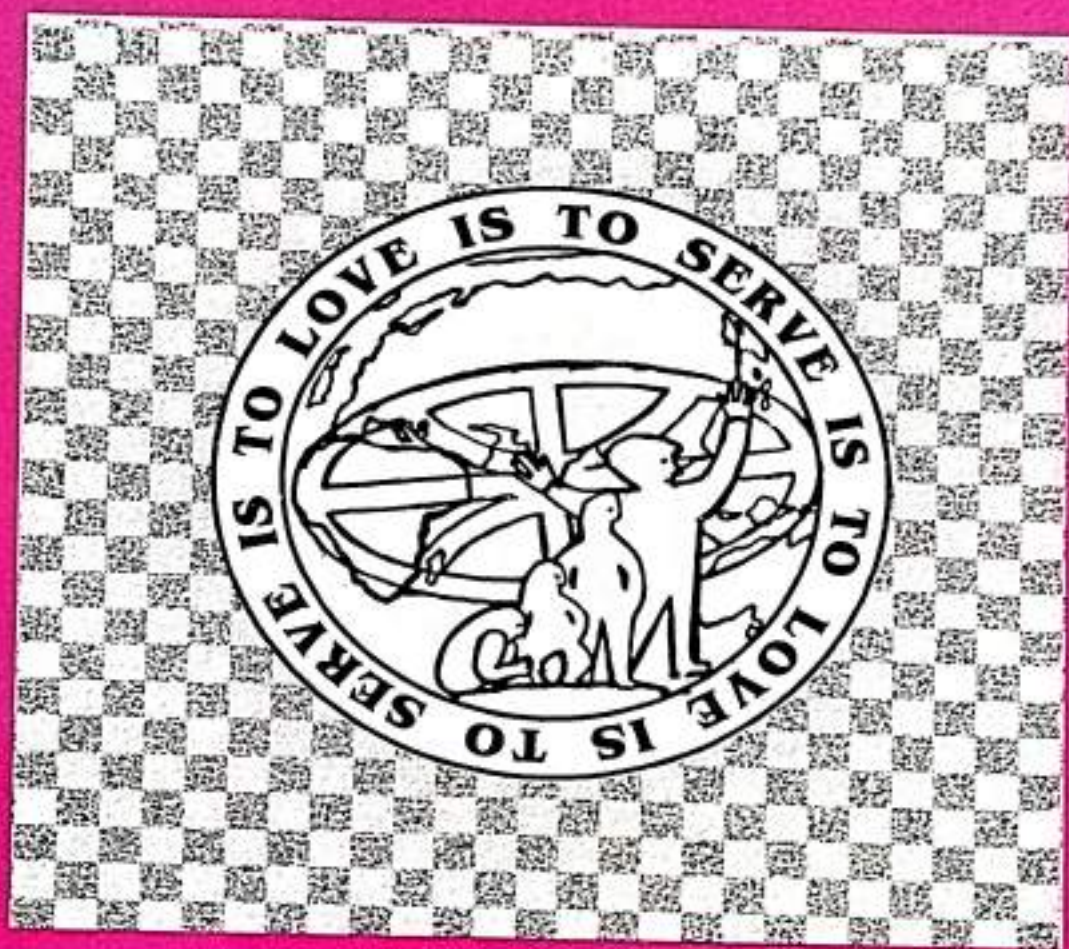


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The Sisters of the Cross Society for Education and Development (SOC SEAD) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing educational and developmental services to the poor and marginalized communities in the Philippines. The organization was founded in 1966 and has since then been actively engaged in various social and educational projects.

One of the primary focuses of SOC SEAD is the provision of quality education to children in underserved areas. This is achieved through the establishment and operation of schools, kindergartens, and vocational training centers. The organization also provides educational materials, books, and supplies to these institutions.

In addition to formal education, SOC SEAD is committed to holistic development. This includes health care services, nutrition programs, and community-based initiatives that aim to improve the overall quality of life for the people it serves. The organization also provides support and training for women and youth, helping them to become self-reliant and active members of their communities.

The organization's activities are supported by the generosity of its members, friends, and the wider community. Through their contributions, SOC SEAD is able to continue its mission of promoting education and development for all.

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## FOREWORD

First of all I should thank God the Almighty for all the graces that He has showered on SOC SEAD and for leading all of us in SOC SEAD in the right path in our attempts to empower the downtrodden.

We also should thank God for effectively fulfilling the vision and mission of SOC SEAD by instilling the spirit of social work in the minds and hearts of quite a few sisters of the congregation. Inspired by the success of SOC SEAD the social work activities of the congregation have increased manifold.

The Central Government of India and the State Government of India deserve special mention for their continued support and guidelines for running most of the activities of SOC SEAD. The Government officials also should be thanked for their whole hearted cooperation in all our endeavours.

SOC SEAD places on record the valuable cooperation and support provided by the overseas agencies towards our special projects. We thank them for their inspiration and financial support.

Here I remember with thanks all our benefactors for their sacrifices in one form or another.

While continuing our regular activities to uplift the underprivileged in various forms, SOC SEAD intends to document its success stories so that our paths are made transparent to others for emulation or improvement.

I should thank Prof John A Joseph, Director, Institute of Communications, Chennai, for documenting our activities in his book *To Love is to Serve is to Love ...* and M/s Shilton & Greason for publishing it elegantly.

There are more documentations in the offing. The Deaddiction Department of SOC SEAD is involved in a research study which will be documented soon. Functioning of Mahalir Mantrams and Child Adoption are other two areas which are being studied for documentation.

I thank my superiors and companion sisters for their continued encouragement and my dedicated staff for translating the vision and mission of SOC SEAD into reality.

*Sr Rina Thyvesttil*

## SISTERS OF THE CROSS SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (SOC SEAD)

### ACTIVITY REPORT -1996 AT A GLANCE

#### Introduction

The Sisters of the Cross Society for Education and Development, shortly known as SOC SEAD, is a separate wing of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavannod. It was established on the 26th day of June 1982 at Truchirapalli, with a view to serving the cause of the poor and the needy.



#### Our Motto

Since the best way to make the good God known and loved by all is considered to be through love and service, SOC SEAD took "TO LOVE IS TO SERVE AND TO SERVE IS TO LOVE" as its motto.

## 2. Adult and Non-formal Education

Since illiteracy and ignorance are the major causes for the poverty and misery of the millions, SOC SEAD, with a view to combating these evils, is conducting Adult Education and Non-formal Education Programmes for women in the age group of 15-35 and children in the age group of 6-14 living in the slum areas referred above. 30,000 illiterate women and 2,500 children have benefited under this scheme so far. Every year SOC SEAD sends 8 children on an average, for admission to regular schools to continue their formal education. From 1996 SOC SEAD has been conducting N.F.E. in 100 centres with 3,000 learners at V and VI Std. levels.

## 3. Total Literacy

Later, in order to cover all those who had not enrolled themselves in any of the literacy programmes, i.e. 40,000 people in the age group of 15-50 in Tiruchy Municipal area, Total Literacy Campaign was undertaken for 2 years from March 1992 to April 1994. SOC SEAD has secured II Rank in the State in imparting Numeracy.

## 4. Post Literacy and Jana Shikshan Nilayams

To enable the new learners to retain the power of learning and to improve it further, 30 Jana Shikshan Nilayams have been established by SOC SEAD in those 3 Municipal areas at the rate of 10 in each benefiting 10,000 learners.

