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AMAR SEVA SANGAM – AYIKUDY

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002

We take pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 2001 – 2002.

During the year Amar Seva Sangam conducted one major fund raising programme at Courtallam – Visu's Arattai Arangam . Telecast in four episodes, this feature was well received by the viewers. Following the telecast, a stream of visitors thronged the Sangam and hailed the good work of the Institution. Donations also have started pouring in.

Another landmark achieved during year saw the addition of a building known as IOB Block to the Sivasaraswathy Nursery School. As the name suggests, the block was fully funded by Indian Overseas Bank and inaugurated by their Executive Director Mr.R.Natarajan on 16-2-2002.

The year under report proved to be a drought year. The rain was scanty which awakened us to conserve water by providing many rain water harvesting facilities to improve the underground water table

Management information system is the need of the hour. Thanks to M/s.Rashmi Info Media, Chennai, we have developed a very good MIS, the fruits of which will show up in the years to come.

1. Rehabilitation Services

1.1. Home / Daycare¹

The Home for the physically challenged had strength of 48 students as on 31st March 2002. There was only one day scholar. The Home had staff strength of 13 including the Home Warden. The Home has a kitchen, a prayer-cum-dinning hall. The Home is also used to give physiotherapy to the residents. Physiotherapy includes.

	Last Year	This Year
1. Home	45	47
2. Day Care	6	1

1.2. Programme for CP & MR children

It had strength of 17. In addition to the center located at Amar Seva Sangam, there is a sub-centre at Elathur, 8 kms. from Amar Seva Sangam, which had strength of seven children. Total staff strength is 9.

S. No	Particulars	Total	
		Last year	This year
1	Children at Amar Seva Sangam center	(10B+8G) 18	(11B+6G) 17
2	Children at Elathur sub-centre	(2B+5G) 7	(2B+5G) 7

1.3. Caliper Workshop²

The workshop has staff strength of three and the work done during the year is detailed below.

Total appliances made during the year were 161. Appliances repaired 695 and consultation offered was 145.

¹ Annexure - 1

² Annexure - 2

1.4. Children under out reach care.³

Children from home care are promoted to day-care and then further promoted to out reach programme. The idea is to make them independent and make them progressively integrate with the family and society.

SI.No.	Particulars	VBR
1.	Students at the beginning of the year	41
2.	Transferred from Home – 8 DC - 4	12
3.	Discontinued	-1
4.	Transfer back to Home / DC	-
5.	Promoted to VBRI	-
6.	Students as on 31st March 02	52

1.5. Medical Testing Unit and Hostel for Disabled Trainees⁴

During the year under report, MTU evaluated 56 CPMR cases, 44 Polio cases, 10 Hemiplegia and Paraplegia cases and 102 other cases, totaling 212. While 45 cases were treated as outpatients, 10 members were admitted to Home and two to CP and MR Centre.

	Last year	This year
1. Hostel strength	24	19
2. Number of OPs in Therapy Center	879	750
3. Treatment given in Therapy Center	1045	1078

The following medical camps were conducted during the period under report :-

1. Ortho camp by Dr.Mohamed Mustafa from TNMCH 20-4-2001 at ASSA
2. Speech therapist camp by Mr.Ravanan on 6-5-2001 at ASSA
3. CP & MR camp by Dr.Jeyachandran from Chennai on 20-5-2001 at ASSA

³ Annexure - 3

⁴ Annexure - 4

4. Ortho Camp by Dr.Mohamed Mustafa from TCMCH on 15-6-2001 and 6-8-2001 at ASSA
5. CP camp by Dr.Sundar from Chennai on 25-8-2001 at ASSA, 26-08-2001 at Vadakari.
6. Medical camp by Neuro surgeon Dr (Ms) T.S.Kanaka of Chennai on 26th and 27th Jan 2002 at ASSA.

