**NILA, NILA SEVA SAMITHI**

Thanal Balashram, Mayannur

English translation of

WORKING REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021 – 2022

PRESENTED AT THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

HELD AT THANAL BALASHRAM, MAYANNUR ON 23.10.2022

The Managing Committee of Nila, Nila Seva Samithi takes pleasure in informing that under the guidance of the Advisory Committee consisting of 8 Rakshadhikari’s (Patrons) and the Managing Committee consisting of 13 Members and 8 Invitees, the Nila Seva Samithi has been making excellent progress since the last 21 years.

We are also very happy to inform you that the following organizations are working under Nila Seva Samithi and performing very well: 1) Thanal Balashramam, 2) Thanal Sisumandiram, 3) Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam, 4) Thanal Mathrusadanam, 5) Thanal Domestic Violence Shelter Home, and 6) Thanal Shelter Home for Women in Distress.

It may be noted that a well-established Gaushala, namely Gokulam Gaushala, with around 65 cows, is also working adjacent to our Vivekananda building.

During the Financial Year 2021-2022, we had total number of inmates in our various institutions as under: 57 children in Thanal Balashramam , 27 children in Thanal Sisumandiram, 18 children in Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam, 35 mothers in Thanal Mathrusadanam, 6 women in Thanal Domestic Violence Shelter Home, and 6 women & 4 children in Thanal Shelter Home for Women in Distress. Around 25 Sevavratis are also employed in these institutions and they are providing valuable assistance in carrying forward our activities.

We also have the pleasure of bringing to your information that since the year 2018, the Pain & Palliative Care team has been rendering valuable service, which has been appreciated by all concerned. At present, the team consisting of Dr. Madhu Parameswaran, Shri Mukesh, N.K., and Smt. Latha, M. and a few senior children from Thanal Balashramam, regularly visits the houses of around 80 bed-ridden patients regularly every Saturday. We take this opportunity to compliment this team for the excellent service that they have been providing.

It is with pride that we report that for the last 10 years, we have been providing Annadanam (Mid-day meals) at the Government Hospitals at Thiruvilwamala and Pazhayannur through Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam. Patients and bystanders have been taking full advantage of this service.

Placement of children under Foster Care Programme: During the financial year 2021-22, 16 children from our various child-care institutions were placed under the foster care programme (i.e., 5 girls & 2 boys from Thanal Sisumandiram, 2 boys from Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam & 5 girls & 2 boys from Thanal Balashramam) closely monitored by the District Child Protection Unit and the Child Welfare Committee. Out of these, one child has returned to our institution. All these children are pleased with the foster care placement programme.

 On 13-4-2021, the *Go Pooja* and *Bhumi Pooja* were performed by Thantri Shri Mundanat Pramod Namboodiri at Nila Vidya Nikethan on the occasion of the *Bhu Suposhana Abhyan*.

*Vishu* was celebrated on 14-4-2021 with *Vishukkani* in the early morning, followed by the bursting of firecrackers. *Vishu Kaineetam* was given to all the children and staff members and a grand *Sadya* was also organized on the occasion.

We are glad to report that, during the Kerala assembly elections held in the month of April 2021, Kum. Priya, Saipriya, Arundhathi and Amritha Vijayan from Thanal Balashramam and Smt. Abitha Teacher from Nila Vidyanikethan, participated in the webcasting of polling at V.L.P. School & St. Thomas High School, Mayannur polling stations.

A family get-together of our ex-inmates who have been married off was held at Thanal Balashramam on 18-4-2021. Almost all families participated in this function.

Tree saplings were planted on the premises of Thanal Balashramam, Thanal Sisumandiram, Nila Vidyanikethan, Thanal Mathrusadanam and Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam on the occasion of the Environmental Day on 5-6-2021.

The school entrance festival at Nila Vidya Nikethan was organized in the month of June 2021 in a befitting manner. From LKG to 5th Standard, we now have 120 students and 7 teachers in our School.

The following students passed in the School/College examinations held in 2021:

1. SSLC

Five girls from Thanal Balashramam, viz., (a) Shakthi R., (b) Vinitha, B., (c) Athira, V., (d) Surya, U., (e) Gangadevi& one boy from Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam, viz., Gopikrishnan passed the SSLC examination.