## 5. Vocational Training Programmes

SOC SEAD has been running different vocational courses (viz) Typewriting Course for 100 girls, Tailoring Course for 225 girls and Nurse Assistant Course for 175 girls. All of those who have successfully completed the courses are employed earning additional income for themselves and for their families. Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board has been helping in sanctioning grant-in-aid for running these courses. SOC SEAD also has conducted a condensed course for 150 girls.

## 6. Creches

To look after the physical, emotional and psychological needs of the children of working and ailing mothers 6 Creches with 150 children in the age group of 1 - 3 are being run by SOC SEAD funded by the Ministry of Welfare. The



Centres are located at (1) Mambalasalai - 2 Centres, (2) Kovandakuruchi - 2 Centres, (3) Palakuruchi - 1 Centre and (4) Oliyamangalam - 1 Centre. These centres are run with the help of trained teachers and ayahs aided by the Indian Council for Child Welfare (I.C.C.W.)

## 7. Balwadies

10 Balwadies are run in 10 villages of Mannachanallur Block, benefiting not less than 300 children in the age group of 1 - 4. This is supported by SOC SEAD itself.

## 8. Sponsorship

SOC SEAD assists regularly poor children every year to continue their studies under sponsorship programme from 1985 by providing school fees, the cost of books, notes and uniforms.

### *9. Rag Picking Children*

An education-cum welfare programme is being implemented for the benefit of 100 Rag Picking Children in Trichy Slums. They are given Non-formal education, supplementary nutrition, medical aid, clothes and vocational skills for rehabilitation. This is our final year of operation under the Ministry of Labour.

### *10. Training Programmes*

SOC SEAD with an objective of equipping its developmental workers, sisters and staff involved/interested in developmental activities, with adequate knowledge, techniques and expertise on different subjects related to development, has been organising several useful training programmes, seminars, workshops etc., periodically.

## **II HEALTH & SANITATION**

Under Health, various activities like community health, mobile health programme, mini health centre, medical camps, immunization camps, family welfare camps, population education, mother and child health care, care of



the physically handicapped etc., have been undertaken by SOC SEAD. About 50 volunteers participated in the pulse polio programme of the government.

The training was provided at the SOC SEAD Hall with the Cooperation of the Health Department.

### *Physiotherapy Technician Course*

A one year Physiotherapy Technician Course is conducted by SOC SEAD with an intake of 25 rural girls, so that they could find employment opportunities and serve the physically handicapped in co-operation with the Tamil Nadu Corporation for the Development of Women Ltd. There is great demand for this course due to the immediate employability of those who complete it. In 1996, 25 girls were admitted for this course.

### *Sanitation Programme*

SOC SEAD has constructed 150 Low cost sanitary latrines - 25 at Kovandakuruchi, 25 Kallakudi and 100 at Ayikudi area.

## **III WELFARE**

### *1. Family Counselling*

SOC SEAD has been running a Family Counselling Centre at Tiruchirapalli extending Counselling Services for the re-unification of many broken families, deserted women, distressed families. This year the Family counselling Centre has processed 107 cases. 62 of the cases have been settled and the rest of them (45) are being processed in partnership with the Central Social Welfare Board.

### *2. Counselling for Drug Addicts*

Two Drug Addicts Counselling centres are run by SOC SEAD under the Ministry of Welfare - one in Trichy and the other at Ayikudi, Trichy Dist. About 420 cases were treated in both the centres in 1996. Doctors, Psychiatrists and Counsellors try their best to eradicate drug addiction.

### *3. Working Women's Hostel*

SOC SEAD runs a working women's hostel called 'Amaithi Nilayam' to provide safe boarding and lodging facilities for working women who hail from other places.

#### 4. Adoption of Children

SOC SEAD places children for adoption with Indian and foreign families based on the motivation factor that every child has a right to have a home and family irrespective of the nature of their birth and status. SOC SEAD is one of the few agencies recognised in India by the Government of India to deal with adoption of children. SOC SEAD's children's home is functioning in Mambalasalai, Tiruchirappalli.

#### 5. Home for the Aged

Home for the aged has been functioning at Ayikudi to look after the needs of the aged who are in need of care and support to spend the fag end of their lives in peace and harmony.

#### 6. Relief Services

SOC SEAD has been rendering relief services whenever the need arises. 200 families that were rendered homeless due to a fire accident on 3rd September 1991 at Murakara St., T.V.Koil, Tiruchy, were extended medical and other relief measures immediately with the help of donations raised from CANFIN, State Bank of Travancore and other donors. Recently SOC SEAD donated towards the victims of earthquake in Maharashtra State and encouraged contributions to Andhra Pradesh Relief Fund. One Women Development worker visited the flood affected areas and helped in rehabilitation work. Loans were given to meet the emergency situation.

#### 7. Mahalir Mandrams

To bring together the women living both in the slums and villages, to empower them and to initiate collective actions among them, SOC SEAD has been mobilising women in all its operational areas and forming them into Mahalir Mandrams. All the developmental activities of SOC SEAD are planned and implemented in consultation with the women members of the respective Mandrams. There are at present 65 Mahalir Mandrams in the area and a few of them were registered in 96. People's Bank was introduced during 96 to encourage the habit of saving among them. Women Development Department is handled by Mrs Janaki Kesavaraj. We record our thanks for her leadership and interest.

#### 8. Forgotten Children

At Varakuppai Village of Pullambadi Taluk, identified by the Principal of Holy Cross College and her team, SOC SEAD picked up children who were domestic or child labourers and they have been provided with Non-formal Education, Health and Hygiene, Nutrition and Recreation. It is a



comprehensive programme for parents and children. Parents are provided with awareness towards Education of Children. In stages SOC SEAD has been introducing income generating projects to parents so that they are enabled to take care of their children. 10 families have been rehabilitated with milch animals. The parents are getting permanent income by selling milk and its by-products. By the end of this project 40 families will have benefited by this programme and 50 children would have been educated upto V Std. level. Those who reach the level of Std. V will be sent to regular schools. We thank *The Forgotten Children*, U.S.A., for their support to this project. SOC SEAD's sponsorship programme will continue to help these children if they want to pursue their studies.

## IV ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### 1. Vendor Women

80 women of the Pattavatthalai area were given interest free loans, repayable in easy weekly instalments, so that they are enabled to venture into small business enterprises like selling vegetables, fruits, flowers, edibles etc., and thereby add to their family income. Small loans were given to individuals towards self-employment projects. 75 women were given bank loans distributed by the New Mayor Tmt. Punithavalli Palaniyandi on 24th October, 1996, at a meeting held to felicitate her. SOC SEAD has applied for vendor loans for 100 people this year.

### 2. Sewing Machines

20 girls who completed their training (higher grade) in Tailoring in SOC SEAD's Vocational Training Unit have been given sewing machines to be self-employed with interest free loans.

### 3. Dairy Units

35 Beneficiaries from Vamadam, Chinthamani, Kovandakuruchi and Puthupalayam were selected and assisted by SOC SEAD with interest free loans from Tamil Nadu Social Welfare Board, Madras, for the purchase of milch animals. Under the same programme, 25 women of Ayikudi area were given bank loans to start livestock developmental activities. SOC SEAD has provided loans to 10 families at Varakuppai village for buying milch animals and has applied for Dairy loan for 20 families from the Central Social Welfare Board.

### 4. Goatery Units

Under two different goatery projects (phase I) 100 women at Ayikudi village have been given assistance for the purchase of goats. Heifer project India is the partner.

