

AMAR SEVA SANGAM, AYIKUDY

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 2018

Secretary's Report 2018



Welcome to All Members!!

Annual General Body Meeting 2018

With the Blessings of the Almighty and assistance of good-hearted individuals, Corporate and the co-operation of all Committee Members, staff, volunteers and friends, well wishers, Amar Seva Sangam has completed

37 years

of glorious and dedicated service to the physically and mentally challenged persons. With all your help, we have started many new projects during the previous years for the challenged people for which we thank all of you for your dedicated services and support.

Highlights

South India Basketball Tournament for wheelchair users.

Our Home Children actively participated in the South India Basketball Tournament for wheelchair users held at Erode on 23rd September 2017. Ms. Kanagalakshmi received the award from the Chairman of MCR Dhoties Manufacturing Company. Both Kanagalakshmi and Poovammal have been selected for attending Selection Camp at Chennai from 30.9.2017 to 2.10.2017. They will also participate in the National level competition to be held from 5th to 9th November 2017 at Hyderabad.



Highlights

4th National Wheelchair Basketball Championship.

4th National Wheelchair Basketball Championship was held in Hyderabad on 9.11.2017. We are delighted to share with you that Tamilnadu women's team won the first place and the men's team the second place out of 21 states of India who participated in the event. Amar Seva Sangam is proud to mention that three members of our Sangam were part of these winning teams and received the awards from the famous Cricketer Virender Sehwag.



Highlights

4th National Wheelchair Basketball Championship.



Highlights

International Spine Injuries Conference in new Delhi.

Our physiotherapist Dr.Ramasubramanian won Gold Medal Award for his Podium Presentation on Pressure Sore Management Strategies using Pressure Mapping System at the International Spine Injuries Conference in new Delhi on 19.11.2017.



Highlights

- World Confederation of Occupational Therapist conference, South Africa – Dr. Ramasubramanian presented EI programme COPM Implementation from 22nd to 25th may 2018.

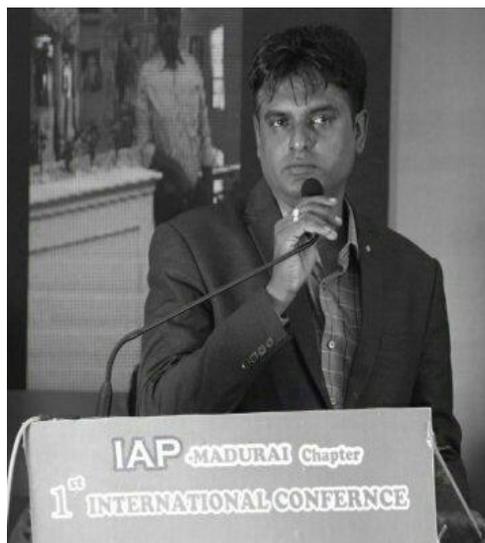
KNOWLEDGE
DISSIMINATION



Highlights

- Shri Sankar Sahayaraj was a Speaker at 1st Internataional conference organised by Madurai IAP branch on 7.1.2018

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Highlights

Our Secretary S.Sankara Raman got life time achievement award From Bharathidasan University on 7 January 2018



Highlights

Kharghar Tamil Sangam, Mumbai celebrated the 13th year 'Pongal Festival Event' on 21.01.2018, in which our Secretary Shri.S.Sankara Raman was felicitated for his GLORIOUS SERVICE TO THE NOBLE CAUSE FOR THE UPLIFTMENT OF DIFFERENTLY ABLE CHILDREN AND PERSONS.



Highlights

Dr.Subramanian Swamy, MP visited Amar Seva Sangam on 04.02.2018



Highlights

Advisory Board Meeting 07.07.2018

The Advisory Board Meeting of Amar Seva Sangam was convened on 07.07.2018, Chaired by the Tirunelveli District Collector Ms. Shilpa Prabhakar, IAS.