1. PLUS 2

Two girls viz., Sandra, K. and Ranjitha, O. from Thanal Balashramam passed the Plus 2 examination.

1. MSW

Kum. Parvathy from Thanal Balashramam passed MSW.

Summer Vacation

With the permission of the CWC, 14 children were allowed to go home along with their parents/legal guardians during the months of April and May 2021 with specific instructions to return well before the school opening date. Out of this, however, 7 children have not reported back irrespective of reminders. This fact has been duly brought to the notice of CWC in writing.

Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic affected the inmates of Thanal Balashramam also. In the first week of May 2021, a few children reported fever and body aches, which were immediately reported to Sri Sasidharan Master, President, Kondazhi Grama Panchayat and the Kondazhi Family Health Centre who arranged RTPCR tests. According to the test results made available on the 25th of May, 33 children from Thanal,18 from Sisumandiram and 3 staff members had tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. The infected were immediately shifted to the Vivekananda Building and given the necessary medical care. As all affected persons were given immunity-boosting Homeopathic/Ayurvedic medicines in the very beginning, no one had suffered a severe infection. All our children and staff members have been vaccinated.

We take this opportunity to record our sincere appreciation to the representatives of the Kondazhi Panchayat, the Health Department, and the Thrissur Medical College for the valuable services rendered by them during the above crisis.

Talk about Covid-19:

In the online talks organized on “**Awareness about Covid**-19” during the months of April, May & June 2021, Dr Madhu K. Parameswaran, Associate Professor, Ayurveda College, Kottakkall, and Dr Rincy Ujit, Consultant Psychologist had given detailed information about this disease and the preventive steps to be taken by everyone.

Kum. Arundhathi, R.M.

Kum Arundhathi enrolled herself as an Advocate with the Bar Council through online registration from Thanal Balashramam. Thereafter, she has commenced legal practice under renowned Advocates Shri K.R. Giri Iyer & Smt. Meera Iyer as their Junior Advocate at Ottapalam.

Group Session & Motivation Class: Under the guidance of Welfare Officer, Smt. Saranya Mohan, MSW Trainees Kum. Ancy & Kum. Veena conducted a group session and motivation class for the benefit of the inmates of DV Shelter Home at Thanal Mathrusadanam.

*Bali Tharpanam:* Under the Karmic guidance of Shri Hari Sharma, *bali tharpanam* was conducted on the banks of Bharathapuzha in which children and elders participated. Notably, *Kshethriya Pracharak Pramukh* Shri P.R. Sasidharan also participated in the same.

*Independence Day Celebrations:* On the happy occasion of the Independence Day on 15th of August, flag ceremony was held at Thanal Balashramam, Thanal Mathrusadanam, Nila Vidyanikethan and Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam. On this occasion, Smt. Saranya Mohan, Welfare Officer spoke about the Independence Day to the children.

On the same day, Rakhi, the hallmark of friendship and brotherhood, was also celebrated.

Onam Celebrations: On the auspicious occasion of Onam (20th to 24th of August 2021), all our children were dressed up new and colourful dresses. Floral decoration (*Pookalam)* was put up by the children at the entrance of our institutions. Residents of Thanal Mathrusadanam were also colourfully dressed and participated actively in the celebrations.

On the occasion of the *Sreekrishna Jayanthi* on 30-8-2021 (*Janmashtami)*, the inmates of DV Shelter Home organized various cultural programmes. Along with the children of Thanal Balashramam, they were dressed up like Sreekrishna and Radha and distributed sweets among all. The Sreekrishna Jayanthi was thus organized in a befitting manner.

CSR Fund

M/s UST Global International Ltd, Kochi handed over to us N-95 masks, sanitizer, hand wash, pulse-oxy meters, fogging machines, fogging liquid, hand-gloves, PPE kits, etc. for distribution to PHCs, Government Hospitals, Police Stations, etc. In addition, an amount of Rs 8,41,500/- was also handed over to us. This amount was utilized for buying additional equipments such as wheelchair, walking sticks, fogging machines, PPE kits, BP apparatus, oxygen concentrators, immunity boosting medicines, etc. They were accordingly distributed by our volunteers to Public Health Centres, Grama Panchayath, Taluk Hospitals at Ottapalam, Government Hospitals at Pazhayannur & Thiruvilwamala, and 200 odd shelter homes in Thrissur District.

