Welcome Address

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President, Inba Seva Sangam Sevapur



This is a humble submission of welcome address, presented in the august assembly on 20th August, 2018 as to express our hearty welcome to those who have attended Golden Jubilee celebration in person and those who are kind enough to send their greetings from abroad and from far off places, and to submit a brief case focusing on the performances initiated and accomplished, pinpointing our indispensable requirements in store, to be fulfilled for further improvement of Inba Seva Sangam in its settled service sections.

Honourable His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Sri Banwarilal Purohit, adorers of Annai Lea Pravo of Inba Seva Sangam, friends, fellow citizens of Communes at Sevapur and Vinobajipuram, well - wishers, and supporters from abroad and beloved brother and sister co-worker of ISS.

We are aware of the historical truth that the history has an air of repeating itself now and then. In the year, while Annai Lea Pravo was in the helm of affairs of ISS, Sri Prapudas Patwari, then, the governor of Madras Presidency paid a full - fledged visit to ISS and declared open the Naturopathy hospital, ensuring the welfare of the downtrodden people, residing at Kadavur valley and the villages in and around. It was a vital impetus for ISS in those days to step on and march ahead in our service for the emancipation of poverty stricken people of our regions, from their illness to wellness.

Now a new day has dawned. It is an unique opportunity for us to have the proud privilege and pleasure of welcoming His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu Sri Banwarilal Purohit, sublimating our immediate and long due dire needs to his Excellency requesting him to channel his resources at his disposal to fulfil and satiate the burning needs of ISS.

Along with our various programmes implemented as to uplift the small farmers in various fields, we are also running a Higher Secondary school that is strictly residencial and co-educational in order to gratify the minimum educational requirements of the children of the poor people of our locality as to assure them upliftment, economically, socially and culturally

The notable feature of our Higher secondary school,

- 1. It is fully recognized residential, co-educational school dedicating to serve for the cause of education for the children from poverty stricken people.
- 2. New pupils are selected and admitted from the children of poor people, majority of them from Harijans and others also from awfully poor parents.

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- 3. We have to submit that no financial aid of any kind is offered to us, either by State Government or Central Government, to shoulder the financial burden in anyway,
- 4. Despite pupils are selected and admitted from the poor families, they are provided with holistic education, enriching the student's head, heart and hand. inculcating precepts and practice of moral education, organic farming, computer skills, tailoring, utilizing herbals, paper making, soap making, bee keeping mushroom culture, etc manifesting them to lead self reliant and self sufficient life.

We also maintain Guru-kula system of education providing space and time for prayer, morning and evening, Yoga, community service, etc Though there is no Guru to preside and guide as such, the letter and spirit of Gandhiji and Annai Lea Provo emit light and wisdom and our pupils learn the art of life as modern Ekalaivan.

Though the ISS is facing the problems due to paucity of funds, to cope with the financial challenges, to impart such a kind of rich education, we have to bear the cross, only by means of meagre funds ensured by foreign agencies like Sawes, Joe Human Charities.

Now, we are here to beg to submit to His excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu to take graceful note of our financial status of ISS, and we earnestly entreat. His excellency to help us get some tangible funds either from State or Central Governments or any other charities. It is our explicit and implicit submission to His excellency to offer his graceful, timely patronage by all means,

Just like His Excellency, Sri Prapudas Patwari had declared open the Naturopathy hospital as an historical event, now, His Excellency has declared open the renovated Om koil at Sevapur; perhaps it may be the only Om koil in India, nay, in the world in the name of Om, the pranava. It will shine and remain sweet and divine monument for ever, never be oblivious

Along with His Excellency, the Governor, there are many vetaran Gandhians, eminent heads of prominent service foundations, such as Sarvodaya Sangam, Arvind Eye hospital, Dhan Foundation, Heads of educational institutions, Srimalt Atmananda, Rev. Fr. Rev. Eugene, and honourable representatives of foreign and local foundations Sawes, Joe Homan Charities and Dharma Chakara Coimbatore and other well – wishers of ISS, ad admirers of Annai Lea Pravo participating and offering help graciously in our endeavour in so many spheres of activities.

We express again our heart felt gratitude to one and all.

We pray Almighty, the omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient to shower blessing on ISS for ever on this happy Golden Jubilee day.

Ours is the prolonged, non – stop journey, miles to go to accomplish the ideals and ambitions of our national heritage – Om - tat - sat.

Swami Vivekanandar foretells

"India will be raised, not with the power of flesh, but with the power of the spirit, not with the flag of destruction but with the flag of peace and love."

Thanking you, one and all



Public Event

Inba Seva Sangam,

Golden Jubilee Celebrations - Valedictory Function



Programme

Public Event				
10.00 am to10.05 am	Inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Memorial Arch by Hon'ble Governor			
10.05 am to 10. 10 am	Reaching Oom Temple			
10.10 am to 10.15 am	Rededication of OomTemple by Hon'ble Governor and Interreligious Prayer			
10. 15 am to 10.20 am	Reaching Head office			
10.20 am to 10.25 am	Welcome with Poornakumbam			
10.25 am to 10.30 am	Garlanding the Founder's Photo by Hon'ble Governor			
Stage Event				
10. 30 am to 10.33 am	Invocation	Tamil Thai Vazthu		
10.33 am to 10.36 am	Lighting the Lamp by Chief Guest	t Om Tat Sath Song		
10.36 am to 10.39 am	Welcome Address	President		
10.39 am to 10.43 am	Honoring the Dignitaries	EC Members		
10.43 am to 10.46 am	Release of Golden Jubilee Video	Hon'ble Governor		
10.46 am to 10.50 am	Special Address	Thiru.K.M. Natarajan, President, TNSM		
10.50 am to 11.05 am	Golden Jubilee Celebration Valedictory Address Hon'ble Governor			
11.05 am to 11.08 am	Release of Golden Jubilee Souveni	r Hon'ble Governor		
11.08 am to 11.11 am	Issue of housing plot and farm lan	d to Beneficiaries Hon'ble Governor		
11.13 am to 11.16 am	Vote of Thanks Secretary			
11. 16 am	National Anthem			

Special Appeal to the Guests and Invities Attending the Function

- 1. Entry by invitation only
- 2. Invitation card is non-transferable
- 3. Please be seated in the allocated seat by 9.30 am after which the entry will not be permitted.
- 4. Please stand when the dignitaries enter the venue and remain standing until they are taken their seats.
- 5. Please keep your mobile phones in silent mode before entering the venue.
- 6. Observe silence and decorum during the function.
- 7. Personal Photography and Video are strictly prohibited in the Meeting Hall.
- 8. Please remain Standing while the National Anthem is played and till dignitaries leave.
- 9. Dress Code: Formal
- 10. Limited Accommodation (10 Rooms) in the community centre equipped with a simple, twin sharing and common bathroom facilities are available for those who need for a stay during the previous night.

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நிகழ்ச்சி முன்னோட்டம்- I

நாள் : 20.08.2018 இடம் : சேவாப்பூர்	ř	நேரம் : காலை 10.00 மணி முதல் 11.16 மணி வரை
தோரண வாயில் திறப்பு,	10.00 - 10.05	மேதகு ஆளுநர்.திரு.பன்வாரிலால் புரோகித்
ஓம் கோவில் திறப்பு	10.10 – 10.15	அவர்கள்
தமிழ்த்தாய் வாழ்த்து	10.30 - 10.33	மாணவ,மாணவிகள்
குத்துவிளக்கேற்றி இறை வணக்கம்	10.33 - 10.36	ஓம் தத் சத் பாடல்
வரவேற்புரை	10.36 - 10.39	முனைவர்.மா.பாதமுத்து அவர்கள், தலைவர், இன்ப சேவா சங்கம், சேவாப்பூர்.
விருந்தினர்களை கௌரவித்தல்	10.39 - 10.43	1.மேதகு தமிழக ஆளுநர் அவர்களுக்கு முனைவர்.மா.பாதமுத்து 2.தவத்திரு.ஆத்மானந்தசுவாமி அவர்களுக்கு- திரு.திருநீலகண்டன், செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர் 3.மாவட்ட ஆட்சித்தலைவர் அவர்களுக்கு- முனைவர் நா.மார்க்கண்டன், செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர் 4.பேராருள்.T.யுட்ஜின் அவர்களுக்கு முனைவர் க.பெருமாள், செயலாளர் 5.திரு.க.மு.நடராஜன் அவர்களுக்கு - N.நல்லயம்பெருமாள், செயற்க்குழு உறுப்பினர் திரு.T.R.தினகரன் அவர்களுக்கு - டாக்டர்.கல்யாணி செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர்.
குறும்படம் வெளியீடு	10.43 - 10.46	இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் "கடந்து வந்த பாதையும் எதிர் காலத்திட்டமும்."
வாழ்த்துரை	10.46 - 10.50	திரு.க.மு.நடராஜன் அவர்கள்
பொன் விழா பேருரை	10.50 - 11.05	மேதகு தமிழக ஆளுநர்அவர்கள்
பொன்விழா மலர் வெளியீடு	11.05 - 11.08	மேதகு தமிழக ஆளுநா் அவா்கள்- முதல்பிரதி பெற்றுக்கொள்பவா் திரு.பழனிச்சாமி பொதுக்குழு உறுப்பினா்
இலவச வீட்டுமனை மற்றும் நிலம் வழங்குதல்	10.08 - 11.13	மேதகு தமிழக ஆளுநர் -பெற்றுக்கொள்பவர்கள் முதல் 5 பயனாளிகள் மட்டும்
நன்றியுரை	11.13 -11.16	முனைவர் க.பெருமாள் அவர்கள் செயலாளர், இன்ப சேவா சங்கம்.
தேசிய கீதம்	11.16	மாணவ, மாணவிகள் மற்றும்அனைவரும்

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	11.45-11.48	வரவேற்புரை	திரு. №. நல்லையம் பெருமாள் அவர்கள், செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர்		
	11.48-11.53	தலைமையுரை	திரு.T. R. தினகரன் அவர்கள்.தலைவர், காந்திஅருங்காட்சியம்		
	11.53- 11.58	பண்பாட்டுக்கல்வி பாடத் திட்டம் வெளியிடல்	திரு.விவேகானந்தன் அவர்கள், தலைவர், அகில இந்திய காந்திய இயக்கம்		
XX	11.58- 12.03	பள்ளி மாணவியாகளின் கலை நிகழ்ச்சி			
\bigotimes	12.03-12.06	பன்முக பயிற்சி திட்டம் வெளியிடல்	திரு.ரெங்கநாதன் அவர்கள், அறங்காவலர் , காந்தி ஆசிரமம், ஆனைமலை.		
	12.06-12.09	இயற்கை உயிராற்றல் வேளாண்மை 4-வது பயிற்சி வகுப்பு துவக்கி வைத்தல்	திரு.ஜான்பீட்டர் அவர்கள், தலைவர், தமிழ்நாடு சர்வோதய சங்கம்.		
\otimes	12.09-12.12	கண்காட்சி திறப்பு	திருமதி. பங்கஜம் அம்மையார், மேனாள்துணை வேந்தர் -காந்தி கிராமம்		
	12.12-12.20	பூமிதான நில கொடையாளர்களை கௌரவித்தல்	திரு.K.K.M. மோகன் குமார் @ கருணை ராகவ முத்தையா,அவர்கள், ஐ.மீன், கடவூர்		
8	12.20-12.25	சமூக சேவகர்களை கௌரவித்தல்	முன்னால் தலைவர்கள், செயலாளர்கள்-ISS பொதுக்குழு உறுப்பினர்கள்-ISS		
▧	12.25-12.50	வாழ்த்துரை	சாவேஸ் தலைவா்/பிரதிநிதி-தியோ-பெல்ஜியம்.		
			தவத்திரு ஆத்மானந்த சுவாமி அவர்கள், சாரதா நிகேதன் அறக்கட்டளை.		
Ø\			பேரருள்திரு.Msgr.T.யுட்ஜின் அவர்கள்,		
₩			திரு.முகமது முஸ்தபா அவர்கள்,– வையம்பட்டி.		
Ø1			சகோதரி பவுலின் அவர்கள்,பொதுக்குழு உறுப்பினர்		
▓			திரு.வாசிமலை அவர்கள், இயக்குநர்-தானம் அறக்கட்டளை.		
(முனைவர்.மா.பா.குருசாமி அவர்கள், பொருளாளர், இன்ப சேவா சங்கம்.		
(X			முனைவர். N. மார்க்கண்டன் அவர்கள், மேனாள் துணைவேந்தர் -காந்திகிராமம்		
▓			திரு.மகேந்திரவேல் அவர்கள், பெரீஸ் பிஸ்கட்ஸ்.		
			திரு.A.M பழனிச்சாமி அவர்கள், தாம சக்கரா டிரஸ்ட் -கோவை.		
$\langle \! \rangle$			திரு.திருமாறன் அவர்கள், குழந்தைகள் டிரஸ்ட் -வெங்கடாம்பட்டி.		
$\langle \! \rangle$	12.50-1.10	விவசாயிகளுக்கு இயற்கை விவசாய சான்றிதழ் வழங்குதல்	திரு.திருநீலகண்டன் அவர்கள், செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர்- ISS		
	1.10-1.20	பள்ளி, கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கு பரிசு வழங்குதல்			
(⊠		நிகழ்ச்சி தொகுப்பு	திரு. N. நல்லையம்பெருமாள் அவர்கள் - ISS திரு. D. தங்கப்பாண்டியன் அவர்கள் - ISS		
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President's Message

M. Pathamuthu President, Inba Seva Sangam, Sevapur



"Past is past; the future is blind; Live present" This is the dictum pronounced by Buddha, the harbinger of practical wisdom to the humanity to attempt afresh to achieve with revitalized vision and mission, setting aside the past failings, stepping in revigorated endeavour. This Middle path advocated by Buddha was succinctly experimented by Gandhiji, and successively adhered to, by Shantidas, (Joseph Jean Lauzedl Vasta) of France, the direct mentor of Lea Pravo, the founding mother of Inba Seva Sangam. The Middle path being simple and instrumental to the core to tackle any problems confronted, was chosen by Annai Lea Provo, life long to tide over any privations and hardships prevalent in Sevapur and Vinobaji puram, her new settlements

Mother Lea, with her noble mission, visualised with ideal vision to create a compact, small, rural, vibrant and eco – friendly community to enjoy liberty, equality and fraternity preserving peace, strength and joy among themselves. The vision of Inba Seva Sangam has been selective for transformation and awakening among the ill – fed, ill – clothd, ill – treated downtrodden people who were basically backward, economically, socially, educationally and culturally, as well, inculcating selective values such as truth non violence, non stealing communal harmony, chastity dignity of manual labour non – possession of wealth, control of palate, fearlessness, swadeshi and removal of untouchability, as observed by Gandhiji as eleven vows.

With regenerative peace, strength, and joy, we step in partaking in the journey of I.S.S. not as a mere wayfarers as such, but as a votary of principles and precepts and credos entrusted by Annai, tiding over any intervening developmental challenges.

There might have been this intuitional clarion call from Jesus Christ to Annai.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle ad lowly in heart and you will find rest for your soul"

The spirit behind the intuitive prophetic message by Jesus Christ, invoked Annai Lea, leading her to render yeoman service with interest, dedication and devotion. The light set on her still glows bright sharing the road map to aspire and perspire well till now even after her pre matured demise. The successive sponsoring service organization, namely Sawes, Sofia, Joe Honan Charities are supporting ISS generously and genuinely to cope

with any trials and tribulations intervening during execution of programms in Sevapur and Vinobajipuram. During her life time, she shouldered any problems, in any amount of precarious situations and occasions, during its implementation not as unbearable yoke and burden but as burden easy and light borne by God, the omnipotent. She had set up an infrastructure with tangible frame and name, withstanding her name well till now.

The sponsoring agencies from abroad, along with Dharma Chakra Trust Coimbatore are ever assiduous to offer their benevolent benefactions in time never hesitant to with hold their charities despite our intermittent shortfalls and shortcomings. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all healing and helping charitable agencies, conferring timely encouragement and inducement sometimes by means of funding, sometimes by means of supplying technical know - how in every sphere of our activities.

We are bound to express our thanks with utmost sincerity to all well—wishers, admirers, volunteers, supporters of ISS, sponsors, our Board member in governance and all who are too enthusiastic, too sympathetic to bestow their bounties bountiful so that the dedicated service launched by ISS may get on well in every spheres of its performance.

Five decades elapsed since the ISS has been established as a voluntary service Centre The fifty years passed may be taken as childhood period of ISS, wherein, there might have been tumbles in sometimes, and tumbles out sometimes, even causing serious rumbles sometimes. Ornamental or monumental additions or alteration of any kind might not have taken place in between. However, we feel elated to record that the spirit of service engendered by Annai is still glowing, and roaming about, in and around Kadavur valley, echoing her message silently, inducing us to carry on her unfinished ventures setting fitting finish.

Intuitively listening to the inner voice of Annai to complete her hidden agenda, we have started to add certain a additions and alteration in the existing edifice.

Despite being a staunch Christian by birth and conviction, Annai had transformed her religions faith and fervour to Indan philosophic moorings, consequently fascinated to Om Pranava, that apparently represents Brahman that is alone real. It is om itself is the thing indicated as well as the indicator. With that spirit and spiritual transformation, she inscribed the symbol of Om in each and every building she built. She had also designed and started to build Om temple to cause spiritual upheaval among the people of Sevapur. Perhaps this Om koil may be the first and formost temple for Om in India, that stands as a monument to remain in golden letters in the annals of ISS. Presently our Om temple is renovated with minor additions and alterations to be rededicated on August 20, 2018 as simple and sweet remembrance of Golden Jubilee of ISS.

Nowadays earnest effort is being taken with, full support of the Government, to popularize yoga anywhere and everywhere among the people for their wellness, not only

to get rid off physical illness, but to foster spiritual revival as well. Annai had already dedicated a separate hall meant to impart yoga practice intensively to the inmates of ISS. Now that yoga hall is converted as a prayer hall for the residential students and it is ornamented with sentient serene portraits of saints and sages of the day as a simple sacramental shrine

It is well – known truth that Gandhiji is recognized as an embodiment of our national culture that is rooted in right thinking, right speech and right action. What is basically required now is reawakening and recommitment to the fundamental values and wisdom cherished and nourished by our ancestral well – wishers of humanity.

To revive and reach towards right education for life, through life and throughout life, we have taken one small step in our Higher secondary school in consultation and guidance of veteran Gandhian thinkers and activists like Thiru K.M. Natarajan, Dr. N. Markandan and Dr. M.P. Gurusamy. A well – knit programme is charted out and implemented by our faculty members to impart life centered education to the students to cope with any challenges in life by means of practical skills imparted along with the academic syllabi entrusted by the department.

In consonance with the ideals and ideas of Annai, we are organizing monthly camps in the villages to sow the seeds of organic agriculture and naturopathy for their natural upkeep as a continuous concurrent developmental activity foretold by Gandhiji and followed by Annai.

With an ultimate end to end blindness among the rural folk residing in Kadavur regions, we are holding monthly Eye camp at Kadavur, in collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai, assuring bright future for them. The completion of more than 100 monthly, camps have been duly appreciated, and testified as meritorious, social and humane service not only by the beneficiaries but by the philantropaic agency as well.

By the bey, Annai Lea Higher secondary school is consequently lateral off shoot of ISS it is purely residential one, where sterling values of life could be instilled by exemplication rather than by words, It is an ideal abode for students wherever exclusively downtrodden poverty stricken pupils are selected and admitted for study, leading to self reliant and self sufficient life. As to offer quality education strengthening heart, head and hand of the pupils, we have to provide them with ample amenities. A fully equipped basket ball court and a dining hall were endowed to the students, as additional amenities, utilizing the gift amount offered by Srimat Athmanantha, Head Saratha niketan Kanavai Pudur, and Sawes funding Agency from abroad.

Fortunately, the 150th Gandhi Jayanthi synchronizes with our Golden Jubilee It is a golden opportunity for us to launch identical, beneficial, social activities charted in terms of Gandhian ideas and ideals among the students and rural community, spreading the

message of Gandhiji in 150 schools, through literary competitions and naturopathy camps; in the villages hoping that will be involvemental to sensitise the beneficial rural programmes substancially, to be implemented from the grass root.

When Annai Lea Pravo was bloom in at the helm of affairs of ISS. Sri Prabudas Patwari, then Governor of Madras Presidency had paid a visit to ISS, and declared open Naturopathy Hospital here. Now His Excellency the Governor of TamilNadu Banvarilal Purohit participates in the Golden Jubilee of the day.

Art is long; the time is fleeting and infinite. Inba Seva Sangam, Sevapoor is a speck in a globe, resembling a tiny drop in a mightly ocean. Despite the universe is vast and infinite, the infinitesimal atom is influential. It is providential truth, Sat - Chit - Anand.

ISS, Sevapur is a lilliputian tip of Bharat in the hillock, not at all a dense jungle. Annai dwelt as our ancestral recluse, far away from her native land, Belgium submitting her life in the altar of service to humanity. There is no end, no stop to her lovable service, everflowing, never ending since love is perenial and divine.

The woods in the Kadavur valley are quiet and tranquil. It is lovely, lively, green, dark and deep like terrestrial in and around. It entices us to recollect the poem of Robest Frost.

The words are lovely dark and deep But I have promises to keep And miles to go before I sleep And miles to go before I sleep.

Let us all severally and collectively aspire and perspire to translate and accomplish the dreams of Annai Lea Pravo contributing our mite with right and bright thought, right speech and right action as entrusted by Mahatma Gandhi.

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- M. Pathamuthu



Message

- Sawes

His Excellency Thiru Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Dear Mr Pathamuthu, President of Inba Seva Sangam, dear invitees, dear people of Sevapur and Vinobajipuram,

As former and new president of SAWES, the Belgian non-profit organisation founded in 1984 to support Inba Seva Sangam, we have accepted to express some thoughts to you at the occasion of the celebration of the 50 years of existence of Inba Seva Sangam.

It is with humbleness that I have accepted the duty to express these thoughts as I am convinced that sister Mieke as former president of Sawes for more than 20 years and present from the start on of SAWES is far more better placed than myself to speak about the 50 years of existence of Inba Seva Sangam. So, we have decided to express our thoughts together.

Furthermore, we regret that we were not able to come to you ourselves for family reasons. So, we are very thankful to sister Gerd and brothers Theyo and Jan to represent SAWES on this celebration

Anyway, the members of SAWES are very thankful for the realisations made by the people of Inba Seva Sangam and the villages of Sevapur and Vinobajipuram.

Thankful and proud that these villages and association are flourishing even after 50 years of existence. Many programs for the health, the education, the wellness, the culture and a better income of the people of the region have been established and are put in place today and will appear in the future.

We are very thankful also that these programs are inspired by the teachings and the life of Mahatma Gandhi and that they still continue in the spirit Mother Lea Provo installed in this region. For those who remember the valley in the days before the arrival of Mother Lea Provo or have seen the pictures of this valley, it is evident that more than one miracle has taken place here in the last 50 years.

You have been working day by day towards a greener future for the people and our planet. You are proving that it is fruitful to work on a future for rural areas based on non-violence, the search for truth, self-reliance, in a spirit of selfless service and reverence to all faiths. It is rare to find initiatives with this inspiration in the world of today where people are invited to work for themselves by exploiting other people, nature and the earth.

With your history and realisations as an organization, Inba Seva Sangam is becoming more and more a source of inspiration for other people and organisations. And here I mean not only the people of the region, of Tamil Nadu or India, but even for many people elsewhere in the World. In fact, to continue to live from the land, based on own manual labour, mutual cooperation and understanding is a life-message that assures a better future for the whole of humanity.

So it is good and important to look back where you are coming from and honouring the roots wherin the organisation has been established.

It is good to take time to look around to realise what great achievements have been attained and what improvements are still calling to be worked on. Good observations are at the basis of modern science and good art and of great discoveries. What can be more inspiring than the beautiful plants and special animals around you in nature?

It is important to reflect about the future and to continue to search for best practices here at the project and further on in India and even other parts of the World.

In having contact with Inba Seva Sangam and with the communities of Lanza Del Vasto in Europe in the past, we can discover that the message of Gandhi can be developed in different directions, depending on the needs and experiences of the people that are inspired by his message.

So, in the West we can discover the approach of conjunctive communication as presented by Marshall Rosenberg. In Denmark the movement of cohousing started where people create neighbourhoods around a central block to build up good social relations and an inspiring environment for the children. In Egypt we saw the inspiring realisations of Sekem both on economic, collaboration, techniques, relationships, spiritual fields. Do you know that the organic agriculture has been founded in Europe by people who got their inspiration for an important part from India? We are referring here to Albert Howard and Rudolf Steiner? And look now, how this movement is influencing the agriculture in all countries over the world.

In each such movement, we see parts of a Gandhian message worthwhile to be integrated more and more in our own lifes.

So, we are convinced that it is important to get inspiration these days thanks to the discoveries in these many initiatives to develop further on this important approach. Gathering the people and exchange inspiring information is of tremendous importance than.

We are convinced that the efforts made in this spirit will help more and more to lead us to further Peace, Strength and Joy.

Thank you for your attention and congratulations once again for the 50 years of existence.

Geert Groessens and Mieke Van Der Auwera

Collector Message



Congratulatory Message

Dr. Annette Massmann

Director, GLS Future Foundation for Development ChriststraBe 9, 44789 Bochum

Dear Dr. Pathamthu, President of Inba Seva Sangam, dear honorable members of the board, dear team and coworkers of ISS,

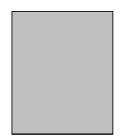
it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Inba Seva Sangam (ISS) on its Golden Jubilee in August 2018. The milestones ISS achieved in the last decades regarding their vision of creating rural, vibrant, healthy and eco-friendly communities built on social justice, equality and communal haimony are impressive.

I am glad that GLS Future Foundation for Development could contribute to the approach of ISS by cooperating towards the establishment of a biodynamic and organic farming school in 2012, and in the following the agricultural training. ISS's mission to encourage development among disadvantaged groups in Karur District, the committment to create job prospects for young rural people and the promotion of a sustainable and eco-friendly agriculture is inspiring. It goes hand in hand with the core values ISS practices in its everyday work, namely self-reliance, dignity of labour, brotherhood, mutual unterstanding, dedication and confidence. ISS seeks to establish human rights, democracy and equality to people who otherwise were downtrodden and marginalized by other groups. We fully identify with this approach and are proud to have them as our cooperating partners. We hope for the dissemination and the replication of this perspective elsewhere.

We wish you a great Golden Jubilee Celebration Function and much success in future endeavors.

Sincerely

Annette Massmann



Letter of Acknowledgment

Jostein Hertwig

CEO, BERAS International and Coordinator of the Organic Food System Programme

It is a pleasure and honor for me to congratulate Inba Seva Sangam (ISS) on their Golden Jubilee this year and the celebration to be held on Monday 20 August. Since the start of the initiative by Mother Lea Provo in 1968 ISS a remarkable support has been offered to poor village people both on a general humanitarian scale with various kinds of health services, establishing a school for girls and boys at the premises of ISS, various educational efforts and securing livelihoods in villages by empowering small farmers producing sufficient and nutritious food.

Since 2014 ISS has been a partner BERAS and from the same year with the strong support and co-ordination of ISS formed a self-organized Network of BERAS in India with partners from Tamil Na-du, Pondicherry and Jammu & Kashmir representing the whole food value chain from farmer to consumer, policymakers, education/research and civil society. Together the network is promoting and developing practical concepts for Ecological Regenerative Agriculture, Diets for a Green Planet and Sustainable Food Societies.

In the framework of the Organic Food System Programme (OFSP) ISS in 2015 became a partner of United Nations 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. In 2017 OFSP was selected a "Core initiative" of the UN programme.

It is my clear perception that the establishment and fruitful development of ISS and its initiatives has been flowing from values envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi and such as working for truth, non-violence, dignity of labor and with the hope that the "rural areas should be the backbone of India".

On behalf of BERAS International, Organic Food System Programme, my wife Astrid and I we are looking forward to our future cooperation.

To all Sisters and Brothers of Inba Seva Sangam on the Golden Jubilee Oslo, Norway



Letter of Acknowledgment

Annika Karlsson Juliussen

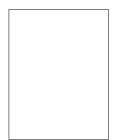
Project coordinator
The Small Farmers Empowerment Program
The association SOFIA, Sweden

It is a pleasure to congratulate Inba Seva Sangam (ISS) on their Golden Jubilee this year. ISS has throughout the years, ever since the organization started by Mother Lea Provo in 1968, been giving great support and initiating important development to improve the situation in the area of Kavaur Valley.

The long running collaboration between SOFIA and ISS includes numerous internships and projects which have resulted in both personal development and developments within the local farming communities, and last but not least, an immense international exchange of experiences. These achievements are aligned with the vision of ISS; to create - small, rural, vibrant, healthy and eco-friendly communities with social justice, equality and communal harmony for peace, strength and joy. The long-running program "The Small Farmers Empowerment program" is one example of the collaboration, the program is coming to an end after ten years where promotion and implementation of organic farming, land improvement measures and an increase of awareness on environment and health aspects have been achieved in the area.

It has for me been an honor to partake in the activities of ISS over the years.

On behalf of the association SOFIA, myself and all friends of ISS in Sweden we wish all sisters and brother of ISS great celebrations the 20th of August 2018. We hope for future collaboration and that ISS will continue their vision and achievements.



Message

Dr. S. Natarajan

Vice-Chancellor, The Gandhigram Rural Institute Gandhigram

I am glad to know that Inba Seva Sangam (ISS) located at Sevapur, Karur District is celebrating its Golden Jubilee during August 2018. It is inspiring to note that the ISS is completing five decades of dedicated services following the lead as given by Mother Lea Provo way back in 1968. The model villages namely Sevapur and Vinobajipuram developed by ISS to serve the rural people in the manner as envisioned by Mahatma Gandhi stands testimony to the humble service rendered. The vision of creating small communities with a mission to bring about development among disadvantaged sections of population in the interior parts of Karur District is appreciable. The core values namely truth, non-violence, brotherhood, self-reliance, mutual co-operation, dignity of labour etc. as practiced by ISS in its day to day community services are worth emulating. The milestones achieved by ISS spanning over the last fifty years are impressive and have potentials for replication elsewhere.

