

**DIRECTORY
OF
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES**

IN TAMILNADU AND PONDICHERRY

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When we are using education to change people's lives and enable them to participate fully in the life and development of their nation, we are harnessing it for no less than revolutionary purposes.

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PREFACE

There is no dearth of voluntary effort in the field of non-formal and Adult Education in Tamil Nadu and the union Territory of Pondicherry. About 400 such agencies in Tamilnadu alone responded to the appeal of the Government to implement the National Adult Education Programme in 1977. Will it not be of interest and use to all such agencies involved and interested in the work of non-formal and adult education to come to know about the location, aims and objectives, scope and nature of work, area of action, plans and achievements of similar agencies working shoulder to shoulder in their area and region? Therefore, SRC is bringing out this humble and simple Directory.

SRC is bringing out this work in response to the innumerable queries received in its Office practically daily from various quarters. Mr. T. MURUGESAN our talented Documentation Officer and Librarian and his able assistant Mr. V. ANANDAMOORTHY have carefully compiled this Directory from the information received from the respective agencies. Our sincere appreciation and thanks to both of them.

This is a maiden effort. Therefore, there may be lot of scope for improvement and perfection. Secondly, it has been compiled not based on direct and first hand knowledge and information, but on the information sent to us in response to our questionnaire. Therefore, there is a room for inaccuracies creeping willy into this compilation. But all these could be corrected in our subsequent editions of this work with your good will and kind co-operation. So, please do help us to help you with accurate and correct information.

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INTRODUCTION

Voluntary agencies represent the collective will of the people to innovate, to promote and to implement programmes with or without governmental support. Invariably, they are initiated and governed by their own members on democratic principles without external control. With the definite objectives and a plan for fulfilling these objectives, they carry out the programmes efficiently. Generally, by structure and mobility of attitude they are very flexible.

It is believed that among the number of agencies participating in National Adult Education Programme, voluntary agencies play a major and vital role in implementation. A number of Voluntary organisations have been doing pioneering work in the field of Education including Adult Literacy. They are spread out throughout the States and Country and participate either by planning and implementation of field programmes including post-literacy and follow-up activities or by resource development, particularly, production of teaching/ learning materials, training, research and evaluation, etc.

To coordinate and promote the activities of Voluntary agencies in the field of Adult Education, a directory was brought out by Directorate of Adult Education, New Delhi, in the year 1980. Being an all Indian one, it does not cover Tamilnadu and Pondicherry in a comprehensive way and hence it was planned to bring out a Directory for the region Tamilnadu and Pondicherry. Our intention in bringing out this Directory is three fold :

- (i) To bring out a comprehensive work which will facilitate better exchange of information and experiences among the various institutions and promote interaction between them and the State Resource Centre for Non-formal Education, Tamilnadu.
- (ii) To be a tailor made tool to suit the needs of our State and Pondicherry.
- (iii) To provide information to interested people about the existence of the various institutions and their activities which may help to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

The institutions are arranged in this Directory in alphabetical order of their official name.

The following pieces of information are provided on the institutions and their activities.

1. Name of the Institution
2. Introduction
3. Aims and objectives
4. Structure of the organisation
5. Activities
 - In the field of adult education
 - In other fields
6. Publications
7. Resources
 - Financial
 - Other facilities
8. Address for further communication

The Directory is supplemented by groups of institutions by their nature of work. Groups of Institutions by their coverage and Districtwise Institutions list.

It is our intention to annotate the next edition of this Directory to make it more informative and useful, and we would appreciate any additions and corrections which you could supply to improve both the extension of the coverage and the accuracy of the information of the Directory.

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ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

Some of the social workers and educationists of Tamilnadu State who realised the importance of adult education came together with a view to launch a programme of eradication of illiteracy and to build up a continuing education programme. The ideas were crystalised and consequently the association was formed on 29th March 1969 with the objective of educating the adults.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To spread knowledge among the people on all subjects related to their welfare and culture through suitable agencies.
- To initiate wherever necessary adult education activities in co-operation with various organisations and individuals interested in the work and to encourage and coordinate local efforts and organisations engaged in promoting the cause.
- To serve as a bureau for information and advice concerning adult education.
- To cooperate with movements aiming at the removal of illiteracy and ignorance and the promotion of the civic, economic and cultural interests of the people.
- To prepare and supply slides, charts, films, booklets, suitable literature, etc. and undertake publication of bulletin and journals.
- To arrange public lectures, demonstrations, seminars etc. for the furtherance of the objectives of the association.
- To organise adult education conferences and seminars.
- To induce the universities and other educational bodies to take up adult education work etc.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Executive Body

- President
- Vice-President

- General Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Treasurer

Membership

categories of members

- life member
- ordinary member

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- conducts literacy classes and arranges lectures on general knowledge like civic education, nutrition and continuing education.

In other fields

- organises music and drama groups
- organises demonstration cum lecture, competitions and arranges film shows.
- organises relief work.

AREAS OF OPERATION

- Functions at Madras district level

RESOURCES

Financial

Donations and specific aids contribute to their financial resources

For more information, please write to :

Adult Education Association,
18, Pinjala Subramaniam Road,
T. Nagar, Madras-600 017.

ARNAD VELLALAR SANGAM

INTRODUCTION

Arnad Vellalar Sangam was founded in the year 1946 with the aim to develop and promote rural community development programmes for the economic and social freedom of downtrodden people.

Aims and Objectives

- To motivate people to improve the conditions of their lives.
- To strengthen a sense of personal worth and faith of people, themselves.
- To develop attitudes, skills, economic conditions, health, family planning, housing, recreation, etc.
- To provide facilities for contribution of education through libraries, discussion groups, clubs and institutions like people's colleges.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Administrative powers are vested with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee comprises President, Vice-President, Secretary, and other members.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- runs free classes for educating the adults and poor people who cannot afford to study during the day time.
- offers rural service projects such as first aid, home nursing, tailoring and garment making.

In other fields

- runs women welfare centres, special nutrition centres, etc.
- promotes national savings campaign by conducting seminars and through mobilising units.
- mobilises man power to do manual work for widening roads and pathways, constructing community centres, maintaining irrigation channels, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

It has published a primer titled "Arivu Kalanchiyam" for their Adult learners.

RESOURCES

Financial

Grants from State Government and Membership fee are the major source of income to this organisation.

Other facilities

This organisation has its own building, furniture, blackboard, charts, slates and other equipments.

For complete information, please address to :

Arnad Vellalar Sangam
1-2, Sannathi Street,
Tiruvanaikoil, Tiruchy-620 005.

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".....Education is not something that is confined to the class room.....One is learning continuously from what is happening to one or around one from the people with whom one is mixing.....".

— INDIRA GANDHI

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE

National Adult Education Programme

INTRODUCTION

Arul Anandar College initiated Adult Education Programme in the year 1970. It aims, in particular, at raising the standards of literacy and of living in what is classified as backward area, and for this purpose, the Department of Rural Development Science has been established. Conscious of the poverty of the masses and the prevailing moral and spiritual corruption and social inequalities that beset our country, the management of the college gives first place to moral and spiritual values and desires to inculcate a strong sense of social justice among the students hoping to make the institution both in theory and in practice an agent of social change towards a more just and equitable social order.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To undertake community motivational programmes and adult literacy work.
- To create a sense of cooperation and discipline among the students by involving them in social welfare activities.
- To develop the habit of study among the students through library and other literary activities.
- To impart general knowledge for better citizenship.
- To work for the removal of all disabilities of rural poor whether legal, economic or social and to ensure opportunities for their full and free development and advancement.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This programme is administered by a panel of Board members formed with a President, programme officer cum Secretary, Supervisor, Leader and staff advisors. However, it comes under the supervision of the Principal for its reason of sponsorship by National Service Scheme, a project by University Grants Commission.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Runs free classes for educating the adults and poor people who cannot afford to study during the day time. About 10 centres with 20 teachers are being run by them.

- Arranges film shows, lectures and symposia for the learners with a view to make them better citizens.
- Imparts knowledge to the school children in nine elementary schools.

IN OTHER FIELDS

- organises village camps and Harijan welfare programmes by the NSS & RDS students.
- teaches carpentry, plumbing, masonry, electric wiring, etc., to the young boys.
- organises welfare projects like family planning activities and vocational training centres.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Operates at the village level, in and around Karumathur village, Usilampatti Taluk.

PUBLICATIONS

It has published literature for adult literacy and follow-up materials.

RESOURCES

Financial

Aids from University Grants Commission and Central Government facilitate to run their programme without much difficulties.

Other facilities

It has its own building, play grounds and facilities for audiovisual equipment.

For detailed information please write to :

National Adult Education Programme,
Arul Anandar College,
Karumathur-626 514,
Madurai District.

ASHA NIVAS

INTRODUCTION

This organisation was founded for the economic and social freedom of downtrodden people. It was started with the work of social welfare activities such as health care, nutrition etc., but later its scope has been extended to educate the adults and non-school entrants, The norms and activities of this institution is governed by its parent Organisation, Arch Diocese of Mylapore.

It was established in the year 1976 and has been registered under the Societies Registration Act.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To device measures and take steps for the all round educational economic, social and cultural development of the under-privileged unemployed people irrespective of caste, creed or race in general.
- To take measures and steps and work out such schemes as may be beneficial and conducive to the common betterment of the people of the area.
- To make adults and other groups literate and to encourage them to continue their education.
- To educate the people for their improved standard of living, good health and sanitation.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It functions with the Executive Board consisting a Director and 12 members nominated by the organisational members. Official staff structure is formed with one Director, Secretary, Manager, Social workers and Animators.

ACTIVITIES

In collaboration with WVS it organises social welfare activities for the people who are dwelling in slums.

Under National Adult Education Programme it runs Adult Education Centres to educate and inculcate in the minds of the people the essentiality of education in the present society.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It operates within the city and urban limits of Madras City.

RESOURCES

Financial

It does not receive any aid or grant either from Govt.
(both State and Central) or from philanthropic societies.

Others :

It has its own building and land, teaching equipments and training facilities.

For further information please write to :

Asha Nivas,
No. 9, Rutland gate,
5th Street,
Madras-600 006.

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ASSOCIATION FOR THE MASSES

INTRODUCTION

This Institution was established in the year 1978 to eradicate social economic evils of the rural masses by means of inculcating literacy to them. More specifically it is concerned with basic education, cooperative movements, agriculture and dairy farms, village industries and removal of untouchability and prohibition.

Aims and Objectives

- To secure betterment in the standard of living of the rural people.
- To educate the community through community development programmes.
- To assist in constructive work and enable women to play their legitimate part in national reconstruction.
- To vocalize the aspirations of rural women through properly constituted bodies, so as to draw attention of government and other public bodies for the removal of their disabilities etc.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It is administered by a Board of Management, consisting of elected members.

Membership is open to graduates who are willing to strive for the welfare of the common people.

The office is working with one supervisor and a clerk.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Runs Rural community centres.
- Organises cottage industry activities in tribal areas.
- Organises training programmes for field workers, school teachers, hostel superintendents and workers of cooperative societies working in tribal area, in the affiliated institutions.
- Undertakes projects under the scheme of assistance from the Government of India, NAEP during 1979-80 and post literacy programme in 1980-81.
- Workers education classes for industrial workers.

In other fields

- Gives financial assistance to set up Dairy units.
- Organises tribal forest labourers cooperative societies.
- Arranges family planning orientation camps.
- Convenes students and youth camps and training camps for mobilising youth for national reconstruction work.

AREAS OF OPERATION

At present it is engaged in WATRAP Block, West Ramnad District, though it was proposed to cover the whole Tamilnadu.

RESOURCES

Financial

Aids from Central Government and membership fee contributes to their financial resources.

Other facilities

This organisation functions in a rented building and has acquainted with enough materials for conducting the classes. A well established library with 800 books and 60 periodicals is at the disposal to their clientle.

For detailed information, please mail to :

Association for the Masses
123, West Anna Tope,
Madurai-10.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE RURAL POOR

INTRODUCTION

This organisation was founded in the year 1980 to work for the improvement of physical, economic and financial conditions of the poor local people. It is concerned with basic education, cooperative movements, agriculture and dairy farms, village industries and removal of untouchability and prohibition.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To teach illiterate men and women to read and write and to acquire skills to improve their socio-economic conditions.
- To prepare them for effective participation in the development of their villages, panchayats, regions and country.
- To provide continued problem-oriented education and sensitise them to know their legitimate rights and responsibilities.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This association is organised and administered by the elected Executive Board Members.

One senior co-ordinator and community organisers constitute the office structure.

This organisation has been affiliated to the Rural community Development Association, Chitamor.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Promotes personal, family, community, regional and general development effecting human understanding and fellowship through non-formal education programmes.
- Trains people for democratic action and leadership.
- Collects and diffuses knowledge and information covering the possibilities and achievements of community life.

- Conducts study tours, seminars, work camps excursions, etc to initiate the open doors system for the promotion of National and International understanding.

In Other Fields

- Initiates and takes over social service projects, agricultural and industrial undertakings.
- Undertakes public health immunisation programme.

AREAS OF OPERATION

areas of activities include Chingleput Dt., North Arcot and a few parts of South Arcot District.

RESOURCES

Financial

Grants from philanthropic societies and membership fee are the major sources of income to execute their activities.

Other facilities

This organisation functions in a rented building and it has enough teaching aids like maps, charts, pamphlets, books and periodicals.

For complete information, please address to :

Association for the Rural Poor,
59, East Mada Church Road,
Royapuram,
Madras-600 013.