*Mobile phones for children’s online education:* As a noble gesture by a kind-hearted donor, i.e., Mrs Vijaya, who is the owner of M/s Vijaya Lakshmi Traders, Mettupalayam in Tamil Nadu, sent to us through Shri Anoop of Kudumbini Stores, Mayannur an amount of Rs 74,800/- for buying eleven mobile phones.

Similarly, in another notable gesture from the SSLC batch students of St Thomas HSS, Mayannur two well known persons from Mayannur, viz., Shri Biju and Shri MP Sasikumar handed over to us one mobile phone for our children.

In view of the hardship experienced by citizens during the covid-19 pandemic, it is noteworthy that the team members, and project coordinator Shri Prashant Subramanian, gave the below mentioned items, which were distributed in September 2021, as under:-

1. 3 computers which were distributed to children of Government Children’s Home.
2. One mobile phone – distributed to children of Smt. Kalamani, teacher in our Nila Vidya Nikethan
3. One mobile phone to Kum. Swetha R., daughter of Shri Ratheesh of Thiruvilwamala
4. Three computers + One mobile phone for children of Sree Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam.

We wish to place on record our appreciation to Shri Mukesh N. and Shri Jayprakash, under whose initiative the above items could be made available.

General Body Meeting: The general body meeting of Nila Seva Samithi was held on 14-10-2021. The Working Report and the Annual Accounts for the FY 2020-21 was passed at this meeting. The new Managing Committee for the FY 2021-2022 was also elected at this meeting.

Agricultural equipments: As decided in the general body meeting held on 14-10-2021, following agricultural equipments which are eligible for 50% Government subsidy were purchased:

1. Tiller machine
2. Electric motors & pumps
3. Grass cutting machine
4. Machines to cut grass into small pieces
5. Grinding machine

In this regard, we are glad to report that an amount of Rs 2,06,400/- as subsidy has been received from the Government Treasury.

Biofloc Fish Farming: According to the SHE-CAF project of Sewa International, we started the biofloc fish farming in November-December 2021. For this purpose, an 8-metre dia. Tank in Thanal Mathrusadanam and a 5-metre tank in Nila Vidya Nikethan premises were installed. For this, 60% expenses are to be borne by Sewa International and balance 40% expenses to be borne by Nila Seva Samithi. Towards subsidy, an amount of Rs 1,20,000/- has been received from the Government Treasury on 15-3-2022.

Land at Konnakav (*Karnikaram)*:

It is brought to the notice of the members once again that out of the 6.5 acres of land at Konnakav, belonging to Shri Mohandas Nair and Smt. Anitha Mohandas Nair, 3 acres have been registered in the name of Nila Seva Samithi on 24-3-2021. We are glad to bring to the notice of the members that he remaining 3.5 acres of land has also been registered in our name on the 22nd of March 2022. We are grateful to those members who lent the money to Nila Seva Samithi as a temporary loan and rendered their help.

15 Cents of Land near Thanal Mathrusadanam

We are glad to report that the first installment amounting to Rs 4,50,000/- for acquiring the 15 cents of land situated just north of Thanal Mathrusadanam in the name of Nila Seva Samithi, has been paid to the owner of the land Shri Pushpakumar in February 2022.

Wedding of Ms. Vidya & Ms. Aneesha

The marriage of Kum. Vidya, who has been with the Thanal Balashramam since May 2008 with Shri Krishnaprasad P., Otumbatta House, Karalmanna was held on 16-9-2021 taking into consideration the Covid-19 protocol. The ceremony was attended among others by ex-All India Boudhik Pramukh, Shri R. Hari, Kshethreeya Pracharak Pramukh Shri P.R. Sashidharan and members of Nila Seva Samithi.

