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INTRODUCTION

Cyriac Elias Voluntary Association (CEVA) is a registered Voluntary Organization established in 1987 by a group of socially committed CMI fathers, recalling the message of its heavenly Patron, St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, who worked for transforming the lives of the marginalized. CEVA has always stood for the development of the poor and the downtrodden in times of need and despair. CEVA has reached far from where it started and has a diversified mix of projects and programmes.

VISION

An Enabling environment in which integral development of the poor takes place

MISSION

Evolve and promote a family centered approach in the development of the poor

A snapshot of major programmes and projects directly implemented by CEVA during the past year is as follows. Empowerment Based Child Rights Programme for Children and their Social Environment (CRIPSE) is a project envisaged with the objective of empowering children through Counselling, Formation of Change Agent Team (CAT) and Child Protection Policy which are on the verge of completion. CEVA’s Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) includes Empowerment of Women through SHG, Health Care, Educational Support and Income Generation Programmes, which have been advancing well. Community Development Project at Puthencruz Panchayath in collaboration with Air Products mainly focuses on Universal Health Insurance and Supply of Drinking Water. GEMS of CEVA (Holistic Development Programme for Children), Youth Upliftment through Value Addition (YUVA), a project to inculcate a feeling of social sensitivity and responsibility among youth, Pranamam, an initiative for ensuring a happy and healthy ageing for the elderly, Santhwanam, an initiative for chronically ill patients and their families etc., are the ongoing projects.
SAINT KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA

Education and development are two complementary realities with regard to individuals as well as nations and one without the other becomes stifled. St Kuriakose Elias Chavara’s educational contributions laid a strong foundation for a just society in which all human beings were worthy of erudition, justice, respect and dignity. He is credited with foundations of two congregations, indigenous printing press and publications, a Sanskrit school, schools adjoined to every parish church, boarding school attached to convents and initiation of Women Empowerment programmes.

His integral outlook towards society prompted him to evoke awareness among people to become conscious of the duty to help others, accept the equality and value of all, the importance of learning, the lofty status of women in the society and the need of doing justice. He also proved that spirituality encompasses humanism and humanitarian services which he had rendered. Being a sage gives emphasis to this fact. The radical steps taken by him in the educational, literary and charity realms trigger the development in the society.

St. Chavara was a social reformer who gave significant contributions to awaken the social cognizance of Kerala and become a trend setter to trigger its further progress. From his life, influences, and literary works one can conjecture that the social change he wished to create was one that upheld human dignity that approved human worth and hold everyone in equal respect and deference.
Message from Patron

CEVA has done it again – another year of committed service with a touch of excellence and professionalism. From its inception CEVA has ever followed the great Golden Rule of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, “Let there be no day in your life in which you did no good to others”. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and evolved through the engagement of the Board of Management, CEVA took up challenging relevant project to wipe the tears of the poor and the needy. Today CEVA is a synonym for service to the less privileged and reference point for reaching out to the peripheries, especially to the ‘neighbor’ in need.

In the place of monetary economy, CEVA promotes a ‘Gift Economy’ where we celebrate giving and receiving everything as gift. In recent years many corporate leaders too have gifted more than 50% of their wealth for social commitment projects. Government promotes Corporate Social Responsibility through mandatory 2 per cent of their three-year average annual net profit on CSR activities in each financial year. Enlightened individuals raise the bar with an individual social responsibility. The message of Laudato si of Pope Francis was well taken by the world nations to take care of the environment and a spirituality of ecology has gained momentum. Organ donation, environment protection, waste management, alternate energy movements, protection of women and children and such social initiatives are bright rays even in the encircling gloom of violence and the silence of the people at the helm of affairs.

To be a Christian is to exist with and exist for the other. My salvation is in the context of my brother. For St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, self sanctification goes along with the salvation of all. St. Chavara made the impossible possible through simple and single interventions. More than criticizing the foul smell in the society, he took broom in his hands and did his part. Widow’s mite is ever revered than the big share of the rich. More than the quantum of money, the attitude of ‘Gifting’ is more important. In the story of Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath, we read, “For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.” (1 Kings 17:16). The Lord needs our five loafs and two fish to feed the five thousand and the history repeats……

CEVA has been ever Good News to the Poor and has been a Gospel of Joy to the cries of the poor. I do congratulate Rev. Fr. Varghese Vithayathil CMI, the Vicar General and General Councillor for Social apostolate for his breakthrough intervention in the history of CEVA to give it a new momentum. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kokkadan CMI listened to the whisperings of the Master and evolved a master plan and it made all the difference. CEVA family stood together and the world became a little better to live. Congratulations to CEVA Family.

