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### **ALL CEYLON HINDU CONGRESS**

(Federation of Hindu Religious Associations and Temple Trusts in Sri Lanka)



# Service To The Humanity

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### 'SERVICE TO THE HUMANITY' IS OUR MOTTO

We continue to serve our Brothers and Sisters and our services are briefly set out below

### **BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES**

- On the land of 38 perches leased by the Government of Sri Lanka through U.D.A. at Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 2 we have constructed our Head Quarters Building (with the Basement and 5 floors thereon) and established a Shrine and our office in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor thereof and leased the balance areas. The lease income derived there from is being used since 1996 for our assistance to the needy children and rendering our welfare services.
- We have on a 2.7 lachams land at Nallur (donated by Mrs. V. Perampalam's family) constructed a three storied building funded from the income of our Headquarters Building. We have established there a Hindu Research Centre and Library with facilities to train and educate young people.
- We have built SIVAPOOMI Madam at Keerimalai (next to the sacred tank) with the assistance of well wishers.
- We have assisted Vavuniya 'Sinthamani Pillaiyar' Kovil by meeting a part of the construction of the 'madam'.
- We have assisted Batticaloa Y.M.H.A. by partly funding the construction of its Elders Home and its Library
- A part of the construction costs of the building of Alayadivempu Hindu Mamantram in Ampara District was also met by us
- We met a part of construction costs of Sankamankandy Murugan Kovil at Thirukovil Division in the East.
- Plans are ready for construction of a Madam at Shri KetharaGowri Udanurai Ketheeswara Peruman Kovil (Thiruketheeswaram) in Mannar District.
- We have assisted Colombo YWHA in installation of a lift for their Elders Home and also advanced monies to Colombo Vivehananda Society for its new building
- We funded construction of Rajakopuram (Thirukkopuram) of Gnana Vairavar Kovil in Mannar.
- We built the New Building for Nallur Aatheenam monitored by ACHC with the funding by Hindus of London and we contributed the shortfall in the costs of construction.
- We have assisted Amparai District Thirunavukkarasu Nayanar Kurugulam Aadheenam at Thirukkovil Division to construct new building with the financial assistance received from Associate Hindu Religious Body from abroad.
- A Regional Office with saravanapoikai Prayer Centre for Vanni in Thirumurikandy on a land leased by the Government to ACHC and there will be a Restaurant established to be run by female Heads of Families as livelihood assistance scheme.
- We have assisted to put up 10 houses, wells and lavatories to 10 families who are refugees of Thalaimannar when they returned to their native place, Thalaimannar.
- We have assisted Sampoor Sri Siththivinayagar Temple for its renovation at its estimate of 1.5 million.

• A sum of Rs. 500,000/- was donated for the construction of 'Sivayogar Swamigal Thiruvadi Nilayam' at Vivekananda Road, Colombo 06.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO CHILDREN'S HOMES AND ELDERS HOME

Whenever our brothers and sisters were affected by the war situation or natural calamities like tsunami or floods we were there to help them by way of various relief assistance and services, and you are welcome to contribute to our **DISASTER RELIEF FUND**.

When our people were badly affected and suffering the first matter which attracted our attention was the necessity to look after the children affected by the war conditions. There were some children who did not know where their parents were. Some children did not have birth certificates and school leaving certificates and we had to seek the assistance of Dentists and get their age assessed. Having played an active role (with Hindu Educational Society and with the others) in getting back Colombo Hindu College in Ratmalana for our Hindu Children, we established a Hostel in 1998 for needy children. We purchased a part of the adjoining building of Hindu Educational Society and taken the balance portion of that building on license.

While assisting a number of Children's Homes and Elders Homes island wide in which area the Manitha Nayam Trust (established globally) assists us by substantially making financial contributions, we manage the said Children's Hostel for needy children of Colombo Hindu College in Ratmalana. If you wish to sponsor a meal for these students who are about 150 in number, you can send donations as indicated below:

Breakfast	Rs.	20,000.00
Lunch	Rs.	30,000.00
Dinner	Rs.	30,000.00
Morning or Evening Tea	Rs.	6,000.00

Monthly Birthday celebrations are held for all children born in that month. If any one wishes to sponsor a monthly birthday a consideration of Rs. 50,000.00 is welcome.

### **OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES**

Whenever the need arose for medical assistance we were extending a helping hand. Several people have been benefitted by the same. Two good examples are the financial assistance to a young girl of 6 years from Jaffna in 2006 to successfully undergo surgery for a hole in the heart. She is now a student in GCE (A/L) class and has progressed well in her studies. We continue to assist her. Another girl of 14 years from Vanni was given some financial assistance for her heart operation. We have also helped a spinster from Jaffna in her late twenties who had to undergo a brain surgery and also a boy of 8 years from Ampara who had to undergo a serious heart operation in India. Thanks to His Almighty we had been able to assist those operations to be performed successfully. If you wish you can give your substantial assistance to our **MEDICAL FUND**.

#### **HINDU YOUTH:**

While having acknowledged and supported homes for needy children and elders affected by consequences of the war and the military action we are also concentrating on addressing the issues affecting our youth. When more than 275 students of the University of

Jaffna arrived from Vanni in 2009 and were stranded without any family support, we immediately extended the monthly financial assistance with the help of Manitha Neyam and the Trustees of London Kanagathurkai Amman Kovil. This was publicly acknowledged by the then Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna who said "none of my students could have received even Rs. 2000/- in a month". Subsequently, we arranged to donate desk top computers and laptops to the undergraduates of the University of Jaffna and also to the Eastern University. One of our Member Associations — Hindu Educational Society of Colombo - observed its diamond jubilee by donating 60 computers to these undergraduates. This project is continuing as a part of our program to commemorate our diamond jubilee. We are arranging to donate Laptops to undergraduates of the University of Jaffna. We evaluate the requests received from our youth from time to time and assist them as a part of our social welfare service.

When about 270 students who were sitting for GCE Examination were in rehabilitation campus in Vanni in 2009 we assisted them to be brought to Colombo and educated in Colombo.

### **KNOWLEDGE BASED PROJECTS:**

We have been publishing a number of Hindu Religious Books in Tamil and English. We have published in Tamil a Hand Book for Hindus for which we have spontaneous reception from a number of our brothers and sisters abroad. We do not claim copyright to that publication. Hence, large number of copies are being reprinted to commemorate their elders by Hindu families abroad. An English version of this Hand Book titled "Compendium for Hindus" is also be published and the same is available in CD also. In view of the urgent need to satisfy the requirements of our younger generation abroad who cannot read Tamil we have taken this step. Please visit our website and our Journal Hindu also appear as E Books on our website <a href="https://www.hinducongress.lk">www.hinducongress.lk</a>. We have now opened a face book (viz all Ceylon hindu congress)

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON OUR WEBSITE**

We propose to establish a facility to obtain from the Members of our Advisory Committees and provide answers to any questions or doubts posed to ACHC on e-mail in English or Tamil.

(NOTE: This may not be comprehensive statement of our services. We hope to update this soon)

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