



# CANDLES in the wind

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## From the Desk of the Founder Secretary!

*Dear Friends and Well Wishers,*

*Warm Greetings!*

April, May and June are for holidays & mangoes; may be for everyone but not for a responsible NGO like Udavum Karangal. As usual we are with loads of ongoing projects in these months. In April, we have planned to perform warming ceremonies for Udavum Karangal's dream projects- LPG crematorium constructed at Velangadu Burial Ground, Anna Nagar, Chennai and Jeevan Community College constructed at Thiruverkadu.

We strongly believe that these two projects will be helpful to the economically weaker sections residing in the neighboring villages. I still remember during 2020-21 when COVID was at its peak, we have witnessed heaps of corpses lying uncared at the crematoriums, due to lack

of facilities to cremate and people were forced to wait for long hours in queues. Even at normal times we lack man power, proper facilities, etc. This will change when the LPG crematorium constructed at Velangadu will be opened and starts functioning soon .

Once Jeevan Community College starts functioning in its new premises, I assure you, that it will have a greater impact on the girl students with a dream in their eyes from the economically weaker families. This college will help them to choose a career and enable them to stand on their own legs to make a decent living. Many will become breadwinners and live a dignified life in the society.

Apart from this, we have the Paraspura project running successfully under which we have covered 650 much deserving patients. For each paraplegia person the expenditure cost is Rs.25, 000/-. This project is headed by Mr. Mohan, Social Worker, Udavum Karangal. He is an auto pilot who runs the show with a team of three people and we have also started the Paraspura project in Coimbatore headed by Mr. Ratan Vidyaakar.

I am glad to inform you that our School Ramakrishna Vidya Niketan [RVN] at Thiruverkadu has secured many distinctions and centum in class X, X1 and X11 creating history as usual with 100% result for the last 5 years. I thank all the teachers and students for their dedicated hard work.

I sincerely thank all the well-wishers, donors for helping me to take my mission to the next level.

This edition is packed with events like inaugurations, reunion of mentally-ill persons with their families, visitors & much more.

Regards

**S. Vidyaakar**

Founder Secretary



*"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay for."*



# CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN LPG CREMATORIUM BY UDAVUM KARANGAL



The Covid pandemic brought in many woes with it, the worst of it being the piling of dead bodies in queue waiting for their turn to change to sacred ashes. There was utter loss of dignity to death and the families went morose due to the plight of their near and dear ones being abandoned without anyone to help.

This was the basic premise which motivated Udavum Karangal to take up the cause and thus went to the Donors to help to construct Crematoria so that everyone, rich or poor, from a family or a destitute, a dignitary or

an ordinary layman, should be given a respectful cremation after their demise.

The 1st Crematorium constructed by Udavum Karangal for Greater Chennai Corporation is as at NEW AVADI ROAD, VELANGADU BURIAL GROUND, ANNA NAGAR EAST, CHENNAI- 600 102, which was commenced on 20.09.2021 and completed on 15.04.2023. It has two burner furnaces with chimney & modern air filters. The Crematorium once commenced can take up cremation of total 30 bodies (15 x 2 Burners) per day.

The construction work has been completed and a simple warming ceremony was performed by Pappa Vidyaaakar, Founder, on 19th April 2023 marking the inauguration of the building.



Mr. S. Vidyaaakar & his team during the warming Ceremony



LPG Crematorium outer view

**The newly constructed crematorium structure looks so unique that one passes by it, feels like a monument standing at the corner of the road.**





## Children day out:

# A REGULAR DONOR AND WELL WISHER OF UDAVUM KARANGAL INVITES CHILDREN FOR HIS FAMILY FUNCTION

Shri Arun Ramanathan, I.A.S. (Retired), a Well Wisher and Ex- Finance Secretary, Government of India, has been supporting Udavum Karangal for more than 20 years and their family has been sponsoring for the education and maintenance of 16 parentless children. It was his request that all these children participate in their family function held on 10th April 2023, in Chennai. Founder along with 15 children of Shanthivanam Home participated in the function and had a sumptuous lunch. Children were happy to have participated in the function, to know about the rituals performed, good food and having rendered a chorus song on the occasion. The well-wisher thanked Mr.Vidyaakar and the children and promised for their continued support.



A glimpse of photographs taken during the function

## Wedding Bells at Udavum Karangal Home

The marriage of the Bhyravi V our resident girl was held at Udavum Karangal Home, Shanthivanam, No.93, Car Street, Thriverkadu, Chennai-600 077 in the presence of the groom's friends and relatives and also staff, volunteers and well-wishers of Udavum Karangal. The couple was blessed for a happy and prosperous married life.



