

NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sep: Vinayagar Chaturthi celebrations at TEV

Vinayaka Chaturthi festival was celebrated very grandly in TEV with members of Lioness Club of cuddalore- Central.



The elders bought life-like clay model of Lord Ganesha and offered pooja early in the morning while 'padayal' late in the evening. Sweets and fruits were distributed to all the elders. Later the idol was immersed in the Tamaraikulam pond.

4th Sep: EfEF Managing trustee donates wall clocks to TEV.



Shri.Arunachalam, the Managing Trustee of Elders for Elders Foundation presented 30 wall clocks to all TEV residents' room on his birthday. The elders and all TEV members of staff thanked him.

7th Sep: Mr.Seshadri's Birthday feast to TEV elders.

Mr.Seshan, MPCC building contractor arranged a noon feast to all the TEV elders on his birthday. Lunch with sweets and fruits were served by his family members.



9th, 16th and 23rd Sep: Elders meeting.

Elders meeting were organized on the above dates.

Important decisions on paddy cultivation, fish harvest,



Onam festival, Elders' week celebrations, Campus cleaning,

rescheduling of visitor timings/ dates and providing 11'o clock tea etc were decided. Manager – TEV, Care staff and Admin officer attended.

11th Sep: Lunch arranged by Shri.Seenivasan

Shri.Seenivasan, Ex- Panchayat president of Uppalavadi and teachers of local school wish to provide feast to all the TEV elders. Food was served in traditional banana leaf and themselves cleared the wastes after praying and serving the elders.



11th Sep: AKS brothers sponsored dress materials to elders



Mr.AKS.Baskar and Sekar, of Anna Market, Cuddalore donated Shirts, dhotis and Lungies to TEV residents for Onam festival. Mrs.Vijayalakshmi, sr.care giver made arrangements and the elders' rep. Shri Natrajan and Vadivelu received them.

12th Sep: Onam Festival celebration.

'Thiru Onam' festival was celebrated in TEV from 12th to 14th of September. The residents from Kollam wore their traditional dresses and prayed Lord Krishna and Mahabali.



TEV was made colorful with beautiful rangoli's on the occasion. All PMO staff attended. Sweets, Puttu and Payasam with varieties of veg. poriyals (Onam Sambam) were organized for elders from Cuddalore Malayali Samajam. Manager-TEV along with Ln.Dr.Ganapathy arranged this program.

14th Sep 2008: Religious talk by shri.Hari dass.

A religious talk and mass bajan was organized at TEV by Swami.Muralidar Ji Ashram of Chennai. All the elders attended the bajan. Swami.Hari delivered a speech on "God and Mind", Maha Mantras for attaining motcham.



14th Sep: HelpAge India- Cuddalore Palliative Care Initiative find its place in Govt. Hospital

The Project Kiran staff succeeded in getting a separate ward for patients under 'Palliative Care' in Govt. Hospital, Cuddalore. A MoU was signed between the Cuddalore Palliative Care Initiative (CPCI) Society and District Medical Officer in this regard. PMO cuddalore applauds Dr.Sathiyababu and his team mates on this dignified achievement.

16th to 19th Sep: Teacher training workshop by CARE-India.

CARE-India made a request for conducting 4 days training program at TEV campus from 16th Sep. Selected adult education teachers from all over the district attended. Mr.Moses cuddalore- project head, conducted this training program. Multipurpose Hall, Food and cottages for stay, were provided for all the workshop trainees. Thanks to all the efforts made by Mr.Elango and all other PMO staff linking local NGO's in TEV residents' welfare.

18th Sep: DLF-Cuddalore meeting and Donation from VLF to TEV.

The Cuddalore DLF meeting was held at TEV on 18th September. All the VLF representatives attended. Instructions and guidelines were given to all the elders on how they should get organized for the elders train trip to New Delhi. On the same day Nanamedu VLF president and EfEF treasurer, Mr.Purushothaman

announced **Rs.2000 cash donation to TEV residents' welfare.** He also



informed that a decision was under way by all the VLFs of

Cuddalore to donate Rs.2000 or more every month on Rota basis to TEV. Manager of TEV thanked all the VLF leaders, EfEF and CRC team for this noble initiative – community willingness in taking part of TEV elders' care regime.

18th Sep: CPCI- General Body meeting at cuddalore



The Cuddalore Palliative Care Initiative Society conducted the first general body meeting at cuddalore. Dr.Adinarayanan from Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Dr.Shano Anderson addressed the meeting. Mr.Muralidharan, Development Consultant for CPCI attended. Dr.Sathiyababu and his team made the meeting arrangements.

18th Sep: Paddy- Nursery preparation



Residents of TEV proposed to grow paddy at TEV campus and seeds of CO-40 was sown on 19th sep. to get the nursery. The seedlings raised will be transplanted on 10th October. Rice will be utilized for the kitchen while Hay will be for the TEV cows.

