatore.

• **Transition Management** training programme was organised for second level leaders from Gandhigram Group of Institutions who are likely to share increased responsibilities.

• The core committee organised a series of capacity building programmes to enhance the efficiency of the HODs and team members of Gandhigram Trust on Creative Thinking, Motivation, Project Report Writing, Process Documentation, Leadership, Stress Management and Communication Skills.

**Knowledge Dissemination: Study Circle**

With an aim of sharing knowledge between the employees of Gandhigram Trust, the study circle meets every Thursday and has conducted 13 meetings where interesting and useful topics are being discussed. Guest lectures, reviews of books, presentations of the talks by eminent personalities and members from Gandhigram units are invited.

**Documentaries**

• Akkam Trust, Madurai developed a documentary on Avvai Ashram, Sivasailam

• Amar Seva Sangam, Ayikudi made a documentary on Santhi School for hearing impaired, highlighting activities and issues of children with special needs.

• Smt. Aruna Hariprasad, Director and Documentary film maker visited Gandhigram for a documentary on Gandhi Lives.

• Vadamalar, a quartely journal prepared by the Students of Gandhigram Trust Schools was released.

• Kalvi Malar prepared by the staff members of Gandhigram Trust was also released.
Appropriate Research and Development in Science and Technology

The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India has sanctioned a long term core support programme to Gandhigram Trust for innovation and developing viable working technology systems and to evolve demonstrable, replicable and enterprise models for improving rural livelihood.

The second phase of the project has been sanctioned by the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi, for a period of three years (2011–2014). Activities covered under this project are Post harvest technologies, Eco-friendly technologies, Technological Improvements and mechanization of charkha and looms, Sanitary Napkin and Baby Diaper, Research and development in Jaipur foot, Health related technologies and Establishment of a herbal garden.

Appropriate Technology: BIO-GAS PLANT

On the initiative of Shri. K. Shivakumar, Secretary Gandhigram Trust a bio-gas plant erected at Kasturba Hospital, is working on methane gas from the kitchen waste. This plant was installed by Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari, in the Training Centre Hostel and is functioning well.

Water and Sanitation Project

Scarcity of potable water in many parts of Tamil Nadu had prompted Arghyam to carry out an Action Research in partnership with Gandhigram Trust. The theme of the project is to improve the hygienic practices in the villages through access to good water, sanitary facilities and safe disposal of waste water and solid waste, resulting in clean villages. The project also aims to analyze the level of water usage and cost involved in providing water supply and associated issue through survey and action plan.

The project has also envisaged the disposal of waste water and solid waste management which is a threat for the environment. So far 922 individual toilets, 82 soak pits and 22 household level Vermi pits have been constructed. The fact that water meters were installed at households and also at public stand posts created a sense of discipline among the households in their water usage. Saving in water consumption, Electricity charges have come down and reduce the maintenance cost. Based on this success Gandhigram Trust has installed water meters in the entire village of Samiyarpatti with the financial and technical support of Arghyam.
Structural Changes in Gandhigram Trust

The Gandhigram Central Core Committee has decided to re-organize its structure by nominating additional members from each unit. It has been decided to broaden the Central Core Committee with Dr. S. Manonmani, Dr. N. Karthikeyan, Dr. R. Uma and Dr. V. Balamurugan as coordinators.

• Smt. Gita Ram has been appointed as Managing Trustee of Khadi Trust.
• Selvi. K.S. Neela has been appointed as the Correspondent of Sowbhagya Illam.
• The Integrated Child Protection Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned 15 new posts for the Children’s Home.
• Selvi. K.S. Neela has been appointed as the Secretary of Primary School.
• Smt. N. Valli has been appointed as the Headmistress of the Thambithottam Higher Secondary School.
• Smt. S. Jerslin has been appointed as the Principal of the Dr. T. S. Soundram Vidyalaya Matric School.

Achievements of Gandhigram Team

Dr. R. Kousalya Devi, Advisor, Kasturba Hospital and Life Trustee, Gandhigram Trust and Dr. V. S. Venugopal, Additional Medical Superintendent, Kasturba Hospital received the Life Time Achievement Award on 06.03.2012 from His Excellency Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu, presented by the Tamil Nadu Dr. M. G. R. Medical University, Chennai.

Smt. N. S. Banu, who recently joined as a B.T. Assistant passed TET Examination holding 6th place in the State Level Community Rank List.

COMMUNITY CORPORATE RELATIONSHIP

We are very much thankful for the generous support rendered by many individuals and institutions for their philanthropy, grants, funds and fellowship supporting the community corporate relationships.