Highlights

Spinal cord injured get-together 2018

We are very happy to share with you all that, we celebrated 1st decade of Spinal Card Injured (SCI) Get together on 4th Aug 2018 to 6th Aug 2018. In this Get together, we conducted spinal card injured awareness camp in Courtallam by doing a rally (Road show). In this get-together, SCI persons had full body check up , scanning and medical assistance besides many SCI persons got new appliances from Sangam.



Highlights

National Health Mission – TAMILNADU SCALE UP MEETING



Highlights

GOVT. PILOT PROGRAMME



Highlights

Flag off ceremony for New Vehicles on 17.2.2018

We are glad to inform you all that we had a flag of ceremony for two new buses Sponsored by Asha for Education Seattle Chapter, USA on 17.2.2018



Highlights

100% result in Xth Std. Exam March 2018

We are extremely happy to share the information that our Siva Saraswati Vidyalaya Hr.Sec.School had secured 100% Pass in the Xth Std exams held in March 2018. All this could be possible only because of the tremendous support and encouragement given to our students by all concerned. Toppers: Sumathi M - First - 462 Mahalakshmi M - Second - 460 Mahalingam M - Third - 457 Malathi M - Fourth - 455 Esakkimuthu G - Fifth - 449



Highlights

100% results in +2 Exam March 2018

We are extremely happy to share the information that our Siva Saraswati Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School had scored 100% results in the Plus Two exams held in March 2018. School First: Parameswaran scoring 1097 out of 1200 and School Second is the physically challenged girl Ponmanickam scoring 1050 out of 1200. This is the second batch of students scoring 100% results since we upgraded our School to Higher Secondary level. All this could be possible only because of the tremendous support and encouragement given to our students by all concerned.



Fundraising Events

Fund raising is a great task to Amar Seva Sangam. We are participating in many fund raising events, such as Mumbai Marathon, Bangalore 10K Run, Chennai Marathon, etc. to raise funds for our cause.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – MUMBAI MARATHON

Amar Seva Sangam participated in Mumbai Marathon 2018, fifth consecutive year. 42 Runners viz., wheelchair users of Amar Seva Sangam, Usha Fire team and volunteers participated in the event which was held on 21.1.2018 at Mumbai



Fundraising Events

Mumbai marathon 2018 Award function

Amar Seva Sangam received the following awards on 10.04.2018 for raising fund in the Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon 2018:

"**Highest Fundraiser Individual**" Shri.S.Sankara Raman;

"**Second Highest Fundraising NGO**" Amar Seva Sangam.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS – MUMBAI MARATHON

Along with many volunteers, Smt. Ramani Sankara Raman and me have been participating in the event since the year 2004.



Funds raised in the last three year events:

- 2016 – Rs.124 lakhs
- 2017 – Rs.126 lakhs
- 2018 – Rs.142 Lakhs

Fundraising Events

Wipro Chennai Marathon 03.12.2017.

Amar Seva Sangam participated in Wipro Chennai Marathon 2017, fifth consecutive year. 49 Runners viz., wheelchair users of Amar Seva Sangam, Usha Fire team and 10 volunteers participated in the event which was held on 3.12.1017 in Chennai.



Fundraising Events

Chennai Marathon



Funds raised in the last Three year events:

2015 – Rs. 0.56 lakhs
 2016 – Rs. 2.69 lakhs
 2017 – Rs. 0.56 lakhs

Fundraising Events

Bangalore 10k Run

We participated in the TCS World 10k Run on 27.5.2018 held in Bangalore. It was our fifth consecutive year of participation and was a wonderful and memorable experience. We appreciate the Organizers' skills of meticulous planning and perfect execution of the event. The Bangalore team is an example for others both for leadership and solidarity. Participation of all the members at the event is the most motivating factor and those who could not come would have had compelling reasons and their contribution physically and otherwise cannot be under estimated for any reasons. Special mention has to be made about the way the volunteers have taken care of our participants. They not only arranged for our comfortable stay, food and travel, but they even took them around Bangalore, which has made them very happy. All of you have put in a lot of hard work and burnt the mid night oils and we all at Amar Seva express our sincere gratitude and wish all the members a wonderful period ahead. Fundraising event through this Bangalore Run is always a memorable event which we always cherish. Thanking you all from the bottom of our heart.