S. Yogaraj alias Praveen weds Bhyravi V.



## Merriment/Recreational activities for Udavum Karangal resident children:

Many recreational out-door activities for adolescent girls were organised by Mrs. Manjari, a social worker for resident children of Udavum Karangal. The activities include Kho-Kho followed by a throw ball game. These activities help the children to build teamwork and develop self-confidence. Meanwhile activities were also planned for girls under the age of 10 yrs. They played tennikoit and pass the ball game.



## Depressed man missing for 5 years from Bihar rescued at Tambaram and reunited with family at Lakhisarai District of Bihar by Udavum Karangal.

A person around 45 years old was starving, dirty with unkempt hair and a beedi in his hand and found to be mentally unstable was rescued and brought to Udavum Karangal Home at Thiruverkadu on 21st May 2023 (Sunday). He was given a haircut, new clothes, sumptuous food and referred to a Psychiatrist who found him to be depressed.

He disclosed his name as Baban Kumar. He said that he belonged to Damodarpur village, Lakhisarai District, Bihar. On googling we could find a Jamma Masjid (08083003965) and the person from the Masjid put in his facebook. We could also find a Govt. school called Kisan Kali Singh High School (Ph: 9939531388) which was in the same village. They immediately informed the family with the photo.

His elder brother Mr. Gowtham (Ph: 7307655550) and his younger brother Mr. Pawan (Ph: 6006191220) contacted Udavum Karangal and confirmed that Baban Kumar was their brother. They were from a poor agricultural family and could not afford to buy train tickets even though they could not come to Chennai. They sent their relatives (Nephew) who are in Tambaram viz. Amith Kumar (Ph: 8102799937) and Nithish Kumar (Ph: 9608724648) who came to Udavum Karangal at Thiruverkadu on 26th May 2023 to receive Baban Kumar.

They told us that Baban Kumar became depressed after the death of his father. He was missing for the past 5 years and they could not trace him. He was married to Ms. Draupathi Devi, has two sons and one daughter. His mother was alive and had 4 brothers and 2 sisters. He was doing grass cutting and agriculture work in his village – Damodarpur Village.





Mr. Baban Kumar is now housed along with their nephew at Tambaram and will be taken to Bihar once their wife and brothers come from Bihar.

Mr. Amithkumar expressed extreme happiness and thanked Mr. Vidyaakar Founder Udavum Karangal for safely handing over him to them. He was given psychiatric counselling and also free medicines for a month.



**Baban Kumar at the time of rescue**



**Baban Kumar on rehabilitation in Udavum Karangal Home With Mr. Vidyaakar, Founder, Udavum Karangal**



**( L to R) Mr. Jacob , Social Worker , relatives and Baban Kumar in the centre and Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Social Worker, Udavum Karangal,**



## **Lady from Vishakapatnam, with mental illness rescued, rehabilitated and sent back to NGO at Khammam , Andhra Pradesh**

March after March we all Celebrate Women's Day with lengthy seminars, award functions, etc etc but still the malady of women suffering continues. Can't we find a lasting solution that would put a full stop to women being harassed and thrown to the streets by their family when they feel they don't serve the purpose.

Here is yet another true story of a woman left in a lurch, wandering on the streets rescued by Udavum Karangal and rehabilitated and reunited.

It was on the morning of 8th March 2022 that Mr.Jacob, Social Worker of Udavum Karangal while on his way to Udavum Karangal Home at Thiruverkadu, saw a woman shabbily dressed squatting on the road near Padi Industrial area. He immediately called a female Social Worker Mrs.Gomathy Saravanan to come in an Ambulance accompanied by a nurse. They were at the place within half-an-hour at Padi. The woman, around 40 years of age, was speaking fluent English and was shouting at the Social Workers when any question was asked. After cajoling she accepted to come to our Home and was taken to Shanthivanam Rehabilitation Home of Udavum Karangal in Thiruverkadu where she was given new clothes to wear and good sumptuous food.

On coming to Udavum Karangal's Home she was referred to a Psychiatrist for treatment and rehabilitation. She has been diagnosed with Mood disorder and Psychosis and medication prescribed. Mrs.Gomathy, Social Worker, said, "While initiating a conversation with the lady, she revealed her name as Vyjayanthi hailing from Vishakapatnam of Andhra Pradesh and was a Christian in faith. She is said to have studied in St. Mary's Convent at Vishakapatnam and completed her Post graduation. She was highly restless, with irrelevant speech and was self-talking intermittently in English. She was not in a position to give further details.

Treatment for her mental illness continued and she was in recovery. She started telling small details about her brother whose name was Mr. M.E. Vasu who worked in Green Park Hotel, as Sales Manager at Vishakapatnam (Ph: 9948747799).