AYYA NADAR JANAKI AMMAL COLLEGE

National Adult Education Programme

INTRODUCTION

Adult Literacy Project, Sivakasi was started in 1970 as an adjunct of the Social Service League of the Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal college, Sivakasi. During the implementation of NAEP in India, a unit was also initiated at this college. Since 1979 it implements the National Adult Education Programme. This is sponsored by Madurai Kamaraj University aided by the University Grants Commission.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To enable universities and colleges to become aware of their social responsibility and bring them closer to the illiterate community.
- To undertake all measures for the purpose of spreading functional literacy.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

- University NAEP coordinator
- College Principal
- NAEP Officer
- NAEP Supervisor
- Student instructors

Executive Committee

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Representatives of National Service Scheme
- Treasurer

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Imparts literacy to adult learners based on their environment and needs.

- Runs training programmes for adult education
- Organises mobile library service.

In other fields

- Agricultural extension work by establishing demonstration plots, popularising new variety of seeds showing the correct and proper method of applying fertilizers and providing custom ploughing service, technical information etc.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Sivakasi Taluk and the surrounding villages are covered by the programme.

RESOURCES

Financial

Donations from voluntary organisations and aids from University Grants Commission help to run this programme sufficiently.

Other facilities

The Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College has a campus area of 147 acres. The college provides facilities for its programmes.

For more information, please write to :

The Programme Officer,
National Adult Education Programme,
Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College,
Sivakasi-626 123, Ramnad District.

BRINDAVAN TEACHERS TRAINING CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

B. T. T. C. was established in the year 1937 and has been registered under the Act of Societies Registration.

The organisation, a sub system of Childrens Garden School Society, carries out numerous Child Welfare activities as a part of the society development programme.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Its major objective is to impart training to the young poor women, working in the Kinder-Garten Schools and Creche Institutes as teachers.
- It also exhibits keen interest to remove illiteracy by running literacy classes for school dropouts and non-entrants.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This organisation functions with one Headmistress and three teacher assistants to fulfil the above-said objectives.

ACTIVITIES

It conducts full and part-time classes to train teachers who are local residents and holds evening classes for dropouts and non-entrants.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Madras City and the adjacent urban areas are covered under this programmes.

PUBLICATIONS

It does not have any publication facilities of its own, but their research results are communicated through publications of different organisations.

RESOURCES

(a) Financial

It receives grants and aids from both Central and State Governments to run their programmes.

(b) Library facilities

It has a good library with approximately 12,000 books and operates in its own building.

For detailed information, please mail to :

**Brindavan Teachers Training Centre,
11/12, Dr. Radhakrishnan Road,
7th Lane,
Madras-600 009.**

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“Adult Education plays a useful role. To be effective, adult education must be conducted by dedicated and responsible teachers and must address specific felt-needs”.

— World Development Report-1980.

CENTRE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE

INTRODUCTION

The centre for Human development and social change was established as a voluntary organisation in the year 1974 for cultivating a spirit of voluntary social work and service in the state of Tamilnadu.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To work for economic, educational, cultural and scientific development of the community.
- To develop the socio-economic conditions of the people by establishing adult education, cultural centres, hospitals, etc.
- To foster a spirit of self respect, self reliance and self sufficiency through educational and economic development among the people of the area.
- To create a sense of social upliftment and national reconstruction in economic, social, educational and cultural field among youth workers.
- To inspire and encourage the students in doing service to the community in all possible ways.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Executive Committee with the elected members governs the administrative aspects of the organisation. It can also nominate functional committees as and when necessary for specific purposes.

Four full time staff and three part time staff constitute the office pattern.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- It runs basic education classes for adults of both sex to develop literacy skills, discipline, simplicity and service.
- It cooperates with other agencies aiming at the removal of illiteracy and promotion of adult education and cultural interest of the people.

- organises regional and state conferences, seminars and arranges for lectures, demonstrations, etc.
- compiles and publishes if necessary, suitable literature, slides, charts, booklets and other publications.

In other fields

- explores the possibility of creating additional income through other activities like cottage industries.
- offers health education, first-aid treatment.
- runs child welfare centres etc.

RESOURCES

Financial

Donations and grants from foreign countries, membership fee and other specific aids from the government contribute to their financial sources

Other facilities

This organisation operates on the rented premises and has a well established library for post literacy activities.

For detailed information please write to :

Centre for Human development and Social change,
39/15, Appar swami Koil Street,
Madras-600 019.

CENTRE FOR RURAL GROWTH

INTRODUCTION

It is a registered voluntary organisation working in the field of Adult education for the social uplift of the poor local people and backward communities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To spread knowledge among the people particularly in the rural areas relating to their all round welfare and suited to their culture.
- To initiate educational activities for adult and children.
- To promote the civic, economic and cultural interests of the people.
- To work towards removing ignorance and superstition among the people and to create in them an awareness to know their rights and duties and an awakening towards a creation of reformed thinking society.
- To carry on such service activities needed for the development of the communities and society at large.
- To work for the welfare of the unemployed, the under-privileged and those who are economically and socially backward.
- To help to create self employment opportunities and opportunities for subsidiary occupations.
- To raise and accept donations or avail of grants, aids and other assistances for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the Association.
- To cooperate with, give aid or delegate work to individuals and societies engaged in activities similar to the objectives of the Association.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Administration of the Association vests with an Executive Committee consisting of eleven members which is constituted as follows :

Five founder members

Six elected members

One President, One Secretary and one Treasurer occupy the important position of the Executive Committee.

The Office pattern is formed with one Director and one Clerk. This organisation has its affiliation with Regional Council for Adult Education, Madras.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Runs adult literacy classes to benefit about 2000 adults in a year.
- Conducts animal husbandry based functional literacy courses of nine months duration.
- Prepares learning,—teaching materials in regional languages.

In other fields, it is involved in

- Household industries, training courses of four months duration.
- Debates, essay competitions, painting competition, meetings with noted persons and outstanding personalities.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It functions at Gummidipoondi Taluk.

RESOURCES

Financial

Members and voluntary donations alone help to activate its financial resources.

Other facilities

This organisation functions in its own building and it has enough facilities to run adult literacy classes.

For detailed information, please write to :

Centre for Rural Growth
Madar Pakkam-601 202
Gummidipoondi Taluk
Chingleput district.

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION SERVICE (DEEDS)

INTRODUCTION

Development Education Service has been established in the year 1977 for general uplift of the poor and needy masses through various developmental programmes. It is a registered organisation to make educational facilities available to all the people irrespective of sex, class and creed.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To train development workers at various levels so that they may initiate and promote genuine and total development services.
- To conduct seminars, training programmes, workshops and conferences on development issues.
- To undertake and assist community development programmes which will provide an occasion for practical study and exercise of those under training.
- To engage in adult education and in general, non-formal education for development.
- To promote all sorts of activities through which communities of the weaker sections of society can enrich their lives economically and culturally.
- To publish when possible, data, strategies, techniques, challenges, opportunities and information that may help for better developmental services.
- To act as a channel for exchange of information, ideas and experiences.
- To collaborate with voluntary agencies and government in development activities and development training programmes.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This organisation is governed by an Executive Committee formed with its elected members. Director of the organisation holds the key position and Secretary, Accountant, Field Workers, Training staff constitute the official staff pattern.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Training literacy workers, teachers, writers and supervisors.
- Preparation of primers for literacy programmes.

- Publishes a quarterly news letter for literacy centres.
- Provides information and library resources for literacy workers and learners.
- Mass communication through discussion. groups, study circles, rural radio forums, film shows, newspapers. etc.

In Other Fields

- Programmes dealing with consumer education about women.
- Programmes creating awareness about the women's social status.

PUBLICATION

"DEEDS DIALOGUE"—A quarterly publication expanding the ways and means of enhancing the concept of Development Education.

RESOURCES

Financial

Grant-in-aid from voluntary organisations contribute to its financial resource to run its programmes,

Other facilities

Besides learning and teaching materials, a well established library with 2500 books and 20 periodicals enrich its facilities.

For more information please write to :

Development education service
Lower Bendur,
Mangalore-575 002.

GANDHIGRAM INSTITUTE OF RURAL HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE TRUST

INTRODUCTION

Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and family Welfare Trust was initiated in the year 1964 to perpetuate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi among the people especially among younger generations. It was also established to provide sanitary facilities and to promote the preventive and other measures for the health of the people specially in rural or poverty stricken areas of Tamilnadu.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To provide health care service to all before 2000 A. D.
- To advance health and family welfare programme through organising training courses for health and family planning personnel and trainees of various training institutions.
- To undertake research activities on health and family welfare,
- To develop methods and techniques for the delivery of health care services.
- To demonstrate improved health and family welfare practices.
- To educate the poor people on health, nutrition, sanitation and personal hygiene.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Executive Committee

- Chairman
- Director
- Principal
- Treasurer
- Members

About 256 persons are engaged in this service.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- It runs literacy classes for adults.
- It produces audio-visual aids to support the literacy activities.
- It undertakes training of youth leadership in First aid, village sanitation,

disinfection of wells, training in administration of Polio, small pox and health education.

In other fields

- It cooperates with Municipal, State or Central Government, Department of Public Health and WHO in matters connected with drugs, public health and family planning etc.
- It arranges blood donation programmes particularly in rural areas and to act as a blood bank.

It conducts the following short term courses :

1. Diploma course in Health education
2. Post Graduate diploma course in communication
3. Diploma in Applied Nutrition and Dietics
4. Personal Management and Industrial relations
5. Diploma in Public Health Nursing.
6. Diploma in Lady Health Visitor

AREAS OF OPERATION

It serves the whole Tamil Nadu Community

PUBLICATION

In publication activities, it has two News Letters and one Bulletin to its credit. About 150-500 copies are circulated to their subscribers. Their research activities and findings are communicated through their bulletin.

RESOURCES

Financial

Grant from Central Government alone contribute to their activities.

Other facilities

It has a well-furnished library of about 7500 books, and it subscribes to about 100 periodicals. This organisation functions in its acquired land.

For more information, please write to

The Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust.
P. O. Ambathurai R. S.
Madurai District-625 309.

GANDHI NIKETAN ASHRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Gandhi Niketan Ashram, a voluntary organisation, organises various types of activities for the welfare and development of the rural areas. Its major objective is to implement Gandhian constructive programmes in rural areas. It was founded in the year 1940 and registered under the Societies Registration Act.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To arrange for the study and research on the teaching and practice of Gandhiji.
- To further and promote the way of life as reflected in the percept and practice of Mahatma Gandhi based on the values of Satya and Ahimsa
- To promote and propagate the principles of truth and non-violence in the context of social, national and international affairs.
- To provide information, counsel and assistance to the teaching institutions and act as a co-ordinating centre.
- To assist in developing an informed public opinion on the principles and techniques of Ahimsa.
- To collect, preserve and publish Gandhi's writings and speeches in various languages.
- To take up projects of study and research on basic, social, economic and political problems affecting the country.
- To provide training to selected persons for the purpose of the fulfilment of the objectives of the foundation.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The organisation is administered by an Executive Board whose members are selected from the constructive workers. The Executive Board elects one Chairman and a Secretary for a period of 3 years, 81 teachers, 40 trainers, 54 production agents and 25 Depot incharges represent the official staff position of the organisation.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Implements adult education as envisaged by Gandhiji through Grama Sabhas since 1969.

- Spreads literacy through National Adult education programme.
- Trains workers in functional literacy.
- Experiments with traditional and modern methods and means of audio-visuals and mass communication.
- Publishes primers and supplementary readers and other literature for audits
- Organises health and family education programme.

In Other Fields

- Works for the integrated rural development in Kallupatti, Kalligudi and Sedapatti Blocks through Grama Sabhas
- Runs a College of Gandhian thought affiliated to Madurai Kamaraj University offering certificates and Diploma Course.
- Organises 42 days Courses on Gandhian thought to graduates and post-graduates.
- Arranges peoples Education Programme for 300 women spinners in 10 Rural Textile centres.
- Conducts Nature Cure camps, youth camps and Teacher's camps.
- Trains sons of Artisans and educated unemployed youths in weaving and village industries.
- Celebrates National, seasonal, religious and social festivals on a mass scale.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Activities are spread out in Kallupatti, Kalligudi and Sedapatti Blocks (Tirumanagalam and Usilampatti Taluks)

PUBLICATION

Occasional hand books and brochures, primers, Mogan choola, Ashram Prayer book, Gandhi becomes Mahatma are a few of their publications.

RESOURCES

Financial

It receives financial aid from Khadi and village Industries Commission, Bombay for its production and training activities. For running schools, aid from State Government are accepted. In 1980, it received Jammalal Bajaj Award worth Rs. 1 lakh.

A part from these, donations from its members and the public and income through sales of Khadi and village Industries contribute to their financial source.

Other facilities

The organisation has its own building and equipments. It has a good library with 12,000 books and a number of periodicals.

For more information please write to :

Gandhi Niketan Ashram,
T. Kallupatti-626 702,
Madurai district.

GUILD OF SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

The Guild was founded with a view to organise all possible fields of service to coordinate social service without overlapping and to maintain community service by a permanent bureau of potential workers along with other services of governmental as well as voluntary agencies. It has been engaged for over fifty years in essential service to the under privileged, aged, infirm, destitute, delinquent and mentally retarded children. It has also been organising medical work, slum welfare, family planning, eradication of illiteracy, community services and a host of similar activities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To discover, determine and organise all possible fields of service in Tamil Nadu and in other States and bring them to the notice of those who are willing to undertake voluntary work in any capacity.
- To form branches of the Guild in various places
- To raise funds for this purpose.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Board of Trustees

General Body

Office bearers

- President
- Vice-President
- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Hon. Secretary
- Treasurer

Executive Committee

Working Committee

Staff

All the 5 centres are adequately staffed.