Fundraising Events

Bangalore 10k Run



Fundraising Events

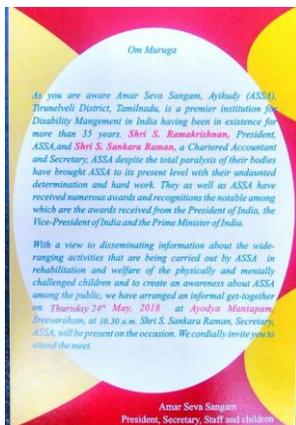


Give India
Spotlight challenge
- Rs.37.04 lakhs



APPI – Azim Premji
Philanthropic Initiatives
will fund INR
39,091,364 in 3 years

Trivandrum Well wishers Get together on 24th may 2018



Fundraising for the Period 2017-2018	
Fundraising Events	
Give India spot light challenge	37.04
Mumbai Marathon	142.67
Chennai Marathon	0.56
Bangalore Marathon	10.77
Crowd Funding	
Give Foundation	3.65
Global Giving	2.39
Milaap	0.95
Benevity	0.20
Total	198.23

Fundraising for the period 2017-2018		
S.No.	Type of Donations	lakhs
1	Diary Advertisement	3.05
2	Standard Chartered Mumbai Marathon	142.67
3	Trusts and Funding Agencies	31.10
4	Bangalore TCS World 10k Run	10.77
5	Wipro Chennai Marathon	0.56
6	Festival Contributions	14.24
7	New Year Contributions	0.18
8	Amar Seva Sangam Web page	67.47
9	Give India	3.65
10	CSR Funding	51.38
11	Give india spot light challenge	37.04
12	Routine Fundraising (through referrals, mailers and visitors)	825.61
	Total	1,187.72

DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS

Developmental Projects

Inauguration of Shri K.Ramanathan and Shri. T.R.Thiagarajan Memorial center for Community Rehabilitation of Amar Seva Sangam went off well on 18.2.2018 at Melapavoor.



Developmental Projects

Inauguration of Hr. Secondary school building phase II on 14.05.2018 by Pujyasri Swami Omkaranada, Theni, in the presence of Shri Ramulu Yekkeli (Director & General Manager, GIC Mumbai), Shri. Tukaram Ganapathi Maharaj (Kadayanallur), Shri.R.V.Krishnan and Shri. Namdeo Kadam (Asst. GM, GIC, Mumbai).



Developmental Projects

Eco Hut Dining Hall Milk Warming Function.

Eco Hut dining hall milk warming ceremony and customary Pooja was held in our campus on 24.9.2017.



Developmental Projects

SSV Higher Secondary classrooms inauguration Phase-I on 23.12.2017.

SSV Higher Secondary classrooms inauguration Phase-I was held on 23.12.2017. We heartily thank Shri.R.P.Krishnamahari, Shri.K.Ramesh Sethuraman, Chennai, Om Foundation New Jersey, Shri.M.A.Yasin Mohamed, Madurai, Shri.P.Lakshminarayanan, Shri.S. Ravishankar, Tirunelveli and Shri.G.K. Ramakrishnan, Kuwait for their support and august presence during the occasion.



Developmental Projects

Driver Room Construction Stone Laying Function on 19th July 2018



Developmental Projects

Inauguration of “K.R.BLOCK VOLUNTEERS QUARTERS” on 3.8.2018

We are happy to share with you all that, we have inaugurated the “K.R.BLOCK VOLUNTEERS QUARTERS” Extension building Donated by 'Kalvithanthai' Thiru.K.RAMASAMY Chairman,National Engineering College, Lakshmi Ammal Polytechnic College Kovilpatti in the presence of Sri.C.Ramasamy,Kovilpatti, Sri.C.Sankara Narayanan Secretary, National Engineering College, Lakshmi Ammal Polytechnic College Kovilpatti, Sri.K.Jeyapalan Engineer,K.R.Construction,Kovilpatti, Mrs.S.Thylambal,Ayikudi Sri.A.Balasubramaniam,Smt. Rajalakshmi and Dr.K.Murugiah. in our campus on 03.08.2018.