Fr. Paul Achandy CMI
Prior General
In his public appearance in the month of December 2014, Pope Francis invited all believers to an examination of conscience on our approach to the poor in the following words: “We need a great daily attitude of Christian liberation to defend the poor rather than defending ourselves from the poor and to defend the weak rather than defending ourselves from the weak.” Ever since its inception CEVA has been untiringly doing its best to defend the poor and the weak. All kinds of people from the marginalized sections of the society such as the Homeless, Cancer/ HIV affected individuals and families, poor and worthy students who aspire for professional training, jobless adults and youth, School Children exposed to various evil influences and abuses of the society etc. have been the concern of CEVA and it could launch useful and meaningful programs for helping and empowering them. The present annual report would be giving us an idea about the different initiatives of CEVA to defend the poor and weak and to effectively bring change in them for better. I do hope and wish that the report would be an inspiration and guiding light to those who live and work for the poor and the marginalized. God bless CEVA! God bless CEVA team for its hard work!

Fr. Varghese Vithayathil CMI
Moderator, CEVA
Message from President

Dear friends,

We are excited to present our 2017-18 Annual Report, recording our services and their impact during the past year.

CEVA is inspired by the overwhelming support of the CMI congregation and a number of other organisations that put faith in us this year to meet the needs of others. This report celebrates the joy and gratitude we feel when people open their hearts in profound support and concern for the marginalized, the oppressed, the downtrodden, the poor and the broken hearted.

CEVA has been in a state of transition. For almost three decades, we have been a support organization, mobilising international resources for NGOs, large and small, in India. Once the donors and their local NGO partners reached a development stage where they could sustain themselves without external support, CEVA redefined its mission and strategies. Today the focus is on direct community involvement as well as coordination of the diverse social work interventions of the community based organisations under the CMI congregation throughout India.

The direct community involvement includes programmes such as CRiPSE (Empowerment Based Child Rights Programme for Children and their Social Environment); Pranamam, (a common platform for the senior citizens for relaxation and relief); ICDP (a programme for women empowerment through SHG, Health care, Educational Support and several Income Generation Programmes; and Santhwanam (an initiative for chronically ill patients and their families).

The CMI Social Apostolate has several community based organisations throughout India and abroad, dedicated to the upliftment and empowerment of the poor and the marginalised. The programmes include the Chavara Fund, offering support to the poor and the marginalised by way of housing, cancer care and professional education. CEVA has initiated development interventions for the empowerment of the CBOs under the CMI congregation.

For the future, CEVA proposes to initiate some new programmes in association with international partners on issues such as participatory democracy, women empowerment, etc., besides continuing its existing programmes and projects. We thank you partners, donors, friends, supporters, Board Members and staff for your relentless dedication and support.

Dr. Antony Gregory
President
Cyriac Elias Voluntary Association (CEVA), the social organ of CMI Congregation has completed three decades of its meaningful existence in India. CEVA could reach out to lakhs of underprivileged, marginalized and the poorest section of our country in collaboration with 400 National and International Charitable Agencies. We are thankful to all the stakeholders for their effective roles played.

In the year 2017-'18, we could directly implement various projects for children, women, terminally sick persons etc and coordinate the programs under the General Department of Social Apostolate. The Child Empowerment Project at the schools of Idukki Diocese had a successful completion. The North Indian office of CEVA is being reactivated under the leadership of Fr. Shaji Elamthuruthy. A few project proposals were submitted to the funding agencies of UNDEF, Indo- American Center and the Indian Government. It is planned to implement these projects in various states with the involvement of CMI Provinces. It is also proposed to have social workers summit at Bangalore and Ghaziaabad with the support of Christ University.

I take this opportunity to thank all the benefactors and beneficiaries, the dedicated staff members, the CEVA office bearers and members for their continuous support. Bowing before the God Almighty for his providence.

