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LARGE CROWD WITNESSED NVDAG'S EXHIBITION



Large crowd in and around Thenmaradchchy witnessed NVDAG's exhibition organized at its Vocational Training Center held on the 19th May 2008.

The exhibition contained products manufactured by the trainees in the Welding and Leather Products courses conducted by the NVDAG in collaboration with the World University Service of Canada (WUSC).

Industrialist and senior member of the Chavakachcheri Lions Club Lion S.K.Navaratnam declared open the exhibition by cutting the ribbon.

The Deputy Field Director of WUSC Mr.V.Jeyarajasingam also was present at the exhibition and enjoyed seeing the products made by the trainees.

Mr.K.Mahendhiram, the Grama Sewa officer for Kaithady Nunavil, and Mr.S.Arulsothy the Principal of J/Nunavil Amirthambigai Vidyalayam were also present at the exhibition.

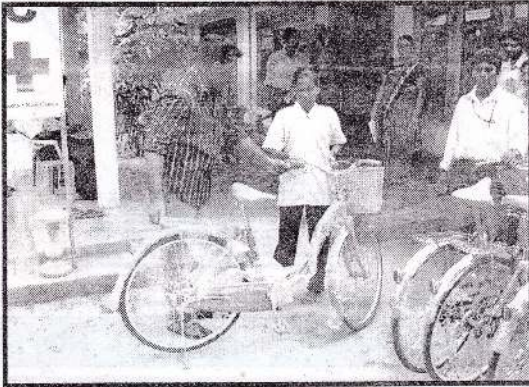
It is learnt that the exhibition appeared as a turning point to the trainees in the two vocational training courses, and the trainees developed courage and self confidence.

The parents and relatives of the trainees also were present and enjoyed seeing the skills and talents of their sons and daughters. The trainees expressed that the exhibition helped them to expose their knowledge and skills learnt.

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DONATION OF BICYCLES



Vocational Trainees at the Valvetty Vocational Training Center were donated bicycles by the NVDAG, with the support of the WUSC, to ease their travelling problems during their Training period.

Mr.P.Krishnanthan-the Manager of the Valvettithurai Peoples' Bank, was the Chief Guest at the function. Mr.A.Edien-the Senior Programme Officer of WUSC was the Guest of Honour. Both of handed over the bicycles to the Trainees and urged them to show keen interest to accomplish their goals in the trade they follow.

Meanwhile, the trainees learning TV and Radio Repairing Course at The NVDAG's Vocational Training Center, Kaithady-Nunavil. were also donated bicycles on the 11th July. Mr.A.K.Thiruneepan the OJT officer of WUSC handed over the bicycles.

SECOND BATCH OF WELDING COURSE COMMENCED



NVDAG commenced its second batch of Welding Course On the 29th June,2008 at the NVDAG 'Vocational Training Center for twenty five trainees.

The Principal of Chandirapura Skanthavarothaya MahaVidyalayam -Pulavar M.Balasubramaniam ceremoniously inaugurated the training course by lighting the traditional oil Lamp. Mr.A.Edien, SPO of WUSC, and Mrs.A.Selvarthnam the Post Mistress of Chavakachcheri Post Office were Guest of Honours at the inauguration ceremony.

The Chief Guest Pulavar Balasubramanian in his key note address told that. as he being the Principal of an educational institution in this area. he has been silently observing the activities of the NVDAG which has been doing excellent service and contribution to the school drop outs in this area. This really helps the young males and females to start up their own enterprises to enhance their livelihood. I therefore wish to urge the young trainees to make use of every chance to better their lives and future.

This was the eleventh vocational course conducted by the NVDAG since 2006 Twenty five trainees have been absorbed in the course.

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NEW SEWING TRAINING COURSE AT VALVETTY.



NVDAG inaugurated a new three months sewing course for school drop outs at Valvetty on the 3rd of July 2008 at the NVDAG's Vocational Training Center.

