

Live to Serve



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# AMAR SEVA SANGAM

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## Our Mission

Mission of **AMAR SEVA SANGAM** is to empower the disabled citizens by establishing a **'Valley for the Disabled'** as a Rehabilitation and Development Centre for the region and developing models for self-help initiatives by integrating the disabled individuals with the society for improved living conditions in the villages.



**S. Ramakrishnan**  
Founder President

**Amar Seva Sangam** was established by **Shri S. Ramakrishnan** in 1981, the International Year of the Disabled. When he was in his 4th year engineering, he attended a naval officers' selection interview, during which he met with an accident injuring his spine. After years of self rehabilitation, he started an institution and named it after his doctor/mentor Shri Amarjit Singh Chahal.



**S. Sankara Raman**  
Hony. Secretary

In 1992, a young professional Chartered Accountant, a wheel chair user affected by Muscular Dystrophy, **Shri S. Sankara Raman**, left his lucrative practice at Chennai and joined **Shri S. Ramakrishnan** with a dream to build a **"Valley for the Disabled"**. Their vision is to make Amar Seva Sangam a model centre catering to all the needs of the physically challenged. The Sangam has completed more than 30 years of glorious service and look forward to reach new heights

## ACTIVITIES

### I. Institution Based Rehabilitation :

- ▶ A **Home** for the physically challenged poor children with free accommodation, food, clothing, medical care, appliances and education.
- ▶ **82 Special Children** in **Day-Care Centre** are trained on self-care and hygienic activities and basic literacy. The parents are also trained to help their wards once they are discharged.
- ▶ Early Intervention programme enables the society, families and parents to identify the children with disabilities at a very young stage (0-6 years) and to rehabilitate such children for better development using modern techniques.
- ▶ **Caliper Making Unit** makes calipers and mobility aids to the needy, free of cost and also assist in free maintenance.
- ▶ **Medical Testing Unit** - We have a fully equipped medical testing unit to evaluate persons with disability, offer physiotherapy services including imparting training to physiotherapy students. Wherever corrective surgeries are necessary, they are done at specialized hospitals followed by further care-giving and provision of appliances.
- ▶ **Post-Acute Care Centre for the Spinal Injured** inaugurated in 2008 has at present 15 patients undergoing rehabilitation and medical intervention along with vocational training.



Spinal Cord Injury Centre



Home children



Special School children



Medical Testing Unit (MTU)



High School

## II. Towards educating the physically challenged

An integrated Nursery, Middle and High School with strength of 889 is run by the Sangam, where the local poor children are provided quality education. The physically challenged children after completing school education are provided higher education depending on their merit and aptitude.

Amar Seva Sangam has a centre for higher learning by establishing special study centre of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and study centre of Alagappa University : where in diploma, degree and post graduate courses are conducted. Disabled and non-disabled youths from the nearby villages are also benefitted.

### **Amar Institute of Rehabilitation Science:**

The needs for Rehabilitation programmes was keenly felt by ASSA and have since established this Institute (Approved by Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi), under the aegis of which, we are conducting DECSE (MR) - Diploma in Early Childhood Special Education (MR), DCBR - Diploma in Community Based Rehabilitation and CCCG - Certificate Course in Care giving. The students get themselves registered with RCI and a certificate of registration is issued to them along with course certificate enabling young men and women to start rehabilitation services, especially in the rural, tribal areas and also in urban impoverished areas.



IGNOU Class Room



Nursery School



Early Intervention Centre  
Children (0 to 6 years )



Alagappa Study Centre



Amar Institute of Rehabilitation  
Science Students

### III. Towards Skill Development

Disabled youths are given following free vocational training for skill development which enables them to lead a decent livelihood :

- Computer operations
- Advanced Information Technology
- Typewriting
- Notebook Making and Book Binding
- Tailoring & Garment making
- Handicrafts
- Cell Phone Servicing
- Servicing of Home appliances
- Soft Skill Training

**REC-Amar Seva Integrated Training and Development Centre for the Physically Challenged** is a barrier free training hall accommodates about 150 at a time.