Fr. Varghese Kokkadan CMI
Secretary cum Treasurer
The Organisation is managed by its Executive Committee, Board of Directors and General Body members. Four Executive Committee meetings, four Board meetings and one General Body meeting were conducted during the year 2017. The Annual General Body meeting was conducted on 15th July 2017 at Prior General’s House, Chavara Hills, Kakkanad. New Board of Directors was elected during the Annual General Body Meeting. Rev. Fr. Shaji Elamthuruthy CMI was elected as the Regional Secretary of CEVA.

CEVA Board of Directors

Dr. Antony Gregory
President
(Senior Consultant Strategic Foresight Consulting, Cochin)

Rev. Fr. Austin Kalapurackal CMI
Vice President (Superior, St Joseph’s Monastery, Karikkaramu)

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Moderator (Vicar General & General Councillor, CMI)

Rev. Fr. Varghese Kokkadan CMI
Secretary cum Treasurer, CEVA

Rev. Fr. Shaji Elamthuruthy CMI
Regional Secretary, CEVA, NRO

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Rev Fr George Thaliyaparambil
Rev Sr. Annie Kurian FCC
Mrs. Rose Thomas
Rev. Fr Mathew Kiriyanthan CMI
Rev. Fr Biju Mapranathukaran
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3.1 Dedicated Social Workers being the support of CEVA (till 2017)

Mrs. Zera Bai Rajan
Mr. Singj Xavier
Ms. Reenu Maria Joseph
Mr. K P Narayanan

CEVA Core Team

Rev. Fr. Varghese Kokkadan CMI
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Project Officer

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Ms. Sarojini
Office Assistant
HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

“I think the best thing we can do for our children is to allow them to do things for themselves, allow them to be strong, allow them to experience life on their own terms, allow them to take the subway... let them be better people, let them believe more in themselves.”

C. Joy Bell C.

In order to make them know who they are and what they can do for the society, CEVA formed groups of children named GEMS & Phoenix, focusing on the holistic development of children. 25 children have directly benefitted from this project. They have been meeting regularly on all Saturdays and were involved in following activities:

- English Coaching Class
- Personality Development Trainings
- Theatre Workshops
- Post Office Savings
- Group Discussion and Group activities
- Summer Camps
- Outing and Celebrations

YOUTH UPLIFTMENT THROUGH VALUE ADDITION (YUVA)

“Youth means to place your firm confidence in yourself and exercise your hopeful determination and resolution and willing good intentions in this beautiful task of self-culture.”

- Swami Vivekananda

With the aim of building a socially sensitized and responsible youth, a group was initiated by CEVA named ‘YUVA’ by engaging them in various social and developmental activities such as services to destitute homes, NGO’s, etc. They are the active and energetic generation which can nurture a personality that can help the marginalized sections of the society.

6.1 World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day

On 15th June 2017, CEVA conducted an Awareness Class for the Pranamam Members as part of the World Elderly Abuse Awareness Day. Adv. D.B Binu led the class about the legal rights for the elderly. The care givers of the Pranamam members were also invited for the class.

PRANAMAM, A TRIBUTE TO THE ELDERLY

Pranamam, the elderly group of CEVA, was started in 2014 on International Day of the Elderly, with the aim of providing a happy and healthier ageing to people belonging to poor economic background in and around Ernakulam District. The objective of the venture was to provide a platform for the elderly people to share their views, feelings and opinions. Nearly 50 members gather on alternate Thursdays and keep the group alive through various activities.

Awareness class for elderly by Adv. D B Binu
6.2 World Health Day

An Awareness class was conducted on 8th April 2017 at CEVA Bhavan, Karikkamuri for the beneficiaries of CEVA. The class mainly focused on the food habits and dressing patterns to be followed during summer season and also pointed out the preventive measures to be taken to avoid diseases during summer months.

6.3 Leisure trip

We conducted a one day trip for the elderly group of CEVA, “Pranamam” as part of ‘Health and Happiness Programme for Elderly Awareness Generation Programme’ to Kodungalloor on 17 March 2018. 26 members from Pranamam group were part of the trip along with the staff of CEVA. The major destinations included Kodungalloor Bhagavathy Temple, Cheraman Juma Mosque, Marthoma Pontifical Shrine and Azhikode Munakkal Beach.

