NILA, NILA SEVA SAMITHI

Thanal Balashram, Mayannur

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WORKING REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022 – 2023

PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD AT THANAL BALASHRAM, MAYANNUR

With your permission, I am pleased to present the working report for Nila Seva Samithi for the years 2022-2023.

We are delighted to announce that our organization, Nila Seva Samithi, has successfully completed 22 years since its establishment on March 28, 2001.

Our organization operates under the affiliation of Rashtriya Seva Bharathi, Hedgewar Janmashadabdhi Trust, and Balavikasa Kendra Samanyaya Samithi.

The committee is composed of an 8-member Advisory Committee, a 7-member Managing Committee, 6 regular Committee members, and 5 special invitees.

In 2002, Thanal Balashram was established as a full-fledged organization under Nila Seva Samithi, followed by Thanal Sisumandiram in 2005 and Sree Vilwadri Natha Sevashramam in 2007. All organizations affiliated with Nila Seva Samithi have embraced and formally registered under the Orphanage Control Board according to the guidelines of the JJ Act 2015. We are providing care and support to around 70 children facing diverse social, psychological, and economic challenges. Since 2019, approximately 24 children have been nurtured and safeguarded through the foster care program. As part of our commitment to academic support for the children in our institution, Nila Vidya Nikethan was established in 2005. Nila Vidya Nikethan is operating effectively with affiliation and accreditation from NIOS. Our school boasts an enrollment of 24 students from Thanal Balashram and approximately 83 students from neighboring areas, accompanied by a faculty of 10 teachers. The coordination and cooperation among all stakeholders contribute significantly to the success of this academic endeavor.

Established in 2022, the domestic violence shelter home, coupled with a service providing center, aims to offer shelter and a secure environment for women enduring domestic violence within their households. These two centers are currently operating as government projects, initiated and inaugurated in the esteemed presence of K Radhakrishnan, the honorable Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes, Devaswoms, and Parliamentary Affairs of the Government of Kerala. The service providing center was inaugurated by Shikha Surendran, Thrissur District Development Commissioner, along with the presence of P.K. David Master, the Panchayat President of Thrissur District, ACP Sanoj T.S. from Kunnamkulam, and Meera P., the Women and Child Development Officer.

In the pursuit of environmental stewardship, the esteemed international firm Ernst and Young (EY) orchestrated the planting of approximately 5000 trees in the verdant expanse of the backyard adjacent to Thanal Balashram, nestled near the tranquil banks of the Bharathapuzha River on 8.04.2022 .For this ambitious endeavor, a diverse array of vegetation was carefully selected, including towering trees, blossoming flowering plants, and fruitful fruit trees, amounting to approximately 150 distinct species. The program was inaugurated by Deepa S. Nair and presided over by T.P. Unnikrishnan, President of Thanal Balashram.

For this afforestation project, approximately 500 members of EY, alongside the children of Thanal Balashram and various officials, volunteered and actively participated. Among those present were Kondazhy Grama Panchayat President K. Sasidharan, and the Panchayat Secretary, Sri Jayalakshmi, who graciously honoured the occasion with their presence.

The Nila Seva Samithi, in collaboration with EY, UST Global, and the Kerala Fisheries Department, joined forces to construct a fish tank within Thanal Balashram and Thanal Balashramam. The inaugural harvest took place in May 2022, ensuring a sustainable source of non-toxic food to nourish both the children and residents of the institutions.

With the utilization of the CSR fund from UST (Kochi), the responsibility for planting and conserving medicinal plants was entrusted to Thanal Balashramam. The overarching goal of the program was to incentivize neighbouring farmers to cultivate medicinal plants, subsequently supplying them to companies in need.

Medicinal plants and seeds sourced from Chelakkod, Muthalamada, Marayur, Kattapana, Kodanad, Perumbavoor, Vellayani, Thirunelveli, and Belgham Akhibigal were meticulously collected for planting. The harvested medicinal plants were then distributed directly to farmers at no cost. This initiative aims to not only generate income for farmers but also contribute to environmental conservation efforts. On April 15, 2022, Vishukani arrangements were made, accompanied by a sumptuous sadya (feast), and the institutions celebrated with fireworks.