After some days she revealed the name of a NGO by name Annam Seva Foundation at Kammam. She is said to be living there, before she came to Chennai. With this information Mr.Srinivasa Rao swung into action and contacted Annam Seva Foundation (Address: By pass road, Rotary Nagar, Khammam, Ph: 9491088522, 9390024108) the Head of the Foundation, who came to our Home on 17/05/2023 to receive her back.

Mr. Annam Srinivasa Rao narrated the entire background of how she came to their NGO, about her mental illness and how she went missing.

*"It was on 15/03/2020 that she was handed over by the Khammam District Police to their NGO- Annam Seva Foundation, Khammam, informing them that she was loitering on the streets and seemed to be a mentally ill patient. She was immediately given psychiatric treatment at Mamatha Medical Gl. Hospital at Khammam for 3 weeks. Since she showed some improvement she refused to take medicines. She is*





said to have studied M.A. English and her Father was a Doctor. She is said to be working in Vivekananda Vidyaniketan School, Gajuwaka, Vishakapatnam as a Student Counsellor. "

It was on 11/11/2021 that he took some of the rehabilitated patients along with Ms.Vyjayanthi, to Hyderabad for an official Programme. At that time she went missing and they lodged a complaint with the Jubilee Hills Police Station, Hyderabad. Even after frantic searching she could not be traced and said they were surprised to receive a call from Udavum Karangal recently about Vyjayanthi being found."

Mr. Annam Srinivasa Rao along with two of their staff Mr. M. Chanti (Ph: 9640420539) and Mr.Basha (Ph: 7658994573) came to Udavum Karangal , Thiruverkadu on 17/05/2023 and received her back. They informed that they would report back to the Jubilee Hill Police Station, Hyderabad that Ms.Vyjayanthi has been traced and readmitted in their NGO Home at Khammam.

Mr.Vidyaakar , Founder Udavum Karangal, says," I have come across many such cases, but this is a peculiar case of abandonment of a woman who has reached a state of trauma having been abused all along . But the only brother, who was well to do, hated her and was refusing to receive her back. All this has happened to a woman who has a good educational background as she speaks both in English and Hindi fluently. The Annam Seva Foundation has readily agreed to accept and admit her back in their NGO to give a new lease of life."



**Rescue of Vyjayanthi at Padi Industrial Estate (2)**



**Mr.Annam Srinivasa Rao receiving Ms.Vyjayanthi in the presence of Mr.Vidyaakar, Founder Udavum Karangal.**



## Destitute man of Odisha reunited with family after 2 years

30 year old Sauna Majhi of Odisha, who was living in an abject condition on the Chengalpet highway, was rescued by Udavum Karangal (NGO with Home – Shanthivanam at Thiruverkadu) on 6th June and reunited with his family on June 12th.

S. Vidyaakar, (Founder of Udavum Karangal) said that the man was in a depressed and emaciated condition when he was rescued.

After psychiatric treatment and counseling for a couple of days, he disclosed that he was from Jamudihi Village, Mayurbhanj District in Odisha and gave information about his family members.

The Social workers of the NGO managed to contact his brother Ananta Majhi (Mobile: 8248974459) living in the village by locating through Google search. He immediately confirmed his brother's identity through a photo shared on Whatsapp.

He said Sauna was missing for the past two years and the family had lost all hopes of seeing him again. He had developed mental illness due to head injury sustained when he fell down while riding a cycle. He is married and was doing agricultural work in the village.

On June 12th, his brother Ananta living in the same village along with parents and a sister (Gowri) came to Udavum Karangal, Thiruverkadu, to take back Sauna.

He thanked Vidyaakar for rescuing Sauna Majhi, his brother and taking efforts to locate his family. The family members were given counseling as to how psychiatric patients are to be treated while living in the family and also free medicines.



Sauna Majhi rescued on 06.06.2023



Pappa Vidyaakar with Sauna Majhi at the time of reunion 12-6-23





## Wheel Chair given to Polio affected woman

Smt. Parameswari, aged 52 years, residing at Pattabiram Chennai, was born with polio on her left leg and could not walk. But now her right lift has also been affected with knee pain. So as per her request she was given Wheel Chair. Her son came to Shanthivanam Home and received the wheel chair.



## Visitors from the State Government departments

### CWC OFFICIAL INSPECTION

On May 4, 2023, Mr.S.M.Sayad Rawoof, Probation Officer from CWC, inspected Shanthivanam children's home. It was a general inspection; he verified all documents and the register. He also had a look at the children's dorms, kitchens, and bathrooms. Mr.Sayad emphasized the importance of education and discipline to the children. While concluding the inspection, the officer gave positive feedback on our children and home.