It gives me great joy to offer congratulations to the members of General Body, Executive Committee, Project Leaders and dedicated band of Social Workers for taking ISS to a greater height. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations, I wish Inba Seva Sangam all success in future endeavors.



வாழ்த்துரை

திருமதி. **எஸ்.கவிதா.,** எம்.ஏ., மாவட்ட குழந்தைகள் பாதுகாப்பு அலுவலர் கரூர் மாவட்டம்.

குழந்தைகளே நம் நாட்டின் மிக சிறந்த மதிப்பான வளம். அவர்களே நம் எதிர்காலத்தின் சிறந்த நம்பிக்கை ஆவார்கள். 'கேள்வி கேட்பவனே சிறந்த மாணவன் என்கின்றார் அப்துல்கலாம். பள்ளிக்கூடங்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியானதாக மாறும்போது மட்டுமே குழந்தைகளின் கற்றல் எளிதானதாக அமையும் அதற்கு சிறந்த உதாரணம் நமது 'அன்னை லியா' அம்மையாரின் 'இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் பள்ளி'. இங்கு எந்த நாளிலும் குழந்தைகள் விடுமுறை நாட்களை நோக்கி காத்திருந்தது இல்லை. இங்கு உள்ள ஆசிரிய பெருமக்கள் மாணவர்களின் பாட புத்தகங்களின் சுமைகளை குறைப்பதை அறிந்தவர்கள் மட்டும் அல்ல அவர்களின் மனசுமைகளை குறைப்பதற்கான உத்திகளை அறிந்தவர்கள்.

இப்பள்ளியில், ஆசிரியர் மைய கல்வியை நாம் காண இயலாது, குழந்தைகள் மைய கல்வி முறையையே முனைப்போடு செயல்படுத்தும் கல்வியாளர்களையும், ஆசிரியர்களை பெற்றிருப்பது இதன் தனி சிறப்பு.

அன்னை லியா அம்மையார் வழியில் நடக்கும் இவர்களது பணியானது மென்மேலும் சிறக்க என்னுடைய வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

Mother's Dream

Lea Provo
Founder and President
Inba Seva Sangam



Grow into any small communities, not more than 50 families. Where non-violence and love would not be only spoken of but lived, day by day, hour by hour and minute by minute. Inspired by the communities founded by Gandhiji, Vinobaji and Shantidasji. Where manual labour is regarded as a deep spiritual educator. Where people, after due reflexion and trials take vows either the eleven vows as proposed by Gandhiji, or the seven by Shantidasji.

The eleven Vows of Gandhiji:

- 1 Non-violence
- 2. Truth
- 3. Non Stealing
- 4. Bramhashariya
- 5. Non possession
- 6. Physical labour
- 7. Control of the palate
- 8. Fearlessness
- 9. Equality of all religions
- 10. Support of only indigenous culture and products
- 11. Removal of untouchability

The Seven Vows of Shantidasji

The companions receipt them every evening in a prayer form. *God the Eternal, Strong, Just and Good,* Let us never forget that we have taken the vow to keep to and advance along the road of the seven accomplishments, which are:

1) To give ourselves up to the service of our brothers, which beings with the works of our hands, so as at least to burden no one, and find the way out, for own and other people, from the afflictions, the abuses, the servitude and trouble of this age.

To work on our selfish daily for the possessions, the knowledge and the gift of ourselves, to exercise ourselves daily for the possession, the knowledge and the gift of ourselves.

To work for the growth and up keep of the order by defending justice with the weapons of justice, to rise to the call at all times by teaching, missions and foundations by hospitality and good neighborship, by care for dignity and beauty, by contribution to the chapter gatherings and feast-day celebrations.

- 2) To conform to the rules and displine of the ark and obey the leaders who serve by their advice and command, and recall each other to obedience.
- 3) To accept full responsibility for our acts, to put right our misdeeds, or make up for them, to punish ourselves in place of out companion should he refused to admit a wrong and correct it.
- 4) To purify ourselves from attachment, from mental dissipation; from pretension, prejudice, rancor and anger from indifference, covetousness and presence, from our aversion, hate and connivance from laziness and connivance, from laziness and cowardice by fasting and penance the awakening of conscience and prayer.
- 5) To live a clean, simple and sobar manner, to cherish poverty in order to advance toward detachment and perfect charity.
- 6) To speak the truth with courage unless prudence, charity or respect compel us to silence; to shun fraud, intrigue and gossip.
- 7) Not to afflict any human being nor, if possible any living creature for pleasure, profit or convenience. To settle conflict, to check outbursts and to right wrong by non-violence, which is the power of truth to convince, not vanquish; to reconcile, not dominate to conquer peace.

I don't know exactly what happened to Ganghiji's and Vinobaji's communities. There are as far as I know, 6 of Shantidasji communities. In France 1 in Holland, 1 in Spain, 1 in Italy, 1 in argentine 1 in Germany and 1 in Canada. That makes only 12 in total. without joining the communities thousands of people have been influenced by Shantidaji lectures and by his many books.

For sure we are away from the many communities of my dream. But let us not forget that Ganghiji was all alone, one unknown person when he started to act all alone.

Anyhow there is a growing concern that drastic changes are required to save the earth and its people. The choose is to live a non-violent life or face total and final destruction.

May Gandhiji, Vinobaji and Shantidasji, guide us. May true faith in God and love for all make the impossible dream to realize.

Morning Community - Prayer

God, we want to love thee, to serve thee today. Yet we don't fully know what is means nor how to do. Please give us light, give us the strength to follow the light we want to love and serve our fellowmen without distinction. Yet we don't fully know what it means, nor how to do. Please show us the way; give us the strength to follow the way we want to know the full meaning of community life. Please give us the strength to live it. We want to purify ourselves, to simplify our lives, to be more truthful, to become more non-violent. Please, help us to do so please, God, bless us, bless our families, Our relatives, those for whom we have responsibility, those who are in need, those who support us the whole humanity and very specially make us instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, may we bring Love.

Where there is discord, may we bring Union.

Where there is offence, may we bring Forgiveness.

Where there are doubts, may we bring Faith.

Where there is despair, may we bring Hope.

Where there is darkness, may we bring Light

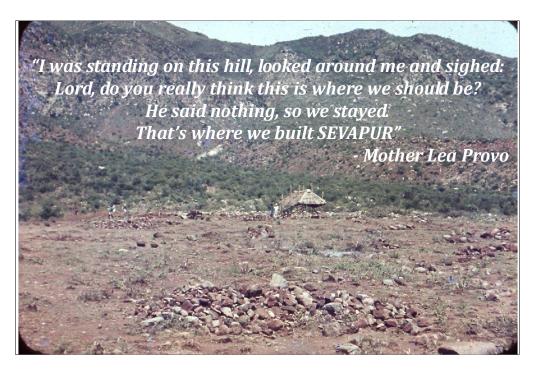
and

Where there is sorrow, may we bring Joy.

Let us not so much search, O God, to be fulfilled than to fulfill others to be understood than to understand others to be loved than to love others.

Make us evermore conscious, O God, that it is only by giving that we ourselves shall receive, forgiving that we shall obtain forgiveness; dying to our false self that we shall get real life.

Inba Seva Sangam an Overview from 1968 to 2018 and Beyond...



The objects of the Inba Seva Sangam

- 1. The promotion of full physical, mental and spiritual development of the community as well as the individual, in all possible ways in a spirit of total service and active love to all without of whatsoever.
- 2. The establishment of community centers in rural areas of India for the promotion and instruction of agriculture, horticulture, handicrafts, science, literature and arts and providing aid for the sick, the handicapped and the destitute.

Vision: Creating - small, rural, vibrant, healthy and eco-friendly communities with social justice, equality and communal harmony for Peace, Strength and Joy.

Mission : To bring about transformation among down-trodden people who are socially, economically, educationally and culturally backward through quality Education and Economic Interventions.

Core Values : Truth, non – violence, selfless services, love, brotherhood, sisterhood, self-reliance, mutual understanding, reverence to all faith and nature, mutual cooperation, dignity of manual labour, devotion, dedication, confidence and discipline.

Broad areas of works

ISS undertakes various programme on Sustainable Rural Development including Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture, Environment, Education, Health and Applied Research for the benefit of its constituent Community

Thrust Area

- Creating devoted volunteers who will serve the rural society
- Developing infrastructure for training
- Establishing functional units on agriculture, agro industries, natural health and other felt needs
- Involving local people and encouraging women and youth leadership
- Encouraging subject experts as guides to drive ISS projects
- Undertaking conomic activities to generate surplus funds for sustaining ISS activities
- Networking with national and international organizations for learning and sharing experiences

Detailed Activities of Inba Seva Sangam

Readers can refer to the bibliography entitled "MOTHER LEA PROVO- THE LIGHT OF SEVAPUR" written by Dr. M. P. Gurusamy complete narration about the history and development activities carried out by Inba Seva Sangam, However an overall summary of the activities carried out by ISS over these 50 years are given below.

Phase I

Summary of Activities carried out during 1968 to 1993

Foundation of Inba Seva Sangam: The President Mother Lea Provo, Secretary Mr. U. Manickam and 4 young Indians reached the place destined to become the village of

Sevapur on 15.08.1968. They could reach the place only by bullock cart or by walk. When they arrived they found a desert like land, sloping on all sides, cut by many gullies, covered with stones, and THORNY bushes, surrounded by low hills. There was a rivulet at the bottom of the valley and some 5 families had settled in small huts and cultivated a small strip of land along the rivulet.



Inba Seva Sangam (ISS, A Joyful Service Society) is a nongovernmental, non political and non religious voluntary organization established based on Gandhian values in Sevapur, Tamil Nadu India in 1968 registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act.

There were about 5-7 Social workers, Philanthropists and Industrialists who served as the General Body Members in Inba Seva Sangam



till 1997. Mother Lea Provo and Mr. U. Manicakma served as the President and the Secretary respectively in Inba Seva Sangam from 1968 to 1997.

Creation of Sevapur Village

Location: In the Bhoodan lands of the D. Edayapatti Revenue Village, Kadavur Taluk, Karur District, Tamil Nadu. The Bhoodan lands (340 acres) were given by the Tamil Nadu government to Inba Seva Sangam for the establishment of a new village towards holisitic development of socially and economically challenged downtrodden from the Kadvur region.

All beginnings are difficult and Sevapur made no exception. The caste system was still very rigid. Apart from a few small shops and some artisans, carpenters and masons, tailors



the rest of the population depended solely upon agriculture. As rainy seasons was very erratic and the lands were to a large extent with the Adi Dravidar families, (who formed an important section of the population.) the struggle was immense.

The President Lea Provo of the Sangam, being affectionately called by all "Mother". She made an appeal to her friends in abroad and with their help and her personal resources started reclamation work, well

digging and construction. Many people found regular work and much of the misery disappeared. However those who came for work were warned not to indulge in discrimination whatsoever. Every worker had the right to speak freely. The landowners didn't appreciate ISS principles and problems arose. All people kept to non-violence, as taught by Gandhiji and after 10 months of struggle and suffering were left in peace.

Our friends in Belgium formed a society initially Called VIWOS and later SAWES to help us. In 1976 they presented a five Year's development project for co-financing by the Belgian Government and it was sanctioned in 1977. About 75% of the budget would be

provided by the Belgian Government and 25 % by our friends from Europe. Unfortunately on the 11th November 1977 our village, as so many others in Tamil Nadu, was seriously affected by a cyclone with 24 hrs of pouring rain. Almost all the works we had done till then was lost due to the cyclone in 1977. There was practically nothing to be seen anymore of the terraces, the roads, 2 wells were badly affected and small stone houses were washed away. We faced the disaster courageously and started all over again through a 5 year project.

The 5 year Village Devlopment Programme

Aim: Create a Village for 140 poor, enslaved families, make themselves sufficient partly through agriculture, and partly through village industries promote a spirit of mutual respect

and co-operation and grow towards an integrated society where no distinction or discrimination will subsist. Become conscious of universal love and brotherhood. Help in the





development of all in Sevapur and the broader area, on all levels.

Material Achievements Until 1992

Terraced over 200 acres of wastelands, provided manure, seeds and plants. Dug 13 open wells (40° x 50°), built pump set houses for the same -6 bore wells, 10 pumping stations with pump set houses and tank –laid several kilometres of pipes with outlets etc. Installed pump sets (electric and diesel). Provided each family with a milch animal, calf and bullock (partly under I.R.D.P) planted thousands of trees under social forestry. Gave training in various village industries to 120 persons with the help of TRCYEM.

Infrastructure Development including buildings

140 Pacca houses, nearly 600' plinth area – bricks in cement mortar, concrete roof 2 rooms, kitchen, bathroom with latrine, verandah – 2 taps with running water – chimney. 140 individual GOBAR GASPLANTS (subsidized by the government) 35 common cattle sheds for 16 big



animals each. Weaving section with 25 handlooms - village industries centre. Now housing a sericulture building for 10 persons – mat weavings for 12 persons-co-operative leather society for 38 members – various little trades: carpentry – blacksmith – gem cutting and polishing – workshop for metal ware and repairs – General stores etc.

Infrastructure Development by Establishment of Various Buildings

A Community Centre 8983 sft; plinth area having 12 twin sharing rooms, 3 dormitories to accommodate about 35 inhabitants and also to have simple organic vegetarian foods. A Yoga centre 2548 sq.ft; Plinth area to organise yoga camps and multipurpose meeting hall

A home for children with one house, 2310 sq. Ft plinth area and now renovated with additional multipurpose study hall during 2003 and 2015 and this campus is being utilised as boys hostel in order to accommodate about 150 students.

A health Education centre with 25 beds capacity 7400 sq. Ft which was renovated and modified during 2003 in order to serve as girls hostel with additional facilities to accommodate 150 students.

A building for sericulture 3200 sq. Ft; for 10 persons to work. During the year 2000 this building was renovated and modified for housing a mushroom production centre, Agriclinic equipped with all required equipment to serve as a Applied Research Laboratory and now it is called as "Biodyne Research Institute" funded through research projects by Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) Government of India, New Delhi.

A common kitchen with store room for N.S.S camps, seminars and Yoga Camps was built. During the year 2003 and in 2017 it was renovated and modified as to serve 150 boys to have their foods and 3 times daily in this dining area

Two stock rooms with a total capacity of 4500 sq Ft. too was built. A farmhouse and cattle shed and now this farm is called as "Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture Farm (OBDAF) maintained organic since 1968 and now it is one of the "DEMETER Farm" certified by IMO -Bangalore.

All buildings are pacca building provided with running water and electricity.

Public Roads & Transport systems

Inba Seva Sangam established a 2 km of tar -road, 8 km of permanent roads and 4 km of temporary roads- one river-culvert, 6 smaller bridges and 2 constructed causeways in Sevapur.

For evaluation sake it should be kept in mind that we suffered heavenly from the 1977 cyclone. Most terraces were completely destroyed, roads all washed away. In short, the work of 9 years (1968 to 1977) lost and later all these were repaired and renewed.

Significant Outcome And Impact On Social Side

It is of course very difficult to correctly asses such achievements. A change of mind and attitude doesn't take place suddenly. However we feel there was a reasonable progress. We built the house in blocks of 4 houses each and installed a family of different caste in each house (now it is popularly called as *Samathuvapuram*). So far, people have been moving peacefully with each other. Inter caste marriages are tolerated. All wells are big common wells serving for various families. In spite of breakdowns, lack of electricity etc cooperation between the beneficiaries is good.

Whereas previously our people knew only spade and pickaxe work, we have now carpenters, blacksmiths, masons, weavers, spinners, tailors, Scientist, Social Scientist, Social Worker, Engineers, Professor, Teachers, Police, Lawyers, Accountants, Drivers, Fitters, Electricians, Mechanic, Military persins ect from Sevapur.

We were having 95% of adult illiterates. Now all our children go to school and all our adults can at least put or draw their signature. We also organized adult education classes for 2 years.

Sevapur has a village council. Each family is represented in the council and we have a 12 member executive council. People can always come with their problems and proposals we gather every Tuesday and Friday for bajans and discussion in the Oom temple.

We have erected a symbol for the **Un- nameable**, now it is called **Inter religious Oom Temple** acceptable to all religions and have common worship on all great festivals. We have our annual Village Thiruvila to be held on Mother Lea Provo's birthday on 25th December every year.

We found Foster Parents for 175 children of poor widows from the broader area. These children receive balanced foodstuffs, and milk inclusive of fruits, vegetables, nuts and clothes three time a year. Book and school items are given to school going children and all these children are studying in a new school Annai Lea Higher Secondary School established by ISS during 2003.

We had a co-operative milk producer's society, open to all. Also a co-operative leather works society at present they are not operative. Even though the villagers of Sevapur belong in majority to the various Adi-Dravidar communities, we have families belonging to 7 different caste and 3 religions in our area.

Development Works Outside Sevapur

During the serious drought of 1975-1976 over 300 families were saved of starvation by providing them employment in deepening of wells for individual farmers, laying of roads and making compost under the **Food For Work** scheme of the M.S.S.S Trichy.

After the cyclone in 1977, 210 houses were constructed in three different villages in Kadavur Panchayat. Each and very little houses having a plinth area of 276 sft were built in bricks with mud mortar, plastered in and out with cement mortar, tiled roof and concrete floor. 5 Km of protective bunds were strengthened in 4 villages. 35 km of public road from Ayyalur to Palaviduthi were brought to useful condition. 100 wells of poor farmers were repaired and cleared of sand.



Another 75 wells of poor farmers were deepened, partly villagers to obtain loans under I.R.D.P for milk animals and trainings. Food, clean clothes and blankets were received in thousand of kilos from Belgium and distributed to the poor's without distinction. We received 120 tons of milk powder and distributed milk to the poor children in various centers. In our Kadavur house we gave room for the noon-meal scheme, participating in this way in the welfare of many children.

Because of our existence the attention of the officials has been drawn to this most backward area and the government has built many new buildings. Electricity has come to the last village in Trichy dist. near the border of the Anna district. The road from Ayyalur to Palaviduthi passing through Sevapur , has been bitaumed. Several buses are now serving the area.

Through our yoga and nature cure camps we help people to improve on all levels by teaching them now to get controls over themselves and their life and thus find peace and happiness.

At Kadavur we established our Social Educational Centre, caring for children until 5 years. We had also vocational classes for adults typewriting and tailoring and hope to start various clubs soon.

Creation of VINOBAJIPURAM Village

Moved by the tragedy in Srilanka in 1983, we felt the urge to give a token of our

concern for our suffering brothers and sisters. We believed the best way was to create a village for them where they could again take roots and feel at home.

The Government assigned 511.11 acres of wastelands for the purpose located in the Mavathur Revenue village, near Tharagampatty in Kulithalai Taluk, Trichy district, at 23 km.



From Sevapur. We felt 210 families could be rehabilitated there, as in Sevapur we would strife to make them self sufficient, partly through agriculture, partly through village industries.

We approached our friends abroad and found the Belgian government and the commission of European communities ready to help us to a certain extent. A good deal was however also expected from local sources.

We started by setting up temporary sheds with earthen walls and a thatched roof. The terrain is undulating on' all sides and gullies are cutting the land. About 350 acres have been provided with contour bunds. Check dams have been plugging the gullies and percolation tank provides opportunity for improvement of the water -level in the wells. 8 ground level water tanks are finished.

A first test pit had given bright hopes for water supply. However digging the result were not as expected. Form the 11 open wells we dug, only four could serve for irrigation. We resorted to bore wells. Out of the 30 wells we kept only 19 for irrigation and the others for hand pumps.

As per the survey of experts from the agricultural University Trichy, we have sufficient water for orchards and tree plantations, if we establish drip sprinkler irrigations

, Thousand of pits have been dug and refilled Coconut trees, mango trees, Guava Cashews, Acid lime, Jackfruit, Sappota, Pomegranate, and Mulberry have been planted. Plants are also ready for a variety of trees like neem etc. They will be planted in the coming rainy season. But also for them some irrigation may be required should the rain fall. We also require water to grow grass for the cattle. A beautiful cattle -shed combined with the premises of the milk society, stores room etc.



Will serve for 48 big cows and 2 bullocks, ultimately we are planning for 100 animals.

A community centre with four rooms and inner space to conduct meeting prayers etc. is finished, on top 4 big water tanks have been built. The tanks and the bore well, that will give water for domestic purpose to the villagers have been handed over to the Panchayats union who will be responsible for the further maintenance.

The foundations until floor level of 196 houses are finished. Seventy houses are completed. Our district collector has consented to inaugurate the village and hand over the keys of the first houses to the happy beneficiaries.

The houses are built in blocks of seven houses per block. Each house has a plinth area of 500 sft. It comprises 2 main rooms. A kitchen, a veranda and an outdoor bathroom and

latrine. The roof consists of double vault built in bricks, assuring coolness through- out the years even in the hottest season. We finished poultry sheds for 600 birds. The eggs give a fairly good income besides that we get excellent manure.

Sericulture on 12 acres is established and a convenient building has been erected. Ultimately 64 acres are proposed for sericulture. If this materializes 2 more buildings have to be constructed.

A Children's home, a small health centre and a shop complex will complete the programme so far conceived. Work force is also coming from nearby villages and thus the area at large gets also direct benefit of this project. A road linking Tharagampatty Directly via Vinobajipuram with Manapparai is expected. Once Finished and Villagers Established, It Will Surely Become A Centre For Development For The Broader Area

Sevapur community

A small community exists at Sevapur. Its members aim at a life of purity, Simplicity, Truth fullness and non-Violence, inspired by Gandhiji and his western disciple, Shantidasji. They want to find for themselves and mankind the way to the virtue love, in service to humanity and total surrender to God. Whoever seeks in the same direction is welcome.

Phase II

Major Developmental Activities from 1993 to 2018...

The Governing Council of Inba Seva Sangan proposed a long term strategic plan based on a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threats (SWOT) analysis and also considering the challenges encountered by the rural societies. The outcome of these brainstorming meetings among all stakeholders during 1995-97 (Wasn't this done during 1999 – 20002 by CEDAR???? When a the entire organization was studied and a ewn year perspective plan and 5 tear strategic plan was eveolved and hand holding was done and organizational systems developed) have brought ISS to do more professional approaches in implementing activities imbibing the vision and mission of ISS as envisaged by the Founding President Mother Lea Provo.

Governing Body of Inba Seva Sangam

A systematic professional approaches are being strengthened since 1997 by following the "Organogram" or organizational structure as detailed below.

General Body

After the demise of Mother Lea Provo in 1997, the organization is managed by eminent Gandhians, Academicians, Social Workers, Scientists and also local



representative members of the communitybenefitting from the initiatives of the organization.ISS is a transparent Gandhian organization having multi-disciplinary team

headed and guided by the governing body members. So far there had been about 73 governing body members who had contributed significantly in reshaping and building the organization. Currently there are 28 board members specialized in Gandhian Thoughts, Education, Sustainable Agriculture, Science & Technology, Social Science, Social Works, Environment and Healthcare come together once a year for governing the policies of ISS and give direction to the organization.

Executive Committee

A 3 member Executive Committee elected by the governing body once in 3 years overseas various programmes of the Sangam. This Committee meets once in 3 months and reviewsday to day administration of the organization. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who meet twice in a month conduct reviews with the staff. There are about 55-60 dedicated staff members engaged on day to day activities of ISS.

Office Bearers of Inba Seva Sangam 1968 to 2018... till date

Sl. No	Years	President	Vice President	Secretary	Secretary
1	1968 - 1995	Mrs. Lea Provo	-	Mr.U.Manickam	Mr. Paulraj (1993 - 95)
2	1995 - 1996	Mrs. Lea Provo	-	Mr.U.Manickam	Mr. K.N. Prasad
3	1997 - 1998	Mr.Farook Buhari	-	Dr.K.Perumal	Mr.M.Palani (1997) Dr.R. Kanagasabapathy
4	1999	Rev.Fr.John Britto	-	Dr.K.Perumal	Dr.R.Kanagasabapathy
5	2000	Rev. Fr.John Britto	-	Dr.R Kanagasabapathy	Bro.C.Jayakaran
6	2001 - 2003	Rev. Fr.John Britto	-	Bro.C.Jayakaran	Mr. K. Gunapalan
7	2004 - 2007	Dr.N.Markandan	Dr. M. P.Gurusamy	Bro.C.Jayakaran	Mr. K. Gunapalan
8	2008 - 2012	Dr. M. P Gurusamy	Mr.K.Thirineelakandan	Dr.K.Perumal	Bro.C.Jayakaran
9	2013 - 2014	Dr.N.Maakandan	Bro.C.Jayakaran	Dr.K. Perumal	Mr.K. Thiruneeelakandan
10	2015	Dr.M.Pathamuthu	Bro.C.Jayakaran	Dr.K. Perumal	Mr.K. Thiruneeelakandan
11	2016 - 2019	Dr.M.Pathamuthu	Bro.C.Jayakaran	Dr.K.Perumal	Dr. M.P. Gurusamy

Broad area of Work

ISS undertakes various programme on Sustainable Rural Development including Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture, Environment, Education, Health and Applied Research for the benefit of its constituent Community.

Two major thrust areas

- Women, Children and Education and
- Food Security, Livelihood and Environment Protection

Important programmes

- 1. School Education for underprivileged :ISS is running a Higher Secondary School for under privileged children
- 2. Foster Children's Scheme (FCS)- Life Centred Education under privileged children. 340 children from very poor, orphaned or single parent, socially disadvantaged families are benefited now.
- 3. Eye Camps for Senior Citizens & Nature Cure Camps
 - ISS Periodically conducts eye campus in the surround villages. So far
 - ISS has conducted 105 eye camps and nature cure camps in more than 50 villages
- 4. Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture- Small Farmers Empowerment programme
 - a. ISS runs "Anna Lea Biodynamic College" a Community College for Biodynamic Farming to empower small farmers,
 - b. Building Ecological Regenerative Agriculture and Societies (BERAS India) in partnership with BERAS International Foundation.
- 5. Endangered Medicinal Plants Conservation & Environmental well being ISS promoted and conserves locally endangered herbal plants in the dedicated herbal garden inside the premises and advocate ecofriently approaches
- 6. Climate Change Mitigation Initiatives in rural areas
 - a. Full-fledged watershed management programme within the Kadavur valley along with the entire community living within the valley.
 - b. Economically, educationally and culturally backward through Education intervention.

Life Centered Education to Under Privileged Children in Rural Areas through FOSTER CHILDREN SCHEME:

Foster Children Scheme (FCS) is one of the flagship programmes of ISS aimed at empowering under privileged students on Life Centered Education and has enabled around

3000 children who are first generation learners and their families to make significant advances in their lives since 1968. Thus ISS intervention has contributed significantly towards the prevention of child labour and child marriages, importance of girls education and reduction of vulnerability of children and their families on many fronts.

The children who do not have both the parents, children with fatherless or motherless and economically poor were identified. Invite these children and are encouraged by ISS so as to have good education and thereby creating responsible citizens. There are about 300 children are taken care under this scheme both boys and girls have residential schooling. They are also motivated, trained and guided to learn life coping skills including kitchen gardening and other extracurricular activities. These children are being supported by SAWES (Friends of Association of ISS) of Belgium, philanthropists from India and Joe Homan Charitable Trust of England.

Annai Lea Residential Higher Secondary School

This school is managed by ISS and is approved by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Along with the regular school programmes students are provided training in organic farming, mushroom cultivation, tailoring and other trades. The school caters to the needs of 225 children from the foster children scheme of ISS. Academic scheme follows Tamil medium and in line with the State Board Examination requirement.

Conservation of Locally Endangered Plants By Establishing Annai Genitic Garden/ Eco Clubs/Siddha Health Care Production Unit

ISS Sevapur is surrounded by hills once had diversity of plants and animals and many of them were endangered or threatened plants during 1980s. In order to conserve and reestablish these plants at their locally, ISS established a herbal Garden in 1994. Annai Genetic Garden (AGG) has more than 250 economically important and locally endangered medicinal plants. AGG is one of the information centre in this region popularizing the concept of conservation of Bio-Diversity and sustainable utilization of local resource with the involvement of those who are learning herbal and Environmental Science by students and general public.

ISS has a strong environmental outreach programme covering more than 250 rural schools in 8 Panchayat in Karur District through the National Green Crops Project. Development rural enterprise on herbal products in Siddha unit: AGG supports providing herbs so as to formulate different Siddha preparations or formulations and these are being sued as body care products by the villagers.

Rural Women Empowerment

ISS is working to strengthen the role of women in society through promotion of Self Help Groups with savings and credit programme supported by bank linkages .Aim is to enhance their opportunities to become economically independent and self- reliant. There

are 350 groups having 4000 members. They are functioning in 80 villages in the Kadavur region.

Promotion of Organic Bio - Dynamic Agriculture Farm

ISS has been involved in organic cultivation since its inception in 1968 and now the 40 acres farms is certified Demeter and also Indian NPOP standard of organic agriculture practices. There is also a small dairy in the DEMETER farm. Milk, vegetable and other food grains are being cultivated and are being consumed locally in ISS community. ISS is taking efforts to attain self – sufficiency in agriculture and diet for the school children. Paddy, Sorghum and also being cultivated and these produces were locally marketed.

Healing the mother earth by establishing Annai Lea Community College and The School of Bio Dynamic Farming

There is an urgent need for trained young people, to heal the land through Bio – Dynamic Farming. Hence, this school has been promoted by ISS. Students are offered residential 2 years Diploma certificate in Bio – Dynamic / Organic farming , with an emphasis on all – round development & employability. The entire cost for boarding, loading , training books materials and field visits all over the country is provided to all these BD students at free of cost. There are 6 Academic terms of 12 weeks duration each during the 2 years. Medium of instruction is Tamil. First batch completed with 7 students comprising of 4 girls and 3 boys. The 2nd batch of 12 students the programme evolving its benefit to the farming communities. There are about 16 students completed their 6 months certificate programme (October to May) during the 3rd batch, obtained their certificate duly signed by ISS and ICRDCE on 5th May 2018. Among 16 students 3 BD students are being engaged as organic and bio-dynamic farmer taking care of their own farm, rest of the students have got a job and now they are working in different organic farms in Tamil Nadu and earning about Rs 8000 - 12000/month/ person.