1.6. Field Services

S. No	Particulars	2000 - 2001	2001- 2002
1.	Total No. Of IDENTITY Cards issued	289	193
2.	SCHOLARSHIP to Disabled Students	533	210
3.	Free BUS-PASS Facility	73	43
4.	Train CONCESSION PASS Facility	59	20
5.	Persons who got MAINTENANCE GRANT	40	37
6.	Persons who got HEARING AID	04	--
7.	Total No. of Students who received Vocational Training	46	47
8.	No. of Students who received Artificial Limbs	05	03
9.	No. of Spectacles Provided	21	14
10.	No of Cataract Surgeries done	43	42
11.	No of Tri-cycles & Wheel Chairs issued	29	37
12.	Persons who got BANK LOAN with subsidy	06	06
13.	No. of persons who participated in State, District level Sports	07	24
14.	Polio affected who got caliper & crutches under ADIP schemes.	77	161
15.	Total No. of Camps conducted (Polio, C.P & M.R, Eye Camps)	07	6
16.	No. of the disabled who got free Note-Books	232	264
17.	No. of the disabled who received School Fees & Uniforms	28	47

2. Educational Services

The strength in the Integrated School⁵ has increased to 688 from 641 some last year. The number of Disabled students in the school is 47 this year down from 49 last year. The Disabled students strength In Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)⁶ has also gone down from 3 students last year to 12 students this year. The total number of students however in IGNOU has improved from 47 to 88.

3. Vocational Training Services

The handicraft-making center has shown tremendous growth last year and has trained more number of Disabled persons than last year.

S. No	Particulars	Last Year			This Year		
		Disabl ed	Non-Disabl ed	Receipts	Disab led	Non-Disab led	Receipts
1.	Computer Center ⁷	26	65	2,01,505	16	55	1,33,360
2.	Typing ⁸	34	41	13,765	24	32	11,302
3.	Tailoring Center ⁹	25	14	19,617	21	37	26,086
4.	Handicraft	9	6		37	30	
5.	Notebook making ¹⁰	6	-	1,09,717	5	-	82,407
6.	Binding ¹¹			37,053			47,154
7.	Spirulina ¹² Cultivation	-	-	1,77,878	-	-	77,002

4. Empowerment

About 50 SHG¹³ were formed of PWDs during the year. The composition of the PWDs reflects the importance that should be given for employment generation and for development of skills. The field activities have started showing results as people

⁵ Annexure - 5

⁶ Annexure - 6

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⁸ Annexure - 8

⁹ Annexure - 9

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¹¹ Annexure - 11

¹² Annexure - 12

¹³ Annexure - 13

are now coming out to talk about their problems and acceptance levels have increased both among the parents and the PWDs about the disabilities and their responsibilities in the rehabilitation process. There has also been increased willingness among the other sectors of the society to absorb the PWDs in the day-to-day part of the life.

5. Advocacy

One of the important developments during the year was the active interest shown by the Central Govt. in the implementation of National Trust Act for the Mentally Retarded persons and for Multiple Disabled persons. Recognized training for Caregivers, formation of Parent's Association and District level committee have already being started in several parts of the country. Amar Seva Sangam on its part is in the process of forming Parent's Association. This has opened the doors for many of the parents of such disabled children / adults who need support.

Another important development in the national scene was the adoption of Barriers Free Architecture by the Central Public Works Department, which is implementing the guidelines in the Central Govt. buildings. The Chief Commissioner for the Persons With Disabilities conducted a series of workshops in one of which I was also a participant to bring awareness and educate the Architects, Engineers, NGOs and Govt. departments about the technicalities involved in Barriers Free Environment.

a. Railway Coach Designing

Efforts were taken to meet the authorities in the integral coach factory at Chennai. The first the meeting was held in May 1999 and the need for designing a separate coach for physically challenged persons, was discussed. As a follow up during April 2001, another meeting was held at Chennai. A new design was by then made ready and one model was also kept at the technology exhibition held at Chennai in June 2001. A manufactured coach was visited by the secretary and the project manager of the Sangam along with the State Commissioner for PWD's (Person with Disabilities) and the president of the State Handicapped Association in April –2002. The Sangam recommended several improvements

which were now incorporated in the coach vide their letter No. MD/DSS/EMU/DC/167 dated 31-07-2002. The Sangam is also now approaching on Southern Railway Authorities for a special coach to be attached in the express Trains. Now one specially designed coach for PWD's (Person with Disabilities) is attached in the guard van in some of the express trains.