## HOME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE [HMC]

The HMC meeting was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 1.30pm. With due respect, the officers Mrs Sangeetha, POIC, and Mrs.Grija addressed the Shanthivanam children, committee staff, and residents. The meeting focused on various aspects of children's needs and requirements.





## District Team Inspection on 18.05.2023:



## ROYAL AWARD TO WELL WISHERS OF UDAVUM KARANGAL AT NETHERLANDS

Kees and Ans were nominated for a Royal award as they have been committed to all kinds of charities for years. For example, they have been active as sponsors of an orphanage in India for 20 years, but they also still work weekly at the Food Bank, Ans has done voluntary work for years at the Toon Hermans House and they have organized Christmas celebrations in the Brugkerk with great dedication. Actually too much to mention and they themselves think it's all 'small' things. With those little things they have made a difference for countless people worldwide who are less fortunate than themselves. They are a source of inspiration to do good for the environment.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 10 A.M., they were awarded the ribbon in Amersfoort City Hall by the Mayor. The children of Ans & Kees organised a small function to raise a toast to the decorandiat De Bik 28, Hoogland in the afternoon on the same day as a surprise.







## “The Magic of the Soil or the hands that sow the seed”

On a lighter moment, one day Mr. Vidyaakar shared an interesting event. Fourteen years ago in Annanagar he brought around 20 pieces of jamun fruits (Nagapalam). After consuming it, he dried the seeds of those jamuns and later mixed them with ashes and planted it in Shantivanam Home situated at Thiruverkadu.

Now as the saying goes “As you sow, so shall you reap”? Now after 14 years there are more than 6 trees fully grown with ripe jamuns. Shantivanam home also has mango trees, Sweet lemons trees etc. all these trees fetch good quantities of fruits. These fruits are enjoyed by all the residents of Udavum Karangal, RVN Students and teachers, Gayathri Hospital staff and Jeevan Community College. Mr. Vidyaakar says “He is proud that he has planted, grown these trees which give nutritious fruits and it is enjoyed by everyone.

He wishes that everyone in their lifetime should take pride in planting trees as they will one day give back their fruits at no cost.....





## COIMBATORE CHAPTER

### Eye Screening Camp – Shankara Eye Hospital

The Eye camp was conducted on 12.04.2023 which was organized by Mr.Nimal Kumar, Business Development Officer, Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore with the help of MSW trainees of Krishna and STC Colleges at Sakthivanam and Thanjam campus.



Screening of the patients

### Mentally ill 20 years old youngster from Odisha missing for 1 month reunited with his family

A 20 year old mentally ill youngster, who was missing from 23rd June 2023, was reunited with his brothers. He was found wandering near Peelamedu, Coimbatore creating public nuisance and being harassed by public at the time of rescue. Mr.Gopinath rescue co-coordinator of Little Hearts brought him to Udavum Karangal, referred by District Differently abled Welfare Officer Mr.Jagadeeshan, Coimbatore to Udavum Karangal, Myleripalayam on 27.06.2023 for further care and treatment.

Mr.Ratan Vidyaakar, Social Worker spoke with him, found his name is Mr. Jeremiah Gamang from Odisha. He was suffering with mood swings, with symptoms of delirium caused by substance abuse (marijuana) with catatonic features. His writing skills were very good but not able to provide any further information about of his whereabouts and he is very unstable physically and mentally.

He is provided with basic care by giving a bath, dress and sumptuous food. He was given immediate psychiatric treatment and medication as per psychiatrist's advice. Social workers at Udavum Karangal gave counseling and therapies to Mr. Jeremiah regularly; in response, he has shown improvement in his mental health status. He told that his father name is Mr.Marak Gamang from Goudagotha (dt), Odisha. He added that he lost all his belongings including Aadhar card and mobile phone.

Mr.Srinivasa Rao, Social Worker of Udavum Karangal, found his village through Google search and spoke to a local person. He sent a photo of the patient to the person who immediately identified and contacted his family at Goudagotha (dt).





Mr. Jeremiah's father who is in Odisha felt overjoyed to hear the news about his missing son he gave the phone number of his brother Luka Gamang who is working in Kerala to our social workers. Staff of Udavum Karangal contacted his brother and informed him that Mr. Jeremiah is in Udavum Karangal.

Mr. Jeremiah's brothers immediately rushed to Udavum Karangal Home at Coimbatore on 01.07.2023 and were glad to see him hale and healthy. According to his brother Mr. Jeremiah was doing painting labour works at Kerala. Mr. Jeremiah was missing on his way back to his native from Kerala by train on June 23rd 2023 at 6:00pm. His brother Luka was searching for him for the past 1 month. As they also filed a complaint at Aluva, Kerala police station.