Membership

Any one who is aged 18 with the interest in social work and students above 16 can become a member on payment of subscription.

ACTIVITIES

— guides, undertakes the various activities mentioned in the introduction in accordance with the aims and objectives.

RESOURCES

Financial

— Donations, subscriptions from members, Central and State grants.

Facilities

Owens building in all the 5 centres and has all other necessary equipments.

For more details please write to:

Guild of Service
Philroy,
Nungambakkam High Road,
Madras-600 034.

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Education has to help the Adult to live life more fully and effectively;
education is for life.

— MAHATHMA GANDHI

GURUKULA MAHALIR MANDRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Mandram has been established for all-round general welfare of women.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To uplift young women of our country.
- To develop academic qualifications.
- To develop arts and handicrafts
- To develop physical fitness and health among young women.
- To run a library.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Managing Committee

- Convenor
- Asst. Convenor
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Asst. Treasurer

Membership

Categories of Members

- ordinary member
- life member

Institutions

Two centres are being run by this Mandram.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

Gives training to adult women in the trades of cutting and tailoring, embroidery, needle work and dress making.

AREA OF OPERATION

It functions at block level.

RESOURCES

Financial

Public funds

Contributions and donations are the major sources of income.

For more details, please address to :

Gurukula Mahalir Mandram
40, Swami Sannathi Street,
Tirupparankundram,
Madurai-625 005.

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Education should help the Adult to be self-reliant and tackle his own problem himself.

— MAHATHMA GANDHI

ISLAND OF PEACE

INTRCDUCTION

The Island of Peace is an integrated rural development project based on self-help. It was founded by late Father Dominique Pire, Nobel Peace Prize winner for the year 1958. A previous 'Island' had already been completed (1962-67) in Bangladesh and was functioning successfully in the hands of the local people, and a third project subsequently started in 1975 at Timbuctu, in Mali, West Africa. It was established in the year 1968 and became financially and administratively independent from Belgian aid and Management in the year 1975.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To conduct and promote in the State the manifold constructive activities required to further the ideals of truth and non-violence.
- To establish and maintain work centres.
- To promote preventive and other measures for the health of the people especially in rural or poverty stricken areas.
- To promote and encourage basic education, training of children and adults for citizenship of women especially in domestic science, handicrafts, cottage industries and other crafts.
- To prepare and supply, if necessary, suitable literature, slides, charts, booklets etc. and to undertake publication of bulletins and other pamphlets.
- To act as an agency with an inter-disciplinary approach committed towards providing three basic technical services such as water development, medical and educational in the rural areas.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Administered by the Executive Board represented by the elected members of the organisation.

Three heads of the sectors, operators, assistants, field maistry, workers, social workers, Nursery school Teachers, Ayah cum cooks, Sewing instructors, attender and watchman constitute the official staff pattern.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

It conducts village adult literacy classes with the help of social workers in the socia sector. Further, the social worker in his weekly social field work takes classes for members of Madhar Sangam in literacy development, teaching of health topic, cooking demonstration, discussion of current problems, decisions about use of savings, etc.

In Other Fields**Home Craft and Family Welfare Centres**

Conducts 3 courses for about 45 students. Since its inception, over 600 women and girls have been trained in dress making, embroidery, home craft, child care, nutrition, etc.

Village Sewing Classes

Conducts 6 classes for about 60 students. Since its inception, over 1000 students have attended these village classes.

Nursery Schools

About 13 schools are being run with approximately 455 children.

Madhar Sangams

About 27 sangams are functioning now and steps are being taken to register them officially.

Mother and Child Feeding Programme

Over 1100 mothers and children now benefit from this Feeding scheme.

Vocational Training Centre

One course for about 24 students. Three ten-month courses have now been held for 72 students.

AREAS OF OPERATION

The activities of the agricultural, social and medical sectors cover the inhabitants of the Kalakad Panchayat Union, plus some beneficiaries from outside. The Kalakad Panchayat Union consists of 20 Panchayats with a total population of roughly 77,000 spread over 88 square miles.

RESOURCES**Financial**

- Receives grant from Government for specific programmes.
- From Dominique Pire Foundation, Belgium towards the salary of the head of the social sector.
- From OXFAM for providing community drinking water and installing deep bore wells fitted with hand pumps.

Other facilities

This organisation operates in the lease holder lands and it has enough facilities for its educational activities with a well established library.

For more details please write to :

Island of Peace, Kalakad,
Kalakad P. O. 627 501,
Tirunelveli District.

KASTURBA GANDHI NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRUST, TAMIL NADU

INTRODUCTION

Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Tamil Nadu was established in the year 1954, with its headquarters at Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Madhyapradesh, to uplift the rural poor children and womenfolk economically and socially. Their major programme all over India are ; (i) setting up of Educational Institutions, (ii) Training Centres, (iii) Kanya Ashrams, (iv) Creches, (v) Village Service Centres and (vi) Agricultural units. It was established in the year 1954 and has been Registered under the Societies Registration Act.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To conduct and promote such charitable activities for the general welfare of the poor and needy women and children in the rural areas.
- To establish and maintain hospitals and charitable dispensaries for women and children.
- To provide sanitary facilities for women and children and promote preventive measures affecting the health of women and children in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu.
- To promote and encourage Primary Education, Training in Handicrafts, Cottage Industries, etc.
- To work for eradication of illiteracy among the rural people, especially among adult women.
- To train women for carrying out any of the aforesaid activities.
- To render help through grants and contributions to any existing institution doing similar work.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The executive board is nominated and consists of Chairman. Vice-Chairman, Secretary and other trustees. This trust operates at the state level has an experience of about 25 years service.

For the purpose of field work, one Project Officer, three Supervisors, one Office Assistant, one L. D. C. and one Attender are employed.

ACTIVITIES

a) In the field of Non-formal and Adult Education :

It runs a number of Literacy Gramaseva Centres along with National Adult Education Programme. Their main clientele are rural women and school dropouts of the age group 6-14. However, this activity is being carried out since last 5 years.

b) in other fields

Since its inception it is engaged in the following activities :

- health service centres
- nutrition food distribution in balwadis
- women enlightenment programme and
- village service

AREAS OF OPERATION

Though the coverage is said to be Tamil Nadu as a whole, it operates on a selective basis in a particular area for a particular period. Currently, it is, engaged in Modakurichi, Kodumudi, Vellakovil and Chennimalai Blocks of Periyar Dist.

RESOURCES

a) Financial

Funds from Central Government and donations from philanthropists form major contribution to run these programmes.

b) Library facilities

It has good library facilities for their Project Officers, Supervisors and others. Adult learning materials (i. e. Primers and supplementary readers) received from State Resource Centre, Madras are supplied to their learners.

For further information, please write to :

The Prathinidhi,
Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust,
Kasturbagram P. O., Erode R. M. S.,
Periyar District, Tamil Nadu.

KOTTAR SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY Unit,
Educational

Registration No. 110016
DOC. No. 1616
Date... 23/9/84

INTRODUCTION

This registered voluntary organisation was established in the year 1963 to promote economic development and social welfare of rural areas through community development works in the village directly and through technical and manual assistance to other rural institutions for development projects.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To run educational, cultural, recreational programmes,
- To undertake the promotion of adult literacy and life long education.
- To take measures and steps and implement such schemes as may be beneficial and conducive to the common amelioration of women and children.
- To help in creating a sense of co-ordination and a spirit of co-operation among the members and among the different communities or corporate bodies,
- To organise social welfare activities for the improvement of the society at large.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This social service league has been set up with a group of Executive Board members nominated by the Bishop, Trustee of the Society.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Organises Education Programmes of various durations ranging from one week to one year.
- Arranges Health education camps, farmer's forum, etc.,
- Conducts rural leadership training schools and Family Planning Propaganda camps.
- Helps in the production of teaching and learning materials.

In other fields

- engages in co-operative activities, dairy, agriculture and social activities.
- organises youth festivals and recreational activities for them.
- organises cottage industries for tribal people.

AREA OF OPERATION

It operates at Kanyakumari District level.

RESOURCES

Financial

Neither Government organisations nor any philanthropic societies make contributions to their welfare activities. Members' beneficiary contributions alone constitute a major source of income.

Other facilities

The organisation has necessary facilities for teaching, reasearch and extension.

For further details, please address to :

Kottar Social Service Society,
Bishop's House,
Nagar Koil-600 001,
Tamil Nadu.

MADRAS LITERACY ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

This Association has involved in activities collectively and individually for the past five years in the slum areas in the city as well as in the rural areas in North Arcot District, Tamilnadu.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To spread knowelegde.
- To initiate adult education activities.
- To cooperate with the movement aiming at removal of illiteracy.
- To supply suitable learning materials.
- To induce universities and other institutions to take up adult education activities.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Governing Body

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Members(5)

Membership

Categories of members

- Institutional member
- Individual member

ACTIVITIES

It runs adult literacy classes.

RESOURCES

Financial

It receives grants from Central Government

Facilities

It is housed in a rented building.

For more information, please write to :

Madras Literacy Association,

5. Radhakrishnan Street,

T. Nagar, Madras-600 017.

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The percentage of our literate population is growing. But it is increasing so slowly that the number of illiterates in the country has also kept increasing this is an uncomfortable truth.

— Mrs. INDIRA GANDHI

MADURAI CITY NON-FORMAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

This organisation was set up to plan and execute non-formal education programmes throughout Madurai city to supplement the formal system of education, taking into account of the peculiarities of Tamil Nadu citizens. It was founded in the year 1978 and has been registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To spread knowledge among the people of Madurai district area on all subjects relating to their welfare and culture in a popular and attractive manner through suitable methods and agencies
- To initiate wherever necessary, literacy activities in cooperation with various organisations, engaged in promoting the cause of eradicating illiteracy.
- To cooperate with movements/organisations aiming at the removal of illiteracy and ignorance and the promotion of civic, economic and cultural interests of the people.
- To prepare and supply, if necessary, slides, charts, films, booklets, suitable literature, etc., to the members.
- To arrange public lectures, demonstrations, seminars, benefit performances/ shows, etc. for the furtherance of the objectives of the Association.
- To undertake such other activities which are Consonant with the aims and objectives of the Association.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The organisation is structured with a Managing Committee, of which seven members are nominated among the regular members of the organisation.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Designs teaching and literacy materials for the adult learners.
- Offers education for spinners, weavers and other artisans.
- Conducts health education for house-wives and women in general.
- Provides education for home management.
- Trains workers in production management, financial management.

Other activities

- Promotes national savings campaign by conducting seminars and through mobilising units.
- Mobilises manpower to do manual work for widening roads and pathways, constructing community centres and nursery schools and maintaining irrigation canals etc.
- Undertakes development of the villages of the area with a view to provide employment to the people.
- Induces coordination among planning and implementing agencies both governmental and non-governmental.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Operates in Madurai city and its adjacent areas.

PUBLICATION

Primers : Namum Padippom

Supplementary : Pengalum Gandhi Adigalum

Readers : Valum Vazhi

RESOURCES :

Grants and Aids from Government and local bodies contribute to their welfare activities.

For more information please address to :

Madurai City Non -Formal Education Association

15, D. D. Road, II Street

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MADURAI SOUTH TALUK EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

It was founded in the year 1978 for the educational and socio-economic uplift of the poor people. Since its inception the organisation has been working in the field of adult and non-formal education. It is also engaged in allied activities like child welfare, nursery and handicrafts.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To conduct social welfare activities by way of providing food, education and child care.
- To start and conduct training-cum-employment courses and vocational training courses.
- To organise condensed courses under socio-economic programme.
- To organise adult education activities for literates, semi-literates and illiterates.
- To conduct follow-up programmes for preventing neo-literates from relapsing into illiteracy.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Governed by an executive committee which comprises President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and other members.

Official staff position constitutes one Supervisor and a clerk,

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education :

- Runs 13 adult literacy centres in Madurai district and about 390 persons are benefitting through the programme.
- Organises public lectures, seminars, conferences and exhibitions.
- Supplies free literature of functional value to adults.
- Conducts short term courses for village youths.
- Arranges drama, music, cultural songs, film shows and other recreations through audio-visual aids.

AREAS OF OPERATION

This organisation experiments its programme in the region of Madurai city.

RESOURCES**Financial :**

Grants from Central and State Government are the major source of income to this institution.

For more information, please write to :

MADURAI SOUTH TALUK EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

17-A Commanding Officer

2nd Lane, Melamasi Street,

MADURAI-1.

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LITERACY—A TOOL OF DEVELOPMENT

“Whether in agriculture or in industry a person’s work depends on his ability to utilize modern knowledge. Literacy, is therefore a tool of development and the eradication of illiteracy is important both for the conquest of poverty and for the healthy functioning of our Governmental systems.

— Mrs. INDIRA GANDHI

MOTHER KASTHURI GANDHI RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

INTRODUCTION

The Mother Kasthuri Gandhi Rural Development Organisation was established on 3rd July 1978 to develop the area in the sphere of education, sanitation, social work and culture.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To organise welfare programmes to improve social and economic conditions of men, women and children.
- To organise literacy programmes for adult illiterates.
- To provide good environmental sanitation facilities.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Nominated members of the Executive Committee direct the functions of this organisation.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education 30 Adult Literacy Centres were organised by this organisation under National Adult Education Programme.

It also runs classes to give job-oriented type of education to the people for self-employment.