There is still no special quota for reservation for the physically challenged persons. Middle and Upper berths are often given for such persons. The Sangam is in the process of a dialogue with the railway authorities to reserve three percent of the lower berths exclusively for the physically challenged persons and also make available the specially designed express coach for severely disabled persons and make them available in the computerized reservation system.

b. Special Wheel Chairs.

The Secretary of the Sangam is working with private manufacturers for designing compact pushchairs, which can be used in narrow passageways of bus and Railway coaches. Designing is also being initiated for a battery operated wheel chair at affordable price for Indian Conditions and multipurpose wheel chairs are also being designed.

c. District Plan for Physically challenged

The Sangam was involved in formulating District Level action plan during April this year. The plans have been drafted in consultation with the Collector of the District and with the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities along with the District Disability Rehabilitation Officer.

6. Human Resource Development

a. Training Programme for PR Section at Bangalore

The PR section staff attended a training programme at Bangalore in January this year on report writing and a preparation of publicity materials

b. Self Development Programme

Shri Harihara Mahadevan and Shri. Narayanaswamy conducted courses on individual development for staff.

c. Training Programme with Mathuram Narayan Trust

Mathuram Narayan Trust conducted early identification techniques of childhood disabilities for our rehabilitation staff. Dr.Jayachandran of Chennai also piloted the course.

d. Art of Living basic course

YOGA classes conducted by the particular School of training were conducted for the staff and students with disabilities at the Sangam during the year.

e. English conversational course by Ramanarayanan, Kadalur

Shri K.J.Ramanarayanan of Cuddalore conducted training classes on conversational English during the year for our teachers and staff.

f. Dyslexia introduction course by Sadana Trust, Madurai

Training for identifying children with learning disabilities and handling them was offered to the teachers and the rehabilitation workers of the Sangam during May 2002.

g. Training on Mental illness

Training on Mental illness for identifying people with such problems and for dealing with their psychological aspects were given for the rehabilitation workers at M/s.Chellamuthu Trust, Madurai. It is to be noted that mental illness is also consider being a disability under the Persons with Disability's Act.

h. Training on folklore as a medium for creating awareness among the masses in the rural areas.

Training on folklore dances, music and drama as a street play to create awareness on disability issues were imparted as a continuing education process

for the field level rehabilitation staff. Mr.Manimaran and Ms.Flora of ADD India, Trichy gave trainings.

7. NGO Net Working

Networking helps in sharing of resources and creates a common platform for presenting the problems before the public. It creates a forum for wider level representations and helps in building common protocols and standardization. The Sangam has already become a partner in CBR Forum-Network, ADD India and a partner with Vidhyasagar. Amar Seva Sangam hosted a two-day workshop of the District Office bearers meeting of Tamilnadu Association for the Welfare of Physically handicapped at Ayikudi in March this year. About 25 delegates of the Association participated in the programme. The State Commissioner for Disabilities also participated in the second day of the workshop.

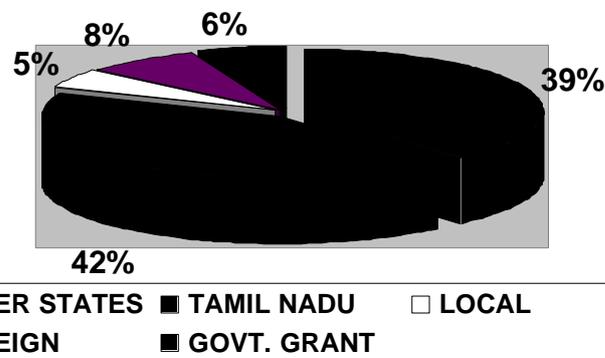
8. Finances

1.1 Amar Seva Sangam's corpus has risen to Rs.2,90,16,851.81 from Rs.2,29,39,537.61 last year including the SRTT corpus. The total assets of the Sangam have gone up from Rs.3,64,23,501.72 to Rs. 4,47,15,499.92 this year. The income and expenditure for the year 2001-2002 are as follows:

	Last Year	This Year
Donation (Non-Corpus)	35,83,383.35	34,12,973.36
Grants & Other Receipts	30,19,568.17	43,78,129.12
Total Income	66,02,951.52	77,91,102.48
Total expenditure	66,82,794.66	75,69,785.49
Cash surplus/Deficit	-79,843.14	2,21,316.99

1.2 The area-wise distribution of donation is as follows

Areawise distribution of Donation



Region	No. of Donors	Amount in Rs.
FOREIGN	74	9,27,038.00
OTHER STATES	376	47,24,487.00
GOVT. GRANTS	-	7,61,905.00
TAMIL NADU	1405	51,79,476.40
LOCAL	463	6,11,115.96
	2,318	1,22,04,022.36

1.3 The donor support base of Amar Seva Sangam is as follows:

Donation Range	No. of Donors	Amount in Rs. in Lakhs
RS. 1-100	313	0.25
RS. 101-499	355	0.81
RS. 500-999	446	2.43
RS. 1000-4999	857	13.15
RS. 5000-9999	168	9.05
RS. 10000-99999	166	23.12
RS.100000 & ABOVE	13	78.73
	2318	127.54

We rely on your continued support to sustain and expand our activities.

Yours in Lord's Seva,

S.Ramakrishnan
President.

S.Sankara Raman
Secretary.

ANNEXURES FOR ANNUAL REPORT – 2001-2002**1. Home Students Details:**

Sl. No.	Stages	No. of Children	
		Last year	This year
1	<u>Residential Care Students at the beginning:</u>	37	45
1.2	? Children Promoted to Village Based Rehabilitation	03	8
1.3	? New Children Inducted under Residential Care	11	10
2	<u>Day – Care Students at the beginning:</u>	11	6
2.1	? Promoted to Village Based Rehabilitation	03	3
2.2	? Transfer to Residential Care	02	
Total	Under Residential Care at the end of the year:	45	47
	Under Day Care at the end of the year:	06	1

Types of Physiotherapy:-

- Stretching - (10 times)
- Strengthening - (10 times)
- Rowing - (15 times)
- Postural Teaching - 20 mts
- Gait training -15 mts
- Massage - 15mts
- Suspension therapy - 20mts
- Pulley therapy -20mts
- Hydrotherapy -30mts (Weekly twice)

The Home also organized feeding programmes as per schedule given by the Sponsors.

2. Caliper Making Unit

Sl. No.	Appliances	Consultation Offered		Appliances Delivered		Appliances Repaired	
		Last year	This year	Last year	This year	Last year	This year
1.	Prosthesis	04	03	02	02	08	04
2.	Long Caliper	08	06	06	07	01	06
3.	Long caliper with Knee Joint	09	07	07	06	05	09

4.	Extended Caliper	06	05	05	08	116	209
5.	Extended Caliper with Knee Joint	03	03	03	07	08	14
6.	Seat Caliper	05	04	04	05	03	05
7.	Seat caliper with Knee Joint	03	02	02	05	05	08
8.	Knee Cage	14	09	09	13	--	19
9.	Sandals	51	46	46	25	178	127
10.	Walking Aids	19	12	12	30	74	132
11.	Short Caliper & Splints	13	07	07	15	--	35
12.	Others	47	41	41	38	132	127
Total		182	145	144	161	530	695