Finally Mr. Jeremiah had emotional reunion with his brothers. They expressed their thankfulness to Shri Pappa Vidyaakar (Founder Udavum Karangal) for treatment & care of Jeremiah all these days. Mr. Ratan Vidyaakar, Senior Social Worker counselled Mr. Jeremiah and his brothers for continuing psychiatric treatment and regular medication besides family love and affection, to avoid further relapses of his psychiatric problem.



Mr. Ratan Senior Social worker with Jeremiah at the time of reunion

## Mentally ill women reunited with their son after 12 years.....

Two sons from Chengalpattu got a "gift of affection" they could never have imagined. The sons were reunited with their mother, Rani, who was lost over 12 years ago due to her psychiatric problem. The reunion took place at the Udavum Karangal, Coimbatore on 07.06.2023.

"Rani had gone missing from her home in Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu in 2000 as her mental illness got worse. In 2014, with the instruction of Mr. Ratan Vidyaakar, senior social worker of Udavum Karangal, Rani was rescued from the streets of Premier Nagar, Coimbatore in pathetic condition. She was admitted in our rehabilitation centre for further care and management where she was counselled and given psychiatric treatment,"



Rani showed improvement after several sessions of therapy's and treatment, she often asks about going home to meet her family. She recalled that her house was in cheyyur, veerabogham, Chengalpattu district. We contacted veerabogham panchayat office where a ward member helped to contact her husband Munusamy, and her sons Elavarasan and Narashima raj.

Our social workers spoke with Elavarasan regarding his mother Rani and informed him that she in Udavum Karangal Coimbatore for the past 8 years. After hearing this news her son Elavarasan immediately rushed to Coimbatore by bus from Chengalpattu to see her beloved mother.

Her husband Mr.Munusamy told that she was already taken psychiatric treatment at kilpazkkam hospital and one day suddenly she went missing he searched everywhere and filed complaint in police station also. Even he thought Rani is dead because she is missing for the last 12 years

Munusamy literally broke down after seeing Rani in a better condition. Her son Elavarasan was speechless and only his tears spoken. Both mother and son had emotional bonding.

Her family was astounded by bringing Rani in front of them with good mental health. Her husband expresses his gratitude to Thiru. Pappa Vidyaakar (Founder of Udavum Karangal) for giving her so much care and treatment for all those years. Mr.Ratan Vidyaakar counselled their family to continue medication and completed the official formalities.

As she left for home "Rani waved out to her friends and staff of Udavum Karangal saying

'I am going home now', bye....bye.....







## Paraspara Relief Distribution

Udavum Karangal Coimbatore started distributing relief items to Paraplegic patients on 27.04.2023. The team was headed by Mr.Ratan Vidyaakar, Senior Social Worker and on the first day of distribution, our team covered 6 areas and 6 patients in Coimbatore. The beneficiaries who are affected with spinal injuries felt very happy to receive their procurements. Their family members heartfully thanked Pappa for his timely help.

The details of relief items distributed and such of those beneficiaries are given below:-

Sl. NO	NAMES	PLACE	THINGS GIVEN
1.	Velusami	Narashimanaikenpalayam	Bed, cot & monthly provisions
2.	Rajagopal	Naikenpalayam	Bed, cot & monthly provisions
3.	Pradeep	Keeranatham	Bed, cot & monthly provisions
4.	Shanmugam	Kunnathur	Bed, cot & monthly provisions
5.	Krishnadas	Vellankuruchi	Bed, cot & monthly provisions
6.	Pushparaj	Annur	Bed, cot & monthly provisions



Velusami



Rajagopal



Pradeep



Shanmugam



Krishnadas



Pushparaj



# GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISIT TO UDAVUM KARANGAL COIMBATORE

## JOINT INSPECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO UDAVUM KARANGAL COIMBATORE

Name of the Institution : UdavumKarangal | Location of the Institution : Myleripalayam

Date of the Inspection : 04.04.2023 | Name of the Projects inspected : Sakthivanam & Thanjam

List of the Officials inspected

1.	Mr. Kranthi Kumar Pati	District collector, Coimbatore
2.	Mr. Prabhu	Revenue Inspector, Coimbatore
3.	Mr. Vasanth Ram Kumar	District Disability Welfare Officer, Coimbatore
4.	Mr. Mathiazhagan	District Child Protection Officer, Coimbatore
5.	Mr. Saravanan	Inspector of Police, Chettipalayam
6.	Dr. Karthikeyan	Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore
7.	Mr. Murugesan	Thasildar, Madukkarai
8.	Mr. Sadhasivam	Social Worker, DCPO
9.	Mr. Raghuram	PA, DDWO

### Objectives of the Inspection:

to assess the level of care available to inmates admitted in Udavum Karangal

- To examine the certificates of license issued for the institution are up to date
- To know safety measures and environment cleanliness provided to the inmates

### Conclusion:

The inspection conducted by the Government officials and District Collector of Coimbatore was ended up with neutral comment; there was no negative comments regarding the operations of Udavum Karangal. Some officials gave instruction based on the new registration under 2017 Act and to update the patient's medical evaluation in the reports by general physician. Staff and inmates of Udavum Karangal were supportive during the inspection.