The BD School Managing Committee (MC) and the Inba Seva Sangam (ISS) board has approved to start the 1 Year certificate programme on Organic and Biodynamic farming for the year August 2018 to July 2019. There are about 20 students to be enrolled for the 4th batch and last week received about 22 applications and is being scrutinized by MC of BD School. Please note that BD school in Vinobajipuram has got an affiliation from government agencies (NSDC through ICRDCE / ASCI New Delhi direct to ISS) for conducting 4 to 5 short term job oriented course like Organic Grower, Quality seed production, micro irrigation, water Shed Assistant and dairy farmer which includes the existing biodynamic farming course teaching syllabus or subjects that are already handled by us over these 5 years in BD school Vinobajipuram.

The affiliation for conducting the advanced diploma programme on Organic and Biodynamic Farming from Tamil Nadu Agriculture University or other universities for conducting 2 years diploma are now at the final stage and the application is being actively considered by the authorities. We are also applied to the central government through the NSDC for a part funding on implementing the BD school programme and Now Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) has given the affiliation (Provisional till March 2019, see the attachment file) and we need to complete other formalities in registering smart portal Government of India for full fledged affiliation and also part funding for running the course. We will be starting the 4th batch on 20th August 2018 with 20 students.

Small Farmers Empowerment Project Supported by Association of SOFIA, Sweden

This program would contribute to Organic Farming and Wasteland Improvement measures in the entire Kadavur and Mavathur Panchayats in Karur district, an area of around 200 hectares, over a period of 10 years, This scheme in ISS also to empower about 300 resource poor farmer families to take control of their livelihood and family support system in a democratic, ecological and sustainable way and ensure to inspire other farmers of the area to do the same. About 275 farmers have been practicing organic farming and have got an organic certificate from government agencies.

Helping senior citizens by organizing Eye camps

Since 2009 free eye camps are being conducted in collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai for the benefit of poor old age people in this region. The staff members of this hospital regularly visit Sevapur and organize free eye camps once in a month on 3rd Saturday. So far about 104 eye camps were conducted and about 11341 peoples have got eye care services.

Community Centers

To encourage brotherhood and communal harmony among the rural area, ISS established community centre in rural areas where in local village youths and school children are being guided on education, carrier guidance and community brotherhoods.

BERAS India

Inba Seva Sangam (ISS) is the lead partner in Building Ecological Regenerative Agriculture and Societies (BERAS India) for developing holistic applied research models among small farms, supporting and networking the implementation and further development of local learning centers on sustainable food society (LSFS) in the various agro-climatic zones in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry in India. There are about 50 partners mostly from NGOs, Academic institutions, Universities, Research centres and individual experts in the BERAS India. Through BERAS India networking on the implementation of these LSFS of the Agro Ecological Intensification Approach (AEIA) for small and family farms and the consumer and small and micro – sized engagement concept Diet for a Green Planet are being implemented since 2014.

Since 2016, Inba Seva Sangam- BERAS India is a member in the United Nation (UN) for promoting Sustainable Food Systems Programme promoted by UNEP through 10 Year Frame Work Plan on Sustainable Food Systems Programme.

Additional activities for Village Development

During 1995 to 1999 various additional activities like providing electricity for each house /street lighting facilities, farm land irrigation facility to beneficiaries (7 beneficiaries / irrigation well), Education for at least one child per family and also recognition or incorporation of Sevapur and Vinobajipuram in Kadavur and Mavathur village Panchayats were carried out with a financial support from SAWES. Further the Youths and Village Grama Sabha were empowered and also encouraged to take active part in the developmental activities for the benefit of villages. The village council has also propelled to bring the Tamil Nadu Civil supply- ration shop and start functioning in Sevapur village. Local youths from both the villagers were also encouraged to take a lead in coordinating and promoting village development activities and also link various government schemes available for rural development through local governance.

ISS Beyond 2018... A 5 year Development Plan (2019 to 2024)

Based on the Current Challenges resources available and in the local village needs and the following specific action plans are being actively considered and will be implemented in cooperation with national / international agencies and also networking with likeminded organisations during the next 5 years from 2019 to 2024.

- 1. Life Centred Education is being taught to the rural children by Inba Seva Sangam since 2003 and now requires a full-fledged affiliation for the school with a financial assistance from the State and or Central Government.
- 2. Since its inception Inba Seva Sangam is promoting and advocating Yoga, Spiritual Meditation, Naturopathy and Organic way of living Environmental well being among children and general public in rural areas. Hence we need to establish a centre for Yoga, meditation and naturopathy in rural settings in Kadavur valley.
- 3. Most of the beneficiaries in this region are resource poor small and marginal farmers dependent on dry land agriculture activities and require agriculture based small scale industries in order to get additional employment opportunity and Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture College / Institute in this rural setting.
- 4. Most of our farmers have received their respective farm lands from Tamil Nadu Bhoodan Board represented by Inba Seva Sangam and till now more than 60% of the beneficiaries are still to get land entitlement documents like Boomidanum Pattharum or Patta from the revenue department of Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 5. A government sponsored institute or programme for establishment of watershed management and also Solid waste management utilising the locally available solid wastes

- 6. Strengthening local governance and village development in cooperation with government department in order to ensure at least employment opportunity for 1 person per family from these regions.
- 7. An action plan through biotechnological approaches on aforestation, regeneration and conservation of endangered multi utility flora in Thoppiyasamy reserve forest-Sustainable formulation, popularization of endangered plants and herbal products among forest dependent local communities.
- 8. Rural children studying in schools and college are mostly under / malnourished and also unaware of consuming good nutritious balanced and organic foods. Hence Inba Seva Sangam will improve nutrition and food security among 1400 children from 15 schools in the Kadavur valley to ensure their rights to lead a healthy life by following the principles of Diets for a Green Planet (DGP). Improve nutrition and food security of rural school children in the Kadavur valley to ensure their right to lead a healthy life.
- 9. Promote Gandhian approaches in establishing decentralised small scale rural industries on non conventional energy resources utilising wind and solar energies and establish various energy park in rural area.

SI. NO	Period	INCOME (Rs)	EXPENDITURE (Rs)
1	1994 - 1998	21,150,478	10,058,033
2	1999 - 2003	59,971,581	34,428,017
3	2004 - 2008	67,065,412	35,853,352
4	2009 - 2014	147,687,043	190,442,150
5	2015 - 2018	131,955,222	93,460,254

Major Donors / funding supports for ISS

SAWES (Belgium) : SAWES, Samenwerking Sevapur Cooperation (KBO 0430870931) is a non-profit association, founded in 1986 by mother Lea Provo to collect funds for her works under the NGO Inba Seva Sangam. With friends in Switzerland, Germany, France and most of them in Belgium, the association collects funds for sustainable activities in South India. The development of the villages of Sevapur and Vinopajipuram on eroded land was supported. Furthermore, the contribution of foster parent is used for good education and study possibilities for full or half orphans thanks to the creation of 2 hostels, a high school and a school for organic and biodynamic farming.

JHC UK: The Joe Homan Charity from the UK (https://www.joehoman.org.uk) aims to help disadvantaged children and improve their opportunities in life by encouraging

them to obtain education, and vocational training and to develop their self-esteem, thus enabling them to break out of the poverty trap. Where circumstances are so poor that their families are unable to support them, the Boys and Girls Homes provide these children with a home from home. There are also opportunities for children within community projects, whose continued education is threatened by family poverty. The majority of JHC work is funded through individual sponsorship of the Children. General donations support children and communities for whom no individual sponsors have been found. JHC UK currently funds the education and living costs for 90 girls out of 128 in the Girls' Hostel maintained by Inba Seva Sangam.

SOFIA was formed in 2002 as the successor of Arbetsgruppen för landsbygdutveckling, AFL, formed since 1984 and working with Forum Syd financing since 1986, mainly in Dominican Republic and South Africa. SOFIA was one of Forum Syds "Årsbidragsmottagare" and has been working with development projects in many countries like Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Gambia, South Africa, India, Russia amongst others especially in organic agriculture, pedagogical development and care work, since 2003 when SOFIA took over from AFL. Many different results were achieved from the various projects and programs that SOFIA has been running together with partner organisations. For details see SOFIA's applications and reports to Forum Syd 2002-2013.

One example is a pedagogical work in Dominican Republic which has led to training in Waldorf pedagogical methods for more than 6000 teachers. Another is an agricultural project which led to the conversion to organic farming for 500 coffee farmers. Pilot projects for children with special needs have been run both in Dominican Republic and South Africa. SOFIA and ISS have been working in this region for the past 12 years empowering farmers, school children and local government thorough the Small Farmers Empowerment programme.

GLS Future Development (Germany)

GLS Future Foundation for Development could contribute to the approach of ISS by cooperating towards the establishment of a biodynamic and organic farming school in 2012, and in the following the agricultural training. ISS's mission to encourage development among disadvantaged groups in Karur District, the commitment to create job prospects for young rural people and the promotion of a sustainable and eco-friendly agriculture is inspiring. It goes hand in hand with the core values ISS practices in its everyday work, namely self-reliance, dignity of labour, brotherhood, mutual understanding, dedication and confidence. ISS seeks to establish human rights, democracy and equality to people who otherwise were downtrodden and marginalized by other groups. We fully identify with this approach and are proud to have them as our cooperating partners.

BERAS International

Since 2014 ISS has been a partner BERAS International and from the same year with the strong support and coordination of ISS formed a self-organized Network of BERAS in India with partners from Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Jammu & Kashmir representing the whole food value chain from farmer to consumer, policymakers, education/research and civil society. Together the network is promoting and developing practical concepts for Ecological Regenerative Agriculture, Diets for a Green Planet and Sustainable Food Societies. In the framework of the Organic Food System Programme (OFSP) ISS in 2015 became a partner of United Nations 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. In 2017 OFSP was selected a "Core initiative" of the UN programme.

Textile Designs and Werkunst- Germany

Since 2012 provide funds to Biodynamic Agriculture activities and education in partnership with GLS Foundation Germany.

Philanthropist from India

Dharma Chakra trust Coimbatore, Anil Semiya (ANIL ASSOCIATES) Dinducal ISS board Members

State and Central Government departments:

Department of Science and Technology, Government of India Department of Biotechnology, Government of India Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India NABARD, India Government of Tamil Nadu.

Awards & Affiliations

- 1. Puratchi Thalaivi Dr. J. Jayalalitha Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu conferred to Sr. Lea Provo on the occasion of International Women's Day Celebration held on the 9th March 1994 at Chennai.
- 2. Defender of Peace Award -1994 Conferred on Amma Lea Provo Founder President Inba Seva Sangam Sevapur for her Compassionate and selfless services for the downtrodden Gandhi Museum "WCRP" Madurai
- 3. "Shield of Appreciation for the Services Award conferred to Inba Seva Sangam, Thirivalluvar Literary Centre Thiruppur on 19.03.1994.

- 4. Certificate of Appreciation, by Aravind Eye Care System given by ISS on March 2018
- 5. For the Shake of Honour Award confirmed to Mother Lea Provo by Rotary Club of Madras on 4.4.1994.

Affiliations

Inba Seva Sangam has got an affiliations from various government

- 1. FCRA-076040056. To receive grants from other countries
- 2. 80 G- Donations given to ISS are exempted for Income tax u/s 80G- 6162 E (35)/ 2011-12/CIT-I/TRY
- 3. FASSAI- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India certificate to Inba Seva Sangam for schools and Hostels both Sevapur and Vinobajipuram
- 4. ASCI- Agriculture Skill Council of India for conducting Diploma course on Organic Grower- Level 4.
- 5. NSDC- National Skill Development Council for conducting certificate course on Four wheeler- Tractor operation
- 6. Approval from School Education department, Government of Tamil Nadu for conducting school from class 6-12th with 4 Groups.
- 7. "DEMETER" Organic certification from IMO Bangalore for Inba Seva Sangam OBDF farm in Sevapur and BD school Farm in Vinobajipuram

Conclusion

We have observed the 3 golden words showered upon by our Founder President mother Lea Provo, PEACE, STRENGTH AND JOY. Peace prevails when we love our neighbours. Our strength is faith in God and doing service to our neighbours. The joy will flow in our heart when we follow the footsteps of Mother Lea Provo and her mentors Mahatma Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhaveji.

ANBE PRADANAM- LOVE IS SUPREME

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அன்றிலுடை அன்பாகுல
அறுக்குடில்கள் சிறப்பதற்கும்
இன்ப எடில் புரம் ஈந்தார்
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இடறியுமே நாம் நடந்தால்
கமிரறுந்த கூத்தாகி
கால்கைகள் சிதறிவிடும்
பயிர்கள்தரும் உயிர் அமுதை
பருகுவதல் பழக்வியடால்
உயிர்தழைப்ப துறுதிஎன்று
உணர்த்தியவர் அன்னை லிமோ!

அன்னைல்மோ பற்றிநின்ற அண்ணல்ஒளி வழிநடப்பின் இன்னடிலன எதுவரினும் ஏற்றிடுவோம் அறக்கரத்தால்! துன்பவிருள் ஒடிடுவாம் தாயஒல் ''ஒம்'' ஒளியன புபான்விழா பூரிப்பில் பூத்திடுவோம் நல்லறத்தால்



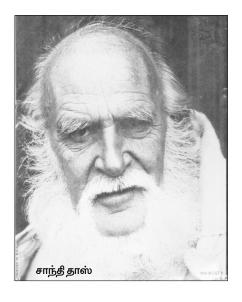
தாமச் சக்கரம் சுழல்கிறது

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எல்லாரும் செல்லுகின்ற பொதுப் பாதையில் இருந்து சற்றே விலகி புதுப் பாதையில் அடி எடுத்து வைக்கும் சிலர் சத்திய வேட்கையோடு அவ்வாறு செய்கிறார்கள். அவர்களுடைய நற்சிந்தனைகளாலும், சேவையாலும், வழிகாட்டுதலாலும் புதிய வழி தென்படுகிறது. ஆண்டவனை நோக்கிய பாதை நேராக்கப்படுகிறது. பொதுப் பாதையில் பொய்மையும், வஞ்சகமும், சூதும், வாதும், வன்முறையும் அதிகரிக்கின்ற பொழுது வேறு பாதையை நாடுவது நல்லோரின் கடமையாகும். அப்படிப்பட்ட ஒருவரே சாந்தி தாஸ் என்று காந்தியடிகளால் பெயர் சூட்டப்பட்ட லான்ஸா டெல் வாஸ்டோ. இவர் இத்தாலிக்கு தெற்கே உள்ள சிசிலியில் ஒரு பிரபுத்துவ நிலையில் இருந்தவருக்கும், பெல்ஜியத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவருக்கும் இடையே பிறந்த ஒரு மாமனிதர். அவர் ஃபிளாரன்ஸிலும், ஜெனோவாவிலும் இளம் பிராயத்தைக் கழித்தார். பீசா பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் தத்துவம் பயின்றார். தான் படித்த தத்துவங்களில் நிறைவு பெறாமல் மேலும் சத்தியத்தை நாடி 1937ஆம் ஆண்டு இந்தியாவிற்குப் புறப்பட்டார். காந்தியடிகளைச் சந்தித்தார். அடிகளோடு சில காலம் தங்கி அவர் செய்த பணிகளையெல்லாம் நேரில் கண்டறிந்தார். காந்தியடிகள் இந்தியாவில் மேற்கொண்ட பணிகள் ஐரோப்பாவுக்கு அவசியம் தேவை. அதனை தான் மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்று எண்ணி காந்தியடிகளிடம் அனுமதி பெற்று பிரான்சுக்குத் திரும்பினார்.

ஆர்க் சமுதாயம் என்ற ஓர் அமைப்பை பிரான்சில் தென்பகுதியில் ஆரம்பித்து நடத்திக் கொண்டிருந்தார். இந்த அமைப்பு 1948இல் தொடங்கியது. எந்த குறுகிய அமைப்புகளையும் சாராத தனது சொந்த வாழ்க்கையில் அகிம்சையைக் கடைப்பிடித்து வாழுகின்ற ஆண்களும், பெண்களும் அங்கு சாந்திதாஸோடு இணைந்து பணி செய்து வருகிறார்கள். உணவுக்காக மட்டும் புனிதமான வழியில் ஒருவன் உடல் உழைப்பு செய்ய வேண்டும் என்ற நிலையையும் தாண்டி உடலுக்கும், ஆன்மாவுக்கும் இசைவு ஏற்படுத்துவதற்காக உடல் உழைப்பு அவசியம் என்று சாந்தி தாஸ் கூறுகிறார். தன் சொந்த வீட்டில் அகிம்சையைக் கடைப்பிடிக்காத ஒருவன் சமுதாயத்தில் அகிம்சையைக் கடைப்பிடிப்பது பற்றி யோசிக்க முடியாது. அது எப்பொழுதுமே மனதளவில் உறுதிப்பாடும், தயாரிப்பும் தேவைப்படுகின்ற ஒரு கோட்பாடாகும். ஆர்க் சமுதாயத்தில் இருக்கின்றவர்கள் அகிம்சை, சத்தியம், தூய்மை, எளிமை, தொண்டு, பொறுப்புணர்வு, கூட்டுப் பொறுப்புணர்வு, கீழ்ப்படிதல் என்ற உறுதிமொழியை எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறார்கள். பிரான்சின் தென்பகுதியில் உள்ள மொரி நோபுல் என்ற இடத்திற்கு மாறி, மலைப்பகுதியில் உள்ள 2000 ஏக்கர் நிலத்தை இந்தச் சமுதாயம் வைத்திருக்கிறது. நிலத்தில் பாடுபடுவது, நூற்பு, நெசவு, தச்சு போன்ற பணிகளில்

உறுப்பினர்கள் ஈடுபட்டு வருகிறார்கள். மொராக்கோ, பெல்ஜியம், கனடா மற்றும் அர்ஜண்டினா போன்ற சமுதாயத்தின் நாடுகளில் ஆர்க் கிளைகள் இருக்கின்றன. முழு நேர உறுப்பினர்களோடு இந்த வாழ்க்கையை மேற்கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்று விரும்புகின்ற இளைஞர்களும் இங்கு இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் அகிம்சா பூர்வமான அரசியல் செயல்பாடுகளிலும் ஈடுபட்டு வருகிறார்கள். இது அரம்பித்து பத்து ஆண்டுகள் கழித்து 1958இல் 30 உறுப்பினர்களும், சில பயிற்சியாளர்களும் பாரிசுக்குச் சென்று கன்கார்ட் அரண்மனை வளாகத்தில் உள்ள வேலியில் சங்கிலியை மாட்டிக் கொண்டு உண்ணாவிரதம் மேற்கொண்டார்கள். பிரென்சு ராணுவத்தாலும், அல்ஜிரிய கலகத்தாராலும் அல்ஜிரியாவில் நடைபெற்று வந்த கொடுமைக்கு



முற்றுப்புள்ளி வைக்க வேண்டும் என்பதற்காக உண்ணாவிரதம் மேற்கொண்டார்கள். அதிலிருந்து ஆர்க் சமுதாயத்தின் உறுப்பினர்கள் சித்திரவதைக்கும், அணுகுண்டுக்கும் எதிராகவும் மனசாட்சியின் குரலுக்கு ஏற்ப இராணுவத்தில் சேராமல் இருக்கின்ற உரிமைக்காகவும் தொடர்ந்து போராடிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

சாந்தி தாஸ் அவர்கள், ஒரு முறை 60களில் வத்தலக்குண்டு கெய்த்தான் ஆசிரமத்திற்கு வந்த சமயத்தில் மேயர் என்ற ஜெர்மானிய தொழிலதிபர் அவரை அங்கு சந்தித்தார். திரும்பிச் சென்றவுடன் ஆர்க் சமுதாயத்தை வந்து பார்க்கலாமா என்று திரு மேயர் கேட்டுள்ளார். சுற்றுலாப் பயணியாக இங்கு வந்து பார்ப்பதற்கு ஒன்றுமில்லை என்று சாந்திதாஸ் பதில் கொடுத்துவிட்டார். பூமிதான இயக்கத்தில் நிலம் பெற்ற ஏழை விவசாயிகளுக்கு கிணறு தோண்டிக் கொடுக்கும் உதவியை தன் வருமானத்தில் ஆறில் ஒரு பங்கு நிதியை செலவழித்து வினோபாஅடிகள் மீதும், காந்தியடிகள் மீதும் மரியாதை வைத்திருந்த மேயருக்கே இந்தக் கதி என்றால், தன்னுடைய நோக்கத்தில் சாந்திதாஸ் எவ்வளவு உறுதியாக இருந்தார் என்பதை யூகித்து உணரலாம். ஒரு முறை இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்திற்கு சாந்தி தாஸ் வந்து தியானப் பயிற்சி நடத்தினார். பயிற்சியில் கலந்து கொள்வதற்காக பூமிதான வாரியத் தலைவர் சுவாமி வித்யானந்த சரஸ்வதி அங்கு சென்றார். திரும்பியவுடன் தியானப் பயிற்சி எப்படி இருந்தது என்று கேட்டேன். இரண்டு கைகளையும் மேலே உயர்த்தி அது ஒரு பெரிய நிகழ்வு என்று ஆச்சர்யமும், மரியாதையும் கலந்த குரலில் வித்யானந்த சரஸ்வதி பதில் கூறினார் என்றால் சாந்திதாலின் தியானம் எப்பேற்பட்டது என்பதை புரிந்து கொள்ளலாம்.

காந்தியடிகள் ஆசிரமத்தில் படுத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் பொழுது அவருடைய தலைமாட்டில் சென்று சாந்திதாஸ் நீங்கள் செய்கின்ற காரியத்தை ஐரோப்பாவில் செய்ய வேண்டியது அவசியமாக தென்படுகிறது. எனவே அங்கு செல்ல அனுமதி கொடுங்கள் என்று கேட்டார். நிஜமாகவே அப்படி நினைக்கிறீர்கள் என்றால், செல்லுங்கள் என்று விடைகொடுத்தார் காந்தி. 1954ஆம் ஆண்டிலும் இந்தியாவிற்கு வந்து வினோபாஜியின் பூமிதான யாத்திரையில் பங்கு கொண்டு புத்தகயாவில் நடந்த மாநாட்டில் ஜெயப்பிரகாஷ் அவர்களுடைய ஜீவன்தான பிரகடணத்தை எல்லாம் பார்த்து ரசித்து திரும்பியுள்ளார்.

பெல்ஜியத்தில் உள்ள ஆர்க் சமுதாயத்தைச் சேர்ந்த சாந்தி தாஸின் சிஷ்யை லியோ பிரவோ இந்தியாவுக்கு வந்தார். காந்தி நிகேதன் ஆசிரமத்தில் அருகிலே ஒரு பழத்தோட்டத்தை உருவாக்கினார். சிறிது காலம் கழித்து வினோபாஜியின் பூமிதான இயக்கத்தைக் கண்டு ரசித்த தன்னுடைய குரு சாந்தி தாஸின் பாதையைப் பின்பற்றி கடவூரில் அமைந்துள்ள இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தை ஆரம்பித்தார். கடவூர் ஜமீன்தார் பூமிதானமாகக் கொடுத்த 300 ஏக்கர் நிலத்தில் இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் ஆரம்பித்து மருந்துக்குத் தேவையான செடிகள், இயற்கை மருத்துவம், தியானப் பயிற்சி, கிராம மேம்பாடு, நலிந்த பிரிவினருக்கு கல்வி என்று பல துறைகளில் பங்காற்றி வருகிறது. லியோ பிரவோ அவர்களின் மறைவுக்குப் பின் தொடர்ந்து பேராசிரியர் கனகசபாபதி, பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் நா. மார்க்கண்டன், டாக்டர் மா.பா. குருசாமி, இவர்களின் தலைமையில் இயங்கிய இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் இப்பொழுது டாக்டர் மா.பாதமுத்து அவர்கள் தலைமையில் இயங்கிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அங்கு படிக்கும் நலிந்த பிரிவுகளைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு அங்கேயே தங்குவதற்கு வசதி செய்து, கர்ம யோத்தையும், ஞான யோகத்தையும் இணைக்கும் ஆதாரக் கல்வியின் அம்சங்களைப் புகுத்தி அங்குள்ள மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளியை திரு.மா.பாதமுத்து அவர்கள் நடத்திக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அவருடைய முயற்சிக்கு அன்பர்களின் அதரவு பெருகிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் 50ஆவது ஆண்டு பொன்விழா ஆண்டாகக் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது.

21ஆம் நூற்றாண்டில் உலகமயமாதல் என்ற சூழ்நிலையில் மூலதனத்தை எங்கும் எடுத்துச் செல்லலாம், எந்த நாட்டிலிருந்தும் பொருள்களை இறக்குமதி செய்து கொள்ளலாம், நுகர்வுக் கலாச்சாரத்தைப் பெருக்கி, செய்து குவித்திருக்கும் பொருள்களை எப்படிசந்தைப் படுத்தலாம், இந்தப் போட்டிக்கு இடையூறாக இருப்பவர்களை எப்படி அழித்தொழிக்கலாம் என்ற வேகத்தில் சுழன்று கொண்டிருக்கும் உலகப் போக்கில் அமைதித் தீவாக, அகிம்சைக் குளமாக, நீதியின் நிலைக்களனாக பொதுமக்களின் ஆதரவோடு இந்த நிறுவனம் இயங்கி வருகிறது. மகாத்மா காந்தி, ஆச்சார்யா வினோபா பாவே, லான்ஸா டெல் வாட்சா என்ற சாந்தி தாஸ், லியோ பிரவோ அம்மையார் போன்றவர்களின் கனவு நனவாவதற்கு இது போன்ற நிறுவனங்கள் முன்னோடியாக இருந்து பணி செய்ய வேண்டும். அதற்கு ஆண்டவன் அருளும், பொதுமக்களின் ஆதரவும் நிறையக் கிடைக்க வேண்டும் என்று பிரார்த்திக்கிறேன்.

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வையத்துள் வாழ்வாங்கு வாழும் மாண்புக்குரியவர்களை, அவர்கள் காலத்தில் அவர்களோடு வாழ்பவர்கள் முழுமையாக அடையாளம் கண்டு கொள்வதில்லை. அவர்கள் காலத்திற்குப் பின் அவர்கள் எச்சமாக விட்டுச் சென்றவைகளையும், எட்ட முடியாத சாதனைகளையும் எண்ணிப் பார்ப்பார்கள். "எவ்வளவு பெரிய சாதனைகள்", என வியந்து நிற்பார்கள். இது அப்படியே அன்பை வளர்த்த அன்னை மேன்மைமிகு லியோ பிரவோவுக்கும் பொருந்தும்.

இது, அன்னை உருவாக்கிய அறம் வளர் தொண்டு நிறுவனமான இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் பொன் விழா ஆண்டு. இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் அன்னை வளர்த்த ஆலமரம். கிளைகள் விட்டு விரிந்து, விழுதுகள் பரப்பி, விழுதுகள் மண்தொட படர்ந்து, பெரிய தொண்டு நிறுவனமாகத் திகழ்கின்றது. இதனை நிறுவியவரின் தொலைநோக்குப் பார்வை, உயர்ந்த நோக்கம், இறைவன் மீது கொண்ட உறுதியான நம்பிக்கை, திட்டமிட்ட செயல்பாடுகள் இந்த நிறுவனத்திற்கு நிலையான தொடர் வளர்ச்சியை வழங்கியிருக்கின்றன.

கனவுகளும் நனவுகளும்

அன்னை லியோ பிரவோ வாழ்ந்த வாழ்க்கையை எண்ணிப் பார்த்தால், "இப்படி ஓர் ஏற்றமிகு வாழ்க்கையா?" என்று வியப்புத் தோன்றும். எழுதி, எழுதிச் செல்லும் இறைவனின் கைவழி அவரது வாழ்க்கை உருவெடுத்திருக்கின்றது.

1966ஆம் ஆண்டு அவர் தொண்டு செய்யும் நோக்கத்தோடு இந்தியாவிற்கு வந்த பொழுது அவர் 45 வயதான நடுத்தர வயதுப் பெண்மனி. அவர் கல்லுப்பட்டியில் உள்ள காந்திநிகேதன் ஆசிரமத்திற்கு, ஒரு தேடுதல் உள்ளத்தோடு வந்திருந்தார். "தேடுங்கள் கண்டடைவீர்கள்", என்ற இறை நம்பிக்கை அவரிடமிருந்தது. அப்பொழுது நான் காந்திநிகேதன் ஆசிரமத்தில் பணியாற்றிக் கொண்டிருந்தேன். அவரோடு பழகும் வாய்ப்புக் கிடைத்தது.

அவரை "சகோதரி", என்றுதான் அழைத்தோம். அவர் ஆசிரம வாழ்க்கைபற்றி நுட்பமாக அறிந்து கொண்டார். அவர் ஏறகெனவே தொண்டு வாழ்க்கையில் புடம் போடப்பட்டவர். அவருக்குள் கனவுகள் இருந்திருக்கலாம். ஆனால் அவை உருவம் பெறாத காலம். பின்னால் அவர் கடவூருக்கு அருகில் வந்து 1967இல் இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தை உருவாக்கினார்.

இருபத்தி மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் கழித்து, 1990இல் எங்களது முதல்வர் அன்பிற்குரிய டாக்டர் இரா. கனகசபாபதி வழிகாட்டுதலால் சேவாப்பூருக்கு இயற்கை வாழ்வு பயிற்சி முகாமுக்கு வந்தேன். நீண்ட இடைவெளிக்குப் பிறகு பார்க்கும் பொழுது சகோதரியாக நான் முன்பு பார்த்தவர் அன்னையாக ஆளுமை வளர்ச்சி பெற்றிருப்பதை என்னால் அறிய முடிந்தது. "எப்படி இந்த அருள்சார் ஆளுமை வளர்ச்சி ஏற்பட்டது?" என்ற கேள்வி பிறந்தது.