3. Out reach

Sl.No.	Particulars	VBR – 1	VBR - II
7.	Students as on 1 st April 01	39	12
8.	New Admission Home – 07+1 DC - 04	11	01
9.	Transfer to VBR – ii	-1	01
10.	Removed	-1	
11.	Transfer back to Home / DC	-	-
12.	Promoted to VBRI	-	-
13.	Students as on 31st March 02	48	14

4. Hostel & Therapy Centre

	Last Year	This Year
PAC	2	1
DYTs stage – 1	7	6
DYTs stage – 2	4	6
DYTs stage – 3	-	-
Guardianship	8	7
Temporary care	-	4
Staff	2	3
Total	23	27

Legend: PAC – Post Acute Care
DYTs – Disabled Youth Trainees

The details of new OPs are as follows

Particulars	New OPs		Treatment	
	Last year	This year	Last year	This year
Out patient service	201	206	282	424
VBR	621	544	621	544
Home and Spastic	57	-	142	110
Total	879	750	1045	1078

5. School Activities

Started on 23-6-1991, the School had strength of 405 students as on 31st March 2002.

Since the Annual examination for the academic year 2000-2001 was held only in April 2001, the promotes' details relate to the academic year 2000-2001

Students' Strength:

A) Middle School		
	Last year	This year
Strength at the beginning	323	390
Admission	77	67
Withdrawals	20	54
Middle School Strength at the End	380	403
B) Nursery School Strength	233	257

Strength of the disabled	Last year	This year
Middle School	47	46
Nursery School	2	1
Total	49	47

SIVASANKARI PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library has a collection of 1032 books of general nature. It has a membership of 84 and readership during the year was 18,400.

6. IGNOU

In addition the Centre provides support services to IGNOU, in that computer systems available in the center were made use of by IGNOU students as well. IGNOU had the following strength

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Total Strength	
		Last year	This year
1.	CIC	25	23
3.	BCA		
3.1	III Semester	01	17
3.2	I & II Semester	18	22
4	MCA I & II Semester	12	12
4.1	MCA III & IV Semester	-	12
5	CFN	01	01
6	CNCC	-	01
Total		70	88
Total Disabled in the above		09	12

Note: Sl. Nos. 1, 2 & 5 are Certificate Courses of 6 months duration and the columns indicate number of students enrolled during the 12-month period.

Amar Seva Sangam and IGNOU have a sharing arrangement of fees collected.

Of the total strength of 76, the Physically Challenged constituted 12 in number. Counseling sessions were held with the help of visiting faculty.

7. Computer Centre

The Centre with staff strength of four, conducted following courses: Through Tamil Nadu Polytechnic, Madurai

Course	Last year			This year		
	N	D	G/ Total	N	D	G/ Total
Auto Cad I	2	-	2	-	-	-
Auto Cad II	-	-	-	1	-	1
DEO	33	16	49	15	15	30
DTP	6	6	12	4	2	6
Foxpro	5	1	6	2	2	4
Ms-Office	20	2	22	7	3	10
Summer	16	-	16	8	-	8
	82	25	107	37	22	59

8. Typing Section

Course	Last year			This year		
	N	D	G/ Total	N	D	G/ Total
	47	39	86	34	44	78
English Lower	36	30	66	25	34	59
English Higher	3	4	7	3	3	6
Tamil Lower	7	4	11	6	6	12
Tamil Higher	1	-	1	-	1	1
High Speed	-	1	1	-	-	-
	94	78	172	68	88	156

Eleven students appeared for and passed the examination, three students obtaining distinction.

9. Tailoring / Needle Work / Plastic Wire Knitting / Frp Moulding / Toys & Doll Making Section

The Section's various activities have been a boon to our residents, for herein, they could learn various activities, which would in turn equip them to start a trade of their own with the minimum of investment. During the year under report, the section trained more than 50 members in different trades, most of the beneficiaries being the Physically Challenged.

It has staff strength of two.