Remembrance

A heartfelt prayer for the member of Pranamam group Mrs. Celin, whose soul rest in peace in the hand of Almighty.

SANTHWANAM

CEVA’s initiative to provide a helping hand for those who are suffering from chronic illness led to the establishment of ‘Santhwanam’ meaning Consolation. Seven families are benefitting through this project. The project was launched in 2010 helping those belonging to economically backward families residing in Ernakulam district. They are assisted with the following services:

- Treatment support
- Educational support for their children
- Income Generation Programmes
- Post Office Savings for children
- Celebrations and Leisure Trips

Remembrance

Mrs. Vasanthi, a member of Santhwanam group passed away this year. May her soul rest in peace, with all prayers from CEVA family.

EMPOWERMENT BASED CHILD RIGHTS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT (CRiPSE)

The Empowerment Based Child Rights Programme for Children and their Social Environment (termed as CRiPSE) took off in the month of May 2015. It was implemented in 22 schools functioning under Corporate Educational Agency of Idukki Diocese. The major constituents of the project are Counselling, Change Agent Team (CAT) and Formation of Child Protection Policy. CRiPSE is structured on a four- point programme, namely:

- Empowerment of children for attainment of their rights.
- Enhancing the skill of teachers for better Educational environment.
- Train parents towards better parenting skills.
- Mobilize society for protection of children.
8.1 Staff Orientation Programme
The staff orientation programme was held on June 30, 2017 at Idukki Bishops House, Karimban. All the staff members, Counsellors and CAT in charge teachers were present during the meeting. The training mainly focused on legislations related to child rights and protection, Child Line programmes and its procedure in child protection and legislations related to children in connection with Child line procedures. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Mary Venus Joseph (President, CEVA). Rev. Fr. Varghese Kokkadan CMI (Secretary, CEVA), Dr. Beena SABS (Counselling Coordinator, Idukki Diocese) were also present in the meeting.

8.2 CAT School Visit
As part of the project, CEVA team visited the CAT schools in order to evaluate last year programme and to discuss the future programmes of CAT. This year CAT schools visit was conducted on 1st August to 4th August 2017 and 18th August 2017. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kokkadan CMI (Secretary, CEVA), Dr. Beena, SABS (School Counselling Coordinator, Idukki Diocese) and Mr. Sinoj Xavier (Project Coordinator, CEVA) were in the visit team.

8.3 Counselors Training
Training programmes were organized for counselors to ensure their effectiveness. Training modules were provided for carrying out different therapies as well as developing new intervention techniques. It was conducted on 22nd August to 24th August 2017 at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. The first session of the training program was about the Role of District Child Protection Unit in the Juvenile Justice System and it was handled by Mr. Shamnad V. A (District Child Protection Officer, Idukki dist.). In the session, he mainly covered the core activities of Child Welfare Committee and its administrative structure. The other areas discussed under the training were:
- Child mental health intervention - Theory and Practice by Dr. Sajiu M.D (Asst.Prof. Social Work Department,
CEVA conducted the Annual Gathering of CAT members named “DISHA 2018” at St. Thomas H.S, Erattayar, Idukki on 12th January 2018. More than 300 students along with the CAT in charge teachers and counsellors were present for the program. Mr. Joby Mathew, the World Arm Wrestling Champion inaugurated the programme and also shared his experiences with the children. It was really inspirational. His Excellency Mar. John Nellikunnel, Bishop of Idukki, Rev. Fr. Varghese Vithayathil CMI, Rev. Fr. Paul Parakkaell CMI, Vicar General of Carmel Province, Moovattupuzha, Rev. Msgr. Jose Plachikkal, Synccellus, Dioceses Idukki, Mr. Vinod, RTO Idukki attended the programme. We selected the best CAT students, best Schools based on their previous year’s performance, and also honoured the Counselors and CAT in charge teachers in the programme.