The marriage of Ms. Aneesha V., a member of Thanal DV Shelter Home since 2019 was also held on 26-12-2021 with Shri Harish, A.R. at Thanal Balashramam, which was also attended by several important guests.

*Obituary:*

Very sadly, the following members of Thanal Mathrusadanam passed away during the year 2021-2022 as a result of old age ailments. Their funeral ceremony and final rites were performed at Ivormadom Cremation grounds by our Committee members and staff.

1. Nalini (67), (2) Kali (75), (3) Unniamma (75), (4) Sreedevi (73) & (5)Kunjilakshmi Amma (62).

Distribution of funds to the financially backward members:

Help was provided to the financially backward people and others as under:

1. Towards house construction/renovation = Rs. 30,000.00
2. Educational help = Rs. 2,52,381.00
3. Deendayal ( Medical Assistance) = Rs. 2,44,564.00
4. Mangalya Sahayam = Rs. 60,000.00
5. Help provided to Vivekananda Mission = Rs.16,59,599.00

Trust towards expenses of construction

Of Giridhar Balashramam.

According to our Visitors’ Register, this year there were around 1,000 persons, hailing from 4500 families, visited our institutions. In compliance with the Covid protocol, entry of visitors to our premises and their participation in Annadanam were not permitted. Donations were paid by around 3000 persons at Thanal Balashramam, 400 families paid donations at Vilwadri Sevasramam, 250 families at Ivormadom Korapath, 150 families at Vengeri, and 40 families paid donations through Shri Sivan at Cherpulasseri.

Government grant:

By way of Government grant during 2020-21, we received Rs 5,66,211/- for Thanal Balashramam, Rs 2,13,819/- for Sisumandiram and Rs 1,12,604/- for Vilwadrinatha Sevasramam.

Health Inspector from Kondazhi, AASHA workers, etc., pay frequent visits to our institutions and the instructions received from them have been complied with by us.

As part of their inspection in connection with our application for grant for 2020-2021, Asst Audit Officer visited on 10/11/2021. Also on 16/2/2022, Smt Meera and other officials from DWCDO visited.

Orphanage Control Board Member, Father Lijo Chittilappilli, visited and instructions given by him have been complied with.

In connection with our application for renewal of licence under the JJ Act, DCPO Protection Officer Smt. Ashwini V.S. paid a visit to Thanal Balashramam.

Block Coordinator and Nutritionist from ICDS, Pazhayannur visited Thanal on 8/10/2021.

Felicitation

Following persons were felicitated at a function organized at Nila Vidya Nikethan and presented with trophies:

1. Kum. RM Arundhathi on her passing the LL B examination.
2. Kum. Vinitha, D/o Dance Teacher, Smt. Uma on her passing the BA (English exam.) with flying colours.
3. Kum. Athira, D/o Head Load Worker Shri Balakrishnan on her passing the M.Sc. (Maths) exam.

Adoption of Children

On 17/2/2022, the following children were transferred to an Adoption Centre at Thrissur as per written orders received from the Child Welfare Committee, Thrissur:-

1. Gayathri (6 years)
2. Chandana (6 years)
3. Lakshmi (3 years)

On the occasion of the Women’s Day on the 3rd of March 2022, a camp was organized on (i) Menstrual Health Hygiene and (ii) Covid Awareness.

On this occasion, training programme on (a) Medicinal plantation, and (b) biofloc Fish Farming were held. The programme was conducted by Welfare Officer, Smt Saranya Mohan and the participants numbering 35, were given tea cups and cloth napkins.

We take this opportunity to congratulate all our children for the success they have achieved in various examinations and wish them a bright future.

Acknowledgement:

Nila, Nila Seva Samithi takes this opportunity to place on record its
deep appreciation to the various departments of Government, Child
Welfare Committee, Kondazhi Grama Panchayat, Village Office, various
Schools, Colleges, Hospitals and the public at large for extending
wholehearted support and cooperation. This has enabled us to carry
forward our activities with renewed commitment and encouragement. We
also take this opportunity to thank all those who have given us
material and financial support and we look forward to their continued
support and encouragement.

For NILA SEVA SAMITHI

( K. Sasikumar )

Secretary

Place: Mayannur

Date: 20-10-2022