On April 22, 2022, a tour was organized for the children of Thanal Balashramam and Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam. From April 30 to May 1, 2022, children above the age of 15 from Thanal Balashram participated in a camp in Chalakudi. On June 5, 2022, in commemoration of World Environment Day, Nila Seva Samithi, in collaboration with UST Global, hosted a program at Nila Vidya Nikethan. The institution's headmistress extended a warm welcome, and the presidential address was delivered by K. Sasikumar, the secretary of Thanal Balashram. Prasanth Subranian, UST Global's CSR ambassador, graced the event as the chief guest. The distribution of plants and saplings to the students marked a significant highlight of the program.

On this auspicious occasion, recognition was bestowed upon the following individuals: Baby E.P., for his lifelong dedication to the planting and conservation of trees.

Sri Balan, renowned for planting an impressive one lakh trees in Thrissur district. Sri Ebrahim P.V., honoured for his exemplary work in the field of goat farming.

The inaugural and first harvest of the 2021-2022 scientific pure water aquafarming project took place on June 15, 2022, with the esteemed presence of Sri. Sreedharan Master, the President of Kondazhy Panchayat, Sri. Biju T.K., Chairman of the Development Standing Committee, and Sri. Rajesh, Member of the 14th Ward. On June 21, 2022, Yoga Day was observed, with enthusiastic participation from the children of Thanal Balashramam and the dedicated staff. Furthermore, on July 28, 2022, a ceremonial event known as Balidarpadam was conducted along the banks of the Bharatapuzha River, orchestrated under leadership of Harisharma.On August 15, 2022, Independence Day was commemorated by the hoisting of flags at Nila Vidya Nikethan, Thanal Balashramam, and Matrusadanam.On Monday, October 31, 2022, a 'vilakkupooja' ceremony was orchestrated under the stewardship of Praveen Thirumeni. Participating in this event were students from Nila Vidya Nikethan and Thanal Balashrama.

The 20th annual celebration, 'Irupathinte Niravil,' took place on November 25th and 26th. Alongside commemorating this milestone, the occasion also marked the 60th birthday of the Secretary of the Nila Seva Samithi. The Secretary, who has dedicated himself to the organization from its inception until now, was honored for his longstanding service.A gathering was convened on the night of the 25th for the married girls from Thanal Balashramam and their families, featuring cultural festivities.The marriage of an inmate from the domestic violence shelter home was celebrated as she wed Sri Amal Kumar, with joyous participation from all involved.

A 15-cent plot of land adjacent to Gokulam Goshala was purchased from Smt. Bharghaviyamma for 12 lakh rupees, with an initial investment of 6 lakh rupees. Sri Joy Joseph and Smt. Reena, officials from the Taluk Supply Office in Pazhayannur, visited Thanal Balashramam and commended and appreciated the work being carried out.Smt. Meera, the DCP(O) Officer from Thrissur, along with other officials, undertook a visit to Thanal Balashramam and other affiliated brother institutions to oversee the grant-related procedures and verify the associated documents. Additionally, Smt. Meera P., DWCO Officer, and Smt. Lekha, DWPO Officer, visited Thanal Balashramam and other institutions to facilitate the selection process for staff members at the Domestic Violence Shelter Home and Thanal Service Providing Centre.Doctors from the Family Welfare Centre in Paramelpadi, along with ASHA workers from Mayannur, regularly visit our institutions to provide assistance in supplying supplements and offering health advice.

Officers from the Railway Protection Force, Palakkad Division, visited Thanal Matrusadhanam to commemorate their Officers' Raising Day and spent time interacting with the mothers.We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the achievements of the children in the ashram. We also wish to honor and remember all the individuals who have contributed to the growth of Thanal Balashramam.We submit this report while offering prayers for the well-being of all the institution's well-wishers.