18th Sep: Development Commissioner of Govt. of Bihar visits TEV.

Dr.S.Vijayaragavan, Development Commissioner of Patna, Bihar visited TEV on 18th September. He was accompanied by Officer on Spl.Duty (Tsunami) to the Chief Minister –TN, Chennai. The officers visited the entire area, chat with the elders and discussed on their health prospects. Manager, Mr.Siddick and APO took them around the campus. Brochures on TEV, EfEF and Palliative Care were given and HI projects explained.



20th Sep: DD(F) Mr.Ramalingam was honored.

Mr.Ramalingam was honored with



“Best Employee” award of HelpAge India, Head Office at New Delhi. He was congratulated by the National Director, Mrs.Indrani Rajadurai and other officials at Chennai. He got applauds, garlanded and congratulated by all the PMO staff at Cuddalore. Mr.Siddick and Mr.Elango reminded the sincere efforts, committed works he did in the cuddalore tsunami project. Mr.Ramalingam explained all the PMO staff about HelpAge India structure, location of various offices in the country and how an employee of HI awarded with “Best Employee”.

21st Sep to 25th Sep: Training for HI-APOs and MMU staff.

Orientation training program for HelpAge India- MMU staff of both southern and



western region were conducted at TEV campus on 21st and 22nd sep. by Regional office, Chennai. Mrs.Indrani Rajadurai, National Director inaugurated the training programme. MMU executives and APOs from Tamilnadu, AP, Kerala, Bangalore, MP, Goa, Maharashtra, and Gujarat attended. Group discussions and state wise presentations were made by the staff and appraised by ND.



Presentation on TEV, EfEF and Project Kiran were made by Mr.siddick, Mr.Elango and Dr.Sathiyababu to all the staff members. Special training for APOs were also arranged from 23rd to 25th sep. National Director Mrs.Indrani, Regional Directors Mr.Dass and Mr.Edwin, DD(F) Mr.Ramalingam conducted the training. All APO's made their presentations, clarified their doubts and discussed on future activities/ plans.

Food and accommodation to all the delegates were arranged by TEV member of staff.

29th Sep: Elders trip to New Delhi to entrust their demands.

The Elders for Elders Foundation (EfEF), the National level trust patroned by HelpAge India organised a



week long train trip to the National capital from its birth place Cuddalore, to

entrust their demands while alerting parliamentarians in taking policy decisions on elderly care. About 800 selected elders from Village level Federations of Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Vedaranyam and Kollam Project area gathered at Cuddalore railway junction on 29th sep. to commence the legendary trip. All party MLA's, Ex-MPs, political leaders and media gathered from the early morning to wish the elders for a successful trip. EfEF Managing trustee shri.Arunachalam put all his sincere efforts along with Mr.Elango and his CRC crue, village level volunteers, partner agency staff members etc. to make the event meaningful.

AGE DEMANDS ACTION-

Departure of 800 elders from cuddalore Junction to New Delhi.



30th Sep: TEV residents participated in World Elders Day celebrations at Chennai.

The World Elders Day and HelpAge India's 30th year in Age Care service was celebrated in Chennai on 29th Sep.



Chennai Regional Office arranged several cultural and amusement programmes for elders on this occasion at Kuchalambal Hall, Nungambakkam, Chennai. A group of 12 elderly residents from TEV performed the



tamil traditional-Kummi dance, folk songs and participated in the fancy dress competitions.

Elders Arrived during Sep 2008

	Antony Raj - 80 entry date: 02.09.08 Widower, neglected by his family members from Kandakadu village, recommended by VLF Cuddalore. Assisted elder.
	Moorthy- 60 Entry Date: 07.9.08 Disabled elder from Kanampadi, neglected, starving for food and shelter, recommended by Nagapattinam PLF. Dependent elder.
	Lakshmi - 62 Entry Date: 22.9.08 Destitute, depressed elder, from kandakadu village, left alone by her sons and daughters recommended by VLF kandakkadu and EfE.

Proposed October 2008 Activities

1st October: World Elders Day and Ramzan festival celebration.

2nd October: Advocacy event at silver beach, Cuddalore and Gandhi Jeyanthi celebrations

3rd October: school children visits and yoga demonstration at TEV

6th October: receiving of elders at Cuddalore railway junction

7th October: TEV elders meet

8th October: Saraswathi and Ayudha pooja celebrations.

9th October: Vijayadasami celebrations at TEV. Paddy seedlings transplanting - function in TEV farm.

10th October: Lions cosmopolitan club members visit to TEV.

14th October: TEV residents Meeting

15th October: Sports and Cultural night

16th to 19th October: Training program for CREED NGO on OldAge Homes Administration and Manintenance.

17th October: Elders Temple visit.

20th October: School children visit – Parikkalpet Govt.High School.

21st October: Elders Meet at TEV.

24th October: NLC Medical Camp.

27th October: Deepavali celebrations.