The beneficiaries who received the assistance have to share after a year 3 of their newly born young goats as gift with other women. 100 families

have completed sharing. Phase II of the project to assist 50 women in Ayikudi village for the purchase of goats is being implemented. 500 goats were distributed to 100 families in the villages in 1996.

### 5. DWCR - Weaving

A training-cum-production in Handloom Weaving is given at SOC SEAD Centre at Ayikudi. 30 rural women have been imparted the skill and are self employed in their own homes with the looms provided by SOC SEAD.

### 6. TRYSM

Under TRYSM, SOC SEAD has conducted four skill training programmes to the rural girls to empower them to take up self employment programmes. Ten girls have mastered the art of tailoring and making ready-made garments. Ten girls have been trained in making decorative and fancy articles with fibre and plastic wires, five girls in making brushes with palm fibre and five girls in assembling and producing voltage stabilizers. Moreover, in the same year 15 persons were given training in Mushroom cultivation at Ayikudi.

### 7. Shramic Vidhya Peeth

In collaboration with the S.V.P. of Trichy, SOC SEAD provided employment oriented training in Drawing, Screen Printing, Electrical Wiring, Soap Powder Making etc., for boys and training in Tailoring for girls in three places. Certificates were given to all those trainees by the S.V.P. with



recommendation for loans from Nationalised Banks to become self-employed.

#### **8. IRDP**

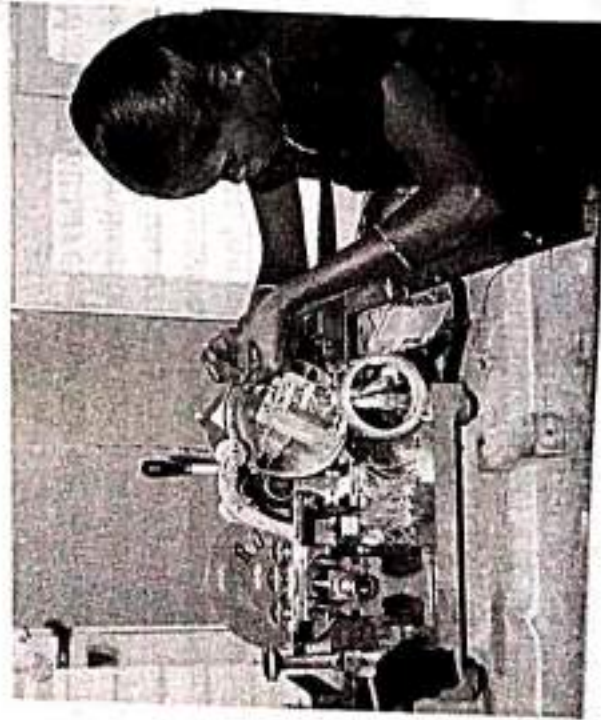
SOC SEAD identified 50 beneficiaries from Ayikudi area villages and secured financial assistance for 37 members through Nationalised Banks for various economic activities with 50% / 30% subsidy on their loans depending upon their castes. SOC SEAD built five T.V. Rooms in villages under DRDA Scheme in the year 1996.

#### **9. Stitching of Uniforms**

To increase their employment and income, some of the women living in Trichy are given the job of stitching uniforms. 2500 to 5000 uniforms are being stitched every year.

#### **10. Voltage Stabilizers**

SOC SEAD is producing voltage stabilizers under the famous brand name SAKTI at SOC SEAD Centre at Ayikudi and thereby provides



continuous employment and additional income to 20 rural girls and their families.

#### **V COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

##### **1. Home for the Homeless**

a) SOC SEAD has constructed 99 houses at Melapatty Village in Kulithalai Taluk of Trichy District in which 99 homeless families have been accommodated.

b) Similarly 80 houses have been constructed at Ayikudi Village in which 80 homeless families from the villages around Ayikudi have been accommodated.

##### **2. Drinking Water**

a) Awareness programmes were conducted on drinking water in 20 villages in Mannachanallur and Pullambadi Blocks. After the awareness programme all these villages were provided with protected drinking water through deep borewells fitted with handpumps.



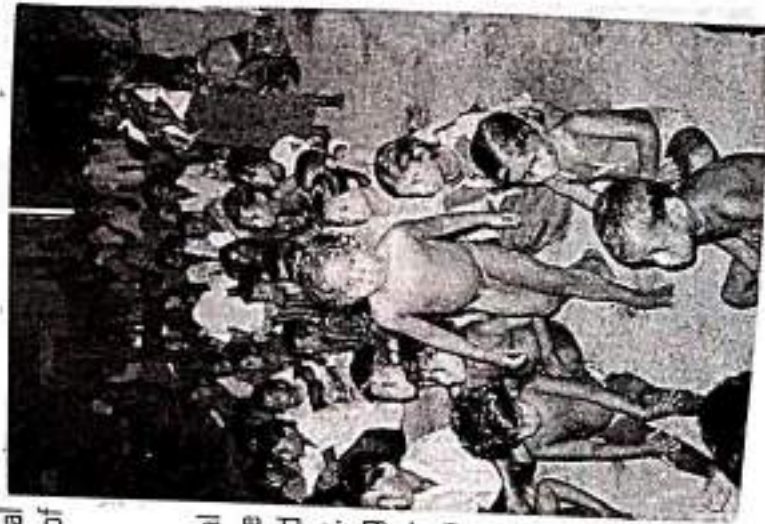
b) During 1995-96 seven more borewells were drilled and 16 wells were repaired and installed with handpumps in the villages belonging to Mannachanallur Block after giving proper training and orientation to the people in co-operation with "WATER AID".

### 3. Community Centre

A community centre has been built at Ayikudi for the benefit of the people. Training programmes and meetings for the SOC SEAD's field staff at Ayikudi are conducted in this centre.

#### a) Street Children

SOC SEAD initiated this project in order to give protection to children. 100 children (48 boys and 52 girls) benefit from this project through the Skill Training and Rehabilitation Programmes. 13 children have been so far rehabilitated. Regular medical check ups are conducted and nutritious is provided to them along with health and recreational facilities. The project is under the Department of Social Development of the Government of Tamil Nadu.



#### b) Eradication of Child Labour

SOC SEAD is running six special schools in co-operation with the Collectorate through the Child Labour Eradication Project Society. Regular special schools are being run during the day that provide Non-formal education and recreation to the underprivileged children. Medical care is being provided and picnics and outings are arranged. They are slowly imparted education with the co-operation of their parents. 150 children benefit from this scheme.

#### c) Day Shelter for Street Children

SOC SEAD started the day shelter home for street children in October 1995 in co-operation with the Department of Social Defence. 50 children (25 girls and 25 boys) benefit from this project. They enjoy shelter and protection. Decent bath rooms and toilets are being provided to them. On 21st December, 1996 the new Day Shelter Hall was inaugurated at the premises of SOC SEAD by the HON'BLE MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE. It is a great boon to the street children of Tiruchirapalli.

In a project sponsored by Netherland SOC SEAD has enrolled 300 child labourers for nonformal education and every year 10 to 15 children are sent to regular schools to continue their education in the formal set up. The parents of the children are given financial support as compensation for the income the children were bringing to the family as child labourers before they were enrolled for education.

### CONCLUSION

Apart from the above regular developmental activities, SOC SEAD has extended its help to the Congregation and other convent houses by formulating different project proposals and assisting in their development activities for the uplift of the downtrodden. Thus from 1983 SOC SEAD has spared no means to achieve its objectives envisaged by the founders towards the integrated development of the disadvantaged and the marginalised poor and in looking after the social work activities of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod.