**In Coimbatore, under UKCT, Mr.Karuppasamy was given medical assistance of Rs.20,000/- for his heart surgery. He and his family thanked the Founder secretary & the institution for helping them at a crucial period.**





## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY – 21.06.2023

Yoga day was observed on 21.06.2023 by all the students and teachers of RVM School, Coimbatore. Students were given awareness about the benefits of yoga as

- Yoga helps our mind relax • Yoga improves strength, balance and flexibility • Yoga can give us more energy and relieve us from stress • Yoga relaxes us • Yoga boosts our immunity

Then there was a practise session on breathing exercises' which relaxes our mind and improves our concentration. There was a demonstration by our PT. teacher about Suriya Namaskaram. It uses are:

- Suriya Namaskaram improves digestion • Relieves and strengthens muscles • Improves skin glow • Gives us morning energy

We are about to make it a daily routine in the assembly and do perfect demonstrations during our sports day.



## Camp organized by students from USA at our Gayathri Hospital, Thiruverkadu.

Two students viz., Easha Narayanan and Shria Narayanan, D/o Ravi Narayanan and Sangeetha, of USA, have sponsored a Medical Camp – Master Health Check Up for the girl children above 15 years of age. The Camp was organized on 6th June 2023 at Gayathri Hospital by Ms. Kavitha, HOD, Jeevan Community College for the 20 children of our Home. The students participated in the activities involving the Master Health Checkup like measuring the vitals, assisting in blood extraction, shadowing the doctors while they make physical examination, etc. The Camp went on well and results were printed in the evening and handed over to the Children.

The mother of the Easha and Shria remembered her childhood days and how she was associated with Udavum Karangal.

"My name is Sangeetha (Ravi Narayanan's wife) and we have been sponsoring kids, did annadhanam etc. I still remember the day Vidyaakar sir came to my school in Purasaiwalkam and showed videos of babies and we used to donate rice, tamarind etc during 1980s. Ever since, I always wanted and like to support Udavum Karangal. My younger daughter (Easha Narayanan, born on Nov 7, 2004) raised \$1000 during covid by tutoring and donated her entire proceeds to Udavum Karangal to buy laptop for a class, meals for girls, sponsoring a kid. I thank Udavum Karangal for giving me this opportunity."





## WARMING CEREMONY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Udavum Karangal Educational Trust as its main core activity maintains schools and community college for promoting education to the under privileged students of the community. It has, under its belt, two schools – one at Coimbatore and one at Thiruverkadu; a school for the special children and a Creche for the children of the daily wage earners at Thiruverkadu. The community college which was commenced in the year 2007 has more than 800 students successfully completing their livelihood course and also found employment. This has helped them stand on their own legs as well as supported their families.

As a part of further development, UKET planned and commenced construction of an exclusive Community College building (adjacent to the Gayathri Hospital) in June 2021, which could accommodate around 500 students with modern lab facilities. The construction was almost completed and a warming ceremony of the Community College building was performed on 27th April 2023, with all the faculty members of the Community College & RVN School, and the students of the present Community College, staff and volunteers of Udavum Karangal in attendance for the ceremony. The ceremony was performed by the Founder. Lunch was served to everyone after the ceremony







## 100% RESULTS IN UDAVUM KARANGAL SCHOOL

Udavum Karangal, a 40 year old NGO, founded by Mr.Vidyaakar, maintains a School at Thiruverkadu (Ramakrishna Vidya Niketan –[RVN] School) exclusively for girls from under privileged families. Started in the year 1997, the mission of the school is not only to make literacy available to those for whom it is beyond their reach but also to provide education of good quality; the kind of Education that leads to employment and to a high moral standard in individuals. Fee concessions and scholarships are given to students of underprivileged families. The fee structure of the school in itself is subsidized.

This year again (2023) it is CENT PER CENT results in the + 2 Examination held by the State Board – another mile stone achieved by the Students of the Ramakrishna Vidya Niketan School of Udavum Karangal, at Thiruverkadu. It has achieved 100% Pass for the past 5 years continuously. All the 102 students who appeared in this year's +2 examination have come out in flying colours. The following ranker students have held the flag high of Udavum Karangal, by topping the School Chart:

1st Rank - I. Gopika - 593/600 - 99%

2nd Rank - J. Malini - 581/600 - 97%

2nd Rank - P.Sangeetha - 581/600 - 97%

3rd Rank - Priyadharshine - 577/600 - 96%

### **Seven students obtained centum in different subjects. Out of the 102 students 68 students obtained 80% and above marks.**

The above students who have achieved this remarkable feat are all 1st generation students. It is not only that they have made the School proud

by their hard work resulting in great achievement, but also have given their parents a strong hope for future success.