• Shri. Ravi Narayanan, Chairman & CEO Axis Acro Space & Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, donated a City Ride Van with a cost of Rs. 8,15,776 for Sowbhagya Illam.
• Sterlite company, Tuticorin, donated 70 hearing aids for our children at Santhi School. Shri. Ananthasankar, SBI, Tuticorin also donated 10 hearing aids.
• Mrs. Mirdula Ramesh, Director, Sundaram Textiles, Madurai presented wrist watches and also a set of stationery materials for all the children of Sowbhagya Illam.
• Dr. V. Angala Thangeswari of Tuticorin (D/o Dr. Vijaya Rengan) contributed a sum of Rs. 33,140/- for the Children’s Magazine “Vadamalar”

• Rotary Club, Dindigul donated 20 sets of benches and desks for our Primary School.

**Donations for CORPUS Fund**

• Shri. M.S. Parthasarathi, Chennai donated Rs. 5 lakhs.

• Smt. Vedavalli Srinivasan, Bangalore donated Rs. 2 lakhs.

• Ms. M. Lakshmi, Trichy donated Rs. 1 lakh.

**Infra structural developments**

• A new computer lab has been established at the cost of Rs.12 lakhs for enhancing computer skills of staff and students at Thambithottam Higher Secondary School.

• Shri. R.S. Super Deluxe Special Ward at Kasturba Hospital was constructed at a cost of Rupees Five Lakhs with the financial assistance from Smt. Sheela Bolar.

• A Geriatric Ward was constructed with the donation of Rupees Ten Lakhs from the family members of Wilson Soda Factory, Chinnalapatti.

• A new Provision Stores was constructed at Kasturiba Hospital which is run by the Annal Self Help Group.

• A New Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan has been opened at the entrance of Gandhigram, which acts as a focal point of sales of all products of Gandhigram.

• Godavari Subramaniyam Memorial Hall at Sowbhagya Ilam constructed at the cost of Rs. 8.5 lakhs was donated by Smt. Sheela Bolar.

• A new toilet block was constructed at Kasturba Sevikashram Special Hr. Sec. School with the donation of Queen City Rotary Club of Dindigul.

*Gandhigram Trust places on record our heartfelt thanks to all the Community members, Government Departments, Donors and Funding Agencies and all other Stakeholders for their financial and voluntary support and guidance they have extended in facilitating our work towards holistic village development through inclusive approaches.*
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## Annual Report 2011-12

### Gandhiram Trust

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### CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.3.2012

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## GANDHIGRAM TRUST – GANDHIGRAM

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**For SUNDARAM & SRI NIVASAN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FIRM REGISTRATION No. 0041207 1**

**SECRETARY:** K. SHIVA KUMAR

**MANAGING TRUSTEE:** M.R.RAJA MOOPALAN

**LIFE TRUSTEE:** R.KOUSHAL YADAV

**MEMBERSHIP NO. 32219**

**TOTAL:** 210,342,613.49
IDENTITY

- We are registered as a Trust under Indian Trusts Act, 1961
- Trust Deed is available on request
- We are registered under Sec. 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and with exemption under 80(G) valid for assessment years 2011-12 and subsequent years, and under Sec 35AC valid up to 2014
- We are registered under FCRA 1976 (FCRA Reg. No. 07594007)

Visitors are welcome to visit our Website www.gandhigram.org

Name and address of main Banker : Canara Bank, Gandhigram-624 302 and State Bank of India, Ambathurai 624 302

Name & address of the Auditor : Sri. K.S. Narayanasamy M/S Sundaram & Srinivasan, Chartered Accountants Old No. 111, New No. 250, Visalakshipuram, Madurai 625 014

Vision : Holistic Village Development as Envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi


- The Board meets four times during the financial year. Minutes of the Board meeting are documented and circulated.
- A Board Rotation Policy exists and is practiced.
- The Board approves programmes, budgets, annual activity reports and audited financial statements.
- The Board ensures the organization’s compliance with laws and regulations.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid to any Board Members
- The following reimbursement have been made to Board Members
- Traveling expenses (to attend Board meetings) : Rs. 13,560/-
- Total cost of international travels : NIL
- No Trustee is paid for national travels

STAFF REMUNERATION (GROSS YEARLY + BENEFITS) IN RUPEES

Head of the organization: (including honorarium) Honorary

Highest paid Full Time regular staff: Rs. 12,80,448 per year

Lowest paid Full Time regular staff : Rs. 18,000 per year

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The RV Trust is in the forefront of providing essential services and amenities to the rural population. The Trust’s efforts towards rural development are commendable.

The service continues, Lady Vaidyaratnam, right, receiving a voucher at the ceremony organised by Sir Vaidyaratnam, Senior President of India, at Gandhigram Trust near Dharmapuri on Saturday.
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Gandhigram Trust has been sanctioned exemption under Sec. 35AC of Income Tax Act 1961 for Rs. 100.06 lakhs including a corpus fund of Rs. 50 Lakhs for a period of 3 years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Gandhigram Trust has also obtained approval under Section 60 (g) vide C.No. 102/128/CIT III/1976-77 dated 15-09-2010.