Nature of Trade	No of Trainees Trained			
	Last year		This year	
	Normal	Disabled	Normal	Disabled
Tailoring	14	25	37	27
Needle Work	05	02	15	27
Wire Knitting	01	--	15	17
Plastic Moulding	--	07	-	3
Total	20	34	67	58

To promote our activities, we participated in exhibitions held at Chennai and various other places in the contiguity of Amar Seva Sangam.

10. Note Book Making Section

The Section, having staff strength of three, has facilities for Note Book Making. The facilities include

During the year under report, the Section sold 192 page notebooks

Special	=	654 nos.
Ordinary	=	6502 nos.
160 page notebooks	=	69 nos
128 page notebooks	=	102 nos.
96 pages	=	963 nos.
72 pages	=	2914 nos.
32 pages	=	34 nos.
200 pages	=	2 nos.
Foolscap 192 pages	=	81 nos.

	Last Year	This Year
No. of Note Books Manufactured	91,632	86294
No. of Books bound during the year	4,006	2,764
No. of Students trained	6	5

As on 31-3-02 the Section had Notebooks of the value of Rs.97512/-

In addition to the production referred to above, the Section undertook job work of Tamilnadu Text Book Corporation of the magnitude of 10 tons of paper

Total production during the year was of the order of Rs.1,12,992/- sales accounting for Rs.69, 874/-

DYTs were given training in this section.

11. Book Binding Section

It serves the needs of the in-house Sections. The total value of work done was of the order of Rs.20,088/-. Here again the activities were manned by the Physically Challenged. The staff working in Note Book Making Section looked after this section as well

12. Spirulina Section

The Section, having staff strength of three, produced 472 kgs. of Spirulina during the year and sold 265 kgs. and had on hand 490 kgs. on 31st March 2002 including the opening stock of 283 kgs. (First in First Out system was followed while clearing the stock for sale)

Dr.L.V.Venkataraman, Retd. Deputy Director, CFTRI, Mysore conducted two-day training programme on Spirulina cultivation at our Campus on 24th and 25th November 2001.

Particulars	Quantity in Kgs.	
	Last Year	This Year
Opening Stock of Spirulina	24.46	279.02
Spirulina Produced	613.96	471
Spirulina sold	359.40	264.45
Closing Stock of Spirulina	279.02	485.57

The following facilities were added to improve quality, productivity and marketing:-

- The paddle wheel mechanism in L1 and L2 tanks that was in rusted condition was replaced.
- Reciprocating pump was installed for harvesting.
- GI Sheet barricade all around was fitted to avoid contamination of tanks by insects.
- Pulverizing machine was bought / installed for powdering of flakes.

13. Two Wheeler Section

The Section, concurrently manned by a staff working in Notebook Making Section, earned Rs.14, 158/- during the period and the details of work done are given below

- No. of Cycles repaired - 60
- No. of Wheel Chairs repaired - 80
- No. of Tri-Cycles repaired - 91
- No. of Two Wheelers repaired - 2

14. VBR Initiative

1	Total No. of SHG Formed	53
2	Total No. of Members in SHG	506
3	No. of SHGs in Savings & Credit	21
4	Leaders Develop	07
5	Awareness Programmes	57
6	New Persons with Disability Identified	950
7	Appliances Issued	49
8	DRO Schemes Benefits Achieved	556
9	Domiciliary Therapy Support	211
10	Individual Counseling	136
11	Family Counseling	157
12	Integrated / Inclusive Education in Primary Schools	11
13	Self Help Skills (ADLs) Development	09

VBR Initiative

1	Total No. of SHG Formed	56
2	Total No. of Members in SHG	536
3	No. of SHGs in Savings & Credit	28
4	Leaders Develop	14
5	Awareness Programmes	72
6	New Persons with Disability Identified	1077
7	Appliances Issued	62
8	DRO Schemes Benefits Achieved	631
9	Domiciliary Therapy Support	211
10	Individual Counseling	386
11	Family Counseling	315
12	Integrated / Inclusive Education in Primary Schools	13
13	Self Help Skills (ADLs) Development	67
14	Development of productive skill	6
15	Income generation support	4