## Non-formal Education

### Introduction

Education is considered very important for the individuals as well as for the society at large. It is valuable for the individuals because education lifts individuals from poverty and ignorance. Long back, Plato asserted, *"Whatever I assert is that every man who is going to be good at any pursuit must practise that special pursuit from infancy. Besides this, he ought to have elementary instructions in all necessary subjects, the carpenter for instance, being taught the use of rules and measures."*

In India, after independence, each five year plan stressed the importance of education. For instance, the 3rd five year plan asserts, *"Education is the most important single factor in achieving rapid economic development, technological process in creating a social order founded on the values of freedom, social justice and equal opportunity for programmes of education to forge the bonds of common citizenship, to harness the energies of the people and to develop the natural and human resource of the country."* Our constitution directs that upto the age of 14 every child should be provided with free and compulsory education and that illiteracy should be eradicated.

During the course of a meeting held at New Delhi recently our Hon'ble Prime Minister stressed and emphasised the need and necessity of voluntary organisations stating that the voluntary organisation should get involved more to achieve the goal of eradicating illiteracy by implementing the scheme of N.F.E. which stipulates that learners upto the level of 14 should be taught to join compulsorily the N.F.E. centres for their welfare and upliftment. Since the Government itself could not meet the heavy expenditure for the education and for the eradication of illiteracy the Government is pleased to allocate an outlay of the quantum of the amount of 6% in the total outlay during the 9th five year plan. The above statement of our Hon'ble Prime Minister is very much impressive, pleasing and encouraging. SOC SEAD has been running NFE centres in Trichy Corporation areas from as early as from 1994.

In Trichy, SOC SEAD runs 100 NFE Centres, divided into 2 areas - Trichy-I & Trichy-II, each having 50 centres with 2 Project Officers and 4 Supervisors appointed by the Co-ordinator of SOC SEAD.

Each centre consists of about 30 learners and one Animator. On the whole there are 3,000 learners (1,521 boys and 1,479 girls) out of which 808 boys and 957 girls belong to SC and ST communities.

### Trichy - I

Category	Boys	Girls	Total
SC & ST	331	424	775
Others	384	361	745
Total	715	785	1,500

### Trichy - II

Category	Boys	Girls	Total
SC & ST	477	533	1,010
Others	276	214	490
Total	753	747	1,500

### Training

As far as Trichy-I area is concerned, refresher training for inservice was given for 2 days each week during October 1995.

As far as Trichy-II is concerned it is situated in Golden Rock Slum area under the Trichy Corporation. Refresher training was given to animators and supervisors for 3 days in November 1995 from 6th to 8th.

#### Teaching Materials

The teaching materials like books, notebooks, pencils, rolling boards, small maps, long maps and slates were supplied by SOC SEAD to all the NFE Centres.

The animators were given excellent training so that they are enabled to efficiently handle the literacy classes.

#### Test

Adequate evaluation process has been undertaken to assess the suitability and eligibility of the learners who are likely to join the regular school in the coming academic year.

These programmes of action highlight the development of systematic NFE programmes linked with National goals such as alleviation of poverty, adoption of small family norms, national integration, environmental conservation, promotion of women, equality etc. The mass literacy programme would include in addition to literacy, functional knowledge and skills, an awareness among learners on the socio-economic realities and the possibility to change it.

#### Supervision

Intensive supervision is conducted periodically and frequently by the Project Officers of SOC SEAD who give suitable instructions to the animators to maintain strict discipline and punctuality in the centres.

#### AIDS

SOC SEAD conducted a rally comprising the N.F.E. animators to create awareness among people on AIDS and its consequences in the event of its spread that could even cause the calamity of killing a great number of people. Awareness programmes have already been conducted in the selected city

schools and plans are being made to continue the awareness programmes in colleges.

#### Conclusion

SOC SEAD while endeavouring for upliftment of the downtrodden has effected social mobility, social change, social interaction and eradication of illiteracy by implementing the total literacy scheme, N.F.E., Child Labour eradication, helping the poor by means of providing short term and long term loans with low interest for starting small business ventures.

## Balwadies

### Introduction

To enable women to help themselves by understanding their needs, organising themselves into groups to make them self-reliant and to promote voluntary action to reach their goals, SOC SEAD has extended its programme in social development activities to benefit the women and children in the villages in Mannachanallur Block of Tiruchirapalli District.

To enable the children to have a good and appropriate mental, physical and moral growth from their early childhood, SOC SEAD decided to establish Balwadies in 10 villages. Awareness and motivation programmes were given to the parents to bring the children to the balwadies so that the parents can go to work to earn their livelihood. They are trained to send their children in time, neat and tidy to the Balwadies.

### Teachers

As SOC SEAD continues the programme, the services of trained teachers are availed to run the Balwadies. Refresher courses are conducted to equip them with the knowledge and techniques and the know how to handle the tender children with care and affection. Two training and refresher courses were conducted during the year. Trainers were called from the Departments of Education, Child Care and Family Welfare. Dr Ganesalingam, the SOC SEAD Doctor, gave theoretical and practical inputs needed to give the best possible care to the children. The staff and counsellors of SOC SEAD taught the teachers various means to solve the practical problems they might face in their work.

### *Techniques used for Training and Awareness Meetings of Parents:*

1. On Child Development, Family Welfare, Nutrition, Child Health and Protection of the Environment.
2. Practical demonstration on the preparation of nutritious food with locally available vegetables and cereals.

### 3. Practical Training on Child Psychology.

### 4. Cultural Programmes - Songs, Drama and Street Plays.

### List of Balwadies run by SOC SEAD

S. No	Place	Teacher's Name
01.	S. Pudur	Ms Mohana
02.	Akkaraipatty	Ms Nirmala
03.	Keezhavangaram	Ms Parvathi
04.	Ayikudi	Ms Parameshwari
05.	Thathamangalam	Ms Danapackiam
06.	Thaluthalapatti	Ms Anandhi
07.	Iyyampalayam	Ms Sivapackiam
08.	Karunkadu	Ms Parvathy
09.	Sriperumpudur	Ms Muthulakshmi
10.	Thirupattur	Ms Revathy

All Balwadies function on all working days except Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Children are encouraged to come to the centre by offering them interesting games/chores and reciting rhymes. They devote more time in playing and singing. At noon the teachers assist the children to take lunch after wash. After lunch children are made to take rest. After rest they are helped to wash their faces and physical exercises are conducted.

### Time Table

09.30 a.m.	: Balwadi opens
09.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.	: Arrival of Children. Prayer and Attendance
09.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.	: Talk on various subjects like Health, Hygiene, Neatness, education in general.
10.15 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	: Rhymes/Songs
11.00 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.	: Moral Stories
11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	: Indoor Games
12.30 p.m. to 01.00 p.m.	: Lunch
01.00 to 02.00 p.m.	: Rest
02.00 p.m. to 02.45 p.m.	: Small exercises, moral stories, songs & Rhymes
02.45 p.m. to 03.30 p.m.	: Outdoor Games
03.30 p.m.	: Balwadi Closes.

### Regular Parents' Meet

Parents' Meets are organised on the 3rd Saturday of every month. They exchange their feelings and views. Their suggestions are discussed and solutions are found for the growth of the children.

### Health Care

Twice a month the Doctor visits the Balwadi Centres and checks all the children and administers necessary medical services. Polio drops and immunisation were given to all children with the full cooperation of our staff and the Polio-plus project of the Government of India during December 95 - December 96. Special training was given to the staff in administering the polio drops and keeping records. The surroundings are kept clean and the environment is taken care of by the teachers and villagers.

