



Dear Friends,

Greetings. I am delighted to meet you all through this newsletter and share about the many works we have done so far.

## VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT (RUPA Project) Women's Day Celebration

On March 7th, International Women's Day was celebrated at Jambulingapuram village. 4 villagers of Jambulingapuram panchayat also participated in this. Ottapidaram Taluk Women's Self Help Group Manager Mrs. Muthumari, Panchayat Secretary Mrs. Pappi, NRG Coordinator Mrs. Uma and local leaders were present as special guests. Mrs. Muthumari shared her thoughts about how women have progressed in all fields compared to previous times and everyone can succeed if there is effort. She also shared that the government has introduced many schemes for the advancement of women.

Games were held for women and prizes were given to the winners. Certificates were awarded to 10 women who completed sewing at the ceremony. Tea and snacks were provided for all. All of them disbursed happily.



Women who participated in the function expressed their happiness and said, 'After the work of DAIA, we have progressed in many ways.'





## GRAMA SABHA MEETING

On March 16th, the Grama Sabha meeting was held at Jambulingapuram. This was done under the leadership of Mr. Ramarajan, who has taken charge of this. Panchayat president Mrs. Selvarani, Mr. Chinnaduri, Secretary Mrs. Pubby and the public participated in this meeting. During this meeting the leaders and people shared how much the government is working towards village development and how much DAIA has contributed to village development.



## EMPOWERMENT SCHEME



Mrs. Koilammal (65 years) lives in Pudupatcheri village, her husband passed away many years ago. She has 4 children. There is no one to look after her. She requested us to provide her with goats. She expects to better her economic condition in future. We provided her with two goats.



Mrs. Nagalakshmi (40 years) who lives in Jambulingapuram has two children. Her husband is working as a labourer. She learned tailoring at the tailoring school run by DAIA. She requested a sewing machine to stitch ready-made clothes and increase her income. We provided her with a machine.



Mrs. Gnanammal (70 years) lives in Pudupatcheri. Her husband passed away many years ago. She is a daily labourer. She also requested for goat to improve her livelihood and we provided her with two goats.





Ms. Sabeena Merlin (25 years) also lives in Jambulingapuram. She has completed 12th standard. She has 2 sisters. Her parents were labourers. Due to family circumstances, she could not continue her studies. She requested a machine for her to start a business at home. This will help her in increasing her monthly income. We provided her with a sewing machine.

## TAILORING CENTRE

The tailoring centres started in Jumbulingapuram and S.Pudur are progressing well. 6 women are studying in Jambulingapuram and 11 women are studying in S.Pudur. The women undergoing tailoring classes are participating with much interest and enthusiasm.

## ADULT LITERACY

Adult Literacy Programme was held in the villages of S. Pudur, Pudupacherry and Jambulingapuram. All the participants were taught general knowledge. 42 people participated. They participated enthusiastically.

## FINANCIAL LITERACY

A gathering of beneficiaries of the Economic Development Programme was held in the villages. Discussion was held on how much their income has improved over the last month. All of them participated with much enthusiasm.

## TUITION CENTRE VISIT

On March 24th, Mr. Ramesh and Mr. Karthik visited our training centre through TATA consulting Engineers Limited. They visited areas like Vellapatti, Jothipassnagar and Alagumuthunagar.

To improve the knowledge of English among children workbook in grammar and a lateral thinking exercise book were presented for distribution. Children were also given stationery items and sweets.

Under the newly started SMILE project toys were supplied for distribution to children. They discussed plans for the children to become competent in everything.





## TUITION CENTRE- TATA PRO-ENGAGE

We conduct tuition centres at 10 places regularly. The students are given a nutritious snack, and helped in their homework, from Monday to Saturday. On Saturdays, online English classes are run by TATA Pro-engage volunteers in 4 centres. Around 25 kids attend at each of these centres. To run the tuition centre effectively, TATA Pro-engage along with DAIA conducts online classes for the children.



## TUITION TEACHERS MEETING

On Mar 30th, a monthly meeting for tuition teachers was held at the DAIA office. Mr. Francis shared words of encouragement to the teachers. Mrs. Hilda John asked each teacher about last month's report. Each teacher shared their experiences. Then the English class was conducted by Prof. PG Jesudasan. Then everyone was given the ingredients needed for the snacks provided to the children that month.



## EMBRACING ELDERS



On March 8th, 44 elders attended the camp at Zion Campus, Tuticorin. As it was the International Women's Day, a function was specially celebrated for senior citizens. Mrs. Eben Jason's kind and enthusiastic words made people participate in singing, drama and other activities. All those present expressed their happiness in coming there. They were given groceries and nutrition powder. Their weight was monitored and recorded. The camp ended with a good meal.



## HOUSE VISIT

Our staff Mrs. Prema visited the houses of the elderly who could not come to the camp, encouraged them and distributed groceries pack and nutrition powder.



## MEDICAL CAMPS

### Tuticorin

On March 4th, 41 patients attended the medical camp held at Zion Campus, Tuticorin. Mrs. Prema delivered an uplifting message. Dr. Mummoorthy examined the patients. Medicines, tonics, and nutrition powder were distributed. The camp ended with a simple nutritious meal.



### Kovilpatti

On March 17th, 57 patients attended the medical camp at St. Paul's Campus, Kovilpatti. Mr. Francis delivered an encouraging message. Dr. Mummoorthy examined the patients. Medicines, tonics, and nutrition powder were distributed. Their weight was monitored and recorded. The camp ended with a good meal.






**Thank you!**

We are deeply grateful for the support we get from our donors and volunteers.  
We cannot do what we do without your support.

We pray for your blessings as you sacrificially give. The seed that you sow  
today will bear fruit surely!

Warm Regards,

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