The parentless children who are residents of Udavum Karangal Home are also students of this school as Education is compulsory for all the children. The 7 students who appeared for the +2 exams from the Home have all passed with good marks. One student, Ms.Seema Vidyaakar, Group III and Ms.Anarkali Vidyaakar, Group IV, have secured the highest marks of 84% each.

**The school provides, daily, Noon Meal for 300 students of under privileged families.** This has encouraged the families to send the girl children to school regularly. Six lakh meals have been served to the students under Mid-day meal scheme. This year the Nutritious Noon meal has commenced from the year 2012.

**All the 1500 students (Chennai & Coimbatore) were given 100% tuition Fees waiver in the year 2020 due to Covid.**

**400 students of Under privileged families were given 25 Kg rice and provision kit during covid.**

**In 2016, RVN School of Udavum Karangal has been adjudged as the best school in Tiruvallur District.**



**RAMAKRISHNA VIDYA NIKETAN**  
HR.SEC. SCHOOL, THIRUVERKADU, CHENNAI - 600 077  
Managed by Udavum Karangal Educational Trust

THE MANAGEMENT APPRECIATES AND CONGRATULATES THE STUDENTS OF STANDARD X, XI & XII FOR SECURING 100% RESULT

	XII	XI	X
Appeared	102	89	104
Passed	102	89	104
Centums	15	-	7

**School Toppers - Std XII**

**Centum Scores**

**School Toppers - Std XI**

**Centum Scores**

**School Toppers - Std X**

**Centum Scores**

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S. Lara Anitha Mary, Principal / RVN School

The Principal of the School Ms. Lara Anitha Mary along with the dedicated team of Teaching & Non-Teaching staff have been instrumental in achieving this remarkable results by motivating the students and being with them always like their mother.

Shwetha, P., a student of RVN School got 99% marks. She is a 10th topper in Tamil Nadu. She was interviewed and the same was published in an online paper - "SHIKSHAW.COM" - an excerpts of the interview are given herein

"...Shwetha, P., wants to become a Doctor...


...set up a hospital for needy ....."

### Anum Ansari

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Talking exclusively with Shiksha.com, Shwetha. P from Ramakrishna Vidya Niketan Hr. Sec. School, shared about her TN 10<sup>th</sup> preparation strategy to score 99% in TN 10th board exams, future plans, tips for aspirants and more.



Government of Tamil Nadu  
Directorate of Government Examinations

SSLC Examination Results April 2023

SWETHA P ( 5838169 )	
SUBJECT	MARKS
TAMIL	098
ENGLISH	098
MATHS	099
ICE ( Theory + ical )	( 075 + 025 ) 100
AL SCIENCE	100
	495

**SWETHA. P**  
**Tamil Nadu 10th Topper 2023**





## TN 10<sup>th</sup> Topper Interview Shwetha. P

Tamil Nadu SSLC Result 2023 Topper Shwetha. P scored a whopping 99% in Tamil Nadu Board Exam 2023. With a perfect 100 marks in two subjects, i.e. Science and Social Science, Shwetha has secured 99 marks in Mathematics, and 98 marks in Tamil as well as English, she has scored a total of 495 marks out of 500 marks. The Directorate of Government Examination (DGE) TN released the TN 10th Result 2023 today, May 19, 2023, on the official website, i.e. tnresults.nic.in.

Shwetha is a daughter of a daily wage earner. She credits all her success to the hard work that her father does. "I always use to see my father's shoulder with pain and stretches when he used to return from his job, this motivated me to study harder and score good marks," said Shwetha. Talking exclusively with Shiksha.com, Shwetha. P from Ramakrishna Vidya Niketan Hr. Sec. School, shared about her TN 10th preparation strategy, future plans, tips for aspirants and more.

**Q: Congratulations on your result! How was your reaction after seeing the results? Did you score what you expected?**

A: I am shocked and surprised to see the results. As it was 495 marks, the first mark in the school history in the past, I take up the pride in defeating. Me and my family all are happy and thrilled at the same time.

**Q: Please tell us something about your family background.**

A: I come from a small Town in Chennai, My father is a Load man, my mother is a housewife, and my little brother is doing his 5th standard. I always use to see my father's shoulder with pain and stretches when he used to return from his job, this of course motivated me to achieve to the fullest.