### Celebrations

National Festivals like Republic Day, Independence Day, Children's Day, and Sports Day were celebrated at each centre. Sweets were distributed and local dignitaries and Govt. officials were invited to these functions. Children were provided with uniforms by SOC SEAD. During the academic year they were sent to primary schools for regular studies.

### Monitoring/Evaluation

SOC SEAD has a monitoring and evaluating team for its activities. They visit the Balwadies regularly and send their reports to the Co-ordinator. The team is happy to report that the children are gay and happy and show great signs of growth. The kids and the parents are happy and they co-operate with SOC SEAD in all its Community based activities. The members of the committee instituted by SOC SEAD comprising social workers in Trichy visit these centres and discuss with the co-ordinator to identify areas for further improvement.

### Conclusion

The main objective of opening the Balwadies is to relieve the parents especially rural mothers of their concern for their little children in the 2-5 age group during the day when they go out to earn their livelihood. Now the parents are happy that the SOC SEAD Balwadies are taking care of their children and help them imbibe good behaviour and habits. The elder children, who used to sit at home and take care of the younger siblings are now free to continue their studies. This also has reduced the school dropout rate. The parents, children and the rural community are happy and the message is passed on to the nearby villages.

### Extension Work

SOC SEAD renders its services to the Mannachanallur area where 25 villages are benefited. At present SOC SEAD runs only 10 Balwadies. The other villages in and around Ayikudi are demanding SOC SEAD to open Balwadies in their villages. The demand has increased as the existing Balwadies have created a good impact and impression in other villages. SOC SEAD has

requested the Donor Agencies to consider the great need to expand its services in the nearby villages.

#### Events in Balwadies - 1996

1. Teachers Meet once in 15 days
2. Parents Meet on the 3rd Saturdays
3. Republic Day - 26.1.96 - Flag Hoisting
4. Independence Day - 15.8.96
5. Children's Day - 14.11.96 - Cultural Meet
6. Christmas Meet - 19.12.96 - Chief Guest: Sister Rita Thyveetil.

## Report on the Activities of the Family Counselling Centre - SOC SEAD, for the year 1996

Family Counselling Centre is providing free and confidential service to the people who are in need of it. The trained counsellors give professional care and guidance with their expert counselling skills and techniques.



*The Services of SOC SEAD through Family Counselling Centres are Classified into 3 kinds:*

### 1. Preventive Service

Conducting awareness programmes to Mahalir Mandrams, Youth Clubs, Schools and Colleges.

### 2. Curative Services

Providing Counselling Services, Skills and Techniques to the needy people.

### 3. Rehabilitative Services

Guiding and helping services to the distressed and disturbed with welfare measures and referral services.

The aim of SOC SEAD is to help or assist the disturbed families in order to bring harmony in the families. The Family Counselling Centre is concentrating on the re-union and reconciliation of family members. A few complicated cases may be referred to the police, legal and social welfare or other relevant institutions for the well-being of the families facing problems.

**Number of cases registered**

S. No	Month	No. of cases
01.	April 96	11
02.	May	13
03.	June	11
04.	July	11
05.	August	8
06.	September	10
07.	October	10
08.	November	10
09.	December	9
10.	January 97	8
	Total	101

**Major Programmes**

**1) Programme for Family Welfare**

Date : 24.9.96

Venue : Pathuvainagar

**Resource Persons :**  
Mr Vasudevan, Programme Officer, Family Welfare Department

Mrs Jambaga Ramakrishnan, Member of Innerwheel

**2) Training Programme for Non-formal Educators**

Date : 30.7.96, 31.7.96 and 1.8.96

Topics : i) Health and Hygiene - Mr Vasudevan, Counsellor, SOC SEAD

ii) Legal Rights of Women - Miss Salomy, Counsellor, SOC SEAD

iii) Leadership - Mrs Mala, Counsellor, SOC SEAD

iv) Adolescent problems - Mrs Soundaram, Counsellor, SOC SEAD

**3) Celebration of Independence Day**

Date : 15.8.96

Venue : Pathuvainagar

**4) Legal Literacy Camp**

Date : 26.9.96, 27.9.96, 28.9.96

Venue : Ayikudi, Trichy

Topics : i) Legal Rights for Women - Ms Jeyanthi Rani, Advocate

ii) Prostitution and Rape - Mr Shanmuganathan, Advocate

iii) Consumer Rights & Functions of Free Legal Aid - Mr Martin, Advocate

iv) Role of a women police - Mrs Anarkali,  
Inspector AWPS

v) Status of Women - Ms Salomy, Counsellor

#### **Case History**

**Family History:** Mrs 'X' is a 25 year old woman, youngest among 3 siblings. She is living with her parents. The client belongs to a below middle class family.

**Reason for Contact:** Mrs 'X' was married to Mr 'Y' on March 1992. Mr 'Y' being a distant relative of the client. At the time of marriage he was working in a private company at Hosur. It was a marriage arranged by the family.

After the marriage they lived as joint family with the husband's parents in Salem. They brought forth a male child. After two years of married life he started ignoring her and started finding fault with her and this resulted in misunderstanding and quarrels with each other.

One fine day the client returned to the house of her parents with her son. The parents and relatives were trying their best to send her back to her husband. Finally they came to the Counselling Centre.

After the ventilation of the client, the counsellor sent 3 letters to the counter client and his father. The reply they received was that he would not come to the centre. After receiving the 4th letter the husband came to our counselling centre.

#### **The Counter Client's Personality**

He is good looking and sociable. He is the eldest son of his parents now living separately.

#### **Family coping patterns**

The client's family is very supportive. But they are in need of support from others to guide them.

#### **Treatment plan and type of counselling**

Individual counselling, family counselling, home visit and collective counselling.

#### **Short Term Plan**

Ventilation, recognition, ego strengthening, psychological

#### **Long Term Plan**

Reconciliation or alternative help for her peaceful family life

#### **Outcome**

After the fourth session, the counter client accepted his faults and he also explained his situation and he said that he needed 2 months' time for the arrangements.

#### **Follow Up**

Now they are O.K. and living a normal life and he has got a permanent job in Hosur.

## De-addiction Counselling Centre - Trichy

Cases Registered :	January to December 1996 - 184
19.03.96 :	Community programme was organised at Srirangam Melur
20.06.96 :	Celebration of International Day Against Drug Abuse
19.09.96 :	Participated in All India Radio Programme on Bodai Pazhakkam Vizhaivugal.
14.11.96 - 15.1.96 :	Sevasangam Girls Hr. Sec. School
21.11.96 :	Holy Cross Girls Hr. Sec. School

Handled awareness sessions to the students of above schools on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Women and law, Stress Management and Self Actualisation.

### Case History

Client :	Mr 'X' - Male
Age :	35 Yrs.
Occupation :	Odd jobs for daily wages
Income :	Rs.450/- p.m.
Religion :	Hindu
Date of Registration :	19.7.96
Source of Referral :	Recovering Client
Family History :	2 Sons
Reason for Contact :	

The client had been consuming alcohol for the past 10 years, due to marital dispute with his wife, which made him experience withdrawal

symptoms such as insomnia, tremors, loss of appetite and other associated psychiatric illnesses like visual and auditory hallucinations.

He spent all his income for his drinking and when he experienced inadequacy of money he started pledging his valuable things, stealing and borrowing which made the family atmosphere and marital relationship still worse. Hence he approached the centre.