இரண்டாயிரத்தில் நான் திண்டுக்கல் வந்த பொழுது டாக்டர் இரா. கனகசபாபதியின் தூண்டுதலால் இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தில் இணைந்து பணியாற்றத் தொடங்கினேன். அப்பொழுது அன்னை இல்லை. அவரது நினைவுகள் நெஞ்சில் ஊடுருவி நின்றன. அவரைப் பற்றிய வாழ்க்கை வரலாற்றை ('அன்புக்கு ஓர் அன்னை") எழுதினேன். அப்பொழுது அவரது இலட்சியக் கனவுகளையும், அவற்றை நிறைவேற்ற அவர் மேற்கொண்ட முயற்சிகளையும் அறிய முயன்றேன். அந்த எண்ண எழுச்சியின் தாக்கம் என்னுள் இன்றும் ஒளிபாய்ச்சிக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றது.

விண் தொட்ட வாழ்க்கை

இந்த மண்ணில் தோன்றி மனித குலத்திற்குச் செய்த தொண்டுகளின் மூலம் விண்ணைத் தொட்டவர் அன்னை லியோ பிரவோ. அவரைப் புரிந்து கொள்வதற்காக அவரது வளர்ச்சி நிலைகளை இங்கு வரைகோடுகளாகச் சுட்டிக் காட்டலாம்.

அவரது வாழ்க்கையின் முதல் நிலை அவரது பிறப்பில் 1921ஆம் ஆண்டு டிசம்பர் 25இல் தொடங்கியது. இயேசு பிரான் தோன்றிய நாளில் பிறந்தவர். பெல்ஜியத்திலுள்ள ஆன்ட் வெர்ப் நகரத்திற்கு அருகிலுள்ள ஒரு சிற்றூர் இவரது பிறப்பிடம். இவரது தந்தை டாமெயன். ஓர் உலோகத் தொழிலாளி. இவரது தாயார் திருமதி டாமெயன் மிகுந்த இறைப்பற்றாளர். இவரிடம் இறைநம்பிக்கை ஊன்றி வளர தாய்தான் காரணம்.

அவரது இளமைக்காலம் பெரிதும் தனிமையில் கழிந்தது. தமக்கையின் அன்பும் ஒரு தோழியின் நட்பும் இவருக்குத் துணை நின்றன. முதல் 21 ஆண்டுகளை இவரது தனிமைக் காலம் (Period of Loneliness) என்று கூறலாம்

அவரது இரண்டாம் வாழ்க்கை நிலை 1942இல் தொடங்கியது. அவர் ஆன்ட்ரே பிரவோவைத் திருமணம் செய்து கொண்டு இனிய இல்லற வாழ்க்கை நடத்திய காலம். அவர்களது இல்வாழ்க்கையின் விளைவு ஓர் அன்புமகன். இந்த இனிய வாழ்க்கை கணவர் 1963இல் காலமாகும் வரை தொடர்ந்தது. இந்தக் காலத்தில் அவரது தேடுதல் தொடங்கியது. கணவர் துணை நின்றார். சோதனையாக அவரைப் பற்றிய தலைவலியும், வயிற்று வலியும், அவரை இயற்கை மருத்துவம், இயற்கை உணவு, உண்ணா நோன்பு, யோகாசனப் பயிற்சி, சாந்திதாஸ் சமுதாயத் தொடர்பு என்று அவரைத் தொடர்ந்து, விரைந்து வளரச் செய்தன.

இந்தப் பருவத்தின் முதல் பகுதி 'இனிமைக் காலமாகவும்' (Period of Happiness) பின்பகுதி சோதனைக் காலமாகவும் (Period of Experiment) அமைந்தது உற்று நோக்கத் தக்கது. இது அவருடைய முயற்சியை உள்ளடக்கிய அகவளர்ச்சிக் காலம்.

அவரது மூன்றாவது வாழ்க்கை 1963இல் தொடங்கியது. கணவர் இறந்து, மகனை தொழில், திருமணம் என்று வாழ்க்கையில் நிலைபெறச் செய்த பிறகு, தனது உலகியல் கடமைகள் நிறைபெற்ற நிலையில், 42ஆம் வயதில் தனது வாழ்க்கையை முழுக்க முழுக்கப் பொது நலத் தொண்டிற்காக அர்ப்பணிக்கத் தீர்மானித்தார்; செயல்பட்டார்.

அமைப்புப் பணிகளில், இயக்கங்களில், போராட்டங்களில் ஈடுபட்டு, புடம் போட்ட நிலையில் தனது தனித்துவமிக்க ஆளுமையை வளர்த்துக் கொண்டார். சாந்திதாஸ் நிறுவிய ஆர்க் சமுதாயத்தில் சேர விரும்பிய அவரை, அவரது குருவான சாந்தி தாஸ் இந்தியாவிற்குச் சென்று தொண்டு செய்யக் கூறினார். இந்தியாவிற்கு வந்தது ஒரு துணிச்சலான செயல். தெரியாத நாட்டில், புரியாத மொழிகள் பேசும் மக்கள் மத்தியில், அறியாத சூழலில், அன்புப் பணி செய்வதென்பது எளிய செயலல்ல. அரசின் ஆதரவையோ, ஏதாவதொரு நிறுவனத்தின் துணையையோ நம்பி அவர் இந்தியாவிற்கு வரவில்லை. உள்ளார்ந்த தேடலின் உந்துதல்தான் அவரை இந்தியாவிற்குக் கொண்டு வந்தது. அவர் நம்பியது இறைவனை மட்டும்தான். இந்த நம்பிக்கையும், எதனையும் எதிர்கொள்ளும் துணிவுடைமையும் அவருக்குத் துணையாய் நின்றன. இந்தக் காலத்தை 'துணிவுக் காலம்' (Period of Courage) எனலாம்.

அவரது வாழ்க்கையின் நான்காவது வளர்ச்சி நிலையை 1969இல் தொடங்கி அவரது இறுதியான 1997 செப்டம்பர் 30 வரையுள்ள காலத்தில் காணலாம். இதனை 'தொண்டின் கனிவுக் காலம்' (Period of Fulfilment in Service) எனலாம்.

அன்பின் உச்சத்தைத் தொடுவதற்கு உருவாக்கிய நிறுவனத்திற்கு அவர் இட்ட பெயர் இன்ப சேவா சங்கம். இதனை ஓர் ஆசிரமமாக உருவாக்கினார்.

இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் என்ற பெயர் மேற்போக்கைப் பார்த்தால் ஒரு தன்னார்வத் தொண்டு நிறுவனம் போலத் தோன்றலாம். அரசின், மக்களின் நிதி பெற்று மக்களுக்குத் தொண்டு செய்ய நிறுவிய அமைப்பல்ல இது. இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தை சாந்திதாஸ் அமைத்திரு;த ஆர்க் சமுதாயத்தையும், அண்ணல் காந்தியடிகள் நிறுவிய ஆசிரமத்தையும் மனத்தில் கொண்டு சில தனித்தன்மைகளோடு உருவாக்கினார். இந்த நிறுவனம் தொண்டு செய்யும் ஒரு வழிமுறை. நோக்கம் சமுதாயத்திற்காகத் தங்களை அர்ப்பணித்துக் கொள்ளும் மனிதர்களை - தொண்டர்களை - உருவாக்குவதாக இருக்கும். ஓர் உயர்ந்த வாழ்க்கை முறையை மனமுவந்து ஏற்றுக் கொண்ட அவர் தன்னைப் போன்றவர்களின் மூலம் சமுதாயத் தொண்டை தொடர்ந்து செய்ய எண்ணினார்.

ஏற்றமிகு வளர்ச்சி

1969ஆம் ஆண்டு ஆகஸ்டு 15ஆம் நாள் நான்கு இளைஞர்களோடு வந்து இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தைத் தொடங்கினார். கடவூருக்கு அருகில், காடுகள், மலைகள் நிறைந்த சூழலில் சேவாப்பூர் என்று பெயரிட்டு நிறுவனப் பணிகளைத் தொடங்கினார்.

இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் கடவூர் வட்டாரத்தில் உள்ள தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட ஏழை எளிய மக்களுக்காக தனது துயர் நீக்கும் பணிகளைத் தொடர்ந்தது. இயற்கையின் இடர்ப்பாடுகள் ஏற்பட்ட போதெல்லாம் ஓடோடி உதவியது. இத்தகைய பணிகளுக்குத் தடைகள் தோன்றிய பொழுது அன்னை துணிச்சலாக எதிர்கொண்டார்; போராடினார்; உண்ணா விரதங்களை மேற்கொண்டார். அவரது பணிகளுக்கு ஆதரவு பெருகியது.

அவரது கனவுகள் நனவுகளாக அவர் செய்த இரண்டு மகத்தான வரலாற்றுச் சாதனைகள் இன்று நின்று அவரது புகழ்பாடுகின்றன. ஒன்று, சேவாப்பூர் என்ற கிராமத்தை உருவாக்கி, சாதி மத வேறுபாடுகளின்றி, 140 ஏழை, எளிய குடும்பங்களுக்கு நிலையான வாழ்வை அளித்ததாகும். இதற்கான நிதியை பெல்ஜியம் அரசிடமிருந்தும் நண்பர்கள் மூலமும் பெற்றார்.

எல்லாக் குடும்பங்களும் ஆடு, மாடுகள் வளர்க்கக் கூடிய வசதிகளோடு வீடுகள், வேளாண்மை செய்ய நிலம், கிணறுகள், மாடுகள், தேவையான நிதி என வழங்கி வாழ்வளித்தார். இயற்கை வழிவேளாண் முறையை ஊக்குவித்தார்.

காந்திய வழி வளர்ச்சி முறைக்கு சேவாப்பூர் ஒரு சான்று.

அன்னையின் தொலைநோக்குப் பார்வையை சேவாப்பூரில் அமைந்திருக்கும் ஓம் கோவிலில் காணலாம். இந்தியா போன்று பல்வேறு சாதிகளும் சமயங்களும், வாழ்க்கை முறைகளும் அமைந்த நாட்டில் "வேற்றுமையில் ஒற்றுமை" காணும் முயற்சி அது, எல்லா சமயங்களுக்கும் பொதுவான, மூலச் சொல் 'ஓம்', அது மிகப் பெரிய தத்துவத்தின் அடையாளம். விரித்துப் பொருளுரைக்க வித்தாக இருக்கும் சொல் 'ஓம்'. அதற்கு ஓர் உருவம் கொடுத்து, கோவிலாக்கி, குடமுழுக்கு விழாவும் நடத்தினார் என்பதை அறியும் பொழுது நாம் வியப்பின் உச்சிக்குச் செல்கின்றோம். சமயங்களுள் ஊடுசரடாக விளங்கும் உள்ளொளி கண்ட அன்னையைப் போற்ற சொற்கள் இல்லை.

அவரது இரண்டாவது வரலாற்றுப் பணி வினோபாஜிபுரத்தை உருவாக்கியது. 1983ஆம் ஆண்டில் இலங்கையிலிருந்து எல்லா வாழ்வாதாரங்களையும் இழந்து, இந்தியா வந்த ஆதரவற்ற தமிழர்களுக்கு வாழ்வளிக்க அரசு முயன்றது. அந்தப் பணிகளில் ஒன்றாக தமிழக அரசு திருச்சி மாவட்டம் குளித்தலை வட்டம் தரகம்பட்டி அருகிலுள்ள மாவத்தூர் வருவாய் கிராமத்தில் 511.11 ஏக்கர் நிலத்தை ஒதுக்கியது. அன்னையின் பணிகளை அறிந்த தமிழக அரசு அந்த நிலத்தில் இலங்கையிலிருந்து தாயகம் திரும்பிய மக்களுக்கு வாழ்வளிக்கும் பொறுப்பை அன்னையிடம் ஒப்படைத்தது.

அன்னை அந்த இடத்தை நல்ல வளமான விளை நிலங்களாகவும், பல வகையான பழ மரங்களைக் கொண்ட தோட்டங்களாகவும் உருவாக்கி குடியிருக்க வீடுகளைக் கட்டி, குடும்பங்களைக் கொண்டு வந்து குடியேற்றத் திட்டமிட்டுச் செயல்பட்டார்.

மொத்தம் 196 குடியிருப்புகளுக்கு அடித்தளம் போட்டார். முதல் நிலையில் 70 வீடுகள் கட்டப்பட்டு தாயகம் திரும்பிய தமிழர்கள் குடியேறினர். அவர் எண்ணித் திட்டமிட்டபடி வினோபாஜி புறப் பணிகள் நிறைவு பெறவில்லை. எல்லோருக்கும் வேலைவாய்ப்பு வழங்கும் நிலையில் வேளாண்மையும், தொழில்களும் முழுமையாக வளரவில்லை. அங்கு நிறைவேற்ற வேண்டிய சமுதாய பொருளாதார ஆக்கப் பணிகள் இன்னும் இருக்கின்றன.

தொடரும் பணிகள்

அன்னை 1997 செப்டம்ப் 30இல் தனது 76ஆம் வயதில் ஒளிமயமான பொழுது இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்திற்கு 31 வயது. அதன் வளர்ச்சியில் தேக்க நிலை ஏற்படுமென்று சிலர் கருதினர். ஆனால் அதற்குப் பிறகுதான் அன்னையின் தவ வலிமை வெளிப்பட்டது. அவர் சேவாப்பூர் ஆக்க சக்தியாக, தொடர்ந்து வழிகாட்டும் ஒளிவிளக்காக விளங்குகின்றார.

அன்னை உருவாக்கிய அமைப்பில் அன்னையின் பணிகளில் நம்பிக்கை கொண்ட அன்பர்கள் தொடர்ந்து அன்னையின் கனவுகளை நனவுகளாக்கச் செயல்பட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றனர்.

அன்னை தொடங்கிய பெரும்பாலான பணிகள் தொடர்கின்றன. சேவாப்பூர், வினோபாஜிபுரம் ஆகியவற்றை மையமாகக் கொண்டு இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் செயல்படுகின்றது.

மேற்கொண்டிருக்கும் பல புதிய பணிகளில் இரண்டைக் குறிப்பிட்டுக் கூறலாம். ஒன்று சேவாப்பூரில் செயல்படும் அன்னை லியோ உண்டு உறைவிட மேல்நிலைப் பள்ளி. மற்றொன்று வினோபாஜிபுரத்தில் செயல்படும் உயிராற்றல் - இயற்கை வேளாண் கல்லூரி.

கால மாற்றத்திற்கும் தேவைக்கும் ஏற்ப புதுப்புதுத் திட்டங்களை இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றது.

சேவாப்பூர் மக்கள் எல்லோரும் நலமாகவும், வளமாகவும் வாழ அன்னை லியோ பிரவோ கண்ட கனவுகள் பல. அவற்றில் நிறைவேறப் பெற்றிருப்பவை சிலவே

கிராம வளர்ச்சிக்கு இன்றுள்ள சிக்கல்களும் சோதனைகளும் பல. அவற்றிற்கு அன்னையின் வழியில் இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் தீர்வு காண முயலும். அதற்கு அன்னையின் அருள் சக்தி துணை நிற்கும். அன்பு வழியில் முயல்வோம்; வெற்றி காண்போம்.

அன்னையன் நினைவுகள்

க. பழனித்துரை

1991-ஆம் ஆண்டு நான் காந்திகிராமப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் ஆசிரியராக சேர்ந்த நேரம், பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் படிக்கும் மாணவர்கள் ஒரு மாதம் ஒரு நிறுவனத்தில் தங்கி அங்கு கிராம் வேலைகளில் அந்த நிறுவனத்துடன் சேர்ந்து ஈடுபட வேண்டும். அப்படி B.A., படிக்கும் மாணவர்களுக்கு ஒரு பாடத்திட்டம் இருந்தது. நான் அந்தத் துறையின் தலைவராக பொறுப்பேற்ற புதிது. அந்தப் பாடத்திட்டத்தை படித்தபோது மாணவர்களுக்கு ஒரு வித்தியாசமான அனுபவத்தை இந்த ஒரு மாத காலப் பயிற்சியில் தரவேண்டும் என்று எண்ணினேன். அப்போது என்னுடன் பணியாற்றிய பெருமைமிகு நண்பர் பேராசிரியர்.ச. நாராயணசாமி அவர்களுடனும் (இப்போது அவர் அமரர் ஆகிவிட்டார்), பேராசிரியர். ந. மார்க்கண்டன் (பின்பு துணைவேந்தர் பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கு) அவர்களிடமும் இந்த ஒரு மாத கால மாணவர்களுக்கான பயிற்சித் திட்டம் பற்றி விவாதித்தேன். அவர்கள் இருவரும் பல நிறுவனங்களைப் பற்றி என்னிடம் விவரித்தார்கள். அப்போது இன்ப சேவா சங்கம் கடவூரில் அய்யலூருக்குப் பக்கத்தில் இருக்கிறது என்றார்கள். இந்த நிறுவனத்தை லியோ பிராவோ என்ற மேற்கத்தியநாட்டுப் பெண்மணி ஒருவர் காந்திய வழியில் வித்தியாசமாக நடத்தி வருகிறார் என்று விளக்கினார்கள். அதைக் கேட்ட பிறகு மறுநாளே அங்கு செல்ல வேண்டும் என்று அவர்களிடம் கேட்டேன். மறுநாள் பல்கலைக்கழக அனுமதியோடு பல்கலைக்கழக வாகனம் ஒன்றில் நாங்கள் மூவரும் 10 மணிக்குப் புறப்பட்டு காலை 11.30 மணியளவில் சென்றடைந்தோம். மலைகள் சார்ந்த இடம், தியானத்திற்கு ஏற்ற இடம். இயற்கை எழில் கொஞ்சும் சூழல்.

அன்னை லியோ பிராவோ இருந்த அறைக்கு அழைத்துச் சென்றார்கள். அன்னையிடம் என்னை அறிமுகப்படுத்தினார்கள். பேரா. ந. மார்க்கண்டன் அவர்களும், பேரா.ச. நாராயணசாமி அவர்களும் அன்னை லியோ பிராவோவுக்கு நன்கு தெரிந்தவர்கள். உடனே சரளமாக நிறுவனச் செயல்பாடுகள் பற்றி விவாதிக்க ஆரம்பித்துவிட்டார்கள். அந்த விவாதம் முடிந்தவுடன் நான் வந்த வேலையைப் பற்றி விளக்கிச் சொன்னேன். 30 மாணவர்கள் இங்கு ஒரு மாதம் தங்கி கிராமப் பணிகளில் ஈடுபடுவார்கள் என்ற செய்தியைக் கூறியவுடன் அன்னை எந்தத் தயக்கமும் இன்றி வரச் சொல்லுங்கள்' என்று பதில் கூறினார். மாணவர்களை அங்கு கொண்டுவர அனுமதி தந்துவிட்டு பேரா.ந.மார்க்கண்டன் மற்றும் பேரா.ச. நாராயணசாமி இருவர்களையும் பார்த்து 'இந்த நிறுவனம் பற்றி நீங்கள் பேரா. பழனித்துரைக்கு விளக்கிச் சொல்லுங்கள்' என்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டார். அவர் பேசும்போது பிரதர் என்றுதான் அனைவரையும் அழைப்பார். காந்தியக் கொள்கை, இயற்கைவழி வாழ்வு, ஏழைகள்பால் அக்கறை இவைகளை மையப்படுத்தி செயல்படும் ஒரு சமூக வாழ்க்கைதான்

இங்கு நடந்துகொண்டுள்ளது. எனவே மாணவர்கள் ஒரு மாத காலமும் இந்த நிறுவனத்தின் சட்டதிட்டங்களுக்கு உட்பட்டு நடக்க வேண்டும் எனக் கண்டிப்புடன் கூறியது மறக்க முடியாத நிகழ்வு. அந்த அறையில் தரையில் அமர்ந்து அலுவலகப் பணிகளைக் கவனித்துக் கொண்டிருந்த அன்னை லியோ பிரோவோவுக்குப் பக்கத்தில் ஒரு பெரிய நாய் ஒரு பாயில் படுத்திருந்தது, அதற்குப் பக்கத்தில் ஒரு பெரிய பூனையும் படுத்திருந்தது. அந்த அறையில் மின் விளக்கோ, மின் விசிறியோ காணவில்லை. எனக்கு ஒரே ஆச்சரியம். அப்பொழுது யாருக்கும் இயற்கை விவசாயம் தெரியாத காலம். அந்த நேரத்தில் அப்பொழுதே இயற்கை விவசாயம் செய்வதன் அவசியத்தை அறிந்து அந்தப் பணியில் தன் நிறுவனத்தை ஈடுபட வைத்திருந்தார். நாங்கள் பேசிக்கொண்டிருக்கும்போதே எங்களுக்கு மூலிகை டீயும் சிறிய வாழைப்பழங்களையும் தந்து உபசரித்தார். சற்று நேரம் முடிந்ததும் "வாருங்கள் உணவு அருந்தச் செல்வோம்" என்று எங்களை அழைத்துச் சென்றார். அங்கு சென்றவுடன் அவர் ஒரு தட்டை எடுத்துக் கழுவினார், அதன் பிறகு நாங்களும் எங்களுடைய தட்டை எடுத்துக் கமுவினோம். தரையில் பாய் போட்டிருந்தார் அவருடன் அமர்ந்து உணவு உண்டோம். அவர் அலுவலகத்தில் அவருக்குப் பக்கத்தில் படுத்திருந்த நாயும் அந்த அறைக்கு வந்தது, பூனையும் வந்தது, உடனே அந்த இருவருக்கும் தட்டுக்கள் வைக்கப்பட்டது அவருக்குப் பக்கத்திலேயே உணவு பரிமாறப்பட்டது. எனக்கு சற்று திகைப்பாக இருந்தது. உணவு இந்த உணவில் இருந்த பெரும்பாலான பொருட்கள் உண்டபின் அன்னை கூறினார் எங்கள் தோட்டத்திலிருந்து இயற்கை விவசாயத்தின் மூலம் வந்தது என விளக்கினார். இயற்கையோடு இயைந்து இணைந்து வாழ்வது என்ற உணர்வினை முதன்முதலில் அவரிடம்தான் கற்றுக்கொண்டேன். எந்தப் பக்கம் திரும்பினாலும் இயற்கை அன்னை நம்மை அரவணைப்பதைப் பார்க்க முடியும் அவர் இருந்த இடத்தில், அவரிடம் உரையாடிவிட்டு அந்தப் பகுதிகளை சுற்றிப்பார்த்தேன். கல்விச்சேவை தென்பட்டது, ஏழைகளுக்கான வாழ்வாதாரப் பாதுகாப்புச் சேவை தென்பட்டது, வாழ்விடப் பாதுகாப்புச் சேவை தென்பட்டது அனைத்தும் காந்தியப் பார்வையில். இதற்குமேல் இன்னொன்றும் என்னை ஆச்சரியத்தில் ஆழ்த்தின. இவர் ஒரு வெளிநாட்டுப் பெண்மணி அரசின் நம்பிக்கையைப் பெற்று அரசின் உதவியையும் பெற்று நிலங்களை ஏழைகளுக்காகப் பெற்றார். அன்னையின் இயற்கை சார்ந்து வாழும் முறைமையை எத்தனைபேர் கற்றுக்கொண்டார்கள் என்பது எனக்குத் தெரியாது. ஆனால் அன்னை தன்னை உயர்த்திக்கொண்டே இருந்திருக்கிறார் என்பது மட்டும் அவர் செயல்பாடுகளில் என்னால் புரிந்துகொள்ள முடிந்தது. ஒரு ஒட்டபுரவுச் சமுதாயத்தை உருவாக்குவதில் முனைந்து செயல்பட்டிருக்கிறார், அதில் ஒரளவு வெற்றியும் கண்டிருக்கிறார். இந்தியாவில் அது ஒரு எதிர் நீச்சல்தான். ஏனென்றால் நம் சமூகம் ஏற்றத்தாழ்வு அடுக்குகளைக் கொண்டது சாதிமத அடிப்படையில், இன்றுவரை போரட்டம்தான். தொண்டினை அறிந்த பலர் உதவிகளைத் தந்துகொண்டே இருந்தனர். மேற்கு ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகளிலிருந்து எவ்வளவு சிரமங்கள் அவர்களுக்கு இருந்தாலும் அவற்றையெல்லாம் பாராமல் தொடர்ந்து அன்னையின் செயல்பாடுகளுக்கு நிதியுதவி அளிப்பதில் எந்த தங்கு தடையும் இல்லாமல் இருப்பது இந்த நிறுவனத்திற்குக் கிடைத்த நற்சான்றாகும். அதுமட்டுமல்ல இந்த நிறுவனம் அவர் காட்டிய வழியில் எவ்வளவு சிரமங்கள் இருந்தாலும் மக்கள் சேவையில் அன்னைக்குப் பிறகும் தொய்வின்றி நடந்துகொண்டிருப்பது இந்த நிறுவனத்திற்குக் கிடைத்த வழிகாட்டித்

தலைவர்களும் சேவை உள்ளம் கொண்ட ஊழியர்களும் கிடைத்ததால்தான் என்பதில் எந்தச் சந்தேகமும் இல்லை. இந்த நிறுவனம் செய்து வரும் எல்லாப் பணிகளையும் நான் அறிவேன். அதில் மிக முக்கியமான பணியாக நான் கருதுவது கல்விப்பணி. அது யாருக்குச் செயல்படுகிறது என்றால் ஒதுக்கப்பட்ட ஆதரவற்ற மக்களுக்கு. இந்தக் குடும்பங்களிலிருந்து வரும் குழந்தைகள் எப்படியிருப்பார்கள் என்பது அனைவரும் அறிந்ததே. அவர்களைப் பக்குவப்படுத்தி, தன்னம்பிக்கையூட்டி, திறன் வளர்த்து, நல்ல குடிமகனாக குடிமகளாக அனுப்புவதுதான் மிகச் சிறந்த பணியாகத் தெரிகிறது. பொதுவாக நிறுவனங்களை உருவாக்குவது மிகக் கடினமான பணி, அதைவிடக் கடினமான பணி தொடங்கியப் பாதையில் நிறுவனங்களை பயணிக்க வைப்பது. அதைவிடக் கடினமான பணி காலத்திற்கேற்ப நிறுவனத்தைப் புதுப்பித்து விதிக்கப்பட்ட பணிகளையும் சேவைகளையும் செய்வது. அந்த வகையில் இந்த நிறுவனத்திற்குக் கிடைத்த தலைவர்கள் அனைவரும் அந்தப் பணியினைச் செய்து இன்று பொன்விழாவிற்கு இந்த நிறுவனத்தைக் கொண்டுவந்து சேர்த்துள்ளனர். அது சாதாரணப் பணி அல்ல. இந்த நிறுவனம் மென்மேலும் சிறந்து பணிசெய்து அன்னை காட்டிய வழியில் சாதனை ..?க்க அனைவருக்கும் சக்தியையும் ஆற்றலையும் தரப் பிரார்த்திக்கிறேன்.

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அன்னை வரலாறு ஆனார்!

முனைவர் கடவூர் மணிமாறன் போதுக்குமு உறுப்பினர் இன்ப சேவா சங்கம்) 1/53, பெரியார் நகர், குளித்தலை – 639 104. கரூர் மாவட்டம், பேசி : 9443144372



அன்னையால் இலியா புகுராவா அருந்தவக் குரிச்ல் ஆவார்! அன்பினில் உயர்ந்தார்; யார்க்குல் ஆர்வமாய் உதவி செய்வார் தொண்டிலே பழுத்தார்; தெஞ்சத் தாய்மையில் பொலிந்தார். மக்கள் கண்களாய் இவரைப் போற்றக் கடமையில் சிறந்து நின்றார்!

விருந்தினை அளித்தார்; பிகாள்கை விளக்கமும் தந்தார்; வாய்த்த மருந்பிதன அமைந்தார்; தாழ்ந்த மக்களை உயர்த்தல் ஒன்றே அரும்பெரும் கடமை என்றே அகத்தினில் எண்ணி வந்தார்; வருதுயர் அனைத்தும் போக்கும் வல்லமை இயல்பாய்ப் பெற்றார்!

அன்னையாம் தெரசா போல அருங்குணச் செம்மல் அன்னை; பண்பினைச் சுமந்த தெஞ்சம் பாசடும் பொழியும் கண்கள் இன்புறு செயல்கள் ஆற்றும் எண்ணடும் உருவாய்க் கொண்ட தன்னிக ரெல்லாத் தொண்டால் தமிழகம் போற்ற வாழ்ந்தார்!

அமர்வினை அடுந்தி பாத அன்னையால் ஏழை மக்கள் துயிரலாம் பரிதி கண்ப துளிரியன, மறையக் கண்பார்! உயரிய குணத்தால் ஊரார் உவகையில் திளைக்க லானார்! நயத்தகு செயல்கள் மூலம் நல்ரிலாளி விளக்காய் ஆனார்!

காண்பவர் அனைவ ருக்கும்
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வினவுவார் நலத்தை; என்றும்
தேன்மெரிச் சொற்கள் கூடித்
திளைத்திடச் செய்தார்; நெஞ்சை
ஆண்டிடும் தகுத் யாலே
அன்னையோ வரலா நானார்!

அன்னையன் (அன்பன்) மருத்துவம் மகத்துவம்

டாக்டர் இமேஸ்வரி

அன்பின் இமயமான அன்னையிடம் மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் மருத்துவராய் இருந்து பணியாற்றிய காலங்கள் என் வாழ்வின் பொற்காலங்கள். என் குழந்தாய் என்று தான் அழைப்பார். அவருடன் நடக்கும் நிலை வரும்போது உடன் வருபவர்கள் ஓடித்தான் வரவேண்டும். எழுபது வயதிலும் கம்பீரமான தோற்றம். கனிவான கண்கள். அவரது ஆரோக்கியத்தின் ரகசியம் என்ன? இயற்கை மருத்துவம் படித்தும், அவரது வாழ்க்கையே இயற்கை சார்ந்ததாய் இருந்ததை பார்த்தேன். மகாத்மாவின் அஹிம்சை தத்துவத்தை அவரது பகைவரையும் நேசிக்கும் மாண்பில் கண்டேன்.