8.5 DISHA Summer Camp

CEVA in accordance with Corporate Educational Agency, Idukki Diocese conducted a summer camp for CAT students from 25th January to 27th January 2018 at Girijyothi College, Cheruthony. Mr. G.U Varghese and Mr. Arun Baby led the summer camp. A total of 46 students participated in the camp. The camp was inaugurated by Fr. Togy, Principal, Girijyothi College. The major aim of the camp was to improve the leadership skills of the children. There were speech competitions, drama competitions, and other indoor and outdoor activities for the children.
8.6 Training for Children

In connection with the annual gathering of the children, a training session for CAT students were organized at St. Thomas H.S.S. Erattayar. The training session was conducted by Fr. Roby Kannanchira C.M.I. The session mainly focused on essential life qualities one should possess in life. More than 300 students attended the training along with CAT in Charge Teachers. Apart from providing training on needed life skills, the session also dealt with rising issues among the children.

8.7 UDAYAM Souvenir Distribution

As part of the CRiPSE Project, a souvenir named “UDAYAM” was published. It was distributed to all the CAT students in schools. The souvenir includes expert articles, competition results, articles from the CAT Students, CAT activities, etc. Child Protection Policy was also incorporated within the souvenir. More than 1000 copies were distributed in all the schools.

8.8 Project Evaluation Meeting

On 3rd March 2018, the Project Evaluation Meeting was conducted at Bishops House, Karimban. The Counsellors, CAT in charge teachers, and parents were present for the meeting. The major purpose of evaluation was to assess the effectiveness of the project activities on the target group, understand the significance of the project, understand the threats and issues which affect the discharge of duties of the counsellors, get suggestions for making the project better in future and discuss about the sustainability of the project and its scope in the current scenario. An open discussion was also conducted regarding the effectiveness of the project.

INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ICDP)

Integrated community Development Project (ICDP) is primarily aimed at the holistic development and welfare of the marginalized from Ernakulam and Alappuzha districts through various progressive measures such as Education, Income Generation programmes, VALUE added education for the children, Health Promotion programmes and many other similar activities. The project has been funded and guided by Centre for Social Action, Christ University Bangalore. As we are entering into the third year of the project, we can say with pride that the programmes and activities made a remarkable impact among people.
9.1 School Aid Programme for Children
We had distributed school aid kit for the children from poor families in Kainakary and Karikkamuri on 27th May. We had 99 children from Kainakary and 44 children from Karikkamuri. The school aid kit contained bag, books, umbrella, instrument box, pen, pencils, etc.

9.2 Summer Programme for Children
CEVA conducted a three days Summer Camp for the children of Kainakary and Karikkamuri. The first camp for the children was organized at Kainakary from 11th May to 13th May 2017. A total of 115 students participated in the three days camp. The camp aimed at creating nature friendly attitude among children and developing and maintaining social commitment and interaction with the society. The camp was named as Green Spree’17. Personality Development classes, Counselling sessions, Drawing classes, Child abuse awareness classes, activity oriented games, etc. were included in the three day camp. An identical 3 day camp was also conducted in Udaya Nagar named Bingos’17 on 19th May to 21st May 2017.
9.3 Health Camp
We conducted an Early Cancer Detection Camp at Kainakary on 21st June 2017, in association with the Early Cancer Detection Centre, Ernakulam. Eighty six persons from the locality had registered for the camp and 73 people attended the camp, and they had collected serum of 53 people who came with the symptoms of Cancer. Seven staff members from the Cancer Detection Centre, including a doctor who led the camp. The camp was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Varghese Kokkadann CMI. A brief orientation about the camp and the disease was given by the Doctor from the Early Cancer Detection Centre.

9.4 Skill Training
Skills training for the members of Tailoring and Food Processing unit were provided in collaboration with Global Vision Internationals, a Voluntary Association in Ernakulam. Twelve interns from different parts of the world were involved in the programme for two weeks. There were detailed sessions on marketing techniques, life skill training, and techniques to improve self-confidence, presentation skill, and techniques to deal with the foreign and local customers. It was a 12 day programme from 5th June to 16th June 2017 and certificates were distributed to the participants.

9.5 Health Awareness Programme
We had conducted a Health Awareness Programme and an Eye Camp for the residents of Kainakary on 29th August 2017. The camp was conducted in collaboration with Little Flower Hospital Angamaly, Ernakulam. Free eye testing and medicines were provided and free cataract surgery was offered for the needy. Ninety seven people attended the camp and six of them were advised for cataract surgery on 13th September.