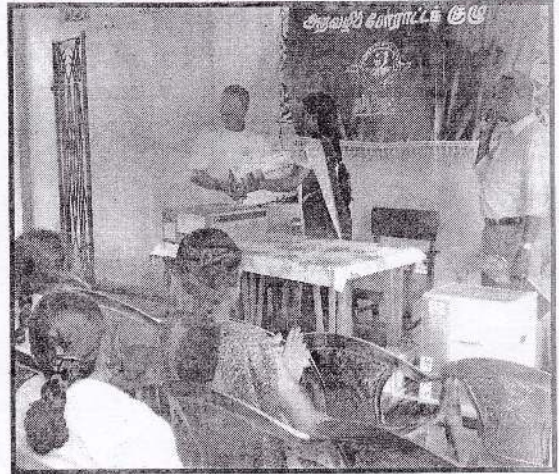
The inauguration meeting was chaired by Mr.K.Selvajothy-the Director of Finance of the NVDAG.

Mrs.Jeyavathana Ramesh Babu- Teacher attached to the J/Kottravathai American Mission Tamil Mixed School graced the function as the Chief Guest and started the training course to the trainees.

She in her address told that the organization has taken a forward step to help the school drop outs in the area. The trainees who have got the chance to join the training programme, must make use of their time to learn the skills and techniques in the sewing trade. Then only the trainees will have ample chances to increase their family income, she added.

Twenty five young girls have been enrolled as trainees Miss. S.Sharmila has been appointed as the Instructress of the course.

IOM DONATED COMPUTER



International Organization of Migration (IOM) in Jaffna recently donated a computer set to the NVDAG. Under the Capacity Development Programme to strengthen its administrative activities.

The Computer set was officially handed over by Mr.K.Uthayakumar the programme officer of IOM to Mrs.Jeyanesan Yogeswary the Accountant at the NVDAG.

NVDAG has been a project partner with the IOM since 2006 and implemented three different projects Thenmaradchchy Division.

Field Officer of the IOM Mr.S.Varathan also was present at the function.



PRODUCTION UNIT STARTED

NVDAG's Production Unit called "NV Enterprises" Started its functions of manufacturing leather and welding products with effect from the 2nd of July 2008, at the NVDAG's complex.

The very purpose of the formation of this unit is to offer Employment facilities to the trainees trained in the two Trades.

Five trained young persons from Welding and Leather trades have been given chances to work in the Production Unit in the initial stage.

NV Enterprises now receives orders from outsiders.

YOUNG WIDOWS GIVEN SUPPORT



Young widows at Karaveddy and Thenmaradchchy were given financial support in June 2008 by the NVDAG in the name of Tamils friends living in Garges Les Gonesse in France.

One hundred and thirty beneficiaries benefited from this Project. The tamils living in Garges Les Gonesse wanted to help such widows and helped Mr.K.Muthukumar to raise Funds among their friends and relatives for the project.

Mr.S.Sathiyaseelan the Divisional Secretary of Karaveddy, Division, was present at the support Giving function held at the NVDAG 'Vocational Training Center held on the 5th of June. He handed over the Support to the young widows and urged them to explore the possibilities to start income generating Projects to support their dependents

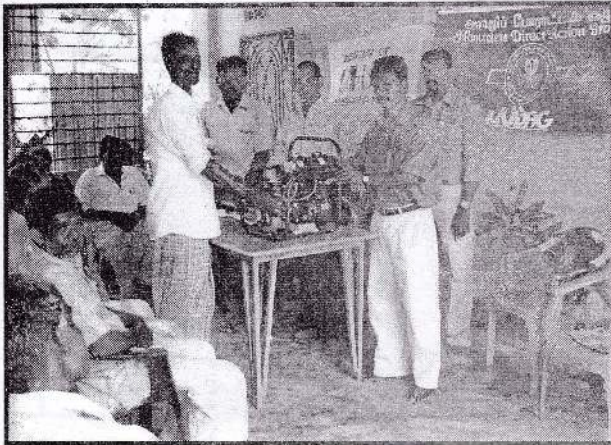
The Karaveddy Project was implemented under the leadership of Mr.K.Selvajothy the Director of fiancé of NVDAG.