அவர் தனது அனுபவங்களை நிறைய பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளும் பாக்கியம் பெற்றேன். அவரது இருபத்தியோராவது வயதிலேயே கர்ப்பப்பை கோளாறுகள் காரணமாய் கர்ப்பப்பை எடுக்கப்பட்டுவிட்டது. அதன் பின்னர் ஏற்பட்ட பலவீனத்தால் அவருக்கு மூச்சுத் திணறல் ஏற்பட்டது ஒரு படியிலிருந்து அடுத்த படி ஏற இரண்டு நிமிடங்கள் ஓய்வு தேவைப்பட்டது. எத்தனையோ மருத்துவங்கள் பார்த்தும் மேலும் பலவீனமாகவே ஆனார். அப்போது இயற்கை மருத்துவமும் உணவும் கேள்விப்பட்டு அசைவத்தை விட்டு சமைக்காத இயற்கை உணவுகளை உண்ண ஆரம்பித்தார். சில மாதங்களில் உடல்நலம் மேம்பட்டது. அவர், "ஒரு படி ஏற சிரமப்பட்ட நான் இரண்டு இரண்டு படிகளாய் தாவி ஏறினேன்", என்று தனது ஆரோக்யத்தை அடைந்த அனுபவம் பற்றி கூறினார். அவரது கடைசி காலம் வரை உணவில் ஒரு ஒழுங்குமுறையைக் கடைபிடித்தார். அவர் நடப்பதே வேகமாய் மற்றவர்கள் கூட ஓடும் அளவிற்கு ஆரோக்யமாய் இருந்தார்.

பின்னர் யோகாவும் அகிம்சை முறையும் அவரது அங்கமாயின. பிரார்த்தனையும் யோகாவும் அவரது தினசரி வழிமுறையாயின. எத்தனை மழை, இடி, இன்னல்கள் வந்தாலும் அவரது தினசரி ஒழுங்குமுறை மாறவேயில்ல.

நம் நாட்டு மக்கள் மகாத்மாவின் அஹிமசை ஆரோக்கிய வழிமுறைகளையும், அவர் கடைப்பிடித்த பிரார்த்தனை, ஆகியவற்றை அலட்சியப்படுத்தி விட்டோம். உண்மையில் மகாத்மாவின் வழித்தோன்றல் அன்னையே. அவரை பின்பற்றினால் நாமும் நோய் அணுகாமல் வாழ்வோம்.

அது மட்டுமல்ல அன்பே அவரது தாரக மந்திரம். அன்பே பிரதானம் என்ற அவர் தினமும் பாடும் பாடல் இன்னும் என் காதில் ஒலித்துக் கொண்டேயுள்ளது. அவரே அன்பின் வடிவமாகி, அவர் விரும்பியது போல் மக்களின் இதயமெனும் அரியாசனத்தில் ராணியாய் அமர்ந்துள்ளார். மக்களுக்கு இயற்கை மருத்துவமும், யோகமுமே தேவையானவை என்று நிறைய யோகா முகாம்கள் நடத்தினார். 50 படுக்கைகள் கொண்ட இயற்கை மருத்துவமனையை அழகாகக் கட்டினார். வேறு மருத்துவமுறைகளை அங்கே அனுமதிக்கவில்லை. மருந்தில்லா அக்குபஞ்சர் முறையினால் அங்கே தினமும் நூற்றுக்கணக்கானோர் பலனுற்றதை கூறி என்னை அம்முறையைக் கற்றுக் கொள்ள ஊக்குவித்தார். இன்று நான் அரசினர் இயற்கை யோகா மருத்துவக் கல்லூரியில் அக்குபஞ்சர் ஆற்றல் மருத்துவம் முதுகலை துறையின் தலைவராக இருப்பதற்கு விதையிட்டவர் அவரே.

இயற்கை பிரசவங்கள் நிகழ விரும்பினார். அதனால் பத்து, இருபது தொட்டில்களை மருத்துவமனையில் சேர்த்திருந்தார். அவரது ஆசையின்படி நான் இருந்தவரை பல பிரசவங்கள் நடந்தன. அக்குழந்தைகளை தூக்கி கொஞ்சி ஆசிர்வதிப்பார். இயற்கை மருந்து முகாம்களை அங்கே நடத்தினோம். அங்கு ஒரு திரைசீலை அளவெடுப்பதில் கூட மிகுந்த அக்கரை காட்டினார்.

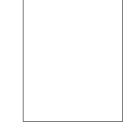
பிளாஸ்டிக்கை, அவர் என்றும் அனுமதித்ததேயில்லை. ஒரு பேனா கூட தூக்கி எறியும் வகையானது விரும்பமாட்டார் அனைவரும் இப்படி எறிந்தால் சூழ்நிலை என்ன ஆகும் என்பார். அவர் அன்று சொன்னதை இன்று உணர்கிறேன்.

அவரது இயற்கை விவசாயம் இயற்கைக்கு மாறுபாடில்லாத தொழில்கள், மூலிகை தோட்டம் என்று முக்கியத்துவம் சேவாப்பூர் இன்று மாசில்லா ஒரு உதாரணமாய் உள்ளது.

அவரது வாழ்க்கையே அவரது செய்தி. அன்பே அவரது மகத்துவம். அனைத்து நோய்களுக்கும் அதுவே மருந்து.

எங்கள் அம்மா

மரு. எ.ஜெ. கல்யாணி அரசு தலைமை மருத்துவமனை, தீண்டுக்கல் செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர், இன்ப சேவா சங்கம்



அம்மா என்றால் அன்பு என்கின்ற வாக்கியத்திற்கேற்ப ஏழை, பணம் படைத்தவன், உயர்ந்த சாதி தாழ்ந்த சாதி என்றில்லாமல் அனைவரிடமும் அன்பு செலுத்தி, அனைவரையும் நேசித்தவர் எங்கள் அம்மா மதர் லியோ பிரவோ

கிறிஸ்துவின் போதனைகளையும், காந்தியடிகளின் வழியிலும், எளிய உடை அணிந்து, எளிமையான வாழ்க்கை வாழ்ந்து உள்ளத்தில் உறுதியுடன், ஏமாற்ற நினைத்தவர்களையும் தன் அன்பினால் வெற்றி பெற்று எல்லோரையும் தன் சகோதர சகோதரிகளாகப் பாவித்து சேவாப்பூர் மற்றும் வினோபாஜிபுரம் அமைய காரணமானவர் எங்கள் அம்மா மதர் லியோ பிரவோ.

இயற்கையை நேசித்து இயற்கை காற்றை சுவாசித்து இயற்கை உணவையே விரும்பி உண்டு, இயற்கையோடு இயைந்து வாழ்வதே உன்னத வாழ்வு என்று உணர்ந்து தினவாழ்வில் பிரார்த்தனை மற்றும் யோகா செய்வதை கடமையாகக் கொண்டு சிறந்த மருத்துவமாகிய யோகா மற்றும் இயற்கை மருத்துவத்தை மக்களிடம் சேர்க்க அரும்பாடுபட்டவர் எங்கள் அம்மா மதர் லியோ பிரவோ

இயற்கை வேளாண்மையை ஊக்குவித்து பல அரிய மூலிகைச் செடிகளை சேகரித்து மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் மக்கள் மூலிகைகள் பற்றிய விழிப்புணர்வைப் பெற ஒரு சிறந்த மூலிகைத் தோட்டத்தை சேவாப்பூரிலும் இயற்கை வேளாண்மைப் பள்ளியை வினோபாஜி புரத்திலும் அமைய காரணமானவர் எங்கள் அம்மா மதர் லியோ பிரவோ.

சிறிய குழந்தைகளைப் பேண அங்கன்வாடிகளும், ஏழை குழந்தைகளுக்கு கைத்தொழிலுடன் கூடிய தங்கிப்பழக வசதியுள்ள பள்ளியையும், கல்வியுடன் ஒழுக்கத்தை கற்றுத் தரும் பிரார்த்தனை, யோகா வழிமுறைகளும், படிக்கும் காலத்திலேயே இயற்கை வேளாண்முறைகளையும், பாரம்பரிய கலைகளான சிலம்பு, கராத்தே முதலிய கலைகளும் மாணவர்கள் அறியக் காரணமானவர் எங்கள் அம்மா மதர் லியோ பிரவோ.

வேலை இல்லாதவர்களுக்கு வேலை கொடுத்து, வீடு இல்லாதவர்களுக்கு வீடு கொடுத்து, (Peace Strength Joy) அமைதி, உறுதி, மகிழ்ச்சி இவற்றை தாரக மந்திரமாய் கொண்டு உலக மக்களிடையே மதபிரிவினை வராமல் சமத்துவத்தைப் போதிக்கும் ஓம் கோவிலை தோற்றுவித்தவர் எங்கிருந்தோ (பெல்ஜியத்திலிருந்து) வந்து தன் குடும்பத்தைப் பற்றி கவலைப்படாமல் மக்களின் சேவையையே தன்மூச்சாகக் கொண்டு தன் இறுதி மூச்சுவரை மக்களுக்காக உழைத்தவர் எங்கள் அம்மா மதர் லியோ பிரவோ!



– ஆ. மாணிக்கம்

அன்னை லியோ பிரவோ அவர்களை 1990 - 1991 காலக்கட்டத்தில் பார்த்திருக்கிறேன். அப்பொழுது கடவூர் அரசுப் பள்ளியில் பயின்றேன். அந்த சமயத்தில் இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் உதவியுடன் பயன்பெற்ற மாணவர்களும் உடன் பயின்றனர். அந்த காலக்கட்டங்களில் அவ்வப்பொழுது அன்னை அவர்கள் நண்பர்களுடன் விஜயம் செய்து வந்து பள்ளியில் அவர்களின் உதவியுடன் பயின்ற மாணவர்களை அன்பாக அரவணைத்து வாங்கி வந்த பரிசுப் பொருட்களை வழங்கி மகிழ்ச்சியூட்டியதனை இன்றளவும் நினைத்துப் பார்த்து நெகிழ்ந்து போகின்றேன்.

இதே காலக்கட்டத்தில் இப்பகுதியில் இருக்கும் குக்கிராமங்களில் இருந்த ஏழை எளியோர்களுக்கு வாரம் ஒரு முறை ரேஷன் பொருட்களை வழங்கியதனையும் பார்த்து இருக்கின்றேன். அதனை இன்றளவில் நினைத்துப் பார்க்கும்போது அது எவ்வளவு பெரிய அற்புத செயல் என உணர்கின்றேன்.

இதே போல் இப்பகுதியில் இருந்த முதியோர்களுக்கு தினசரி பால் வழங்கியதனையும், அவர்களின் வாழ்வாதாரத்திற்கு தேவைகளை நிறைவேற்றும் விதத்தில் சிறிய நிதிஉதவியினையும் வழங்கிய செயல்பாட்டினை நினைத்து பார்க்கையில் மிகவும் பெருமையாக இருக்கின்றது. ஏனெனில் தான் பெற்ற குழந்தைகளே பெற்றோர்களை கவனிக்காத சூழலில் அவர்கள் செய்த செயல்பாடுகளை சாதாரணமாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாது.

எனது கல்லூரிப் படிப்பிற்கு பிறகு 2004இல் இவ்வமைப்பில் பகுதி நேரப் பணியாளராக பணிபுரிவதறகு வாய்ப்பு கிடைத்தது. அப்போதிலிருந்து இன்றுவரை (1.6.2018) என்னால் அன்னை அவர்கள் செய்திருந்த சீர்திருத்தப் பணிகளையும், சேவைப் பணிகளையும் எண்ணிப் பார்க்கையில் இவற்றையெல்லாம் ஒரு சாதாரண மனிதரால் நிறைவேற்றிட முடியாது என உணர்கின்றேன். மேலும் இன்றளவும் அறிவுசார்ந்த சான்றோர் பெருமக்களையும் தக்க வைத்துக் கொண்டு இருப்பதற்கு காரணம் அன்னை எனும் அற்புத விளக்கே என உறுதியாகக் கூற முடியும்.

'மனிதம்' கற்ற மாமேதை

க. மாதவன் ஆசிரியர், தினமலர், சேலம், வினோபாஜிபுரம்

'அன்பே பிரதானம்' என்று அன்பை போற்றியவர். அன்பை ஆராதித்தவர். அன்பை நேசித்தவர். அன்பிற்கு இலக்கணமானவர். அன்பின் அடையாளமும் அவரே. அவர் தான், அன்னை லியா பிராவோ.

தோல்வியை தூக்கி எறிந்துவிட்டு எழுந்து ஓடுபவனே வெற்றிக்கு சொந்தக்காரனாக முடியும். துவளாத மனமும், தொடர் முயற்சியும் உள்ளவரே சாதனையாளராக முடியும். இதில் தொடர் முயற்சி, துவளாத துணிவு, தளராத மனம், நேசிக்கத் தெரிந்த தாய்மை உள்ளம் என்று எண்ணற்ற அணிகளை கலன்க(ளா)கக் கொண்டவர், என் அன்னை, லியா பிராவோ.

தனது வளர்ச்சி, தன் குடும்ப வளர்ச்சி என்று தமிழகத்து கனிமங்களை கொள்ளையிட்டு கோடிக் கோடியாக சேர்த்துக் கொண்டவர்கள் மத்தியில், தனது சொந்த சொத்துக்களையே விற்று பிறருக்காக வாழ்ந்த கருணையின் கிரீடம். 'இரக்க' தேசத்து இளவரசி.

பணம் மட்டுமே வாழ்க்கையென்று அறியாமையில் செறுக்குடன் வாழ்பவர்களோடு ஒப்பீடு செய்ய முடியா பெருந்தலைவி. இமயம் தாண்டி, விண்ணைத் தொட்ட 'விடிவெள்ளி'. மண்ணையும், மணி நீரையும் மதிக்கத் தெரிந்த மங்கையர்கரசி.

எனது தலைமுறையில் பல நிறுவனங்களை கட்டமைத்தவர்களைப் பற்றி கேள்விப்பட்டிருக்கிறேன். படித்தும் இருக்கிறேன். ஆனால், இரண்டு ஊர்களையே உருவாக்கிய ஒருவரை காதால் கேள்வியுற்று, அந்த ஊர்களின் வளர்ச்சியை நேரில் காணும் பாக்கியம் பெற்றேன். ஊரையே நிர்மாணிக்க முடியும் என்கிற வல்லமை அன்னையைத் தவிர வேறெவருக்கும் வந்து விடாது. அந்த பிரமிப்பில் இருந்து இன்றளவும் என்னை விலக்கிக் கொள்ள முடியவில்லை.

இன்று அந்த ஊர், வளம் சேர்க்கும் பூமியாக மரங்களடர்ந்த பிரதேசமாக காட்சி தருகிறது. ஆனால், அந்த வளமைக்குப் பின்னே அன்னையின் முயற்சியும், உழைப்பும் தீபமாக ஒளிந்திருக்கிறது. ஆமாம், ஒளிர்ந்து நிற்கிறது. எதற்கழுகிறோம் என்றறியாமலேயே அழும் குழந்தை போல, திக்கற்று நின்ற தாயகம் திரும்பியோருக்கு, தாய் வீடானது, வினோபாஜிபுரம். அந்த நிலங்களின் சிறு கற்களெல்லாம் அன்னையின் பாதம்பட்டு, சாப விமோசனம் பெற்று மண்ணாக மாறி, மகிழ்வோடு வளம் சேர்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றன.

மனிதர்களை நேசிக்கத் தெரிந்த உன்னத குணம் கொண்டவர். மதங்களுக்கு அப்பாற்பட்டவர். 'மனிதம்' என்கிற கோட்பாடே அவரது தாரக மந்திரம். அதில் 'அன்பே' அவரது வழிபாட்டுத் தெய்வம்.

அவர் பட்டங்கள் பெற்றாரா என்பதை நானறியேன். ஆனால், மனிதனை நேசிப்பதில், மனிதனை யாசிப்பதில், எதிர்கால சந்ததி குறித்து யோசிப்பதில், அவர் முனைவர் என்பேன். ஆமாம், அவர் 'மனிதம்' கற்ற மாமேதை. தாய்மையின் மணிமகுடம்.

அம்மியும், ஆட்டுக்கல்லும், குளியலறைக்கு பக்கெட்டும் என சின்னச்சின்ன விஷயங்களையும் சிந்தித்து சீதனமாய் அளித்த வள்ளல். எமை ஈன்ற தாய் கூட, இப்படியெல்லாம் சிந்தித்து சீர்தர முடியுமா என்று வியந்து நிற்கிறேன்; அவரின் தாயுள்ளம் கண்டு மலைத்து நிற்கிறேன்.

வாழ்க்கையை வாழக் கற்றுத்தந்த தீர்க்கதரிசி. பொழுது புலரும் முன்னே துயிலெழுவதும், யோகாசபைப் பயிற்சி செய்வதும், இயற்கை பானங்கள் அருந்துவதும் என தானும் செய்து சுற்றியிருப்பவருக்கும் கற்றுத் தந்த ஆசான்.

'ஓம்' என்ற ஓங்காரச் சொல்லே, இப்புவியை கட்டமைக்கும் 'ஆக்சிஜன்' என்பதை உணர்ந்த அறிவியல் மேதை. 'ஓம்' என்ற மந்திரச் சொல்லுக்கு கோவிலமைத்த தத்துவஞானி, உலகில் வேறெங்கும் கிளைகளில்லாத அதிசயங்களில் ஒன்று. ஆமாம், இது எட்டாவது அதிசயமே. குளிர்பிரதேசத்து ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகளின் பெல்ஜியத்து பிரஜையான, அவர் எம் வெப்ப மண்டலத்துக் காற்றை சுவாசிக்கக் கற்றுக் கொண்ட கெட்டிக்கார, மாணவி.

கரூர் மாவட்டத்தின் கடைக்கோடி, கடவூர் வரலாற்றில், எம் அன்னை லியா பிராவோவின் சாதனைச் சுவடுகளை சரித்திரம் பேசும்.

அவர் வாழ்ந்த காலங்களில் அருகிருந்து அவரை தரிசிக்க முடியவில்லை என்கிற வேதனை என்னுள் விம்மிப்புடைக்கிறது. அவரைக் காண முடியாத ஏக்கம் இரும்புக் கத்தியாக உள்ளிருந்து என் நெஞ்சை வலிக்கச் செய்கிறது. என் கண்களுக்கு காணக் கிடைக்கிற 'கடவுள்', அன்னை லியா பிராவோ. ஆமாம், காணக் கிடைக்காதவர், கடவுளாகத்தானே இருக்க முடியும்!

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அன்பு அன்னையன் வெளச்சம்

சு.தமிழரசன் வேதியியல் துறை, ஜெயராம் கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரி ஆட்டாம்பரப்பு



அன்பின் சிகரமே

அணையா விளக்கே!

அன்பே என் ஆனந்தமே

ஆனந்தமே என் ஆயுளே!

அன்பென்ற பெயரிலே அகில

உலகத்தை அடக்கிய என் அன்னையே!

ஆயுதம் ஏந்துவது உன் திட்டமல்ல

அன்பை புகடமுவது உன் திட்டமாகும்!

அன்பே பிரதானம் என்னும்

ஆலயத்தை உருவாக்கி

அங்குள்ள குழந்தைகளுக்கு கல்வியை

வழங்கிய கருணைந் தெய்வமே!

உண்ணை உணவு

உடுத்த உடை

இருக்க இருப்பிடம் என்று

எங்களுக்கு நீ வழங்கினாய்

ஆணால் நாங்கள் உணர்ந்தது

இவை முக்கனிகளாய்

முன்று ரத்தினங்களாய்

முக்காலங்களாய் எங்கள்

மனதில் காடீசியளிக்கிறது எங்கள் மனதில் இருள் சூழ்ந்துவிடீடால்

அங்கு ஒளியாய் காடீசியளிக்கிறாய் எங்கள் துண்பங்களை போக்குவதற்காக

புமிதான இயக்கத்தின் மூலம் நீ

இமையங்களை சரித்து இல்லாத மக்களுக்கு இல்லங்களை அளித்து மக்களின்

இதயங்களில் இடம் பிடித்த இதய தெய்வமே!

1984இல் மக்கள் தெய்வமாய் காடீசி அளித்தாய் அண்று ஆணால்

குழந்தைகளின் அன்பின் தெய்வமாக காடீசி அளிக்கிறாய் இன்று!

நான் அன்னை தெரசாவை வணங்கிய போது என்னிட அன்பு பிறந்தது

கலாமை வணங்கிய போது

என்னிடம் அறிவு பிறந்தது

காந்தியை வணங்கிய போது

என்னிடம் அமைதி பிறந்தது

தாயே உன்னை வணங்கிய போது

இவை அனைத்தும் என்னிடம் பிறந்தன உலகில் உள்ள தெய்வங்கள் எவையும்

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நாடு விடீடு நாடு

கணாடம் விடீடு கணாடம்

கடவுளாய் காடீசி அளித்தாய் அன்று!

கருணையின் கடவுளாக காடீசி

அளிக்கிறாய் இன்று!

அம்மா இல்லா குழந்தைகளுக்கு

நீ தான் அம்மா!

அப்பா இல்லா குழந்தைகளுக்கு

நீ தான் அப்பா!

இவற்றை எல்லாம் காணும்

என் அன்னையை

அதிசயப் பிறவி என்கிறேன்

என் அதிசயப் பிறவியை வணங்கி

வாழ்க் உன் புகழ்!

வாழ்க் உன் அன்பின் புகழ்!

வாழ்க என் அன்னையின் புகழ்!

வாழ்க வளமுடன்!

வாழ்க் வளமுடன்!

வாழ்க் வளமுடன்!



Mother Lea Pravo- A Visionary of Sustainable Development

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"When inner lamp burns, it illuminates the whole world"

- Mahatma Gandhi

Impressed by the Gandhian principles and love for the humanity in distress Ms. Lea Pravo a 48 year old lady from Belgium, landed in India in 1966. She was guided by two great disciples of Mahatma Gandhi to identify the deserving poor and serve them for their total development - Rev.R.R. Keithan of Amercia and Rev Joseph Jean Lauze del Vasto (Shanthidoss) of France.

Though they came to India as Missionaries they were inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's principles of Truth, nonviolence, selfless service to humanity in need, love, brotherhood, self reliance mutual understanding, reverence to all faiths and nature, mutual co-operation, dignity of labour, devotion, dedication, confidence and discipline and became true disciples of Gandhiji. They were serving the deserving poor in rural areas for their total development. On the basis of the inspiration she had from them Ms.Lea Pravo started her service near Ayyalur from where she walked along with a few young people to a beautiful hilly place. She identified this place a suitable and a conducive atmosphere to start working for the people in need. It was God's grace that a Bhoodhan land of about 250 acres donated by the Kadavoor Zamine to Government, which was barren was allotted to Ms.Lea Pravo to initate the programme for the rural poor for their integrated and sustainable development. She wanted to empower the poor, downtrodden, jobless to stand on their own legs by providing education, employment, shelter, and health care services.

Mother Lea Pravo's aspiration to serve the people in her own country when they were suffering due to the second world war. She begged food in the public and fed who starved. Her family also suffered. Her father and after marriage her husband had to involve in many odd works to earn their livelihood. While serving the poor she met Joseph Jean Lanza Vasto Shanthidas, a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi. Ms.Pravo was much impressed by his service to humanity following Gandhian non violent method and brotherhood. She wanted to work with him in the Ark Community a Social service unit founded by Shanthidas. But Shantidas motivated Pravo to visit the land of Mahatma and see how his principles of

nonviolence was in action. At the same time her commitment to her family, husband and only son made her feel that they should not be neglected. Unfortunately her husband who was of great help in all her services she rentered to the poor passed away in 1965. It was he who encouraged and supported Ms. Lea Pravo to undertake services to the poor. So, she wanted to continue her services to the poor in Europe and after having contact with Shantidas, her attention diverted towards developing countries.

Fortunately Pravo's son Paul got married in 1965 after his father's demise. This gave little solace to Pravo to leave his family in Belgium and came to India in 1966. First as per the instruction of Shandhidas she visited Wardha where Gandhiji established his Ashram and undertook the constructive work. She visited similar institutions in India, especially in South where Gandhiji's constructive work was undertaken by Indians, the disciples of Gandhi, under the guidance of Shandhidas and his friends in India. It was at T.Kallupatty, she stayed for quite long time and observed the activities of Gandhiniketan Ashram which was concentrating on providing skill training, in khadi and village industries to eliminate unemployment and poverty. She was highly convinced that only by providing skill to earn one's own livelihood people will be able to stand on their own legs without depending upon others. This is revealed in the Vision, Missions and Core values of Inbaseva Sangam founded by Mother Pravo.

The Vision emphasizes on creating a sustainable, small rural vibrant, harmonius peaceful society, to achieve the Mission of transforming a downtrodden society into a socially and economically self sufficient society. To achieve her aim Mother had faith in Gandhian value system and convinced that this would lead to a sustainable development of the society.

Education: Initially Mother established a home for children to look after them when their parents were at work. Then Annai Lea school was started. Though in the beginning the school was not approved by the Department of Education of Government of TamilNadu, now it is an approved Higher Secondary school catering to children from ISS, Vinobajipuram and near by villages but also attracted students from other districts by seeing its quality in education, opportunity for skill training and its aim of good character formation.

Children are provided with education that will promote total personality of young girls and boys. Besides academic achievement by securing good marks in the examination there is equal importance given to extra and co-curricular activities. Gandhian principles of learning by doing and living are practiced in ISS school. They live in tune with nature, take care of the nature around them, at the same time the students are exposed to the modern technology like computer education, regular visits to the library to encourage reading habits, for promoting competency in various subjects and skill in reading, writing every class conducts Association meetings regularly. Through Summer camps, eco club activities the school surroundings are taken care of by keeping the place clean and green.

Health for all: By establishing the nature cure centre in ISS people in the Ashram and villages around were ensured health care services for all. Mother Pravo's experience in Naturopathy treatment in Belgium and other Europian countries under the guidance of Shandhidas made her follow Indian system in Sevapur without any difficulty. She established a full fledged well equipped Naturopathy clinic with a qualified doctor. Cultivation of Herbs was encouraged in the land at Sevapur. Students were trained in the cultivation and making a few simple Herbal medicines. They are linked to farmers and the public to cultivate and market the herbal medicines and traditional grains. This promoted the community and school linkage.

By teaching and practicing yoga meditation and living with nature, not only inmates of Ashram but also those who believed in naturopathy treatment started coming to Inba Seva Sangam and get Naturopathy treatment which is harmless, without any side effect and less expensive. Through this the students of ISS school the workers of ISS and another village Vinobajipuram created by her get quality medical facility. Nature cure system is becoming very popular now through out the globe.

Shelter for all: When displaced people from Srilanka came to India during and after the war Indian Government established few camps and helped them. Mother Leo took this as a crucial issue and wanted to make use of opportunity to help them to create a place to live and employment, to strengthen their livelihood. She approached the Government of TamilNadu with a request to provide some land. Government was kind enough to provide nearly 500 acres of waste land near Mavathur in Trichy district. Her aim was to create a village with minimum facilities such as small house with 2 rooms, toilet, poultry farm, cattle shed ,a small school, a common centre where people could assemble for common functions and discuss their issues. When she planned for 210 families to settle in this place she was in need of fund. She approached her friends and well wishers in Beligium, Commission of European countries for funds. At the same time local people also came forward. Generous help from abroad and helping hands in our own land made Vinobajipuram to have its birth.

After getting the land from the Government Mother had a systematic planning of establishing a small village for the wholesome development of people who would occupy that village. She planned for an ideal village with all the facilities needed for the people to involve in agriculture and other small scale industries. It started with construction of check dams and water devining wells for both drinking and farming, with the help of experts from Agriculture University, Trichy. With availability of plenty of water the farming started with planting of variety of trees. Each family was provided with 1 1/2 acres of land for farming.

A cattle shed along with milk society, a poultry farm to accommodate nearly 6000 birds were constructed as common facility centres As mother was inspired by the ideals of Vinobaji

the village was named after his name as Vinobajipuram. On the day of inauguration of Vinobajipuram Mother handed over keys to 70 families and other houses were under construction. They were well planned houses which took care of comforts, also promoted co-operative living without any discrimination of caste and religion. Common functions and other programmes were held in the community centre. Adult literacy programme was also conducted. Later a Balwadi and primary school now a community college were started.

After the completion of the construction of the houses formally the Vinobajipuram with 196 houses was handed over to the Panchayat union so that this settlement becomes part of the Governance of the Panchayat and gets all the facilities from the Government by becoming Indian citizens.

A new village created for the sufferers from Srilanka with all the facilities made them stand on their own legs by providing houses, land with water facilities for farming, cattles with sheds, poultry farm, common community centre to conduct any function without any discrimination, now looks a greenery spot. The rural youths also undergo training in biodynamic, organic farming so that the nature could be preserved, the health of humanity could be nurtured and preserved. This activity motivated a few from the Europe to start a Community college at Vinobajipuram, which offers a 2 year diploma course to the youths, after schooling so that with this Diploma course from community college they could get employment easily. It is a boon to students and unemployed youth. Mother's friends, especially Anthroposophist in Europe provided financial assistance to initiate and run the community college at Vinobajipuram. They also guided the community college for running it effectively by farming its rules and regulations.

Mother's approach to integrated rural development, not only the people in Inba Seva Sangam and Vinobajipuram were benefitted but also she extended her services to the people in other the villages around, especially during natural calamities. When people were unemployed during drought season she provided Khadi and village industries programme about which Mother learnt during her stay at T.Kallupatty. Herbal gardening, Beekeeping and organic farming also helped the unemployed youth and women. Though all these services of Mother was not charity, there was indirect transformation in the life style of the people and synergised towards a life with meaning.