**Q: Please tell about the stream that you are targeting?**

A: I am aiming to take up Biology/Mathematics, i.e. Medical Stream.

**Q: What was your strategy to score above 95%?**

A: Revision is the key. It helped me rectify my mistakes. Making notes also helped me practice. I used to keep a close eye on my weak areas and have worked towards practicing and revising the same throughout my preparation. My studying time was not fixed, throughout my preparation, I studied at night as well as in the morning, whenever I got time. I used to begin my studies with fresh mind to grasp as much as possible.

**Q: Did you take any online or offline coaching?**

A: Coaching can never replace classroom learning. My only coaching is My School where my teachers and staff helped me a lot to fulfil my dreams.

**Q: Who encouraged you the most in this journey?**

A: My Parents encouraged me of course; still some of my relatives were making fun of me that I will not be able to score Good marks. This gained and motivated my Inner spirit to give the Best. And my school was the right platform in bringing out my success.

**Q: What was your routine during TN 10th board exam preparation?**

A: I used to wake up at 4 o'clock in the morning and practice all the previous year question papers, this helped me a lot. Also, after school hours, I used to practice and revise everything that was taught in school. This practice helped me score well in TN 10th exams.

**Q: What are your future plans? Which career path are you aiming for?**

A: My future plan is to get into the Medical Field. I want to become a Doctor

**Q: What is your favorite subject?**

A: My favourite subjects are Mathematics and Biology.



**Q: Are you planning to begin preparing for any entrance exam?**

A: I am planning to crack NEET Exam and start my higher studies in Medical field.

**Q: What is your dream college/institute?**

A: I want to score good marks in the future also. KMC Medical College, Chennai is the place where I want to study after cracking NEET.

**Q: What are your future goals?**

A: I am aiming and going to work hard for a good career in the field of Science. My long-term goal is to construct a Hospital and help the needy.

**Q: Please share some tips for students prepping up to appear in Tamil Nadu SSLC Exams 2024**

A: Do not waste your time, stay focused, try to cover the whole syllabus. Set up a time table, revision of previous year question papers is necessary! Daily revise and enjoy your reading. Do not overstress yourself.

## RVN SCHOOL FUNCTION

"If it is a failure, it has to be rectified and if it is a success it has to be complimented". Pappa Vidyaakar awarded the students and the teachers for their respective roles in the X, XI & XII board exams. The function was held on June 26, 2023 at the RVN School auditorium, and parents were also invited. Many emotionally broke down; it was a memorable event for the students, teachers & parents. As a part of encouragement Pappa awarded the students & teachers with certificates & gifted a cheque to each one for their hard & dedicated work.



Pappa Vidyaakar with School teachers





## Ms.Adithi Visit to RVN School

On June 28, 2023 Ms.Adithi from US visited RVN School. She conducted a Program for the RVN students, where 45 students from Class 9 attended the session. The session lasted for 45mts -1 hour.

The Topic was on Health Awareness and Personal Hygiene! She covered the good personal hygiene and how does that keep all parts clean and healthy. Also it is important for maintaining both physical and mental health. She presented the ppt with poor personal hygiene, and so the body provides an ideal environment for germs to grow, leaving it vulnerable to infection. The students had an interactive session, and also she made some pamphlet regarding the topic which was an added supplement.



Aditi interacting with the RVN students

## Ramakrishna Vidya Mandir – School of Udavum Karangal at Coimbatore receives Academic Excellence Award 2023

One more feather on the cap of Udavum Karangal. A function was organised in Coimbatore to felicitate all the Government and Private Schools who have obtained 100% results in the 10th and 12th public examinations conducted during April 2023. The Chief guests were District Collector Thiru. Kranthi Kumar I.A.S and Commissioner Thiru. Prathap I.A.S., CEO of Coimbatore, DEO of Corporation Schools and Chairman of Rathinam Institutions.

Mr. S. Vidyaakar Founder Udavum karangal maintains a School at Coimbatore, namely Ramakrishna Vidya Mandir. This School has been awarded with Academic Excellence Award 2023 for obtaining 100 percent results in the April 2023 10th public examinations.



SMT. R. SUMATHI PRINCIPAL RVN SCHOOL COIMBATORE RECEIVING THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD 2023

## Fun Corner

Corporate joke  
Manager told a joke.  
Everyone in the team  
laughed except 1guy

Manager-Didn't you  
understand my Joke



guy-I resigned yesterday

### Management Lessons

A sales rep, an assistant and their manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish."

"Me first!" says the assistant. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world." Poof! She's gone.

"Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of piña coladas and the love of my life." Poof! He's gone.

"OK, you're up," the Genie says to the manager. The manager says, "I want those two back in the office after lunch."

**Moral: Always let your boss have the first say.**



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