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### **Narrative Report of CORD Siruvani of October--December 2010**

By Poojya Gurudev's Grace and Poojya Guruji's Blessings, CORD Siruvani has had the following events and accomplishments.

During the months of October to December 2010, around 750 patients were examined and treated and some were taken for referral services.

Two new CDWs Smt. Sumathi and Smt. Vasuki joined CORD Siruvani after graduating from the Samaj Sevak Course in Tamaraiakkam.

#### **SHGs**

We have 62 SHGs which are functioning. Many of them underwent grading for direct linkage. CORD workers participated in several of the V K T meetings held to strengthen the Panchayat level federation and to coordinate the activities. The SHG members from the weaker sections got loans for starting income generation activities like buying cattle.

V K T third-phase training for all the SHGs in Thennamanallur Panchayat was conducted in the last week of December. Each group attended 3 days of training and learnt about how to apply for loan from Amudha Surabhi account and how to get loans for the marginalized and the very poor. Our CDWs Smt. Shanthamani, Smt. Deepa and Smt. Muniyammal conducted the training in 5 areas in Thennamanallur. Women from three town Panchayats went for the SJSRY training to Madukkarai. Three new SHGs Chinmaya Srivari, Chinmaya Saraswathi and Chinmaya Dharmam opened their accounts. Chinmaya Poonthottam and Chinmaya Thendral and Chinmaya Sree Perumal received their revolving funds. SHG members received their loan passbooks at a function presided over by the Deputy Chief Minister of Tamilnadu. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October a training programme sponsored by NABARD for the non-credit-linked SHGs was held in Thennamanallur. The members of our SHGs have filled the forms for Janashree Bima Yojana. Our SHG products were displayed and sold during Anand Utsav in CIRS. Many SHGs celebrated their anniversaries in November. The Thirukkural SHG celebrated with folk dances reciting Thirukkural and distributing sweets. Chinmaya Friends SHG and Chinmaya Stars SHG have decided to collect money to give their mite to the Gandhi Ashram Orphanage in Pollachi. They participated in the VKT meetings to decide about their loans. Sree SelvaGanapathy SHG of Dheenampalayam got a loan for economic activity under the SJSRY scheme. They are going to do business in rice.



Chinmaya Sri Shakthi SHG



Physically challenged S H G receiving a loan from V K T for income-generation

SHG members of various SHGs participated in the block-level competition held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November at the Block Development Office. Smt. Shanthamani, CDW from CORD Siruvani and an SHG member, got the first prize in singing and Smt. Shanthi Gopalakrishnan of Sree KariaKaliyamman SHG got the second prize in oration.



NABARD training



V K T training meeting

### Mahila Mandals

Swami Sivayogananda of Chinmaya Mission, Madurai graced the occasion. Swamiji told the women how they could improve themselves in each sphere. Various SHG products were displayed and sold. Around 30 women from various Mahila Mandals attended the Nehru Yuva kendra function on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. The function was held to distribute cheques and sports material to various youth groups.



**Swami Sivayogananda with  
Sennanoor mahila Mandal**



**Various Mahila Mandal members  
in N Y K function**

<b>Name of the Mahila Mandal</b>	<b>No. of members</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Shevvanthi Vellimedu MM	36	Filling Janashree Bima Yojana forms Information about job opportunities Not yet opened bank account
Thayampoo Kallimedu MM	36	Information about Seva Sangam Details about SHG maintenance
Shenbagam Sennanoor MM	41	Information about Seva Sangam Filling Janashree Bima Yojana forms
Bharathiyar Vadivelampalayam MM	72	Alcoholics Anonymous Awareness programme conducted by members of AA Not yet registered with Nehru Yuva Kendra and the State Govt.
Malligai Molapalayam MM	29	Alcoholics Anonymous Awareness programme conducted by members of AA Information about Seva Sangam
Puthur Roja MM	24	Alcoholics Anonymous Awareness programme conducted by members of AA Sharing details about oncoming competitions as part of AGAMT scheme
Puthur Thirukkural MM	24	Alcoholics Anonymous Awareness programme conducted by members of AA Sharing details about oncoming competitions as part of AGAMT scheme Information about Seva sangam
Dheenampalayam Pudumai MM	24	Information about Banana value-added products Discussion on how to solve water-logging in the village
Thendral Kalikanayakanpalayam MM	99	Information about Banana value-added products Details of Seva Sangam were given Women who went for SJSRY training told what they had learnt In one of the meetings, Alcoholics Anonymous details were given

Thennamanallur Vennila MM	30	LIC Insurance schemes, block level SHG competitions and details of VKT meeting were discussed
Narasimhanayakanpalayam MM	24	Held their meetings and discussed various issues