Woman's development and empowerment was attempted by establishing Self Helf Groups in Kadavur area . These women are empowered not only by saving and getting loan but also opportunities are provided to learn small scale industries, so that they could stand on their own legs. These women also could provide employment to many who are unemployed.

Mother Leo Pravo started her social service with a dream of achieving a peaceful, joyful and wholesome society where there will be no discrimination between rich and

poor, haves and havenots as Gandhiji dreamt of .He wanted to achieve freedom through nonviolent way and lead a violent free, peaceful life which attracted Mother Leo Pravo who also suffered during the Second World War, in Europe. Her suffering and relationship with Shandhidas made, Mother to create a place where people can live in peace and tranquility .Her quest for a peaceful society made the creation of Inba Seva Sangam and Vinobajipuram along with extension activities to reach out to a large number of people in suffering.

With gratitude we appreciate and thank Mother Leo Pravo, a brave woman from Belgium who was committed to an integrated development of people in a remote place in India by creating Inba Seva Sangam and Vinobajipuram where people live with dignity and joy. I am proud to know that the vision of a great woman from Belgium had brought a transformation in the life of poor and down trodden, by creating a sustainable integrated development of the people now celebrating its "Golden Jubliee".

"He, who is endowed with divine attributes become immortal".

- Mahatma Gandhi.



Genesis of Om temple at Sevapoor

- M. Pathamuthu S. Melapatti / 9585521935

The subsistence and existence of universe continues in being, not only apparently transparent and vibrant, but instinctively uncomprehensible, imperishable, hidden, mystic also secretive as well. As such, since from time immemorial the sages and saints, prophets and philosophers, seers and seekers of truth, inclusive of professional scientists of the day have been probing to unlock the secrets of universe as to elicit answers pertaining to implicit questions such as what, where, when, how, and why, in their our angle of their presumption and perception. The Cambridge professor of global acclaim, Mr. Stephen Hawking professes, "My goal is simple. It is complete understanding of the universe why it is as it is and why it exists at all" His lifelong diligent and intelligent exploration has not brought the secrets of universe to light yet, the world – wide earnest endeavour prolong, all along, to find out the inherent secret spirit hidden behind. We hope the day will dawn, the darkness out and bright light in.

This is a thought – provoking parable, telling about vainglorious efforts being initiated that end in smoke subsequently.

The cat, we know, is fond of drinking milk. It was sitting hungry beside the shore of a sea brimming with ambrosia – divine milk. It began to lip and sip the divine milk with hunger, intending to devour entire milk and empty the sea. Is it possible? If so, is it credible?

Of course, the cat with unsatiated hunger drank the ambrosia to its hearts content but the sea was brim as it was, least diminishing. Why? How?

As a matter of fact, it is a checkmate to the seekers of reality, philosophers and religious theologians as well.

The spirituality blossoms where religionness fades. Presently, gone are the days of politics and religions. The general public are fed up with dirty dealings of politicians, and fanaticism and fundamentalism of the religionists nowadays, of course, with rare exceptions. The politics is in the hopeless and helpless, greasy hands of fraudulent, insidious and sinister mongering ministry of bureaucracy. The religions are possessively institutionalized, and administered by power mongering heads with tentacles of dogmatic rules and regulations.

The catastrophic calamity devastated the European countries, tragically inflicting most the small countries like Belgium at the end of world war. Lea Pravo, pious, peace – loving, God – fearing lady was terribly, bewildered and bewailed. She felt deeply, and made up her mind to resurrect a new world order, where there will be least cruelty but most tranquility least authority, but most humility, least barbarity but most civility. With that goal in mind, Mother Lea Pravo approached Shantidas (Joseph Jean Lanzedel Vasta) of France, a staunch disciple of Gandhiji for his guidance.

With his able guidance, she visited and contacted many Gandhian institutions in Tamil Nadu and established two settlements at Sevapoor and Vinobajipuram in Kadavoor valley as model Communes, assimilating the Arc Commune of Shantidas.

Inba Seva Sangam was established by Annai Lea Pravo in the year 1968, duly registered and documented under societies Registration Act. It is an organization rooted on Gandhian Value for peace and prosperity for humanity as a whole. She was inspired by the oracular message of Jesus Christ, "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you" and perspired to accomplish her aspiration.

Gandhiji enunciated 11 Vows to be observed by any dedicated social activist to weed out seven deadly social sins inflicting the society. His noble eleven vows captivated the heart of Annai and found those instinctive message as guiding star to seek the truth and solace in her life.

She lived as a solitary hermit, conversing with her 'self' with searching questions, knocking at the doors of seers and seekers of truth, with her Christian faith and conviction and Indian traditional philosophy of life, paving ways and means for the downtrodden to have enough food, enough security, enough amenities uplifting them to prosperity.

Annai Lea Pravo became enlightened more and more, through her meditation introspection, and intuition and got to confirm that "Absolate and Relative belong to one and same Reality, it is beyond speech and mind. It is borne in the flash, assuming various forms with various activation. From that one Reality, Om, a Mantra composed of three letters a, u, am, the first manifested of sound, has emenated"

It is simply enough to repeat Om grasphing the full intent and content of the same to attain the ambition of perfection.

With that conviction and faith, Annai, made up her mind to build a temple highlighting Om, for the upliftment of cultural and spiritual status of the people residing at Sevapur. It was her fervent fervour and hope that Om Mantra will shine like the morning star, to enlighten all general public as well to realize the cosmic Reality and Divinity, to lead a life of piety, spirituality and loving of humanity of the world.

She had erected and installed a beautifully carved pillar, crowning with Om symbol, inscribing her beloved Mantra, Anbe Prathanum, "Love is ever supreme" in selective Indian languages, and English. Perhaps, this Om koil, may be only prevailing temple in Bharat, nay, in the world, to delineate to the international community, the internal and eternal values nourished and cherished by sages and saints dwelt in the hermitages of India.

Mere economic and social development of the people alone, will not hold good yielding prosperous harvest, substantively. Only spiritual reawakening and resurrection alone will be conducive for congenial harmony, world – wide irrespective of divisions and seperations caused by, in the name of languages, religions, sects, colours, culture, even national barriers.

The Om Koil, dedicated by Annai Lea Pravo, is rededicated now with minor renovation on this august auspicious day (20.8.2018) by His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Sri Banwarilal Purohit.

It is our fervent faith that cosmic will, God – Almighty, omnipotent, Omnipresent and omniscient, the embodiment of Sat – Chit – Anand – Existence – knowledge – Bliss, may shower us blessing to anybody and every body on meditation and recitation of Om, the supreme Pranava. We emboss in our inner voice

"It is Om, that itself is the thing indicated as well as indicator"



சேவாப்பூர்ல் ஒரு சமத்துவக் கோவில்

– மா.பா. குருசாமி செயலாளா், காந்தி அருங்காட்சியகம் மதுரை

காந்தியடிகளின் ஆசிரமங்களிலும், சாந்திதாஸ் நிறுவிய சமுதாயங்களிலும் எல்லாச் சமயங்களையும் சமமாகக் கருதும் மனப்பான்மையை உறுப்பினர்களிடம் வளர்ந்து வருகின்றனர். அன்னை லியோ பிரவோ இந்த முயற்சியில் மேலும் ஒர் அடி எடுத்து வைத்திருக்கின்றார். எல்லா சமயத்தவர்களும் ஒன்றாக வணங்கவும் வழிபடவும் ஓர் கோவிலை உருவாக்கி, அதற்கு ஓம் கோவில் என்று பெயரிட்டிருக்கின்றார்.

'ஓம்' என்ற நாத ஒலியில் இறைவன் இருக்கின்றான் உருவமும் பெயரும் இல்லா இறைவனுக்கு கோவிலை உருவாக்க எண்ணிய அன்னையின் உள்ளத்தில் ஓம் என்ற நாத வடிவம் தோன்றக் காரணம் இருக்கின்றது.

அன்னையின் வழிகாட்டியும் குருவுமான சாந்திதாஸ் 1969 இல் சேவாப்பூருக்கு வந்த பொழுது அவரே உருவாக்கிய ஓம் சின்னத்தை இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்திற்கு வழங்கியிருக்கின்றார்.1975யில் மறுபடியும் அவர் சேவாப்பூருக்க வந்த பொழுதும் ஒம் பற்றிப் பேசியிருக்கின்றார்.

'ஓம்' என்பதைப் பொதுவாக இந்து சமயத்தோடு இணைத்துப் பேசுகின்றனர். ஒரு வேளை இறைவனை ஒளியாகவும் ஒலியாகவும் உணர்ந்த அருளாளர்கள், தீபத்தை வழி பட்டதைப் போன்று ஓம் நாதத்தை உச்சரித்திருக்கலாம். அதுவே இந்து சமயத்தின் உயிர்ச் சொல்லாகியிருக்கலாம்.

வேத நூலில் யோவான் எழுதின நற்செய்தியில் முதல் வசனம், 'ஆதியிலே வார்த்தை இருந்தது. அந்த வார்த்தை தேவனிடத்திலிருந்து அந்த வார்த்தை தேவனாயிருந்தது' என்பதாகும். ஆதியிலேயிருந்து சொல் எது? அது 'ஒம்' ஆக இருக்கலாம்.ஏனெனில் ஒன்றுமே இல்லையென்று கூறுகின்ற ஒரு குகைக்குள் சென்று காது கொடுத்துக் கேட்டால் 'ஒம்' ஒலியைக் கேட்கலாம். இன்று அறிவியல் இதை மெய்ப்பித்திருக்கிறது. பிரபஞ்ச இயக்க ஓசை ஒம் என்று இருப்பதாக அறிவியல் கண்டுபிடித்திருக்கிறது.

தியானம் செய்கின்றவர்கள் உச்சரிக்க, உருவத்தில் மனம் ஒன்றாத ஒலி வடிவாக இருக்கும் சொல் வேண்டு மென்பார்கள். அப்படிப்பட்ட மந்திரச் சொல்லாக 'ஒம்' இருக்கின்றது. 'ஓம்' என்ற சொல்லை யாரும் எளிதாக உச்சரிக்கலாம். அதற்கு முயற்சியோ பயிற்சியோ வேண்டாம். இது ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட மொழி சார்ந்த சொல் அல்ல. அந்தச் சொல்லில் மனம் ஒன்றே உள்ளொளி பெருக்கும்.

அன்னை லியோ பிரவோ இவை எல்லாவற்றையும் மனத்தில் கொண்டு கட்டிய சமத்துவக் கோவிலுக்கு 'ஒம்' கோவில் என்று பெயரிட்டிருக்கிறார். சேவாப்பூரில் அன்னையின் நினைவகமான அமைதிப்பூங்காவிற்கு அருகில் அமைந்திருக்கும் ஓம் கோவிலின் அமைப்பு நம்மை வியப்பில் ஆழ்த்துகின்றது. சிந்திக்க வைக்கின்றது.

ஒரு மேடையின் மீது ஒங்கி வளர்ந்த கல்தூண். அதில் எட்டுப் பட்டைகள். ஒவ்வொரு பட்டையிலும் 'அன்பே - பிரதானம்' என்ற இரு சொற்கள் தமிழ் உட்பட எட்டு மொழிகளில் பொறிக்கப்பட்டடுள்ளன. இந்தக்கல்லை அருமையாக மகாபலிபுரத்தில் வடிவமைத்து சேவாப்பூருக்குக் கொண்டு வந்திருக்கின்றார்கள். திறந்த வெளியில் வானம் கூரையாக அமைந்த கோவில் எண்; கோண கல்தூண்தான் ஓம் என்ற நாதவடிவம்.

இறைவனை எண்குணத்தானாக எண்ணிப் பார்த்தவர்கள் உண்டு. அதனை அறிந்தோ அறியாமலோ எட்டுப் பட்டைகள் கொண்ட தூணை அமைத்திருப்பது வியந்து பாராட்டத்தக்கது. பிரபஞ்ச ஒலியான 'ஓம்' எண் திசைகளுக்கும் பொதுவானது என்பதைச் சுட்டுவதற்காக எட்டு மொழிகளில் அமைத்திருக்கலாம்.

1982 ஆம் ஆண்டில் கோவிலை உருவாக்கி, அதற்கு ஓம் கோவில் என்று பெயரிட்டு, குடமுழுக்கு விழாவும் (கும்பாபிஷேகமும்) நடத்தியது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. அன்னை நடத்திய குடமுழுக்கு புதுமையானது. கீழிலிருந்து தூண் உச்சி வரை ஒரு சாரம் கட்டி அன்னை மேலேறிச் சென்று அங்கிருந்து வாழ்த்தியிருக்கின்றார். அப்;போதைய செயலர். திரு. உ. மாணிக்கம் அங்கிருந்து புனித நீர் தெளிக்க, மூத்த பணியாளர் திரு.பி.குழந்தைவேல் மலர் தூவ குடமுழுக்கு நடைபெற்றிருக்கின்றது.

அப்பொழுதிலிருந்து ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் அன்னை பிறந்த நாளான டிசம்பர்-25 ஆம் நாளில் ஓம் கோவிலில் பொங்கல் விழா நடைபெறுகின்றது. இங்குள்ள மக்கள் மரபுப்படி பொங்கலிடுகின்றனர். திரு.மா.பழனி கோவிலில் வழிபாடு நடத்துகின்றார்.

இப்பொழுது அங்கு வாரம் ஒரு முறை இன்ப சேவா சங்க ஊழியர்கள், பள்ளி மாணவ,மாணவியர், ஆசிரியர்கள், ஊர் மக்கள் சேர்ந்து சர்வ சமய கூட்டு வழிபாடு நடத்துகின்றனர். அந்த வேளைகளில் பெரியவர்கள் அருளுரை வழங்குகின்றனர்.

திருப்பணிகளும் பரிகார பூஜைகளும் குடமுழுக்கு விழா

50ஆவது பொன்விழாவை முன்னிட்டு ஓம் கோவில் குடமுழுக்கு செய்யப்படுகிறது. ஊர் பொதுமக்கள் வழிபாடு செய்தவதற்காக ஓம் கோவில் நிறுவப்பட்டது.

ஓம்!!! ஓம் ! ஓம் !

ஆசைகள் அகற்றிய அருந்தமிழ் குரனியர் വൃതകധിർ കുൽവത്ത് പ്രതിളഗാ ഒരെ ! தன்னகத் தமர்ந்த தவநெறிச் சித்தன் தென்மொழித் தேடலில் නෙග්කරිනු ඉර් ඉනි ! ക്രൂള്പ്യ വര്യത്വാർ ஆகிய முதற்பொருள் சோதியாம் அருவக் **കു**പ്പെടുന്നി ഉക്കം ! மொழிகளின் ஓகைகள் முழுவதும் அடங்கிய அழி6வ இல்லா എത്രെയെ ഉത്കം! ஆழிப் பேரலை

<u> എ</u>ழ்கடல் ஓசை ! ஊழிக் கூக்கின் உருள்பெரும் ஓசை! എനിമിധർ ഒരെ ! உருள்டே ருலகின் உயிர்மொழி ஓசை! சோதியாம் கடவுள் கழன்றிடும் ஓசை! ത്ളിധന്ധ് തിൽ്ക്ക്നിട്ടെ வெழுத்திடும் ஓசை! ഒരു ഒരു ക്കിന്യും உணர்ந்தனர் கடவுளை! உணர்த்தினர் கடவுளை! ஒம் சாந்தி! ஒம் சாந்தி! ஒம் ह्या है है ।

ஓம் "Oom" ஓம் An Interreligious temple - Sevapur

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The Enlightened mystics (siddhars @ Saints) of classical TAMIL and SANSKRIT languages have been experiencing from time immemorial that BIO – DYNAMIC COSMIC ENERGY revolving all around the whole of Universe including Planet Earth, emits ONE SOUND namely "Oom", which has been symbolically expressed as Xk;, Oom in Tamil. and Xk; (Oom) in devanagari Script.

In Bible too, it is said,

"In the beginning there was a word and the word was with God and the word was God (John 1:1)There, they do not say which word.

But ,the Enlightened mystics of India have deciphered and disclosed the word as Xk; (Oom). Discoveries of space science have recently also confirmed it.

'Oom' is the eternal cosmic sound of oneness and that oneness is formlessness. 'Oom' is the sound which is there in the universe all the times-from 'Oom' everythings has come, 'Oom' everything dwells and into 'Oom' everything will dissolve.

The sound of 'Oom' encompasses all words and all sounds in all human languages across the word. 'Oom' is the matrix of all sounds irrespective of religions, beliefs, faiths and worships.

Let us now have a scientific glance over it.

Cosmic sound is sound waves with frequencies higher than the upper audible limit of human hearing, 'Oom' is the universal symphony of God's particles otherwise known as Higgs - Bosan particles (Noble prize was awarded recently)

Mother Lea provo has learnt the word (Oom) from her spiritual **Guru Sandhidoss**. During inter religion prayers and at the beginning of each session of meditations and yoga practices, She started introducing the long, slow and group audible chanting of Oom sound. Mother Lea Provo, subsequently constructed one Oom Temple at Sevapur village.

One beautiful park with flower garden was constructed by Mother Lea Provo. In the middle she constructed the Oom Temple. A fantasti eight sided huge carved Oom Stone pillar with eight triangular face at the top was erected. On every side the a words 'Love is

Supreme' have been carved in eight different Languages namely Tamil, Sanskrit, English, Urdu, Arabic, French, Germany and Hindi.

The divine devanagari word Oom is carved at the top cried of the pillar. The pillar is beautifully designed and artistically made at Mehabalipuram by eminent sculptors and brought into Sevapur by mother Lea Provo.

The construction of Temple was completed in 1982 and the opening ceremony *kumbalibishekam* was conducted by mother Lea Provo herself.

The festival is being celebrated every year on the birthday of Mother Lea Provo is 25th December, the Christmas day. This inter religious divine Oom temple stands now naturally renovated ,environmentally enlarged and spiritually rededicated under the auspious . hands of his Excellency Shri.Banwarilal Purohitji for the spiritual oneness and universal peace ,joy and happiness of mankind irrespective of ,religion language and gender.

Remembering The Noble and Service Minded Personalities and The Activites of Inba Seva Sangam, Sevapur



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Mother Leo – Pravo was very much interested in serving the community in some way or the other from the early days of her life in Belgium. After the demise of her husband she wanted to dedicate herself particularly to the service of the downtrodden in the society. She was inspired by the life and message of Mahatma Gandhi. She came to India to serve for the upliftment of the downtrodden. She wanted to promote Education, Health care, Development of organic farming and indigenous industries in the Gandhian line of thinking.

The three hundred acres of the Bhoodhan lands donated by the then Zamindar late Sri K.K.G. Muthiah were entrusted into the hands of mother Leo Pravo. She collected around 140 families of the schedule caste from the Kadavur area, constructing new houses and created a new village called Sevapur and distributed the Bhoodhan lands two acres pre family. Also she helped to dig community irrigation wells to provide irrigation facilities to carry notout the farm activities. Later also the TamilNadu state government entrusted hundreds of acres of lands near Tharagampatti of the Kadavur block into the hands of mother Leo – Pravo to rehabilitate the Tamil who refuges came to TamilNadu from Srilanka under the Shasthri And Pandara Nayaga Agreement. She constructed new houses for them and created a new village called Vinobajipuram. Lands were also distributed to those families as it was done in Sevapur.

I met mother Leo – Pravo in Coimbatore before she settled down in Sevapur and actively involved in serving the poor in the surrounding villages of the Kadavur area. After joining Gandhigram Deemed university I met mother several times. When I assumed charges as Vice-chancellor of the university I was asked to be one of the members of the executive committee of Inba Seva Sangam. I came to know that after the demise of the mother, the owner of the Hotel Buhari of Chennai was the president of the sangam for a brief period. Then father John Brito, former Principal of St. Joseph college of Trichy was requested to be the president. He was helping and gainding to carryout th service programmes of the sangam effectively.

When I was the president Mother Leo Pravo's memorial at the entrance of Sevapur was renovated. As it was suggested by Dr. M.P. Gurusamy, a good service minded engineer Mr.

Maria savior Amiliani designed the roof of the present structure of the memorial. The sangam is grateful to him for the same. During the same period Dr.M.P. Gurusamy, the then Vice President of Inba Seva Sangam, a great admirer of mother was requested to write the biography of the Mother Leo – Pravo in Tamil. He had completed the writing of the biography of mother and the book was released by late Dr.N. Mahalingam the then President of Madurai Gandhi Museum, an ardent follower of saint Ramalinga and Mahatma Gandhi.

I am also remembering the visit of Revered. Balvijayji, the disciple of Acharya Vioba Bhave, father of the Bhoodhan movement and the visit of Mr. Roberto, belonging to FOCOLORE movement which is working to bring unity among the religions to promote peace and harmony in the world community. In the meeting organized to honour Rural Balvijayji Mrs. K.K.G. Muthiah gave the welcome address in Hindi and Tamil in both the languages. Due to unavoidable circumstances late Shri Muthiaji could not attend the meeting Balvijayji appreciated the action of late Sri. K.K.G. Muthaiah and the members of his family for donating than hundred acres of land to bhoodhan movement in those days. When Mr. Roberto visited the Sangam he addressed the members of the felt. Help Groups and a few Presidents of the Gram Panchayats of the Kadavur self. He stressed the importance of creating a mutual understanding among the religious groups to promote peace and harmoy in the present day world community.

When Dr.M.P. Gurusamy was the President of the sangam students of the Gandhian Study Centre of the Kumaraguru College of Technology of Coimbatore and the co-ordinator of the study centre along with Dr. K.Kulandaivel, the former chancellor of Avinashilingam Deemed university for women visited Inba Seva Sangam and spent a day. They attended the morning prayer and participated in the Shramdhan work to clear the bushes and prepare the site infront of the office building for planting trees and flower plant saplings. Dr. K. Kulandaivel interacted with the students, teachers and the other workers of the Sangam. Father John Brito and the members of the General Body of Inba Seva Sangam elected me as its President.

When I was the President of Inba Seva Sangam Annai Lea High School started functioning with the approval of the Tamilnadu state government to help the children belonging to the families of the Schedule caste and the other children belonging to the families below the poverty line. Also number of poor children who were not having their parents were benefitted. Sister Gariyali I.A.S., Secretary to the then Governor of Tamilnadu admirer of Mother Lea Pravo was very helpful in getting the approval from the Education Department of the state for running the school. Mr. Balachandar, the then co-ordinator of the Sangam was asked to go to Chennai for that purpose. He a copy of the approval. Mr.

Mohana Sundaram of Karur, a reputed retired headmaster helped us in the selection of good teachers. Though we were following the secondary school syllabus of the Tamilnadu Government in addiction to that we started helping the boys and girls to acquire knowledge and work experience in the field of organic cultivation, cultivation of herbal plants and mushroom cultivation. The boys and girls were taught how to use the herbs and herbal means for curing simple ailments and deceases. It was also decided to teach some other trades appointing some part time teachers.

Conducting the inter – religions prayer sessions in the mornings and evenings in the hostels of the boys and girls, organizing meetings inviting scholars, Gandhian leaders and constructive workers and conducting discussion sessions on important current issues helped the boys and girls to gain knowledge in different subjects and know the right type of human values to observe in their lives.

When I was President of the Sangam, apart from maintaining the three acres of herbal garden and preparing home of the herbal medicines Mr. Arumugam the then worker incharge of maintaining the herbal garden visited number of schools in the Karur district and organized eco-clubs and helped the school children of some of the schools to form herbal gardens in the campus of their schools. I am also remembering participating in some of the meetings of the Eco – clubs.

Nearly two hundred women self Help groups were functioning under the guidance of Inba Seva Sangam. Its full time women workers were conducting monthly meetings in the villages where the self Help Groups were functioning to discuss the issues and problems connected with health, sanitation, women and child development and organic farming. Large number of men and women attended such meetings. Each group elected a convener and a treasure to conduct the meetings and maintain the accounts and recording the minutes of the meetings. The women coordinators of the Sangam monitored and guided the activities of the groups carefully. One of the Self – Help Group was running a milk purchasing and selling centre. The activities of the self – help groups were helpful for the economic development of the poor families to some extent.

Before the district authorities of the State government taking our Balwadies run by Inba Seva Sagam in some of the villages of Kadavur block they were functioning in an excellent way. Our Balwadi teachers were working hard with an appreciate knowledge and imagination. They created a free atmosphere for the children to do things and learn good habits under their guidance. When I was the President I used to visit a few times in a month and interacted with the children and the teachers. At present only the Balwadi at Vinobaji Puram is functioning under the control of Inba Seva Sangam....................... the Balwadi teacher is performing her duty in an excellent manner. Every Friday evening she is

conducting the Inter religions Prayer in the central hall of the community centre. Large member of elders, young men and women of Vinohajipuram and the boys and girls who are studying in the school at Tharagampatti are attending the Prayer.

When I was president of the sangam we organized a one day orientation programme for the Presidents of the Panchayat of the Karur District. CRUSADE a voluntary organisatio having its head quarters in Chennai helped in organizing the programmes. Mr. Jothi Ramalingam, President of the above said organization shared his experiences in working with some of the Panchayat Presidents of other districts of TamilNadu and Kerala. I explained the importance of planning for each Panchayat for its all – round Development.

As a follow up of that one day orientation programme Inba Seva Sangam started guiding and helping the Panchayats of the Kadavur block for planning and implementing development programmes at the Gram Panchayats and block levels. Along with the ward members we had discussions with the people and identified their individual and community needs. After discussions in the council meeting of the Panchayats the presidents submitted their plans to the Chair Person of the panchayat union. The union chairperson of the Kadavur block convened the meeting of the members of the union council and finalized the block level plan after discussion on the basis of the plans received from the presidents of the Gram Panchayats of the union and the schemes which were common to the block as a whole. Members of Inba Seva Sangam, Extension officers of the block and other expects were involved in suggesting the financial allocations to various schemes.

The union chair person submitted the plans of the block and the Gram Panchayats to the district and state level authorities. The President of Inba Seva Sangam also sent copies of the plan document to the Chief minister and the collector of Karur District. After some days we received a communication from the collectorate of Karur district stating that the plan schemes of the Kadavur union and the Gram Panchayats would be inducted into the district and state plans and implemented. It was fulfilled to a great extent. When I visited New Delhi during that period of time in connection with some other programme I visited the office of the National Planning Commission. The Vice- President of the commission was not available. But I met the full time member of the planning commission and handed over a copy of the Kadavur Block plan Document. He was very happy to receive. Glancing through it he said, "This is a very valuable document for grass root planning".

Dr Perumal, our secretary of Inba Seva Sangam helped the sangam for establishing the Mushroom Research cum training centre in our campus to function and the guidance of the Murugappa Chettiar Research centre, Chennai. Dr. Karupparaj, the research assistant was appointed by them to take care of the centre. Dr. Karupparaj organized training programmes to several batches of young men and women of the surrounding villages to

provide them the theoretical and practical knowledge in Mushroom cultivation. One or two families had started producing mushroom to sell in the market.

Mother Lea Prava's friends in Belgium under the dynamic leadershop of Mrs. Meeky Vendela and the Johaman Trust of England and a very few philanthropists from India are providing financial assistance to Inba Seva Sangam to run the Annai Lea school by way of adopting the poor children of sevapur and other villages of Karur and other districts of Tamilnadu. Friends from Belgium and the Johoma Trust helped the purchase of generators to the boys and girls Hostels for the uninterrupted supply of Power (electricity) and number of computers to the Annai Lea Higher Secondary School. Now the above said funding agencies have started reducing their annual financial allocations to Inba Seva Sangam. Ofcourse the Sangam is generating income through its organic farming, manufacturing of herbal products and other service programmes to some extent. But it is not sufficient to the Sangam to continue its service to the community. Since children from the families of schedule caste and below the poverty line and the children who have lost their parents (either mother or father or both of them) are studying in the Annai Lea school and staying in the boys and girls hostels. I requsted Tamilnadu the State government to pay the salary of the teaching and non – teaching staff of the school considering as a special cases when I was the president of the Inba Seva Sangam (When I became President second time, before Dr. Pathamuthu became the President) along with Dr. Perumal, the secretary I visited Chennai for this purpose. The request was rejected. At Present Inba Seva Sangam finding it very difficult to run the hostels and the school without proper financial assistance. I think once again we have to request our Tamilnadu State government to provide th salaries of the members of the teaching and non teaching staff of the school. Under the guidance of the present President Dr. Pathamuthu, an eminent Gandhian Educationist and constructive worker Annai Lea Higher Secondary School will become a model school to provide value knowledge and work oriented Education.

It is the duty of the rich people, industrialists and the business houses to provide financial assistance to Inba Seva Sangam to carry out its programmes for the all round development of one poor villages. They may contact the office bearers Dr. Pathamuthu, President, or Dr. Perumal, Secretary or the treasurer Dr. M.P. Gurusamy over phone after obtaining the details from Mr. Velusamy, the coordinator who is always available in the campus of Inba Seva Sangam. We must not forget the fact that Integrated Rural Development without exploiting natural resources to the core only will bring peace, harmony and prosperity to Indian society and help India set an example to other nations.

Before I conclude my remembrances I would like to state that I am extremely grateful to late Sri K.K.G. Muthiah, the Zamendar of Kadavur, th members of his family, his brother

and Former President of Kadavur Panchayat so late Muthiah, Mr. Ponnusamy, the former vice – president of Kadavur Panchayat, farther John Britto, Former Principal of St. Joseph college and former president of Inba Seva Sangam, Brother Jeyakuram, Dr. M.P.Gurusamy, Thiru. Thiruneelakandan of Trichy, Dr. Perumal, Thiru Nallaiamperumal Members of the General Body and the Education committee and other full time workers of the Sangam for their noble service rendered in their own different capacities to Inba Seva Sangam when I was discharging my duties as its President. Under the noble and able guidance of Dr. Pathamuthu Inba Seva Sangam will become a model centre to promote value knowledge work oriented Education, organic farming and other Gandhian constructive progrommes for the integrated development of our rural areas.