PROJECTS ON HAND

Amar Seva Sangam (18 June 2018)	Amounts in Rs. Lakhs	CSR Category				Fundng Recd	Balance Fund Reqd
		Education	Health	Skill Devpt	Environment		
CAPEX Projects							
Container Housing	Disabled Youth Trainee Quarters			35		15	20
New Guest House Lift	Lift at new Guest House		25				25
Foster Home for Intellectually Challenged	New Building with Vocational Training Centre		65				65
Plus 2 School Extension	Phase 3 /4 Class Room, Labs, Toilers	120				35	85
Eco Huts - 4 nos	for Meetings and Staff Dining		12				12
Northern Side Compound Wall	To prevent encroachments		150				150
Solar Power project	for Lighiting and energy cost sustenance				110		110
	Sub-Total New Capital Projects	120	252	35	110	50	467

PROJECTS ON HAND

Amar Seva Sangam (18 June 1018)		Amounts in Rs. Lakhs				CSR Category		Fundng	Balance
Project Name	Description	Education	Health	Skill Devpt	Environment	Recd	Fund Reqd		
Addition to existing Infrastrucuture									
Orthotics Centre extension	To create Additional work space		5.5					5.5	
RPSNC Roof replacement	Redington and RPSNC roof to change		8					8	
Melapavoor EI Centre	Compound Wall Phase 1		1.3					1.3	
Melapavoor EI Centre	Compound Wall Phase 2		10					10	
Medical Testing Unit expansion	Additional Rooms and Physuotherapy Eqpts		85					85	
Office Room extersion	Interiors for Office room extension		20					20	
	Sub-Total Additions to existing Infrastrucuture	0	130	0	0	0	0	129.8	

PROJECTS ON HAND

Amar Seva Sangam (18 June 1018)		Amounts in Rs. Lakhs				CSR Category		Fundng	Balance
Project Name	Description	Education	Health	Skill Devpt	Environment	Recd	Fund Reqd		
OPEX Support Projects									
School	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance	36						36	
Spinal Injury Post acute care centre	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance		16					16	
Vocational Training Centre - Tailoring / Typing	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance			8				8	
Orthotics Centre	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance		14					14	
Residential Program for Special Needs Children	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance		6					6	
Amar Institute of Rehabilitation RCI	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance	14						14	
Rehabilitation Centre RHC	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance		10					10	
Medical Testing Unit - Advance Physiotherapy	Opex Deficit for regular sustenance		18					18	
	Sub-Total Opex Support Projects	50	64	8	0	0	0	112	
	TOTAL	170	446	43	110	50		708.8	

Important Events

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26th School annual day celebration held in our campus on 23.2.2018

Siva Saraswathi vidyalaya higher Secondary school celebrated its 26th annual day function.



Important Events

3rd year Memorial Day of Dr.Sumathi

All our staff and inmates paid tribute to Late Dr.Sumathi on her third death anniversary on 26.4.2018



Important Events

Special Olympics

We are glad to inform that our special children and physically challenged boys and girls won many medals in Special Olympics, Organized by Reach India in Tirunelveli on 28.4.2018.



Important Events

Home Children Excursion May 2018.

We are glad to share with you that our Home children had a very nice and comfortable tour to Trivandrum on 4.5.18 and 5.5.18. We would like to thank all our donors for making this trip comfortable especially Mr.Ramachandran and his friends, Mrs.Sudha and her son Mr.Ganesan from Trivandrum. This trip gave an enjoyable experience to our home children



Important Events

Panchgani conference on 5th June 2018.

Lets make a Difference. Power of One



Important Events

Staff Annual Day on 28.06.2018.

Staff Annual Day celebration held in our campus on 28.06.2018. Chief Guest Rtn. Major-Selvanayagamsamsu, Special Address Shri. V. Shanmugasundaram B.D.O., Kizhapavoor, Rtn.S.Jayaraman Nayana Jothi Trust, Bangalore and all our EC members.