9.6 Sustainable Agriculture Campaigning

Eye Camp at Kainakary in collaboration with Little Flower Hospital Angamaly

Seminar on Sustainable Agriculture as part of Farmers Day
A seminar and public discussion on Sustainable agriculture was conducted at Kainakary on 17th August 2017 as part of the Farmers Day Celebration. Professors from Kerala Agriculture University, Thrissur led the seminar. They discussed different topics such as ‘Significance of Organic Farming’ and ‘Eco Friendly farming Practices’. Forty seven farmers attended the seminar and discussions. They discussed about the significance of organic farming and the techniques used to replace the fertilizers and pesticides.

9.7 Health Camp – Blood Grouping

We conducted a Blood Grouping Campaigning for the students of K.E Carmel School, Kainakary on 30th January 2018 in collaboration with PMC clinic, Alappuzha. 202 students attended the campaign and their blood group was assessed.

9.8 Computer Coaching at Kainakary

Computer training programme for the first batch was started on 1st March 2018 with 15 women from Kainakary. The course module included DTP, MS Office and Internet. The students were divided into two batches.

9.9 Vocational training

As part of Vocational training, we have started Beautician Course for the women at Kainakary on 1st March 2018. 20 women applied for the programme. Along with this, we have started the Auto Mobile Driving course and 24 students joined the training.

10.1 Drinking water supply

CEVA with the support of United Way Worldwide supplied drinking water in the 14th and 15th wards of Vadavucose Puthencruz Panchayath. The project mainly focuses on the socio-economic upliftment of the people residing in these wards.
ONAM CELEBRATION

Onam, the festival of joy and harvest, was celebrated all over the state by the people of all communities. CEVA celebrated Onam with all the beneficiaries on 31st August 2017 at CEVA Bhavan. Rev Fr Varghese Vithayathil, Moderator of CEVA inaugurated the programme. Over 135 members attended the programme. The celebrations included various Onakalikal, Onasadhya, etc. Each group of CEVA, irrespective of their age, performed various events during the programme.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The real spirit of Christmas lies in cherishing peace and goodwill and being generous and merciful. CEVA as a family celebrated Christmas with all the beneficiaries on 23rd December 2017 at CEVA Bhavan. GEMS, YUVA, Phoenix, Pranaamam and Santhwanam members participated in the programme. Rev Fr Varghese Vithayathil CMI inaugurated the programme, which was presided by the President of CEVA, Dr. Antony Gregory. Various cultural events were staged along with exchange of Christmas gifts, Lucky draw etc.
13 OBSERVATION DAYS

13.1 Street play

We had organized a street play as part of the Autism day Observation on 2nd April 2017. Students of GEMS of CEVA performed a street play at Sunrise Hospital, Kakkanad and Grand Centre Mall, Moovattupuzha.

MOULDING FUTURE SOCIAL WORKERS

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

-Theodore Roosevelt

Social work is a profession where social workers help people to help themselves. So it is very much important to provide training to the budding social workers in order to make their service available for the downtrodden in the society. We mould trainees from various colleges through providing training on Project Proposal Preparation, Reporting & Documentation and Social Work Research.
CEVA NORTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE

The Northern Regional Office of Cyriac Elias Voluntary Association (CEVA) is situated at Hari Nagar, New Delhi. Fr. Shaji Elamthuruthy CMI is the Northern Regional Secretary of CEVA. Many projects and programmes were organized by NRO CEVA in order to inculcate human and spiritual values in people of various regions, especially in Northern region of India. There were remarkable achievements in those ventures. Such projects and programmes vanished because of various reasons.

15.1 Field Visits and projects
NRO CEVA had initiated an education programme in a school near Khoda, in Ghaziabad district, U.P. By the end of 2013, the support from the benefactors to CEVA NRO was withdrawn. At present partial support is received from St. Joseph's Academy Marian Nagar, Ghaziabad. Fr. Shaji Elamthuruthy CMI made several visits to Khoda and nearby places like Rajeev Vihar, Gauthambuth Nagar etc.

15.2 Meeting of CEVA Secretaries
There was a meeting of CEVA officials at Poomodhaya Bhopal on 8th Sept 2017. Rev Fr Varghese Vithayathil CMI, General Councillor for Social Apostolate, Rev Fr Varghese Kokkadan CMI, Secretary, CEVA Kochi, Rev Fr Shaji Elamthuruthy CMI, Secretary NRO, New Delhi were present in the meeting for a discussion regarding the future plans of NRO CEVA.