The School of Bio Dynamic Farming

(An initiative to retain rural youths in agriculture)

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Finding agriculture un-remunerative, a number of youth are seeking livelihood opportunities outside agriculture. To address this issue, The School of Biodynamic Farming has initiated a two-year course for training rural youth in making agriculture sustainable as well as profitable.

Indian agriculture has been continuously facing serious problems, majority of which are manmade. Coupled with adoption of inappropriate technologies and methods, farming has ceased to be a remunerative livelihood. With continuous degradation in living standards of the rural population, most of the village people have started moving towards urban areas. A latest census indicates that Tamil Nadu is one of the worst hit states where in more than 50% of the total population is living in the urban areas.

So, where are we going? Are we going to shift IT companies and manufacturing sector units to Kovilpatti and Usilampatties? Then who will feed the entire state? These are alarming questions which need to be addressed. What we urgently need is a highly motivated and well trained young team from villages to take up the new challenges of undertaking agriculture as their profession. But we need to train them not only in sustainable agriculture but also in modern technologies to enable them to carryout farming as an economically viable enterprise. In this effort, we from Inba Seva Sangam, a Gandhian principled organization from Karur district of Tamil Nadu started a school to teach biodynamic agriculture to poor rural students to become trained agriculturists in coming years. These students are expected to not only take up organic or biodynamic agriculture as their livelihood, but also be the part of the "Healing the Earth Campaign" team.

The School of Biodynamic Farming was started with the great efforts of Brother Jayakaran who is a well known environmentalist and a Biodynamic Trainer on 11 July 2012 at Vinobajipuram, in Karur District of Tamil Nadu. The course is a two – year residential diploma program offered free, supported by Inba Seva Sangam. So far, two batches totaling 19 students have graduated and most of them are well placed in various Organic and Biodynamic projects covering farms, NGOs, etc. A third batch of 16 had also passed out with a six month short term diploma and all of them are under placement.

All these students are from agriculture families and are being trained in all the components of Biodynamic Agriculture through 'learning by doing' methods. The focus is more on practicals rather than theory alone. The curriculum is divided into three – technical skill

training; soft skill training; practice school. In the technical skill training, students learn about agro forestry, watershed management, irrigation management, farm equipment maintenance, biodynamic farming, soil fertility aspects, agronomy, horticulture, seed technology, certification and marketing.

Communication skills, life coping skills, basic computer application, arts and culture are the subjects that students learn under soft skill development. At the end of every term (6 terms) of 3 months each), students will attend a 3-4 week practical training at renowned organic or biodynamic farms. During these practice school days, focus is on all major biodynamic practices such as preparation and application of biodynamic preparations, biodynamic compost and biodynamic liquid manure. Students will also get trained in the use and maintenance of the farm equipments such as tillers, weeders, sprayers and shredders. All our students have visited organic and biodynamic farms, such as, Vindara Farms Auroville, Kurinji Biodynamic farm and Waldorf School Kodaikkanal.

They have also been trained on the Alternate Analytical Testing of Micronutrients for Soil Analysis by MCRC, Chennai. They have also participated in the biodynamic trainings at Shenbaganur, organized by Biodynamic Association of India. During the second year, these students will have some basic exposure in certification and marketing which will help them to manage their own farms In future, our plan is to generate more than 1000 youngsters, both male and female, in the next ten years, who will be the messiahs in our mission of "Healing the Earth Campaign". The aim of this programme is training the youngsters not only in farming technologies but also shaping them to be disciplined and lead a dedicated life style. We strongly believe that collective initiatives like this will bring some positive changes in the society.

The end result is quite encouraging. Most of the students are well groomed with disciplined lifestyle carrying social commitments. They are all not only well placed but also have international recognition where as one of our students could visit few BD projects in China and attend The International Green Week 2018 Conference in Berlin, Germany as a representative of Indian Women Agricultural Entrepreneur with the support from The Biodynamic Association of India and the German Organization Andreas Hermes Akademie.

In our continuous effort to get national and international recognition to the course and our students, we have been closely working with ICRDCE, a Chennai based consortium of community collges which is an NSDC, Government of India partner. In this line, our Diploma program is approved by NSDC which means we have the approval stamp of Government of India. Moreover, we are working for recognition / affiliation of our diploma with the main stream agricultural universities such as Tamilnadu Agricultural University.

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இன்ப சேவா சங்கம்-50-வது பொன்விழா -குமுவின் முதல் சந்திப்புக் கூட்டம் 02.08.2017 காந்தி கிராமம் மற்றும் 12.09.2017 அன்று பணியாளர்கள் கூட்டத்தில் திட்டமிடப்பட்ட பணிகளும், செய்து முடிக்கப்பெற்ற பணிகளின் விவரம்.

ഖ. எண்.	திட்டமிடப்பெற்ற பணிகள்	செய்து முடிக்கப்பெற்ற பணிகள் / வெளிப்பாடு
1	இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் செயல்பாடுகளை வெளியுலகிற்கு தெரியவைத்து இதற்காக ஆளுநர், அரசு உயர் அலுவலர்கள் மற்றும் தொழிலதிபர்களை வரவழைத்து நிகழ்வுகளில் பங்கேற்கச் செய்தல்.	20.08.2018 அன்று தமிழக மேதகு ஆளுநர் அரசு உயர் அலுவலர்கள் காந்திய சிந்தனையாளர்கள், தொண்டு நிறுவன நெறி யாளர்கள் மற்றும் சமூக ஆர்வலர்கள் கலந்து கொள்ள விருக்கின்றார்கள்.
2	தமிழ் மற்றும் ஆங்கில இந்து பத்திரிக்கைகளில் இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் முழுமையான வரலாற்று ஆவணங்களை வெளியிட வேண்டும். மதுரையில் உள்ள பத்திரிக்கையாளர் திருமதி.சோமபாசு என்பவரை நேரில் சந்தித்தல்.	முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.
3	பொன்விழா செயல்பாடுகளை Power Point Presentation Video Clipping எடுக்க வேண்டும்.	Dr. வின்சென்ட் உதவி இயக்குநர் மனோஜ் மூலமாக ஆவணப்படம் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டு தயார் நிலையில் இருக்கிறது.
4	இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்திற்கு தொலை நோக்குப் பார்வை (Visio) மற்றும் (Strategy) யுக்திகளை திட்டமிடப்பட வேண்டும்.	9 கோரிக்கைகள் இன்ப சேவா செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர், பொதுக்குழு உறுப்பினர்களின் பார்வை;ககு முன் வைக்கப் பெற்றுள்ளது.

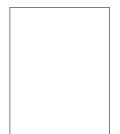
5	இதுவரை நடைபெற்ற முக்கிய செயல்பாடுகளை துறைவாரியாக ஆவணப்படுத்துதல்.	பொன்விழா மலரில் ஆவணப்படுத்தும் பணி நடைபெற்று வருகிறது. ஆகஸ்ட் 20-2018-ல் வெளியிடப்படவிருக் கிறது.
6	பள்ளிகளில், கிராமங்களில் இயற்கை வாழ்வியல் முகாம், இயற்கை வேளாண்மை சார்ந்த செய்திகளை கொண்டு செல்லுதல்.	பொன்விழா ஆண்டு தொடக்கத்தி லிருந்து இதுவரை 15 கிராமங்களில் இயற்கை வாழ்வியல் முகாம் நடைபெற்றுள்ளது. மேலும் தொடர்ந்து கிராமங்களில் மூன்றாவது சனிக்கிழமை நடைபெற்று வருகிறது.
7	கடவ+ர் இயற்கை வேளாண் விவசாயிகள் கூட்டமைப்பில் விவசாயிகளுக்கு இயற்கை வேளாண் சான்றிதழ் வழங்கும் நிகழ்வை நடத்துதல், நபார்டு, மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் மற்றும் துறை சார்ந்தவர்களை வரவழைத்தல்.	சான்றிதழ் துறை-கோயம்புத்தூர்
8	சித்த வைத்தியர்களை அழைத்து கலந்தாய்வு நடத்துதல்.	சித்த வைத்தியர்களை ஒருங்கிணைத்து கலந்தாய்வு செய்வதற்கு முயற்சிகள் மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றன.
9	ISS - பழைய மாணவர்களின் பட்டியல் தொகுத்தல், சந்திப்புக் கூட்டம் நடத்துதல்.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
10	வினோபாஜிபுரத்தில் பால்; கொள்முதல் மற்றும் விற்பனைக்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்தல் மற்றும் பால் உற்பத்தியாளர்கள் கூட்டுறவு சங்கம் அமைத்தல்.	மூலமாக மக்களிடையே 2 அமர்வுகள் வைக்கப்பெற்றது. இதற்கான முன்னேற்பாடுகள் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றன.
11	சேவாப்பூர்;, கீழ் சேவாப்பூர் மற்றும் வினோபாஜிபுரம் கிராமங்களில் பொன்விழா விளையாட்டுப்	

12	கிராமங்களில் 10000/- மரக்கன்றுகள் நடுதல்.	இதுவரை 500 மரக்கன்றுகள் கிராமங்களில் நடப்பெற்றுள்ளது. மேலும் வரும் மழைக்காலத்தில் மரக்கன்றுகள் நடுவதற்கு ஏற்பாடுகள் நடைபெற்று வருகின்றன.
13	ஜெனிடிக் கார்டன் புனரமைப்பு செய்தல்.	ஜெனிடிக்கார்டனில் 250 வகையான மூலிகை கன்றுகள் சேகரித்து நடவு செய்யப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.
14	கடவூர் பழைய கட்டிட வேலைகளை தொடங்குதல், பொது மக்கள் பயன்பாட்டிற்கான வேலைகளை செய்தல்.	வரும் ஆண்டில் இதற்கான பணிகள் நடைபெற ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்யப்பட்டு வருகின்றன.
15	ஆகஸ்ட் 15-ம் தேதி 2017 அன்று பொன்விழா துவக்க நிகழ்வு நடத்தப்பட வேண்டும்.	திட்டமிட்டபடி பொன்விழா தொடக்க நிகழ்வு 15.08.2017 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. சகோதரி. மீக்கி- சாவேஸ் தலைவர், சகோதரி - கார் னி லி யா - ஜெர் மனி, Dopc மேலாளர் , ஐளுளு பொறுப்பாளர்கள் மற்றும் சமூக ஆர்வலர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.
16	பொன்விழா மலர் வெளியிடல்.	கட்டுரை, கவிதைகள், விளம்பரங் கள் மற்றும் பொன்விழா வாழ்த்துச் செய்திகள் பெறப்பெற்று -100 பக்க அளவில் பொன்விழா மலர் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றன. ஆகஸ்ட் 20, 2018-ல் வெளியிடப்படவிருகிறது.
17	ஊராட்சி மன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள், தலைவர் அவர்களுக்கு சிறந்த மக்கள் ஊராட்சியாக உருவாக்க பயிற்சி அளிக்க வேண்டும்.	15 கிராமங்களில் நேரில் மக்களைச் சந்தித்து கிராம ஊராட்சி மற்றும் கிராம சபை குறித்து விழிப்புணர்வு வழங்கப்பெற்றது. 60 இளைஞர்களுக்கு 2 கட்டப் பயிற்சி வழங்கப்பெற்றது.

18	இன்ப சேவா சங்கத்தின் கொள்கைகளை வரையறை உருவாக்க வேண்டும். (Pw¦icé A«çªå¦iØåª)	மனித வள மேம்பாட்டுக் கொள்கை (ர்சு ஊேழடஷ்உல) நிதிக் கொள்கை வரையறை செய்யப்பட்டு, ஐளுளு பொதுக் குழுவில் ஒப்புதல் பெறப்பெற்று வரும் ஆண்டில் நடைமுறைப்படுத்தவிருக்கின்றன.
19	ஆவணப்படம் எடுக்க வேண்டும்.	இது தொடர்பான வரைபடம் தயாராகிக் கொண்;டு வருகிறது.
20	அம்மாவின் சமாதிக்கு அருகாமையில் ஒரு தியான மண்டபம் அமைக்க வேண்டும்.	அம்மாவின் சமாதிக்கு அருகாமையில் பொன்விழா நினைவு தோரண வாயில் அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது. ஆகஸ்ட் -20-2018-ல் மேதகு தமிழக ஆளுநர் அவர்கள் திறக்கவிருக்கிறார்.
21	மாணவர் விடுதி உணவு பரிமாறும் அறை, பள்ளியில் கூடைபந்தாட்ட ஆடுகளம்- உருவாக்க வேண்டும்.	மாணவர் விடுதி உணவு பரிமாறும் அறை, கூடைப்பந்தாட்ட ஆடுகளம் உருவாக்கப்பெற்று பயன்பாட்டிற்கு கொண்டு வரப் பெற்றுள்ளது.
22	பள்ளி, கல்லூரிகளில் பொன்விழா பேச்சு, கட்டுரை, ஓவியப் போட்டிகள் நடத்துதல்.	17 பள்ளி மாணவ, மாணவியர்கள், 5 கல்லூரி மாணவ, மாணவியர்கள் பங்குபெற்றுள்ளனர். இதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர்திரு.தங்கப்பாண்டியன் மற்றும் பள்ளி தலைமை ஆசிரியர்கள், ஆசிரியர்கள் ஆகியோர் ஏற்பாடு செய்தனர். பொன்விழா நிறைவு நாளன்று ஆகஸ்ட் 20-ல் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்படவிருக்கினறன.

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A Woman Farmer in the Making

Anthoni Selvi

Sevapur

I am Anthoni Selvi. I am presently working in an Organic milk production company called Akshayakalpa Farms & Foods Pvt. Ltd, in Karnataka, India. Here I take care of 80 young calves and Pregnant Heifers program in the organization.

Seven years ago, I was an observer in my farm when my father prepared CPP and Compost. I did not know the full form of CPP. Although I had planned to take Accountancy as my carrier, by God's grace, I joined in The Biodynamic Farming School which was started by Jakes Jayakaran under Annai Lea Community College promoted by Inba Seva Sangam. The School was close to my native area, a place called Vinobajipuram.

After graduating with an Advanced Diploma I Biodynamic Farming in 2 years I learnt various subjects including Soil fertility, Agro – forestry, Animal husbandry, Certification on Demeter & Marketing along with practical training. I gained experience in Vegetable cultivation and animal care and production by working in farms in India and China. I went to China along with my Guru & Teacher – Jakes Jayakaran and Thangapandian to explore on Biodynamic Farming, worked for two projects in two different provinces. In one of the project in Wuhan province, helped the farm to get Demeter certificate for their produce. I feel proud to be called a person trained in Biodynamic Farming fields and got confidence to be a farmer and to support likeminded people in my journey and also understood that to b a Farmer is not easy in this modernized farmers undergo and especially why they send t heir children to cities rather than working on the land.

My vision is to have my own integrated BD farm, close to my native place and to support the neighboring farmers and make efforts to bring back youngsters to farming.

At the beginning of this year, I got a chance to take part in The International Green Week in Germany along with my teacher Sundeep Kamath and a Chair person of INOFO, Shamika representing women farmers doing Biodynamic Farming. My participation was through Andreas Hermes Akedemie (AHA) foundation in Germany which works for Farmer Empowerment by providing technical support for the development of Farmer organizations. This was a great opportunity for me to widen my horizon in farming.

A small not about AKSHAYAKALPA, it's a farmer based company working for the empowerment of farmers in rural areas in 5 taluks in Tumkur district in Karnataka. It

supports 180 farmers technically guiding them to produce organic milk by following the standards through field officers. The uniqueness of this company is that it gives fair price throughout the year which is quite an achievement – this observation comes especially – after my last trip to Germany and having seen the happenings there. In this Organization, the farm itself becomes the wholeness as Rudolf Steiner said in his lecture. It is clearly explained in my video. A Farmer can manage his / her farm sustainably with enough wealth and leads a peaceful life.

My world gets enlarged as I move with different people in different parts of the world. I thankfully acknowledge and dedicate my success story (if it's so....) to Inba Seva Sangam and our Holy Mother "Annai Lea Provo" who was a great visionary worker through her entire life to uplift the poorest of the poor. Thanks to The Almighty who gave such a beautiful life on this earth for I am blesses with good minded people around me always and at all times

Inba Seva Sangam

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Towards Eco -friendly Communities with Social justice and Communal harmony for Peace, Strength, Joy

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Mother Lea Provo constructed an 'Om' Temple in a central location within Sevapur to stress the core of the Gandhian way of life to communal harmony

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1. ISS in its 50th Year

Inba Seva Sangam was established by Mother Lea Provo in 1968 under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act. After the passing away of her husband in Belgium Mother lea Provo at the instance of a Gandhian disciple Shanthidass (Josseph Jean LanzedelVasto) of France came to India and visited Gandhian institutions in Tamil Nadu and finally established two model villages of Sevapur and Vinobajipuram. These two villages serve the rural people in the manner which was suggested by Mahatma Gandhi and are not only newly named villages/communes located in a beautiful and quiet natural environment but also places where one can draw inspiration and manifestation of godliness.

People who live here came from different places, belonged to different castes and religion and believed only in love and service, wanted to create a community with equality and equity and therefore christened the places to be Sevapur and Vinobajipuram. Empowerment of the down trodden through education and economic development is the main objective of ISS. At the start of ISS in the 1960s all the families were serfs to local landlords, but became more or less independent of them after the inception of ISS. The families of Vinobajipuram are Tamil repatriates from Sri Lanka, a different background, but a similar weak political and economic position. As repatriates and latecomers to the area with no assets, they were given the less productive land, where an increase of food security would need an input which they simply do not have. Other small farmers in the area too have a similar situation.

Mother Lea died on 30/9/1997 in the place which she created and among the people whom she loved so much and rendered tireless service, and reached the Kingdom of God. What she started is still continued in a different form and at present being managed by 13 members of ISS executive committee under the leadership of Dr.M. Pathamuthu.

ISS Board comprises of eminent members of civil society committed to Gandhian principle and way of life. Some of the members are from the community who have benefitted through ISS intervention and excelled in their careers and holding important positions. Staff mostly hail from the communities within Kadavur block and have benefitted from interventions of ISS in more than one way. Thus, the institutional bondage within ISS accounts for its success as an organization. Besides the donor community which supported the cause put forward by the Mother continues to value the efforts of ISS and provides unstinted support in taking forward the mandate with changes in the development context and the new needs that deserve to be addressed. The mandate of the organization is one that is very people centred and reflects on their sustenance.

Vision of ISS

Creating - small, rural, vibrant, healthy and eco-friendly communities with social justice, equality and communal harmony for Peace, Strength and Joy.

Mission of ISS

To bring about transformation among down-trodden people who are socially, economically, educationally and culturally backward through quality Education and Economic Interventions.

Core Values

Truth, non-violence, selfless service, love, brotherhood, self-reliance, mutual understanding, reverence to all faiths and nature, mutual cooperation, dignity of manual labour, devotion, dedication, confidence and discipline.

Thrust Areas

- Creating devoted volunteers who will serve the rural society
- Developing infrastructure for training
- Establishing functional units on agriculture, agro industries, natural health and other felt Needs
- Involving local people and encouraging Women and Youth leadership
- Encouraging subject experts as guides to drive ISS projects
- Undertaking Economic activities to generate surplus funds for sustaining ISS activities
- Networking with national and International Organizations for Learning and sharing experiences

ISS is trying to ensure that all its Projects are integrated and with the view to bringing in synergy and in an overall sense ensure that skills and competencies are fully utilized. Some of the ISS interventions therefore are in the forefront of development and could be considered as pioneering effort. However, despite these changes ISS retains its relevance as an institution upholding the values and practices that its founder stood for and instilled both in the minds of those managing the institution and the community it strives to serve.

ISS given its long history as a development organization is marching into its fiftieth year of existence. It is time for celebrations, introspection and reflection. Much has changed from when it began on August 15, 1968 both within and outside. From an outside perspective the entire context of development has changed from one of charity to social action to development. Today we are talking about a world marching into 21^{st} century with millennium developmental goals as an agenda to talking about sustainable development goals as the global mandate commencing 2016.

As for within the ISS the entire landscape of the community that it works within Sevapur and Vinobajipuram has changed, people have changed and their outlook in life has changed, the environment and ecology has changed and as an institution ISS has had both horizontal and vertical growth – meaning the geographical coverage of its work as well as the magnitude of its programmes.

It is in this context that the entire 50th year mandate of ISS needs to be looked at. Firstly the organization has to understand the entire community and the transformation experienced by them through the various initiatives of ISS over the 50 years and where it stands today and their new aspirations and the way forward. ISS is going through this process and is taking on board the community reflections and responses and pursue an internal organizational reflection at the Staff level and Board level to come up with a ten year perspective plan along with a 5 Year strategic plan. This ISS feels the need to do this exercise pretty much similar to the way it went on this defined search in 1998 following the demise of Mother Lea Provo.

2. Projects and Achievements

2.1 Foster Children Scheme-Providing Basic Education For Under Privileged

ISS primarily considers itself now as a children oriented voluntary organization. The children's program is popularly known as The Foster Children's Scheme (FCS), and has been going on since the time of Mother Lea, though in a modified form now. Under this scheme ISS looks after the upbringing and education of nearly 340 children out of whom 27 are new from very poor, socially disadvantaged community in nearby villages. Most of these children are identified by women self-help group members, and also through many requests from poor parents / relatives who come for help. Based on a set of criteria evolved by ISS over the years to identify the needy children, care is taken to reach the children who are genuinely in need of special help.





Summer Camp Activities

The ISS parent organization SAWES, based in Belgium supports 180 children; and the UK based JHC Trust supports 81 Girl children and 54 children are sponsored by Indian donors including 44 by Dharachakar Trust and there are 25 children for whom the parents pay for their education and stay. 272 children are living in ISS homes in Sevapur, and studying in Annai Lea Higher secondary school. 16 children are studying in the local elementary school, and 52 children are pursuing their higher studies outside.

ISS policy is to ensure that the children are equipped with education / training for 2 or 3 years after they complete school, so that they can be employed to take care of themselves and their families when they leave the FCS programme. Annai Lea Higher Secondary School, Annai Lea Boys and Girls homes function under the FCS scheme.

FCS Students Particulars 2017-18

S.No.	Sponsor	Children Studying in ALHSS		Children studying in Outside Institutions		Total
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1	SAWES	95	42	23	20	180
2	Joe Homan		63		18	81
3	Local Parents	5	4	1		10
4	Nagarajan Roobarani Foundation					_
5	Dharachakar Trust	22	22			44
4	Self-Financing Students	16	9			25
ТОТА	L	138	140	24	38	340

Details of students studying in local and outside institutions during 2017-18

Details of where they are studying	No. of Students
Annai Lea School of ISS	272
Students staying outside and studying College	52
Students studying in other schools locally	16
TOTAL	340

There are 272 children residing at Annai Lea Boys and Girls Homes and pursuing their education. Two wardens for each hostel and 6 residential teachers are there to take care of the children. The day starts with prayer, yoga, cleaning and followed by study hour. Special attention is given to children needing special coaching. Indoor and outdoor games, music, farming, tailoring, hill trekking, computer education are some of the special initiatives. Balanced diet is served at both hostels. ISS Siddha doctor visits the hostels weekly and provides health education and need based treatment. Herbal medicines produced by the Siddha Unit - bathing powder, hair oil, tooth powder, joint pain oil, skin care oil, headache oil and crack cream are provided to the students on a monthly basis as required. ISS President and board members visit the hostels regularly and provide value education to the children and also monitor the activities of the hostel.

Major happenings within the FCS Programme during the year 2017 – 18 are as follows:

During April 18-23, 2017 the annual summer camp was organised. On April 20, 2018 District Forest Officer Mr. Anbu inaugurated the camp and the camp ended with the holding of closing ceremony, Annual School Day function and Parents Teachers Association Meeting. Former Gandhigram Vice Chancellor Ms. Pankajam, Mr. Paris Mahendiravel, Dr. Nanjundappan, Mr. Alagirisamy, and members of the Gandhi Literary Association Mr. Anbu Sivam and Mr. Vaanpugal participated and felicitated the students.

On August 15, 2018 the ISS Golden Jubilee celebration function was inaugurated with the opening of the dining hall with SAWES president declaring it open. The Golden Jubilee inauguration was inaugurated in the presence of ISS office bearers, President of SAWES and special overseas invitees along with the students and staff participating actively.

On January 26, 2018 Republic Day celebrations were held and ISS office bearers, staff and children participated and prizes were distributed to winners of various competitions by ISS Secretary Dr.Perumal and Board member Mr.Nalliyamperumal.

In 2016 -17, 38 students appeared for the grade 12 examinations of whom 36 students passed with Ms.Kirthika of the agricultural stream securing 1004 marks topped the school ranking. She has got admission at the KumuliTamil Nadu Agricultural College. Total of 34 student appeared for the Grade 10 examinations and 28 students passed.

Regular reports were sent to foster parents through JHC and SAWES.

On October 5, 2017, 70 students from ISS participated in the Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations held at Gandhi Museum, Madurai and performed in cultural programmes.

On January 23, 2018, JHC programme assessment was carried out along with Mr. John Crouch, Director JHC and Programme Manager Mr.Gopinath. ISS was represented by Dr.Pathamuthu, President; Dr.Perumal, Secretary; Programme Coordinator Mr.Veluchamy, Accountant and FCS team. The team planned the 2018-19 budget for the JHC supported FCS programme.

- Enrolment of New Students
 - No. for SAWES support:
 - No. for Joe Homan support:
 - No. with Local support:
 - No. under self-Financing:
- Students passing out after having completed their tertiary Education:
 - Sawes
 - Joe Homan
 - Local Support:
- ➤ The two Hostels with 136 Boys and 136 Girls already registered under Juvenile Justice Act with the State Government also had Clearance obtained from Fire Department and Health department. The two hostels also have Surveillance Camera fixed in the premises.
- ➤ Bank Accounts have been opened for Boys and Girls along with AADHAR CARD (National Identity Card). It is believed that this will help the children avail benefits from the government as and when schemes are announced.
- Monthly Management Committee meeting is held in both hostels with the participation of District Child Protection Officer and Member of Child Welfare Group.

Case Study

Jan Bogaerts Foster Parent of S. Vignesh

I came to ISS as an intern in 2012 for 6 months while studying for Masters in International Relations. I taught English and Sports during those six months at the Annai lea Higher Secondary School. I also got inducted into the SAWES programme during my stint. I knew Vignesh while being a teacher. Subsequently on hearing that Vignesh lost his Foster Mother I shared the experience with my family, my Grand Mother got interested in supporting a child along with me and we became Foster Parents for S. Vignesh.

Jan started to sponsor Vignesh because he felt connected with ISS and the school and having experienced the life in their midst and seeing the difficulties that these children undergo.... supporting them helps Jan to clear his conscience by continuously engaging with them and being a part of their life and also Vignesh being a part of his family.

Vignesh and I communicate with each other regularly and seeing in person brings in that special bondage.

The satisfaction derived by supporting Vignesh is: my grandmother has another grandchild and she enjoys supporting him; he wanting to pursue higher studies brings in additional joy and the fact that we are going to be connected and be a part of his career progress.

2.2 Annai Lea Residential Higher Secondary School – On Life Centred Education

The school was established as a Senior School on July 11, 2005 to fulfil the dream of mother to educate the children in the valley and subsequently elevated to the status of Higher Secondary School in 2010, with two sections in the higher classes. Today's need is for education that makes "A Man a Man" – a thought that was expressed by Swami Vivekananda is the principle on which Annai Lea School is functioning. School in its efforts to achieve this is providing not only quality education but also values in life. School Administration is making all efforts to ensure that it becomes a model school in Karur district in the future.



Harvesting Vegetables



Field Work

Total students studying in different grades in the school is as shown in the table below:

Grade/Class	Boys	Girls	TOTAL
6	19	13	32
7	18	17	35
8	28	18	46
9	25	35	60
10	27	17	44
11	7	23	30
12	12	13	25
TOTAL	146	136	272

Of these there are at present a total of 272 children supported by Foster Children Scheme studying in this school. Another 25 students are studying by paying a nominal fee. There are 13 teachers looking after the educational interest of these children. Children in the school are also taught moral education based on the philosophy: "providing formal education

alone is not enough for grooming the children", the school offers extra-curricular activities such as Sports, Music, Drawing, English literature and Yoga to enable children to acquire special skills in life.

Besides, children are provided with all educational material including equipping them to prepare for competitive public examination with model question papers.

Different Associations within the school are functioning effectively and the school organizes Association level events once a fortnight. These are Associations for promoting competency among students in Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences. Students' skills are brought out through debates, sharing, and practical training. In the English Association the effort is to promote their English knowledge and speaking ability.

Eco Club with 75 students as members is functioning quite well under the guidance of the Science Teacher. These students are cleaning the school premises regularly and are responsible for maintaining the tree saplings planted within the campus.

Summer Camp was held in the School during April 18-23, 2016, Totally 314 persons including 214 students, 15 Teachers, 25 staff members of ISS and 60 Old students participated. They engaged in competitive sports and different art forms were taught to them during the four days events. The occasion was also graced by eminent speakers and well-wishers of the school.

In 2016 -17, 38 students appeared for the grade 12 examinations of whom 36 students passed with Ms.Kirthika of the agricultural stream securing 1004 marks topped the school ranking. She has got admission at the Kumuli Tamil Nadu Agricultural College. Total of 34 student appeared for the Grade 10 examinations and 28 students passed. D. Suryaprakash obtained 457 marks and secured first place in school.

The pass rate of students appearing for the Grade 10th and Grade 12th examinations over the years is as shown in the table below:

Year of Examination	Performance	
	S.S.L.C +2 / Hr.Sec	
2016-17	82	95
2015-16	96	82
2014-15	93	89
2013-14	90	96
2012-13	87	100
2011-12	88	95
2010-11	86	85

The above table does suggest that the School has continuously maintained the pass rate of students at a rate above 85 per cent during the past 5 years both Grade 10 and Grade 12 examinations

As usual Mother Leas Birth Anniversary was celebrated on December 25, 2018 with the active participation of the community, student and ISS staff.