Further, it undertakes integrated rural development programmes for the uplift of weaker sections.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Social Welfare Activities are being carried out around Namagiripet Taluk. The ultimate aim is to cover the whole of Salem District with these activities.

RESOURCES

Financial :

Grants from the Central Government alone contribute to the major input to its financial resources,

Others

It functions on rented building and has equipments and other accessories to run adult education centres.

Learning materials from the State Resource Centre, Madras, support the teaching and training programmes of this institute.

For further information please write to :

Mother Kasturi Gandhi Rural Development Organisation,

Seevapalli (P. O.)

Rasipuram Tk.,

Salem Dist.

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BENEFITS WOMEN'S EDUCATION

“ Educating girls may be one of the best investments a country can make in future economic growth and welfare even if girls never enter the labour force. Most girls become mothers and their influence much more than the father on their children is crucial ”.

— WORLD DEVELOPMENT, 1980

NEW RESIDENTS WELFARE TRUST

INTRODUCTION

New Residents Welfare Trust, a registered voluntary organisation was founded in the year 1971 to bring about social change in the housing estates of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board. Starting with three pilot projects it has rapidly expanded to 32 project areas, covering a population of 1,35,000. These projects are an attempt to meet the evergrowing demand for responsible citizenship, effective leadership efficient and well informed personnel to undertake responsibilities in the departments of community development and cooperation to make education substantive, This trust works for the all round educational, economic, social and cultural advancement of the underprivileged. It is sponsored by the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board Madras Christian Council of Social Service and '77 society'.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To foster a sense of community life through serving the social, cultural economic needs of the dwellers.
- To arouse the awareness of the youths in the project areas to understand their own problems and assist them in seeking suitable solutions.
- To enable the youths to serve as activists in youth development programmes and equipped with skills and techniques so that they could be prepared to shoulder more and more responsibilities with special reference to the social and other conditions in an urban area.
- To give educational facilities to the local residents by running pre-school education centres, night school, non-formal and adult education centres, workers education centres, social, health and nutrition education centres.
- To organize special campaign such as special drama and educational programmes to promote awareness on a particular topic.
- To promote self-employment schemes by helping the adults to receive money from the nationalised banks.
- To organize speeches, discussions, camps, seminars, meetings, competitions, baby shows etc. for the promotion of community welfare.
- To collect and diffuse knowledge and information covering the possibilities and achievements of community life.
- To provide health care for dwellers of Slum Clearance Board through stationary clinics. established at various centres and mobile clinics.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It functions under the supervision of the Executive Board members. Three Representatives from each sponsoring agency constitute the Executive Board. This Executive Board frames the policy and charts out the programmes. Official staff position comprises an Executive officer, two assistant executive officers, six community field assistants, eleven tailoring teachers, sixteen day-care centre teachers; ten Residents Welfare Officers, two Medical officers, seven community health nurses, eleven clinic assistants, five administrative staff,

ACTIVITIES

Community work : The qualified social workers serve as catalysts in the field of community work. They also play the roles of enablers and educators in organising various development activities. Youth groups, women groups and community councils have been set up in the project areas and they are made to take part in the activities,

Youth work : The potentialities of youths are harnessed for the development of their own fellow-residents. There are now 24 active youth groups involved in various kinds of development programmes.

Women work : 90 to 100 women representatives meet every month at the women federation meetings to plan various welfare schemes and co-ordinate the activities to the sangams.

Day-care centres : 11 day-care centres are being run by this trust with a total of about 525 children. Through this centre nutritive food facilities, medical check up facilities, deworming and immunisation facilities are provided.

Adult Education : In collaboration with Women's Voluntary Service it runs four functional literacy centres with a strength of 20-25 persons per centre. Also in, collaboration with the Workers Education Centre, worker education programmes are started at various places. Sixty women workers are educated through this programme. It also offers tailoring training, type-writing training, self employment schemes, etc.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Within the city limits of Madras, following are the few areas where this trust is actively engaged: (i) Ayodhyakuppam; (ii) Kotturpuram; (iii) Nochikuppam; (iv) Vyasarpadi; (v) Kulithope; (vi) K. K. Nagar; (vii) Varadharajapuram.

PUBLICATIONS

It publishes a monthly news letter named as "Nalvazhvu Malar". This news letter carries reports of the trust's activities and contribution by the local youths and mothers. Apart from this it conducts some socio-economic and medical surveys to assess the situation.

RESOURCES

(a) Financial

The trust receives grants from Christian Aid, London; E. Z. E., West Germany and the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board. Tamil Nadu State Social Welfare Board meets the expenses for running a Creche and for conducting a holiday camp. The Madras Children's Medical Aid Trust is kind enough to donate funds for the advance Nutrition Project for children and for conducting children's carnival. Other philanthropists and well wishers also make contributions for the development of this society.

(b) Library facilities

A library with 89 books and other teaching materials are available to their members.

(c) Other facilities

This organisation works in a rented building and is able to get material facilities from other institutions in the area which are engaged in adult education.

For further information, please write to :

**NEW RESIDENTS WELFARE TRUST,
Kotturpuram,
Madras-600 085.**

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OMALUR RURAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ACADEMY

INTRODUCTION

This institution was established in the year 1978 for the uplift of the weaker sections both economically and socially at Peramachur, Omalur Taluk.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To engage in social service activities aimed at improving the living conditions and general welfare of the poor, particularly farmers and other working people, as well as poor and indigent persons, of whatever occupations irrespective of caste, race, community or creed.
- To run Non-formal and Adult Education Centres for the poor illiterates and school dropouts.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The organisation is governed by the nominated Executive Board which comprises the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Committee members. Persons who are interested in social welfare activity are eligible to become its member.

One Supervisor, one part-time Clerk and one Peon form the official staff position of this organisation.

ACTIVITIES

(a) In the field of Adult Education

- It ran about 30 adult education centres in the region Omalur Panchayat Union.
- Organises social education programmes and experiments on "earning while learning".
- Implements Non-formal education through organising drama, music, cultural songs, film shows and other audio-visual aids.

(b) In other fields

- Co-operative activities, diary, agriculture and social activities.
- Programmes against social evils.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It functions at Omalur taluk level covering 18 Panchayat Unions only.

RESOURCES

a) Financial

For its constructive programmes, it receives grant from Central Government Ministry of Education and social Welfare and from its members.

b) It does not have any library and publication facilities and it functions only at a rented building.

For further information, please write to :

Omalur Rural Socio-Economic and Cultural Academy,
Omalur-636 455,
Salem District.

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All forms of Education up to the very highest range, should be made available to any adult who has the interest and capacity and the determination to work.

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

INTRODUCTION

The Social Service League, PSG College of Arts and Science, is a voluntary organisation set up to channelise the time and energy of students towards constructive community development and social service programme. This league is affiliated to the Guild of Service, Coimbatore branch and to the Coimbatore Federation of College Social Service Leagues, Coimbatore. The League undertakes service activities in the areas of social education, Health and Hygiene, Rural reconstruction programmes, organising special camps and campaigns for the benefit of the population in its vicinity.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To render selfless service towards the uplift of the weaker sections of the society and to inculcate service consciousness among the young men and women who are the members of the league.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

- President
- Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Centre Incharge
- Group leaders
- Volunteers

Membership

All the students and the members of the staff of the college are the members of the league. However, there are about 100 active volunteers.

Constituents

Seven service centres (rural and Sub-urban) are being adopted for the service activities of the League.

Staff

In addition to the office bearers, two members of the staff are helping the league as Programme organisers.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Runs Adult education classes.
- Holds conferences, seminars and dialogues.
- Brings to gether the organisers of a number of rural development projects in a series of regional meetings.
- Helps organisations in the preparation of the Functional literacy schemes.
- Organises youth camps in different parts of the country.
- Helps participation of student and non-student youth in the rural areas with the accent on development.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It functions at village level.

RESOURCES

Financial

Public contributions, alone make its source of income.

Facilities

It keeps wide contacts with several groups of the community, several voluntary agencies and a large number of voluntary field workers.

For detailed information, please write to :

PSG College of Arts and Science Social Service League,
Coimbatore-641 014.
Tamil Nadu.

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SRI RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYALAYA

INTRODUCTION

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya—a complex of institutions—was founded by Shri T. S. Avinashilingam in the crest of freedom movement. It was affiliated to the Ramakrishna Mission in 1934 and Mahatma Gandhi laid the foundation stone in the same year. The Vidyalaya seeks to follow the educational ideals of Shri. Ramakrishna Swami, Vivekananda and Gandhiji.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To work for the ideals preached and practised by Shri Ramakrishna swami, Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi.
- To lead a life of purity, discipline, simplicity and service.
- To work for developing spiritual strength, intellectual independence and moral character.
- To learn discipline and develop the capacity to work in co-operation with others.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Managing Committee

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretaries(2)
- Treasurer
- Members(9)

Affiliation

The organisation has at present 14 branches at various places of Tamil Nadu.

Staff

- Principals
- Professors
- Lecturers

- Tutors
- Demonstrators
- Headmasters
- Teachers

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Runs night schools for adults.
- Holds seminars on education and other topics.
- Provides library services to the new-literates.

In other fields

Runs teachers, a training institution, a physical education college, a model school, a school of agriculture, a polytechnic and science college, an industrial institute, a press, a dispensary, a library and balwadis.

- It publishes various books and manuals in different fields.

RESOURCES

Financial :

- government grants
- fees
- donations
- income from projects.

Others facilities

It has its own building and necessary equipments.

REMARKS

This is an organisation working in the field of adult education of which, the Secretary, Shri J. S. Avinashilingam, obtained the 1974 Nehru Literacy Award.

For complete information, please write to :

Sri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya

P. O. Sri Ramkrishna Vidyalaya,

Coimbatore-641 020

Tamil Nadu.

REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ADULT EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

The Regional Council for Adult Education was started in 1966 with a view to conduct adult education programme, to establish institutions for the development and advancement of knowledge among the people and to serve as a link for inter-state co-operation and co-ordination.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To spread relevant knowledge relating to welfare and culture.
- To initiate wherever necessary adult education activities in co-operation with various organisations and individuals interested in the programme and to encourage and co-ordinate local efforts and organisations engaged in promoting the cause of adult education.
- To serve as a Regional Bureau for information concerning adult education in the States.
- To co-operate with movements aiming at the removal of illiteracy and the promotion of the civic economic and cultural interest of the people.
- To prepare and supply, if necessary, suitable literature, slides, charts, films, booklets etc. and to undertake publication of bulletins and journals.
- To arrange public lectures, demonstrations, seminars etc. for the furtherance of the objectives of the council.
- To urge Universities, Educational bodies and local bodies etc., to take up Adult Education work and to do all other acts that may be incidental to the fulfilment of the above objectives.
- To establish and conduct Educational Institutions, Vidya Peeths (i. e. People's Colleges) for the development and advancement of knowledge among the people.
- To organise Functional Literacy centres for adult literacy and propagate knowledge through audio-visual aids, etc.
- To open free reading rooms to enable the public to acquire knowledge through magazine and literature kept in those places.
- To raise and accept donations from the people in the direction of advancing adult education endowment for the development of Adult Education.

- To undertake such works and functions as may be entrusted to the council either by Central or State Governments for fulfilment of the above objectives.
- To acquire lands, housing sites and social sites and construct buildings, schools etc., in the name of the council to promote the objectives of the council.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The administration of the Association vests with a Managing Committee consisting of 22 members which is constituted as under :

- (i) Five Permanent Members
- (ii) Five Nominated Members
- (iii) Twelve elected Members

The Managing Committee may request the Government Central/State to participate and associate with the management and subject to their approval, request them to nominate persons not exceeding five to the Managing Committee who shall hold office till such times as the Committee decides.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- conducts literacy classes and lectures on general knowledge like civic education, nutrition and continuing education.
- brings together the organisers of a number of rural development projects in a series of regional meetings.
- organises youth camps in different parts of the state and helps participation of student and non student youth in rural areas with the accent on development.

Other activities

- Runs two centres for the mentally disturbed people

AREAS OF OPERATION

It functions at State level.

RESOURCES

Financial

Aids and Grants from Central/State Government contribute to its financial source to run its programmes.

Donations and members contribution supplement the existing resources.

Other facilities

It has enough facilities for post literacy activities.

For complete information, please write to :

Regional Council for Adult Education

982 Poonamallee High Road

Madras-600 084.

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It is our common experience that the literacy materials are being produced in form and content which are generally out of touch with real life situations and immediate felt needs of the learner. Acquisition of literacy skills cannot be seen in isolation with the broader content of Adult Education.

— R. N. SRIVASTAVA.
University of Delhi.

ROCKFORT MAHALIR MANDRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Rockfort Mahalir Mandram which is a public trust has been functioning for the last 4 years in the field of social welfare and education. It is an unregistered organisation to look after the general welfare of the rural women. Yet, it offers excellent service to develop social consciousness among women of the Tiruchi Municipality.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To secure betterment of the standard of living of rural women.
- To assist in constructive work and enable women to play their legitimate part in national reconstruction.
- To assist in improving the working conditions of the rural housewives and promoting cultural and recreational activities so as to lighten the drudgery.
- To encourage rural women to participate in all aspects of civic life and thus contribute to the all round advancement of rural life.
- To vocalize the aspirations of rural women through properly constituted bodies, so as to draw attention of the government and other public concerns for the removal of their disabilities etc.
- To co-operate and co-ordinate the endeavours of various voluntary agencies working in the field of Adult/Non-formal education.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

An executive committee of the institution frames the policy and executes the programme. It consists of four patrons a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and other elected members.