### Treatment and Outcome

Initially rapport establishment was made and he was motivated for the treatment and for its continuity.

Periodical counselling sessions like individual and family counselling were given. He also participated in group therapy and his wife also was motivated to participate in Al-Anon meeting which is meant for the wives of alcoholics.

Once in a week the client met the psychiatrist and through his constant treatment and the earnest efforts of the Counsellors he was prevented from relapses and relieved from psychological and physiological problems. Now he is employed in an industry as a labourer and is earning more than before.

### Internship for University and College Students

Postgraduate students studying as Bharathidasan University, Bishop Heber College, Cauvery College and Karaikudi College have been regularly been placed at the Deaddiction Centres run by SOC SEAD for their three-month internship.

## De-addiction Counselling Centre - Ayikudi

### *The activities undertaken during the year 1996*

- An AIR Programme on SOC SEAD and its activities was given by the Project Officer and the Counsellor on 4th February 96.
- An awareness programme on *Alcoholism and its prevention* was conducted in Ayikudi Village on 22nd Feb '96. The resource person was Mr Packiaraj, Lecturer, Dept. of Social Work, Bishop Heber College.
- On 7.3.96 an awareness programme was conducted at Akkaraipattai Village. Dr Palanisamy, H.O.D., Dept. of Social Work, Bharathidasan University, delivered an address on *Alcoholism - a Curable Disease*. Field publicity officer, Mr. Therasanathan, felicitated participants of the programme. A Documentary film on health and hygiene was also screened.
- On 5th June 96 Mr K.Subramanian, Dt. Youth Co-ordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Trichy, addressed the youth of Thiruvellarai Village to motivate them to prevent this problem in their area.
- *International Day against Abuse* was celebrated on 4th July 96 at SOC SEAD Counselling Centre, Ayikudi. Mr P. Ramadoss, Assist. H.M. Samayapuram Mariamman Hr. Sec. School, presided over the function and delivered a speech on this problem. The chief guest Dr Ganesalingam, Psychiatrist, elaborated on relapse management. The Dt. Youth Co-ordinator Mr K.Subramanian, Nehru Yuva Kendra, emphasised the importance of youth's role in preventing alcoholism.

Cultural programmes related to alcoholism were given by the physiotherapy students and health workers. An oath was taken to prevent and control the disease of alcoholism.

- On 27th August 96 cultural programmes related to alcoholism were given by the N.S.S. students of Holy Cross College.

- An awareness programme on *Alcoholism and Its Effects on the Family* was conducted on 28th August 96. The village head of Ayikudi, Mr Duraisami

Pillai, presided over the function. Cultural programmes related to alcoholism were given by N.S.S. students of Holy Cross College.

No. of cases registered during the year 1996	:	121
Recovered clients during the year 1996	:	31
No. of clients given Rehabilitative Services	:	15

**Case Study**

Mr 'X' was aged 36 belonging to Ayyampalayam Village in Mannachanallur Block. He was married with three children. He was working in a Gem cutting unit and earned Rs.40/- per day.

He was consuming alcohol for the past 15 years and he approached the counselling centre through a recovered client.

### *Treatment and its outcome*

The client was motivated to continue treatment. His self-confidence was boosted and was made to realise his potentials in dealing with the problem. He was given individual counselling as well as group therapy. His family was also counselled. His wife was motivated to attend Al-anon meetings. On the whole the client was given physical treatment by the Psychiatrist and he was given psychological and moral support to remain sober.

Now the client has taken treatment for one year and he remains sober. He goes for regular work and has developed the habit of saving money. His wife has been supportive and she helps him to abstain from alcohol.

### *Rehabilitative Services*

The client was given loan for buying goats by SOC SEAD. He was provided with five goats (4 females and 1 male). He has to rear them and pass on 4 kids to another person. After passing on 4 kids the 5 goats given to him in the beginning will be his own. Now he is maintaining these goats and in all probability his economic condition will improve.

## Adoption - 1996

As Nilima Mehta Says:

*Parenthood is parenthood, no matter by what mode it is achieved. Yet undeniably, parenthood by procreation and parenthood by adoption are each unique experiences and the institution of adoption is based on the premise that an adoptive family is the best environment for the orphan and the destitute child.*



Meezan defines Adoption as:

*It's a legal process through which a family unit is created by severing the ties between a child and his or her biological parents and legally establishing a new parent-child relationship between persons not related by blood. It thus involves the creation of a family by the state rather than through procreation.*

The practice of adopting a child to create a family unit is a phenomenon recognised world wide. In many countries there are well defined laws and systematic procedures governing child adoption. The present day child adoption service is guided by principles of child welfare and the United Nations' Declaration on the right of the child to family and a secure future.

'Every child deserves a Home of his/her own' is the guiding principle that induced SOC SEAD to establish a home for the Orphan and destitute children in 1985. The home was first started at Oddanchatram and later due to administrative difficulties shifted to Trichy and placed at St Martin's Social Centre Complex in Mambalasalai.

Since 1985 onwards many children have been placed both in In-Country adoption and Inter-Country adoption.

### Total No. of Children Given for

Indian Adoption	:	105
Male	:	52
Female	:	53

### Total No. of Children Given for

Inter-Country Adoption	:	163
Male	:	40
Female	:	123

SOC SEAD has been given a licence by the Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, CARA (Central Adoption Resource Agency), to process children's cases in the court of law for inter-country and in-country adoption.

In the legal process, the children adopted by the families belonging to the Hindu Religion were registered under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act 1956 and those belonging to other religions were registered under Guardians and Klards Act 1890.

1996 - Total No. of children given for adoption	:	19
Indian Adoption	:	12
Male	:	4
Female	:	8
Inter-Country Adoption	:	7
Female	:	5
Male	:	2

## Women Development 1996

I. Total Mahalir Mandrams - 65  
 Total Members in Mandrams - 1236 Women

### II. Training & Meetings:

1. Staff Training - *Diseases and How to Prevent Them*  
 29.3.96 to 30.3.96 at Nallayar Nilayam.
2. 24.6.96 & 25.6.96 For President & Office Bearers on *Duties and Responsibilities* - SOC SEAD Hall
3. Leaders Meeting: 18.1.96 - SOC SEAD
4. 31.1.96 - Handicapped Day Celebration at SOC SEAD Hall



5. Picnic - 15.2.96 to Mukkombu - Full Day Discussion, entertainment and games.
6. Participation and Arranging Awareness Meetings:  
 07.03.96 - Family Welfare Seminar

08.03.96 - Arivoli Iyakkam

- 19.03.96 - Drug Addicts Awareness Meeting at Melur
- 18.04.96 - Election Awareness Programme
- 08.06.96 - Distribution of Note books to poor children
- 26.06.96 - World De-addiction day
- 27.06.96 - SOC SEAD Welfare Workshop
- 28.07.96 - Trichy Corporation - National Primary Health Training
- 22.07.96 - Free Medical Camp for Children at St. Annes Hr. Sec. School
- 23.07.96 - Distribution of Loans
- 24.07.96

08.11.96 - Awareness Meetings - Child Labour in Fire Works Industry - Rally

01.12.96 - AIDS - Rally cum Meeting

07.12.96 - Pulse Polio Camp

6. 13 Mahalir Mandrams have been registered with the Dt. Registrar by SOC SEAD.