Important Events

SCREENING FOR 0-6 Years CHILDREN 11th to 21st JUNE 2018

“INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE HOME BASED CARE” our VBRI team conducted Initial training for RBSK SNs/SHNs in Regional Training Institute, Chennai, Madurai, Salem and Villupuram. Monitored by: State Official from DPH & PM office and NHM under RBSK on 11th to 21st June 2018.



Important Events

Shri Krishna Premi Swamigal visit on 4.7.18.

Our children and staff got blessings from Shri Krishna Premi Swamigal on 4.7.2018



Important Events

Wheelchairs, Walkers & Crutches distributed on 14.07.2018.

Our inmates received Wheelchairs, Walkers & Crutches sponsored by Mr.Aadith and Mr.Archith from USA.



Important Events

Agada Vikadam on 15th July 2018 at Coutrallam

Agada Vikadam felicitated Amar Seva Sangam on the show.



Important Events

Independence Day: Flag hoisting ceremony held in our campus

We celebrated Independence day function in our campus, flag hoisting by Prof. R.Panchanadhan and Panch Gurukulam members.



Other Events

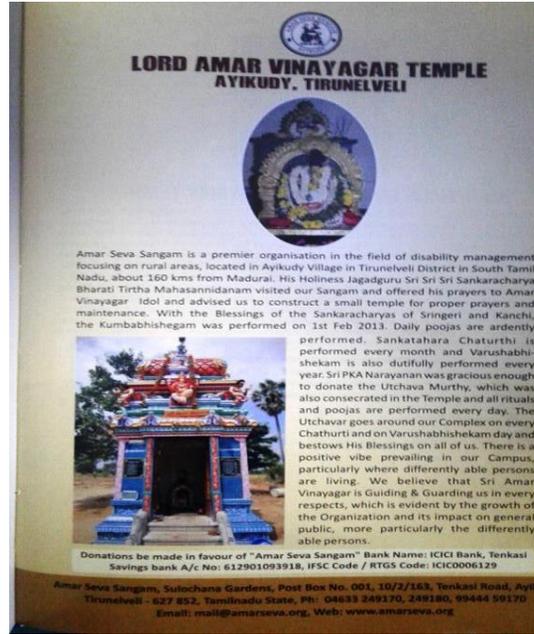
Other Events

The Diwali sale 2017 of Amar Textiles was inaugurated by our Hon. Secretary on 09.10.17.



Other Events

About Amar vinayagar of Amar Seva Sangam comes in Kerala info (Malayalee Temples Outside Kerala).



Other Events

Deepavali celebration at Amar Seva Sangam



Other Events

Prof.P. Anantharaman Bhajans at Amar Seva Sangam on 21.11.2017



Other Events

World Toilet day Awareness program at our Sangam on 22.11.2017



Other Events

Dr.Sukumar, Organising Secretary, Saksham, Nagpur Visited Amar Seva Sangam on 22 December 2017



Other Events

Mr.Jason Mathews & Mrs.Sindhu marriage reception.

We are glad to share that Mr.Jason Mathews & Mrs.Sindhu celebrated their marriage reception in our campus on 1.1.2018.



Other Events

Happy new year 2018

New Year 2018 Eve Celebrations



Other Events

Amar Vinayagar Temple Varushabhishekam on 31.01.2018



Other Events

Motivation speech by Shri.Isai Kavi Ramanan

Motivation speech by Shri.Isai Kavi Ramanan given to our children and staff in the presence of Shri.R.P. Krishnamachari, Dr.G.S. Vijaylakshmi and Shri.S.B.S. Raman in our campus on 11.06.2018.



Other Events

20th Annual Day function of Sangamam School for Special Children

20th Annual Day function of Sangamam School for Special Children were celebrated at Sangam premises on 17.2.2018



Other Events

Kalaimamani Smt. Desa Mangaiyarkarasi visited ASSA on 04.02.2018



Other Events

Tirunelveli district Superintendent of Police visited on 01.08.2018.