ACTIVITIES

It organises women student volunteers to impart guidance in reconstruction work in neighbouring villages and rural areas. It publishes literature for women workers based on topics of workers interest, social education, family planning, health and hygiene, child care, nutrition, home and family life etc.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It functions at the town level and its adjacent rural areas.

PUBLICATIONS

“Malaikkottai Mahalir Mandram”—a monthly magazine is being published by this organisation. About 300 copies are circulated among women freely.

RESOURCES

The Institute carries out its programme through the subscription paid by members and donations from the public. This institute has no accommodation of its own but there is provision for library books, game materials and some equipments.

For further information, please write to :

Rockfort Mahalir Mandram

1, Britto Colony,

Tiruchirapalli-620 002.

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“An Adult Educator must be a humane human being, a person with flexibility, a person with nose for need, an organiser, a sharer of ideas, a person with sound philosophy of Adult Education, a promoter of Adult Education, a person involved in society, a person who practices what he does preach, a person with a thick skin, an Educational leader, a programme planner, but above all a person with commitment to the value of learning throughout life.”

— ROGERS AXFORD
Adult Education ; The open Door.

RURAL UNIT FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS/RUHSA

INTRODUCTION

The Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore, has started a new rural health and development programme through its Rural Unit for Health and Social Affairs (RUHSA). This is an extension and re-emphasis of its commitment in service, training and research for the needs of India, particularly, for its vast rural populations. RUHSA is an agent of social change helping the community to become aware of their own rights and problems and helping them with their future.

Its ultimate hope is to help the rural people to help themselves. As a voluntary agency, it sees its role primarily as a facilitator and catalyst.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The ultimate aim is the improvement of the community's welfare through a organisation that will :

- Implement an integrated multi-disciplinary rural health and socio-economic development programme for a defined area and population in association with the local community and Government consistent with the resources available.
- Use this programme as an extension of CMCH's service in the community and in the training of its students for the needs of India.

Basic principles on which RUHSA has been founded :

- It covers an area and a population with a programme for the general socio-economic development of the people.
- The service may be a community scheme in which the local people are involved in all aspects of development, Community acceptance and participation being essential to the final success and liability.
- CMCH is involved in rural development and health as part of its witness and social commitment to the needs of the rural communities.
- The RUHSA unit may be used as a centre for Field study and training for the rural areas, as part of CMCH's contribution to the development and training of health care personal and the delivery of the health care systems.
- The programmes for socio-economic development need to be an interdisciplinary approach ,to the problems of the rural people, health, education, vocational training and agriculture.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

There are six departments such as Administration, Social Development, Health, Socio-Economic Development, Agriculture and Consultancy Evaluation Training and Research (CERT) to cover the various activities of RUHSA. Each department is headed by the Section Head and under their control are middle level and junior level, Field level officials and workers. In all, there are 175 staff members in RUHSA.

The management activities are governed by the Management Committee of RUHSA with the coordination of Administrative committee, Consultative committee and Evaluation committee nominated by CMC council Executive committee.

RUHSA has established 16 peripheral units (one for each 5000 population) in the field covering all 37 panchayats. These are staffed by multidisciplinary, specially trained Rural Community Organisers. Mobile teams of health and development workers visit these centres regularly.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- It conducts literacy classes for adult workers. About 30 centres with 900 learners are organised under the National Adult Education Programme.
- with its Agricultural and Social development units vocational training schemes, establishment of cooperatives and co-ownership oriented projects are under taken.
- It surveys the needs of the local people and their literacy status.

In other fields

- It plans for increasing jobs and possible income generating schemes for the economically and socially weaker sections.
- works with the Government voluntary agencies and banks on socio-economic schemes that can be taken up in their area and helps in the establishment of the same.
- It helps in the marketing of local products, especially, those with which RUHSA has been associated.
- It organises programmes such as, Dry land development, poultry development, Dairy development, Sericulture development, Agro support services, General agricultural extension activities and training programmes.

- Arranges programmes for training of medical, nursing, paramedical students, rural community organisers and village level workers in the rural environment where the individuals get an understanding of the socio-economic conditions.
- It has developed a planned, comprehensive, community based health programme giving emphasis to the promotion of health, prevention of disease and low cost, easily available primary health care. This will include antenatal and family welfare services, care of the children under five, special disease programmes, nutrition, immunization, etc.

AREAS OF OPERATION

RUHSA covers a population of 1,00,000 people (about 20,000 families) in over 80 villages in a total area of 125 sq. miles K. V. Kuppam Block has been chosen and the operational Headquarters in a village 25 miles from Vellore.

PUBLICATION

- RUHSA MALAR Monthly — 800 copies in circulation
- RUHSA NEWS SHEET Monthly — 100 copies in circulation

RESOURCES

Financial

Aids from the parent organisation and other philanthropic societies add strength to its programmes.

Other facilities

It operates in their own land. It has well structured library and other facilities to implement its social welfare activities.

For further information, on RUHSA please write to :

Rural unit for Health & social Affairs

RUHSA P. O.

K. V. Kuppam.

RURAL UPLIFT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

Being a Voluntary Organisation and a registered body, it takes up mainly training projects to assist the sons and daughters of the farmers in rural areas. Projects are mainly to make such training more purposeful and relevant to their day to day activities or to find new avenues of employment for rural youth in agro-based industries. It also assists social welfare agencies, social workers and other interested organisations for removal of illiteracy.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To spread knowledge among the people of Kolathur Panchayat Union area and neighbouring area on all subjects relating to their welfare and culture in a popular manner.
- To initiate wherever necessary literacy activities to eradicate illiteracy in co-operation with various organisations. Engaged in promoting the cause of eradicating illiteracy.
- To co-operate with movements/organisations aiming at the removal of illiteracy as well as ignorance and the promotion of civic, economic and cultural interests of the people.
- To prepare and supply if necessary slides, charts, films, booklets, suitable literature, etc. and to undertake publication of bulletins, journals and the like.
- To arrange public lectures, demonstrations, seminars, benefit performances/shows, etc., for the furtherance of the objectives of the association.
- To induce the universities and other educational bodies in Tamil Nadu and in India to take up eradication of illiteracy work and do all other acts that are incidental to the fulfilment of the above mentioned objectives of the Association.
- To undertake such other objectives as are consonant with the aims and objectives of the Association.

- To do rural development works within the project area where the State and central Governments have not taken up. Such works are counselling the agriculturists within the project area of their improvements in their respective field ; to form link roads ; to plant avenue trees on either side of the roads ; to give protected water supply ; to construct over-head tanks ; to give family planning guidance to the people ; to implement the nutrition and health programme ; to develop small scale industries with the help of the people of the project area and to initiate rural development works which are necessary for the rural area within the project area.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The organisation is administered by an executive committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six executive members.

The official staff pattern is formed with one co-ordinator and one clerk cum typist.

ACTIVITIES

- It runs free classes for educating the adults and poor people who cannot afford to study during the day time. About 30 centres in 1978-79 and 30 centres in 1979-80 were conducted.
- Arranges film shows, lectures and symposia for the students with a view to make them better citizens.
- Celebrates the national and social days to create a sense of national honour and social outlook.
- Conducts local surveys and identifies the problem of the community.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Programme activities are mainly carried out at Kolathur Panchayat Union and likely to extend the coverage to Nangavelli Panchayat Union and Mecheri Panchayat Union.

PUBLICATIONS

It has published a variety of primers for educating the drop-out children and adults

RESOURCES**Financial :**

Assistance from both Central and State Governments serves as major input in the implementation of its programmes. Funds from Central and State Social Welfare Board contribute to strengthen their financial position.

Other facilities :

This organisation functions in a rented building and other facilities such as library and educational materials are available for its programme activities.

For further information, please write to :

Rural Uplift and Economic Development Association
9/160-D West Main Road
Metturdam-636 401
Tamil Nadu.

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Two immediate pre-requisites of adult literacy are preparation of teaching material and training of the teachers. An ideal situation will be to send a small pilot team to a specific area to survey the dialects or the language and prepare the teaching material on the basis of material recorded either in the script or on tapes.

— V. I. SUBRAMANIAM
“ A note on Mass Literacy programme in India ”

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE USILAMPATTI

INTRODUCTION

To spread knowledge among the people on all subjects related to their welfare and culture, St. Joseph's Social Service Centre, a registered voluntary organisation, was founded in the year 1978 at Usilampatti.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To render selfless service towards the uplift of the weaker sections of the Society and to inculcate service consciousness among young men and women who are the members of the league.
- To conscientize people about their rights and duties.
- To create awareness and help people raise the standard of living especially through the Government medical facilities.
- To initiate wherever necessary adult education activities in cooperation with various organisations and individuals interested in the work and to encourage and coordinate local efforts and organisations engaged in promoting this cause.
- To cooperate with movements aiming at the removal of illiteracy and ignorance and the promotion of the civic, economic and cultural interests of the people.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It has been affiliated to St. Joseph's Society of Madurai, a reputed social welfare organisation.

The staff pattern is formed with one Project Officer, Supervisors, one Nurse, a part time Doctor and a male Nurse.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- conducts literacy classes and lectures for adult illiterates through educated youth volunteers.
- organises periodical training for adult education instructors and supervisors.

- Arranges Study tours for the benefit of the functionaries of the multipurpose cooperatives.
- Holds camps in different parts of the country at different times for the benefit of students, teachers and social workers.

Other fields

- conducts students and youth camps and training camps for mobilising youth for national reconstruction work.
- runs health and family welfare centres and family planning orientation camps.
- Engages in coordination work to collect reports and contact institutions.
- Participates in developmental activities in order to realise the different issues, which the villagers have discussed.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Fifteen villages in Usilampatti Panchayat Union, Usilampatti Taluk, Madurai District.

RESOURCES

Financial

Donations, gifts or transfer of property from any philanthropic societies or persons constitute its financial resource.

For more information, please write to :

St. Joseph's social service centre
Ward No. 9, 5th cross street
Usilampatti-626 532
Madurai District.

SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

The Salem Social Service Society aims to offer essential services to the under privileged, aged, infirm, destitute, delinquent and mentally retarded children. It has also been organising medical work, slum welfare, family planning, eradication of illiteracy, community services and a host of similar other activities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To bring about socio-economic development of the poor people with the help of other rural based institutions working towards the same objectives.
- To cooperate and seek State Government help in all matters and get their approval before implementing adult education programme.
- To lay emphasis on providing economic benefits to the poor in a direct or indirect form.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The administration of the society is governed by an Executive Committee whose members are elected by members of the organisation.

Executive Committee:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Members

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- It conducts both literacy and post-literacy classes.
- It undertakes Socio-economic developmental activities with the help of Panchayats and Panchayat Samitis.
- Develops rationalisation through discussion, study circles, rural radio forums, film shows, newspapers, etc.

Other fields

- Conducts cultural programmes
- Engages in cultivation and cottage industries.
- Runs orphanages and constructs houses for homeless.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Almost all its activities are spread over Salem and Dharmapuri Districts.

PUBLICATION

It publishes a monthly news letter and about 100 copies are printed for circulation.

RESOURCES

Financial :

Membership fee and donations alone contribute to its financial resources.

Others facilities

This organisation is housed in the Parlour of the Bishop's with necessary equipment for running its classes.

For detailed information, please write to :

Salem Social Service Society

Bishop's House,

Salem-636 007.

SERVICE CLUB

INTRODUCTION

This association was constituted with the main objective of activating programmes of social welfare for the uplift of poor uneducated hill-tribes and harijans. It is a voluntary organisation founded in 1975 to work for the improvement of physical, economic and financial conditions of the untouchable people. It has been registered under the Societies Registration Act.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To render assistance, co-operation and support to the scheduled tribes and tribal communities.
- To start and run classes for imparting training in forestry and forest based industries.
- To organise and run adult literacy classes for educating the adult population of the scheduled tribes.
- To inculcate good habits and rules of personal and environmental hygiene.
- To remove from their minds superstitious beliefs.
- To encourage and foster indigenous arts and crafts amongst them.
- To organise credit co-operative societies.
- To work for the general welfare and uplift of the scheduled tribes.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This organisation functions with a Governing body formed with 9 members. The committee members are nominated by the members of the organisation. Any one who is interested in social welfare schemes is eligible to become its member.

Five members constitute the official staff pattern of this organisation.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- It makes available to people reasonably priced booklets and pamphlets on various subjects.
- It educates further the non-students and school leavers at primary stage through self-educating booklets.

In other field :

- Organises programmes to remove social evils, cattle development programmes, Immunisation programme, Child care and free distribution of medicine.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Social Welfare programmes are being implemented only at Pannaikadu, Kodai-Hills.

RESOURCES**Financial**

Subscription amount from its members is the major source of income to run this organisation.

Other facilities

Activities are conducted in a rented building and it has a library with 300 books and 50 journals.

For further information, please write to :

Service Club,
Pannaikadu-624 210,
Kodai-Hills.

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“ Experience has shown that if a class is well organised it attracts a large number of participants and tends to raise the demand for functional literacy training ”

— UNESCO

Planning and organisation of adult literacy programmes in Africa-1966 (p. 25)

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

The Institution was funded by Sri Avinashilingan Education Trust, and since July 1968, it has become an independent institution. The Association is a voluntary organisation and functions in rural and urban areas of Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu State.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To make students realise the importance of social service in our country.
- To inspire and encourage students in doing service to the community in all possible ways.
- To select particular areas in the community to know the needs of the areas through surveys and to take up action programmes for fulfilling the needs.
- To conduct adult education classes both in urban and rural areas.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Office Bearers

- Patron
- President
- Staff Adviser
- Secretary

Membership

All the students of the college are eligible to become the members of the Association. At present, there are about 110 members.

