

SGS SABHA CHARITABLE TRUST

3rd ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2006

I have great pleasure in presenting the Third Annual Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2006.

The main activities of the Trust during the year were the running of the Old Age Home and providing medical assistance to the needy.

The audited accounts of the Trust for the year 2005-06 are enclosed. The Trust met 9 times during the year.

The Old Age Home has been functioning well throughout the year with all inmates extending maximum co-operation and living like a family. They are all quite happy and satisfied with the facilities provided. The very heavy and unprecedented rains in Chennai in October/November 2005 did not spare our Old Age Home. The road level being a little high, the rain water entered the premises and flooded on two different occasions the ground floor which housed the Old Age Home. All the inmates faced the situation bravely and shifted to the first floor of the building until such time arrangements were made to pump out the accumulated water in the ground floor. The inmates continued their regular routine unmindful of the "Rain-Gods" opening up the skies. We will have to devise measures to avert such flooding in future. This is under consideration.

The inmates of the Old Age Home do all the work like cooking, cleaning etc. They are encouraged to watch spiritual programmes on the TV and also have a lot of audio cassettes for bhajans and stotras. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pai, a Committee Member of the S.G.S. Sabha, has been regularly visiting the Home to teach them bhajan-singing. Weekly medical check-up of the inmates is done by Dr. (Mrs.) M. Shantha Kamath. We are planning to have some one giving lectures once a week on some scriptural text for the benefit of the inmates.

An extremely well-thought of and enjoyable get together was organized to celebrate the completion of a year since the Old Age Home was inaugurated. All the inmates joined Mrs. Vijayalakshmi R. Pai in singing good bhajans for about 90 minutes. This was highly appreciated by all the invitees. All those who had gathered were requested to frankly express their views and offer suggestions on running of the Old Age Home. Quite a few useful suggestions were received and in course of time the Board of Trustees will consider implementing them. Trustees have admitted five more inmates to the Old Age Home while one lady left the Home to be with her relations. There are at present 11 persons accommodated at the Old Age Home as against capacity of 12.

Donations received during the year:

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge donations received in cash and kind during the year from the generous donors and well wishers. The donations received in cash are listed in the Appendix to this report.

We thank them for their generosity in supporting the activities of the Trust. We once again express our gratitude to the Managing Committee of the S.G.S. Sabha for their donation of Rs.1,15,000 towards Anna Poshana Fund and Rs.12,500 towards reimbursement of medical expenses incurred on treating the inmates of the Old Age Home. The other donors who gave Rs.1 lakh or more during the year were:

	Rs.lakh
Canara Bank	2.00
Syndicate Bank	1.00
Mr. P.S. Pai	1.00
Mrs. Uma S. Nayak, Bangalore	1.00
Dr. Ramesh Pai, Hyderabad	1.00

Our Trustee Gopal M. Shanbhag distributed new dhotis and sarees to the inmates on 16th April 2006 to celebrate his birthday which coincided with one year since the inauguration of the Home. We thank him for this generous gesture.

Utilisation of First Floor area:

A proposal for conducting courses by an I.T. firm where the handicapped persons would also be trained, is being processed and if this fructifies it would become necessary for us to provide additional facilities such as toilets, kitchen etc. on the first floor. We are happy that a few classes under the banner of "Art of Living" were held at these premises. The Board of Trustees are also examining possibilities of using the first floor for small functions, discourses etc. so that it may generate funds/donations and meet our maintenance expenses to some extent.

On a personal note I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Trustees, Dr. Shantha Kamath, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pai, Mr. S.E. Sankar Rao for their valuable guidance and support during the year. I must thank M/s. Radhakrishnan, Sankaran, Balaji and other staff in the S.G.S. Sabha for their unstinted assistance in the day to day work of the Trust.

**Place: Chennai
Date : 08.06.2006**

**U. Prabhakar Rao
Managing Trustee**

**SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005**

The Board of Trustees have great pleasure in presenting the Report on the working of the Trust since their last report in July 2004.

As mentioned in our last year's report the renovation work of the building Dr. K.P. Mahale Centre commenced in November 2004 and was completed by 1st week of April 2005. As a prelude to the formal inauguration prescribed poojas and homas were conducted on 10th April 2005. The formal inauguration was done on 16th April 2005 at an impressive function presided over by our senior most Trustee Mr. K.R. Shenai, IPS (Retd. Dir. Gen. of Police) Mr. Sunil Kumar, IPS, Jt. Com. of Police, Chennai was the Chief Guest who inaugurated the Old Age Home by handing over to the inmates individual kits consisting of dress materials etc. Six persons were present at the function to receive the kits from the Chief Guest that evening and they have started living there from that very evening. A marble plaque was unveiled at the inauguration showing all donors of Rs. One lakh and above. A detailed report of the Inauguration Function is given later in this Report.

A Message received from H.H. Srimad Sudhindra Tirtha Swamiji is reproduced in this report.

Messages received from two other generous donors were read on the occasion and these will, we hope, encourage all who read this report to open their hearts to support the activities of the Trust.

The inmates have now the facility of medical check up every week. We are grateful to Dr. H. R. Shanbhogue and Dr. Shantha Kamath for agreeing to spare their time for visiting the Old Age Home in spite of busy professional activities.

The Trustees would like to express their appreciation and sincere thanks to Mrs. Vijayalakshmi R. Pai for visiting and assisting the inmates of the Old Age Home. I will be failing in my duty if I do not thank my other colleagues on the Board for their unstinted support, co operation and advices in all matters during the year under report.

The Board of Trustees met twelve times during the year.

We are grateful to M/s. SGS Sabha for their donation of Rs.1,30,000/- during the year. We are also grateful to about 100 donors who have come forward and committed to pay Rs. 1500/- each every year to meet the expenses at the Old Age Home. We expect another 100 persons to come forward within the next 3 months with a similar commitment. A list of donors during the year is given in the Appendix.

The Trustees have an ambitious and challenging program before them for utilization of the first floor of the Dr. K.P. Mahale Centre. It is hoped, we will make a break through soon and God willing, our next report will contain more information on this.

Place: Chennai
Date : 11.06.2005

For and on behalf of the Trustees
U. Prabhakar Rao
Managing Trustee