Tirunelveli district Superintendent of Police Mr.Arun Sakthi Kumar visited our campus.



Other Events

Homage to late Chief Minister of Tamilnadu Dr.Karunanidhi

We all inmates, Staff, committee members and Students paid our respect to Dr.Karunanidhi, in our campus on 9.8.2018.



Other Events

Idhayam Group Music program in our Campus on 11.8.18

Our Home children, Staff and Committee member enjoyed music program given by Idhayam musical group from Chennai.



Other Events

Awareness program about the legal rights of women against sexual harassment on 20th August 2018



Systems Development and Automation

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Key Programs

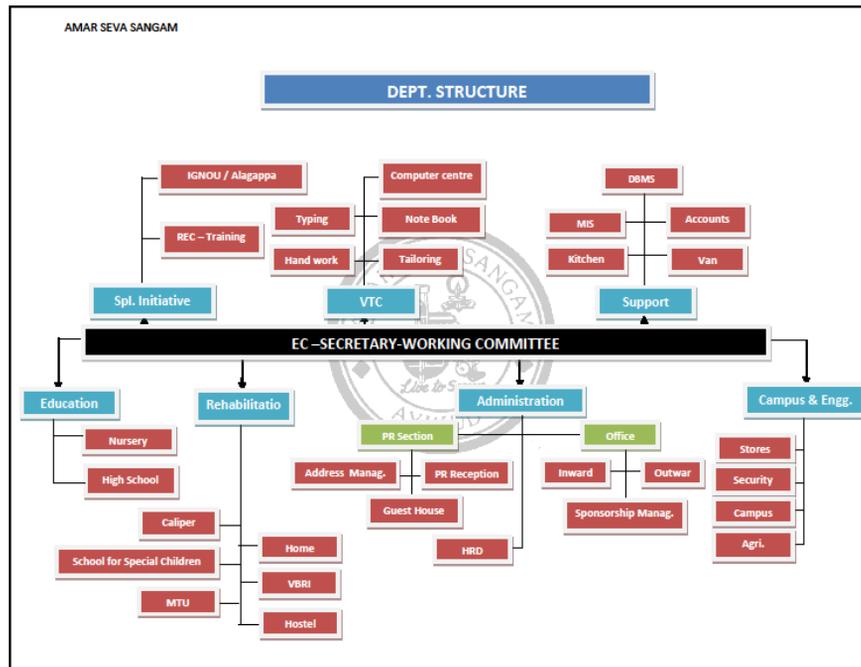
EI Program – GCC and APPI

Skill Development and Capacity Building Program – ORACLE

Village Based Rehabilitation Initiative Program – Kalraman and Om
Charity

Green Initiatives

[Presented by P.S.Kasthuri Rangan](#)



The Amar Foundation (Tailoring & Handicraft)									
Particulars	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19 (Up to Aug 2018)		
	Income	Expenses	Surplus / deficit	Income	Expenses	Surplus / deficit	Income	Expenses	Surplus / deficit
Amar Textile	5,60,269	3,87,322	1,72,947	3,65,373	2,26,389	1,38,984	92,571	87,023	5,548
Handwork	1,48,945	1,03,724	45,221	1,67,303	1,03,891	63,412	30,562	30,863	(301)
Tailoring	59,49,742	38,27,469	21,22,273	8,28,856	10,59,284	(2,30,428)	2,79,635	4,22,378	(1,42,743)
Tiruppur	13,46,154	11,60,499	1,85,655	15,13,465	14,76,057	37,408	6,09,274	5,78,560	30,714
Salary (Admin & Supervising)	-	10,17,679	(10,17,679)	-	5,39,566	(5,39,566)	-	3,01,405	(3,01,405)
Donation To ASSA	-	6,00,000	(6,00,000)	-	2,94,537	(2,94,537)	-	-	-
Other Income (FD, Saving Bank Int., etc.,)	29,158	-	29,158	32,852	-	32,852	16,462	-	16,462
Total	80,34,268	70,96,693	9,37,575	29,07,849	36,99,724	(7,91,875)	10,28,504	14,20,229	(3,91,725)