ACTIVITIES

- conducts adult literacy classes.
- organises folklore competition in music, elocution, improved methods of cooking, etc.
- Promotes nutrition education, health education & sanitation education.
- Provides clothes to orphan children and encourages them to learn.
- conducts socio-economic and educational surveys.

RESOURCES**Facilities**

The college campus is used for various activities of the Association and while conducting any programmes in rural areas, the help of the local community is sought. Films, Film strips and Projectors of the college are also used.

For more details, please write to :

Social Service Association,
Sri Avinashilingam Teachers College,
Coimbatore-641 011,
Tamil Nadu.

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The first presentation of printed symbols are usually made in the form of words which can be depicted by pictures. The learner first recognises a word as a whole with the help of text book, black-board and flash-cards. Immediately after he is able to do so, these words are broken up into their constituent script-symbols.

— Teaching Initial Reading : The NCERT Method
Anil Vidyalankar

SOCIETY FOR ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT/SFAFD

INTRODUCTION

Society for Action for Development, a rural development organisation, was initiated in 1975 with a group of members drawn mostly from the village agricultural community and committed, interested individuals drawn from different walks of life. It is a registered Association under the Indian Societies Registration Act of XXI of 1860

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Known as SFAFD, the Society for Action for Development attempts :

- To bring about social justice through community organisation development.
- To encourage the community for realistic involvement of its members in the process of social change and in a continuous search for relevant and meaningful approach and experience.
- To motivate the people to involve themselves in decision—making and in activities that will improve the conditions of their own lives and the community as a whole.
- To co-operate with organisations having similar objectives in the various fields of action.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Governing Body elected by the organisation members directs the activities of this institute. This institution is linked with AVARD and Centre for Human Development and Social Change/CHDSC as an organisation member.

One co-ordinator, one sub-staff, four field assistants, and one part-time accountant form the basic structure of the office.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Offers development education using non-formal methods.
- Helps by setting up community centres, library-cum-reading rooms and multi purpose community halls for post literacy work.
- Organises Rural youth Agricultural training centres.

In other fields

- Conducts socio-economic survey of the Ellapuram block to understand the basic structure of the area and to study the peoples needs and attitudes.
- Undertakes reafforestation in the Ellapuram block-distribution of both fruit and non-fruit bearing seedlings, combined with intensive educationat programmes using audio-visuals on the importance of trees.
- Plans in organising rural youth groups for constructive works.
- Initiates Nutrition and Mother and Child Care Programmes.
- Encourages dairy development through extension works.
- Runs Mobile Community Health Units.
- Has set up of a model farm as a " Community Living Experience.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Mainly operates in rural areas particularly in Ellapuram Block of Chingleput District, Tamil Nadu.

RESOURCES

Membership subscription, earnings from its publication, voluntary donations and aids from philanthropic organisations in India and Abroad contribute to its financial resource.

For further information, please contact :

Society for Action for Development,
39/15, Appar Swami Koil Street,
Mzdras-600 019.

STREE SEVA MANDIR

INTRODUCTION

Stree Seva Mandir, a primordinate organisation, was formed with the objective to promote education, vocational training, employment and community welfare activities for school dropouts, destitute women, divorcees and widows, with or without children and orphans. From the date of its establishment, 2nd Oct. 1949, its strenuous efforts are being stretched into varied angles.

It is a registered organisation and works in full swing for the uplift of poor people.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The major objectives of the organisation could be grouped under five broad headings :

- a. Institutional care
- b. Education
- c. Vocational Training
- d. Employment
- e. Community welfare

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It functions with a Board of Management comprising 12 members elected once in 3 years. One President, one Vice-President, three Secretaries, one Treasurer and a committee of six members constitute the Board.

Its Executive Committee is nominated, consisting of heads of sections and prominent outsiders.

Administrative officers, Accounts officers, Typists and general clerical assistants, attenders and ayahs form the organisational structure of this institution.

Apart from this, technically and academically trained staff have been posted as incharges for vocational units, schools and socio-economic units, balwadis, creches and medical centres.

ACTIVITIES

This organisation runs Non-formal and Continuing education programmes with vocational and job-oriented schemes at various places of the city and in rural villages. Some addresses of the training centres are: 32 Bazlullah Road, T. Nagar, Madras-17; No. 1 Ramakrishna street, Madras-17; Somangalam, Padappai Panchayat Union, Chingleput District.

- Balwadi programmes at Jawahar Vidyalaya Junior College affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education, Ashok Nagar—with a strength of 1,800 students; Kaveri Kinder Garten School at Saligramam—English medium with a strength of about 150 students; Kaveri Middle School—Tamil medium with a strength of about 900 students are also run by this organisation.
- Mobile-Day care creche programme for slum children are also offered at No. 1, Ramakrishna street, T. Nagar, Madras and Saligramam.
- The following Socio-Economic Training cum Production Units are established at various places through this centre.

Press work, Garment making, Handloom weaving, Manufacture of Components for engineering concerns are being run at T. Nagar, Ashok Nagar and Saligramam.

- Nutrition, Food processing and preservation units at Ashok Nagar and Saligramam.

Hand Block Printing on Textiles Unit at Somangalam Ancillary Units of Blue packing and Tailoring of Khadi garments at T. Nagar.

- Medical low cost centre, Maternity centre and diagnostic clinic at Saligramam, Madras-93
- Prayoga-science for school children-learning by doing-at Ashok Nagar, Madras-83.
- Satapatra-Showroom for Stree Seva Mandir products at Ashok Nagar, Madras-83.
- Hostels for trainees and students at Saligramam.
- Narmada Women's Academy-cultural association for the local ladies at Saligramam.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Its major activities are centred around T. Nagar, Madras-17; Ashok Nagar Madras-83; Saligramam, Madras-73; Sainagar; Virugambakkam, Madras-92 and Somangalam. Padappai Panchayat Union, Chingleput Dist., Madras-602 109.

PUBLICATIONS

It publishes a periodical which conveys information about the institutional activities.

RESOURCES

a. Financial

To run this organisation efficiently, it receives funds from CSWB, State and Central Govts., Philanthropic Associations, Service organisations for specific programmes.

b. Other facilities

This organisation functions in both acquired and rented buildings at various places.

For further information, please write to :

Stree Seva Mandir,
32, Bazullah Road,
T. Nagar, Madras-600 017.

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All programmes of adult education and literacy must be followed up by effective arrangements for continuing education—which would include literacy services, group discussions and other forms of organised learning, reactivation of group cultural activities and festivals, and community action.

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TAMILNAD GANDHI SMARAK NIDHI

INTRODUCTION

The Trust is a voluntary organisation dedicated to the service of the needy on the basis of Gandhian principles. It was established in 1950 as a state memorial to perpetuate the memory of Mahatma Gandhi with the object of carrying on constructive activities all over Tamil Nadu and to collect, preserve and publish his writings and teachings in Tamil language and to maintain a museum where articles connected with Gandhiji are preserved. The main purpose is to further manifold constructive activities in which Gandhiji was interested and such of the activities which gave concrete shape to his ideas. The trust was registered under the societies Registration Act of 1860.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Organisation and promotion of the manifold constructive activities with which Gandhiji was associated during his life time and any other activities in furtherance of his ideas including such activities as would conduce to the general development and uplift of the poor and needy.
- Establishment and maintenance of hospitals for the poor and charitable dispensaries, convalescent homes, sanatoria, homes for women and children, maternity homes, child welfare centres and other institutions of similar nature such as ante-natal clinics.
- Provision of sanitary facilities and promotion of preventive and other measures for the health of the people specially in rural or poverty stricken areas of India.
- Measures for the prevention and cure of leprosy including the establishment of leper colonies and other allied institutions as well as research centres,
- Promotion and encouragement of education, particularly basic education for children, and of adults in citizenship and of women in domestic science and training in handicrafts, cottage industries, and other useful crafts and arts.
- Collection, preservation and publication in various languages of Mahatma Gandhi's writings and teachings, study and propagation of his message and teachings of non-violence, world peace and fellowship, maintenance of study centres and libraries of such purposes.
- Maintenance of a museum where various relics and objects of veneration, books and articles connected with Mahatma Gandhi may be preserved, etc.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Executive Board consists of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and eight other members. 1/3 or all the members are elected at the end of every third year.

It has 5 Grama Seva Centres at Shanarpatti, Pullambadi, Bogaiur, Perianaickenpalayam and Uthiramerur as its sister units, and is affiliated to the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, Rajghat, New Delhi.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

Conducts Educational Programmes to help constructive workers and other interested students of Gandhian thought to learn and improve their ideas and philosophy.

It Runs about 120 centres in Shanarpatti and 30 centres in Pulla bedi Block of Trichy District for educating the adults and poor people who cannot afford to study during the day time.

In other field :

Organises self study camps to discuss ways and means of spiritual development. Arranges for a forum of constructive workers to have an understanding of the Gandhian approach.

Makes strenuous effort for the promotion of National language, Health education, Family Planning etc.

Recently, it has started Credit Campaign Project in Shanarapatti area with the assistance from the Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Functions of State level.

PUBLICATIONS

Has a wide publication facilities and publishes

- i) a journal-quarterly title Nature Cure-circulated among members free of cost.
- ii) a News letter-monthly publication comprising its programmes and future plans, etc.

iii) for adult education centres it has publishes primers and supplementary readers. They are given below :

Primer : Vayathuvanthoor Kalvi—	16,000 copies
Padithu payanadaivom vaareer—	5,000 copies
Theerthal	—5,000 copies
Nagai Thevaiyaa,	— 5,000 copies

Supplementary Readers ; About 10 in Numbers have been publiished so far,

RESOURCES

Financial

Obtains monetry assistance from Khadi and Village India Commission and Central Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi.

Donations from Philanthropic Societies and persons also form part of the sources of income.

Apart from this it gets some amount of income form the sale of its publications on Gandhian Ideologies etc.

Other facilities

It has a good library with well equipped documents and other facilities. This institute has started establishing rural libraries in 65 villages with the Central Library at Shanarpatti.

For further information, please write to :

The Secretary
Tamil Nadu Gandhi Smarak Nidhi
Madurai-625 020,

TAMILNADU BASIC EDUCATION SOCIETY, KALLUPATTI

INTRODUCTION

As a registered voluntary social service organisation, TAMIL NADU BASIC EDUCATION SOCIETY was founded in the year 1945 by the Tamil Nadu constructive workers. Since its inception, the organisation has been working in the field of non-formal and adult education. It is also engaged in allied activities like training women of weaker sections in useful crafts and finding gainful employment, organising extension lectures and cultural programmes.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To impart basic skills of writing, reading and arithmetics to the poor rural people.
- To impart knowledge relating to their personal, family, economic, social and political functions.
- To establish a close link between the various development programmes of the area with a view to secure better participation of the tribals in the development process.
- To provide local employment to artisans.
- To produce professional literature for all aspects of adult education.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Administered by an Executive Committee comprising a Chairman, Secretary and other elected members,

The office is formed with honorary staff and for running the adult education centres 60 amateurs and 3 supervisors are appointed.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Educational programmes to help constructive workers and other interested students of Gandhian thought to learn and improve their ideas and philosophy.
- Holds conferences and workshops on adult education.
- Runs social education centres to promote national intergration, social awareness and civil rights.
- Publishing literature for workers based on topics of workers interest, family planning, health and hygiene, child care, nutrition, home and family living, etc.

In other fields

- Conducts local surveys and identifies problems of the community.
- Organises for a constructive workers to have an understanding of the Gandhian approach.
- Organises youth festivals and recreational activities for them.
- Organises programmes to eradicate social evils.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It Functions at the state level.

PUBLICATIONS

It has published two souvenirs of conference proceedings on and a Basic Education good number of articles in Grama Rajyam (Tamil weekly) and Sarvodayam (Tamil monthly).

For adult learners and animateurs, primers and supplementary readers have also been brought out.

RESOURCES

Financial

Subscription and donation from individuals and institution members contribute to its financial source.

Other facilities

Library, learning materials, charts and other facilities are available. It is located in Gandhi Niketan Ashram.

For more information please write to :

Tamil Nadu Basic Education Society,
Gandhi Niketan Ashram,
.T. Kallupatti,
Madurai District.

THE TAMIL NADU BOARD OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

INTRODUCTION

Tamil Nadu Board of Continuing Education, a voluntary Social welfare organisation was founded in the year 1973 to initiate and promote non-formal education activities for the school drop-outs and adults living in the city of Madras. It was founded by Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah, to render active co-operation to the Government and other societies and associations working for removal of illiteracy and to develop social and cultural relationship and unity among the under privileged and poorer sections of the society.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To promote the spread of Non-formal education in the State of Tamil Nadu by establishing or encouraging others to establish centres of non-formal education and training throughout the State, to remove poverty, and give priority in all programmes to those belonging to the poverty sector.
- To experiment in order to devise methods best suited to eradicate illiteracy and to promote an all round understanding of the life-situation, to enable the people to live a full life as citizens of India.
- To promote all forms of Adult Education.
- To coordinate agencies concerned with Non-formal education throughout the State, so as to strengthen and support their efforts, promote mutual assistance and the exchange of ideas and experience, and to act as a clearing house for projects of Non-formal education in Tamil Nadu.
- To provide a link between these agencies and the larger National and International agencies concerned with the spread of education.
- To undertake studies and investigations into the proper content, methodology and educational aims of Non-formal and formal education for people of all ages, both sexes and of different environments.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

It is formed with a Board, Council and an Executive Committee. The Council is constituted by President, Treasurer, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director of Non-formal Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and 24 members of the Board. The members of the Executive Committee are partly elected by the council and partly nominated by the Executive Committee. In all activities of the organisation, the administration is vested with the Executive Committee.

