

NANDALALA SEVA SAMITHI TRUST, Chennai, a registered public charitable trust founded by Pujyasri Mathioli R.Saraswathy, is actively involved in reaching out to deserving sections of our society. It has been in service to the Society for close to 30 years in the fields of Education, Health Care and Children Welfare

Mathruseva [Poor feeding]

- ✚ The Trust runs the Matru Seva program at Chennai – a key activity. (Commenced in 1999.)
 - In Chennai every Saturday and Sunday in Dr Ranga Road, mixed rice is served. On occasions we also serve sweets.
 - Target beneficiaries - slum dwellers near the venue.
 - The food is cooked in Kitchen with modern amenities - with special emphasis on hygienic cooking.
 - In Chennai in a number of locations, during the peak summer month of May, the Trust serves buttermilk.
 - The Trust also contributes to the Government of Tamil Nadu Annadanam Schemes.
 - We are constantly looking to upgrade the Kitchen and expand the scope of our Matruseva and graduate to a daily Anna Dhanam soon.

Project Balakrishna [Children Welfarte]

- ✚ Project Balakrishna - Milk is served to children - generally twice a week - children have 200 ml of milk every week. At times nutritious food items are also given along with milk.
 - Target beneficiaries - less and under privileged children - /Age group of 6 to 16.
 - Corporation and Government Schools.
 - Mainly in Bangalore - also at Hyderabad, Trivandrum and Delhi.

Kshana Kshana [Children]

- ✦ In Bangalore, Kshana Kshana - Learning Centre at Bangalore that supports young minds with 'learn while you play' concept. This centre provides non-conventional mind and skill development support to pre-school kids. This centre also provides training in music, arts, yoga etc., for children of various age groups.

General Activities

- ✦ Free note books were provided annually to a chosen Government or Corporation school in Chennai - target audience - less and under privileged children - we reach out to about 250 to 300 children annually - all their note book requirements for a school year were met by the Trust (Since 2005)
- ✦ In Chennai and at times in Bangalore, monetary scholarships are provided annually to the deserving children in schools which are Government aided - the School identifies deserving children based on the dual merit and means criteria. (Since 2000)
- ✦ Scholarships designed to substantially meet the cost of professional undergraduate education of deserving children are being distributed since 2012, when The Jayalakshmi Ramachandran Scholarship program went live.
- ✦ On a need basis, the Trust provides free uniforms to around 150 deserving children in Corporation and Government schools.
- ✦ Nandalala Siruvar Sangam has been running summer and winter camps, in Chennai, directed at children - the focus is not just in keeping the children occupied - but, in a manner, that keeps their interest intact, inculcating in them, values and providing them an opportunity to hone their drawing, painting, culinary etc skills.

- ✦ Post the devastating Cyclone Thane, NSST distributed, candles, drinking water, and blankets to those badly affected. The Trust also contributed generously to the Prime Minister's Relief fund in 2013 towards Uttarkhand flood relief measures and in 2014 towards Jammu & Kashmir flood relief measures.
- ✦ NSST had also supported those affected by the Tsunami by distributing fishing nets, utensils, food, provisions and clothing.
- ✦ The Trust annually distributes, in Chennai and Pondicherry, around 300 umbrellas and slippers to the less privileged and under privileged.

Public Library at Puducherry

The Trust recently started a public library, "MathiOliyin Arichuvadi", in Puducherry.

Our library provides:

- ✦ Conventional reading materials with emphasis of updating knowledge real time.
- ✦ Books of topical interest in English, Tamil, Hindi and Tamil.
- ✦ Books that will attract children to the libraries
- ✦ computer databases to make it easier to find books and use technologies like online support and also make available chat, email and mobile applications to allow library patrons to ask reference questions.

Write up on library

Located in a residential area and not more than 5 kms from the Centre of Puducherry, the library has been constructed with great regard to environment. A unique feature of the Library is that it has a roof that gives an open book impression.

The library has 1800 sq.ft in the ground floor, 1100 sq.ft in the first floor and an open terrace of 800 sq.ft. There is a separate section earmarked for children. The Library has facilities to host small displays, small meetings, exhibitions and topical classical and folk performances.

The library has currently around 4000 books and the ground floor can accommodate 18000 books. Books from academic streams will be added and Facilities for Braille users will be provided in due course.

The Library will also have training programme for children in English language, and take them to the world of conventional games like pallanguizhi and dhaayam.

The Library has been staffed by qualified and experienced Librarians.

We are now close to our aim of 'inculcating reading in all' and 'opening avenues to all to ingrain knowledge' and serve the country focusing on betterment of the lives of the deserving. We believe that the public library is the base for making citizens more responsible and caring.

The Future

Nandalala has completed 29 years of service to public. In our continuing public service journey we intend to further expand our programs to reach out to and serve more and more deserving members of the society with primary focus on development of children and women.

In service to humanity