15.3 Meetings of CMI Provincial Councillors
There was a meeting of Provincial Councillors of Social Apostolate CMI’s at Bellampalli on 8th November 2017 with Mr. Victor Paul, Christ University regarding a Project for Child Labourers in Ghaziabad. The purpose of the meeting was coordination of CMI Social Apostolate of all the provinces.

15.4 Meeting with the Vice Chairman, Christ Institute of Management, Ghaziabad.
There was a meeting with Rev Fr Sunny at Christ Institute of Management, Ghaziabad on 5th December 2017. The meeting discussed about the project which has been submitted at Christ University Bangalore and other social activities.

15.5 Meeting at Bhopal on 15th Dec 2017
There was a meeting of North Indian Provincial Councillors of Social Apostolate on 15th and 16th December 2017 at Poomodhaya Bhopal for introducing the ‘Youth Empowerment project’ for the North Indian Provinces with the funding from Indo- American Centre, USA.

15.6 Jail Ministry
Fr Shaji Elamthuruthy joined Prison Ministry of India and he visited the Tihar Jail for Christmas programme and gave a message.

Social Work Trainees during the year 2017-2018

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CMI SOCIAL APOSTOLATE ACTIVITIES

The Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) Congregation with a far reaching and visionary approach is doing various social welfare programmes all over the world. The Congregation is also taking interest in taking care of the poor and the marginalized sections of the society. CEVA, as the prime coordinating agency of the social work activities of the CBOs under the Social Apostolates of the CMI Congregation, has the responsibility to make the public aware about the social welfare activities initiated by CMI all over the world. Our newsletter contains details of Social Welfare activities of CMI.

Chavara Fund

Taking into consideration the poor and downtrodden, CMI Congregation provided helping hands through Chavara Fund. The fund was utilized for the accomplishment of the following:

- Establishment of Food Processing Unit
- Recovery of Land
- Construction of Houses
- Providing Educational Support
- Ockhi Relief Activities

PROJECT PROPOSALS (2017-2018)

17.1 Empowerment Based Child Rights Program for Children and Their Social Environment (CRiPSE).

This is an ongoing project of CEVA and a request has been made to the funding partner to continue support for the project. The project is being implemented in the schools under Idukki Corporate Educational Agency in Idukki District. Idukki is one among the high range areas of Kerala, India. The objectives of the project include Empowerment of Children for the attainment of their rights, enhance the skill of teachers for better educational environment, and train parents for better parenting skills and to mobilize the society for the protection of children.

17.2 Indo American Centre- Youth Empowerment Project

This project focuses on the Empowerment of Young Leaders to ensure Social, Economic and Political Development of India. The project envisages implementation in four states of India, namely, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and Gujarat. CEVA officials interacted with Social Secretaries of the provinces of the four states.

17.3 UNDEF- The United Nations Democracy Fund

Facilitating Empowerment of Women through Gender Equality in multi-sectored areas and underpinning democracy for good governance. The project envisages implementing people’s participatory activities with a view to build strong and vibrant societies in the selected villages of three States of India where the role of women should be equal or more than equal in all stages of decision making processes. The project proposes to address the current gender equality issues of the marginalised and oppressed women in the project area villages by tapping the potentiality of good governance and democracy.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

United Parcel Service (UPS) is an American multinational package delivery and supply chain management company. On 7 October 2017, volunteers from United Parcel Service (UPS) visited CEVA to render voluntary service by cleaning the surrounding areas covering the organic farm. More than 10 members joined the activity along with the CEVA members.
TRAINING FOR CEVA STAFFS

Ms. Jesna John, Project Officer of CEVA went for a two days training at Karl Kubel Institute for Development Education, Coimbatore on ‘Giving a Human Touch to Newsletters, Brochures and Annual Reports’ on 5-6 April 2018.

CONCLUSION

Commemorating the blessings showered by the Almighty, we the CEVA family acknowledge all the Executive members who became the part and parcel throughout the journey. Their support and guidance enable us to reach the heart of the community. Imbibing the words of St Chavara, CEVA always tried to touch the hands of marginalized while empowering the community. Although we have several milestones to reach, CEVA will continue to love the unloved, care the uncared and reach the unreached.

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