State Resource Centre for Non-formal Education, Tamil Nadu, initiated on the basis of the proposal of Government of India has been affiliated to this organisation.

ACTIVITIES**In the field of Adult Education :**

	I phase	II phase
1. Tirukkalikundram NAEP	79 centres (completed)	79 centres (completed)
2. Tirupporur NAEP	88 centres (completed)	180 centres (completed by 31—3—81)
3. Madras city NAEP	100 centres (completed)	100 centres (completed by 23—2—81)

In other fields :

1. Santhome out of school Education Project (Men Drop-outs) (2 slum areas in city)	5 years	Recommended equivalent to S. S.-L. C. for industrial training centres.
2. Research and Action project (for children below 14 years) 5 Rural and 5 Urban slum centres)	3 years	A large volume of material is to be reviewed for large scale application for universalisation of primary education and for building a strong vocational base for 9-14 group.
3. Youth leadership camp with Grant from Government of India	4 camps	
4. N. S. V. Scheme of Government of India	3 volunteers	2 volunteers were appointed in our projects.
5. Training cum Production units—O. D. N. Terminal Blocks for English Electric Company and Globe Plastic Industries	3 workers	

— Carpentry unit	6 learners
— Village food preservation	6 workers
— Chalk making unit under grant from M. M. D. A.	20 trainees
6. Vocational Training Centres for NAEP Learners under grant from the State Government.	
— Carpentry	25 trainees
— Palm leaf products	25 trainees
— cycle repair	25 trainees

AREAS OF OPERATION

Functions at State level.

RESOURCES

Financial

it receives grants from both Central and State Government for NAEP activities. For specific projects aids from philanthropic societies are accepted.

Further, printing and distribution of State Resource Centre Publications on a large scale is an additional source of income.

Other facilities:

This organisation functions in a rented building. Yet it has a good library with about 500 books and 170 magazines.

For detailed information, please write to :

Tamil Nadu Board of Continuing Education
H. No. 3 (Plot No. 118)
9th Cross Street
Karpagam Gardens,
Adyar, Madras-600 020.

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TAMIL NADU SARVODAYA SANGH

INTRODUCTION

It is a voluntary organisation functioning at the State Level to enact the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi on Khadi work. It was established in the year 1958 to achieve the Gandhiji's new khadi policy propounded in the year 1945. It is a non-political non-profit making and non-secretarian association working primarily for the poor unemployed rural people. The main purpose is to further manifold constructive activities in which Gandhiji was interested and such of the activities which gave concrete shape to his ideas.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To Establish a Sarvodaya Social order, free from all forms of exploitation, based on Truth and non-violence through Gramdan and Gramodayog;
- To develop a spirit of community life among the people by promoting co-operation and mutual sharing, leading ultimately to voluntary community ownership of the basic means of production such as land, and fulfillment by the village community of responsibility for the total welfare of all the members;
- To make the village self-sufficient in the primary needs of life, such as food, clothing and shelter and to promote the total development of each village along with the neighbouring villages of the region;
- To develop self-reliance in the individual and initiative in the community and to enable the people to manage all their affairs themselves for the realisation of Gram Swaraj;
- To arrange for preparing and organising programmes for the production and development of Khadi and Village Industries, including training of personnel, manufacture and supply of equipment, supply of raw materials, marketing research and study of economic problems of different village industries;
- To endeavour to be a clearing house of technical information, experience and statistical data relating to those industries;
- To take over all the existing projects carried on today by the Akhil Bharat Sarva Seva Sangh in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- To work in future also in close cooperation with the Akhil Bharat Sarva Seva Sangh, Wardha, with the State Government with the State Khadi and Village Industries Board and with the All India Khadi and Village Industries Commission and such other institutions having objectives akin to those of the Sangh; and

- To publish Sarvodaya literature and periodicals, to run training camps, to organise exhibitions and to propogate the idealogy of the Sangh in all possible ways.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The Tamil Nadu Sarvodya Sangh has pioneered in this field for the past several years. It is now organized on a three tier system consisting of

1. The Apex organization—The Tamil Nadu Savodaya Sangh coordinating, servicing and providing the Socio-economic path finding, Research and and other infra-structural facilities.
2. Fifty one District Savodaya Sanghs providing the organizational framework, the finances and the skills and market facilities and the productive tools and equipments.
3. The primaries consist of the actual field organization of producers and consumers of a wide variety of products and sources. They consist of nearly 200 organizations at present and are likely to grow nearly to 500 to 600 in the next three years.

Almost all the members of the entire establishment is associated with the process of decision-making through this three tier system.

The Sangh is managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of not less than 12 members with powers to co-opt not more than three annual members, who shall hold office for a period of one financial year only, besides the Ex-officio members consisting of the Chairman and Secretaries of the affiliating institutions who shall be members by virtue of their office.

ACTIVITIES

To realize the objectives the following activities are carried out by this Sangh:

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| 1. Communal Unity | 12. Equal status of women |
| 2. Removal of Untouchability | 13. Regional Language |
| 3. Abolition of caste system | 14. National Language |
| 4. Agriculture | 15. Economic equality |
| 5. Go-Seva | 16. Labour |
| 6. Khadi | 17. Adivasi Seva |
| 7. Village industries | 18. Leprosy Relief |
| 8. Basic Education & Adult Education | 19. Students |
| 9. Village Sanitation | 20. Relief and Rehabilitation
of distressed |
| 10. Health and Hygiene | 21. Nature cure. |
| 11. Prohibition | |

22. Organisation of such Socio-economic units in such places and areas as will be conducive to the growth of a sense of trusteeship in community over all the means of production, of distribution of wealth.
23. Introduction of such methods of administration in its own institution as will be conducive to the development of learner values in society in preference to the material and legal values and assure to every individual and group equal opportunities of development.
24. Any other activity, conducive to the furtherance of the Sangh's objectives from time to time.
25.
 - a) to give relief to the poor by providing them with whole time or part-time employment ;
 - b) to secure for them as far as possible a living wage ;
 - c) to provide them assurance and security against unemployment particularly in times of famine, failure of crops or other natural calamity.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It operates at the State level.

PUBLICATIONS

For communicating their information at mass level they have good publication facilities. It publishes

1. Grama Rajyam—a Tamil weekly—2500 copies are printed for circulation
2. Sarvodayam—a Tamil monthly 4000 copies are printed for circulation
3. Sarvodaya—an English monthly—1000 copies are printed for circulation

RESOURCES

Financial :

It acquires loans and grants from Khadi and village Industries Commission to run its programmes efficiently. It also derives income by selling its manufactured goods.

Other facilities :

Well established library with a collection of about 6.500 books and other documents serves their need in the post-literacy activities.

For further information, please write to :

Tamilnad Sarvodaya Sangh

Gandhi Nagar

Tirupur-638 603.



THE TIRUNELVELI SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

This organisation was started for the uplift and development of the socially, educationally and economically deprived people, especially women and children of the locality. It is a registered voluntary organisation.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To encourage women in family planning and child welfare.
- To encourage poultry farming, handicrafts and cottage industries.
- To conduct home science classes and to train women in handicrafts.
- To impart health education.
- To train women in tailoring and embroidery work.
- To remove superstitions and anti-social activities by encouraging programmes for mental development.
- To grant aids to orphans and destitutes and to train them in various occupations, etc.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This organisation is administered by a nominated group of members and about 5 managerial persons, 8 supervisory persons, 3 clerical persons, 4 aides constitute the office.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

- Runs about 62 Adult Education centres in the region for men and women.
- Designs and distributes literature written by eminent writers, authors and specialists in various fields.

In other fields

- Offers various types of training for animators, community health workers and leadership training for youth.
- Offers training in Balwadi and Girihini.
- Organises credit unions for low income groups, Mather Sangams, etc.
- Facilitates construction of low cost houses.

- undertakes relief and rehabilitation works and economic development projects.
- Implements family welfare programme and nutrition education.

AREAS OF OPERATION

The above mentioned activities are carried out in the taluks of Tirunelveli, Ambasamudram, Tenkasi, Sankarankovil and Kovilpatti.

PUBLICATION

It has published a numerous booklets and reports. Also it brings out

“MUZHAKAM”—a Monthly News letter—about 330 copies are printed for circulation.

Other Publications

1. Grihini Training
2. Credit Unions
3. Package Programme

RESOURCES

Financial

Membership fee, subscriptions and contributions from beneficiaries add to their financial sources,

Other facilities

It has a very good accommodation, library and equipments to carry out its welfare activities without struggle.

For detailed information, please write to :

The Tirunelveli Social Service Society
Catholic Bishop's House
Palayamkottai-627 002.
Tirunelveli Dist.

TUTICORIN MULTI PURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

This organisation has been initiated to render help, assistance, cooperation and support to the economically, socially backward people residing in the eastern part of Tirunelveli District.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To undertake all round development of the area with a view to provide full employment to its people.
- To take steps to raise the general standard of living in the area and to introduce better methods of production.
- To create and foster among the people of the area, mutual cooperation, self-sufficiency and self-reliance.
- To reduce social and economic inequalities in the village,
- To run functional literacy programmes to the adults and school drop-outs,
- To evolve a pattern of village organisation which can mobilise local resources.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This voluntary institution is organised and administered by the Executive Board members who are appointed by the President.

Eight staff members frame the office structure to carry out the routine job.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

Nothing has been implemented specifically in adult education, but through indirect measures it has shown much encouragement in promoting the NAEP.

In other fields

It offers the following services :

- Health care,

- Nutrition
- Recreational activities
- Services for pre-school children, pregnant women and nurturing mothers.
- Helping programmes for marginal farmers, landless labourers, Harijans and unemployed youths.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It is engaged in the eastern part of Tirunelveli District.

RESOURCES

Financial

Grants from philanthropic bodies and individual donor facilitate its programmes

Other facilities

This organisation functions in their acquired land. It has necessary audio-visual aids and library for its developmental activities.

For more information, please write to :

Tuticorin Multi Purpose Social Service Society
Catholic Bishop's House
Tuticorin

VEDHANAYAGUI-MADHAR SANGAM

INTRODUCTION

This organisation was established in the year 1971 to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the village women living in the union territory of Pondicherry.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To develop the welfare of the society.
- To create and foster community sense.
- To educate the village women.
- To conduct balwadies.
- To cooperate in all activities of the community development project of Pondicherry.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It is governed by the Executive Committee consisting of **Convenor, President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

Membership

Categories of member

- ordinary member
- life member

Total number of members are 30.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education, it offers

- Training in kitchen gardening, compost making, agriculture and animal husbandry.
- runs youth centres
- organises seminars

Other activities

- conducts sewing classes for unemployed women.
- runs balwadis

- celebrates national festivals.
- publishes a monthly bulletin and provides village libraries.

RESOURCES

Financial

It receives grants from State Government.

Facilities

It has a rent free building and cooperation of the Project Executive Office and agricultural training officer.

For more information, please address to :

Vedhanayagui Madhar Sangam,
North Street, Bahoor,
Pondichetry-607 402.

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The content of literacy materials should be organised not within the framework of passive knowledge but with an orientation of problem solving approach with complementarity of intellectual and manual work.

“ Towards organising Language experience for functional literacy ”

— R. N. SRIVASTAUA

THE VELLORE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY

INTRODUCTION

This organisation was started by a group of individuals with diverse professional background to evaluate the strategies for rural development adopted until then and to explore alternatives. The studies were followed by related social analysis of social economic implementation of rural development projects. It was established in the year 1953 and has been registered under the Societies Registration Act.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To improve living conditions, general, economic and social welfare of the poor farmers.
- To provide educational courses for adults especially through the demonstration of improved methods in such fields as agriculture, sanitation, techniques of production, etc.
- Conducts surveys, evaluation and experimental projects with a view to improve methods, techniques and practices in adult education.
- To provide free aid to disabled and weaker sections of the society.
- To remove superstitions and anti-social-activities by encouraging programmes for mental development.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

This voluntary organisation was set up with a group of Executive Board members nominated by the Bishop, Trustee of the Society.

One Project Officer, one Field Officer, one Office Manager and a typist constitute the office.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- Runs Adult education classes through discussions, camps, exhibitions etc.
- Participates functional literacy activities through training and cultivation.

In other fields

- Organises Youth Worker's training camps.
- Arranges labour and social service camps.
- Makes arrangements to promote cottage industries.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It covers the North Arcot District, Tamil Nadu.

RESOURCES

Financial

Assistances from voluntary finding agencies alone contribute to its financial resources.

Other facilities

This organisation is housed in a rented building.

For detailed information, please address to :

The Vellore Social Service Society,
Bishop's house,
34, Officer's Line,
Vellore-1,
North Arcot District.

VOLUNTARY HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAL CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The voluntary Health Services is a registered non-profit society working on many modern ideas of improving the existing families for medical relief, education and research. The society was registered in July 1958. The medical centre was fully equipped and staffed before July 1963, when the first patient was admitted.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- The first concept of the Society is that in a country with so many preventable diseases and deaths, the emphasis should be on prevention and services to illness and to the comparative exclusion of minor or day to day illness. It is felt that this matter can be handled by large number of public dispensaries and unaided private practioners who are welcome to utilize the services of the medical centre.
- The second concept is that the family should be the unit for medical care and that every family should be attached to a combined public health and curative centre and should learn about all diseases and their prevention from the same social worker, Health vistor, a public Health Nurse attached to the Medical centre to which the family belongs.
- To create awareness about community participation to achieve the above said objectives.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

- This centre is organised by the Board of Trustees elected by the members of the central committee. The total members on 31st December 1979 are patrons, 238 life members, 2 ordinary members and 10 Ex-officer members.