### Achievements

- Pension for 60 old people
- Ration cards to 22 families
- Widow pension for 9 persons
- People's Bank - Savings - 240 persons
- Loan to members - 75 persons

### Mahalir Mandram at Vamadam

The local community at Vamadam suffered a lot because of a rowdy element who used to commit lot of thefts from homes and take money from each shop and household. He used to threaten the ladies and children. All Mahalir

Mandram women joined together and took up the matter. They jointly prepared a memorandum and appeal and met the authorities and requested early action against him. The Department took firm action and arrested him and put him in prison. The community is at peace now. 'Unity is strength' has been proved through the women's sangams.

At Jeeva Nagar, Mrs Veerayee, a member of Mahalir Mandram, got loan through SOC SEAD and developed a Dairy scheme. She has repaid the loan and she is owning many cows and supplies milk to shops and hotels. She is a model woman entrepreneur in that area. Economic Development is possible through Mahalir Mandrams.

A Muslim woman started vegetable sales in a small way but now owns a pushcart and has improved sales through SOC SEAD loan. She and her husband earn a decent sum everyday and the family needs are met.

At Pallivasal Tmt Rabia Basria and her husband underwent skill training through SOC SEAD and started manufacturing tooth powder, face powder, cleaning powder, soap powder etc and sell them in the local community. They earn enough for their family.

## Eradication of Child Labour

This scheme is sponsored by the Central Government rendering financial assistance with combined efforts from the State Government. The purpose of this scheme is to eradicate child labour by opening special schools to identify and enrol children working as child labourers in various fields, in the age group of 6 - 14 years. The children are encouraged to join the schools



run by the Volunteer Organisations with a view to inculcating proper education to those child labourers by encouraging them to continue their education. The scheme also has a provision to compensate the parents in lieu of child labour income by providing monthly stipend to those children. This provision safeguards the interest of child labourers to become self earning members in future while it prevents them from working in hazardous circumstances.

This scheme was introduced in Trichy District as early as in November 1995 by SOC SEAD. The child labourers were identified by taking a survey in the Municipal Corporation Slum Area where large number of Beedi factories exist. In the beedi factories the child labourers worked for very low wages. The District Collector is the Chairman of child labour eradication project society under whose direction and control the SOC SEAD, Trichy is conducting these schools. SOC SEAD has opened four special schools in

## Shelter for Street Children

The aim of this programme is to take care of children, nourish them and educate them to be worthy citizens of this country. There are millions of children wandering in the streets of cities and towns and it is a grim reminder of the failure of society. The Government shows concern for these street children and takes steps to protect them from rag picking and other hazardous, anti social and illegal activities. Working among street children, the NGO's are playing a vital role.

SOC SEAD is working with street children in the age group of 8-15 years, involved in rag picking and doing odd jobs like selling tea and snacks in cinema houses, hotels etc. The main objective of the street children programme is to rehabilitate the children in Non-formal education and equip them with alternative skills. The project also provides health care, nutrition and recreation. Awareness is created among parents by the staff of SOC SEAD to send their children to schools.



Children can come and stay in the congenial atmosphere of the shelters, taking bath, washing clothes, working and taking nutritious food. 50 children are under the care of SOC SEAD and each child is given Rs.60/- as stipend to supplement his/her income. They make use of the recreation facilities where they play football, throw ball etc.

the Municipal Corporation slum area, namely, Natharshal, Pallivasal, Valluvar Nagar, Andakondan and Rahumanipuram, each catering to 50 child labour students. Mostly boys and girls from backward classes have been enrolled in these schools functioning from November 95 onwards.

In the rural Mannachanallur Panchayat area SOC SEAD is running a school with 50 child labour students. The schools in Sengulipatti and Palaiyur were opened in December 1995.

SOC SEAD has conducted about 5 to 6 awareness camps where cultural programmes and dance performances were staged. Recently an awareness programme was conducted on 12.2.97 at Rahumanipuram which was fully appreciated by the Project Director of the Society. SOC SEAD is conducting varieties of programmes and competitions and distributes prizes to the talented and deserving students.

### Non-formal Education

Non-formal Education has been provided to all the 50 children using books prepared by the State Resource Centre, Chennai. Books and notebooks have been supplied to all the children. Monthly examinations are held to assess their progress.

### Skill Training

*The income generating skills taught to the children are:*

1. Paper cover making and book binding
2. manufacturing of incense sticks, surf powder, tooth powder and face powder. They are also briefed about the places from where they could purchase raw materials for the production of cosmetics for their own use and for local sale. Some of those who have taken training prepare cosmetics and supply them to local shops. Very little capital is required to produce such things.

- During the Christmas season the staff of SOC SEAD organised a Christmas meet for the street children on 21.12.96. Cultural programmes



were staged besides the singing of the Carols. Clothes were distributed to all children along with snacks.

- On 26th January, all children assembled at SOC SEAD for the hoisting of the National Flag on the Republic Day. Sweets were distributed to all. Our responsibilities to the country was stressed at the meeting.
- 31.1.96: Mrs Preeti Ranjan, W/o Dt. Collector, Mr Rajeev Ranjan, distributed the prizes for the winners of the sports events conducted by SOC SEAD for street children. All the children under the care of SOC SEAD participated with great enthusiasm. Snacks were distributed. Cultural Programmes were presented by children while the staff of SOC SEAD staged a drama.
- 09.3.96: International Women's day was celebrated at SOC SEAD. Mr Govindarajan, Director, SEVAI, felicitated the mothers of the street children and Selvi Gangai, M.A., Ph.D., addressed the gathering. The parents were motivated to send their children for non-formal education and skill training.
- 15.8.96 : Independence Day Flag Hoisting
- 21.12.96 : Christmans Meet - Distribution of clothes and opening of the Home for the Street Children by our HON'BLE MINISTER for Health.

## Important Events - 1996

- 06.01.96 : Consumers' Protection : Doctors meet at SOC SEAD Hall  
Mr Martin, B.A., B.L. was in charge.
- 05.01.96 : PARD - Annanagar Madurai - Child labour consultation  
Sr Niranjana attended.
- 20.01.96 : Polio Plus Immunization at Subramanipuram - Govt. Programme  
- 20 volunteers from SOC SEAD - participated.
- 28.01.96 : AIR Recording "Naangalum Engal Panigalum" - SOC SEAD staff  
attended.
- 04.02.96 : AIR Programme Broadcast - SOC SEAD Staff
- 14.02.96 : Child Labour Meeting at Collectorate
- 16.02.96 : Nehru Yuva Kendra Youth Week - Dt. Collector's chamber.
- 24.02.96 : VCA Adoption Meeting at VCA office, Annanagar, Madras.
- 05.03.96 : Family Welfare - Dt. level leaders Camp. SOC SEAD Women  
100 Development leaders participated.
- 07.03.96 : N.S.S. Bharathidasan University at Ayikudi SOC SEAD  
De-addiction Centre.
- 08.03.96 : Trichy Arivoli Iyakkam - Women's Day Celebration Mrs Preethi  
Ranjan, W/O The Dt. Collector, participated.
- 09.03.96 : SOC SEAD Women's Day Celebration. Sr Humblin presided -  
Mr K. Govindaraj - Director, Sevai, addressed.
- 15.03.96 : Non-formal Training for Animators for 2 days.
- 16.03.96
- 19.03.96 : Awareness Meeting at Melur Srirangam - Dr. Ilango, Bishop  
Heber college and Sr Rita Thyveettil, Co-ordinator attended.

Mr.S.Kaliaperumal, Ex-M.C presided.