Meanwhile the Thenmaradchchy Project was held at the NVDAG On the 19th June, under the chairmanship of Mr. M.K.Jeevagathas- the Secretary of the NVDAG

The informations gathered among the affected young women showed that they actually need guidance and motivation to start up income generating projects to support them as well as their dependents

It is learnt that the Tamil friends in Garges Les Gonesse, have plans to help war affected young widows to startup sustainable projects which will assist them and their dependents to enhance their livelihood. Arrangements are in place to implement such projects in the near future.

RESTORING DIGNITY AND PROTECTION OF CONFLICT AFFECTED PERSONS

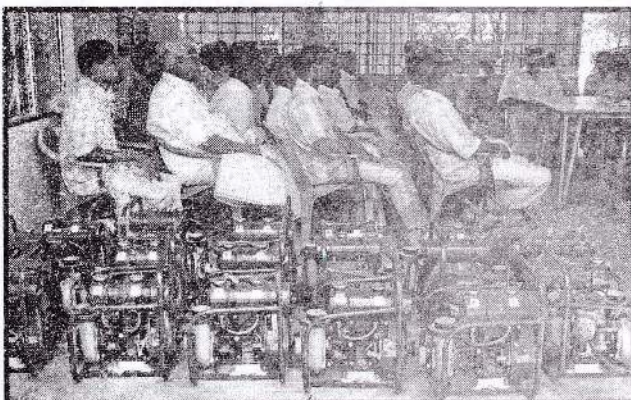


NVDAG implemented the project titled "Restoring Dignity and Protection of Conflict Affected Persons" at Thenmaradchchy Division with the financial support of the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) in Colombo.

Thirty five affected farmers whose main occupation is agriculture had been selected as beneficiaries. from eighteen villages with the recommendation of the Farmers Development Societies, who lost their water pumps during the 2000 mass exodus

NVDAG donated water pumps to the beneficiaries and they are now involved in agricultural activities in their villages, for their livelihood.

NVDAG published a document carrying success stories of the beneficiaries.



COMPUTER HARDWARE COURSE FOR RURAL YOUTH



NVDAG started a seven months course on computer hardware course for rural youth at Thenmaradchchy at its Vocational Training Center, under the WUSC assisted programme.

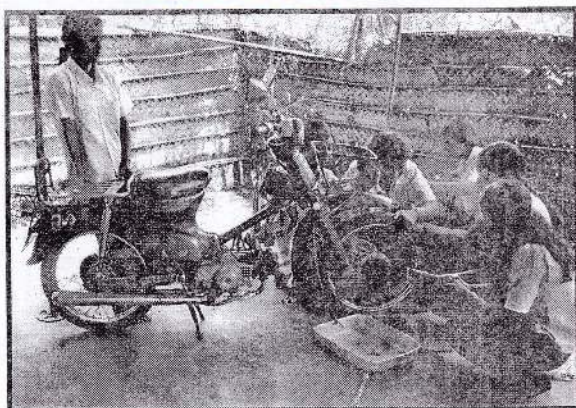
The course was ceremoniously inaugurated by Mr.S.Sivalingam the executive Director of STP a renowned Computer Center in Jaffna. The inauguration ceremony was chaired by Mr.M.K.Jeevagathas the Secretary of the organization Mr.A.Edin, Senior Programme Officer of WUSC, and Mrs.Easwary Jeevagathas the Deputy Manager of the Peoples Bank, Chavakachcheri were Special Guests at the ceremony.

The Chief Guest Mr.S.Sivalingam in his key note address told that, there seems to be great demand for young trained persons in the field of computer hardware at Thenmaradchchy. It is learnt that there are more than 4500 computers at this division. But there is scarcity for computer hardware trained personal. He further added that this course conducted by the NVDAG will be able to produce trained youngsters to work in the field of computer service and repair.

He further assured that he would be willing to offer any form of assistance for the promotion of training programme.

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COURSE ON MOTOR CYCLE MECHANISM



A seven months course on Motor cycle Mechanism for rural youth at Thenmaradchchy was started by the NVDAG at the Nunavil West Vocational Training Center on the 16th April 2008 for twenty five youth

Mr.K.Suresh, the Properietor of Suresh Motors and Engineers located at Nunavil West, was the Chief Guest. Rev Fr. S.Sooriyakumar, Priest of Nunavil American Mission Church and Mr.A.Edien SPO of WUSC were the Guest of Honours, at the inauguration ceremony.