The Amar Foundation (NBM)									
Particulars	2016-17			2017-18			2018-19 (Up to Aug 2018)		
	Income	Expenses	Surplus / deficit	Income	Expenses	Surplus / deficit	Income	Expenses	Surplus / deficit
Binding	30,239	5,107	25,132	42,516	4,765	37,751	16,925	9,882	7,043
Note Book Making	120,28,405	98,34,071	21,94,334	69,89,992	56,66,164	13,23,828	33,64,610	22,99,975	10,64,635
Diary & Calendar	7,11,316	5,36,215	1,75,101	17,15,892	13,54,561	3,61,331	3,750	-	3,750
Staff Canteen	10,34,278	7,42,304	2,91,974	11,12,488	9,81,436	1,31,052	4,39,225	4,45,623	(6,398)
Donation to ASSA		22,00,000	(22,00,000)		2,42,631	(2,42,631)		-	-
Other Income (FD, Saving Bank Int., etc.,)	86,931		86,931	35,826		35,826	12,114	-	12,114
Total	138,91,169	133,17,697	5,73,472	98,96,714	82,49,557	16,47,157	38,36,624	27,55,480	10,81,144

Section wise Report

1	Differently abled children benefited at Home	47
2	Mentally Retarded children studying in Sangamam Special School	90
3	Integrated School Students Nursery, Primary & Hr.Sec. School	806
4	Differently abled youth and girls staying in the hostel	58
5	Vocational Training Centre students	
	a)Computer Centre	162
	a)Typewriting Centre	52
	a)Tailoring and Handicrafts	39
	d) Training and Development	138
6	IGNOU / Alagappa University Students	154
7	Amar Institute of Rehabilitation Science students	83
8	No. of Calipers assembled and repaired	1286
9	No. of persons who received treatment at our Medical Centre	683
10	No. of Persons benefited by operation	6
11	Spinal cord affected persons – treatment and care	35
12	No. of Mental Illness patients benefited	31
13	Persons benefited from rural rehabilitation scheme (100km range)	1561
14	Differently abled children succeeded in games and arts	212
15	No. of Tricycles and wheelchairs Distributed	88
16	No. of Calipers, Auxiliary Crutches and Artificial Limbs issued	503
17	No. of National Identity Card issued for Differently abled persons	58
18	Early Intervention Rehabilitation Centre children	26
19	No. of special children enrolled in the Integrated Schools	29

Section Staff / Top Achiever

Management & Finances

Section Performances & Individual Performance

Sections Performance:

Highest Performer: PAC

Score	No. of Sections
100% & above	12
Above 80% & below 100%	8
Above 60% & below 80%	1
Above 40% & below 60%	3
Below 40%	0

Kitchen	100%
Higher Sec. School	100%
Computer	100%
IGNOU	100%
Home	101%
DBMS	101%
MIS	103%
HRD	106%
Orthotic	109%
Campus	112%
MTU	118%
Kanchi Block	140%

Management & Finances

Individual Performance:

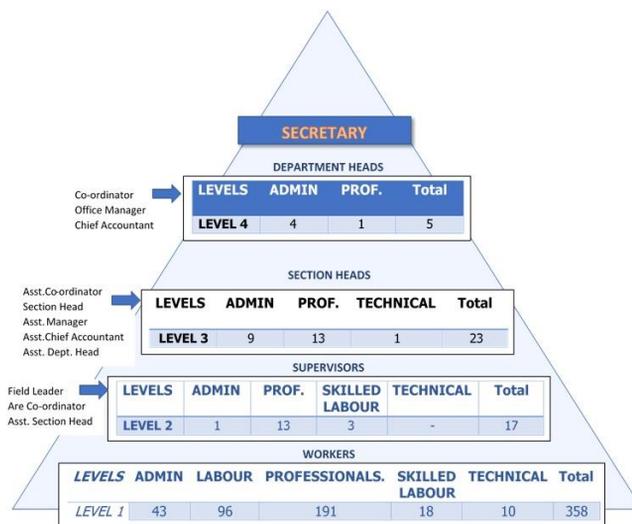
Highest Performer: Mrs.K.S.Shajitha Barveen (MTU)