2.3 Sofia- Small Farmers Empowerment Program

"Creating small, rural, vibrant, healthy and eco-friendly communities with social justice, equality and communal harmony for Peace, Strength and Joy", is the overall Vision of ISS. This vision includes ISS's mandate to promote organic farming, land improvement measures and an increase of awareness on environment and health aspects over the next 10 years in the entire Kadavur Panchayat. This will make poor farmers better equipped to take control over their lives by being better organized, better informed on ecological and environmental issues that affect their lives, and be in a better position to claim their rights and support their families economically. It will also change the whole ecological situation of the area. Hopefully if the project is successfully implemented, it will create interest among the other farmers in the nearby areas.

The Small Farmers Empowerment Project was started in 2008 and has since then been ongoing in the Kadavur Area, Karur District, Tamil Nadu, India. The main objective of the project has been to empower 150 poor farmer families for them to take control of their livelihood and be able to support their families in a democratic, ecological and sustainable way. Furthermore, the objective has been to get 100 of the farms organically certified. The project has been carried through by the local NGO "Inba Seva Sangam" (ISS) with support from the Swedish NGO "SOFIA".







Tree Planting

The project has to date reach 271 famers, 178 males and 93 females and last year applied for Organic Certification through the Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department (TNOCD) the 229 farms have in 2017 received their organic certification, a great achievement of the project to date. Furthermore the 229 farmers that have formed and

registered the Kadavur Organic Farmers Federation are now running the federation, where links have been established and strengthen between the farmers and the Agricultural Department, KVK (farmers science centre)Forest Department and ICDC. One Percolation pond (Size 1 hectare) has been renovated with contribution of Vinobajipuram water shed group peoples.

The final evaluation of the project took place over the last part of 2017 and is a reliable source of verification and lays solid ground for lessons learned and for new inspiration for the years to come.

Given the above the specific mandate the project which is supported by The Association of SOFIA, Sweden could best be described as follows:

Long-term vision: *Organic Farming* and W*asteland Improvement measures* will take place in the entire Panchayat, an area of 2000 hectares, over a period of 10 years.

Mission

- To make poor farmers better equipped to take control over their lives and to be in a better position to support their families economically.
- Farmers are to be better organized and *better informed on ecological and environmental issues* that affect their lives.
 - It will also change the whole ecological situation of the area.

Overall achievements of the project during the year were quite significant and were aimed at moving towards creating an environment of sustainability when the project ends in 2018

This year 229 numbers of farmers' fields underwent internal and external inspection and farmers/ farms particulars were collected and the particulars have been registered in APEDA website for organic certification. Finally 229 farmers received organic certificate from Tamil Nadu Organic Certification Department under NPOP standards. During the year 42 new organic farmers joined the farmers group including 22 women farmers and the organic farmers federation total strength stands at 271 (F-93, M-178).

271 farmers' are associated in the Kadavoor organic farmer's federation which is a registered body. 13 Village Level Representatives were recruited from each groups and advanced organic and Biodynamic inputs preparation training have been provided once a quarter. 12 model farms were developed covering each of the 12 groups. Monthly federation meetings and farmers groups meetings were held and had invitees representing different Government departments, networking members, marketing people and progressive organic farmers. Totally 8.55 tons of vegetable and millets were procured from organic farmers during the year. Further, 95 new farmers soil samples were collected and tested and overall

170 farmers soil sample results have been consolidated before and after them adopting organic farming and major findings suggest that the macro nutrient and organic carbon levels in the soil have improved moderately.

During the year 80 hectares of land were cultivated with different rain fed crops and animal fodder. Established plans for nursery production and distribution of seeds and tree planting within the target group and 2126 seedlings were distributed. One percolation pond (size of one hectare) was established with the active participation and contribution of Vinobajipuram watershed groups. The Kadavoor Environmental Protection Group approached the forest department and got 3500 seedlings for planting in the farmer fields within Kadavoor Panchayat.

Training of Trainers training was conducted for 20 school teachers for following up on the environmental activity carried out to date beyond the project period. One day workshop conducted on Health and environmental issues in Kadavur region and a total of 251 members farmers, watershed group members and environmental protection forum members participated. Approached ICDC (Integrator Counselling Development Centre) officer to support the distribution of condoms to barber shops and petrol stations as a continuation to the efforts carried out by the project to date. During the year 12,850 condoms were freely distributed and technical support was provided by ICDC.

ISS and Farmers Federation have the capacity and competence to independently continue the work on environmental, health and rights based issues.

Twelve meetings were conducted by project staff and stakeholders with KOFA executive committee. During these meetings 6 NGOs, research institutes, government bodies and NABARD bank officers participated as resource persons. 4 exposure visits were conducted for farmers' federation members and they visited different farmers Producers Companies and Organic shops. Two organic farmers- buyer's meets were held for strengthening farmer's federation. A project proposal on water mission was jointly prepared with Annamalai University and submitted to Government for funding.

Project Final Evaluation

During the year the final evaluation of the project was carried out and the evaluation team has been frequently visiting the field and meeting SFEP staff, farmers, watershed groups, stakeholders and ISS board members. Final Report is expected to be submitted by April 2018.

2.4 ISS Golden Jubilee......

ISS Golden Jubilee Planning meet was held on August 9, 2018 at the Department of Political Science and Development Administration - Gandhigram University. Following which the inaugural function of the Golden Jubilee celebration was held on August 15,

2018 along with the Independence Day celebration. This function was held in the Annai Lea School premises with Sister Mike (SAWES President), Sister Cornelia and the Joe Homan Trust Manager together declared open the Boys Home Dining Hall and the Basket Ball Court. Release of the ISS Annual Report (2016-17) and Tree Planting too were part of the celebrations.

ISS staff met on August 8, 2017 and August 21, 2017 to discuss and plan the events to be organized during the year as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. As a part of this year long event ISS conducted Gram Sabha Awareness programmes in 15 villages of the Kadavur Block. Also Nature Camps are being carried out in ISS working villages. ISS also carried out Local Panchayat training for youth from various Panchayats within Kadavur Block during January 20-21, 2018.

BERAS India Project Activity Report: 2017-2018

ISS is the lead partner of BERAS India and coordinating its activities through a network consisting of 6 different stakeholders as founding members under the supervision of BERAS International Foundation. BERAS India Secretariat has been fully functional in ISS premises since 2014. The objectives of BERAS India is to support small farmers and small food and fibre business following the universal concept of ecological regenerative agriculture, diet for green planet and sustainable food societies. The network is spread in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry (population of 60 million, of which 70% are in rural area of whom 80% are small farmers). BERAS India intends to invite other partners from all over India and at present has 36 active partners from various fields - 16 are non-governmental organizations, 5 Scientist, 2 universities, 2 research institutes, 2 associations, 2 academic institutions, 2 Organic and Biodynamic farmers, 2 trader, 2 Government officer, 1Horticulturalists are members. BERAS has organized 18 steering committee meetings and 21 network meetings with founding members. All the BERAS India partners have accepted the prevention of corruption and promoting of gender equality as mandate within their organization policy. Major Activities carried out during the year:

- Two proposals have been prepared by different network partners and submitted to various funding agencies. A Tamil book on Ecological Recycling Agriculture guidelines for farmers and advisors has been prepared.
- ➤ Four regional seminars have been conducted and disseminated the BERAS concept to farmers, producers, traders and students with a total of 250 persons participating.
- A baseline study covering the food outlets in Kadavur and Vinobajipuram villages was carried out to understand the food chain, value addition, wastage and whether the produce was organic or non-organic. A study was conducted to get soil samples from 86 locations covering either side of Kadavur valley stream. The purpose of this study was to understand the levels of pollution in the soil, soil fertility, and practices of organic/non-organic farming on either side of the stream and its effects.

- ➤ On July -2017 Dr.K.Perumal, (BERAS-India Head), participated the international conference in South Korea and they presented on BERAS-India initiatives.
- **Organic** World Congress: With the **BERAS** support of International. the members of BERAS India, especially the representatives of 7 local learning centres like Inba Seva Sangam, LEHO, Kudumbam,



Organic World Congress

CIRHEP, Jezreel Bio dynamic farm, EcoPro and Muhil had an opportunity to present their work at the pre-conference on Food Systems 3.0 at New Delhi in connection with the Organic World Congress on 6th November 2017. Mr. Jostein, the CEO gave a brief background about BERAS India and subsequently all the representatives made a brief sharing on how their organizations are playing the role of local learning centres in taking up the core concepts of BERAS like Sustainable Food System (SFS), Diet for Green Planet (DGP) and Ecological Regenerative Agriculture (ERA) to farmers, consumers, academia, traders and other players. Dr. Perumal, The Head of BERAS India summed up the presentations of the LLCs and explained about the future areas of cooperation in strengthening BERAS India network as a resource organization to work with agriculture universities and research institutions.

- The members of BERAS India also benefited by attending different workshop, seminars and also exhibited the organic products both during the pre-conference and also during the Organic World Congress. This participation of BERAS India in the Pre-conference and Organic World Congress has helped in increasing the visibility of BERAS India as a network involved in sustainable alternatives and strengthening local food systems through organic agriculture approaches.
- It has also helped the network members to establish very good linkages for strengthening organic agriculture and marketing, follow up programs like exchange visits and being partners of the organic agriculture movement in India.

BERAS International's CEO Visit:

On 12th November 2017 to 27th November (16 Days) BERAS-International CEO Mr.Jostein Hertwig and Mrs. Astrid Jostein from Sweden were visited BERAS -India project implemented area. The purpose of visit to know the status of BERAS-India activity, Local learning activity and knowledge sharing about BERAS concepts.

2.6 Annai Lea Community College - The School Of Bio-Dynamic Farming for Healing Mother Earth

There is an urgent need for trained young people, to heal the land through Bio-Dynamic Farming. Hence, this school has been promoted by ISS. Students are offered a residential 2 year Diploma certificate in Bio -Dynamic / Organic farming, with an emphasis on all-round development & employability. The entire cost for boarding, lodging, training books materials and filed visits all over the country is provided to all these BD students at free of cost. There are 6 Academic terms of 12 weeks duration each during the 2 years. Medium of instruction is Tamil. So for 19 no's students have been completed with two batches.

Significant Outcome of the Annai Lea Community College from 2012 to 2017

- 1. The Biodynamic Farming School dedicated on Healing the Earth was inaugurated on July 2012 in Vinobajipuram with enrolment of 7 students from farming community
- 2. The school offers a residential 2 year Diploma Certificate course in Bio -Dynamic / Organic farming, with an emphasis on all round development and employability of the students.
- 3. The second batch commenced its activity in September 2014 with 12 students and has successfully completed the course in August 2016. All most all students have got job opportunity in various places.
- 5. One of the significant outcomes of this programme also brought out required infrastructure facilities in Vinobajipuram which will cater thousands of students in future
- 6. More than 20 acre of dry wasted land was developed with appropriate water shed management activities and established agro forestry with local ever green trees and also economically important herbs, shrubs and trees.
- 7. Five acre abounded land in Vinobjaipuram has been developed into cultivable land.
- 8. Thousands of local farmers from nearby village's people are being benefited.
- 9. Good Microclimatic conditions have been developed in this region.

Third Batch:

Course: Six month Certificate Course on Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture:

Students Identification/Recruitment/selection

On 20th August 2017 ISS board has decided to continue the BD School programme which is in Six month organic and biodynamic farming. Regarding this we had given advertisement such as are local leading magazine, local villages, Small farmer's empowerment programme implementing villages and local Schools. Totally 25 applications were received from students in various places 16 students have been selected among those.

Organic and BD farming course inauguration

On 2nd October-2017 Third batch of BD course as name of organic and Biodynamic certificate course inauguration was held at BD School campus Vinobajipuram. Dhivathiru.Aathmanantha Swamigi was inaugurated the programme. Dr.Pathamuthu (President -ISS), Dr.Perumal (Secretary-ISS), Mr.Palanisamy (Dharmasakra-Trust), Mr.Nallayam Perumal (EC member- ISS), Vinobajipuram village commune peoples and farmers were participated the programme.

The certificate course on organic and biodynamic curriculum

The Six month certificate course curriculum syllabus and has been prepared and it was modified from two year Diploma programme syllabus and which are taught main subject such as Watershed management, BD preparation making and maintenance, Seed production, Soil Science, irrigation management, Agronomy, Animal husbandry, Agricultural Economics, Organic/Demeter certification and marketing and Agro waste recycling management and post harvest technique etc., and The subject Vs credit table is given below. The textbooks have been prepared in order to syllabus.

Table: 1. Course Curriculum of Certificate Course on Organic and Biodynamic Farming (BD)

S.No	Course Curriculum	One Credit = 30 Hours Work				
		Total Credits				
	BD Farming Technical Skills (Theory &	Practical's)				
1	Water Shed Management	1				
2	BD Preparation Making & Usage	5				
3	Soil Science	2				
4	Agronomy	3				
5	Seed Production	2				
6	Animal Husbandry	2				
7	Agro- Forestry	2				
8	Irrigation Management	1				
9	Farm Equipment & Maintenance	1				
10	Agriculture Economics	1				
11	Organic/Demeter Certification & Marketing	1				
12	Agro-Waste Recycling Management & Post Harvest Technologies	2				
	Practice School					
1	2 Weeks Hands on Experience in Bio Dynamic / Organic Farms	3				

	Soft Skills	
1	Life Coping Skills	1
2	Spoken English & Communication Skills	1
3	Basic Computer Applications	1
4	Arts & Culture	1
	Non – Academic	
1	Students Orientation	_
2	Preparation for Employment	2
3	Career Guidance Counseling	
4	Evaluation	
	GRAND TOTAL Credits	32

Exposure visit

During the course in order to subject more exposure visit organized to BD students and associated with local partners as free of cost. (The participated exposure visit details are given below Table-1

Table: 2 Students Participated Exposure visit details

S.No	Date of Visit	Visited Institution/ organization	Visited Place	Purpose of Visit	Total Days
01	25/10/2017	Vanagam	Surumanpatti	Orientation on organic farming and watershed management	01
02	05/12/2017	KVK - (Farmer Science Centre)	Pulutheri	Attend the Soil Health conference	01
03	19/12/2017 and 20/12/2017	KVK - (Farmer Science Centre	Pulutheri	Attend the Farm Equipments and maintenance class	02
04	22/12/2017	Agriculture Engineering Institute	Kumulur - Trichy	Attend the Farm Equipment exhibition	01
05	01/01/2018 & 06/04/2018	Vanagam	Surumanpatti	Attend the Namalvar memorial day and birthday anniversary events and met different farmers and buyers	02
06	07/01/2018 to 11/01/2018	Kurunji BD farm Kodaikanal	Senbaganoor/ Kodaikanal	The attend the BD preparation classes/ Work at BD inputs preparation farm	4
07	22/01/2018	Tamil Nadu Veterinary Research University	Pandithakaranput hur Karur	Attend the one day Seminar on fodder management, Milk production	01
08	04/02/2018	Valluvar Art and Science College	Karur	Attend the one day exhibition on Organic farming and their products	01

09	07/03/2018	Sri Vinayaga Farm Equipments Centre	Seethapatti	Working at the centre farm equipments operation and maintenance	01
10	05/04/2018	Durairaj Integrated Organic farm	Valvarmangalam	Drip irrigation maintenance, Biogas maintenance and orchard plantation	01
11	16.04.2018	Mrs. Saroja organic Farm	Pallapatti	Organic Moringa cultivation practises and processing, biodiversity, seed production	01

Community supported programme

In part of curriculum during this year 7 no's different hands training programme and workshop were conducted to Vinobajipuram village commune people with support of BD School. The programme details are given below.

Table 3: Various Training / workshop conducted to Vinobajipuram Commune

S. No	Date of Training	Place	Training and Discussed topic	Resource Person	Total Participants
01	28/09/2017	BD School VJP	Water Shed Management Percolation ponds create with support of VJP beneficiaries Mr.M. Mohan CIRHEP		55
02	04/12/2017	BD School VJP	Organic and BD inputs production training: BD 500 preparation, Enriched farm yard manure preparation, Botanical extract preparation	ISS, SFEP teams	40
03	22/01/2018	Tamil Nadu Vetnary Research University Karur	Dairy production and Fodder management	Dr. Vasanthakumar	08
04	17/02/2018	VJP community centre	Nature camp	President, Secretary, Mr.Rajkumar and ISS staffs	60
05	04/03/2018	BD School VJP	Retrieval of Milk Society	Mr.Thagaraj and team Dr.Perumal, Dr.Seshathiri	40
06	08/03/2018	BD School VJP	Hen farming (Nattu Kozhli Valarppu) training	Dr. Vasanthakumar from Karur	22
07	-	VJP community centre	Nature camp	President, Secretary, Mr.Rajkumar, Mr.Anbu Sivan, Iyarkai organization Team and ISS staffs	60

Important Visitors from Abroad

During this certificate course apart from curriculum more numbers of resource persons came from abroad and they were visited BD school interacted with students and their taught on different subjects. (The resource person taught topics details - Table-4)

Table 4: The Abroad resource people taught subject details

S.No	Date	Resource Person	From	Topic on
01	08/11/2017	Mr.Peter Dhoore	Belgium	Interact with students and discussed on Organic and BD farming
02	18/11/2017 and 19/11/2017	Mr.Jostein and Mrs.Asly	Sweden	Ecological Regenerative Agriculture (ERA) farming concept and Euruthumy practiced
03	20/11/2017 to 25/11/2017	Mr.Carston	Germany	Organic and BD seed production and facilitate the BD School curriculum
04	18/12/2017	Mis.Frija	Sweden	Lecture on Waste recycling management and Euruthumy practiced
05	1/1/2018 To 6/1/2018	Mr.Pietro	Germany	Lecture on role of animals in BD farming Lecture on Community supported agriculture
06	17/01/2018	Ms.Anikka	Sweden	Food and Nutrition

Students Research work

During this organic and Biodynamic certificate programme different types of research work was carried out by students. The students have done research activity are details below.

- 1. Seed trail plots preparation and seed germination test conducted.
- 2. Different types of seed treatment test conducted and their disease resistances were recorded
- 3. Periodically Biodynamic compost nutritional parameters estimated.
- 4. Comparative study of plants growth parameters identified in order to Biodynamic calendar operation.
- 5. Different organic and biodynamic inputs applied on different crops and their growth and pest and disease resistant identified as individually
- 6. Periodically BD School farms soil samples were collected and tested for micro and macro nutrients.
- 7. Different dry land crops and vegetables cultivated through different organic and Biodynamic practices and its yields and quality estimated.

Newly initiated technical Programme

During this certificate course programme different numbers of agro based technologies which in hands training have been initiated and its models were developed at BD School

campus. The technologies such as Vermi compost production, Azolla production, Bio charcoal production, mushroom production, organic inputs production, Animal husbandry etc... Through the solar cooking panel about 250 kgs of food materials have been cooked.

Practice school Activity

During this certificate programme BD School campus land have developed through this practice School as part of curriculum and Totally Rs 55,000 value of vegetables, grains, greens, cereals and fodder produced from developed farms.

Table - 5: The Practice School activity

S.No	Area	Activity		
01	5 acre land	i) Groundnut cultivated about 0.5 acre ii) Tapioca cultivated about 1 acre iii) Mango trees maintained and periodically BD preparation applied		
02	6 acre dry land area	Dry land crops like horse gram and millets cultivated		
03	Agro forestry	I. 300 no's moringa seedling and 150 no's orchard seedlings were planted. II. Organic and BD seeds plots prepared. III. Vegetables and greens produced from our farm and in order to fulfill 25% of vegetables requirements		
04	Kitchen Garden	All the kitchen wastes like vegetables, food wastes and water are being recycled and utilized as vermi compost production and maintaining the Kitchen garden in the school kitchen		
05	Animal Husbandry	3 Cows 3 Goats, 15 hens, 3 Bee hives are being maintained		
06	OBDF Farm	Students were involved in the production of BD farming inputs like CPP, BD compost and BD 500 preparation.		

Certificate issued and Students Placement

On 4th May 2018 certificate programme was completed and the final day certificate was issued to all the 16 students. Dr. M. Pathamuthu (President), Dr.K.Perumal (Secretary) and Dr.M.P.Gurusamy.

Placement: Most of the students (12 out of 16) got Job in an organic and BD farm in various places and remaining students are being maintained their own farm.





Farming Activities

2.7 Organic Biodynamic Farm as a Demonstration Centre on Farm Sustainability

ISS has been doing organic cultivation in 31 acres since its inception and the farm is certified as conforming to Indian NPOP standards of organic agriculture by IMO Bangalore. There is a small dairy unit in the farm. Milk, vegetables and other food grains are produced for the consumption of the community. ISS is making efforts to attain self-sufficiency in producing milk and organic vegetables for the community. Paddy and other food grains are also produced for the consumption of the community. This farm produces various Organic fertilizers, pesticides and weed Aicides for its own consumption and that of the community. This farm too suffered setbacks due to lack of rainfall.





At present of the 25 acres of the farm land; 8 acres is used for vegetable cultivation; 10 acres is used as an orchard with Amla, Sappota and other fruit trees; and the remaining 7 acres is used for cultivating millets and other rain fed crops. Approximately 80 percent of the farm produce is used within ISS for the homes including the milk produced in the farm.

A 90 feet bore well was dug in the farm premises for irrigation purposes.

2.8 Balwadi and Community Center at Vinobajipuram for Village Youth Developments

ISS had been running the Balwadi at Vinobajipuram for the past 25 years. The children are taught storytelling, dancing, singing, enacting dramas, product identification, and writing alphabets and words. Play way method is being followed for teaching. During 2017-18, 10 students were taught in the Balwadi. Children's education and health are discussed and advice is provided to the parents in the monthly meetings. Children are taught personal hygiene to manage their day to day lives healthily. They are also provided nutritious food with vegetables, cereals and millets being included in the regular diet.

The Center also facilitates the community linkage with the mainstream government schemes for the children, women and families to access and benefit from. The center also celebrated the important religious days, National days and the ISS Founders Remembrance Day with the active participation of the community and children. Community center has also been guiding and helping the school children and village youth in their studies and also organizing games and study circles during the evening hours. There are 30 students participating in the evening study center. BD School students and Overseas Volunteers provide support to the students in the evening study center with their studies. Overall the center has contributed towards the enhanced performance of these students in their studies. Also it has enabled them to develop civic sense and increased their participation in keeping the village clean through Shramadhana and Tree planting.

2.9 Annai Genetic Garden and Annai Lea Organic and Herbal Production Unit

Mother Lea Provo started the garden in 1994 to promote the concept of living harmoniously with nature. W.W.F and WELEDA Belgium helped to form this herbal garden. All kinds of Medicinal plants (251 varieties) are available in the form of trees, crippling plants; Root based Plants (sedi) in the Garden. A nursery too is run where saplings are

grown. The Sangam has also started manufacturing herbal medicines in a small way. It is one of the information centers on Conservation of Bio-Diversity and Sustainable utilization of the resources for those who are learning medicine and Environmental Science.

Annai Genetic Garden continued to provide the Raw material required by the Siddha Unit and also produced natural manures to be used in the garden. Besides, ISS also initiated Beekeeping



in the garden during the year with 10 Boxes. During the year due to failure of monsoon and inadequate rainfall the water requirement of the farm had to be met with great difficulty.

Many students of nearby schools, colleges, farmers, foreigners and general public continued to visit the garden. During the year 1020 persons were provided orientation and awareness on herbs and their benefits.

Annai Lea Organic and Herbal Production Unit:

Produces Siddha herbal products processing unit functioning at Kadavur. The unit produces 13 different types of Body care products like tooth powder, bathing herbal powder, hair oil, well known health enhancers like tripala, amla, natural (sysigium) powder and a few herbal teas are manufactured in the unit. Herbs required are collected from the Genetic garden. The Unit caters to the needs of the children supported by the FCS scheme and residing in the Boys and Girls Homes of ISS.

2.10 Beekeeping

Five of the ISS staff went through an intensive training on Beekeeping at Key Stone Group in Kothagiri during May 29-31, 2017. Following this on October 28, 2017 ISS purchased 6 Beehive boxes at a cost of Rs. 2,250/- each and placed 2 boxes each in Annai Genetic Garden, Bio Dynamic Farming School, and Kadavur Community Centre.

Following this Mr. Justin from Key Stone Group came to ISS and provided practical in situ training to staff, students and farmers at



Annai Genetic Garden, Bio Dynamic Farming School, and Kadavur Community Centre .Dr.K.Perumal, Secretary ISS participated in these programmes. Further 2 more Beehive boxes were placed in the Annai lea Higher secondary school and maintained by the staff and students of the school.

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- Joe Homan Charitable Trust

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- BERAS International Sweden

Government

- Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi
- Women Develop corporation (MahalirThittam)
- KadavurPanchayat Union office
- IOB -Kadavur and Tharagampatti
- Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank- (Ayyalur)
- THADCO Karur
- Forest Department-Karur.
- NABARD Karur
- District Education office Karur
- Chief Education Office- Karur.
- Primary Health Centre Kadavur
- Agriculture Extension office Tharagampatti

Institutions

Gandhigram Rural University & Shri A M MMurugappa Chettiar Research Centre-Chennai

Non-Governmental Organization

- Gandhigram Trust
- CIRHEP Centre for Improved Rural Health and Environmental Protection, Nilakottai.
- Muhil Movement for Universal Health Integration & Liberation, Thirumangalam
- Karmuhil Thirumangalam
- Kudumbam Pudukottai
- ADISIL Agrarian Development Institute for Sustenance and Improved Livelihood, Thirumangalam
- Provigallyyakam Kadayanallur
- AHIMSA Association For Human Integrated Massive Social Action, Vaiyampatti
- ECOPRO Auroville, Pondicherry
- MDGA Madurai District Tree Growers Associations, Madurai

INBA SEVA SANGAM-SEVAPURSTAFF PERSONAL DETAIL - 2018

S.No	Name	Designation with Project Name	Nature of Job
		Administration	
1	P. Veluchamy	Administrative Manager ADM	Co-ordination of all the Project of ISS
2	Dr.V.Karuppuraj	SCIENTIST &PI	Scientist P&I
3	J.P.Revathy	Accountant cum Cashier	Account cum Cashier
		Foster Children Scheme	2
4	V.Mookkuchamy	FCS Manager Project In-charge	Manager(Field)
5	M.Elamathi	FCS Manager	FCS Manager
6	P.Ramamoorthi	FCS Asst	FCS In-charge
7	P.Manimegalai	Warden G.H	Warden
8	Marimuthu	Girls Hostel	Girls Hostel
9	Senthamarai selvi	Tailoring Teacher	Tailoring Teacher
	Annai	Lea Higher Secondary	School
10	M.Manickam	Head Master	Head Master
11	P.Muniyandi	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
12	M.RajivGandhi	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
13	K.Chokkanathan	PG.Assist	PG.Assist

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14	P.Sivalingam	Diploma argi	Diploma argi
15	M.Gopal	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
16	S.Dhamodharan	PET	PET
17	S.Mangayarkani	Computer Teacher	Computer Teacher
18	Mr.A.Manickam	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
19	C.Dineshkumar	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
20	M.Rajmohan	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
21	A.Murugananthan	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
22	M.Karthigajothi	Teacher	Teacher
23	K.Vijayakumar	PG.Assist	PG.Assist
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24	M.S.Latha	Balwadi-Teacher	Balwadi-Teacher
	,	Siddha &Agg	
25	A.Raman	Annai Genetic Garden	Siddha,AGG Incharge
	•	SOFIA Project	
26	A.John Bosco	Sofia ProjectManager(I/C)	Sofia Project
27	V.Rathinam	Field OfficerSofia	Organic Farm Field Visit
28	T.Sudha	Office Assistance	Office Assistance
29	K. Velmurugan	Marketing	Marketing

S.No	Name		Designation with Project Name		Nature of Job		
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30	Dr.V.Karuppura	aj S	Scientist &PI		Scientist P&I		
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31	Mr.Tamilmani	Farı	m In-Charges	Charges			
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32	Dr.V.Karuppuı	aj	Scientist &	PI Scientist	P&I		
33	Mr.Poovaraha	van	Office Assis	stance	Office Assistance		
	Vechicle Maintenance						
34	S.Sudhakaran	Drive	er-ADM Driv	ver			
35	G.Sebastian Driver	Elect	trician Elec	trician, Fitter			

Details of Awards and Appreciation Certificate

- 1. Puratchi Thalaivi Dr.J.Jayalalitha Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Sr.Lea Provo on the occasion of international women's day celebration on the 9th march 1994 at Madras.
- Defender of Peace Award -1994 Conferred on Amma Lea Provo Founder President Inba Seva Sangam Sevapur for her Compassionate and selfless services for the downtrodden. on Gandhian lines Cepchira.. Gandhi museum "WCRP"
- 3. Thiruppur -19.03.1994 Thirivalluvar Literary Centre.
- 4. 1995 -75th Birthday by Educational Development Programme –I.S.S
- 5. Certificate of Appreciation, the entire Aravind Eye Care System expresses its sincere appreciation to "Inba Seva Sangam".

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Vote of Thanks on the Inba Seva Sangam Golden Jubilee Valedictory Function

Distinguished dignitaries on the dias, **His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Banwarilal Purohit,** Special Invitees, Parents, General Public from various districts of Tamil Nadu and my dear children I am here to propose vote of thanks.

At the outset, Inba Seva Sangam wishes to place on record its sincere gratitude to His Excellency The Governor of Tamil Nadu for accepting the invitation to be the Chief Guest for our Golden Jubilee function, inaugurating the Golden JubileeArch, rededicating the symbol **Un-Nameable** "Om temple" and delivering the Golden Jubilee Valedictory Address on this historic occasion at Inba Seva Sangam Sevapur. We are grateful to you Sir.

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Peace prevails when we love our neighbours. Our strength is faith in God and doing service to our neighbours. The joy will flow in our heart when we follow the footsteps of Mother Lea Provo and her mentors Mahatma Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhaveji.

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