Alcoholics Anonymous group addressing Molapalayam Mahila Mandal



Volunteers from International Camp with Puthur Mahila Mandal

### Seva Sangam

From the 7<sup>th</sup> of December to the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, Seva Sangam was organized and hosted by CCMT Education Cell. The venue was C I R S, Coimbatore. Around 120 teachers from various Chinmaya Vidyalayas and other schools and CORD delegates from various centres participated in the Seva Sangam. The conference and workshop was organized to inculcate the habit of Seva in school children and to know the right spirit of Seva. Swamini Vimalananda, the Acharya in Coimbatore organized and guided the whole programme. Swami Nikhilananda and Swamini Vimalananda gave talks on the various aspects of Seva. In the ice-breaking session, many activities like making pain-balm, making paper packets, running for a cause and slogan-writing helped bring about cooperation and interaction. Self Help Group products from various CORD centres were displayed and sold on all the days.



Inaugural function of Seva Sangam



Paper-bag making by participants



**Stall of the CORD SHG products  
From various CORD centres**



**Dr Kshama Metre, National Director, CORD  
with Chinmaya Anbu SHG**

**Balavihar:** Balavihars were conducted in the various villages. Children were taught various Bhajans, Slokas and also their school lessons. Children from 4 villages of Thennamanallur Panchayat were taken to R S Puram to sing Bhajans prior to Swami Sivayoganandaji's discourse. The children sang with great gusto and were well-behaved. Swamiji was impressed when they listened attentively to the discourse on Yaksha-Prashna and answered Swamiji's questions also.



**Children at Bhajan session  
with Swami Sivayogananda**



**Balavihar children of Sennanoor**

**Training :**

Smt. Dhanalakshmi went for a two-day training to Tamilnadu Agricultural University to learn about banana-based value-added products. She learnt how to make banana flour, biscuits, jam, milk-shake powder, banana-stem candy and banana pickles. She will be a trainer for other SHG members interested in learning.

**Awareness programmes:**

On the 13th and 14th, a two-day worker awareness programme was held in Kalkothi. 40 women attended the programme and learnt about health issues, Govt. scheme and sanitation. On the 16th and 17th, another two-day worker awareness programme was held in Mullankadu, also a tribal hamlet, where 40 women attended the programme and learnt about health issues, Govt. scheme and sanitation.



**Workers Awareness programme in Mullangadu**

### **Agriculture :**

On 23rd of December, CORD worker Smt. Deepa attended the farmer's day celebration in Thennamanallur. The Horticulture Department from the Block Office hosted the programme and information was given to the farmers gathered on the various schemes and subsidy specially for coconut plantation.

### **Interaction:**

Villagers from Thennamanallur participated in the various competitions held under the AGAMT scheme. Drawing competitions, orations & memory competitions were held. MSW students from Bishop Appasamy College camped in Thennamanallur, conducted a survey and also held cultural programmes in the evenings to improve the awareness of the people. Three students from the Dept. of Women Studies of Bharathiar University have been posted for their training in CORD.

During this month the CORD workers conducted an in-depth survey of the socio-economic factors of the families in the Thennamanallur Panchayat.

Dr Meera spoke to the girl hostelites of PSG college about health and sanitation.

Dr Meera Krishna gave a talk on health and sanitation to 40 Govt. primary school teachers of Kalampalayam block at a cluster meeting.

### **Volunteers:**

Around 80 of the international camp participants who had come to CIRS in the last week of December came to CORD Siruvani on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. They divided themselves into groups and interacted with the villagers of Thennamanallur and Puthur. One group of volunteers interacted with the children and taught them games & songs. Another group of volunteers went around the villages observing the amenities and the conditions. They also spoke to the marginalized people and asked them their problems. At the end of this session, the volunteers came up with suggestions regarding the problems of the people. Sri Nikhil Chulani from the UK joined CORD Siruvani as a volunteer and helped out by teaching English and other subjects in Om Sakthi School in Thennamanallur. He also taught in the tuition classes in Nallurvayal in the evenings and interacted with the SHG members.



Volunteers of the International Camp with children from Puthur

**Monitoring and Evaluation visit:**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, the National Director CORD, Dr Kshama Metre, along with Sh. Narendra Paul (Sr. Programme Manager), Smt. Seema Devi, Sh. Onkar Saini, and Sh. Vijay Singh, assessed the work done in CORD Siruvani and guided the workers in various areas of activity.

**Survey :**

A detailed survey of the Thennamanallur Panchayat was undertaken as a part of monitoring and evaluation.



**Survey in progress**

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