Score	No. of Staff
100% & above	33
Above 80% & below 100%	56
Above 60% & below 80%	22
Above 40% & below 60%	3
Below 40%	--

Sections Performance , Individual Performance & KPI REPORT 2017-18 :

Score	SECTION DELIVERAB	KPI	INDIVIDUAL DELIVERABLE
	LE		
100% & above	12	12	60
Above 80% & below 100%	8	9	30
Above 40% & below 80%	4	6	24
Below 20%	0	0	0

Staff Pattern



Amar Seva Policies

1. Human Resources Policy
2. Financial Operating Manual
3. Procurement Policy
4. Board Manual Policy
5. Anti-bribery Policy
6. Child protection Policy
7. Code of conduct Policy
8. Prevention sexual Harassment Policy
9. Whistle-blower Policy
10. Data Privacy Policy
11. Risk Management Policy

OUTLOOK FOR 2018-19

ASSA's challenges during the year 2018-19 are many, particularly in the infrastructural front. We have a mammoth project to be cleared, viz., the +2 school building and completion of the third and fourth stages; this is estimated to cost Rs.1.8 cr. In addition, the construction of Foster Care Centre building, treated as a priority scheme, would need Rs.80 lakhs. A similar amount is needed to construct a building aimed at increasing the space for physiotherapy and attendant rehabilitation services in the Medical Testing Unit. Other pressing demands relate to establishment of Early Intervention Centres at Pattukottai and Kadayam for which the requisite plots of land have been / are being received as donations.

Besides the above -mentioned projects, a project to construct a building to enhance the space for the Disabled Youth Trainees for the skill development and higher education for both boys and girls, is on the anvil; we propose to adopt a Container Homes model with a view to minimising the cost of this project. The matter of construction of staff quarters has been engaging our attention for quite some time and this has now assumed urgency due to the augmentation of staff and increase in number of visits of quality staff to ASSA to render services who need accommodation. To meet this requirement we propose to build six to eight small residential units above the existing Life Care Centre; the new complex will be named "Sumathi Bavan".

OUTLOOK FOR 2018-19

We have offers of land to expand our services into the area of a Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy College. The investment in land for this purpose which is statutorily prescribed as three acres would cause a heavy burden on ASSA's resources. Other areas which would necessitate infusion of sizeable funds are (a) putting up of class rooms for those who intend pursuing B.Ed. course, as required by the Tamil Nadu Higher Education Department and (b) construction of class rooms for running the courses for the mentally challenged children under aegis of the Rehabilitation Council of India.

We have to face several challenges in 2018-19 even after provision of many infrastructural facilities mentioned above. While on the one hand the expectations of the public for our quality services are ever rising, on the other, is the need for our preparedness to overcome the pressures and forge ahead. In such a scenario it is imperative that we have in place a well-planned strategy of judicious deployment of financial resources coupled with an effective fundraising mechanism. We are confident of achieving these twin objectives.

THANKS

Our achievements during the year 2017-18 were very much satisfying. Our activities have increased and the number of beneficiaries has grown manifold. We had completed 37 years of dedicated service to the differently able and rural poor with diligence and earnestness. But still there is a long way to go. All our achievements would not have been possible without the contributions, guidance and involvement of well wishers and volunteers. We record our thanks to Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, our Patron-in-Chief, for his guidance and also to the other patrons Shri N. Vaghul and Shri S.V. Mony. We also thank our Executive Committee members, Advisory Board members and General Body members. Words are inadequate to express our thanks to all the Volunteers who are helping the Sangam from behind the curtain and adding glory to our Sangam. Our special thanks to Smt. Sulochana Krishnamoorthy of Handicare International, Canada for her constant endeavour to raise funds for our continued developmental activities.

THANKS

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May God Bless us all..

Thank You