Mr.K.Suresh the Chief Guest of the ceremony told in his address to the trainees that, 'the young persons selected to follow the course on Motor cycle Mechanism should learn th fundamental knowledge in the field and gather practical experience then only you will feel self confidence and courage to be efficient motor cycle mechanics in the future.

Rev,Fr.Sooriyakumar in his address told that there seems to be great demand for motor cycle mechanics in the division Therefore the young trainees in the motor cycle repairing course must learn all possible techniques in the trade, he added

Meanwhile, the SPO Mr. A.Edien spoke to the trainees about the roles and responsibilities until they finish their course.

Mrs.R.Meenalojana the Coordinator of the VT Center delievered vote of thanks

DISCUSSION WITH EX- TRAINEES OF SIX VT COURSES



Ex trainees who followed courses on Electrical Wiring 1 & 2 Plumbing, Aluminium Fabrication, Welding and Leather took part in a discussion jointly arranged by the WUSC and NVDAG, held On the 11th July 2008 at the premises of the NVDAG's VT Center

Eight five ex trainees attended the discussion and made it fruitful and constructive. Mr.K.Thiruneeapan the OJT Officer of WUSC facilitated the discussion.

VT staff connected with the courses also were present at the discussion.

EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CAPACITY BUILDING

Arrangements are being taken for the promotion of capacity Building of the vocational trainees currently in the training Programmes at Thenmrachchy and Vadamarachchy.

Plans are underway to hold cultural programmes and literary Gatherings among the trainees in the vocational centers.

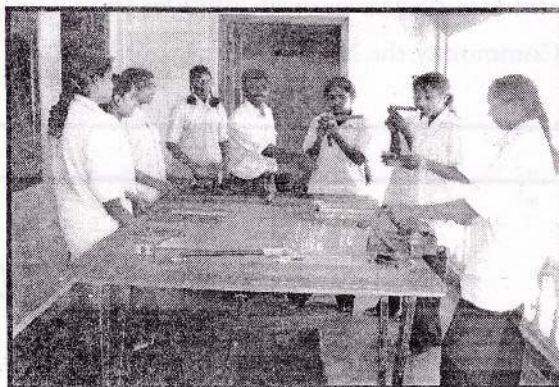
Capacity Building Forums have been created in the centers By the NVDAG

FOOD FOR THOUGHTS

- ** Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement.
- ** Victory belongs to the most persevering.
- ** A bad attitude is the worst thing that can happen to a group of people. It's infections.
- ** It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness.
- ** One important key to success is self confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation
- ** Friends are the most important ingredient in this recipe of life.
- ** Make new friends and keep, the old one is silver and the other gold.
- ** Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle: old age a regret.
- ** Life is a long lesson in humility.



PROJECT PHOTOS



WE CHANGE OUR LIVES

As negative social attitudes predominate in the community among the people, more particularly among young generation, no favourable, and constructive changes occur in the community. This situation seems to be a strong hurdle for the progress and well being of the people.

This should be changed for the betterment of the younger generation. The educational system in the country too failed to promote changes in the thinking patterns of the people. That's why, negative thoughts and thinking seem to dominate among the people.

Experience shows that this type of situation is the fundamental root cause for the setback in progress for the people. If we fail to change, our thinking patterns and attitudes we will continue to be a cursed community.

Considering this in our minds, the NVDAG has proposed to take Initial steps for transformation of thinking patterns in the Community, through the implementation of some planned Activities.

As a first step, the NVDAG published various pamphlets in Tamil language and circulated among school leavers and children. This effort will create clear environment for change of thinking patterns.

NVDAG plans to organize awareness programmes for young Generation on the importance of positive thinking and change of Attitudes. Experience points out that, nothing can be done Without changing attitudes. Negative social attitudes should be Changed. Postive social attitudes should be promoted in the Community, the NVDAG feels.

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