- 26.03.96 : M.F.E. Director, Madras - 10.30 a.m. - Mr.Krishnamurthy SOC  
SEAD attended.
- 29.03.96 : CHAI - Seminar at Pastoral centre, Trichy-1. 11 of our Women  
Development leaders and staff attended
- 30.03.96 : T N Social Welfare Board - Training of Counsellors in Aids  
08.04.96 - TN State AIDs Control Society, Madras.  
09.04.96 Mrs Mala Dharmaraj & Mr John Selvin attended.
- 15.04.96 Child labour Teachers' Training at Khajamalai Ladies  
Association - 6 teachers of SOC SEAD attended the training.
- 19.04.96 : Election Awareness Meeting - 100 Women from Mahalir  
18.04.96 Mandram - Voting procedure and Rights - Several aspects were  
touched by several speakers - Sr Rita Thyveettil presided.
- 30.04.96 : Special schools for child labour eradication meeting at Sevai,  
Allur and lunch for leaders and children. Distribution of  
drinking water drums to schools by Mr Rajeev Ranjan, I.A.S.  
and then Picnic to Mukkumbu Dam.
- 06.05.96 : NCERT - Orientation programme by State Resource Centre,  
Madras - Mr John Bosco attended.
- 24.05.96 : Arivoli Iyakkam Meeting at Collectorate at 4 p.m.
- 01.06.96 : Holy Cross Feast - Mass - 200 staff including Animators  
participated. Rev Fr Leo Tagore, St. Joseph's College, conducted  
the Mass - Fellowship lunch was provided.
- 09.06.96 : N.F.E. camp at Kuttralam - 3 days - Two of our staff attended.
- 08.06.96 : CIVA Network of NGOs at Hotel Arun at 5 p.m.
- 08.06.96 : Welcome to Sr Evangeline, Provincial, Trichy Province and  
distribution of notebooks - 145 children benefited
- 21.06.96 : Visit of Mrs Muthulakshmi - Women Development Corporation,

- 20.08.96 : N.S.S Camp Holy Cross College 10 days at Ayikudi 80 students attended the camp.
- 27.08.96 : Social Defence - Consultation on Child Abuse - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 16.08.96 : Child labour special schools - children - Drawing Competitions at SOC SEAD Hall.
- 28.09.96 : September - XIX Annual Conference & VII Training to
- 29.09.96 : Conference of State Resource Centre & Tamil Nadu Board of Continuing Education - Chennai - 3 of our NFE Staff attended.
- 14.10.96 : N.F.E Animators Training - 3 days for each section I & II
- 19.10.96
- 24.10.96 : Felicitation to Mayor & Loan distribution to 75 women by Mrs Punithavalli Palaniyandi & Mrs Emily Richard at SOC SEAD Hall at 4 p.m.
- 19.11.96 : SOC SEAD, Bharathidasan University students - Child labour special - school children participated - Dr Palanisamy, N.S.S. Co-ordinator, Bharathidasan University - Mrs Rani Peter, Project Officer, CHEERS, Social Welfare Officer, and Sr Rita Thyveettill addressed the children.
- 14.11.96 : Child Labour Children Day Sports at Anna Stadium at 8 a.m till noon. Mr Panneerselvam S/o Arjuna of Sanglipatti got the First Prize in 100 & 200 meters. The championship prize was received by SOC SEAD and given away by the Dt. Collector Mr Rajeev Ranjan.
- 26.11.96 : Trichy Corporation Health Dept. Polio Ruler Programme Training at SOC SEAD Hall - SOC SEAD volunteers participated.
- 13.12.96 : Child Labour - Caritas at Don Bosco, Salem - Mr M.D.Thomas organised the meeting - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended the consultation.

- Madras - SOC SEAD & Ayikudi
- 22.06.96 : VCA Meeting at Madras - Ms Sharmila Papitha attended.
- 25.06.96 : Child Labour Eradication recording at AIR Trichy by SOC SEAD teachers.
- 24.06.96 : Social Welfare - Child Care Meeting at Govt. High School for Blind Girls, Puthur.
- 26.06.96 : Trichy Addiction Centre (Drug) - World Anti Drug Day celebration - Mrs Janaki Ramakrishnan, Mr Rajagopalan Narcotic Inspector - Sr Rita Thyveettill presided.
- 27.06.96 : Dt. Family Welfare Department serving at SOC SEAD office Dr G.Jeyachandran, Dy. Director of Medical services addressed.
- 23.07.96 : Nehru Yuva Kendra Dt. Advisory Committee Meeting - Collector presided.
- 22.07.96 : Medical Camp & Eye Check up, Trichy Corporation Hall
- 27.07.96 : 50 Staff and students attended at various centres
- 18.07.96 : I.C.W. Meeting - Thanjavur - Mrs Soundaram attended the 3-day meeting.
- 20.07.96 : Project Review meeting - State Aids Control Society, Madras
- 27.07.96 : Sr Rita Thyveettill and Mr R. Thyagarajan, Project Officer, attended.
- 03.08.96 : CIVA - Net Work of NGOs - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 08.08.96 : 3 days - Special Training for staff - Prof Krishnamurthy and Mr Devaraj of ASHA.
- 10.08.96
- 14.08.96 : Annual Conference of Destitute Children at New Delhi - Sr Rita Thyveettill, Co-ordinator and Ms Papitha attended the meeting
- 19.08.96 : Health Workers Training at Ayikudi - Voluntary Health
- 21.08.96 : Association, Madras - Resource persons: Mrs Francis and Mr Christ Raj.

- 18.12.96 : Christmas Celebration at Ayikudi - Sr Rita Thyveettill and Mr Narayanasamy participated.
- 21.12.96 : SOC SEAD Day and opening of the Day Shelter for Street Children by Hon'ble Minister Mrs Sargunapandian, Welfare Minister - Distribution of ANM Certificates and clothes to street children.

### MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS - 1996

- 04.01.96 : TCCW Tamil Nadu, Madras - Asha Nivas - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 27.01.96 : Child labour Consultation - Mr M.D.Thomas, Cochin, - at SOC SEAD Hall - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 02.02.96 : Heifer India Consultation at Madurai - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended the evaluation meeting.
- 04.02.96 : Nehru Yuva Kendra meeting at 10 a.m - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 15.02.96 : N.S. Holy Cross Higher Secondary School meeting Devimanaglam - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 18.02.96 : Citizen Organisation for Promotion of Excellence and Accountability in Public Life - Bishop Heber College 10 a.m - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 22.02.96 : TASSOS - CEBEMO Policy Consultation - 9.30 a.m. Sr Rita Thyveettill attended
- 04.05.96 : Centre for Social Reconstruction - Nagercoil - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 14.05.96 : ICCW meeting of the National Adoption Agencies, New Delhi
- 15.05.96 : Sr Rita Thyveettill attended

- 14.08.96 : Annual Conference of Destitute Children at New Delhi - Sr Rita Thyveettill and Ms Sharmila Papitha attended.
- 27.08.96 : Social Defence - Consultation on Child Abuse - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended at Madras.
- 29.08.96 : Mr Vikram Kapur - Addl. Collector - DRDA Office Reg. Construction of T.V.Rooms in rural areas - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 30.08.96 : Caritas Partners' Meeting - Hotel Swagath Annex, Dindigul organised by Karunya Trust - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended.
- 03.10.96 : International Conference - ICCW Delhi - Sr Rita Thyveettill attended
- 05.10.96 : Balance Partners - Policy Meeting - At ICM House, Dindigul.
- 17.11.96 : AIDS - Future Plans, by State Aids Prevention Society meeting at Madras - Sr Rita Thyveettill and Mr A.R.Thyagarajan, Project Officer, attended.