This medical centre constitutes college of Medical Technology, Institute of General practice, M. A. Chidambaram Institute of Community Health, Dr. A. Lakshmi pathi unit for Research in Indian Medicine as its sub-units.

Apart from this, it runs a Mini Health centre at Mapillai Naickenpatti under the Tamil Nadu Government scheme. The proposed referral hospital is still in the planning stage. At Appakoodal, Erode District survey has been carried out to build another referral hospital.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of Adult Education

The Social Welfare Board has continued to sponsor the vocational training programme for adult workers. 15 adult women were trained under this programme during every year in private Nursing Homes and other hospitals. VHS is also training six male candidates every half year to provide the base for recruitment of hospital workers. There is a demand for candidates trained under the programme.

The department of community Health of the VHS continued to run two Adult Literacy classes at Thuraipakkam and Chemancheri in collaboration with the women's Voluntary Service.

An introductory book in Tamil for Non-formal Education has been prepared by Dr. K. S. Sanjivi, in the interest of rural development.

In other fields

Every year about 4,000 students are medically examined and advised.

Short term orientation courses in community health for medical, para-medical and para-professional personnel are given to two batches, each containing 13 and 12 candidates. Female candidates on completion of training were attached to the Andhra Mahila Sabha for a period of two months for training in maternity and child welfare.

Community level workers training programmes are also arranged for different groups of students throughout the year.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It functions at State level.

PUBLICATIONS

The VHS publishes a bulletin every six months. The first issue was published in July 1978. The bulletin is sent free of cost to all the Medical colleges in India, IMA branches of Tamil Nadu and also various consultants and General practitioners.

Apart from this, it has produced numerous primers and supplementary readers for animators and community health volunteers. These publications are priced.

RESOURCES

Financial

Contributions by philanthropists and Institutions appear to be the major input to its financial source. Yet, it receives adhoc grant from the Central Government and recurring grants from the State Government and Social Welfare Board:

Moreover, subscription amount to enroll as members contribute its share of its huge income.

Other facilities

it functions on its own well established building with good furniture and library facilities. Further, this insiitute makes available more facilities conducive to a number of research projects.

For more information, please write to :

The Voluntary Health Services Medical Centre,
Adyar, Madras-600 020.

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An uneducated adult is grown up man and a matured person. He knows how to carry on the social functions. He also knows to understand and speak atleast one language. But he is an illiterate. Hence teaching and testing procedures have to be separately designed with special skills for adults.

“ Adult literacy and Language Testing ”—

K. VISWANATHAN

WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE OF TAMIL NADU

INTRODUCTION

This association was constituted with the main object to organise social and cultural activities for woman and to offer education to women and children. It works for social equality and is involved in the educational development of the weaker and underprivileged sections of the society. Initially it was organising only social welfare activities. In course of time, it expanded its activities to the field of education. This was established in the year 1972 as a State Branch of the All India Women's Voluntary Service, New Delhi, to-ordinate the various independant women working through voluntary and a statutory bodies.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To bring together women social workers and organize measures for the amelioration of the living conditions especially of the weaker and under privileged sections of society, and render various categories of services, such as

Hospital Welfare

Ambulance Service

Physical Drill

Slum Welfare

Grow more food and Conservation of food

Balwadis for poor children

Adult/Functional Literacy

Scholarships for economically backward students

Careers for the educated unemployed.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

The affairs of the society shall be managed by the Executive Committee consisting of

1. Director
2. Assistant Director
3. Two joint Honorary Secretaries
4. Honorary Treasurer
5. Chairman, Co-chairman and Secretaries of Committees in-charge of various services.

The office-bearers are Director, Assistant Director, Two Joint Honorary Secretaries, Honorary Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Clerk, Typist and Office-body.

4 District units at Madurai, Kanyakumari, Ramnad, Coimbatore function as its branches.

ACTIVITIES

The committees incharge of Ambulance, Hospital Welfare, Adult Literacy, Career institute, Scholarships, Community Welfare, Youth wing are carrying out numerous activities in their respective field.

To illustrate, the Adult Literacy Committee has been taking active interest in promoting adult literacy among women living in the slum areas of the city and has been implementing for the second year in succession a scheme of adult-cum-functional literacy programme sanctioned by Govt. of India on a 75 per cent grant-in-aid from June 1978. Under this scheme, 20 centres area run in the city in collaboration with organisations like rhe V. H. S, New Resident Welfare Trust, V.shwa Hindu Parishad etc. who provide accommodation and local supervision. In the centres, lessons about environmental hygiene, nutrition. health, mother and child care etc. are being taught.

AREAS OF OPERATION

This association conducts its campaigns mainly in the city and sub-urban areas of Madras. With their branches at various places it almost covers whole Tamil Nadu.

PUBLICATIONS

Annual report and Memorandum of Association are the only two publications.

RESOURCES

Financial

It receives grants from both the Central and State Governments for their specific programmes. Further, it collects Rs. 3/- towards annual membership fees Rs. 30/- towards life membership fee and Rs. 25/- towards affiliation fee to its institutions.

Other facilities

Recently it received a 4 ground land for its building accommodation from State Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

For further information, please write to:

Women's Voluntary Service of Tamil Nadu
The willingdon
25, Commander-in-Chief Road
Madras-600 008.

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WORKING WOMENS FORUM

INTRODUCTION

The Working Women's Forum, a registered voluntary organization was founded in the year 1977, to mobilise self-employed, lower and middle class working women to fight to improve their economic, social and professional status. In many aspects the Forum is similar to the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) in Ahmedabad,

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To federate existing organisations striving for working women and to establish branches of the Working Women's Forum in all the districts and villages of Tamil Nadu.
- To assist in improving the conditions of working women through co-operation and secure for them more time and leisure for creative work, cultural activities and recreation.
- To help self-employed women expand their business through arranging loans from nationalised banks and to improve their professional and social status by giving them training and establishing day care centres of their children.
- To solve the civic and other problems of members by acting as a liaison between members and civic authorities, government and other national and international organisations.
- To mobilize all working women to fight for their rights by acting as a pressure group.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

Initially, the Forum grew out of another organisation, the Vidya Bharati Trust, a well known voluntary organisation. It consists of 110 groups of women and each group has a leader chosen by the consensus of the group itself. Every group leader automatically becomes a member of the Governing Body. The Governing Body Members elect the President, Secretary, Treasurer and others. At present the organization has six paid members on its roll. They are Chief organizer, organizer for South Madras, organizer for North Madras, Two field workers, and accountant. About 1000 women are enrolled as members of the organisation.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

- It runs classes for its semi-literate and illiterate members.
- The forum has 20 coaching centres with a minimum number of 30 students in each of the centres for the illiterate children of the self-employed working women.
- Trains family planning workers who will acts as motivators for Family Welfare Projects.

In other fields

- Arranges loans for poor people.
- Jobs for the unemployed, arrangement of inter-caste marriages are some of its officer activities.
- Technical help for business women.

AREAS OF OPERATION

Services are limited to the city of Madras.

RESOURCES

Financial

Membership fee contribution, grants and aids from philanthropic societies makes the organisation to run its programmes efficiently. However, much more aid, from both the Central and State Governments are expected to encourage their welfare activities.

For more information, please write to :

Working Womens Forum,
55, Bhimasena Garden Road,
Madras-600 064.

WORTH TRUST

INTRODUCTION

In the year 1963, a rehabilitation workshop was established by the SWEDISH RED CROSS, as part of its leprosy control work. From the beginning, it was an integrated unit, catering to all types of physically handicapped. The aim was to provide training and employment and reach economic self-sufficiency. When the Swedish Red Cross withdrew, the "WORTH" TRUST, standing for Workshop for Rehabilitation and training of the Handicapped, came into being. It was established in the year 1963 and has been registered under the Act of Societies Registration.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To protect, advance and promote the social, economic and cultural interests and activities of the handicapped.
- To train handicapped personnel as wage earners.
- To offer non-formal education in better methods to learn discipline and develop the capacity to work in co-operation with others.
- To organise non-formal training to about twelve boys who are not eligible for the recognised course.

STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

A Board of trustees at the Headquarters govern the activities of this trust. It has 7 sub units located at different places. They are as follows :

1. Katpadi Production Centre,
B5, Industrial colony,
Katpadi Extension-632 006, North Arcot District.
2. Tiruchirapalli Production Unit,
49-K, Madurai Road, Tiruchirapalli-620 001.
3. Katpadi Training Centre,
48, New Thiruvalem Road,
Katpadi-632 007, North Arcot District.
4. Paranur Training Unit,
Government Rehabilitation Home,
Paranur, Chingleput-603 002.
5. School for Orthopaedically Handicapped Children
48 New Thiruvalem Road,
Katpadi, North Arcot District.

6. Agriculture and Dairy Farm,
Sembattu,
Aerodrome P. O., Tiruchirapalli-620 007.
7. Weaving Centre and Dairy, Katpadi.

ACTIVITIES

The production centres come under the Factories Act, Provident Fund Act etc. and compete with open industries.

The welfare of the workers is carefully looked after. Physiotherapists posted in the Katpadi and Tiruchirapalli Units. maintain detailed records of treatments given, medical tests done etc. The limbs of all workers, especially those who have amaesthetic limbs are frequently examined.

At Katpadi Training Centre, residential training programme is undertaken. A batch of twelve trainees are taken every year for a two year course. Applicants admitted are physically handicapped, in the group 18-26 and have studied upto 10th standard.

AREAS OF OPERATION

it functions at State level.

PUBLICATIONS

It does not have any specified publication except the Annual Report.

RESOURCES

Financial

Neither it receives grant nor aid from outside sources (i. e. Govt. and other philanthropic societies). It entirely depends upon the production units which forms the basic source of finance.

Library

It has rich library facilities at various centres in support of their training activities. They do subscribe to many journals and other publications.

For further information, please write to :

The Director,
Worth Trust,
48, New Thiruvalem Road
Katpadi,
Vellore-632 007. N. A. Dt.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION

The Young women's Christian Association was established in 1892. It endeavours to promote the development of women and girls irrespective of race, caste and creed. It seeks to develop a membership that is responsible to the changing needs of the whole community in a changing world.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To take measures and steps and implements such schemes as may be beneficial and conducive to the common amelioration of women and children.
- To help in creating a sense of co-ordination and a spirit of cooperation among the members and among the different communities or body corporate.
- To conduct literacy and social education classes, cottage industrial training schools, libraries and reading room etc.
- To grant stipend, fees, books, clothing etc, to deserving candidates for the promotion of their education.
- To conduct house visits, to promote goodwill and social relationship among all classes of people and to educate women in the importance of taking balanced diet, nutrition and the art of maintaining kitchen gardens and poultry farms.

STURCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

It is Governed by the Management Committee formed by the President, Secretary, Vice-President, Joint Secretary and othet elected members

Any women or girl, 16 years old or over, can be enrolled as a member by paying an annual membership of Rs. 15/-.

About 22 staff members serve in this organisation both in the city and at rural welfare centres.

ACTIVITIES

In the field of adult education

Sporadic classes held from time to time from 1972 onwards

1972-74 1 centre in the YWCA campus.

1974-77 3 centres in the city slums.

1977-79 6 centres in the city slums.

1979-80 30 centres under NAEP.

1980 Oct. 3 centres in the city slums.

In other fields

It offers the following services :

- Girls Town (a home for destitute children).
- Navajeevan (a mid-way home for the mentally cured patients)
- Soup Kitchen (a feeding programme for the aged destitutes)
- Free Nursery school, two day care centres (for slum children)
- Rural welfare project/Rural Health Centre
- Hostels for working women and students
- An international guest house with care and van parking site for tourists.

AREAS OF OPERATION

It covers the whole of Tamil Nadu.

PUBLICATION

It publishes a monthly News letter to announce its forthcoming programmes.

RESOURCES

Financial

It gets financial assistance from the Central and Social Welfare Boards to run projects like Girl's Town, Navajeevan, Free Nursery School and Rural Health Centre.

Further, it depends upon its members' subscription fee, Annual "Y" Friends Fair and periodical fund raising programmes.

Other facilities

This organisation has its own building and well established Library in support of its activities,

For detailed information, please address to :

Young Women's Christian Association
Poonamallee High Road
Madras-600 084,

“The Government has resolved to wage a clearly conceived, well-planned and relentless struggle against illiteracy to enable the masses to play an active role in social and cultural change. Literacy ought to be recognised as an intergral part of an individual’s personality. The present thinking on adult education is based on the assumptions (a) that illiteracy is a serious impediment to an individual’s growth and to a country’s socio-economic progress; (b) that education is not coterminus with schooling but takes places in most work and life situations; (c) that learning, working and living are inseparable and each acquires a meaning only when correlated with the others; (d) that the means by which people are involved in the process of development are at least as important as the ends and (e) that the illiterate and the poor can rise to their own liberation through literacy dialogue and action”.

**A Handbook Training of adult education functionaries,
Directorate of Adult Education, Government of India, New Delhi.**

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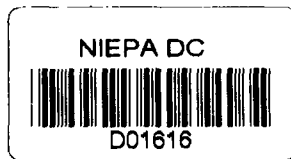
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