Separate Free hostel facilities for 125 disabled youth trainees (boys & girls) are available.



Notebook Making Unit



Special School Children Class Room



Toys Making



Typewriting Section



Supervisory Skill Training Programme



Hindu Spiritual Fair at Chennai

#### IV. Village Based Rehabilitation (VBR) Initiative

- ▶ Creating awareness about disability, its causes and management by street campaigns, plays and other means of communication.
- ▶ Prevention, early intervention, care-giving and rehabilitation of those affected.
- ▶ Formation of Self-Help Groups of the physically challenged and training them in vocational skills to make them earn their living.
- ▶ Establishing Respite Centres in villages for day-care and to train the physically challenged when their parents are away for earning their livelihood.

#### Pudhu Vaazhu Project

Amar Seva Sangam was appointed as Block Disability Facilitating Agency for the above project which is run by the Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Rural Development & Local Administration with the assistance of the World Bank.

#### Vetrikarungal Differently Abled Federation

Federations were formed in Sencottah, Tenkasi, Kadayanallur and Keezapavoor Panchayat Unions.

- Registration under the Trust Act
- Strengthen the performance of SHGs
- To build up the earning capacity of the SHG members
- To set up and run micro finance service
- Arrange Micro Finance to eligible groups
- Advocacy
- Strengthen the block federations
- Promote network with government departments
- Develop alliance with other likeminded organizations



Home Students performing Cultural programme



World Mental Health Awareness programme



Mobile Physio Van Donated By State Bank of Travancore



SHG Federation Leaders Training



Natural fertilizer production training for SHG members

## V. Advocacy



Rally of the Differently Abled

The Sangam initiates and coordinates in providing proper disabled-friendly environments in public areas like markets, bazaars, hospitals, entertainment halls, schools and more particularly, in railway stations and bus terminal. It had collaborated in making facilities like special coaches for physically challenged persons in a number of long distance trains. Efforts are on for introduction of these facilities in more areas. It has taken part in a number of seminars relating to disability and in mooting for the National Disability Act.

The following are some of the Awards and recognitions received by Amar Seva Sangam during the year 2012. The Sangam has been regularly receiving Awards and recognitions from the State and Central Governments and other leading Organizations

## VI. Awards & Recognitions



Dr Mary Verghese Award 2011



Life Time Achievement Award by Rotary Club of Esplande and Dr. MGR Medical University 2012



S R Jindal Prize - 2012



Exemplary Service Award - 2013



# About us



would like to share with you a rare experience provided by a “HUMAN WONDER” who, despite total paralysis of his whole body, has remained undaunted for the last ten years and more, and had striven to help the active, inspiring social service.

In 1981, When he was only 27 years and a desperate cripple of six years, who had to be helped by others around him for every little movement of any of his limbs, He had the courage of conviction, injected and inspired by his mentor Dr.Amar Singh, and dared to establish a service organisation and christened it as “AMAR SEVA SANGAM” by way of paying his humble but sincere gratitude and tribute to the Doctor who has helped him out of the jaws of death.....

I could well see for myself how this Ramakrishnan, even as he is progressing with faith and determination in his endeavors, is ever more dedicating himself to the upliftment of the poor and the disabled so that they may lead their lives without being a burden on others!

Interestingly, another crippled young man, Sankara Raman, Chartered Accountant with a sizeable practice of his own in Madras who happened to visit Ayikudy in January 1992, out of curiosity to see for himself what Ramakrishnan was doing there, lost no time in bidding good-bye to his lucrative auditing practice and settled down in Ayikudy to help and work with Ramakrishnan. Together they are striving to build Amar Seva Sangam in the true spirit of service to humanity.

May I also hope that Ramakrishnan and Sankara Raman will go on and on undaunted with the good and noble task of inspiring us with their own dedication and selfless service!

*- A benediction from Bharat Ratna Late Shri C. Subramaniam,  
our first Patron-in-Chief - Published in Bhavan's Journal, Sep. -93.*



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